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MAKERS' MARKET GETS OFF TO A FLYING START

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Tamborine Mountain's inaugural Makers' Market got off to a splendid start at the weekend, as more than 500 people defied the hot humid weather to see what was on offer. Among the eclectic range of stalls was this fascinating demonstration of stringed instrument making and maintenance by luthier Keith Browning. Story Page 6.

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SUMMER SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN

Scenic Rim Regional Council has school holiday fun in the bag, with a range of boredom-busting activities for all ages and abilities throughout the summer break.

Scenic Rim Mayor Greg Christensen said there was something for everyone across Council's libraries, cultural centres and even a camping experience on offer.

"Some of the events are ticketed, so we would encourage parents to keep an eye on our Facebook page, and the Live at the Centre website for booking details."

Council's libraries will host Fairy Tale Science events, as well as releasing weekly themed activity packs, complete with materials and instructions to take home for kids to get creative. Children can also take part in a Summer Reading Challenge where they can compete and earn badges.

Throughout January, there will be a packed program of arts and cultural events as well as the popular Kids' Flicks movie screenings at The Centre Beaudesert and Boonah Cultural Centre.

Council will also be offering a range of free and low-cost workshops catering for all ages, interests and abilities including morning tea cooking class, learning to create mini artists books and making and decorating your own cape.

COUNCIL LIBRARIES

Council's libraries have a crafty solution to keep everyone occupied, releasing limited edition themed activity packs, complete with materials and instructions to take home for kids to get creative.

There will be Christmas-themed activities in the lead-up to the festive season and in the New Year a range of craft projects that parents and children can also enjoy together.

NOW IS THE TIME: KIDS ON TOUR ACTIVITIES

The Now is the Time exhibition, currently showing at Queensland Art Gallery/Gallery of Modern Art until August 2021, provides the springboard for free school holiday activities in January at The Centre Beaudesert and Boonah Cultural Centre. Activities developed by the Children's Art Centre, in collaboration with artist Raquel Ormella, are focused on engaging young people with the most important contemporary issues related to the environment.

An artist with a diverse creative practice that includes video, installation, drawings, and zines, Raquel Ormella's workshop activities have been inspired by calls from children around the world for awareness and action on climate change.

The free activities are on at both The Centre Beaudesert and Boonah Cultural Centre from 10am to 3pm, 5 to 8 January and 10am to 3pm, 11 to 22 January.

WORKSHOP: TRADITIONAL MORNING TEA COOKING CLASS

The Traditional Morning Tea Cooking Class with Sam has the perfect recipe for holiday enjoyment, as children aged seven years plus learn traditional baking techniques to create delicious treats to take home and share. With limited places on 12 January from 9.30am to 12 noon at The Centre Beaudesert and 19 January 9.30am to 12 noon at Boonah Cultural Centre, bookings are essential.

WORKSHOP: POCKET ARTIST BOOK WORKSHOP WITH HEATHER MATTHEW

The Madame Weigel exhibition of fashion, at The Centre Beaudesert from 5 January to 12 February - celebrating the legendary paper pattern maker who revolutionised home sewing - has inspired the children's Pocket Artist Book Workshop with paper artist Heather Matthew.

Children aged seven years plus will create their own mini artist books from brown paper bags, which have been screen printed with patterns from Madame Weigel's journals and add their collections of paper patterning using decorated swatches, cut paper patterns and writings to form their own art books. Bookings are essential for the workshops, which cost \$12, and will be run on 14 January at The Centre Beaudesert from 10am to 11.30am and Boonah Cultural Centre from 1.30pm to 3pm.

WORKSHOP: PAPER CAPE WORKSHOP WITH HEATHER MATTHEW

Continuing the Madame Weigel exhibition of fashion theme, Heather Matthew will also present a Paper Cape Workshop, also \$12 for children aged seven plus.

In this workshop, on 21 January, children will create their own paper clothing from brown paper cut to the shape of a simple cape and then decorate it with collage to wear.

Places are limited and bookings are essential for the sessions at The Centre Beaudesert from 10am to 12 noon and Boonah Cultural Centre from 2pm to 4pm.

For further information or to book for the workshops, visit liveatthecentre.com.au



KIDS' CAMPING EXPERIENCES

As a spin-off from its popular Be Healthy and Active Program, Council is offering one-day Kids' Camping Experiences for school-aged children on 13 January, 18 January and 19 January at the Canungra Scout Den, Witheren. Sessions run from 9am to 5pm daily and include nature play and outdoor adventure and survival lessons, group games, crafts and campfire cooking by the creek, all for \$20.

For bookings for the Kids' Camping Experience, phone Mandy Potter on 0458 000 286.

KIDS' FLICKS

Throughout January, there's a packed program of arts and cultural events as well as the popular Kids' Flicks movie screenings at The Centre Beaudesert and Boonah Cultural Centre.

For the young and young-at-heart, the Kids' Flicks are great school holiday value, with all tickets just \$5, and family-friendly session times at 9.30am, 12 noon and 2.30pm.

The program includes the animations Scoob! Scooby-Doo's Greatest Adventure Yet, Trolls World Tour, Red Shoes and the Seven Dwarfs, as well as family films The Secret Garden, about an orphan's discovery of a magical place, Mia and the White Lion, the story of a young girl's bond with a white lion cub, Think Like a Dog, a comedy about a science experiment gone wrong, and the fantasy Come Away, which sets the scene for Alice and Peter Pan's journeys to Wonderland and Neverland. See www.liveatthecentre.com.au for screenings.

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COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS AT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



Chamber of Commerce Management Committee (from left) Denby Browning, Abi Chaloupka, Judi Minnikin, Peter Rea, Caroline Jackson, David McPhee and Geoff Baldwin.

The Management Committee of the Tamborine Mountain Chamber of Commerce and Industry has appointed three members to replace three sudden resignations.

Geoff Baldwin, Denby Browning and David McPhee were appointed at a special meeting of the committee after it accepted the resignations of President Alison Rip, Vice-President Jaap Vogel and committee member Michael Hopkins.

Secretary Alan Sabelberg no longer holds that position on the committee. Alan was not a member of the Chamber.

Geoff Baldwin was appointed by the new committee to fill the vacancy of President, Abi Chaloupka was appointed to fill the Vice-President vacancy, and Denby Browning was appointed to fill the vacant Secretary position. Treasurer Caroline Jackson retains her role.

The new committee comprises Geoff Baldwin, Denby Browning, Abi Chaloupka, Caroline Jackson, David McPhee, Judi Minnikin and Peter Rea. Geoff Baldwin said that he was proud to lead an organisation dedicated to furthering the interests of the business and tourism industries on Tamborine Mountain.

"The team has dedicated itself to working with everyone on the Mountain to improve our local economy and our unique environment," he said.

LOCAL NIPPERS MEET MAXI

Two Tamborine Mountain locals, Aurelia and Billy Norris, realised their dream when Maxi from TV program Bondi Rescue led their mid-week Nippers training session recently at the Rainbow Bay Surf Lifesaving Club.

The siblings were ecstatic about meeting and training with their hero whom they watch on the Network 10 television program almost every night of the week.

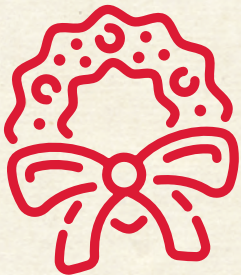


Maxi was on the Gold Coast to promote his 'Maxi the Lifeguard' series of books and to teach water safety to the Nippers.



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December 28th	Open	January 4th	Closed	
December 29th	Open	January 5th	closed	
December 30th	Open			



MAKERS' MARKET A HUGE HIT

The brand new and imaginative Makers' Market on the Mountain got off to a fabulous start last weekend.

The pleasantly treed site of the Centre for Regenerative Arts in Knoll Road, North Tamborine, played host to around 500 people who enjoyed the boutique handcrafted experience of around 30 stalls in COVID-safe conditions throughout the day.

Of particular interest was the work of luthier Keith Browning who demonstrated his craftsman's skills in building and repairing string instruments.

With the emphasis on 'local', Tamborine Mountain Arts Collective (TMAC) had invited fellow artists, artisans and craftspeople to join them in offering an experience that was not only an opportunity to sell their wares, but an enriching community experience. The market will be a regular event each first Sunday of the month.

TMAC organisers were grateful for the generous support of Lions Club volunteers. If you are interested in being part of this vibrant market experience as a stallholder, volunteer or performer contact: makersmarket.tmac@gmail.com or TMAC Secretary Margy Rose on 0419 805 456.

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Tamborine Pony Club recently held its annual breakup function and celebrated what was a great year in unprecedented times.

It has been a different and difficult year but club members have strongly supported our ongoing efforts in areas such as maintenance and improvement of the grounds, attending rallies and competitions and, most importantly, in supporting each other in all of our endeavours.

Our breakup was the perfect opportunity to present awards to our riders for their achievements throughout the year, and to acknowledge and thank instructors, committee or other members who assisted.

Certificates are gained by riders at different levels and reflect both their riding ability and their horsemastership. They represent important milestones in their riding skills.

Fuschia Criss received her C Certificate and Mitchell West and Maddie Fowkes obtained their C Certificates. Eleisha Saville, Matilda Winn and Caitlin Whiteman were presented with their D Certificates.

The major winners of the day were presented with their individual trophies and their names will go onto the club's perpetual trophies. The Most Improved Rider 12 Years and Under was Priya Mohrholz; the 13- U26 Years recipient was Mitchell West. Eleisha Saville was awarded the 12 Years and Under Encouragement Award and Kyah Rhodes won this award for the 13-U26 Years age group.

Our Most Successful Competitor was Talia Criss, riding Glengannon Evangaline. The Tamborine Spirit Award goes to a rider who best represents the club's values and shows a great attitude. This year, it was awarded to Dannan Isherwood. John Hughes was presented with the President's Award which is for a member who supports the club actively - in 2020 John was chief instructor and also continued with the maintenance

and development of our cross-country course.

A fun feature of the day saw both parents and riders getting into fancy dress and enjoying mounted games, followed by pizza and the water slide.

Next year is expected to be another good year for Tamborine Pony Club which offers community members many opportunities: regular free instruction for all levels of competency, the ability to ride in a safe, supervised environment and meet and socialise with people who share your interests, as well as access to rallies, clinics, camps and competitions.

Please check our website and Facebook page. Any inquiries can be directed to tamborineponyclub@hotmail.com. Our 2021 sign-on is on Saturday 6 February from 10.30am to midday, with a free sausage sizzle. The first 2021 rally is set for Sunday 7 February.

Melinda Hughes



*Above: Encouragement Award: Kyah Rhodes (left) and Eleisha Saville
Bottom from left: Most Improved Rider: Mitchell West and Priya Mohrholz, Most Successful Competitor: Talia Criss and Tamborine Spirit Award: Dannan Isherwood*



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'Tis the Season

Christmas Day! It looks different for every family but the common thread for most is that it's the one day of the year we loosen our belts and allow ourselves to indulge in delicious food (and yes eating chocolate at 5:30am on Christmas Day is totally acceptable). For us, Christmas Day definitely includes enjoying wines that complement our food choices.



Wine, like perfume, is a very personal choice. Different strokes for different folks. And since there are no rules, who says you can't start with dessert?

Classic Solera Muscat – If Christmas pudding and mince pies with lashings of cream and ice-cream are on your menu, then why not elevate them to the next level with a drizzle of our sticky, delicious, Classic Solera Muscat. Think viscous toffee, butterscotch flavours, Christmas in a bottle really. Or ... add a dash to a glass of sparkling water with a healthy squeeze of lemon, some fresh macerated mint leaves and wahla ... you've got a new twist on the Classic Pimm's.

If we have you feeling like the day is yours to indulge then good (and by the way, calories don't count on Christmas Day) because we have a few more ideas about how you can create some delicious food and wine pairings.



Vermentino – Summer in a bottle. With a refreshing acidity, bursts of finger lime and jasmine, this bright, fresh and lemony delight just does not disappoint. An incredibly versatile wine, it's divine with seafood, herbaceous or citrusy foods. But it's Christmas, and this is Australia ... so think prawns. Vermentino will not disappoint and is guaranteed to be a hit with your family and friends.

Okay! Main course? No need to scratch your head because when it comes to wine, we're here to take care of the thinking for you. Especially if you're still focused on those last-minute Christmas presents!

Provenance Syrah – Think dark plum and spices, and beautiful fine tannins. Aged in American and Hungarian oak, our Syrah is a sensory delight and will pair wonderfully with roast vegetables and red meat dishes.

Wild Ferment Sangiovese – if you are planning to keep your main meals on the fresher side with plenty of salads, may we suggest doing as the Spaniards do and chill this soft and velvety red? Again, perfect with seafood and pasta dishes and another way to cool down a hot, Aussie Christmas day.

Classic Tawny – whether you're skipping dinner and just snacking on a cheese platter or it's the glorious end to your meal, we love nothing more than pairing our Jambreen Pure Blue cheese with dried figs, apricots and a glass of Classic Tawny. With its dried fruit character and notes of tangerine and raisins it's like liquid fruit cake. It also just happens to pair perfectly with freshly brewed coffee.

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QUEENSLAND BUDGET FOR 2020/21

The Queensland Budget delivered recently by the Government – the one that should have been delivered before the election but wasn't because the Government chose to hide the truth about the state of Queensland's finances from voters – saddles us all with \$28 billion more debt than the Government let on about throughout the year.

Voters were informed, before the election, there would be \$4 billion additional borrowing to pay for commitments; the budget, after the election, delivered seven times that amount of new debt. Queensland's total debt is projected to reach \$130 billion in this term of government. This is a major breach of trust, and one that we will all pay for in the future. Independent analysis shows that two-thirds of this additional \$28 billion borrowing is simply for day-to-day expenditure, not for investment in assets that generate income. Hence, we are very much back to "borrowing to keep the lights on", as we were during the Anna Bligh days of yesteryear.

Notwithstanding, I am pleased there is an allocation of funding (\$2.3 million over four years) in the Main Roads program for Henri Robert Drive to undertake some safety works. It's about time, especially with all that extra borrowing the Government is undertaking on your behalf. This is a road I receive a lot of feedback about, and because there is a \$5 billion backlog of repairs and maintenance on Queensland's state-controlled roads, investment in those repairs and maintenance can be a long time coming. There is also a small allocation (\$400,000) for works on Tamborine Mountain Road. There are plenty of other projects that also need to be advanced, and I'll carry on pushing for them.

Public transport for the Mountain, a guaranteed future for our Independent Public Schools, further investment in TMSA's Long Road recreational facilities, security of water supply for locals on Tamborine Mountain, and additional police resources to combat hooning and after-hours incidents are matters I will continue to advocate for to government, along with others.

LET'S CONTINUE TO BUY LOCAL

In the Scenic Rim we have thousands of small businesses that are run with dedication and hard work. They are the backbone of our local economy. There's been so much great support for these businesses from locals lately, and as we move further down the path in the COVID-19 era, I encourage everybody to keep on supporting your locals whenever possible. Government at all levels needs to make it easier for these businesses to grow – get rid of the red tape, the costs and the regulations – so they can create more jobs.

CHRISTMAS ROAD SAFETY

With Christmas and school holidays approaching, motorists are reminded to slow down. The festive period means more cars, caravans and holiday makers are on the road and drivers should be more alert than ever. Many people are unaware that around half of all speed-related crashes, resulting in injuries or fatalities, happen at just 10 km/h or less over the speed limit. Every extra kilometre over could cause harm or damage to others on the road – speeding to shave a few minutes off your journey could lead to consequences that last a lifetime. Stay safe on the roads this festive season.

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SCOTT BUCHHOLZ

Federal Member for Wright

ECONOMIC RECOVERY

The National Accounts have confirmed that Australia's economy is fighting back. The accounts show that in the September quarter, real GDP increased by 3.3 per cent, ahead of all expectations.

Australia has performed better on the health and economic front than almost any other country in the world. We are the lucky country, but we also did the hard yards to get there. Government, industry and, most importantly the community, have all worked together. As Government, we have put in the health response and economic support measures. Industry has responded, adapting and implementing COVID-Safe arrangements. But the heavy lifts, by you, the community, have kept each other safe, kept businesses going and adapted to the 'new normal'.

Over the last five months, 650,000 jobs have been created and added to the economy. As a result, 80 per cent of the 1.3 million Australians who either lost their jobs or saw their working hours reduced to zero are now back at work.

Over the next few weeks you will hear commentators say that technically speaking Australia's recession is over. However, our economic recovery is not.

Many Australians continue to do it very tough. Here in our community many small businesses still need our support. Shop local, eat local, stay local. Wherever you can – buy local. It will support the small businesses here; it will support local jobs and our economy.

I am proud of the Morrison Government for being focused on keeping Australians in work and helping them find jobs. The Reserve Bank of Australia estimates our JobKeeper plan has saved at least 700,000 jobs. That has ensured many jobs and businesses were saved in our local industries, particularly for the hospitality and tourism sectors.

Together with the Cash Flow Boost, Coronavirus Supplement, and payments to pensioners and others on income support, our measures have cushioned the blow. By cushioning the blow, we're positioning businesses for a stronger comeback, particularly important as we see borders open, restrictions ease and with the Christmas/New Year holidays are upon us.

The road ahead will be long, hard and bumpy. However, the Australian economy has demonstrated its resilience as have Australians.

Let's stick together and keep supporting each other.



Scott Buchholz and Treasurer Josh Frydenberg

CLUB TAMBORINE

HEART OF THE MOUNTAIN

'TIS THE SEASON!

Club members and the broader Tamborine Mountain community are well under way with Christmas cheer celebrations at the Club. We've been privileged to host a wide assortment of Christmas functions recently, from family groups, groups of friends just getting together, right up to corporate, business and volunteer groups.

Our renowned Bistro is continuing to prove immensely popular with its quality, well priced fare which includes an a la carte menu, Chef's Specials, or specialty platters (by prior arrangement).

Patrons are also making full use of the Club's facilities by enjoying a game of barefoot bowls with their group, jumping castle for the kids (by prior arrangement), or just a flutter on the TAB, Keno or in our air-conditioned gaming room.

If you haven't planned your Christmas function yet you'll need to get in quick. Just call the Club on 5545 1308 or pop into the Club and have a chat about your plans with our friendly staff.

COMING UP AT THE CLUB THIS MONTH?

The Trio will be playing live in our Bistro from 12.30pm at our Sunday session on 13 December (pre-bookings are essential for lunch); we'll be showing the next Tim Tszu fight on 16 December on our many TVs throughout the Club, and free barefoot bowling is on every Sunday.

Our Member's Draw continues to jackpot. Make sure you're present at the Club when it's drawn every Friday night at 8:30pm in order to win.

And don't forget our free sausage sizzle and jumping castle during the afternoon and evening of Thursday 31 December, New Year's Eve. This is a thank you from Club Tamborine to the community for its support in this extraordinary year.

With the end of the year approaching, this will be my last column for the year. I really hope these columns have given you an insight into the history of the Club, its ups and downs and its current mission to be the venue of choice for the community of Tamborine Mountain.

Don't forget that we are not-for-profit; we provide a wide variety of events, facilities and amenities for the community (we're not "just a Bowlo" anymore); we're home to the local sub-branch of the RSL; we provide facilities free of charge for other not-for-profit associations who don't have a permanent home; and we donate to local charities and volunteer emergency services groups.

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 us on 5545 1308, or just pop in and have a chat with our friendly staff.

On behalf of the management committee and staff at Club Tamborine, sincere thanks for your support and I'd like to wish you and your family all the very best for the festive season and for a safe, happy, COVID-free New Year.

Hope to see you at the Club soon.

Rob Taylor
President, Club Tamborine



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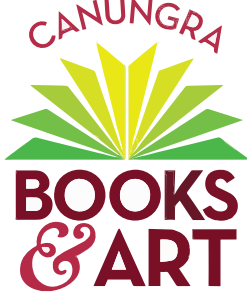
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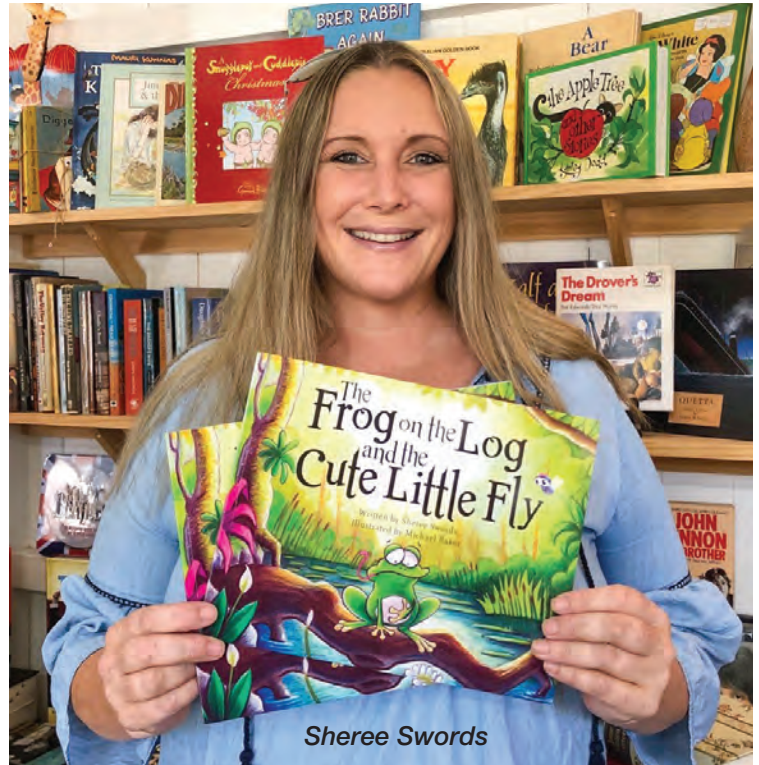
Popular children's book authors Robin Adolphs, Rose Siva and Sheree Swords will be there, along with fantasy book author Anthony Johnson, Peter Kuttner and Cecile Falvey from Tamborine Mountain, and Gillian Wells, novelist from Boonah, with others also expected. It will make a great line-up to choose from and an opportunity to chat with the authors.

When Sheree was having her photo taken with her book recently a customer walked in at the same time. He bought the book on the spot to send to a young relative in England and was delighted that Sheree could sign it and write a message for the young reader - a special touch for a Christmas present being posted to the other side of the planet.

Peter Kuttner also delivered more stock of his beautiful book *One Small Place on Earth* and will be attending the morning, ready with his pen to sign his books.

The event will be in the garden and carpark in front of Canungra Books and Art from 10am to noon.

Keep in touch with Canungra Books and Art Facebook page for updates. If you can't make it on the morning, the books are available in store anytime or by phone order.



Sheree Swords



Peter Kuttner

FAMILY DAY CARE PROGRAM IS PLANNED FOR MOUNTAIN

Start Right Education, a family day care kindy program will open on Tamborine Mountain in the New Year.

It will be operated by Denise Flory and aimed at children between the ages of four and five.

"I have a Bachelor of Early Childhood Studies and over 28 years' experience in the field of early childhood education. I am thrilled to be able to run a quality educational and enriched care giving program, with the support and professional guidance of the YMCA Gold Coast Family Day Care Service," said Ms Flory.

"It will be an approved family care service, meeting the National Quality Standards and the curriculum will be guided by the Queensland Kindergarten Learning Guidelines."

She said that through the YMCA Family Day Care Service, the kindy program was supported by childcare subsidies for eligible families. It would operate from Monday to Friday, 7:30am to 5:30pm, with each child attending a core number of hours per week (with additional hours if required for working parents), with a maximum of four children per day and seven children during the school holidays (three of school age).

"I have beautifully planned indoor and outdoor environments, with lots of carefully chosen resources," said Ms Flory.

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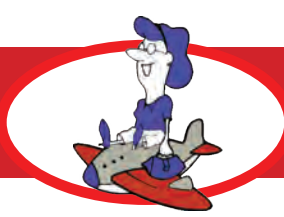
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TRAVELLING PLACES

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Can you believe it is December already? This week we have had people dropping in to purchase Christmas gift vouchers which brings some festive cheer. Another client came in to book five nights of luxury at the Intercontinental Sanctuary Cove for their son and family ... what a lovely treat.

After a year like 2020 I think lots of us are looking forward to a brighter 2021 ... and what better way to celebrate than giving the gift of travel. The great thing about a gift voucher is that the recipient can decide to travel when they want to and absolutely anywhere they want to ... from the freedom of the open road, a fabulous retreat, a guided bush walk, a cruise or a flight – the world is open to them.

Well, our world is open at the moment ... thank goodness. Australians are on the move and are really starting to book domestic travel for 2021. I have had reports of people hopping in the car and going for a wander only to find it tricky to find accommodation; so a word of warning – with many of us on the move make sure you secure your bookings in advance.

If you are looking for an early New Year trip, I would recommend Coral Expeditions. This local company is taking the 72-passenger Coral Adventurer to Tasmania for the summer. There is an amazing 16-night circumnavigation of Tassie – calling in to several small fringing islands and small bays and townships. Other expeditions are 10 nights focusing on the natural world of Southern Tasmania. Combine one of these with a few days in Hobart, a few days wilderness walk or a driving adventure. What a perfect summer holiday.

What are the other hot destinations for 2021? With international borders closed, travel is all things domestic. Particularly popular are the iconic Australian trains – The Ghan between Darwin and Adelaide, The Indian Pacific between Perth and Sydney and The Great Southern from Brisbane to Adelaide. The Kimberley is so popular that Silversea Expeditions are just adding three new departures for early in the season which is when the waterfalls are most dramatic. Journeys to Far North Queensland and the Cape



are also proving very popular. One trip taking in the historic trains, the Savannahlander and the Gullfander, is so heavily booked that I encourage you to book for 2022.

These have been the focus destinations of late. I am sure that journeys through the southern states will now start to pick up in popularity. We have been busy designing bespoke driving itineraries – either fly and pick up a car or take your own from here. It really is wonderful to go out and explore our own back yard.

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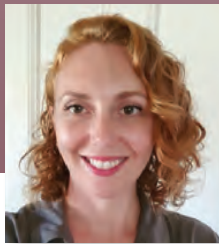
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MENTAL HEALTH AND PARENTHOOD

As we draw a close on 2020 and what has been a considerably challenging year for most, preserving our mental health has never been more important. In a society that is already largely fragmented, where extended families most often do not live in close proximity, the additional isolation many people have felt during lockdowns and the implementation of social distancing has had a significant impact on their lives.

This has left many to wonder how this will affect their children in their development and understanding of interpersonal relationships.

The impact of distancing rules has been noted in maternity services also. There are many women who are pregnant who have extended family interstate and so have not had the additional support during the newborn months that they were either expecting, or have had previously. Tighter restrictions to visiting in hospital has meant many women have not been allowed to have their other children visit them in hospital.

Often the visiting rules in hospital have changed quickly with little notice, increasing anxiety. Some women had to birth with staff in face masks. All of these precautions have meant that we have had very low numbers of COVID-19 in our State and throughout the country, and all of these precautions have been necessary and kept us safe. However, the fact is that for many people these restrictions have placed additional strain on them at a time when their world naturally alters and shifts with a new baby.

Many people have experienced mental health issues in their lives, but for some, 2020 may be the first time they have experienced them. Some people's mental health struggles have been there a long time, while others are transient and due to circumstances, for example being separated from loved ones through the pandemic, or a result of the adjustment to parenthood. There are many ways these incidences can impact your mental health, but one of these may be depression.

Some signs of depression may be:

- Not able to find joy in things anymore
- Unable to get out of bed and wanting to sleep all day or conversely, insomnia
- Lack of appetite or overeating
- Feelings of loss or loneliness
- Not wanting to go out anymore.

However, you may be experiencing other symptoms or just not feeling yourself. Your mental health is individual and issues can be experienced differently by different people. The important thing to remember is if you do not feel yourself to seek help. There are many health professionals out there who can help you.

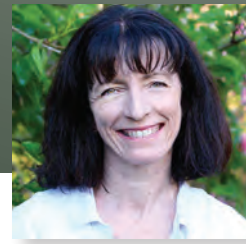
One of the hardest things can be to take that first step and discuss how you are feeling. We live in a society where people want to show how well they are doing often through social media, and saying out loud that you are not doing so well can be challenging. However, speaking to a GP can be your first port of call because they can then refer you to other health professionals.

There are also many websites and apps that offer support such as Beyond Blue, Black Dog Institute, Headspace, and particularly specific to pregnant women is Mind the Bump – an app which gives you mindfulness exercises throughout your pregnancy and after birth.

If you notice that a loved one is showing any of these signs, please speak with them about how they are feeling. A simple "are you ok?" can be enough to open a conversation and you can help by listening and then referring them to a GP or other health professional for further assistance.

This festive period I do wish you all a happy and healthy time with loved ones and families. If you are feeling down or lost, you are not alone; help is out there. Please seek it. Health professionals want to help; it's why we chose these careers. It's never a waste of time.

Bree Lowing is a Registered Midwife and provides bulk-billed and Medicare rebated in-home antenatal and postnatal services through The Mountain Midwife www.themountainmidwife.com.au



A TIME TO SLOW DOWN

Christmas - the time of year when hype and expectations send us into overdrive. We rush around attending to the urgent, while at the same time we easily lose sight of the important.

In 2007, the Washington Post conducted an experiment at a Metro station in Washington D.C. An incognito busker performed for 45 minutes while 1097 commuters passed by. Seven people momentarily paused to listen. He collected a total of \$32. The busker was Joshua Bell, one of the world's greatest musicians. He played on the world's most expensive violin worth US\$4 million. His music selection was identical to his performance at a sold-out Boston theatre two nights prior where tickets had cost more than a hundred dollars.

One thousand and ninety people failed to notice or appreciate the gift given to them that day. Their attention was focussed on other matters and they were robbed of a rare opportunity. As we enter the Christmas season let's ask ourselves what important things are we failing to notice or appreciate? Maybe it's the smile of the person behind the counter or the playful laughter of your children in the backyard. Perhaps you have forgotten the simple joy of taking a walk or a long coffee with a friend. Often in the rush to purchase the right present for a special someone, we neglect being fully present for that special someone.

Christmas might be a time of hustle and bustle, but it should also be a time to pause and reflect. What is the real meaning of Christmas to you? What are you truly thankful for? How can your life be an expression of those things you hold dear? How might you spread a bit of Christmas cheer this time of year?

Set yourself a Christmas challenge to step out of your comfort zone. Introduce yourself to a neighbour you haven't yet met. Make amends with the person you fell out with. Spend one on one quality time with the child who has been acting out. Tell someone who has served you well this year how much you appreciate them and what a great job they are doing.

The best Christmas gifts don't come in brightly wrapped paper. They don't cost an exorbitant amount of money and they won't leave your credit card balance in overdraft. The most valuable gift we can give one another is the gift of ourself. Give your time, attention, kindness, thoughtfulness and love. Let this Christmas be a time to slow down, remind yourself of what is important and find something (or someone) you are thankful for.

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It's that time of year again! Summer has arrived and with the Australian summer comes humidity and temperatures well into the 30s, if not the 40s in some parts, and exposure to harmful UVA and UVB rays.

Some simple steps to follow during summer to keep your skin looking its best are:

Wear a sunscreen - It's the perfect time to remind you that SPF is the most important step in your skincare routine whether you are male or female – every single day – rain, hail or shine. Why? Because sun damage not only causes melanoma (the most common skin cancer) but it's also the number one cause of premature ageing. To put it simply, there's no point splashing out on cosmeceutical skin care if we skip the all-important SPF step. Learn more about SPF and how you can best protect your skin below.

It's simple, if we don't protect our skin then we're putting ourselves at risk of skin cancers such as melanoma which is preventable. Skin cancer occurs when skin cells are damaged, and the most common cause is being overexposed to ultraviolet (UV) radiation from the sun.

According to Cancer Council, skin cancers account for 80 per cent of all newly diagnosed cancers and the majority of skin cancers are caused by exposure to the sun. Two common types of UV radiation to be aware of are UVA which can cause sunburn, cell damage or ageing in the skin and skin cancer, and UVB which causes skin damage and skin cancer.



Keep moisturising - A mistake that many people make during summer when their skin starts to become more oily/sweaty is they stop moisturising in an attempt to counteract this oil/sweat production. However, by doing this they are actually signalling the oil glands to produce more oil which can lead to blemishes and a generally shiny complexion. Keeping your moisturiser in your daily skincare will ensure your skin remains balanced and glowing all summer long.

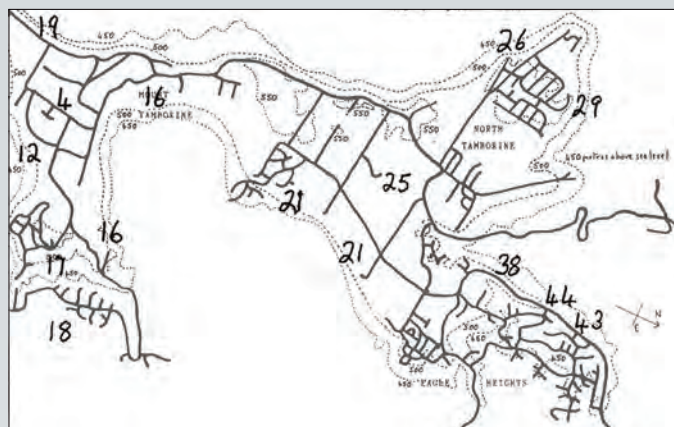
Stay hydrated - Water is your best friend in this heat and will do wonders for your complexion. Staying hydrated will help to maintain your skin's elasticity, fight signs of ageing and prevent your skin from looking dull and dehydrated.

Cleanse your skin before bed - We know that summer is often filled with lots of catch ups with friends and family, days at the beach, and late nights in the balmy summer air. However, no matter how tired you are, cleansing your skin needs to be done to keep it clear.

These four steps will keep your skin fresh all summer long.

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Tamborine Mountain Rainfall



November 2020

This November was, again, a very dry month.

The rain which was part of the last rainfall event in October and fell on October 31 was recorded on the morning of November 1. If it hadn't been for that rain, everywhere on the Mountain would have had the driest November on record. As it was Fern Street's recording was, indeed, the lowest for November since recording began in 1888 and even lower than last year, the driest on record up to then with 13.2mm. The previous driest was 16.3mm in 1967, 17.3mm in 1951, and 21.2mm in 1919.

The only other rainfall event of any significance in November was recorded on the 18th. It was due to a trough moving north up the coast and was associated with a thunderstorm.

The variability on the map is entirely due to that recorded on the November 1.

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In this turbulent time of Israel's history, when the nation would soon disappear from the geopolitical scene, Isaiah sees a glorious vision of God in the temple and is moved by the Spirit of God to write his prophecy.

Isaiah is given the big picture by God. He interprets the present times of Israel's disaster as God's judgement on them for their continued rebellion against him. He speaks of God's power and might to redeem his people even though there may only be a remnant left. He particularly begins to draw back the curtain on how God is going to accomplish this divine work of rescue and redemption.

It will be through the 'suffering servant'. God will himself take on human flesh and come to dwell among his people (Immanuel means 'God with us'). The suffering servant will give his life as an offering of atonement to satisfy the wrath of a holy God. Yet he will live again and bring full salvation to God's people (Isaiah 53). The geographical kingdom of Israel will yield to the kingdom of God that will extend to the ends of the earth. 'The earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.' (Isaiah 11:9)

What does the Christmas season have to do with this ancient prophet? You have probably already made the connection. Jesus is God in the flesh, the only begotten Son of the Father, the image of the invisible God, the fullness of the deity dwells in him in bodily form. 'Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, hail the incarnate deity.' What incredible thoughts!

God's words reveal his thoughts, and his thoughts are full of love and grace and mercy. God acts in history according to his plan and in the fullness of time his Son was born to a virgin. He comes in fulfillment of the words of Isaiah written over 700 years earlier. He comes to save his people from their sins. I hope that this Christmas season you will take the opportunity to think again about the wonders of salvation in Christ. I hope that you will be moved to trust in God our Saviour, that you will know his peace and love even in these turbulent times, and that you will set your heart and mind on growing in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Have a good Christmas season.

(On a personal note, I am finishing up this column this month as I have moved into semi-retirement. I plan to keep writing about the Christian faith and will be transitioning to a blog. I plan to have a platform set up in the next couple of weeks. In the meantime, if you would like to continue to receive articles from time to time please send your email to me at: kdale7@bigpond.com)

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As another year draws to a close and we reflect on what has happened in our lives during the past 12 months, we can, without any hesitation all agree that it's certainly been a strange year and nothing like any of us could have predicted or have experienced before.

Our organisation has met with many unforeseen challenges since the pandemic began in March 2020 and taken steps to ensure continuity of services wherever possible. The team has adjusted to government restrictions and conquered the challenges. We have been very fortunate to have our office remain open and continue to assist our clients during trying times.

Social inclusion is an important part of ageing; we were able to conduct a number of social activities, including art and craft, using the Zoom platform for a while but it's great to see clients attending social groups face to face once again. Attendance is, of course, limited due to capped numbers, social distancing requirements and a COVID safe plan which we have in place to protect clients, staff and volunteers.

Christmas is a time of year to spend time relaxing with loved ones, your family and friends; to enjoy each other's company and appreciate what we have. Some may not be in a position to meet and greet family and friends and celebrate the festive season as they have done previously. However, with resourcefulness and a willingness we can overcome restrictions and find new ways of communicating and socialising.

The management committee, staff, volunteers and contractors at Tamborine Mountain Community Care who strive to deliver services to the aged members of our community by helping them to remain living in their own homes, take this opportunity to wish everyone in our community, all the very best for the festive season and hope that 2021 is a healthy and prosperous year with the imposed restrictions to our Aussie lifestyle being lifted once and for all.

If you are on the roads and travelling during Christmas and New Year, take your time to ensure you arrive at your destination safely.

Geoff Marshall
Manager

A campaign graphic for Scott BUCHHOLZ MP, Federal Member for Wright. The top half shows a scenic landscape with a blue banner containing the name 'Scott BUCHHOLZ MP' and 'Federal Member for Wright'. The bottom half features a portrait of Scott Buchholz, a man with glasses wearing a blue checkered shirt, against a blue background. To the right of the portrait, the slogan 'Working for Wright' is written in a yellow script font. Below the slogan are contact details: a house icon for '21 William Street, Beaudesert QLD 4285', a phone icon for '07 5541 0150', an envelope icon for 'scott.buchholz.mp@aph.gov.au', a website icon for 'scottbuchholz.com.au', and a Facebook icon for 'SBuchholzMP'.

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TOTO: FROM FICTION TO FILMS

Toto started as a fictional dog in Frank Braum's Oz series of children's books. He was drawn as a small terrier for *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* in 1900 and he re-appears in *The Wizard of Oz*, the book in 1939, and *Return to Oz* in 1985. There were eight other Oz books written.

In the 1939 movie *The Wizard of Oz*, Toto was played by a female Cairns brindle terrier called Terry. She was paid \$125 a week which was a very good wage back then for a human, let alone a dog. She was born during the great depression in 1933, owned and trained by Carl Spitz, a Hollywood dog trainer who had trained military and police dogs in Germany.



Toto with Judy Garland in 'The Wizard of Oz' 1939.

Terry started out life abandoned and rescued by a German couple living the USA. She was a nervous and shy wreck that would urinate on the carpet. That is when Spitz adopted and worked

with the dog; he was apparently a kind and gentle man and soon gained her confidence.

Her first film was *Ready for Love* in 1934. Then she appeared with Shirley Temple in *Bright Eyes* as a dog called Rags.

Terry did her own stunts and had her foot broken in the middle of making the *Wizard of Oz* and there had to be found a stand-in, which Spitz managed, but they needed Terry back.

Terry's name was changed to Toto in 1942 and she had a total of 16 film appearances. She became the mother of Rommy, who became another movie dog actor and appeared in *Reap the Wild Wind* in 1942 and *Air Force* in 1943. Toto died at the age of 11 years and was given her own memorial.



Toto's memorial

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CHRISTMAS 2020 ABOUT LOVED ONES



Christmas is not far off and none of us are sure we will get a Christmas that we are accustomed to. This time last year we were facing drought and fires so huge that the smoke from them eventually circumnavigated the world.

And then we got COVID-19. A virus which has rocked the world. Nothing will ever be as it was. This virus is part of our fabric of life forever and it seems that the heat and the drought are a given now (what happened to La Nina?). We could despair and lament the old days or we could view this new world as a chance to start afresh and to look at the Christmas celebration with different eyes.

It's actually quite yogic, this new paradigm. The past is but a memory, the future hasn't happened (and is a total unknown) so the present is all we have. Your present moment is your moment of power. So staying in the present, what have we learned from this rollercoaster year 2020, and what can we take into Christmas?

Well, the message of Christmas has never changed. Celebrated by Christians worldwide, a message of sacrifice, forgiveness and unconditional love. Every person is given the chance to atone for the past and start anew. After COVID many of us have done some soul searching and realised what really matters.

All of us have learned to value our loved ones. Some families were separated from each other by border closures and circumstances and some families were forced together in an artificial hothouse of cohabitation which revealed strains in the family previously hidden by busyness. But it was only when we were separated from our loved ones did we look back on the sweetness of family and want things to be different. Our Christmas 2020 is all about loved ones.

Our health. COVID inspired all of us to improve our health, our eating habits and our lifestyle choices. Take this into your Christmas feast. Buy local, be moderate, no food waste and keep the desserts and treats to just a few choice ones.

Our finances. COVID job losses added to the stress of families and many of us simplified our lifestyles. With gift giving, dump the plastic and give the gift of experiences. Memories last forever and gel families together.

Our communities and mental health. Queenslanders were not forced into long, debilitating periods of isolation so we got back into doing community activities like yoga a lot sooner than other states. But COVID taxed even the most resilient of persons and some families have had a really hard time. So look out for those who you think might be struggling and all the orphans (this is a country of immigrants) who might not have family to celebrate with – include them in your festivities.

Margot Wagner
Yoga Under the Bodhi Tree

(Find and like articles similar to this on my Facebook Page: Yoga Under the Bodhi Tree)



MINCE TARTS

These delicious little pockets of Christmas are easy to make and a muffin tray can be ordered online and be at your door in a few days, well in time for Christmas if you haven't got one in the cupboard.

Trust me, it's money well spent; the difference between the store-bought mass-manufactured variety and these little pockets of Christmas joy is like a candle to the sun.

As a kid, Christmas was one of the best times of year. School had finished which meant I got to spend my summers adventuring with my brothers.

I was about seven before I realised the big fat bearded man we had our Christmas photo taken with down at the local Westfields shopping emporium was not the guy bringing me a wonderful array of thoughtful practical presents on Christmas day.

A memory related to food and Christmas was when I was about five years old. I'm in the front room of my grandmother's house and I'm excited. It feels wonderful; then I feel a refreshing gust of ocean air as her house sits perched above a sheer cliff face in the Eastern Sydney suburb of Bronte. The expansive view of the ocean is shimmering rainbow jewels of light from the sun; its long blade-like rays penetrating a plume of bellowing cigar smoke. I see a table made of small jade tiles covered with bowls of goodies, toothpicks skewered with cheese cubes, cabanossi and green and red pickled baby onions, pretzels and nuts of all kinds, a plate of white dusted pies and a lolly bowl. I went straight to the lolly one first but after that I made my way to the plate of what I now know are mince pies.

My initial hope was that it was a meat pie, so you can imagine my surprise as I picked it up and had a sniff - it smelt sweet. I nibble at the pastry cautiously like a curious rabbit. Delicious! I go in for another bite, bigger this time. I taste an explosion of caramelly mixed spice with orangey, lemony raisins with a kick of brandy encased in a crispy soft pastry. My grandmother was an awesome cook.

Don't be afraid to having a go at making pastry - the food processor does all

the work. It takes minutes to make the pastry and rolling out the dough is fun; and the kids can get involved cutting out the shapes and even filling the pies as it's a tablespoon per pie I'm talking about; a four-year-old could easily do it with a bit of help from you. And when you smell them cooking you will realise you have made something delicious. Who knows - it may even become a family Christmas joyful tradition?

(Serves 8)

INGREDIENTS

- 360g (2 cups) dried mixed fruit
- 200g (1 cup, firmly packed) brown sugar
- 1 Granny Smith apple, peeled, grated
- 40g butter, melted
- 2 tablespoons brandy
- 3 teaspoons finely grated lemon rind
- 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon mixed spice
- 1 egg, lightly whisked
- Icing sugar, to dust

PASTRY

- 300g (2 cups) plain flour
- 70g (1/3 cup) caster sugar
- 160g chilled butter, chopped
- 1 egg yolk
- 2 tablespoons iced water

Step 1

Finely chop half the mixed fruit. Place in a large bowl. Add the brown sugar, apple, butter, brandy, lemon rind, lemon juice, cinnamon, mixed spice, nutmeg, and the remaining mixed fruit. Stir until well combined. Leave overnight to marinate.

Step 2

Transfer the fruit mixture to a sieve over a bowl and squeeze out excess liquid.



Step 3

To make the pastry, place the flour, sugar, and butter in the bowl of a food processor and process until mixture resembles fine breadcrumbs. Add the egg yolk and water, and process until the mixture just starts to come together. Turn onto a clean work surface. Shape into a disc. Cover with plastic wrap. Place in the fridge for 20 minutes to rest.

Step 4

Preheat oven to 180C. Roll out the pastry on a lightly floured surface until 5mm thick. Use an 8.5cm diameter round pastry cutter to cut 20 discs from the pastry. Use a 5cm diameter star-shaped pastry cutter to cut 20 stars from the remaining pastry.

Step 5

Line twenty 80ml (1/3 cup) capacity muffin pans with pastry discs. Divide the fruit mince among the pastry cases. Top with pastry stars. Brush the stars lightly with the egg and sprinkle with white sugar. Bake for 20-25 minutes or until light golden.

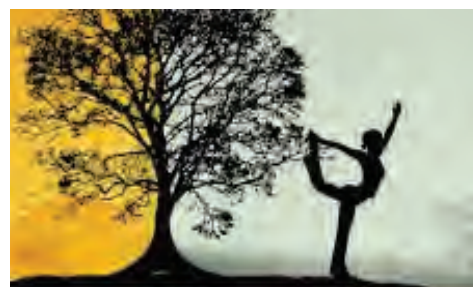
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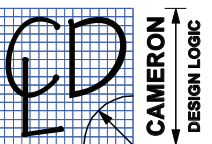
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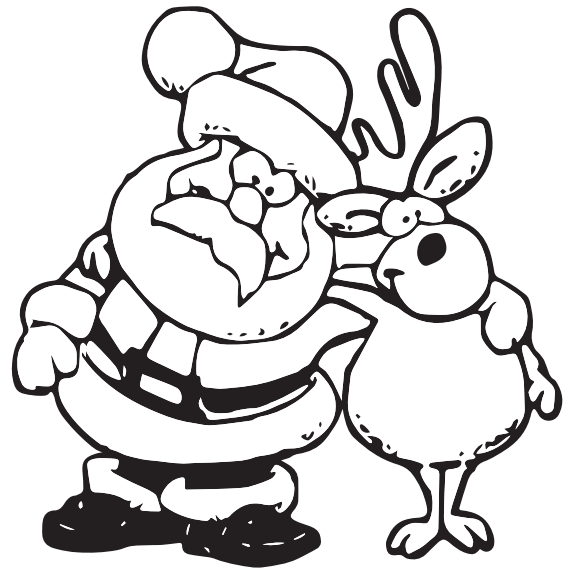
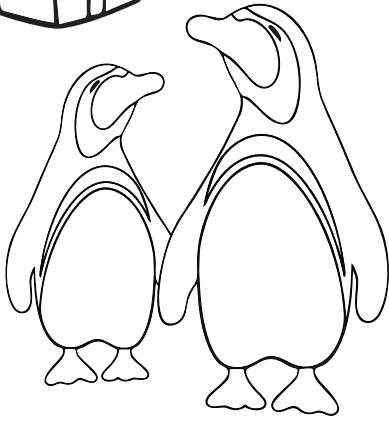
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