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'ARTHUR'S TREK' HONOURS A PIONEER

An amazing 24-hour, 113km trek made by conservationist and author Arthur Groom in 1931 is the inspiration for a five-day trek across the Scenic Rim to be held during the Gondwana Festival next month.

'Arthur's Trek', organised by Binna Burra-based ParkTours, will take participants on a five-day journey from Binna Burra to O'Reilly's and on to the Lost World Valley and Mt Barney National Park.

Arthur Groom, who was a remarkable walker, trekked by moonlight from O'Reilly's Guest House, through Lamington National Park, coming down from Green Mountains to pass between silent houses and motionless cattle on the moonlit hills rolling between the cliffs and bluffs of the Lost World Valley. He traversed Christmas Creek, stopping for breakfast with a welcoming farmer, before reaching the property of Moringararah (now known as Mt Barney Lodge).

He had come to inspect the property by the upper reaches of the Logan River, to ensure its suitability as a campsite for a coming event of the newly

formed National Parks Association of Queensland. After lunching with the then owner, he set off again on his return journey back to his home at Mt Roberts (what is now known as Binna Burra) covering the 70 mile or 113-kilometre journey on foot within 24 hours.

The trek in 2021 will re-trace his journey over five days and four nights (March 14 to 18) with a combination of half and full day walks, exploring Gondwana rainforests, with participants staying in lodges and homesteads along the way.

Arthur Groom's granddaughter, managing director of ParkTours and host of the new tour, Lisa Groom, said: "I'm thrilled to be able to continue to honour my grandfather's extensive environmental legacy as I host the journey through dense habitat to open landscapes across the Scenic Rim, immersing participants in stories of this irreplaceable UNESCO World Heritage site as we explore the conservation legacy of those who have ensured its protection."

Arthur Groom advocated throughout his life for the preservation of the majestic landscapes of the Scenic

Rim, seeking to imbue greater awareness of the Gondwana landscapes rich with rare biodiversity, in the hope it would attract adventurers and environmental enthusiasts to this unique region. Together with fellow conservationist Romeo Lahey, he established the National Parks Movement as well as Binna Burra Lodge.

'Arthur's Trek' is a realisation of another



of Groom's visions: to see a walk of international significance across the Scenic Rim, that would provide visitors with a chance to gain a deeper understanding of the rich landscapes of the mountains and valleys he held so dear.

Participants will also have the chance to meet other members of the current generation of conservationists - from the Groom and O'Reilly families to the Larkins of Mt Barney Lodge, to the great-granddaughters of Robert Martin Collins, the father of the National Parks movement in Queensland. With the sharing of stories of local pioneers, modern-day farmers, artists and wilderness protectors along the way, participants are set to be challenged and inspired.

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Volunteers applaud Botanic Gardens plant sale success



Customers inspect the large variety of plants available for sale

The volunteers at Tamborine Mountain Regional Botanic Gardens are celebrating after the great success of its first 2021 plant sale.

The four-hour sale raised nearly \$3500, a much-needed boost to the funds of the Botanic Gardens.

The large variety of plants on offer brought gardening enthusiasts from across the Scenic Rim and Gold Coast and even from Brisbane for the special sale that was supplemented by a mouth-watering sausage sizzle and the offer of coffee on a perfect Saturday morning.

For the first time, the sale was held in the large Bobby White Pavilion, a specialised potting shed at the southern end of the Gardens. It provided visitors with the opportunity to walk through the Gardens on the way to the sale

Head Potter Bobby White said: "We are absolutely delighted by the continuing support of the entire community. People keep coming back sale after sale. I believe it is because they know that all of our plants are nurtured in a natural environment, so they are robust and ready to go straight into a garden.

"The enthusiasm of the volunteer team is critical to our success. We welcome new volunteers on Thursday mornings. Volunteering at the Gardens is an enjoyable, productive and educational experience in a positive environment that is so much needed, particularly in these times."

HELP WANTED

Tamborine Mountain Sports Association (TMSA) is looking for volunteers to continue to help look after the Long Road Sports and Recreation facility.

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VOLUNTEERS THE BACKBONE OF MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY

There is a wonderful segment of our Tamborine Mountain community who are selfless and caring givers. They are our volunteers.

Every day they can be found at the Botanic Gardens, helping out in our schools, sharing knowledge at the Information Centre and running our sports clubs. They help make Tamborine Mountain the magical place it is - a place where parents want to raise their children, where the elderly want to retire and where holidaymakers want to come, not just for the stunning environs, but because of the welcoming and caring community.

Even though our volunteers are spread throughout the community, the Long Road sports complex continually seems to draw in these fantastic people. Our community is certainly richer for it. All of our sports clubs are run by a small group of dedicated parents and sport enthusiasts.

These wonderful people fill committee, coaching and team management roles to enable our children to learn and play the sports that they love here on the Mountain. They enable our children, and us, to play soccer, netball, cricket, rugby and undertake parkrun on the weekend. To their credit, these volunteers are also always looking to improve the Long Road facilities by seeking out grants, fundraising and providing voluntary labour.

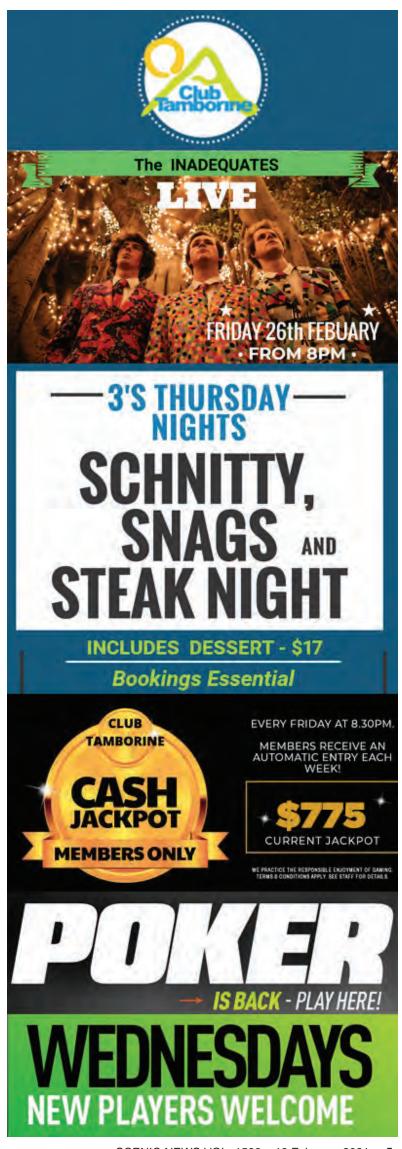
The Scouts and Bridge Club are also led and managed by a group of magnificent volunteers at Long Road - people who provide our children with a constructive alternative to sport and life skills that will enable them to meaningfully contribute to society now and into the future; while the volunteers at the Bridge Club offer many generations a friendly, social and fun activity that helps build and solidify social networks.

All of these sports and recreation activities, as well as the Long Road sports complex itself, attract no ongoing Council, State or Federal Government funding. It is the volunteers who make up the Board of the Tamborine Mountain Sports Association and the aforementioned resident clubs who manage, fundraise, and maintain this important community asset. Among these volunteers are some understated, humble yet remarkable individuals. Brett Arthur is one of those people. He was a founding father of the complex, a man who has dedicated much of the past 13 years to maintaining the fields, moving common areas and fixing broken infrastructure. As he concludes this period of incredible service, we pass on our deepest gratitude for what he has done for our sporting clubs and community.

Of course, there are many more volunteers who continually contribute their time, money and expertise. On behalf of our community, we pass on our heartfelt thanks to all of these wonderful individuals who have, and continue to commit their time after work, on weekends and during holidays to ensure people in our community have sports to play, recreational activities to undertake, grounds to play on and equipment to use. Our social fabric is stronger, our people are healthier - physically and mentally - and our children are happier thanks to your work.

If you are interested in helping maintain or improve the Long Road sports complex, volunteering some time, or donating some money to enhance the complex, please contact the Tamborine Mountain Sports Association Board (via Facebook) or contact a sporting club directly. Your time, expertise or financial contribution will always be welcome and valued.

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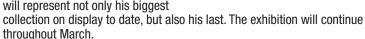
Yorkshire-born Gold Coast artist Brian Cook has often been called a true master.

His work is found not only in the homes of many art collectors, but also in those of other artists – something that Brian, in his humility, felt to be the ultimate honour.

Early influences on his painting were the works of J.M.W. Turner and John Constable. As a young man, he emigrated to Australia at a time when Australian art had found its own identity through the works of Arthur Streeton, Tom Roberts and the Heidelberg School.

Brian was deeply impressed by Australian post-impressionists and their way of depicting the strong light and colour of the Australian landscape.

Following his passing in September 2020 a coming exhibition starting on 6 March at Viking Framer Art Gallery, 5 Fern Street, Tamborine Mountain will represent not only his biggest



"Brian's was a life full of numerous awards and accolades. He was always true to his ideals, beliefs and his own artistic strengths. Through his legacy he will remain with us," said Viking Framer Art Gallery owner David Gustafsson.

"Art is for everyone no matter wealth, status or knowledge."

The stunning collection of Brian Cook's Australian expressionist pieces is not to be missed. The opening will begin at 3pm on 6 March.

Those interested in coming to the COVID-safe opening should register on Viking Framer Facebook. There is also an opportunity for art lovers to book a private pre-opening viewing in the days leading up to the public opening. This can be arranged by calling the gallery directly.

More information: Facebook at Viking Framer; 5545 2402 or 0449 250 545



Bishop John Roundhill pictured with (from left) Sophia de Freitas, Kristy de Freitas, Brenda Noble and Father Ken Spreadborough during a recent visit to St George's Anglican Church, Tamborine Mountain. Bishop Roundhill is Bishop of the Southern Region of the Anglican Church in Queensland.







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Visionary Tamborine Mountain artist and potter Monique Quarantini will mentor a life drawing session at the Making Good Alliance Regenerative Arts Centre next month.

Monique has been an artist, sculptor and a potter for more than 30 years and her figurative work draws on her surroundings to create pieces of art that tell a story of her spiritual connection to place.

She is a passionate artist who invests time and love in her creative endeavours to



produce unique pieces of art.

With the collaboration of Making Good Alliance, Monique will mentor an evening life drawing session on March 17.

Throughout her career she has gained invaluable experience working on movement, lines and expression of human form.

A life model will be a feature of the night so that everyone taking part in the mentoring session can freely express

themselves while artistically reproducing the model.

The event will take place in a relaxing and inspiring atmosphere. Monique will actively participate in the session, guiding participants with her advice and inspiration.

This is not only a unique opportunity to meet an artist whose work is directed towards nature, environment and spirituality, but also an opportunity to learn about the aims and objectives of Making Good Alliance.

Making Good Alliance is a unique concept aimed at supporting the preservation

of our environment and contributing to its regeneration through the support and development of arts and makers.

Importantly, the event will be an opportunity to meet other like-minded people interested in the arts and the environment. It will be a fun night of learning and exchanging ideas, so bring your friends, smiles and some wine.

The building in which the event will take place has its own history and character. It is a building that has been transformed and revitalised, inviting people to converse about art and regeneration.

The life drawing event is about your own journey and how you want to express yourself. Find your technique, practise shape, shading, lines and movement. It is open to anybody who wants to learn drawing techniques and understand human body curves while having fun.

Making Good Alliance recommends bringing any drawing material you would like to use and, of course, some wine. It will provide easels, boards and tables for you to choose from.

The Regenerative Arts Centre is located at 6-8 Knoll Road, North Tamborine.

Chloe Toussaint

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Parliament is back next week – after the Government gave itself a very long holiday from Parliament in early December 2020.

That week in December saw a budget delivered — a budget of broken promises which revealed \$28 billion more in extra borrowings than that promised by the Government in the election campaign. We all pay for this (over \$5 million per day in interest apparently) through our licence fees, rego, stamp duty on homes and insurance, and various other State taxes. Queensland's debt will reach \$130 billion over the four-year budget period — all while the economy is stagnating, with the highest unemployment rate in the nation and lowest business confidence.

Australian households are taking steps to reduce their debt right now. At at the beginning of a brand-new four-year term, my view is the Queensland Government should be setting out a disciplined, clear approach to reducing its spend over the next four years. We are in a situation of unprecedented Queensland Government debt, coupled with government spending that continues to rise at a rate above population growth and above the rate at which the Government receives income (taxes).

It is easy to see that, if this continues in the long term, we will merely continue to accumulate higher and higher debt — which inevitably sees higher taxes, more money dragged out of the economy and less chances for business to create jobs. At some time in the future, interest rates will rise too — meaning Queenslanders will need to fork out more and more in interest, putting the squeeze on roadworks, school services and other essentials.

The cycle of ever higher spending needs to end. It is absolutely unsustainable in the long term. I realise that sometimes it is necessary for the Government to spend more than it earns, and to borrow, to get things moving – the problem in Queensland is that this situation has become the "norm", not the exception. It is why we are in such a big hole at precisely the time when Government stimulus would assist the economy. To protect the future of all Queenslanders (and our credit rating too) some tough choices will need to be made in this term of Parliament.

GAMBLING COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND

Congratulations to all 15 community groups in the Scenic Rim that were successful in Round 106 of the Gambling Community Benefit Fund. Round 108 Fund is now open 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 over \$18 million in grant funds for community organisations since I was elected as your representative in 2012. Please contact my office for more information or to request a letter of support, and visit justice.qld.gov.au

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





SCOTT BUCHHOLZ Federal Member for Wright

SMALL HOTELS ENERGY EFFICIENT FUNDING

Small hotels across the Hinterland are being supported by the Morrison Government to lower their power bills so they can invest in their business and employ more locals.

Through the Government's \$10.2 million Hotel Energy Uplift Program, hotels, motels and serviced apartment complexes with up to 99 rooms will be able to access grants of up to \$25,000 for energy-saving projects, with at least 400 grants on offer.

This will reduce energy costs for hotel operators and support the creation of local jobs, including for electricians, carpenters, engineers, and plumbers.

Energy costs are one of the biggest overheads for publicans and hotel owners and these grants will reduce these operating costs and help them reinvest in their business during this critical time.

The Hotel Energy Uplift Program was announced in the 2020-21 Budget as part of the Government's \$1.9 billion investment in new energy technologies which will back jobs now and into the future, reduce emissions and ensure all Australians have access to reliable and affordable energy.

Applications open on 24 February and will close on 1 April (or earlier if funding is exhausted). To view the program guidelines, visit: **business.gov.au.**

AUSTRALIAN 5G INNOVATION INITIATIVE

Local Hinterland businesses can now apply for grant funding through the Australian 5G Innovation Initiative, to trial commercial uses of 5G technology as part of the Morrison Government's JobMaker Digital Business Plan. The Initiative will support investment in telecommunications infrastructure and create jobs for Australians.

The Initiative will encourage more rapid deployment of 5G technology and create real productivity benefits for the Australian economy. A total of \$10 million is available under the Initiative, with businesses able to apply for between \$100,000 and \$2 million in grant funding.

I encourage Hinterland businesses across all sectors to consider how 5G can benefit them and apply for funding through this Initiative.

Whether it is the use of sophisticated sensors on farm to provide information in real time or using 5G in factories to monitor machinery to detect faults and do maintenance, reducing breakdowns and increasing efficiency, the opportunities are endless, and I encourage all sectors to tell us how 5G can make a difference to their business.

Applications for Round One of the Australian 5G Innovation Initiative open on 19 February and close at 5pm AEDT on 31 March.

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Letters to the Editor

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COUNCIL TRANSPARENCY SHOULD BE IMPROVED

I refer to Derek Swanborough's column of 11 February and his comments on transparency. I have to agree that transparency can be improved and should be. I thought that improvements would have been made with the change of Mayors in 2016 but sadly I was wrong.

The first transparency issue, in my mind, is the operational budget. Most of your rates go to the operational budget but you are not allowed to see it. In my time, it was my fellow councillors who refused to support my request. The operational budget should be published along with the capital budget.

The second issue is transparency in Council's decision-making process. There is a need to have discussion on matters before a decision is made and the public should have access to those discussions. My view is that the workshops should be conducted in open session apart from those items which are deemed confidential and the Local Government Act is quite clear on this matter. In addition, discussion should be allowed in council meetings before a motion is put. The current practice of only allowing comments or questions of clarification without being allowed to discuss the answers given is unsatisfactory.

Councillors should support Cr Derek Swanborough on this occasion.

Nigel Waistell

BEWARE THE SNEAKY COMPLIANCE OFFICER

On Friday I attended a compliance interview at Council as a support person (having been a compliance officer in a past life). This meeting

followed an unannounced visit to a property on Tamborine Mountain by two Scenic Rim Council compliance officers, a Show Cause Notice, and a written response by the alleged offender.

Following a lack of introductions (no name tag on one, first name only on the other, no ID produced and no offer of business cards) the officers proceeded to outline the compliance matter but failed to advise that they were recording the meeting. When asked if they were recording, the answer was "yes". When asked when they intended to inform us, the answer was "when you asked". It turns out that the unannounced property visit was also audio recorded but no disclosure was made.

We both then placed our recording devices on the table. The compliance officer's recording device remained concealed in his top pocket. I was tempted to ask if it was a gun in his pocket or if he was just happy to see us – a la Mae West, but levity was a bit short on the other side of the table.

Legal? Yes. Ethical? No. Grubby? Extremely.

I enquired about the use of body-worn cameras during the unannounced property visit, in line with Council's body-worn camera policy and procedure documents which came into effect on 18 June 2016. One officer had no idea what I was talking about (obviously missed that part of induction training as it was stated he was new). The other asked to see the documents. One would assume that compliance, being surely one of the most confrontational business lines, he would be au fait with the use and importance of body-warn camera evidence, but apparently not.

Interestingly, the Council document Body-Worn Camera Procedure

CM.03.25PR contains a section headed "3. Business Units involved in utilising body worn cameras". Unfortunately, the details are blank. Perhaps Council simply went through the motions of putting a policy and procedure in place but not utilising these. Another box ticked – a bit like the farcical Draft Waste Management and Resource Recovery Strategy document – a sorry excuse for a "strategy" if ever I saw one.

Let's hope that a similar, unsuccessful attempt by compliance staff to gain entry to another property in Alpine Terrace which had extensive unauthorised clearing done – including on the neighbour's property – was also recorded.

In the event you are confronted by compliance staff – either announced or unannounced – ask if they are recording and also record the interaction yourself, as you are legally entitled to do.

We expect better from you Council. Go after the unauthorised clearers of dozens of trees who "want a better view" and bugger the bloody koalas; not a woman in her 70s who has planted hundreds of native plants on her "Land for Wildlife" property and was described by the (female) compliance officer as an "activist". I hope that bit was captured on the audio. And while you are at it - visit the site of any proposed "tennis courts" on extremely steep slopes which require Council approval to remove 43 mature trees in a Koala Habitat area - just to assure yourselves that you are not being manipulated by canny developers.

Ratepayers expect consistent treatment and that Council funds are utilised in the most effective manner.

Amanda Hay

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with Witches Falls Winery IT'S VINTAGE TIME!

We're buzzing with excitement and activity at the winery. It's a bit like Christmas because it's vintage and, as harvest only happens once a year, it's an incredibly crucial time. Grapes are arriving and the 'grape to glass' process is beginning.

How many times have you heard the term 'vintage' and wondered, as you looked at your purchased bottle, what the term actually means? Put simply, it's the year that the grapes were picked (harvested) in the vineyard. A vintage wine is one whereby the grapes were all, or primarily all, grown and harvested in a single specified year.



But to a winemaker, vintage is so much more. It's the realisation of a year's work in the vineyard and a record of the conditions and events of that year. It's the opportunity to utilise their skills and passion to create something special, and its success is also directly related to their livelihood. That's a lot of pressure on one event!

Grapes normally ripen at the end of summer through to early autumn. In the Northern Hemisphere, vintage occurs between the months of August to October, and in the Southern Hemisphere between the months of February to April.



When to harvest the grape is paramount and can shift within those said months from one year to the next, depending on what style of wine the winemaker is producing. Aspects such as sugar, acidity and tannin levels are all determined by ripeness. As grapes ripen, they become soft and sweet. Dry and sunny climates can make incredible Syrahs with a heady profile, whilst grape varieties like Sauvignon Blanc thrive in cooler conditions giving a fresh, tart, and zesty flavour profile.

Outside of the winemaker's abilities, climate is the most significant factor that affects grape quality and wine style. When the weather doesn't play ball, it's akin to the Grinch stealing Christmas. All that anticipation, planning and excitement can be taken away in an instant by means outside the winemaker's control. It can be devastating and means that winemakers may receive reduced, or in some cases, no fruit; or be forced to pick grapes before they are at optimal ripeness to ensure they aren't lost to a weather event.

It happens. In 2019 Australia was ravaged by drought and smoke taint. Smoke can bind to the skin of the grape and ultimately, very much affect the taste of the final wine. In 2019/20 many winemakers chose not to harvest their crops so as to not compromise their reputation. For some, yields were small but worthwhile. And some winemakers, sought fruit from alternative regions to supplement a drastically reduced supply.

Thankfully Vintage 2021 is looking promising. We've already received more fruit from the Granite Belt in our first few weeks than we did from the entire vintage last year and are excited to see its transformation by our talented winemakers.

Cheers and stay hydrated, The Witches Falls Winery Team





SHARP COMMENT

The Scenic Rim Regional Council meeting of 19

January and the accompanying minutes of that meeting make for an interesting review.

The matter of interest relates to the statutory requirements and the standard processes to be observed at such meetings; at the January 19 meeting the council was reviewing and adopting resolutions for "standing orders", in simple terms the process for conducting council meetings.

Under the State Government of Queensland and more specifically the Local Government Act and Local Government Regulations the requirements are set out in plain English for all to not only understand but most importantly to observe and follow as a point of law.

It would appear that this is not the case for the SRRC with specific regard to "meeting process for dealing with suspected inappropriate conduct which has been referred to by the independent assessor".

In short, the law requires that when a councillor is suspected of inappropriate conduct in an open meeting of council then the matter must be addressed at a public council meeting to decide if such conduct was actually inappropriate.

The SRRC executive put forward a recommendation to the council as follows:

"Council must be consistent with the local government principals of transparent and accountable decision making in the public interest by dealing with suspected inappropriate conduct in an open meeting of the council. However, where the complainant or other parties may be adversely affected due to the nature of the complaint, the council may resolve to go into closed session."

CLOSED SESSION or CLOSED MEETINGS can only be conducted for the following reasons:

- a. the appointment, discipline or dismissal of the chief executive officer
- b. industrial matters affecting employees
- c. the local government's budget
- d. rating concessions
- e. legal advice obtained by the local government or legal proceedings involving the local government including, for example, legal proceedings that may be taken by or against the local government
- f. matters that may directly affect the health and safety of an individual or a group of individuals
- g. negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving the local government for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government
- h. negotiations relating to the taking of land by the local government under the Acquisition of Land Act 1967
- a matter the local government is required to keep confidential under a law of, or formal arrangement with, the Commonwealth or a State, as per the Local Government Regulations.

The suggestion by the SRRC to go into "closed session" if the complainant or other parties may be adversely affected due to the nature of the complaint is a **COMPLETE NONSENSE** and simply breaks Queensland Local Government Regulations.

This flagrant disregard for the law was addressed by Cr Swanborough who proposed amending the illegal sentence and replacing it with '(f) matters that may directly affect the health and safety of an individual or a group of individuals' which is derived from the appropriate sub section of the Local Government Regulations.

The amendment was seconded by Cr Duncan McInnes.

When it came to vote the amendment was defeated three votes to four.

Voting for the amendment were Councillors Swanborough, Chalk and McInnes.

Against the amendment was Councillors Christensen, McConnell, West and Enright.

This raises grave concerns, and one needs to ask the question of the Mayor and Councillors McConnell, West and Enright: What is it you do not understand about the Queensland Government act and accompanying regulations?

How long can the State Government of Queensland leave the people of this region out on a lawless limb and let the Scenic Rim Joke continue unabated?



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You probably know that the plumper our skin is, the more youthful it appears (and if you didn't know that, now you do!). You may also have noticed that when our skin isn't as plump, we may look older or more tired.

But, do you know why plumpness contributes to a younger appearance? Do you know if there's a way to prevent loss of plumpness that comes with age? Better yet, do you know how to get plump skin without turning to injectables or plastic surgery?

WHAT EXACTLY IS PLUMPING?

Chances are, it's not often that you hear the word "plump" and wish it was used to describe your appearance. When I think of the word "plump," I think of ripe peaches or a baby's chubby cheeks.

But believe it or not, you actually do want "plump" to describe you your skin, that is. When our skin is plump, it's not saggy or tiredlooking and our fine lines and wrinkles are filled in. It's not that we want to look like a chubby-cheeked toddler, but we do want our skin to have similar qualities to a toddler's. The plumper your skin, the more you'll appear young, refreshed, and like you got your eight hours of sleep last night - even if you didn't.

Unfortunately, as we age, our skin loses that plumpness, which can give the opposite effect. You may get 10 hours of sleep, but you may still look tired. Our skin naturally loses elasticity and starts using more collagen than it can produce as we age. In fact, our bodies generally start working in a collagen deficit (meaning we use more collagen than we produce) at the ripe young age of 25.

HOW DO YOU ACHIEVE PLUMP SKIN?

Lucky for you (and for me) there are plenty of ways to combat sagging skin, and many are simple.

So, what to do? Eat more collagen-boosting goodness. Certain foods are said to boost your body's collagen production: think superfoods like dark leafy greens, fatty fish like salmon, avocado, garlic, carrots, and eggs. You can also simply purchase a collagen supplement or a collagen powder to mix into your morning smoothie - just do extra research and make sure to speak to your doctor first.

Once you've stocked your fridge with whole food goodness, let's talk about facial treatments.

There are a number of treatments you can have with your beauty therapist which will boost your collagen growth to help plump the skin; to find out which is best for you, book yourself in for a consultation. Cosmeceutical skincare products prescribed for your skin type by your therapist will also assist.

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Relationships "LIVE LIKE YOU



WERE DYING"

Several years ago, I was driving home along a busy road and encountered a tragic accident. A person crossing the road had just been hit by a car. Several drivers had pulled over and were rushing toward the scene to offer assistance.

A convenience shop was nearby, and two bags of groceries lay scattered over the road, remnants of the mundane minutes that preceded the life changing event. The memory of those scattered groceries remained with me as I drove home. I imagined the person deciding on which bread to buy or whether to spend an extra dollar on the extra-large eggs. These decisions became irrelevant in an unforeseen instant.

When confronted with tragedy we tend to assess how we spend our life. Are we consumed by mundane moments that will have lost their relevance tomorrow? It is all too easy for urgent matters to steal our attention away from the more important matters. If we don't acknowledge that our time is limited, we will be careless about how we live. Living with a sense of our mortality helps us to shift our priorities and place our energy into directions that leave a legacy after our departure.

Bronnie Ware has years of experience as a palliative carer. Her time with dying patients prompted her to write a book The Top Five Regrets of the Dying. Here is what she learnt from her patients:

- Regret One: I wish I'd had the courage to live a life true to myself.
- Regret Two: I wish I hadn't worked so hard.
- Regret Three: I wish I'd had the courage to express my feelings.
- Regret Four: I wish I had stayed in touch with my
- Regret Five: I wish I had let myself be happier.

Notice what is absent from Ware's list. There are no wishes for increased wealth accumulation, more status, greater recognition. Instead, there are longings for authenticity, community, simplicity and joy. Cemeteries hold a fascination for me - headstones with descriptors of lives well-lived but mostly they describe relationships. "Much loved"; "dearly missed"; "loving grandparent". These are what we are remembered for.

Ware points out that her patients were people who had been given time to contemplate their lives. Many depart suddenly and do not have such a luxury. It's important to consider the life you are living now. Don't waste your life chasing things that will not last, like the broken eggs and squashed bread on the roadside. None of us knows how long our journey will be, so be grateful for the gift of each day.

Tim McGraw's hit song "Live Like You Were Dying" sums it up well:

And I loved deeper And I spoke sweeter And I gave forgiveness I'd been denying... Someday I hope you get the chance To live like you were dying.

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Physio Talk

with Neil Bell



A NEW PUPPY AND A NEW LEASE ON LIFE

Just after the new year started, we expanded our household. We finally got ourselves the new puppy that we had been talking about for a year. I had forgotten how absolutely wonderful it is to have a puppy in the house. I had also forgotten how hard it is as well, but let's not talk about that. Her name is Molly, and she is an absolute delight. Daily she brings us great joy, laughter and love and we feel very blessed to have her in our life.

However, if the looks that our old black lab, Millie, is giving us, she is far from impressed. Never in her 15 years has she had to deal with being woken out of a deep sleep by getting her head jumped on or being nipped on the tail until she gets up

and plays or suffers the indignity or having a puppy sit on her face while she is trying to have a rest. This morning, the look she had on her face when Molly woke her up has kept me laughing all day. Even now, I am smiling writing about it.

But the thing is, Millie, our old girl is thriving. It is such a joy to see. Three months ago, all she would do all day is sleep; she was stiff and could barely walk. She refused to come on walks with us and couldn't make it all the way around our little farm. Now, she is excited again. She is interested in life around her and she is moving better than she has in a very long time.

So, what's the secret to her great change?

It is actually pretty simple: movement and connection.

It is obvious that it works and the difference in Millie since our little Molly has joined us is wonderful.

And there is a great amount of human research to support this.

According to recent studies, two of the most successful ways to minimise Alzheimer's disease, increase longevity, decrease mental deterioration, and decrease aged care admissions are to do regular aerobic exercise and to stay connected. All these studies show that doing at least 30 minutes of exercise a day and regularly catching up with friends and family make a massive difference to our lives.

Surely, when we look at it, it's not that hard to accomplish.

If you are not exercising regularly, I encourage you to start getting out and about.

Heaps of people all over the world have found that they have lost motivation to exercise and to socialise since this pandemic has changed our way of life. However, it is vital to our health and wellbeing that we find time for movement and for connection.

If you are finding it hard to get back into exercise, or to start exercising, give us a call at Physique. We have some amazing options to help you out, like our Fit-for-Life classes or the development of specific, individualised exercise programs. We can work it out together.

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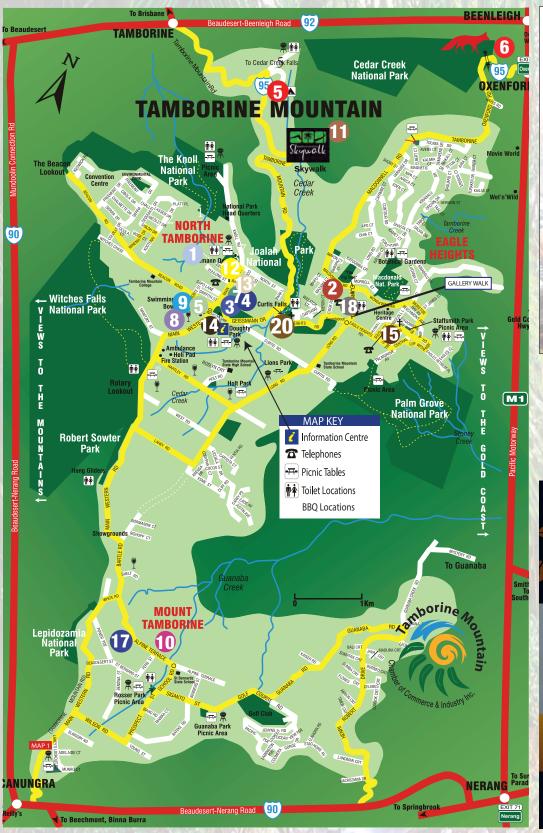
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LONG ROAD SPORTS VENUE GETS PREMIUM TURF BOOST

The wonderful Tamborine Mountain community spirit was on display in all its glory last week as residents young and old flexed their muscles, bent their backs and got their hands dirty by laying 10,000 square metres of premium grade sports turf at the Long Road sports complex.

An estimated 180 people from across the sporting codes including soccer, rugby, Parkrun, netball and cricket turned out over three nights to help renovate the grounds.

The turf was generously donated by Australian Lawn Concepts (ALC). ALC are local Scenic Rim turf growers located to the west of Tamborine Mountain on the Mundoolun Connection Road in Boyland (The the ones with the buffalo on the container).

The donation from ALC follows a successful grant the TMSA received last year from the Gambling Community Benefit Fund, which has enabled the organisation to regenerate the entire lower sporting fields.

Local sports clubs are set to be the major beneficiaries of the upgraded grounds with first class fields to play soccer, cricket and rugby.

John Keleher, co-owner of ALC said: "We were impressed by the vision that the Tamborine Mountain Sports Association (TMSA) has for the future of the facility and we could see an opportunity to work with an organisation that will see a long-term benefit to both the local community and our business."

ALC has planted premium grade sports couch on the lower fields and used a biochar fertiliser to help promote sustainable growth. Biochar is made from organic waste product which holds moisture and retains nutrients in the soil.

It's a sustainable and environmentally friendly additive which makes it well suited for community sports fields.

The combination of biochar and premium sports turf has potential for other sportsgrounds and councils right across Australia, with the TMSA venue now becoming a showcase for best practice into the future.

"We couldn't be happier. It's an incredibly generous offer and we're extremely grateful for the support," said TMSA Director Sharee Young.

Businessman and TMSA board member Neil Bell said: "We now have grounds with the same premier grade turf and surfaces as venues like ANZ and Metricon Stadium, which is incredible for a community organisation."

TMSA President Mick Angus said that having quality fields would allow the Long Road venue to host local, regional and national sporting tournaments and teams.

"That's not only a great thing for the Scenic Rim sporting community, but a financial boost for local businesses and the local economy," he said.

Given soccer's strong history in women's football and the naturally beautiful surrounds at Long Road, the sports venue is also now well placed to host visiting international women's teams in the lead up to the Women's World Cup in 2023.

This latest development at the sports complex comes at a great time as TMSA embarks on the process of building much needed clubrooms and additional sports and recreation facilities at the precinct.

"A win-win situation for everyone and a great example of the benefits of working

together for a positive shared outcome," said TMSA Vice President Arran Hassell.

PART OF LONG-TERM PLANNING

With planning funding provided by the Scenic Rim Regional Council late last year, TMSA is now in the process of completing designs for a clubhouse and additional sports facilities and spaces at Long Road.

The upgraded fields are an early first step in seeing that plan and strategy come to fruition and coincide with the local Eagles soccer club's first season in the adults Gold Coast Coastal League competition.

Early research and studies have shown the current facilities at Long Road cater for 40 per cent or six of the top 15 sports that adults participate in nationally. Upon completion of the TMSA master plan, the venue will provide for over 80 per cent, with 12 of the top 15 sports catered for.

Final drawings for completion of stage one, together with an accompanying long term financial and business strategy for the precinct will be completed in the coming months and presented to Scenic Rim Council and the community.

The key to the long-term plan is to provide a resource that, once completed, can maintain itself financially, become self sustainable in the long term and provide social and economic benefit to the region.

TMSA will look to the local community, Council and State and Federal Governments for infrastructure support to ensure this wonderful resource can continue to give back to the communities that support it.



State Member for Scenic Rim Jon Krause and Arran Hassell laying new turf at Tamborine Mountain Sport and Recreation Centre.



Above and opposite page: Just some of the 180 local volunteers who turned out to help lay the new premium turf over three nights last week.





















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Help guide our planning by reading the Draft Water Netserv Plan and telling us what you think. **Tell us what is important to you and provide us with your feedback:**

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All submissions must be in writing and received by COB Thursday 18 March 2021.

Urban Utilities, operational since July 2010, is owned by the five councils that serve the Brisbane, Ipswich, Somerset, Scenic Rim and Lockyer Valley local government areas. The Draft Water Netserv Plan has been endorsed by each of the Councils that Urban Utilities services. The Draft Water Netserv Plan will also be finalised for submission to the Queensland Government's Minister for Planning seeking the Minister's endorsement.

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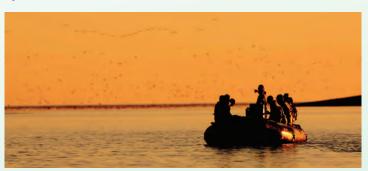
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TRAVELLING PLACES By Gina Storey

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It's 1998 and I'm 17 and living with my mother in Sydney's western suburb of Campbelltown. I have just finished my first year as an apprentice, in a bistro in Balmain. I was travelling three hours return for work, because the restaurants in my area were not very good. But this long commute was taking a toll on me, as often either the train or one of the busses was late and I'd then be late for work. So, one day my head chef told me it was the last straw after I arrived 10 minutes late again, said she'd had had enough.

So, I decided to apply for a job in Bondi at Hugo's. Fortunately, my grandparents had agreed that I could live with them in their Bronte home for a year.

It was here I met my first real mentor, Pete Evens. He took a liking to my work ethic and took me under his wing and began to show me how to win the chef game.

He was very tough on me, not allowing me to go on breaks and would make me stay back and clean up when everyone else was having a knock off drink. He would make me memorise recipes and recite them to him and send me to work in other kitchens without pay, where I had to memorise their recipes too.

One day I was sent to work with a man called Neil Perry. I soon realised that all the chefs in his restaurant didn't have breaks and this was why Pete had been conditioning me. One day after my shift at about 1am, Neil was working on a new dish alone in the kitchen, so I asked if he needed any help. "Sure, put an apron on and peel these asparagus for me."

Neil was a very serious person and commanded respect. He ran his

kitchen like the military but watching him cook was awesome; it was like watching an artist paint. His every move was purposeful and precise. After plating up, he looked at me and said "whaddaya think? Looks pretty good hey?" I was like a deer in the spotlights. I just sort of nodded. "Let's have taste then," he said.

On a beautiful handmade plate sat some salmon that had been sliced thinly, like sashimi, then licked with a blow torch; on top was an avocado mousse, flaked blue swimmer crab, asparagus and crispy capers, all artistically drizzled with an acidic hollandaise.

"I reckon you are going to make it in this game ferret," he said to me, "Pete tells me you are a real talent." Blushing, I asked him: "What are some of the things you look for in a chef?" Smiling, he said: "Well they need to be able to work long hours without complaint, have a genuine passion, be punctual, but most of all, possess a positive mental attitude and an ability to stay calm under pressure.

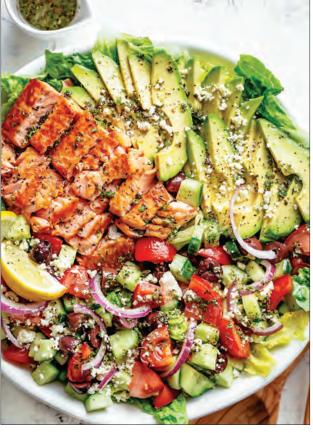
On the train home it dawned on me just how fortunate I was to have someone like Pete in my life.

SERVES 2

Prep time 10 minutes Cook time 10 minutes

INGREDIENTS

- 2 x 250g skin on salmon fillets
- 2 tbs Spartan rub + 2 tbs olive oil (marinade)
- 1 tbs Dijon + 4 tbs olive oil + 2 tbs red wine vinegar (dressing)
- 1 large Cos lettuce chopped
- 3 vine ripened tomatoes, wedged into 1/8s
- 1 Lebanese cucumber, sliced
- 10 kalamata olives
- 1/2 red capsicum sliced
- 1/2 red onion, sliced wafer thin



- 1 ripe avocado cut into 1/4 then fanned
- 100g Greek feta diced into 1cm cubes.

INSTRUCTIONS

- Coat the salmon with the rub and marinate for 10 minutes
- Heat frypan and cook over medium-high heat - cook salmon for 2 minutes on each side until nice and crispy, and cooked to medium or how you like it. Once salmon is cooked, set aside and allow to rest.

TO PREPARE SALAD

- In a bowl toss in tomatoes, cucumber, olives, onion, capsicum, and fetta; add dressing and gently combine. Place leaves on the bottom of a salad dish, sprinkle over salad on one side, then arrange avocado on the other side and crumble some fetta on top.
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Fire ants are again a serious threat to Tamborine Mountain according to a report from Tamborine Mountain Chamber of Commerce President Geoff Baldwin.

He told a meeting of Chamber members that representatives from the Queensland Department of Agriculture and Fisheries had contacted him to discuss distribution of fire ant eradication kits.

A report from the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries this month stated that new fire ant nests had been found and destroyed on the Mountain.

Geoff told the meeting that the Visitor Information Centre would be used as a distribution point, with additional kits being stored at the Landcare Centre on Hartley Road.

He said that department representatives had been invited to present information at the Chamber's Annual General Meeting on March 10.

The Chamber meeting, at Eagle Heights Hotel, also heard that the 2021 edition of the annual Visitor Guide, this year titled "The Best of Tamborine Mountain", was in production and advertising opportunities were available.

Members also heard from Vanessa Skinner, Manager of the Canungra branch of Bendigo Bank, who explained how the bank operates and its contribution to the community.

Local businessman and Chamber member Darren Jack provided information about a new crypto currency called Qoin. He urged all members to investigate the system and said he had been using it for seven months with considerable success.

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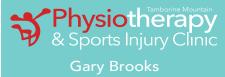
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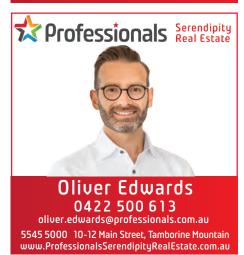


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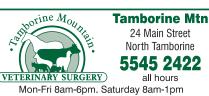
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Horse riders must give way to pedestrians when riding on a footpath or nature strip. Horses can be ridden on footpaths, nature strips, and bike lanes providing they give way to all pedestrians. Riders should also use appropriate hand signals to denote turning, stopping, etc. to warn motorist if the horse is becoming unsettled.

When riding in pairs (you can't ride more than two abreast) horses should be no more than 1.5m apart while on the road, or a minimum of 1.3m nose to tail when in single file.

Riders must also form single file when on narrow roads or when turning corners. Horses cannot be led on the road from any vehicle, whether it's a car, motorbike or bicycle.

For drivers who come across horses on the road, it's important to remember the following:

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- Horses can be unpredictable, so slow down and give them plenty of room.
- Never sound your horn, rev your engine or pass a horse at high speed.
- Slow down or stop if a rider is having difficulty with a horse.
- Do not throw objects or shout at a horse or rider.

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MOUNTAIN IS MOURNING LOSS OF PAM GIFFARD, 89

Tamborine Mountain is mourning the loss of one of its much-loved residents, Pam Giffard, who passed away suddenly at home.

Pam, who was 89, was married to well-known Mountain identity Phil Giffard for 64 years. They were an inseparable couple and could be seen virtually every day sharing coffee at their favourite table in Mountain Brew on Main Street.

Family members have held a private farewell for Pam and a public celebration of her life will be held shortly on a date to be announced.

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