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MOUNTAIN WOLVES TO COMPETE IN GOLD COAST JUNIOR BASKETBALL

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Tamborine Mountain Wolves will have a presence within the Seahawks Basketball Association after agreeing to be part of the Southport Yacht Club Junior basketball competition as a new club. Key partnerships have been established with local schools for in-school coaching, and a range of sponsorships has been pledged by Mountain businesses to support the club throughout the year. They include The Manor, Physique Health, Tamborine Mountain Coffee Plantation and Tamborine Mountain Nursery. Story Page 6.



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Thanks so much Di

AGENTS: ★★★★★

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LONG ROAD SPORTS PRECINCT MASTERPLAN FOR THE FUTURE

Tamborine Mountain Sports Association (TMSA) member clubs and local community representatives attended a recent information and feedback night to consider an updated facilities masterplan for the Long Road Sports precinct.

The updated masterplan draft was funded by Scenic Rim Regional Council and the TMSA as part of an ongoing strategy to upgrade the precinct and complete the first stage of infrastructure building which began 13 years ago, by adding clubrooms and additional facilities to the existing fields and change rooms.

Clubrooms, central to the original intentions of the stage one building of the site, were never realised at the time due to funding shortfalls. They are central to the updated masterplan and would enable the TMSA to utilise a revenue generating asset for long term financial self determination.

Feedback forms and a download link for the draft masterplan were provided to participants. Interested members of the community who were unable to attend the presentation but are keen to provide feedback and input, or have further questions, can access <https://form.jotform.com/203127822478861>

For the last 13 years the TMSA has been responsible for overseeing the administration and maintenance of the precinct, with no ongoing funding from any form of government.

The grounds and buildings are managed and maintained by the goodwill and hard work of community volunteers and financed by financial contributions from member clubs of the TMSA and rental fees charged to visiting events and film companies that use the facility from time to time.



“Stage one of the original masterplan included a clubroom which never got built because the funds ran out,” said TMSA president Mick Angus.

“The idea at the time was that this would be the revenue producing asset to enable the whole of the site to become financially self-sufficient.

“We’ve been very fortunate to have some very generous and dedicated volunteers, like Bret Arthur and Barry Gill, who’ve looked after the grounds for us which has enabled us to keep the place going.”

Over the past four years the previous and current TMSA boards have been working on developing designs and business strategies to enable the site to become financially self-sufficient into the future.

Kerry and Lindsay Clare from Clare Design, together with Marianne Carter, Gerard McCormick and master students from Bond University, have provided the TMSA with years of pro bono work.

The updated masterplan is expected to be completed early this year, enabling TMSA and Council to begin raising funds for its realisation.

“We recognise the site has special significance for locals and the potential to be a destination precinct offering

a range of diverse sporting and recreational experiences for not only our community but the whole region,” said vice president Arran Hassell.

“The site is currently used as a training area for local emergency service organisations and can provide a neighbourhood safe place in the event of a disaster We’ve also working closely with our local RFS to provide for an emergency water supply in the event of fire.”

When realised, the overall masterplan will create opportunities for all major sports including soccer, rugby, netball, cricket and basketball as well as new additions like pickleball, croquet, skateboarding, BMX and mountain biking.

A network of nature trails and nature-based adventure playgrounds will ensure that there is something for all ages and abilities. In addition to the Scouts and Bridge clubs, there are spaces for other programmable activities like yoga, martial arts, dance, new mothers’ groups, and USA.

“We are incredibly excited about the possibilities the future holds and delighted to be on this path to seeing it come to fruition,” said TMSA Events Director Sharee Young.

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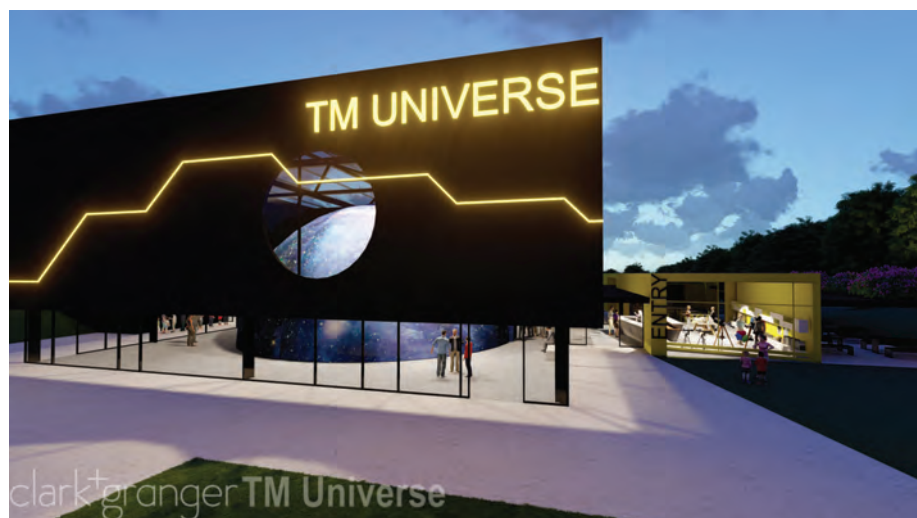


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AN UPDATE ON TM UNIVERSE PROJECT



Price is what you pay; value is what you get.

A quote from Warren Buffet, one of the world's most successful investors, business tycoon and philanthropist.

Translated to our local TM Universe project: investing in land units is the price; three per cent per year and being part of a magnificent community science initiative is the value you get.

We are so fortunate to have many locals excited about and investing in the TMU project.

Yuki Quilkey, a Chartered Financial Analyst: "I see TM Universe Investment scheme not only as a self-sustainable community project with dedicated people for the community's good, but also a decent investment opportunity, at least much better than keeping the money in the bank. I consider myself lucky to be a resident to obtain the first investment opportunity to support this educational and entertaining facility at our doorstep, get return on our investment, feel good that our money is used for good purpose AND we can see it, too."

Janny Goris and Jan Zomerdiik: "We would like to encourage all TM community members to support this unique social enterprise. The current pandemic has taught us that a sense of belonging, investing in and caring for our community is so important. This community project is an investment in our children to build knowledge and passion to learn more about Australia's rich natural and cultural history and the universe."

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In January 2023, as a unit investor, you will have the option to either sell the units back to TM Universe or to continue as a unit holder. By then, we expect to have secured enough funding to build the project and run it for years to come.

TM Universe Inc. Association will run the future precinct as a member-based social enterprise, staff will be employed, and the enterprise will fund itself, with sales of tickets, events, merchandise, café etc. with some of the profits contributing to social causes on Tamborine Mountain and the region.

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Someone's sitting in the shade today, because someone planted a tree a long time ago - Warren Buffet

Jaap Vogel

JANE FRANK RETURNS

Having successfully published Jane Frank's poetry volume *Wide River* in 2020, local poetry group *Calanthe Collective* has invited her to be its first guest poet for 2021.

Jane's beautiful poetry is memorable, accessible and lyrical. She deals with everyday experiences and concerns, from memories of a rickety rental house in Paddington, the sweep of the Mary River out towards the sea, Sunday family drives, a wishbone, making a terrarium, a bookshop in Wales. Scenes drenched in memory and often in grief, but nevertheless feather-light and exquisitely crafted.

Jane happens to be a brilliant reader of her own fabulous poetry, too.



The Centre for Regenerative Arts, 6-8 Knoll Road, Monday 19 January at 6.30pm. Live music from Margy Rose, Adrian Davis and others, and the usual 'blackboard poets' section. RSVPs essential: calanthecollective@gmail.com or ring or text Janis on 0418 122 295. Entry by donation. BYO drinks and snacks.

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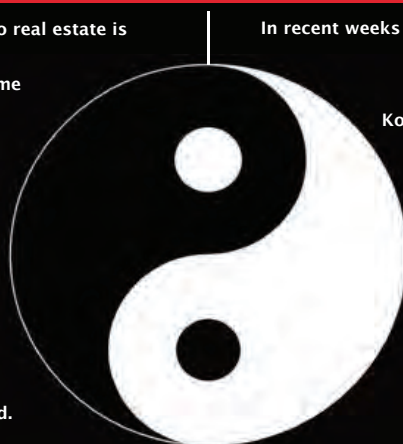
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TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN JOINS IN COAST BASKETBALL COMP

In exciting news for the North Gold Coast Seahawks Association, Tamborine Mountain Basketball has agreed to be a part of the Southport Yacht Club Junior competition as a new club.

Tamborine Basketball president, Adam Chanter, said he was delighted for the local community to have an identity and presence within the Seahawks Basketball association.

"We've been working tirelessly, having to launch the club twice due to COVID-19 whilst giving our community faith we are developing an elite level program for our local youth to engage with," said Adam.

"We are pretty much there with key partnerships with our local schools for in-school coaching, as well as support through sponsorships from our local community including The Manor, Physique Health, Tamborine Mountain Coffee Plantation and Tamborine Mountain Nursery.

"We will be starting this partnership and alignment with North Gold Coast Seahawks on the front foot."

"We are predicting nine teams initially, with the plan of growing our membership base over the next couple of seasons".

General Manager for the North Gold Coast Seahawks, Dwayne Vale, is equally excited to have Tamborine Mountain increase the number of clubs playing within the Junior competition.

"One of our key pillars to success is growth of player numbers and club teams and with the inclusion of Tamborine Mountain to our Junior competition we will see both of these following this announcement," said Dwayne.

"We are extremely excited that Adam, his committee members and local community decided that the Seahawks

were the best fit for the Tamborine Mountain Wolves, and we look forward to seeing the new club hit our floors when our season commences."



From left: Shay Drysdale - The Manor (Platinum sponsor), Tracey Ruddle - Tamborine Mountain Nursery (Silver sponsor), Dwayne Vale - North Gold Coast Basketball, Adam Chanter - Tamborine Mountain Basketball, Hayden Buckland - Physique Physiotherapy (Gold Sponsor), Absent: Sam Williams - Tamborine Mountain Coffee Plantation (Gold Sponsor)

Council Notices



ORDINARY MEETINGS

Council has adopted the following Ordinary Meeting dates for 2021, with Tuesday meetings commencing at 9am on: 19 Jan; 9 Feb; 23 Feb; 9 Mar; 23 Mar; 13 Apr; 27 Apr; 11 May; 25 May; 8 June; 22 June; 6 July; 20 July; 3 Aug; 17 Aug; 7 Sept; 21 Sept; 5 Oct; 19 Oct; 9 Nov; 23 Nov and 7 Dec.

Community members can listen to a live audio stream of each meeting by clicking on a link on the Meetings and Agendas page on Council's website.

PUBLIC NOTICE

REQUEST FOR TENDER: GREEN WASTE SERVICES AT COUNCIL WASTE FACILITIES

Council is seeking the provision of services from suitably qualified contractors for the mulching and/or removal of green waste received at six (6) waste facilities located within the Scenic Rim region. The tender will close at 2pm on 29 January 2021. For further information and tender documentation, please go to www.lgtenderbox.com.au

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Council's draft *Waste Management and Resource Recovery Strategy 2021-2026* is now available for community feedback on Council's website or at Customer Service and Administration Centres.

Community information sessions will be held on:
Tues 2 Feb at The Centre, Beaudesert at 5pm
Wed 3 Feb at the Vonda Youngman Community Centre, Tamborine Mountain at 5pm, and
Tues 9 Feb at Boonah Cultural Centre at 5pm.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions on numbers in venues, please call Council on 5540 5111 or email mail@scenicrim.qld.gov.au to register. Submissions for feedback close 4.30pm, Friday 19 February. Visit www.scenicrim.qld.gov.au/have-your-say

Council correspondence should be addressed to: Jon Gibbons, Chief Executive Officer, PO Box 25 | 82 Brisbane Street, Beaudesert QLD 4285 | Telephone 07 5540 5111

FREE TREES

FREE TREE DISTRIBUTION DAY

Saturday 6 February | 8am to 12 noon
 Harrisville Memorial Park, Harrisville

Residents must present their Free Tree Voucher, delivered with their July 2020 rates notice, to collect their free trees. Council's 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.

SCENIC RIM AGRIBUSINESS / AGRITOURISM FIELD DAY

Thursday 4 February | 9am - 1.30pm
 Venue to be advised following registration

Join us for an information day to learn about options to diversify your farm business. Explore options for leveraging farm assets and/or food and fibre production, investigate options for diversification or developing new pathways to market or your potential to tap into tourism. For more information about the program, email prosperity@scenicrim.qld.gov.au
 Tickets are \$33 including GST (plus handling fee). To register visit www.eventbrite.com.au/e/scenic-rim-agribusiness-agritourism-information-day-tickets-132193788179

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Scenic Rim libraries will re-open on Saturdays from 9 January, from 9am to 12 noon, at all branches.

COVID-19 restrictions still apply in our libraries, with limited service to help keep our communities safe.

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Enjoy a magical summer full of Tales of Wonder with our Summer Reading Challenge continuing in January. Visit your local library to find a new favourite book, collect your challenge sheet, challenge bookmark and limited edition themed activity pack.

11-15 January: Miniature gingerbread house, treasure map, and enchanted woods.

18-22 January: Magic wand, fairies in the garden.

FAIRY TALE SCIENCE EVENT

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Canungra: Wednesday 20 January | 10am
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 Boonah Cultural Centre | 1.30pm - 3pm

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Thursday 21 January \$12 | Ages 7+ yrs
 The Centre Beaudesert | 10am - 12 noon
 Boonah Cultural Centre | 2pm - 4pm

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FIRE TRAIL FUNDING HELPS TO REDUCE BUSHFIRE RISKS



Fire trail under construction at Gleneagle Reserve

An investment of more than \$100,000 in a fire trail construction and maintenance project will increase the region's resilience to bushfire and help protect the lives and properties of Scenic Rim residents at Tamborine Mountain and Gleneagle.

Scenic Rim Mayor Greg Christensen said that Council's contribution of \$40,000 and the Queensland Government's contribution of \$60,000 had enabled Scenic Rim Council to carry out a wide range of works in reserves, including Guanaba Reserve and Gleneagle Reserve, to reduce bushfire risks in neighbouring residential areas.

"While we cannot completely eliminate the threat of bushfire, there is much that can be done to reduce the risks," he said.

The works at Gleneagle Reserve, off Parkhurst Place, have reduced the risk of fire to more than 35 nearby properties and included the establishment of more than 1000 metres of new fire trails.

Existing fire trails were widened to improve access for fire-fighters' vehicles and four gullies were repaired to ensure safe vehicle access.

Tracks which previously required labour-intensive maintenance can now be slashed mechanically and weed control was undertaken to reduce the potential fuel load and enable the return of native grasses and vegetation.

At Guanaba Reserve, the existing fire trail was extended by more than 200 metres and widened to enable fuel reduction and effective firefighting, reducing the risk to more than 27 properties on Tamborine Mountain.

Highly invasive and flammable slash pines were removed from the reserve and additional fire tracks have been strategically located to enable hazard reduction burns that will have minimal impact on native plants and wildlife.

"Although the works carried out to build and maintain these fire trails will go a long way to reducing the risk of bushfire in these reserves, residents also need to do their bit to reduce the risks of bushfire to their properties," Cr Christensen said.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE INVITATION TO BUSINESS

Tamborine Mountain Chamber of Commerce President, Geoff Baldwin, has invited all business people in the region to meet for an evening of networking and important information on Wednesday, January 20.

The meeting at Fortitude Brewery on the corner of Long Road and Eagle Heights Road will begin at 6pm with pizza and drinks available.

"We welcome non-members as well as our members to meet," said Mr Baldwin.

"We have great plans for the future of the Chamber and our business community.

"This meeting will be an opportunity for all to hear our program for 2021 and beyond."

Mr Baldwin said a representative of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry Queensland (CCIQ) had been invited to join the meeting.

"CCIQ operates to lobby government at all

levels on behalf of Queensland businesses. Our Chamber will focus on lobbying, communicating and educating at a local level.

"We want to hear from local businesses about how we can provide better services to them."

Doors at the Brewery will open at 5.30pm for a 6pm start with continuous service of pizza available from about 6.15pm. The meeting is expected to close at 7.30pm.

Cost for the evening, including pizza, is \$15 per person, subsidised by Chamber. Beer, wine and soft drinks will also be available from the bar at reasonable cost.

The Brewery operates in a COVID-safe environment and all attendees will be required to register upon entry.

Contact Mr Baldwin at gbaldwin@tmes.com.au to confirm attendance and assist with catering.

2020 MOUNTAIN OPEN TENNIS FINALS

On a very hot Sunday at the end of 2020 play in the finals of the Tamborine Mountain Open Tennis Championships got under way at 7am with the ladies' singles final.

Julia Cossins won the first set 7-5 and was just two points away from winning the match in the second set tiebreak. However, Karen Chalmers finally shaded the tiebreak 8-6 and went on to win the third set 6-0 and the match.



In the ladies' doubles, Julia Cossins and Terri Turpie turned the tables on Kathy Day and Jan O'Neill, who had beaten them 6-1 6-0 in last year's final.

This time, it was one set all, when the players agreed to take a heat break (at the Cedar Creek Winery). On their return, Julia and Terri needed just

five points to close it out 7-6(5) 2-6 6-4. Congratulations to Julia, and to Terri, thrilled to get her name on a trophy for the first time.

Scott Wilbow became the Mountain men's tennis champion for the first time, beating Hayden Winch. The first set was level all the way with Scott eventually winning in a tie-break before going on to win the second set and the match 7-6(2) 6-4.

In the men's doubles, the depth of local competition was on display with Rob Campbell from Canungra and Finlay

Weston from Jimboomba beating Hayden Winch from Tamborine Village and Ben Torenbeek from the Mountain in yet another close match, 3-6 6-4 6-3.

Hayden had been rewarded in the cool of the previous evening when he and Karen Chalmers beat Julia Cossins and Dallas Walsh 6-1 6-4 in the mixed doubles final.



Henry Rich

Karen Chalmers (left) and Scott Wilbow (above right)

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State Member for Scenic Rim

Happy New Year. I hope you enjoyed the festive season with friends and family.

As always, the Scenic Rim Electorate Office is open and ready to assist you in 2021. I look forward to another year of fighting for better services and investment (especially roads) in the Scenic Rim. You can contact me by phone, toll-free, on 1800 813 960, or email scenicrim@parliament.qld.gov.au so I can lobby on your behalf in Brisbane.

State Roads are a big issue for many people in our region - and it is certainly top of the list for me when it comes to lobbying for more funding. In a district as large as the Scenic Rim, there are lots of issues and I appreciate your feedback that helps me do my job as well as possible.

GAMBLING COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND

Round 108 of the Gambling Community Benefit Fund opens in mid-January and community organisations have until 28 February 2021 to apply for grants of up to \$35,000.

I have provided letters of support for numerous community groups, and together with other grant initiatives, our region has received more than \$15 million in grant funds for community organisations since I was elected as your representative in 2012. I certainly encourage clubs and community organisations to apply for assistance. Please contact my office for more information or to request a letter of support, and visit justice.qld.gov.au

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

If I can be of assistance with any matter, please do not hesitate to contact me, or for a quick question, send an SMS to 0401 634 488.



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A WATERMELON EATING CONTEST AT CANUNGRA



Off the Farm Produce Market in Christie Street Canungra will host an inaugural watermelon eating contest on Saturday January 23 from 10am.

With six competition categories, as well as a celebrity challenge, it promises to be an amusing fund-raising event for the Canungra Rural Fire Service (CRFS).

It's a gold coin donation to enter, with all proceeds going to CRFS. Spectators can also place tips on which celebrity they think will win, with all those proceeds going to CRFS.

With a lot of businesses coming on board to sponsor the event, the organisers have acquired some wonderful prizes, including a two-night stay at O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat, a two-night stay in Surfers Paradise thanks to Q Stays, gift vouchers from Mountview Alpaca Farm, Café Metz, Canungra Beauty, Gothic Realm Tattoo and BP Fuel, and merchandise from Ringers Western.

Off the Farm Produce Market's boutique fruit shop in Christie Street will give all contestants under 10 free juice vouchers just for competing.

Mountview Alpaca Farm will provide some alpacas for everyone to enjoy, Karen Joyce Entertainment will be MC, local photographers will cover the event, kids' street performers will provide entertainment, and a local coffee cart will be on hand with refreshments.

Contestants can pre-register by emailing their name and age to offthefarm.canungra@gmail.com, or simply turn up on the day.

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Letters to the Editor

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

INDUSTRY-LED TOURISM WITH COUNCIL SUPPORT

I read with some dismay the column by Tom Sharp in the December 17 edition of Scenic News. I would have thought that a former mayoral candidate would make an effort to get his facts correct before penning such a column.

The following errors need to be corrected:

In the third paragraph he states: "The reason for the meeting was to vote on two resolutions (proposed by the Scenic Rim Council)."

In fact, the reason for the meeting was to vote on two motions proposed by the Management Committee (MC) of the Tamborine Mountain Chamber of Commerce and Industry (TMCCI), a fact he should have known as he was at the meeting "by invitation".

In the following paragraph he writes that "King and Co informed the MC" regarding the planned LTO.

King and Co informed me, and I shared this advice with the MC which the former secretary chose to distribute to the members.

Further in this paragraph he asks: "Who approached King and Co and who funded the engagement? Was it ratepayers?" As the email from King and Co was addressed to me, the first part of his question is clearly rhetorical - one would hope! Knowing that, surely, he could have approached me with his questions. If he had, I could have forwarded a copy of our company's remittance advice to King and Co in the amount of \$896.50, dated 10 December 2020. (Also, Amanda Hay, in reference to your final paragraph in your Letter to the Editor titled 'Shame Council, Shame' - this information may be helpful to you as well.)

In paragraph 11 he states that "On 9 November it was announced by Council that a person by the name of Minnikin was awarded from Council \$3,300 by way of an environmental grant."

I am not sure what relevance this has. However, I am delighted to learn this because, at the time of

writing (20/12/20) neither my husband Bob (who applied for the grant on our company's behalf) or I have been informed by Council of this success.

Mr Sharp continues that "Mrs Minnikin had a duty of care to make a full disclosure to the membership. Surely, her position on the newly formed interim committee of the TMCC is untenable."

I certainly have a duty of care to disclose to the MC any activity that may create a conflict of interest. Thus far there has been none. Mr Sharp seems to suggest that every individual on the MC involved with a business or organisation on Tamborine Mountain that obtains grant funding, planning approvals or support from Council has a conflict of interest when the Chamber deals with Council. Certainly, if a committee member receives a grant specifically related to a matter before the committee, that person should disclose a potential conflict. Unquestionably, our environmental grant falls well outside of this category.

Finally, not once in Sharp Comment was it mentioned that the new unified LTO will be industry-led. And that Tamborine Mountain representatives will make up one half of the membership of its Board.

Summarising the night of the 8th December 2020, the resolution to move forward with this new industry-led independent tourism organisation was the night's big winner. A few tourism operators may not see this in the short term; however, I will be working hard, along with our other Tamborine Mountain board members, to prove that this is the best outcome for the future of our tourism on Tamborine Mountain.

Judi Minnikin
Director, Minnikin & Co (operator of Thunderbird Park and Cedar Creek Lodges)
Member of the TMCCI's Management Committee
Chair of the TMCCI's former Tourism Sub-Committee

LIVESTOCK BRANDS RETURNS

State Member for Scenic Rim, Jon Krause, has reminded residents that livestock brands returns are now due.

"If you own a registered brand or registered earmark, you must complete a brands return in January every year," Mr Krause said.

"If returns are not submitted for three consecutive years then brands may be cancelled.

"It only takes a couple of minutes to complete the brands return - it's simply not worth the risk of letting the brand registration lapse."

Mr Krause said he was happy for his office located at 91 Brisbane Street, Beaudesert to assist with the completion of brands returns and that residents would need to supply their PIC number for the online form to be completed.

Returns can also be completed online at ibrands.daf.qld.gov.au or by visiting the Government Agency at 1 Telemon Street, Beaudesert. For more information, contact the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries on 13 25 23 at local call rates.



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Benefit of allied health, collaborative practice

Happy New Year to you all. I hope you have all stayed safe and well over the Christmas period, and that you are ready for a new year.

Before I get into this week's column, a small public service announcement. Although many are happy to see the end of 2020, a new year does not mean that COVID-19 is over. The pandemic is still real, and the importance of getting tested if you have any symptoms remains high priority.

Many people are getting tested, but sometimes we see people in hospital who are symptomatic, haven't been tested, and then come in for an unexpected hospital visit. If you are symptomatic for COVID-19 and you need medical care, you will be treated as COVID-19 positive until we have a negative result. This is to keep our staff and other patients safe and to prevent a potential spread. Some people do not realise this will be the case, so please if you have symptoms, get tested - for the community, and for yourself as you never know if you may need care.

Now the COVID talk is out of the way, on to this week's topic. I recently had the opportunity to meet with GPs at a local practice to discuss my services and what I can offer the women in our local community. I was so grateful to have the chance to meet with an open-minded and interested team, who genuinely care about the outcomes for the people in the community they serve. It further highlighted to me the importance of the public understanding the value of allied health services and collaborative practices.

Allied health refers to health professionals who are not doctors. These can include mental health services, physiotherapists, occupational therapists, lactation consultants and midwives. Allied health professionals work alongside doctors to assist with diagnosis, therapy, and prevention of illnesses and conditions. GPs are the gateway to these allied health services. The reason for this is that the allied health professionals can then liaise with the GPs and inform them what their findings are, the treatments they have commenced, and any new findings that a GP can assist with.

For example, my midwifery service provides antenatal and postnatal care to women in their homes, and I bulk-bill for this service, so there is no charge to the woman. In order to bulk-bill, I need a referral from a GP to my service. The reason for this is that I can then work collaboratively with that GP to let them know any risk factors I've identified, what my plan of care is, and to follow up if there are any new developments. The GP is then aware of what is happening with that woman so that when I hand over care to them at six weeks postnatal, they are already up to date with current care.

If you would like to see allied health or feel that you might benefit from further services, make an appointment with your GP and speak to them about what your needs are. They are your central point in the community for health care and will be happy to help you.

(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 NEW YEAR AND RESOLUTIONS

It's that time of year again when we make well intentioned resolutions. Have your resolutions fallen by the wayside already? Don't feel bad; you're in good company.

Research says that four out of five New Year resolutions fail. The findings are probably no surprise and though we know we are unlikely to keep them, we continue to make them. Someone said to me this week that their resolution was to stop doing self-improvement programs and be content with who she is. It prompted me to think about what drives us to make resolutions in the first place.

Many resolutions are conceived from a place of comparison. We look at another's skills, competencies and traits and we feel either envious or inadequate. We promise ourselves that we will replicate what we admire in others, creating goals that are doomed from the start. The reason being, we don't know ourselves well enough.

Getting caught in the comparison trap is a sign that we have failed to recognise our own unique strengths. Many of us tend to minimise our strengths and magnify our weaknesses. We then become vulnerable to pursuing goals that we think will make us feel better about ourselves. The pursuit of goals is not the problem. It is the motivation behind our pursuit that can be problematic. If your pursuit starts from a position of feeling bad about yourself, it will usually fail.

Personal growth comes from a place of acceptance. The conversation with my friend alluded to this. Being content with who you are does not mean that you stagnate. It means that you are not driven by an insatiable desire to change who you essentially are.

I might think that a model looks fantastic in particular swimwear but I need to have a realistic view of my limitations. Even if I went to the gym every day for a year, I am not going to look as good in that swimwear. I accept that my body carries the signs of decades of living and no matter how much I pursue the goal of looking great in a swimsuit, it's not going to happen. My achievable personal growth becomes about maintaining a healthy lifestyle to prevent the onset of age-related illnesses.

Before embarking on a journey of personal growth, be better acquainted with yourself. There are many available tools to help you become familiar with your personality type, your passions, your strengths, your love language, etc.

Take stock of your relationships and notice any patterns - helpful or unhelpful. Reflect on past longings and dreams that may have been extinguished by the demands of life. Ask a trusted friend what they like about you. If you're brave enough, ask them for feedback on your blind spots.

Review the year that has been - notice what you did well and consider if there are things you would like to have done differently.

Resolve to make 2021 a year of personal growth that you will look back on with satisfaction.

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SHARP COMMENT

TOM SHARP

Happy New Year to one and all and here's hoping for a less bumpy ride in 2021.

It has been brought to my attention the Tamborine Mountain Chamber of Commerce addressed my comment titled "Toxic Culture, Woeful Leadership, Clandestine Behaviour on Display" in the 17.12.2020 edition of *Scenic News* to its membership.

In response, I stand behind every statement I made and now call upon councillors to roll back the Council "gag order" and "CEO information request policy" along with "confidential briefings" and all internal policies that remove the responsibilities of councillors to represent the constituency, the strategic direction of our council and how our money is spent. I call upon councillors to restore governance to this region along with accountability by restoring transparency with an open meeting and decision-making process in accordance with the State's legislation; and lifting the lid on the absolute waste, utter inefficiency and total interference being inflicted on this region.

"Conflict of Interest" raised its head at the final council meeting of 2020 and if you listen to the audio (over six hours, a lot of which related to naval gazing and the definition of the word "discussion") you would think the SRRC are "Lost in Space".

The matter arose in relation to item 11.3, the Water for Warrill Stage 1 Project, when both the Mayor, Cr Greg Christensen, and Deputy Mayor, Cr Duncan McInnes, declared potential conflicts of interest. The Deputy Mayor declared he would not remain in the meeting for item 11.3.

Cr Christensen proposed to stay in the meeting for the consideration of the matter and went on to propose he would stay during the discussion of this matter as an overall benefit to the public interest, believing his broader business background and community engagement offered benefit to the consideration of the issue.

He went on to state that the legislation required "non-

conflicted" councillors to consider his request and provide resolution and direction accordingly.

On his leaving the room, Cr McInnes took the Chair and opened the floor to questions and discussion, followed by a motion on the matter. Cr Enright noted that given the Mayor's business background and advocacy work it was an imperative that the Mayor take part in the matter, while Cr Swanborough noted precedence in relation to conflicts arising from Cr Christensen's directorship in Binya Pty Ltd and said this case was no different, citing that the Mayor should not participate in item 11.3. Cr Enright was offered the right of reply to Cr Swanborough's position but stood silent. This is an interesting position to take given the language taken earlier using the word "imperative".

When it came time to vote Cr McInnes elected to participate in the vote, directly contravening the legislation and directive from the Mayor. This brought the vote to a 3-all deadlock. Cr McInnes then took it upon himself to break the deadlock and empower the Chair with a casting vote in favour of the motion, enabling the Mayor to be present during the discussion, ignoring the legislation and directive for a second time.

Not only was a motion voted on and held up against legal procedure, but the motion was also not even followed. The motion only allowed the Mayor to sit in on the discussion and nowhere stated he could vote on the matter.

The Mayor's opening statement also failed in its clarity with regard to the matter and led to a question from Cr Swanborough suggesting he could not vote, to which the Mayor replied: "I said I would vote on this matter." If you listen to the audio, this was never once stated.

The motion under legislative requirement was defeated 3 votes to 2.

I will sign-off with a quote from "Lost in Space" character Dr Zachary Smith: "Let's try this again, shall we? You are the puppet; I am the puppeteer. Do try to get it right this time...."

Part 2 of the Water for Warrill Project next week.



TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN POLICE NEWS

THE SUMMER WIND

Welcome back to 2021 and wow, what a kick start it's been. Are there any Frank Sinatra fans out there? Pause and sing with me if you are ... *The summer wind came blowin' in from across the sea ...* I digress!

Haven't the rain gods turned it on lately. I sincerely hope you all have full tanks, and the mower has been serviced. PS: I need a good lawn mower - not the machine ... I mean someone to do it! :+)

Speaking of wet weather, the issues on Tamborine Mountain remain very much unchanged if you are a local, with Police having to address several vehicles that have slid off the roadway for one reason or another. I will reinforce a few key points:

- Drive to the conditions: wet roads = potentially hazardous conditions
- Slow down and ensure you increase the braking distance between you and the vehicles in front

- Take responsibility for your travels on the road – we all need to own our actions.

I notice once again that in the wet there are sections of road which will start to break up where the bitumen becomes brittle and the potential for potholes to develop. The Mountain is not unique; it happens everywhere, except it seems to have happened in the same place for the last three years I've been here ... just saying! This does serve to reinforce my message though that wet roads = potentially hazardous conditions.

Finally, be safe and prepare your journey in advance, bearing in mind that there could be delays. Consider your own ability, don't drive in conditions you don't need to.

Here are a few good tips everyone should know:

- Wait until the weather improves if possible.

- Double check your car's equipment.
- Slow down.
- Turn on your headlights.
- Use your windshield wipers.
- Maintain a safe distance between cars.
- Avoid heavy braking.
- Watch out for standing water.

Take care out there. The entire team will be working to ensure the school holiday period remains safe. Remember, your actions can be the difference between a safe journey or a government bill; something to think about.

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**



TRAVELLING PLACES By Gina Storey

What an extraordinary start to 2021 – on the one hand full of hope for a brighter future; on the other a three-day lockdown in Queensland.

The really heartening news is that the Federal Government has announced that it has been able to pull forward the rollout of the coronavirus vaccines to February.

The Government is also in discussion with several nearby countries for travel bubbles to begin.

Qantas has started selling international travel from July onwards – Alan Joyce has proven to be a conservative voice in these times, so Qantas will not have taken this decision lightly. North America and Europe are already vaccinating in ever increasing numbers. We are lucky to be in a part of the world that has controlled the impact of this virus more than others. On Monday, the Queensland Government announced a lifting of the lockdown. How unsettling it all has been.



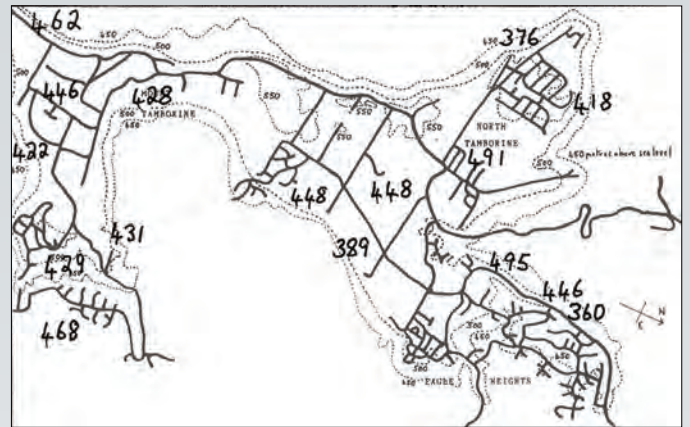
So where does this leave us at a time when we are all wanting to start exploring again? For international travel I would be planning to travel in the fourth quarter of 2021 onwards – if the situation eases before then, there is always the opportunity to book when there is a green light to travel. Keep an eye on the www.smarttraveller.gov.au website. For travel in 2022 onwards you need to consider that many of the people who were booked to travel in 2020 and even 2021 have deferred to 2022 onwards. This means that if you are planning a trip you may need to book early to secure the best deal – especially on cruises and touring options. Just chatting to people, I know there is a huge amount of pent-up desire to travel – once the flood gates open it will be busy.

Domestic travel is booming. In fact, the Kimberley, Far North Queensland, Tasmania and also South Australia are all experiencing a welcome spike in bookings. Not only are the normal domestic travellers still going, all of those who normally travel overseas are staying close to home too. It is already difficult to make a booking for the Kimberley for this coming dry/winter season. I recommend that you make bookings sooner rather than later for travel within Australia this year. If you book and then there is a border closure virtually all companies are being accommodating to change your plans etc. I also urge you to use your local travel agency or to book directly – most of the online booking engines are based in the USA or China and all the profits go overseas with no taxes paid here in Australia. By all means, use these websites for research – you may be surprised to find that we can offer the same or sometimes a better offer.

As I write, I have clients in North Queensland (it must be hot and sticky), Tasmania and South Australia and all are having a fabulous time. Interestingly, some are on a small expedition ship circumnavigating Tasmania – the health protocols were amazing with pre boarding testing, deep cleaning and ongoing health checks every day for all on board – there is an exclusive group of 40 passengers on the Australian-owned and operated Coral Discoverer pottering around the Tassie coast visiting remote islands and coves full of history, with diverse fauna and flora. All of our clients have contacted me saying how wonderful it is to have been on a flight and to be exploring a new part of our diverse and fascinating country.

For a few more weeks I will sit tight but I can see a glimmer of light at the end of the tunnel when we will all be able to venture out again. I must go as I am about to put my mask wearing son on a flight back to Adelaide where he will be for a week before heading to Darwin. I wish I were going too!

Tamborine Mountain Rainfall

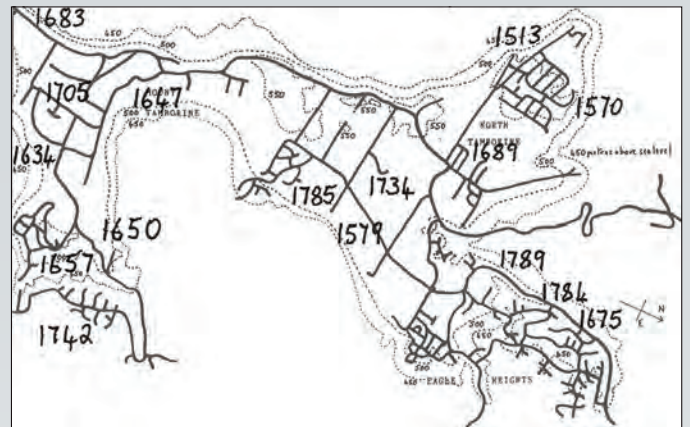


December 2020

After the long dry season there was good rain across the Mountain - 445.8mm at Fern Street was very needed and welcome. The expected rain for December at Fern Street is 139.7mm and the mean is 162.7mm.

The map shows variability across the Mountain without being specific to location.

The whole of the North West was very hot at the beginning of the month. This was accompanied by La Nina conditions (sea surface temperatures hotter at Darwin than in the central Pacific at Tahiti) resulting in complex coastal lows which brought rain to the eastern seaboard, and thus us, from the 11th to the 19th. An inland trough brought rain and a thunderstorm on the night of the 20th.



TOTAL FOR 2020

The rainfall total for the year at Fern Street was 1704.7mm, comfortably over the long term expected of 1518mm and average of 1572mm, indicating a good rainfall year.

However, about 70 per cent of this fell in the three months January, February and December, admittedly the wet months, but it left the Mountain dry for most of the rest of the year.

The map shows variable totals across the Mountain without any pattern.

Many thanks to the rainfall recorders who consistently contribute good data to this rainfall network and to some new recorders. Anyone interested in contributing to this network please get in touch with me.

Mike Russell

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SUSIE LIU MAKING HER MARK ON THE MOUNTAIN

Susie Liu's journey from little girl living in poverty and hardship on a farm in China to successful Tamborine Mountain online clothing and accessory businesswoman is a remarkable one.

Susie moved to Tamborine Mountain in May last year after coming to Australia two and half years ago with her Australian husband John, to whom she was married in China five years ago.

"John is from Hervey Bay and we lived there before moving to Tamborine Mountain with our three-year-old son Zacky" she said.

"I adore the Mountain. It is such a beautiful and friendly place and for me it is my forever home. And it is just perfect for our son, who will attend Tamborine Mountain State School.

It's been said that the university of hard knocks is the best teacher of them all. Susie certainly endured more than her share of manual hard work and disappointments as a child – planting, weeding, gathering firewood – and to cap it off she had to contend with a traditional Chinese environment in which boys were preferred to girls, a situation that merely served to make her very determined and highly competitive.

With no educational support on offer from either her father or the government, she moved to the city of Shenzhen near Hong Kong, where she worked in a factory sewing clothes. Her dedication and hard work earned the attention of the owner who lent her some money so she could attend Chinese middle school where she qualified 11th out of 650 students. This so impressed a local high school principal that he arranged for her to receive three years' free tuition, clothes, meals and a small allowance.

"My experience taught me that you need education and self-belief," said Susie.

After attending university, she gained an arts degree and worked as a teacher. As well speaking three Chinese

languages – Hakka, Cantonese and Mandarin – she is also fluent in Japanese and, of course, English.

After taking a position in the product sourcing business, she eventually quit and started her own sourcing and quality control business in 2011.

On coming to Australia, Susie set up her hugely successful import and promotional products company, Gecko Merchandise, which was recognised with an APAC business award for Best Promotional Merchandise Procurement Company in 2020.

Last year she opened her online store, Susie Liu Activewear, which has its operational base on Tamborine Mountain.

"It seemed a natural extension of my existing business to utilise the extensive network of long-term contacts that I had worked with over the years," said Susie.

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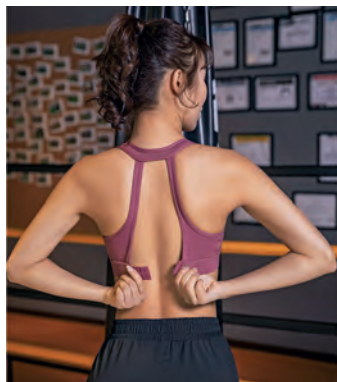
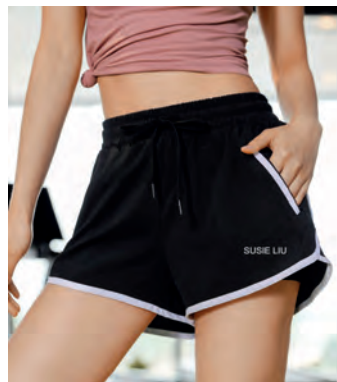
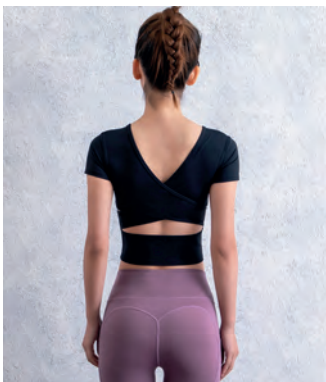


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We are located at 42 Southport Avenue, Eagle Heights and are open Mondays to Fridays from 8.30 am to 4:30pm.

Look forward to your calls!

Geoff

EMERGENCE OF THE RSPCA



It was in a London coffee house in 1824 that a meeting was called by the Reverend Arthur Broome with the aim of creating a voluntary organisation that would promote kindness toward animals. The meeting attracted various reformers who included parliamentarians, clergy and lawyers. A resolution was passed to form the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) and the Rev. Broome became its first secretary.

Most of the people present and founding members were Christians, who also had concerns about the plight of other vulnerable groups like domestic violence and women, child labour and slavery, bullbaiting, cockfighting and cruelty to working animals.

An attempt to pass anti-cruelty legislation was presented to the House of Lords in 1809, but it was defeated. However, Queen Victoria later gave the society royal patronage and by 1840 it had become the RSPCA. All forms of animal baiting and cruelty were prohibited by law and the society insisted on better standards for the slaughter of food animals.

Royal warrant of appointment is granted as a mark of recognition to people, groups and companies that have regularly supplied goods or services to the royal family with excellence. These have been issued for centuries and lend prestige to the receiver. The RSPCA is the oldest and longest running animal protection organisation in the world and has spread throughout much of the western world.

In Australia, the RSPCA was first formed in Victoria in 1871 and was gradually established in every state, culminating in the formation of a national body RSPCA Australia in 1980.



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NATURE NOTES

with Nadia O'Carroll

CHANNEL-BILLED CUCKOO



Channel-billed Cuckoo – photo © Mat Gilfedder

Between August and March, a rather raucous additional voice is added to the local bird chorus - the Channel-billed Cuckoo (*Scythrops novaehollandiae*) is a large exotic looking bird, which is more often heard than seen.

This is a large species - length of up to 66cm, weight up to one kilogram with a one metre wingspan. Its plumage is mottled grey on back and wings, pale chest; its long tail is barred. A patch of bare red skin surrounds the eye. It has a massive, curved beak that is reminiscent of the appearance of a hornbill's beak. In flight its long tail and wide wingspan give it a crucifix shaped silhouette; it flies with strong, slow, regular wing beats. Its preferred habitat is tall forest and it typically feeds high in the tree canopy; native figs and fruit are favourite foods.

Channel-billed Cuckoos are found in Indonesia, Timor, Papua New Guinea and the Bismarck Archipelago; there are three sub-species, two of which remain resident in these areas. The migratory species flies to northern and eastern Australia to breed, and vagrant birds have been observed as far away as Victoria, New Zealand and New Caledonia.

The birds arrive in Australia between August and October every year to breed - not to build a nest and raise their young themselves but to find other birds to do this task on their behalf because Channel-billed Cuckoos are the world's largest brood parasite birds.

During breeding season, the birds form pair bonds. Once a suitable host nest has been located the male may distract the host parents while the female Cuckoo slips into the nest to lay her eggs.

There are eight species of Australian native birds that Channel-billed Cuckoos utilise as hosts, most often large species such as currawongs, magpies and crows are selected. The Channel-billed Cuckoo nestling does not evict the host's nestlings, but it is able to monopolise food which may cause the other chicks to starve. Baby cuckoos quickly grow larger than their host parents.

The Cuckoo's biological parents remain in the area and once the young Cuckoo is out of the nest, they begin to call to it. The young bird recognises its biological parents' call and joins them for the long flight north over the Torres Strait to Papua New Guinea and other islands. The birds leave Australia around February and March.

NEW YEAR FULL OF PROMISE



Welcome to 2021 – a new year full of promise and hopefully a bit different from the 2020 chaos we left behind.

And as January 1 dawned for many, New Year's resolutions were put into action. We have a slower start to our new year in yoga, giving all my students a chance to enjoy their families and that festival feeling left over from Christmas just a little longer.

Classes start back on January 27 when the kids go back to school and all the daily routines are back in place. A slower start also gives us time to put some thought into how we would like 2021 to unfold and manifest for us. Just like we practise yoga (the key word is practise; we never conquer yoga; we are always students), when we set New Year's resolutions as a yoga student, we like to imagine ourselves putting into practice the resolutions, not just achieving them.

It's a subtle and powerful shift in mindset and intention. So, no boring lists like: lose 5kg, exercise and meditate at least for an hour daily, give up all alcohol and chocolate, get that promotion and blah blah blah. Nothing wrong with these goals, but what makes them hard is they are do-or-die goals and quite punitive. What happens on that terrible day when you come home exhausted and succumb to that glass of wine (or several)? Or that dessert at the dinner party that was so delicious you had two bowls, blowing your caloric intake sky high? How many times can you break those New Year resolutions before throwing them out altogether? And where's the fun?

So, just like in yoga where some days we are bendy, in the zone and feel all enlightened and some days we are sore and old and stiff and our minds are like sieves, all scattered and holey, we accept the good days with the bad. So, see your New Year resolutions as a practice, a journey, an evolutionary move towards the ultimate you.

Drop the need to achieve and tick the box and see yourself daily, moving towards a better lifestyle where these goals are just part of who you are and how you live. And throw in some yoga goals, see this evolving YOU as having a higher motive: these goals benefit you, your family, your friends and work colleagues, your communities and perhaps Mother Earth.

So, include some goodies: making family time on weekends sacred, resolve to go into silence daily, take up yoga, grow veggies, practise minimalistic living to save planet earth from consumerism and plastic and cheap clothing waste, shop locally, build a frog pond and practise gratitude daily. Thank the Divine for this beautiful planet and resolve to protect this planet for future generations. See you all back in class on the January 27.

Margot Wagner
Yoga Under the Bodhi Tree

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

120 YEAR NARRATIVE FOR TMSS

Last year Tamborine Mountain State School celebrated its 120th year as a proud Queensland state school.

Its beginnings can be traced to 1898 when William and Elfriede Geissmann moved to the Mountain with their family and built a house which they named Capo di Monte.

Education was a high priority for the family, so William wrote to the Department of Public Instruction offering a small cottage to be used as a schoolhouse. On February 2, 1900, Provisional School No. 913 was opened at Capo di Monte.

A new building was constructed in 1924 at the school's current location on land donated by Mr Sydney Curtis. The school, named Tambourine (spelt with a 'u' then) North State School, was officially opened on June 30, 1924, with Mr Reginald Bartlett appointed as head teacher.

Anniversary celebrations were postponed in 2020 due to COVID-19 restrictions. TMSS Principal, Jason Smith, plans to invite past staff and students to join him and his current school community in burying a time capsule filled with 'everything 2020' to mark the school's 120th anniversary. The time capsule will be dug up in 30 years' time during the school's 150th birthday.

"I would love to be around for that momentous occasion and try to make sense of 2020 to the class of 2050," said Mr Smith.

Tamborine Mountain State School has earned many accolades and awards over the years, culminating in being named Australia's Government Primary School of the Year, in the 2018 Australian Education Awards. Mr Smith was named as a 2019 Australian Primary School Principal



of the Year finalist, while TMSS's curriculum team members were named as finalists in the category Innovation in Curriculum.

Mr Smith attributes the continued success of TMSS to its experienced, professional and collaborative staff, innovative and creative curriculum, rich partnerships with families, community elders, local businesses, and early education centres, as well as an abundance of highly engaging extra-curricular programs offered to students.

"We are very reflective with our school practices and policies. As a high performing Independent Public School, we drive a positive, diverse and innovative approach to school improvement, student and staff wellbeing, student engagement and real-world learning opportunities," said Mr Smith.

"Our school has become a 'school of choice' which reflects positively on our local community, especially with the local housing market. Purchasing or renting property in our catchment area is a priority for many families wishing

to enrol children at TMSS. We currently have a high number of families on a waiting list to enrol at TMSS as they reside outside of our catchment area and our school is at enrolment capacity.

"The student growth over the past 10 years has seen a significant increase of 37 per cent. The student growth and ongoing outstanding learning outcomes are a testament to our high reputation across regional, state and national levels. I am very proud of my staff, students and families who have contributed to the success of TMSS and take this opportunity to farewell and thank families who have had their youngest child graduate in 2020, and to welcome new families to our school in 2021."

The 2021 school year starts on Wednesday, January 27.

PHOTOS:

Top: *Capo di Monte*

Bottom left: *Elfriede and William Geissmann*

Bottom right: *Students at Capo di Monte 1911*





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EGGPLANT RAGU

Welcome back dear readers. I hope you enjoyed the festive season and are looking forward to a ripper of a year. Like most people I tend to overindulge on the protein over Christmas so when January comes round, I tend to try and balance that out by eating mostly vegetarian.

Traditionally, when you think ragu, you think meat. But in this dish, the eggplant is bold enough to stand on its own two feet as a hearty and deliciously healthy alternative. Believe me, even the most dedicated of meat eaters won't miss the meat in this meal, and it's also a great way to get a few more veggies into the kids. This is super easy to make and if you want to eat less meat in your diet this is a perfect segue into it.

I prefer to serve this dish two ways, either with penne pasta or creamy polenta, and it's just perfect for a cold rainy summer's day casual lunch or dinner. It's a wonderful entertaining dish as it can be made well in advance and even gets better for it. Do not be put off by this posh sounding word ragu, it basically means wet sauce. Chefs get creative when designing menus, as eggplant ragu sounds way more delicious than eggplant wet sauce.

Did you know? Eggplant is named as such because originally, they resembled actual eggs. However, these were very bitter and needed to be heavily salted. Even when they were bred to become larger and they took on that dark purple



skin, it wasn't until the early 90s that we stopped salting eggplants in the professional kitchen. If you talk to older chefs, they still insist on salting them to draw the bitterness out but, as the old saying goes, "it's hard to teach an old dog new tricks".

(*Solanum melongena* L. Solanaceae) aka eggplant or aubergine if you are from Europe, is indigenous to a vast



area stretching from North East India and Burma, to Northern Thailand, Laos, Vietnam and South-west China, and wild plants can still be found in these locations. Eggplant is particularly favoured in Asia where it has been cultivated for millennia, and in India it is considered 'King of Vegetables'.

Aside from vitamins and minerals, eggplants are packed with anthocyanins. Not only are these compounds responsible for the veggie's beautiful purple hue, but studies have shown the compounds offer a wealth of health benefits – from reducing the risk of heart disease to minimising oxidative stress and preventing cancer.

Some people worry about eggplants because they're a member of the nightshade family, which also includes tomatoes, white potatoes and capsicum. According to some, the solanine (an organic compound) in nightshades causes inflammation. But the Arthritis Foundation knocks these claims, suggesting there is no scientific research to back them. Some people have reported improved symptoms with inflammatory conditions (like psoriasis and eczema) when they avoid nightshades which might just be a placebo effect, but if it works then do it. I for one love this meaty rich delicious king of vegetables though technically speaking, it's a fruit.

- **Prep Time 30 minutes**
- **Cook Time 45 minutes**
- **Total Time 1 hour 15 minutes**
- **Serving 4 people**

INGREDIENTS

- 80ml Olive Oil

- 1 small brown onion, finely chopped
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh rosemary
- 1 tablespoon fresh thyme
- 500g eggplant, cut into 3cm cubes
- 2 red capsicums, deseeded, cut into 2cm cubes
- 4 garlic cloves finely chopped
- 2 x 400g can tomatoes
- 1 teaspoon caramelised balsamic vinegar
- 4 tbs crumbled Persian Fetta to serve
- Extra virgin olive oil to drizzle (optional)

METHOD

Heat the oil in a large heavy-based frying pan over medium-low heat. Add the eggplant carefully and cook for 3 minutes. Turn over and cook the other side until soft; remove from pan and reserve in a bowl. Cook in batches if necessary (don't crowd the pan; you want the eggplant to fry, and add more oil if you need too)

Re-heat fry pan and add onion and garlic; stir until fragrant; add in chopped herbs.

Add capsicum and cook, stirring occasionally, for 10 minutes or until soft.

Add cooked eggplant back into frying pan and stir to combine.

Add the tinned tomatoes and vinegar. Cook, uncovered, stirring occasionally, for 30 minutes or until vegetables are cooked through and sauce has thickened like a bolognese. Season with salt and pepper.

Serve over creamy polenta or some penne pasta and garnish with Persian Feta.

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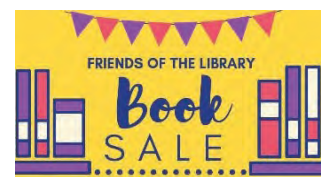


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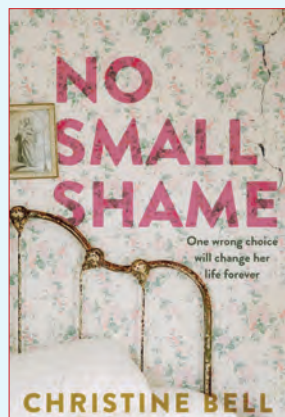
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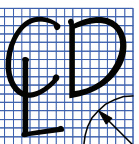
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