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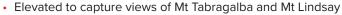
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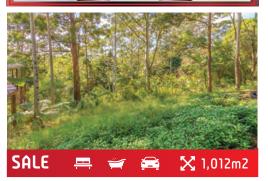
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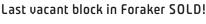
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FLOWS IN CANUNGRA CREEK HAVE NOW ALMOST STOPPED

With no recent rainfall in the catchment, flows in Canungra Creek have almost stopped, moving Canungra into level three drought response.

Canungra is not connected to the SEQ Water Grid and relies on water from Canungra Creek which has continued to drop over the past few weeks.

With almost no flows in the creek, it's expected the Seqwater Canungra Water Treatment Plant will be taken offline in coming days.

Seqwater will continue to monitor the situation and is ready to start tankering as soon as it is required.

Urban Utilities spokesperson, Michelle Cull, has encouraged the Canungra community to rally together to save as much water as possible.

"We understand drought is a really challenging

time, but we know the Canungra community is a resilient one," she said.

"We're urging everyone to conserve water in any way they can and limit their outdoor water use.

"Together we can help manage the impact that the hot, dry conditions are having on the local water supply."

Tankering to the community is part of the drought response plan for Canungra to maintain drinking water in times of drought.

Seqwater is tracking flows in Canungra Creek daily and Urban Utilities is closely monitoring water usage in town, which is currently around 165 litres per person per day.

"The Canungra tanker filling station will remain open for local off-network households for direct use through the 25mm outlet. However, the 75mm outlet will be closed from 3pm on Friday, November 28," said Ms Cull.

"We will be directing commercial carting operators to use alternative filling stations, with the closest being at 109 Helen Street, Beaudesert.

"We apologise for the impact this may have on some local residents and families."

Water restrictions remain in place in Canungra and residents are asked to please continue to save water.

"We're urging residents to adhere to the water restrictions as a minimum," Ms Cull said.

"We thank everyone for doing their part to conserve water."

For updates on Canungra's water supply and to sign up for regular email updates, visit www.urbanutilities.com.au/canungra

For water saving tips, visit urbanutilities.com.au/howlow

FLOODS, SOME FIRES TIPPED THIS SUMMER

Australia can expect a wetter than normal summer, but bush and grass fires cannot be ruled out completely, according to the just released Bureau of Meteorology's Summer Climate Outlook.

The outlook for summer has been issued as Australia continues to experience an active La Niña event which is expected to remain until at least the start of autumn.

The Bureau's Head of Operational Climate Services, Dr Andrew Watkins, said this meant large parts of eastern Australia had an increased risk of flooding.

"While the last three weeks have been dry in many parts of the country – due in part to unfavourable tropical weather patterns – it does not signal a weakening of La Niña," Dr Watkins said.

"Our climate outlook is the opposite of what we experienced last year in Australia. This summer, New South Wales, Victoria and Queensland are expected to see above average rainfall, meaning we face an increased risk of widespread floods."

Dr Watkins said that while the risk of bushfires wasn't as high as last summer, fires would occur.

"There's a great chance of grass fires in some areas as recent rain and warm weather have led to vigorous vegetation growth. South eastern Australia is one of the most fire-prone regions in the world. Even short periods of hot and dry weather increase the risk of fire in summer."

Dr Watkins said the outlook was also a reminder for communities to be prepared for

heatwaves over the coming months.

"Every summer we see heatwaves across southern Australia. This summer heatwaves may not reach the extreme temperatures of recent years, but may be longer duration and more humid, which can still have a significant impact on human health.

"Daytime temperatures in summer are likely to be near average, but there will be periods of high heat combined with milder periods."

Dr Watkins said Northern Australia remains on track for an average to slightly above average cyclone season.

"On average, Australia sees nine to 11 tropical cyclones each year, with four crossing the coast. The first cyclone to develop in the Australian region occurs earlier during La Niña years.



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MAJOR PROJECTS SET TO FUTURE-PROOF GARDENS



Work began last week on a \$100,000 project to upgrade a range of facilities in the Tamborine Mountain Regional Botanic Gardens.

The project is designed to protect the Gardens for the foreseeable future as a massive upgrade to the irrigation system is being built. It will link into the new bore that was successfully drilled in October.

Alongside the irrigation system is a major upgrade of the mains power system through the Gardens. To date, power has been available only between the entry on Forsythia Drive and the end of the two lakes. A new three-phase power system will take mains electricity through the entire Gardens to the large equipment shed at the southern end and provide a power outlet at the Cascade Lawn, making this area available for events.

Denby Browning, President of Tamborine Mountain Botanic Gardens Inc, said the project had gained significant funding through a number of grants.

"We have secured funding for the bore and associated infrastructure through the State Government's Gambling Community Benefit scheme," he said. "We also received strong funding through State Government COVID-19 recovery funding being administered by Council.

"We apologise for slight disruption to our visitors' amenity as we dug trenches through much of the Gardens and briefly closed some pathways," he said. "We expect all paths to be open within a week and the noise from trenchers and large equipment to end at the same time."

The irrigation system will be highly automated. Currently each garden bed uses battery-powered solenoids to turn water sprinklers on and off. If a schedule needs to be changed, it must be undertaken manually at the garden bed. The upgrade will see a series of solenoids connected to a single water flow controller that can be accessed either within the Gardens or remotely via a Web page or smartphone app.

"This level of sophistication will save water throughout the Gardens," said Denby. "The upgrade will operate through our new bore and irrigation pump. The existing bore has been successfully treated for polluting iron bacteria and will be used to supply the Gardens' toilet system and as a backup for the new bore."

The mains power system will provide much-needed lighting and power points for the equipment shed, as well as power for the bore and irrigation pumps.

"The Gardens committee took a long-term view with this project," said Denby. "We looked beyond our current needs to what may be required by future generations. The main water pipe is larger than strictly necessary for current needs and the 50mm three-phase power cable also has capacity beyond our needs right now. However, we want to provide services that future members can utilise in ways that perhaps we cannot yet imagine. The grant funding and our own reserves have provided us with this flexibility."

The new electrical system is expected to be operational within a week while the irrigation system will be commissioned in January.



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ENERGEX: TAKE CARE WITH XMAS DECORATIVE LIGHTS

Nothing says Christmas like a sparkly strand of decorative lights, but Energex is encouraging people to remain electrically safe when stringing them in the coming weeks.

According to Energey's Graham Burke electrical dangers ranging from electric shocks to house fires are a real risk but can be easily avoided by following a few safety procedures when installing powered Christmas decorations.

"Ultimately Christmas lights and powered decorations are electrical appliances and, like any appliance, if used incorrectly or faulty, can be dangerous," Mr Burke said.

"Likewise, most of us throw away faulty home appliances or have them repaired by a qualified technician, and damaged Christmas lights and decorations are no different and can pose a serious risk.

"So, before plugging them in check for signs of obvious damage such as frayed cords and exposed wires.

"If you're satisfied they're in good condition then plug them in and stay with them for five or more minutes to check concealed or less obvious faults aren't at play and there's no burning smell or damage occurring such as melting insulation."

"If you're using powered decorations on the outside of your property make sure they were manufactured to withstand the elements.

"Quality decorations should always specify if they're built for indoor or outdoor use and be manufactured to Australian Standards," he said.

"Using outdoor lights inside the home is perfectly fine, but never use lights built for indoor use outside because they are not water resistant and can deteriorate quickly, becoming a safety hazard.

"Christmas is about spending quality time with loved ones and there's no better way to do so than by ensuring you take a few electrical safety precautions beforehand."



PUBLIC NOTICES

Council's offices will close on Wednesday 23 December and reopen at 8.30am on Monday 4 January 2021.

Bin services will continue to operate as normal during the holiday season, including both Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Please remember to have your bin ready for collection no later than 6am on your designated day.

During the Christmas and New Year period, Council's waste transfer stations will operate as normal, with the exception of Christmas Day when they will be closed.

REQUESTS FOR TENDERS

Construction of Spring Creek and Keaveny Bridges.

Tenders are invited from experienced contractors to upgrade two existing bridge structures with new concrete structures. The tender will close at 2pm on 18 December 2020, Submissions received after the closing date will not be accepted. Only electronic submissions uploaded to the LGTenderBox website will be considered.

Provision of Traffic Control Services from 1 March 2021 to 28 February 2023.

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The tender will close at 2pm on Tuesday 22 December 2020. The lowest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.

For further information and tender documentation, please go to www.lgtenderbox.com.au

FREE TREE DISTRIBITION DAYS

Council's Free Tree Distribution Day will be held on:

Saturday 5 December 2020 | 8am to 12 noon Springleigh Park, Boonah

Residents must present their Free Tree Voucher (delivered with their July 2020 rates notice) to collect their free trees. COVID-19 restrictions and processes will be in place during the plant distribution. Please read the advisory notes on the back of your Free Tree Voucher before attending Council's distribution day.

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LIVE ON STAGE - LAST AM CONCERT OF THE YEAR! Friday 4 December | 11am | Boonah

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Tamborine Village: Tuesday 8 December As COVID-19 restrictions apply, please enquire

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VENTURE IN

A promotional campaign has just been launched to promote the Queensland wine tourism experience to domestic and international visitors (when they can return).



Called the Vine and Shine Trail, the campaign is a series of wine trails for visitors to follow, connecting more than 70 wineries, vineyards, and cellar doors across the Sunshine State.

The Vine and Shine Trail winds its way through Queensland's wine regions, each

with its own distinct character, from the Granite Belt to the Scenic Rim/Gold Coast Hinterland; South Burnett; Wide Bay-Burnett; Brisbane/Greater Brisbane/Sunshine Coast; and Darling Downs/Western Queensland.

Like a fine wine, the Queensland wine industry has truly come of age. After 160 years of redefining vineyards and varietals to meet the State's unique sub-tropical climate, Queensland winemakers are finally earning a reputation for their emerging varieties and sun-kissed 'vines of the future'.

The campaign shows the diversity of the Queensland wine industry and its experiences. Featuring many growers and winemakers across the State, it highlights the range



of emerging varieties being grown which are a point of difference from the other Australian states. We have long known that Queensland produces some amazing wine, and this campaign aims to give consumers a practical way to discover this.

Now don't get us wrong, as an independent wine producer, we appreciate any promotional activity that helps people discover our wines and ciders, but in this instance we also think the message of this campaign should be more widely applied. Encouraging people to Venture In is an incredibly important message for all small and locally owned businesses.

There are so many new and emerging wineries, distilleries, craft breweries, cafes, and restaurants creating amazing offerings and they all need is people to discover, experience and support them. So much heart, soul and passion go into building a business to make and sell these products, but unless people Venture In it is all to no avail.

Venturing In will not only most likely end in a wonderful experience and a new discovery, but you will also be helping to reward the personal dreams and hard work of business owners in addition to supporting local communities. That's got to be a win-win situation.

You can find out more about the Vine and Shine Trail at www.vineandshinetrail. com.au or @vineandshinetrail and who knows what other delights you'll discover just by Venturing In.

Cheers and stay hydrated, The Witches Falls Winery Crew



CLUB TAMBORINE HEART OF THE MOUNTAIN

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

As a not-for-profit organisation, Club Tamborine is quite reliant on volunteers from time to time so that we can minimise costs on outsourcing.

We mainly need volunteers to help out with busy bee clean-ups, gardening and general maintenance. Followers of this column will remember that I recently wrote about the financial problems that the Club has had to endure over nearly the last decade, due mainly to the mismanagement of a succession of contracted Club managers.

Thankfully, these days are behind us, but the financial legacy continues. If there are any community-minded local tradespeople who can offer the Club free or discounted labour for our building and equipment maintenance needs, we'd love to hear from you. In return, the Club will provide free advertising on site and promote local tradespeople at the Club's events on an ongoing basis.

There are a few businesses that we currently use whom we can rely on and we thank them for their support, but we need more. If you feel that you can help us to ensure that we continue to be a pivotal community centre for Tamborine Mountain, please call the Club on 5545 1308 or drop in and ask to see our Manager. All trades are welcome.

Likewise, particularly in relation to busy bee clean-ups, any community minded person is welcome if they would like to help us out. Our next busy bee is on Saturday 5 December at the Club starting at 9am. We need anyone with a trailer, ute, wheelbarrow, trenching tools (for a short trench), gardening implements or lifting and carrying skills. We'd love to see you there.

MEMBERS' DRAW: Our member's draw jackpot hit \$2500 last Friday and is now at a whopping \$2575. What a great help for Christmas that would be! The Club's Management Committee has decided that if the jackpot has not been won by mid-February, a weekend day will be selected where we will keep drawing member numbers until the jackpot is won. By mid-February, the jackpot (if not won before) will be in the vicinity of \$3500. A nice windfall to pay off the Christmas credit card bill! Watch out for the advertising for this event if we get that far.

MIKE TYSON VS ROY JONES JUNIOR FIGHT: Last Sunday we had a full house to watch the big fight. Our Bistro was sold out for a Christmas function, so the Club put on a sausage sizzle for the aficionados of boxing. It was a terrific afternoon thoroughly enjoyed by all. We're now looking into putting on major UFC fights for those who love the UFC. Watch this space for further details.

As always, we're still looking for new members, whether they be social members of Club Tamborine, Tamborine Mountain Bowls Club members or Tamborine Mountain Croquet Club members. For more information about membership or any of the Club's events, please call the Club on 5545 1308, or just pop in and have a chat with our friendly staff.

Hope to see you at the Club soon.

Rob Tailor President, Club Tamborine





JON KRAUSE MP

State Member for Scenic Rim

AIR-CON SUCCESS FOR TMSS

Several weeks ago, prior to the election, I highlighted the failure of the Government to manage properly the initiative to install air-conditioning in all Queensland State School classrooms, including at Tamborine Mountain State School. This policy was pushed by the LNP for over two years before it was finally adopted by the Government in late 2019.

Unfortunately, the result of this failure by the Government to competently manage your money and this program meant that air-conditioning units were installed but could not be used, owing to the failure to properly plan electricity infrastructure upgrades required because of the greater draw on power from the installations. To make matters worse, in many cases ceiling fans were removed from classrooms – meaning the rooms were left with no cooling devices at all as we approached the hot, sticky summer months.

I am happy to report to Mountain residents that as a result of drawing attention of the media (and the Government) to this failure, Education Queensland informed me that appropriate upgrades were completed at TMSS on 25 October. Sadly, other schools in our region, including Beaudesert State High School, are still waiting for the job to be done properly. I will keep on standing up for our region, representing your needs to the Queensland Government and fighting for a fair share of investment and services.

GET READY AND STAY SAFE

It's important to stay cool during hot weather, and for many of us in the Scenic Rim this may mean visiting one of the dams in the region, swimming in a pool, or even taking a trip to the coast. It's important that children are supervised at all time when they're in the water and it's also vital for kids to learn the basics in swimming to prevent drownings. Adults also need to be safe around water by wearing a life jacket while boating or kayaking. Remembering to keep safe around the water is especially important as we head into the Christmas period when most of us are on holidays and the weather is warm.

Warm weather can also bring summer storms – I urge you not to wait until you are caught in the middle of a storm to wish that you were better prepared. As well as ensuring that loose objects are secured, make sure plans are made to protect your pets and livestock during a disaster, and that your insurance information is up to date. It is also important that all those with health problems ensure they will be able to access their medication in the event of a disaster, and each family member needs to know what to do in the case of a severe storm event. I believe that getting to know your neighbours and familiarising yourself with storm warnings and action plans is vital for the safety of our community. If you are not sure where to begin in your storm preparations, visit the Get Ready Queensland website at: www.getready. qld.gov.au

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SCHOOLS AND STUDENTS

The annual warning about storms also means that it's the time of year that school starts to wind down. I want to take this opportunity to say a big congratulations to our students from all year levels and to all of our teachers – 2020 has been a most challenging and unpredictable year and your ability to adapt to the constantly changing teaching and learning environments should not go unnoticed.

If you have an issue that you think should be fixed, I encourage you to contact my office, toll-free on 1800 813 960, so I can lobby on your behalf in Brisbane.



SCOTT BUCHHOLZ

Federal Member for Wright

JOBKEEPER SAVES SOME 700,000 JOBS

Last week, the Reserve Bank of Australia confirmed that the Morrison Government's quick action to roll out JobKeeper and support our economy when the pandemic hit, helped reduce total job losses by at least 700,000. While each job lost is a tragedy, and is a loss for a family and community, it is critical that we acknowledge that Australia has done better than many other parts of the world.

Overall job losses would have been twice as large over the first half of 2020 without JobKeeper. As part of our Economic Recovery Plan, we have extended the temporary JobKeeper Payment by six months through until 28 March 2021. With 650,000 jobs created over the past five months, 80 per cent of those Australians who either lost their jobs or saw their working hours reduced to zero, are now back at work. That is a great story for our nation. But there is more work to be done and the road ahead will be tough. We must support each other and back our local businesses this Christmas, and the Government will keep working hard to deliver on our economic recovery plan.

SCHOLARSHIP FOR STUDENTS IN REGIONS

The Morrison Government is providing more than \$9.5 million in Destination Australia scholarships for students to study in regional Australia from next year.

Scholarships worth up to \$15,000 will be available to students to undertake a qualification from a Certificate IV through to a PhD at one of 17 institutions across 36 campuses in regional communities. These scholarships will give students the opportunity to experience the great lifestyle in regional Australia while also boosting local communities and education providers.

DISAPPOINTED AT CHINA WINE TARIFF

Agriculture Minister David Littleproud has expressed the Australian Government's extreme disappointment in the decision of Chinese authorities to impose preliminary tariffs of between 107.1 per cent to 212.1 per cent on Australian wine. Australia produces amongst the least subsidised product in the world and provides the second lowest level of farm subsidies in the OECD.

The decision is a seriously concerning development and one which Australia will be vigorously fighting against. Our Government rejects any allegation that our wine producers are dumping product into China, and we continue to believe there is no basis or any evidence for these claims.

Minister Littleproud, on behalf of the Government, will continue to work with our wine industry and Chinese authorities as part of the ongoing dumping investigation, but we will of course consider all our options moving forward. This is a serious matter for our wine producers and we're taking it seriously.





Letters to the Editor

Readers are reminded that letters to the editor must show full name of writer for publication.

WATER EXTRACTION AT 11-29 HOLT ROAD

I refer to my letter which you published in your 26 November edition. In that letter, I outlined that I had asked the Scenic Rim Regional Council CEO for a comment. Subsequently, I also sought a comment from the Mayor.

The Council's CEO, Mr Jon Gibbons, acknowledged my request but did not provide a comment. Instead, Council issued a media release on 24 November which was attributed to no one and which said that Council could not comment on specific matters.

I also asked the Mayor to comment on the impact of this decision on the local water supply and he also provided no comment and did not even acknowledge the request. His last comment on this topic during the last drought was words to the effect of "there is plenty of water off the Mountain that residents can purchase". Hopefully, he will find the courage in the New Year to address this topic directly with the Mountain community.

Local water supply is a topic which needs to be addressed by Council and I will return to it next year.

In the meantime, have a safe and relaxing Christmas. Monitor your water and order early.

Nigel Waistell

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE MAYOR OF SCENIC RIM

Sir, to say that my wife and I are disappointed in your performance as Mayor of our shire is an understatement in the extreme. We supported you in your initial campaign in 2016 but are now appalled by some of your perceived actions.

I have to say that we were impressed by how you condemned the then current regime and by what you seemed to indicate would change under your leadership. Alas, to our eyes, matters in Council have gotten worse, not better. Your autocratic actions and way of running Council have turned us from ardent supporters into disgusted adversaries.

To us, the poisonous culture of secrecy and intimidation of councillors who try to stand up for their constituents, is so far removed from what we were led to believe would happen under your stewardship that it beggars belief. We know that politicians and would-be politicians are prone to self-aggrandisement and 'gilding the lily' as it were, and we make allowance for that when listening to election speeches. However, in the event, we were, and still are, shocked at how we believe we were, in the vernacular, conned.

Our dissatisfaction with your performance is many faceted. In open Council meetings you seem to be afraid of letting those with a different view to your own, or those who criticise any Council action or decision, have any say in the matter. Onlookers have seen how you override and bully and gag councillors who are trying to expose weaknesses in Council's version of democracy. And the way you use a behavioural, ethical or procedural complaint against councillors who ask

legitimate questions can only be interpreted as gross misuse of power, It seems to us that it is a deliberate ploy to keep the accused off balance and busy defending actions instead of doing the job councillors are elected for.

How the Scenic Rim has interpreted or ignored the changes to the *Local Government Act* is another example of despotic behaviour. Where is the transparency and openness that the new act was supposed to engender in local government organisations? To thumb its nose at the State Government would seem to be an act of arrogance seldom seen in responsible democratic institutions. An appeal to the State Government could very well be contemplated by disgruntled people and/or groups.

Another issue is seemingly trying to destroy Tamborine Mountain's uniqueness so that it can be morphed into just another part of the Scenic Rim without any special needs or consideration. In spite of the Mountain community paying more than its share towards running the shire too. It would appear to us that you are hell bent on centralising power in Beaudesert where you reign supreme and that any semi-autonomous regions must be brought to heel. We cite the changing of the identity of Tamborine Mountain's botanic gardens as a stealthy, incremental step in this centralising policy.

And there is the continuing appalling record of the planning department. It seems to us that either you don't know how incompetently it interprets the planning scheme rules and criteria, or perhaps you encourage the way it seems to favour urbanised development in rural or semirural conservation areas. Either way, it is totally unsatisfactory when dodgy anti-environmental DAs are approved with numerous council-imposed conditions that are not policed or are impossible to comply with. Of course, there is also the abysmal waste of some 400 employees (five or six men in a big truck to remove two small tree branches recently for instance), the lack of local firms contracted for major works programs, and the dreadful state of some council-controlled roads to contend with.

All this and more (much more but this letter is long enough already) leads us to the belief that we on Tamborine Mountain are treated with contempt for daring to stand up for our unique ambience and ecosystems. We ask Sir, how dare you pretend that you care?

Roland and Shirley Lindenmayer

DEFIBRILLATOR GRANT

I am the grants officer for U3A Tamborine Mountain, and I applied for a number of minor grants through the Smarty Grants program run by SRRC.

I applied for a portable defibrillator and was very pleased to have received the grant for the purchase of the defibrillator.

The members of U3A Tamborine Mountain would like to thank SRRC for the funds to purchase the equipment.

Richard Eberhard







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TRAVELLING PLACES

What fantastic news that the Oueensland borders to Victoria and all of New South Wales are now open. We just need the border to open to Adelaide which has a hotspot (especially as my son is there and I would love him home for Christmas).

Western Australia moved to 'controlled interstate border conditions' recently - Queensland is designated a 'very low risk' area so we are now able to travel to WA without quarantine provided we have not been to a hot spot or risk area (this includes all of NSW). There are forms to complete to be able to go and also to return to most states, but they are quite straight forward and easy to organise.

Queenslanders are certainly starting to travel, and we have been delighted to help clients with these arrangements. Lots of people are taking



short trips to visit family and friends they have been banned from seeing for months; some are taking the opportunity to take a holiday before the crowds really start and others are planning extended travels throughout Australia in 2021. This is all great fun to be planning.

There are some pitfalls to be aware of. Since the beginning of the COVID-19 travel restrictions there have been more than 100 changes to border restriction regulations. We are keeping an eye on these, advising clients and helping them secure the required paperwork.

There has been a lot of chatter in the industry this week about vaccinations becoming mandatory for international travel. This does not surprise me and anyone who travelled overseas 20 or so years ago or who has recently travelled to parts of Asia, Africa and South America will be well aware that there are mandatory vaccinations for several countries around the world. Think of yellow fever, typhoid, cholera, and hepatitis. I know the airlines and governments are trying to work out how to store the proof of vaccination to the microchip in your passport and this will eventually be possible. In the meantime, I don't have an issue with carrying the 'yellow' booklet that I have carried with my passport for years. No doubt there will be more discussion about compulsory vaccinations - I think most countries in the world will adopt this for all incoming travellers.

So, as we start to emerge from this very odd time there are many people gaining confidence to book trips away and others keen to be on the first flight out. Whatever you are planning, make sure to research everything correctly and have your paperwork in order, Travelling Places will happily help you as part of the booking process.

We have had a number of clients travel and return with fun stories - they have loved the freedom of being able to explore again. They have loved the like-minded people they have met. They have enjoyed great experiences exploring their own country. Very popular are the iconic Australian train journeys: The Ghan, The Indian Pacific and The Great Southern; expedition vessels exploring our coastline like Coral Expeditions circumnavigating Tasmania or the 36 passenger True North exploring the Kimberley. There are lovely relaxing holidays at a retreat or resort - perhaps snorkelling the reef off Lady Elliot or being pampered beachside on Lizard Island.

Also popular are driving holidays – perhaps to Tasmania. Or a guided walk with glamping to Maria Island off Tasmania or Arkaba in the Flinders Ranges. I too look forward to exploring. Please contact Travelling Places to help plan your next journey.

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LAURIE NICHOLSON



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ATTACK OF THE EVIL WEEVILS

For the past few months our family has been battling against an insurgency of flying moths and crawling larvae. My Mum has always described these pests as 'Weevils'. However, some quick online research led me find out that they are actually called Indian Pantry Moths. I realise of course that the title of this article is incorrect, but "Attack of the Evil Indian Pantry Moths" just didn't sound anywhere near as scary.

Anyway, we had been killing the occasional flying moth for about a year without ever cleaning out the cupboard and getting to the bottom of the problem. Suddenly, a few months ago there was a population explosion and we had flying moths and crawling larvae everywhere. Even writing about it now gives me the heebie-jeebies and makes me squirm. It was very, very gross.

As a result of this major Indian Pantry Moth party happening in our pantry, we have been waging a full-scale war ever since. We emptied the cupboard, found the major source of the larvae, cleaned every container

out and squished multiple little squirmy maggoty looking things. We swatted pantry moths for weeks, put out little sticky bait traps and laid bay leaves in all the shelves. It appears that we have won the war and completely beaten the little blighters. However, to achieve this it took a lot of effort and a lot of time. It is obvious to me that if we had started to address the problem when we had first noticed the occasional moth, then this outbreak could have been avoided and a whole heap of time saved.

And so it is with our bodies. Very few significant pains will just go away by ignoring the problem. At Physique, we often treat people who have been putting up with pain and limitations on their lives for great lengths of time. Even though we can still get these pains under control, it requires a lot more time and a lot more effort from both the physio and the patient than if we had addressed the problem from the early stages.

I have been thinking about why humans put off doing things that are actually good for us. I think there

are many different reasons why we don't always seek help when we first start to get pains. For Bec and I, we didn't want to have to deal with yet ANOTHER thing in our lives, particularly at this time of year. And so, we tried just ignoring the issue. However, ignoring the problem was not actually helpful - in fact, it was just the opposite.

One of my patients recently said that she just didn't want to admit that her leg pains weren't getting better, because then she would have to admit that she was getting a little older. Often, my patients tell me that they put off getting treatment because they feel that there are many other people worse off than them.

It doesn't matter the reasons why, but if you are putting off getting treatment for your aches and pains I encourage you to seek some help. The sooner, the better. Don't be like Bec and I. Deal with the problem now. The physiotherapists at Physique can make a world of difference. Do not delay any longer, it's time to swat those aches and pains now.



HO, HO, HO: YES YES, I KNOW!!!

It's that time of year again for sure. The kids have already started riding their scooters and bikes around our streets, Christmas lights are going up and the displays around town are taking shape. Not to mention I have Santa's wish list a mile long sitting on the kitchen bench....

So, what are your plans this year? Travel, camping, stay at home, lunch, pudding and brandy sauce – the mind boggles with ideas. Whatever your plans are though,



make sure you are prepared for any contingency that may arise.

This is where my staff and I, together with you, can take action to ensure everyone enjoys their break and celebrates safely. If you haven't seen it or heard about it yet, Operation Own-It has commenced in the District. Why Own-It? Well I'm pretty sure if you read my articles you will gather what it means as I preach it regularly.

Every action we take on the road is our responsibility, every driver, rider and pedestrian has a responsibility to not only themselves, but also others, to put road safety first when using our roads and footpaths. That means things like courtesy, patience, knowledge of the rules and ensuring our mode of transport is properly maintained and safe for the drive.

Road crashes are the second leading cause of fatalities and hospitalised injuries in Australia. I don't want to see our community on the map for all the wrong reasons. We are such a beautiful part of the world, lived in by many different people with diverse ideas and skillsets – let's ensure that together we keep it that way and don't lose a member through a traumatic event which a road crash can be. I've personally seen too many deaths and serious injuries on the roads; I really don't want to see any more.

The year 2020 been challenging, it's been rewarding, it's been one to remember for both good and not so good reasons. Whatever this year has brought you I can only say this: don't dwell on it, it's done. Enjoy the present and embrace whatever the future brings. The whole team here at the North Tamborine Station wish you all a safe and enjoyable Christmas. Keep an eye out for us; we will be around during the whole holiday period.

As always, report matters that might seem suspicious; your information is just a phone call away and may help save someone's life or protect their property – you never know.

Sergeant Mark Shields North Tamborine Police

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What is the name of a drink that consists of Bundaberg Rum, condensed milk and an emu's egg?

- A Flightless Freddy
- B Diamantina Cocktail
- C Bundy and Yolka
- D This isn't a real drink

What is a bushman's clock?

- A A kookaburra laughing
- B Making a mark on a gumtree at
- C Watching a wombat return to its
- D Sweating in your swag when the sun rises

If you're going to bend an elbow, what are you doing?

- A Starting a game of backyard cricket
- B Doing some yard work
- C Drinking a beer
- D Starting a fight

If I haven't seen a wombat since Archer won the Cup, how long has it been?

- A Yesterday
- B A year
- C A long time
- D Never

What is the term given to a 4WD that has never been off-road, typically driven in an inner-city suburb?

- A Carlton cruiser
- B Brisbane Bentley
- C Sydney scrapheap
- D Toorak tractor

What is a triantiwontigongolope?

- A mythical insect, similar to a bunyip
- B A town in the middle of nowhere
- C A fool
- D Yet another slang term for beer

If I am Pat Malone, what am I? A ...

- A Queenslander (maroon)
- B A telephone
- C Alone
- D tropical cyclone

If I've done a Harold Holt. what did I do?

- A Climbed to the top of an organisation
- B Left unexpectedly
- C Gone for an ill-advised swim
- D Established the Reserve Bank of Australia

Everybody knows what budgie smugglers are. Which of these is another term for the cozzies of choice of a former PM?

- A Cluster busters
- B Lolly bag
- C Scungies
- D Fish frighteners

What is a Mollydooker?

- A One of Shane Warne's famous deliveries
- B A big fan of Molly Meldrum
- C Someone who is left-handed
- D Just one more slang term for beer

Answers on page 27

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LIONS XMAS IN HE VILLAGE

Tamborine Village Lions annual community Christmas carols and twilight markets will be held Friday (4 December) from 5 to 8.30pm at Tamborine Memorial Hall

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This initiative is part of a collaboration between Tamborine Mountain Arts Collective and Making Good Alliance seeking to grow community and promote sustainability through makers getting together.

Apart from gift sized items such as paintings, jewellery, ceramics, pottery, gourmet food and wearable art there will be opportunities to engage with a musical instrument maker and meet Skye from I Build Tiny who is currently creating a tiny house at the market site. Bring your family and friends for a great day out.

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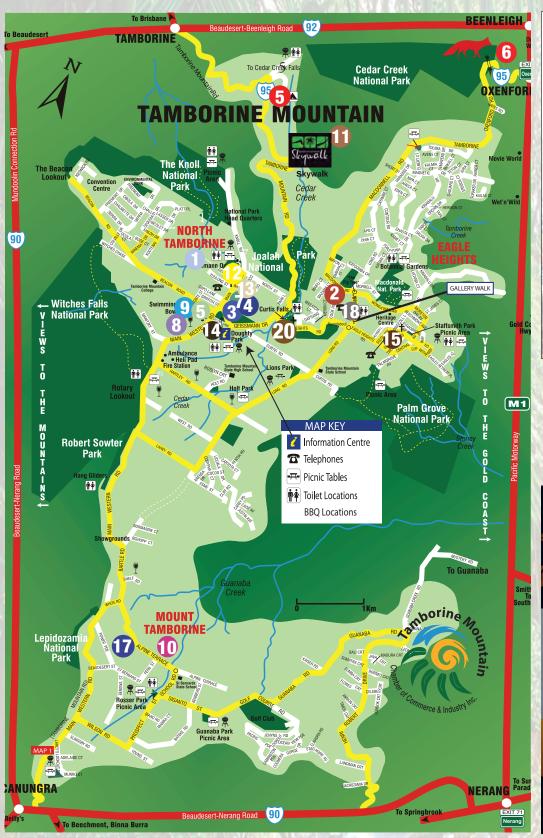
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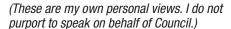
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Councillor's Comment

JEFF McCONNELL **DIVISION 2**





COUNCIL MEETINGS

Recently, Council resolved that from 2021 we would move Council Ordinary Meetings from a Monday to a Tuesday. I was one of the councillors who requested this move as it would give councillors more time to read through the agenda which can total in the hundreds of pages.

Currently the meeting agenda is released on a Wednesday afternoon and we hold the meeting on the Monday. That only gives councillors a day to read the agenda and get any questions that we wish to be clarified to Council officers so they can get an answer by Friday afternoon, ready for the Monday meeting. I regularly send a list of questions to the general managers that I intend to ask at the meeting to ensure that they are prepared with answers. What I don't want is to ask a question and for the officer to not have the answer as that does not help anyone.

With the move to a Tuesday meeting, this gives councillors extra time to read through the agenda and direct any questions that need to be answered or clarified at the meeting to Council officers. Unfortunately, this means that print media may not make their deadlines, but I believe the effective running of Council needs to come first. We have not stopped their ability to print the stories coming from the meeting as they can still post on social media immediately and still print in their next edition.

STATE AND FEDERAL GRANTS

I wish to congratulate the Council on their efforts in 2020 of securing a multitude of State and Federal grants totalling in the millions of dollars. These grants assist Council in providing much needed asset management (roads and bridges) as well as programs for the social environment, which we could not afford with such a small rate base. Some residents may not know that we have a legacy of over 100 bridges that need replacement (still over 50 wooden bridges to be replaced) or repair. The replacement of these bridges does not come cheap and the assistance of Federal co-funding at 50 per cent is much needed and appreciated.

ROADWORKS

It is great to see Beaudesert-Beenleigh Road getting some long overdue and much needed attention from Main Roads. Road works are being conducted around Tamborine Village as well as just outside Beaudesert. Although it's an inconvenience now, the long-term benefits are better and safer road conditions.

Thought of the day:

"The truth is that you always know the right thing to do. The tough part is doing it.'

Gen Norman Schwarzkopf, US Army

CONTACT ME

I will always be available to talk with residents on my mobile 0436 327 434 or email: Jeff.m@scenicrim.qld.gov.au

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I am happy to meet with anyone who requests a meeting and hope to start regular meetings soon.

Relationships SECRETS (cont'd)



In 2015, US author Frank Warren invited the public to anonymously send him postcards containing a secret they had never divulged to anyone. Selected secrets were then posted online.

Contributions ranged from admissions of sexual misconduct and criminal activity to confessions of secret desires, embarrassing habits, hopes and dreams. Some were humorous, some were haunting, some were shocking. The concept gained momentum and within five years over half a million secrets had been sent. The site continues to this day with spinoffs in many countries of the world. Frank claims the postcards are inspirational to those who read them; have healing powers for those who write them; give hope to those who identify with a stranger's secret; and create an anonymous community of acceptance.

What are the benefits of disclosing secrets? Keeping secrets prevents us from acting naturally and sharing

freely. Beyond that, keeping secrets may actually cause us harm. Research discovered that people become distracted by secrets and develop a preoccupation with them. Secret keeping was also found to reduce feelings of authenticity and decrease one's sense of well-being and satisfaction.



There are good reasons why

keeping information to ourselves is draining, or worse. The goal of secrecy is concealment of information from other people. Researchers found that this creates 'motivational conflict'. The goal to avoid the social costs of the information's exposure conflicts with the goal to connect with others in close relationships by sharing the secret information. We experience a dilemma between the choice of risking exposure or undermining our social relationships. Secrecy ultimately results in feelings of loneliness and isolation.

We often realise, or at least suspect, when someone has a secret by changes in their behaviour, nervousness, superficial explanations and efforts to redirect the conversation. Holding secrets takes energy. It requires an exercise of will and vigilance over what one says. Emotional and cognitive resources are expended, leaving one with a residue of negative feelings, including guilt and fatigue. The more insidious and shameful the secret, the greater the fatigue.

When deciding whether to divulge or keep a secret, ask yourself these questions: What are the specific motivational conflicts I'm facing with this secret? What are the consequences of keeping versus disclosing the secret, for myself and others? How isolated do I feel with this secret? How much does it intrude when I'm not with other people? How tiring is it? Is this secret affecting my well-being and ability to function? What emotions is this secret stirring up? How have I learned to deal with secrets from my past experiences? What are helpful ways and appropriate times and settings, to open up about difficult secrets?

Asking ourselves questions like these can help us make more conscious and intentional decisions about what to do with our secrets. They can also help us to be more transparent with others and enjoy enhanced relationship satisfaction.

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with Nadia O'Carroll

LENGTH OF DAY

The whole pattern of life on Earth is influenced by the ratio of daylight to darkness (photoperiod).

Length of day (LOD) changes according to the time of year because of the movement of the Earth in relation to the Sun. All the planets in the Solar System orbit around the Sun in an easterly direction. It takes the Earth 365.25 days to complete its rotation around the Sun. The Earth also rotates in an easterly direction on its own axis. In 24 hours it rotates a full circle (360 degrees) so by division it can be calculated that every four minutes the Earth turns one degree.

The Earth's axis is tilted at an angle of 23.5 degrees, and it is the orientation of the tilt in relation to the orbital plane that causes the seasons. When the top half of the Earth tilts towards the Sun it is Northern Hemisphere summer/Southern Hemisphere winter; when the lower half of the Earth tilts towards the Sun it is Northern Hemisphere winter/Southern Hemisphere summer; autumn and spring are transitional seasons.

LOD for a given day, at a given location, is determined by the time of year and the latitude of the location, because these determine position in relation to the Sun. On the equator there is very little change in position, so LOD is an almost constant 12 hours. At the poles there is only one sunrise and sunset per year and these occur about the time of solstice. On any day, at a given latitude, length of day in one hemisphere equals length of night in the other.

The solstices occur around 21 June and 21 December; this marks the time of maximum tilt of the equator and consequently they are the dates of the longest and shortest days. The vernal and autumnal equinox occur on 21 March and 23 September respectively, this marks zero tilt of the equator, when the sun is directly above the equator and day and night have approximately the same length.

Now that we can measure LOD more accurately we are also discovering that the 24-hour day – one rotation – is only an average. Every day actually varies minutely in length; this is caused by many factors including weather, ocean currents, tides, earthquakes, changes in land surfaces, large scale pumping of groundwater, construction of reservoirs and activity in the Earth's core.

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LAMINGTON SPINY CRAYFISH

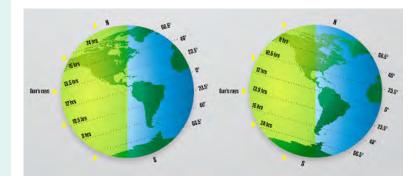
Lamington Spiny Crayfish – *Euastacus sulcatus*, Palm Grove National Park



Yet another catch from our night walk in early January this year. The crayfish was out and about near an effectively dry creek close to the main entrance. The species is found on Tamborine Mountain, in Lamington National Park and in the adjacent border ranges, and has a length of up to 13cm. My only previous sighting was in the Joalah section of Tamborine National Park, in December 2015.

My book, *one small place on earth*, makes a unique and beautiful Christmas present from Tamborine Mountain - with over 300 images of its flora and fauna, \$39.95 hard cover. Stocked by Under the Greenwood Tree, The Piccabeen Bookshop, the TM Skywalk, The North Tamborine and Eagle Heights Post Offices and Canungra Books & Art.

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IMPORTANT DROUGHT UPDATE FROM URBAN UTILITIES

Canungra entered into drought response in June when flow in Canungra Creek dropped below seven megalitres per day. With no significant rainfall in the catchment recently, Canungra has progressed further into drought response.

To ensure drinking water supply is maintained to the community, Seqwater will supplement town supply via tankers if flow in Canungra Creek stops, which will continue for as long as required.

Urban Utilities and Seqwater have worked together and as a result plan to maintain direct access to the Canungra tanker filling station for local off-network households through the 25mm outlet, however the 75mm outlet will be closed.

Commercial carting operators will be directed to use alternative filling stations, with the closest being in Helen Street, Beaudesert.

Medium level water restrictions remain in place in Canungra and most of the Scenic Rim. We ask you to continue to save water by limiting outdoor water use and adhere to the current restrictions as a minimum.

We encourage you to sign up for email updates and stay up to date with the latest information regarding water use in Canungra, tanker filling station status, and medium level restrictions via our website at **urbanutilities.com.au/canungra**

We thank you for doing your part to conserve water.



with the Scenic News

Brendan and Kerrianne Grimes operate Emirg Services, a family-owned air-conditioning, refrigeration and mechanical services business that offers sales, service and installation in the domestic and commercial sectors, from Brisbane to Northern New South Wales.

What inspired you to get into your business?

After returning home from five years' working and travelling in the UK. We thought what better chance to start our own refrigeration and air conditioning business. It had always been our dream to do our 'own thing' and it was the best decision we have made.

How would you describe your business?

We are an air-conditioning and commercial refrigeration company. We install, repair and perform preventative maintenance.

What is it about your business or industry that you love?

Keeping people and things cool is key in this unforgiving Queensland climate.

Is it a business that gives you satisfaction?

Owning our own business has given us more drive to be successful in our professional careers. Making our own money, rather than making it for someone else.

What is the quirkiest thing about your business?

Well not many people have figured it out, but our business name is actually our last name spelled backwards, minus the S ... GRIMES EMIRG Services.

If you were not doing this what would your ideal job be?

Our other dream (hopefully next step) is to open a café by day that operates as a live venue by afternoon and night. We are coffee and music lovers and would love to bring the two passions together.



How did COVID-19 affect your businesses?

It affected us quite significantly emotionally. Only trading for one full financial year, we feared that COVID-19 might close our doors. However, it hasn't, and we are still going strong and can't wait to put 2020 behind us and start a new year.

Interesting facts about yourself?

We bought our first block of land in Tamborine in our early twenties and built our small, but comfortable house. After getting married we decided to move to the UK and after three years there we had our son. After just over a year we decided it was a better life for him in Australia and moved back. We are now raising him in our first home that we built 10 years ago.

What do you do for fun?

Travel is our passion, which we are really struggling with in this current climate of COVID-19. Beside that we love live music, motor bikes and beach days.

Final thoughts

We are a small local business that strive to meet the needs of all our customers. We operate all year round and have a 24/7 emergency call out number.







Pineapples are coming into season and this wonderful easy cake is an elegant way to showcase this delicious fruit.

Whilst in primary school I would often be counting down the seconds until the home time bell rang because I was hungry. As the bell rang, I would race out the class door, down past all the mothers politely chatting and holding their babies and, weaving through the maze of prams, I'd run the rest of the way home.

Taking the back stairs two by two I'd arrive at the door to the kitchen and as I opened the door, I would be greeted with the most tantalising of aromas. On one unforgettable occasion, it was vanilla mixed with caramelising pineapple. My mouth started watering and my stomach rumbled like a Queensland thunderstorm and then I saw it, there on the table hiding under the white tent-like structure essential for protection from pesky flies.

Muuuuum! I wailed. "What is it?" came the reply from the other room. "Can I have a piece of cake?" "No! Wait for your brothers to come home and you can all have some together," said Mum. "But I'm staaaarving! Pleeeaaase! I cried. Then, suddenly the kitchen door opens, I spin around, and standing there are my two brothers. Both now taking deep chestful breaths as if they are trying to eat the air with their noses.

Mum then walks in, opens the freezer and pulls out the vanilla ice cream. We are like dogs nipping at her heels. Mum cuts the cake into our bowls and puts a scoop of ice cream on top; it instantly starts to melt – a sure indication the cake is still warm, fresh from the oven.

I take a bite and my tastebuds are going wild; the cold and warm sensation is wonderful and the vanilla cake with the caramel pineapple sauce is what dreams are made of.

Did vou know the Portuguese were responsible for the early spread and popularity of pineapple in the Western world? They took the fruit from Brazil and introduced it to St Helena shortly after they discovered that island in 1502. Soon after, they carried it to Africa and, by about 1550, to India. Before the end of the 16th century, cultivation of the plant had spread over most of the tropical areas of the world, including some of the islands of the South Pacific.

Pineapples have loads of antioxidants, Vitamin C, Manganese and Bromelain, and are also great for fibre and digestion.

Why not make this cake for your kids as a treat or maybe as a tea cake to enjoy when friends come round for a cuppa. They will thank you for it.

(SERVES 8)

TOPPING

- 1/4 cup butter melted (60g)
- 1/2 cup brown sugar tightly packed (100g)
- 10 pineapple slices

VANILLA CAKE

- 1/2 cup unsalted butter softened to room temperature (115g)
- 3/4 cup sugar (150g)
- 2 eggs room temperature preferred
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 1/2 cups plain flour (195g)
- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup milk room temperature preferred (120ml)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Preheat oven to 175°C.
- Pour melted butter into a deep nonstick cake pan, make sure it entirely covers the bottom of the pan and use a finger or spatula to grease the sides too.
- Sprinkle brown sugar evenly over butter mixture. Arrange pineapple



slices over the bottom of the pan, slice leftover slices in half and arrange up the sides of the pan.

- To prepare vanilla cake, beat butter and sugar in medium-sized bowl until creamy and well-combined.
- Add eggs, beating one at a time until combined.
- Stir in vanilla extract.
- In a separate bowl, mix flour, baking powder and salt.
- Add 1/2 of the flour and 1/2 of the milk into the creamed butter and mix using a wooden spoon, then add the rest of the flour and milk and gently fold into the batter until just combined (don't over mix).
- Pour batter evenly over prepared cake pan and pineapple.
- Bake at 175°C for 30 minutes. At the 30 minute mark, loosely cover with foil and continue to bake (still on 175°C) for another 15 minutes, until a toothpick inserted in the centre comes out mostly clean with few crumbs (total cook time for cake will be 45 minutes).
- Allow to cool for 10-15 minutes and then carefully invert cake onto serving platter (careful, it will still be very hot!).
- Allow to cool before cutting and enjoying with a big scoop of vanilla ice cream, but don't wait too long as this cake tastes best warm from the oven.



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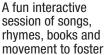
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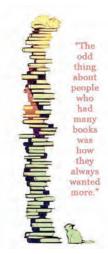
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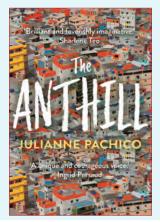


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AUSSIE TRIVIA ANSWERS FROM PAGE 16

- The Diamantina Cocktail, named after the area it was invented in. It was also the title of the Little River Band's third album.
- Good chance you've heard a kookaburra call in the morning and the evening, hence the slang.
- If you're bending an elbow you're drinking a sherbet, or a vitamin B. You know, a beer
- Archer won the first two Melbourne Cup races in 1861 and 1862. If you haven't seen something since then, it's been a very long time.
- The Toorak tractor gets its named from the Melbourne suburb that is known for being home to the wealthiest and most elite citizens of the city. Also known as a Balmain bulldozer.
- 6. Originally a fictitious word invented for a poem in the 1920s, it later became popular as a way of scaring city children and tourists who ventured into the bush. Kind of like a drop bear.
- You're all by yourself. So lonely.
- If someone accuses you of doing a Harold Holt, you've disappeared, quickly. It's rhyming slang for bolt.
- Every one of these is slang for the humble (and...ahem...revealing) swimwear.
- 10. Shout out to all the lefties out there! Fun Australian fact: kangaroos prefer to do things with their left hands.

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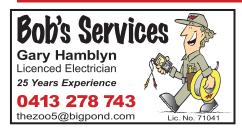


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REGULAR MOUNTAIN ACTIVITIES

BADMINTON Social players, all levels. Mon 6.30pm to 8.30pm at the Vonda Youngman Community Centre (except Public Holidays).

BOOK READERS GROUP meets once a month, new members welcome. Enquiries at TM library.

BOTANIC GARDENS Forsythia Dr, Eagle Hts - Volunteers' working bee every Thurs morning 8-12. 0409 263 666

CHRONIC FATIGUE FIBROMYALGIA Support Group meets monthly Ph 5545 3134.

FILM CLUB AT THE ZAMIA. Meets every third Sunday at 5.30pm for 6pm screening. Only \$10 annual fee to join which gives automatic membership to the Tamborine Mt Little Theatre group. All movies are free with membership. Films shown range from the classics to foreign and Australian made. Cabaret seating and the old sling back chairs make it a great evening of entertainment where you can bring along your own refreshments or a take away to enjoy during the film.

FRIENDS OF TAMBORINE NATIONAL PARK: meet on the first Saturday of the month (except Jan.) To find out where we will be working contact Len on 3355 7288 or 0428 335 572.

FRIENDS OF TM LIBRARY Quarterly booksales held, other volunteering opportunities available. Contact the library for further information 5540 5473.

JOHN DICKSON CONSERVATION PARK: working bees 1st Monday & 3rd Monday of each month. 8am. Ph: Elizabeth Russell 5545 3601.

MARTIAL ARTS: Kyokushin Karate and Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu. Bully Busters, Self Defence, Discipline. Tamborine Mountain Showgrounds Tues & Friday 5.00pm and Saturday 9.30am Contact Cameron: 0433 633 775

MEDITATION: Tuesdays 7pm — New Thought, New Life Centre 5545 3700.

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MOVIES ON THE MOUNTAIN: Regular screenings of latest releases at the Zamia Theatre. Ph 5545 3517.

RELAXED MIND TAI CHI: Mindfulness in motion, Mondays & Fridays 9.30am, Botanic Gardens. Bookings essential. Phone 0420 349 744.

ROTARY ON TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN meets every Wednesday night at 6.30pm for 7.00pm start at the Eagle Heights Hotel. New members and visitors welcome. For information, call David on 0419 743 275

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ASSOCIATION: Service Provider for first - level aged care. Transport to medical appointments, Domestic Assistance, Home Maintenance, Social Support Individual & Group, Podiatry and Computer classes. Open: Mon – Fri 8:30 am – 4:30 pm. Volunteers welcome. Contact – 5545 4968 Address: 42, Southport Avenue, Tamborine Mountain, Qld.

TAMBORINE SUSTAINABLE GARDENERS SOC (TSGS),

a group of enthusiastic gardeners, meets on the last Saturday of each month. Mrs Sue Morris 5545 0102.

TANGO CLASSES: Every Friday evening at the Zamia Theatre. Beginners class 7.00-8.00pm; advanced class 8.00-9.00pm. Cost is \$30 per couple or \$20 pp. Inquiries call Ron at 0432 559 924.

TM ARTS COLLECTIVE: Meetings are usually held at 7.00 pm on the first Wednesday of the month at a designated location (call 5545 0043 for details). We always welcome visitors and enquiries from new artists and artisans. We stand for a stronger arts community on the Mountain, and continue to lobby for a local community

gallery and arts hub. The Collective benefits from our association with the Brisbane Visual Arts Community (BVAC) and members participate in Brisbane and local arts events.

TM BOWLS CLUB – Friday social 1pm winter & 2pm summer; Sunday Scroungers 10.00am-12.00 noon; barefoot bowls & otherwise by arrangement. Competitions for members as notified. Free coaching, new members always welcome. Enquiries: 5545 1308.

TM BRIDGE CLUB meets each Monday at 5.45pm, Wednesday at 1.15pm, Thursday at 12.45pm and in an Assisted Play session on Friday at 12.45pm for those wishing to learn more in a social environment at the Tamborine Mountain Sports Complex, 400 Long Road.

TM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: 2nd Wed. of month. Phone 5545 0944 Email:

info@tamborinemountainchamber.com.au

TM COMMUNITY KINDERGARTEN ASSOC meets 2nd Wednesday of the month at the kindergarten 23 Coleman Square, North Tamborine at 7.15pm.

TM CREATIVE ARTS: Schedule of Activities MONDAY 9.00am-12.00 noon Patchwork, Quilting, Mahjong. 1.00pm-4.00pm Painting (Tutor fee) 1.15pm-4.15pm Creative Writing (1st, 3rd, 5th Monday of Month) 6.00pm-9.00pm Mens' Group 7.00pm-9.00pm Sculpture &Pottery TUESDAY 9.00am-12.00 noon General Craft, Sculpture & Pottery 9.30am-12.30pm Life Drawing (Model fee) WEDNESDAY 9.00am-12.00 noon General Craft, Sculpture & Pottery, Spinning & Weaving, Embroidery (1st Wed of Month), Machine Sewing (last Wed of Month). THURSDAY 9.00am-12.00 noon Sculpture & Pottery Botanical Drawing 9.00am-1.00pm Weaving (1st & 5th Thursday of month) 1.00pm-4.00pm Wearable Art, (Felting Dyeing etc) FRIDAY 9.00am-12.00 noon Wood Artisans, Sculpture & Pottery, 1.00pm-4.00pm Mahjong SATURDAY 1.00pm-4.00pm Yarners

TM CROQUET CLUB: Monday and Thursday mornings 8.30 on our green at Club Tamborine. Free coaching, new members always welcome to join us. Ph: Heidi 0488 440 296

TM FAMILY HISTORY GROUP Meetings held 1st Sunday each month (excl. January) at TM Historical Soc, Wongawallan Rd, Eagle Heights, 3–5 pm approx. Please contact Robina on 0417 749 156.

TM GARDEN CLUB: Vonda Youngman Community Centre, Main Street, North Tamborine. Feb - Nov, 2nd Tuesday 9.30. Bring a mug for morning tea. Enjoy: Guest speaker, plant sales, borrowing library books, raffle, plant problem solving and meeting fellow gardeners. New members and visitors most welcome.

TM GOLF CLUB is open 7 days a week for golf. Ladies play on Tuesdays, Veterans play on Wednesdays and the main competition is on Saturday. Happy hour social event on Friday evenings from 5 pm. Coaching is available by Andrew Revie the club professional. Contact 5545 1788. Happy golfing!

TM HISTORICAL SOCIETY – Member working bee & morning tea every Tuesday mornings. New members always welcome. Please contact Phil Paley 5545 4962 or Muriel Shephard 5545 0481 for further details.

TM LANDCARE: Volunteering opportunities:Forest Regeneration Work: Judith Roland - 0429 808 206 for details; Helping at the Piccabeen Bookshop - 0403 783 757 during office hours

TMLETS: Join at Community Exchange System www.ces.org.za . Enq. 5545 3776.

TM LIONS CLUB Admin meeting held on the 2nd Tuesday and dinner meeting on the 4th Tuesday of the month. For more information please phone 5545 2120 or visit website tamborinemountain.qld. lions.org.au/

TM LITTLE THEATRE: Meetings held 1st Tuesday of month at 7.30pm at the Zamia Theatre. Regular plays, play readings & social events, movie club events. New members welcome. Cath Buckley President 5545 2236.

TM LOCAL PRODUCERS ASSOC. sell local produce

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TM MASONIC LODGE: Meets first Thursday each month, except December. Masonic Centre, 10 Knoll Road, North Tamborine. Contact 3273 3313.

TM MEN'S SHED: Our workshop at 88 Beacon Rd (behind the tennis courts) is open each Tuesday and Thursday from 8.30 am to 1.00 pm, Saturday from 8.30 to 1.00 PM. New members are welcome. To find out more, drop in for morning tea and a chat or call Steve Pinder (President) on 5545 3081

TM NATURAL HISTORY ASSOCIATION: Birdwatchers meet 1st Wednesday of month at 4pm at the Historical Society, 53 Wongawallen Rd, Eagle Heights; the monthly walk is on 2nd Wednesday of month. For further information call 5545 0995. Bushwalkers walk on 2nd & 4th Saturday of month. For further information call 5545 0140 or 0419 314 442. www.naturalhistory.org.au.

TM NETBALL CLUB. Contact Tracey 0438 575 662.

TM ORCHESTRA rehearses from 7pm to 9 pm every Wednesday during school term time. The venue is St George's Anglican Church, Dapsang Drive. New players always welcome. For more information, phone Tricia on 0415 487 581. Check us out on our website www.tamborinemountainorchestra.com; or find us on Facebook.

TM PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 34 Main St, North Tamborine www.tmpcq.org.au Sunday Morning Service 9am (including kids church) and Evening Service 5pm (including kids church). Playgroup: Tuesdays 9.30am for 0-5 years. Youth Group: Fridays 4-6 pm for Years 7 – 12. Enquiries: dave.mugridge@tmpcq.org.au | www.tmpcq.org.au

BARGAIN CENTRE: Tuesday to Saturday opens 8am – 12 noon (rear of the Presbyterian Church.

TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN COMBINED PROBUS CLUB: Join our new social club for retirees and semi-retired and enjoy some fun, fellowship and friendship at Club Tamborine, 6-12 Beacon Road, North Tamborine from 10am on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Contact Christine Stewart (President) on 0448 877 585

TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN PROBUS CLUB INC (MEN'S CLUB): Join like-minded retired and semi-retired men for fun activities at Vonda Youngman Community Centre, 2-4 Knoll Road, North Tamborine on 3rd Wednesday of the month at 10am. Contact Harvey Ruglen on 0490 066 385 for details of next meeting.

TM PROGRESS ASSOCIATION: 1st Tuesday in month. 7.30pm Heritage Centre Wongawallan Rd

TM RSL Sub Branch meets at the RSL rooms underneath the Bowls Club; details are available by phoning 5545 2030.

TM RUGBY: Training Monday and Thursday 3.45pm-5pm at TMSA, Long Road. Please call John Knight 0400 554 555 or Adam Clarke 0413 214 066 – Facebook: Tamborine Mountain Rugby

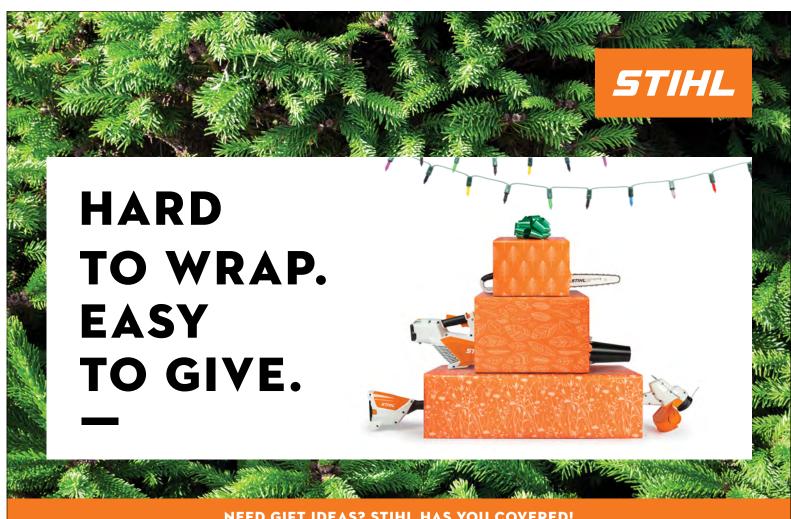
TM TENNIS CLUB: Social tennis from 6.30pm Wed and 3.00pm Sun. Doubles comp from 6.30pm Mon. Ladies from 8.00am Fri. 88 Beacon Rd North Tamborine. Contact Henry Rich on 0477 775 671 or 5545 3547

TM WRITERS GROUP: Meets every 1st & 3rd Mon of month, 1.30–3.30pm at Creative Arts Centre, Eagle Heights. Call Patricia on 5545 3403 for details.

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