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ANYONE FANCY A PIECE OF WATERMELON?

Sarah Pollard and Bec Baigent make short work of their sweet and juicy watermelon pieces at the inaugural watermelon eating contest held at Off the Farm Produce Market in Canungra. The event, which proved immensely popular, raised \$408 for the Canungra Rural Fire Service.

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Heleen Van Daalen 0424 591 011



Property of the week

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11 - 11.30	43 Central Avenue
11 - 11.30	1 - 19 Drysdale Rd, Tamborine
11 - 11.30	54 Kinabalu Drive
11 - 11.45	Lot 7 / 59 Wilson Road
12 - 12.30	16 Sequoia Drive
12.15 - 12.45	30 Curlew Crt, Tamborine
12.15-1	Lot 2 / 73-87 Guanaba Road
1.15 - 2	16 Ben Nevis Street
1.30-2	14-16 Java Court
2.30 - 3	37 Coleman Square



Review Buyer: 63 Vineyard Lane

Mark has extensive knowledge of the area & made the purchase of our new home stress free by being available to answer questions I had, promptly. He is professional, friendly, approachable & down to earth. A great agent to have purchased through

AGENTS: ★★★★★

Team Mark & Deb
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SALE 4 2 2 1,801m²

16 Ben Nevis Street, Tamborine Mountain

- Character Western Red Cedar home
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AGENTS:
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SALE 5 2 2 825m²

8 Coleman Square, Tamborine Mountain

- 2 family rooms, kitchen with new stove & dishwasher, polished timber floors
- Large undercover deck overlooking garden
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AGENTS:
Linda Hogan
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SALE 2 2 1 132m²

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PETITIONERS URGE RESIDENTS TO MAKE THEIR VOICES HEARD

A group of residents from across the Scenic Rim Region say they have had enough of Scenic Rim Regional Council's total lack of transparency and representation of those they serve.

They claim that calls for positive change across the region have been continually ignored by the council and are now calling on the public to take action "to take back our council and put representation back on the agenda".

Their first course of action is the launch of a petition seeking change.

The head petitioners come from right across the region, including:

- Amanda Hay – Tamborine Mountain – Division 1 (0491 067 158)
- Trent Selkirk – Tamborine – Division 2 (0408 799 443)
- Nathan Clarke – Running Creek – Division 3 (0421 803 503)
- Peter Wilson – Beaudesert – Division 4
- Ian Pocock – Boonah – Division 5 (0403 192 519) and
- Chris Gray – Kalbar – Division 6 (0438 438 344).

They are calling on the Queensland Premier, Annastacia Palaszczuk, to intervene to end a perceived culture of secrecy and closed decision making at Scenic Rim Regional Council.

They say Scenic Rim Regional Council requires councillors and executives to conduct the majority of business in closed, confidential workshops over two days, each fortnight, and that these workshops are effectively conducted as meetings without the presence of the media or the public; the workshops then make recommendations to the Ordinary Meetings of Council.

The petitioners claim that by excluding

the public and media from these workshops, Scenic Rim residents are effectively denied the essential information on which decisions are made.

In their petition they say: "Councillors attending these workshops are held to secrecy that unreasonably prevents them from open communication with their constituents.

Amanda Hay said: "This perceived long-standing culture of secrecy by the SRRC effectively denies us, the residents, ratepayers, traders, contractors, and employees in the Scenic Rim the transparency and accountability we expect from our representatives on Council.

"This behaviour of public representatives is contrary to the *Local Government Act 2009*, including the actions underpinning principles of social inclusion and transparent and effective processes.

"Our council must be more open and accountable to the public if we are to

receive proper and effective democratic representation and meaningful community engagement.

"We are asking Premier Palaszczuk to act to ensure our SRRC system of local government performs according to these principles."

Website: www.change.org

Link: <https://www.change.org/p/stop-the-rot-at-scenic-rim-regional-council>

Hard copies of the petition will be available across the Scenic Rim region.



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ROTARY GIVES BOOST TO MOUNTAIN YOUTH



Tyler Wiseman is farewelled by Rotarian Neil Smith before leaving for camp.

The Rotary Satellite Club of Tamborine Mountain recently sponsored eight young locals to participate in two valuable Rotary youth programs.

Tyler Wiseman, after being nominated by his neighbour and Rotarian, Neil Smith, attended the Rotary Youth Transition Seminar, a six-day personal development and leadership camp aimed at developing the leadership, interpersonal and practical life skills of young people aged 16 to 18. The seminar is tailored for year 11 students transitioning into year 12, as well as apprentices transitioning from school into the workforce.

William Harvey, Ben Howard, Josh Hanrahan, Jasmine Howard, Ehlaina Jacob, Kate Prostamo, and Natalie Allen took part in the Rotary Youth Leadership Award program which is recognised as a premier youth leadership development course.

Held at a week-long residential camp, the course is designed to promote proactivity, personal and professional development through a range of inspirational speakers, team building exercises and leadership training.

The development of communication and presentation skills, problem solving, conflict resolution, self-confidence and self-esteem were key objectives of this program.



Back row (from left) William Harvey, Ben Howard, and Josh Hanrahan; front row (from left) Jasmine Howard, Ehlaina Jacob, Kate Prostamo and Natalie Allen



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Club Tamborine President Rob Tailor and Greenkeeper/RFS Volunteer Damian Bartlett presented a cheque to Tamborine Mountain Rural Fire Service 1st Officer Garry Cole for money raised at the Club's Australia Day fundraiser. A total of \$1462.00 was donated to this important volunteer organisation.

Council Notices



FREE TREE DISTRIBUTION DAY

Saturday 6 March | 8am to 12 noon
Springleigh Park Boonah
Residents must present their Free Tree Voucher, delivered with their July 2020 rates notice, to collect their free trees. 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.

MINOR COMMUNITY GRANTS

Applications for Round 2 of Council's Community Grants (Minor) close 26 February 2021 at 5pm. These grants provide for up to \$5000 for not-for-profit community groups for projects and events which benefit the Scenic Rim. Grant guidelines and a link to the online application form are available on Council's website www.scenicrim.qld.gov.au/grants-funding-awards/community-grants-program/.

WORLD OF WORK EXPO

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BEAUDESERT SHOWGROUNDS | Thurs 18 March
www.scenicrim.qld.gov.au/world-of-work

SCENIC RIM BUSINESS BREAKFAST

Thurs 18 March | 6.30am | The Centre Beaudesert
Free event. Reinventing your business with Robert Gerrish, author of *The 1-Minute Commute* and *Flying Solo: How to go it alone in business*. Bookings essential. Book through liveatthecentre.com.au or phone the box office on 5540 5050.

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NAME THE GAME
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Tamborine Mountain Wednesdays | 4pm - 4.45pm

KID SPACE
Thursdays afternoons at Beaudesert Library are for kids! Enjoy science, craft, games and STEM challenges. Suitable for primary school-aged children.

Beaudesert | Thursdays | 4pm - 4.45pm

DIGITAL DAYS
Short 15-minute tech help sessions, covering basic maintenance and troubleshooting for mobile devices and internet and online safety, are being held for seniors at Beaudesert, Boonah and Tamborine Mountain libraries. COVID-safe restrictions apply. This program has been made possible with the support of the State Library of Queensland, the Queensland Government and Telstra.

STORYTIME IN THE PARK OUTREACH

BEAUDESERT	2 March
BEECHMONT	4 March
CANUNGRA	10 March
KALBAR	18 March
PEAK CROSSING	22 March
RATHDOWNEY	3 March
TAMBORINE VILLAGE	9 March

STORYTIME SESSIONS

Bookings are essential. Space and number limits apply.
BEAUDESERT Monday 9.30am | Wednesday 9.30am
BOONAH Monday 9.30am | 10.30am
TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN
Monday 9.15am | Storytime for children 2-5 yrs
Friday 9.15am | Baby Rhyme Time 2 yrs and under

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Saturday 6 March Boonah, Coronation Park
Saturday 13 March Tamborine Mountain, Geissmann Oval
Saturday 20 March Beaudesert, Jubilee Park
6.30pm
DOLITTLE (PG)
After losing his wife seven years earlier, the eccentric Dr John Dolittle, famed doctor and veterinarian of Queen Victoria's England, is living as a recluse behind the high walls of Dolittle Manor with only his menagerie of exotic animals for company.
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Friday 30 April | 11am | The Centre Beaudesert

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TOPOLOGY - WE WILL RISE
Friday 26 March | 7.30pm | Boonah Cultural Centre
CHAMELEON
Friday 23 April | 7.30pm | Vonda Youngman Community Centre

FRIDAY FLICKS
Boonah Cultural Centre | 10am | 1pm | 7pm
Tickets: \$10 or Conc \$7.50 and must be pre-purchased.
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12 March: Garbage Warrior (M)
19 March: The High Note (M)
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ON EXHIBITION
WOMEN'S WORK
Until Friday 26 March | The Centre, Beaudesert

VALE PAM GIFFARD - A VERY SPECIAL WOMAN

Pam Giffard was born in Toowoomba in April 1931, the youngest of four children of Doctor of Dentistry Hector Jones and his wife, Joan.

Her parents were born in Tasmania where both attended the University of Tasmania in Hobart. This established a strong family tradition of higher education. Pam attended the Glennie School in Toowoomba before moving on to the University of Queensland. She graduated with a Bachelor of Arts with a major in French.

Pam began her teaching career at St Gabriel's School in Charters Towers. She then relocated to St Hilda's in Southport where, one night, when leaving the old Savoy Theatre in Southport, we recognised each other from our days at UQ. We were married in January 1957, 64 years ago.

With our two children well established at school, Pam returned to teaching in 1971 and taught for 17 years at Aquinas College in Southport where she was the first woman on the teaching staff. She specialised in teaching children with learning difficulties. In 1991 we moved to Tamborine Mountain where we lived for 30 years. This was an inspired choice and the ongoing welcome we have received from the local community always meant a lot to us.

Pam had a wide range of interests and talents. From childhood she loved to sing and dance - from Scottish dancing to Zumba later in life. She played the piano and enjoyed music from Beethoven to the Bee Gees. Pam had a real love for and mastery of the English language and her affinity for music and language has been passed on to our children. She wrote wonderful letters and poems, kept extensive travel diaries and welcomed guests from many different countries with unerring cheer, charm and grace. Pam raced

sailing dinghies with success and rode her Vespa and drove her Renaults with verve. She set up her own small business importing hand-made Tibetan carpets and was an early adopter of personal computers. Through it all, Pam maintained a comfortable and happy family home, full of affection, books, ideas and excellent food.

Our family were real winners to have Pam at the core. Pam and I shared great pride in our son and daughter. Phil is a research scientist and a Professor at Charles Darwin University, and a muso. Kate is a truly dedicated teacher and Department Head at Dalby State High School.

Looking back, it seems all our major family decisions were from Pam's initiatives - everything from getting married and deciding to have children to building our successive three houses to meet changing family needs. It was never, 'We should do this' but rather, 'Perhaps we should think about this'.

Pam was bright and bouncy and fun to be with, but she was much more than that. She had deep understanding of people's needs and weaknesses but was never judgmental. Pam did not impose her philosophy but always encouraged us to be happy and fulfilled while avoiding hurting others. If only the world could run like that what a different place it would be. Pam was a much-loved sister, aunt, grandmother and a lifelong friend to many. She was loved by all. Pam and I were different individuals but, with her deft touch, we were always the best of mates.

About 10 years ago, Pam suffered a brain injury that affected her memory. Most fortunately, she always remained Pam. Later, the need for care became 24/7 but she rarely complained although she was fully aware of what she was losing. We were effectively sharing one life, but I felt no deprivation



Pam and Phil Giffard on their wedding day

– it was a privilege and a delight to share a life with Pam. She was very special.

Pam died at home from a heart attack on February 2. Following her wishes, close family farewelled her very quietly without a formal funeral. Friends and family will gather to celebrate Pam's life in April when we can get back together as we intended for her 90th birthday.

We have always been a very close family. Son Phil, daughter Kate and I have found many happy memories in writing this obituary at such a sad time. We have much to be thankful for in having had Pam for so long. Her influence on our lives has been profound and she will always be with us.

Dearest Pam. Thanks for everything.

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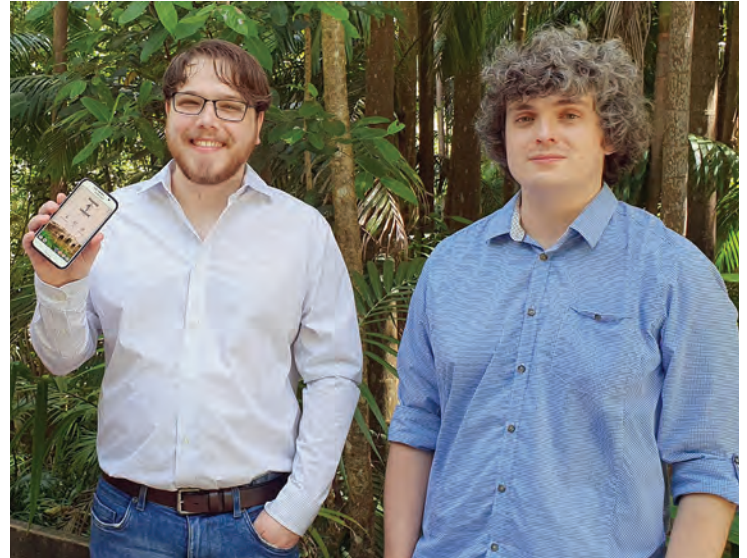


TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN DENTAL

EAGLE HEIGHTS SHOPPING VILLAGE (above FOODWORKS) 14/17 SOUTHPORT AVE, EAGLE HEIGHTS



BOTANIC GARDENS APP SET TO ASSIST VISITORS



Developers Corey Davison (left) and Max Kent

Tamborine Mountain Botanic Gardens has launched an app for both Apple and Android smartphones that helps guide visitors through the gardens and adds an extra layer of enjoyment.

Botanic Gardens President Denby Browning said: "We believe we are the first regional botanic garden in Australia to provide a free app for our visitors."

The Gardens committee commissioned a developer team late last year to design an interactive map and information guide. The app includes details of all pathways, gardens and contemplative sites, and information about the early days of the Gardens, and offers a number of activities including "I Spy" and bird-watching opportunities. It also provides music while visitors are relaxing at any one of the nine contemplative sites.

It is now available to download free by clicking on the Apple App Store or Google Play icon on a smart phone and entering "Tamborine Mountain Botanic" in the search line. A special QR code will be displayed at convenient locations around the Gardens to take visitors directly to the download page in their app store.

This code is a simple way to assist visitors to find the app. It works in the same way as check-in.

The app was conceived after committee members discussed a way to curate music with the nine contemplative sites through the Gardens.

"The theme of the app was inspired by botanical watercolour art. We wanted the map to be more detailed and representational than previous incarnations of the Gardens map. I studied old blueprints of the Gardens and used them as a foundation. My co-developer Max Kent and I visited the Gardens a number of times to refine our design and ensure accuracy," said developer Corey Davison.

"The map's zoom feature achieves a level of detail and utility for users to navigate and learn about the Gardens' many features without providing a deluge of information that would keep people's eyes on their phones instead of on the gardens."

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A reminder that a coming exhibition of the late Brian Cook's works starts on 6 March at Viking Framers Art Gallery, 5 Fern Street, Tamborine Mountain. It will represent not only Brian's biggest collection on display to date, but also his last. The exhibition will continue throughout March.

The stunning collection of Australian expressionist pieces is not to be missed. The opening is at 3pm on 6 March.

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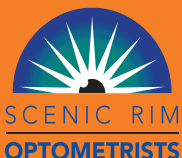
Those interested in going to the COVID-safe opening should register on Viking Framers Facebook. There is also an opportunity for art lovers to book a private pre-opening viewing in the days leading up to the public opening. This can be arranged by calling the gallery directly.

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SITTING WEEK AT PARLIAMENT

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I recently met with the Assistant Commissioner for Police and highlighted the need for a greater police presence around Tamborine Mountain, Tamborine and Canungra, especially on the roads at night to deter hooning.

The issue was acknowledged, and I was informed about coming changes to how police resources are allocated that I hope will improve this issue. The reality is that at the moment many hoons offend with impunity because they know it is extremely unlikely they will be detected by police.

I look forward to another year of fighting to increase and improve services for the Scenic Rim Electorate. Whether it's highlighting the need for investment in our National Park infrastructure, fire-fighting equipment (rural and auxiliary) or continuing to push the case for public transport services to the district, the absence of which is clearly inequitable given the services offered to similar sized communities in other parts of Queensland, I will be busy seeking better Government investment.

I will also be seeking a briefing from Scenic Rim Council and taking up planning matters with the State as the year progresses.

TURF LAYING A WONDERFUL EXAMPLE

Well done to TMSA, local sporting clubs and the dozens of volunteers who laid turf at Long Road sports grounds recently. It was a wonderful example of teamwork in the community, and on the evening I was at Long Road there was a buzz in the air as people simply got on with the job quickly, efficiently and with a smile on their face!

Many thanks to Australian Lawn Concepts for their donation of turf. ALC are a local employer and rely on water from Canungra Creek for much of their growing – making it vital that the State recognise the impact that ever more development at Canungra will have not only on water security for the town, but also for those users of water downstream from Canungra.

This creek has stopped twice in the last 16 months. I have sought a meeting with State authorities to relay serious concerns and seek action from the State to address these issues, as it is State planning policies that have failed to plan for future water and road needs around Canungra.

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 of the Gambling Community Benefit Fund is now open and community organisations have until 28 February 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 \$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

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TGA APPROVES COVID-19 VACCINE

The Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) has approved the AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine for use in Australia following a full and thorough assessment process. This follows the arrival of the Pfizer vaccine in Australia and vaccination remains on track to be rolled out from 22 February.

This is welcome news meaning all Australians will now have two safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines available.

Every safety and regulatory box has been ticked for provisional approval – and further ones will now be ticked in the lead up to March.

The Australian Government has secured 53.8 million doses of the AstraZeneca vaccine, with 50 million doses being manufactured here in Australia.

As the rollout begins, the people in priority groups who need the most protection will receive a vaccine first. This includes aged care and disability care residents and workers, frontline healthcare workers, and quarantine and border workers.

More information is available at: www.health.gov.au

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY TO SALUTE THEIR SERVICE

A new year means the opening of the 2021-22 Saluting Their Service Commemorative Grants Program, with applications welcome from organisations across our region.

It gives me great pleasure to let the community know that applications for the Saluting Their Service Commemorative Grants Program are now open.

Our region has a rich service history and each year this community does what it can to ensure we remember those who served and their efforts in defending our nation and its allies.

Commemoration is at the heart of our community, something we see on display each Anzac Day and Remembrance Day, and I encourage organisations to apply for funding through the Saluting Their Service Commemorative Grants Program.

Grants to a maximum of \$10,000 are available for local, community-based projects and activities and will close on 10 June 2021.

For more information, including access to the latest guidelines and information on how to apply, visit: www.communitygrants.gov.au/grants/saluting-service

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Letters to the Editor

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

HOW MANY RESIDENTS CAN THE MOUNTAIN COPE WITH?

I want to address the issue of population growth on Tamborine Mountain. There are two issues to be considered:

1. Population growth through the Scenic Rim Council's Growth Management Strategy, and
2. Population growth through subdivision.

Issue 1: Council is undertaking the preparation of the Scenic Rim Growth Management Strategy (GMS) in response to predicted growth for the region. As outlined in Shaping SEQ Regional Plan 2017, the region's population is predicted to reach 62,000 by 2041 with 10,000 additional dwellings. The outcomes of the GMS will update Council's growth management policy position and include an implementation plan that recommends updates to existing strategies and policies such as the Scenic Rim Planning Scheme. The GMS will also inform the review of the Shaping SEQ Regional Plan around dwelling supply benchmarks, employment targets and AREAS IDENTIFIED FOR FUTURE RESIDENTIAL GROWTH.

I believe that there is ample residential growth area within the Scenic Rim without using Tamborine Mountain.

Issue 2. During the implementation of the new Planning Scheme, further subdivision was planned for Tamborine Mountain. After community consultation, I argued that you could not allow further subdivision on the Mountain without doing an analysis on:

- a. what population growth was available with current vacant blocks, including dual occupancy and secondary dwellings, and
- b. what population growth was predicted with the proposed subdivision rules.

Council was not prepared to conduct that analysis at the time. Instead, it was decided not to allow any more subdivision until a review had been conducted.

It is my understanding that the Growth Management Strategy will conduct this review.

Members of the community and interested persons will be invited to have their say on the way in which SRRC can consider and respond to predicted population growth in the region and, I think, subdivision rules for the Mountain. I have no indication of when this consultation will occur but be prepared to have your say.

In my view, there is enough population growth potential on the Mountain through vacate blocks, dual occupancy, and secondary dwellings without creating any other space.

Nigel Waistell

A GREAT GRANTS STORY BUT WHY THE SECRECY?

On 11 September 2020, The Overflow Estate 1895 was the (proud?) recipient of a Queensland Department of Tourism, Innovation and Sport grant under the Growing Tourism Infrastructure Fund.

Where was this amazing stroke of good luck reported? It certainly does not appear on The Overflow's website, nor Scenic Rim Regional Council's website nor on the Department's website. Why not? Surely this would be something to crow about and publicise. After all, the grant funds are aimed at meeting the key objectives of the fund which are to:

- fast-track shovel-ready projects that can commence within two-three months of approval (as applications closed on 24 June 2020, I assume the project was "shovel ready" at that time).
- create new jobs in both construction and on-going operational phases (the "pods" are stated to have already been constructed in Western Australia so good to see that that objective will be met).
- build sustainable new and improved infrastructure and products that enhance tourism experiences.
- increase overnight visitor numbers and expenditure (five luxury cabins should significantly increase visitor numbers – other grant recipients include projects with high visitation numbers, such as Aussie World, Paronella Park, Dreamtime Island, Charleville Cosmos Ctr, Storey Bridge Adventures etc).
- deliver regional economic benefits (undefined).

The actual basis of the grant is unknown as the developer has stated (Approval 'imminent' for Wyaralong's state funded luxury tourist cabins – *Fassifern Guardian and Tribune* article 10 February 2021) that the details, including the amount of the grant, are "commercial in confidence" but are to fund the development of five new eco-accommodation pods – described as "Wander-Eco Tourism Facility".

Recently, Development Application MCU21/008 was submitted to Council on 4 February 2021. It is an application for code assessable "short-term accommodation", with an address of Beaudesert-Boonah Road, Bromelton (post code 4285). The actual site is at Wyaralong (postcode 4310).

The meeting minutes of the meeting held with Council on 18 September 2020 refer to the site as being 1660 Beaudesert-Boonah Road, Beaudesert (Source: doc attached to MCU21/008).

Two cabins were previously approved by SRRC on 13 August 2020. However, the application, its documents and the approval are not viewable on Council's DAP-Online. Why not?

The applicant is Wander Group Holdings Pty Ltd, whose three directors reside interstate. The shareholders are three investment Pty Ltd companies, all sharing a common address in Five Dock NSW (Source: ASIC records).

Attempts to ascertain both the amount of the grant awarded and the details of any sponsorship provided for the grant application from the Department of Tourism, Innovation and Sport have to date been unsuccessful. However, a Right to Information application has been lodged with the department.

To be considered under this fund, all "shovel-ready" projects were required to have a Project Registration submitted by the applicant between 10 June 2020 and 24 June 2020. The applicant anticipates opening the pods by Easter 2021 (early April 2021), according to the meeting minutes. I guess this is achievable since the pods are stated to have already been constructed in Western Australia. The manufacturing of the pods must therefore have commenced prior to the lodgement of the DA with SRRC on 4 February 2021 – good to know that approval is virtually guaranteed.

The applicant (Mr Morgan for Wander Group Holdings Pty Ltd) has said he expected approval was "imminent" (*Fassifern Guardian* article). Good to know that one doesn't really need to go through the farce of discussion at a "confidential briefing" or a vote and decision at an Ordinary Council Meeting eh?

Again, why the secrecy? And what level of sponsorship did our council provide (if any?)

Amanda Hay

SRRC HELP FOR SCOUTS

We wish to acknowledge that the Tamborine Mountain Scout Group has been the recipient of a Scenic Rim Regional Council community grant.

We greatly appreciate this assistance which has allowed us to complete driveway access to our new site.

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Councillor's Comment

DEREK SWANBOROUGH
DIVISION 1



These are my own personal views. I do not purport to speak on behalf of Council. Decisions of Council are made only by majority vote, legislative authority or under authority delegated by Council.

As I write this column on a Sunday afternoon, I also have been preparing for the Scenic Rim Council meeting, which is scheduled for Tuesday 23 February this week, and I am reminded it is also our 41st wedding anniversary.

It might be the only thing I am celebrating on this day because the recommendations councillors are being asked to consider at this meeting have implications for us all. I will talk just about one agenda item in this column.

Beaudesert Administration Centre to be upgraded, costing up to \$5.5 million?

This project is on top of the \$8 million new library being planned in Davidson Park and funding for the Vibrant Towns landscaping parkland (Southbank in Beaudesert as I refer to it) and associated drainage and roadworks. If approved, the total project would now be more than \$20 million - if there are no overruns. It includes a new Beaudesert Customer Service Centre, integrates the existing council buildings together with the proposed new library and makes substantial other internal improvements.

I do not believe anyone in the public has seen these new plans, nor has ever been told the cost until now in this agenda item. A grant application is being made to Round 5 of the Building Our Regions (BOR) Fund for part of the cost. Initial applications close on 5 March. They were opened on 12 January. Grant applications can be made by specified regional local governments for up to \$7 million per project. Council's agenda item might just be to lodge a grant application, but by doing so, it seems to green light the project and reveals Council's desired plans.

Tamborine Mountain has a Customer Service Centre in our small library, with a small counter for one person or another at a squeeze, to service a population of 8100; and just one recently added meeting room. Beaudesert already has a much bigger standalone library in Jubilee Park (nearly one third larger) and services the town of lesser numbers (6500). Jubilee Park is in the centre of Beaudesert town and is a large spacious park that has already had many millions of dollars spent on its upgrade, including a million dollar plus signature playground. It has a 50-metre heated swimming pool, skate park, bollards, great parking, picnic shelters, manicured lawns and signage, and is less than 500 metres

from this extravagant proposed new project that merely duplicates what is already provided. Mobile libraries service outer townships around Beaudesert and other areas.

Beaudesert already has a much larger fully staffed modern Customer Service Centre in the Administration Centre - you may have been there - that has provision for multiple front counter staff, backed up by many more trained staff. Any decision to do this upgrade in my view is myopic as it lacks any foresight or a long-range perspective in thinking.

The real cost of lodging this grant application is the opportunity cost of not applying for other needed projects under the BOR i.e. footpaths, bikeways and trails, a new library on Tamborine Mountain, an indoor aquatic centre to replace our ageing unfit-for-purpose pool, an indoor basketball stadium for a sport that has taken off, the Long Road extension, multiple drainage programs, the next stage of the Long Road TMSA Sports Grounds, fixing up our aged buildings, failing roads, a toilet block in Lions Park ... and that's just on Tamborine Mountain. What about all the needs on other towns and villages in Scenic Rim? Is a council admin building upgrade a priority?

No, instead of projects like those mentioned above, we are going to duplicate all the existing perfectly adequate facilities in Beaudesert at phenomenal cost. HOW CAN THIS BE JUSTIFIED?

My question is how come there seems, time and time again, to be justification for spending millions on things like consultants, the best council plant equipment and facilities, restructuring and redundancies, new staff, etc, and now a \$5.5 million Admin Building upgrade, while projects that are beneficial and improve the lives of real people are overlooked or buried in long-term asset management plans where the details or costs are not disclosed but kept secret, or they are simply denied.

Do you believe this new Admin Building upgrade will improve your liveability or lifestyle and it's how your Council's revenue should be spent?

Should you wish to discuss anything with me, the following are my contact details:

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Councillor Division 1



Councillor's Comment

VIRGINIA WEST
DIVISION 3

CLEANUP AUSTRALIA DAY

This year there are two sites registered for Canungra:

1. Saturday March 6 at Canungra Village Gardens, 31 Kidston Street from 9am to 11am. April Turner is the coordinator.
2. Sunday March 7 at Moriarty Park, Monarch Drive from 8am to 10am. Virginia West is the coordinator at this site.

So, there are two days residents have to choose from and we would love to see you all come and support this annual cause to keep our town beautiful and we do have a bit of fun.

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS ONLINE

Did you know that you can follow the planning process of any development application lodged with council on DAP Online, accessible through the council website? Simply follow the prompts and insert either the property address or application number.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY EVENTS

This year there are a number of local events to celebrate women and their achievements in our local communities.

March 4: Scenic Rim Regional Council is hosting an International Women's Day Breakfast at The Centre with a prominent sportswoman as guest speaker. Bookings are essential via events@scenicrim.qld.gov.au

March 5: Zonta Club Beaudesert is hosting lunch and guest speakers Sue Wighton and Sanuri de Silva at Beaudesert RSL at 12noon. Bookings via beulaha@westnet.com.au

March 6: Beechmountain QCWA is

hosting an event at Graceleigh Park from 10am until 12 noon to make a celebratory Dream Catcher.

March 10: Canungra Chamber of Commerce is hosting breakfast at O'Reilly's Canungra Valley Vineyard with a fabulous local author, Mary Groves, as guest speaker.

All these events will be embracing the theme of this year's International Women's Day - Choose to Challenge.

WHATS ON SCENIC RIM

This is the new easy to use, one-stop-shop for all community and council-run events held within the Scenic Rim. I encourage residents to sign up to the website, so you don't miss out on the extensive array of events happening weekly within the region:

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EAT LOCAL WEEK

Registrations are now open for Eat Local Week 2021 (last year's event was cancelled due to COVID-19) and the program already promises to be more extensive than previous years. This is the region's award-winning food and farming event and all sporting and community groups, rural producers, business owners and tourism operators are encouraged to participate. Registration is on www.eatlocalweek.com.au

CONTACT ME

I am always available to all residents on 5540 5111 or 0407 630 052; or email virginia.w@scenicrim.qld.gov.au

I plan to resume being available at Canungra Library on the second Saturday of the month from 9am till 11am after the Easter break.

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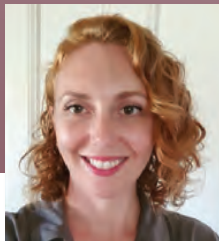
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WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CARE PROVIDERS

Most women of childbearing age are essentially well and so do not usually require hospital admission. Perhaps you have a few issues here and there, but usually these are assessed and treated via a GP, so the concept of attending a hospital to receive care can be a new one.

Therefore, it is only natural that you may feel anxious attending a hospital to give birth as you are likely to be meeting your care providers for the first time, at a time when you are at your most vulnerable. We as health professionals get it. Yes, we do shifts all the time, and the things you are going through for the first time we have seen a thousand times, but we go into this job because we care. We want you to have a wonderful birth experience, we want you to feel safe and happy with the care you are receiving, and we want you to feel that we are doing the best for you and your baby.

I have said this before in a previous article about birth plans, but sometimes the things people state in their plans makes me feel worried that you feel you need to say it. Things like, 'I want explanations before anything is done', and 'I do not want an episiotomy without my permission'. Of course. Sometimes I think what people forget is that we cannot do anything to you or your baby without your permission. You do not walk through the hospital doors and lose all personal freedom. It is your body, it is your baby; you can make any decision you wish. You have a right to choose. Nothing should ever be done without you giving permission for it to happen first.

There will be some instances where we make strong recommendations. These recommendations are based on the best evidence we have at the time. We are required to work under guidelines and protocols that are set by Queensland Health and more specifically by the hospital you are attending. These guidelines are based on the most current research we have on the subject and are reviewed every few years to reflect best practice.

If you wish to do something different to the recommended guidelines, then that is your right. However, if you wish to go outside guidelines, we are required to ask you to sign a form to state that we have given you the recommendation and rationale, we have discussed alternatives, and you understand the risks. This can be a difficult and emotive conversation, but equally if we do not give you all the information then we are not providing you with the full picture and best care options.

If there is something that you know you would like to avoid for your labour and birth that is not in line with guidelines, speak to your midwife or obstetrician prior to the labour. It is far easier and safer to give advice where you have time to look at all sources of evidence before making a decision. Also, if you make a decision, you can change your mind if circumstances change, as birth can be hard to predict. We are here to work with you.

Ask questions, discuss your sources of concern, hear our perspectives, and make a decision that makes you most comfortable. We will work with you. But you need to let us know how you are feeling so we can help.

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



BATTLE OF THE SEXES

I've been watching a bit of tennis lately. I'm amazed at the talent, ability and endurance of professional players - both men and women.

There has been an ongoing discussion about the ability of the top women compared to top men players. Exhibition matches promoted as 'Battle of the Sexes' began as far back as 1888 at Wimbledon when Ernest Renshaw defeated Lottie Dod. The most well-known match, thanks to a movie, is the 1973 match between Billie Jean King and Bobbie Riggs which King won in straight sets.

The movie Battle of the Sexes portrayed men and women pitted against each other as bitter adversaries. This was indicative of the culture at that time, when women were understandably fighting for equality and recognition. The prevailing feminist belief was that for women to lift themselves up, they needed to denounce men as sexist chauvinists who could be beaten in a competition for power. The dynamic between men and women in the movie was a win-lose battle; if one wins, the other inevitably loses. Often unwittingly, this attitude can invade our closest relationships, squeezing out equity, admiration, encouragement, and mutual influence.

Relationship maturity requires moving from a position of "me" to "we"; a shift beyond seeing the world as a binary, right-wrong, win-lose game. Stan Tatkin (2011) describes this as the move from a one-person to a two-person psychological system in which partners prioritise the safety and security of the relationship and actively work toward a win-win outcome. This involves each partner allowing themselves to be impacted by their spouse's state, thoughts, emotions and needs. Each partner recognises that it is in their best interests to create a relationship that is satisfying for both of them.

What is a practical step you can take to do that? When you encounter a difference of opinion, train yourself to ask, "What am I missing here?" Put aside your agenda and assume your partner is seeing something you aren't. Relationship damage occurs when differences are devalued - dismissed or even mocked. Personal development takes place when you see the world from your partner's perspective, offering you the opportunity to expand your view of the world.

For a relationship to be most effective it takes a willingness to change. Not to abandon one's own identity but to be willingly transformed for a greater purpose. A relationship thrives and becomes a power of influence when partners respond to each other's differences with "My heart is towards you, I have your back, I am committed to you. Help me understand things from your perspective. What can we do together to change things?"

Aim to have a relationship where you are both open to each other's most dearly held beliefs. The more you create an atmosphere where convictions can be readily divulged, the more satisfying the journey through life that you share. This is the ultimate win-win situation.

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KELP FORESTS



Kelp forests are diverse rich underwater marine ecosystems formed by dense growth of kelp that provide habitat to a wide range of species.

In ideal conditions where water is cold and rich in nutrients, kelp can grow to significant heights of up to 80 metres and also can grow very rapidly up to 45 cm in a single day.

Kelp superficially resemble plants but are actually a form of algae. Kelp absorbs nutrients through all parts of its tissues and unlike plants, does not have a vascular system. There are around 30 species of kelp, and a variety of kelp species may be found within one forest.

Kelp is anchored to the seafloor by a holdfast, stemlike structure called a stipe. Stipes are flexible, allowing the kelp to sway with ocean movements; leaf-like structures called blades grow from the stipes; gas filled bladders (pneumatocysts) provide buoyancy to keep the blades exposed to sunlight. Kelp forests are restricted to shallow, relatively clear, coastal waters to facilitate photosynthesis - this process uses sunlight to convert carbon dioxide to sugar which can be used for energy, with oxygen produced as a by product.

Reproduction is a two-stage life cycle which alternates generations, one producing sexually and one producing asexually. The large mature kelp fronds are the asexual form called sporophytes. They release spores which germinate into male and female gametophytes, which are very small sexually reproducing kelp. These individuals produce gametes (sperm or eggs). When fertilisation occurs, a zygote is produced, and this develops into a sporophyte. The juvenile sporophyte finds a place on the seafloor and attaches, then grows towards the sea surface, in time developing into a mature specimen.

Kelp is a dynamic, resilient, often under-valued ecosystem influenced by natural conditions such as storms and sea urchin populations. However, human impacts of overharvesting, fishing, loss of keystone predators, pollution, boat damage and climate change are negatively affecting kelp forests globally.

Kelp are a cold water species, and climate change brings warmer waters, acidification, and low nutrients, and extends the range of herbivorous predators, particularly sea urchins who devour kelp. Giant kelp forests are now considered endangered. Research published recently has found that 95 per cent of the giant kelp forests of Tasmania's east coast have disappeared, with the primary driver being the extension of the East Australian Current into Tasmanian waters bringing higher sea temperatures and nutrient poor water.



COLLAR, HEAD HALTER OR A HARNESS FOR WALKING YOUR DOG?

This question is asked often, and the answer depends mostly on the dog, and then handler preference.

Some dogs do not pull with a collar and that is great because hard or constant pulling on a collar can cause damage to the dog's neck and cause nerve damage to the front paws; if paw licking is a problem this is a possible cause.

The gentle leader and head Halti: Not many dogs tolerate these as their noses are very sensitive and it can be uncomfortable and annoying. They also lose the freedom to turn their head toward sound and smell which is a dog's natural movement.

I have used them on large rescue dogs that I do not know, like Great Danes or Bullmastiffs, only to have control in case they react to someone or another dog. In that situation they are good, but initially only a few dogs are not stressed about them, and they take time to adjust to it.

Harnesses are my favourite dog walking apparatus, and they are best for all small, light dogs. There is a lot of controversy about the harness encouraging your dog to pull, but that is not the case. A harness distributes pressure more evenly over the dog's body, and today there is a range of good non-pulling harnesses for dogs. Here a few:

Rabbitgoo no pull-harness in the accompanying picture is well padded with a comfortable wide chest pad.

Balance harness - also no-pull, it is finer, has less padding but has the front and rear attachment for the lead.

Ruffier harness is recommended by the RSPCA. It is well padded for long walks or wearing and has the two lead attachments.

Sporn harness is one the oldest non-pull harness. The Sporn training harness tightens up under the shoulders when the dog is pulling and makes it very clear not to pull. It has Sherpa wool covering over the tightening straps, but they are not very strong for large dogs. A non-training Sporn harness has two lead attachments.

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CHANT AWAY ANXIETY

We have our annual yoga retreat (26 to 28 March) coming up soon. And it's all about the Throat Chakra, targeting your voice, your thyroid, your neck, and your truth.

And it seems just yesterday we were on our 2020 retreat, squashed into a timeslot at the end of the year to accommodate an unpredictable COVID-19 year.

Our yoga retreat is the highlight of our yoga year. A full weekend where we can pull out all the stops and immerse ourselves in yoga, pranayama, meditation, laughter and fun. Yes, we have so much fun we often need a good week to recover. One of the high points of the yoga schedule is our chance to chant as a group. People who have joined choirs and singing groups will vouch that singing and chanting is a powerful antidote for stress and a huge kick-start for joy.

When you sing or chant, musical vibrations move through you, altering your physical and emotional landscape. Group singing is the most exhilarating and transformative of all. We take something quite intimate, a sound that begins inside you, and we share it with a roomful of people and it comes back as something even more wonderful: harmony. If you have ever sat with a group of likeminded yogis and chanted Om for 13 minutes (108 repetitions using a mala) it's a life-changing experience. At first your Oms seem forced and you struggle to match the pace and vocal tone of the lead singer. But as you relax and stop over-trying and over-thinking, the Oms become almost organic and are drawn from your body naturally, no effort needed. You are left euphoric, peaceful and transformed by this group experience.

Why does chanting and singing have such a calming yet energising effect on people? Researchers say that singing is like taking the perfect tranquiliser, the kind that both soothes your nerves and elevates your spirits. While you chant or sing, the elation comes from endorphins, which are associated with feelings of pleasure and the euphoria comes from oxytocin, a hormone found to alleviate anxiety, and which enhances feelings of trust and bonding. It seems that the pleasure that comes from singing and chanting together is our evolutionary reward for coming together cooperatively, instead of hiding alone, every cave-dweller for himself.

Group singing is cheaper than therapy, healthier than drinking, and certainly better for your body than self-medicating. It is the one thing in life where feeling better is pretty much guaranteed. So, come and join us on yoga retreat. We don't stop with Om. We throw in breathwork to stimulate your vagus nerve, movement to stretch your body, laughter to crank out endorphins and lots of delicious food and company. At the end of the weekend you'll leave buoyant and full of goodwill.

Margot Wagner
Yoga Under the Bodhi Tree

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WILLS

A will is a legal document that sets out how you want the things you own (your estate) to be distributed when you pass away. Even if you don't own property or a lot of money, you may want to leave valuable or sentimental items, jewellery, letters, or photographs to particular people.

Making a will can be simple and need not be expensive. It must be properly signed and witnessed. It is best to have a solicitor or public trustee make your will for you. While there are DIY kits, it is safer to get a professional to do your will to make sure it is done right. A will should appoint an executor who is responsible for seeing the terms of your will are carried out.

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Your will last after your demise, unless you change, revoke it, or get married. You should get legal advice about updating your will if your circumstances change.

If you don't have a will you won't have a say about what happens to your estate. The things you own will be given to your relatives according to a formula set out by the Queensland's 'intestacy' laws. This may be very different from what you intended to happen.

If your partner has passed away without adequately providing for you in a will, you may be able to make a 'Family Provision Claim' in the Supreme Court. You must get legal assistance and make the claim within nine months of the date of their demise.



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Q&A

with the Scenic News

Michael Beak, founder and managing director of SureFire First Aid, is an experienced paramedic with a demonstrated history of working in the military and health care industry. He is skilled in emergency management, emergency services, training, and firefighting. SureFire Aid is a one stop shop for all first aid and CPR training, as well as first aid kit and defibrillator sales.

What inspired you to open your business and what do you have planned in 2021?

Having been a paramedic for quite a while, I've seen firsthand the devastating impacts for patients and their families when no one knew basic first aid. Sadly, many Australians could still be here today if someone knew CPR or how to control severe bleeding. I started teaching first aid to give something back to the community, but more importantly to help people prepare for the unexpected on what may be the worst day of their or a loved one's life.

What did you do before opening your business?

Before becoming a paramedic, I worked in the motorcycle industry. This gave me plenty of opportunities to learn that things don't always go as planned and that sudden stops can hurt.

How would you describe your business?

We deliver the what, how, why and when of first aid training. With my background as a State paramedic and combat paramedic in the Army Reserve, I teach people more than most standard first aid courses. Any

first aid trainer can teach the what and how when it comes to first aid; with my experience and background I am able to go one step further and teach the why and, importantly, the when.

Most people haven't read the first aid manual, and for those who have, when a situation doesn't match what's in the book a lot of them aren't sure what to do. My training teaches the knowledge of why we do things; I've found once people understand they can manage just about any situation they find themselves in.

What is it about your business that you love?

Preparing people for the worst day of their lives means that as a paramedic when I arrive on the scene the patient is in a better condition, and some of the work is already done that is needed to stabilise them or save their life.

Is it a business that gives you satisfaction?

Bystanders will save many more lives than I can as a paramedic. They are there when things go wrong. If a bystander is just an onlooker, it can have dire consequences for the patient. The more people I can train in first aid and CPR, the more lives I can have a direct impact in saving.

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

This is the ideal job for me.



Interesting facts about yourself?

I was the first rider (ever) to crash in the newly completed Caltex Chase at Bathurst during practice for the 1988 Easter motorcycle races. I won't be the last, so it was cool to be the first.

What do you do for fun?

I have six kids, four under the age of seven; anything not involving doing things around the house is my idea of fun at this stage.

Final thoughts

It takes less than 15 minutes to learn the SKILLS TO SAVE A LIFE, yet every year approximately 30 000 Australians will die from two of the leading preventable causes of death - namely cardiac arrest and severe bleeding.

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Queensland Bottle Tree

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Brachychiton rupestris,
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I love the Queensland Bottle Tree. A number have been planted on Tamborine Mountain, but have mostly succumbed to the ravages of time, including borer infestation. The species is native to inland and outback areas of the state as far north as the Blackall area, though there are some splendid examples in Anzac Square in Brisbane. For over 20 years I have passed the tree on my morning walk. Its growth has been stunted because it is beneath power lines. The photo shows the tree living up to the alternative common name of narrow-leaved bottle tree. It takes five to eight years for the formation of the bottle shape to become visible.

Peter Kuttner

ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL FREE MORNING CONCERTS 2021

All concerts begin at 11am in St John's Cathedral
in Brisbane.

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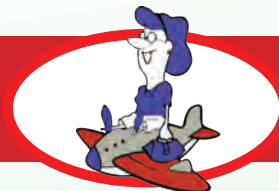
Thursday 4 November: Australian Army Band Ensembles

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TRAVELLING PLACES *By Gina Storey*

The travel industry is starting to slowly pick up. Last week we have had our busiest week since last March – nearly a year ago!

We have also had Journey Beyond, the operators of Australia's iconic trains, The Indian Pacific, The Ghan and The Great Southern, visit Tamborine Mountain for an update. These wonderful journeys are all inclusive of meals and beverages, and the excursions that you are taken on when the trains stop in the middle of nowhere.

There are some super specials for travel on The Indian Pacific between Perth and Sydney in March. Otherwise, there are some excellent options on these trains year-round and this year is a great time to go because we have the country to ourselves. Do come and get the best offers at Travelling Places.



Soon we will have APT visiting us for an update. YOU ARE INVITED. Please join Travelling Places and APT for morning coffee on Tuesday 9 March at 10.30am. RSVP (07) 5545 1600; or travel@travellingplaces.com.au

APT are about to welcome the MS Caledonian Sky to Australia to start a range of exploration voyages around our vast and wild coast. Talk about wild coasts – a couple of years ago I sailed around the coast of Scotland on the same ship and loved the experience – with a maximum 99 guests and 75 crew you are really looked after. The cabins are comfortable, and the ship has a British country house hotel feel. There is a range of naturalists on board who give lectures and act as escorts on shore excursions, offering an insight into the environment, history, and culture of the region you are exploring. Pretty much everything is included on these adventures. Apart from The Kimberley adventure they have been offering for a few years, Caledonia Sky will also be exploring Cape York and the Barrier Reef; Tasmania; The West Coast from Broome to Geraldton for Wildflower season; and other trips.

Small group journeys by land include through The Kimberley and the Bungle Bungles, staying at APT's Wilderness Lodges and travelling in their unique 4WD vehicle. Explore outback Queensland and the Cape, visiting remote communities and travel on the historic Savannahlander train; travel to South Australia and explore Lake Eyre and the Flinders Rangers; wander the back roads of Tasmania's wilderness or head to WA to visit Karijini National Park and Ningaloo Reef. Join one of the many APT small group guided walking adventures. Short for time? Then APT's air tours of Australia may be just what you are looking for. If you prefer a luxury coach, there are trips that include lots of pampering. APT really have Australian travel covered.

Apart from Australia, APT are famous for wonderful river cruises in Europe and Asia; ocean expeditions globally; journeys throughout New Zealand and North America; safaris in Africa; and explorations in South America. When the world reopens, we will all be excited to travel safely to exotic parts of the world. APT have some fantastic offers on all trips going forward into 2022 and beyond, saving you thousands and also offering flexibility if you need to change your plans.



food for thought

with DYLAN GITTOES

LOUISIANA CHICKEN BURRITOS

This meal is perfect for lunch when friends drop by or as a weeknight whip up because it takes only 20 minutes to get it on the table. It's served buffet style where everyone gets to create their own masterpiece.

This recipe uses my Creole mix inspired by the legendary blend of French and West African cultures in the early days of the southern colony of Louisiana in the United States. The West Africans had been trading with the Far East for hundreds of years and their cuisine is full of spice and heat. I mean Sichuan Provence or Vindaloo kind of heat, the kind of heat that unless you are exposed to it at an early age, you will find it almost impossible to eat. Because your eyes will be watering, your mouth will feel like it has had molten lead poured into it and a cold sweat will be beading all over your body.

Now, in contrast the French are not known for their use of heat in food. The most you will get is from a mustard or some pepper. That's why this blend of Creole cooking is so superb. You will feel a tingle on the back of the pallet due to the fiery Cayenne, but it is well tempered with smokey paprika, black pepper and oregano. The original recipe has about 30 per cent sugar content but I have removed the sugar as we have enough hidden sugar in our diet; and besides if you get your hands on some organic free-range chicken it has a slight sweetness inbuilt into the meat.

Rane, my father-in-law, was born in Uganda and has northern Indian heritage; at age 18 he won a scholarship to study orthopaedic surgery in Scotland where he met my mother-in-law Anne. On my first visit to their home in the middle of June and a balmy minus 10C outside, Rane looked up at me as we sat around the table enjoying a nice dram of single malt whisky.

He cleared his throat as if he were about to say something of great importance, "You know what Dylan, I need to make you my famous chicken

curry." "Sound good; I'd like that," I said. The next afternoon as we returned from the local Inn, as one does in Scotland, I was greeted by the most amazing aromas - the unmistakable smell of curry.

"Dylan is that you?" came a loud voice from the kitchen, "Come and have a look at this." Rane was stirring gently a simmering pot and as I got closer my eyes began to twitch; as I reached the stove they had already begun to water. "Doesn't it smell wonderful?" said Rane with pride in his voice. "Sure does," I replied. "You can have a taste if you like," he said as a smirk crept across his face and he offered me a spoon.

Now I was in a tight spot; refusal would insult him, something I didn't want to do, but I knew it was going to be hot. What's the worst it could do? I thought, so I grabbed the spoon and only then realised my hand was shaking. I placed the spoon into the rich tomato-based sauce, gave it a blow and put it in my mouth.

My tongue felt like it had been doused in hydrochloric acid. I hesitated, but Rane was watching. I knew I had to swallow it. With all the courage I could muster, I gulped it down. I felt as if I had swallowed razorblades. I felt it go all the way down and hit my stomach where I was sure it was going to burn a hole through my lining and finally kill me.

Thankfully, this dish just has a hum of heat, that for those who like a bit of heat will enjoy immensely.

SERVES 2

Cook time 10 minutes

Prep time 10 minutes

INGREDIENTS

- 300g chicken breast sliced
- 2 tbs Creole mix plus 1 tbs oil (mixed)
- 1/2 brown onion sliced
- 2 cloves garlic crushed
- 1 red capsicum sliced
- 200g mushrooms cut into 1/4



TO ACCOMPANY

- 50g pickled jalapeños
- 4 tbs sour cream
- 2 cups cooked steamed rice
- 100g grated tasty cheese
- 1 ripe avocado
- 1 lime
- 4 flat bread

METHOD

1. In a medium bowl marinate the chicken with the Creole and oil mix and set aside.
2. Over a medium heat in a large frypan add a little oil and fry onion and garlic until aromatic; add sliced capsicum and cook, stirring for 5 minutes until well cooked; remove and reserve in a separate bowl.
3. Add a little more oil to the pan and on a high heat add chicken and cook, turning once; move chicken to the edge of the pan and add mushrooms; cook for 4 minutes then add in capsicum and onion mix.
4. Stir to combine.

Serve with accompaniments and a nice cold Indian pale ale.

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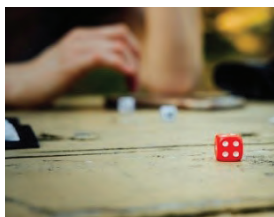


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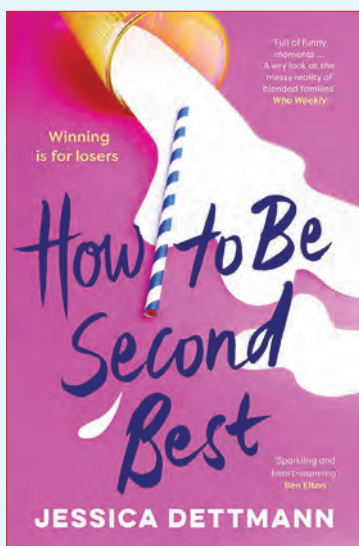
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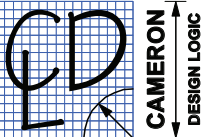
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Answers from page 23

1. A cleaner of cloth
2. A falcon keeper or trainer
3. A miner
4. A ploughman
5. A goatherd or keeper
6. A farmer who owned his own land
7. A reaper
8. A physician
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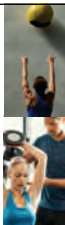
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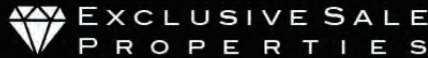
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Love him or not, his presence was magnetic and as such he certainly inspired a reaction from all who met him.

We who Love him dearly have been wondering how to put the 85 years of his life into words that will do justice to the complexity of an individual such as Liam.

An intrepid lover of life, a land and sea adventurer and advocate of fun and carefreeness, who was born under a wandering star.

Liam was born in Mt Isa to highly adventurous parents Robert and Margaret. As the son of travelling photographers, he lived in all the states of Australia and the Northern Territory. At the age of nine his fearless parents took the entire family, his brother, Bob and sister Mary up the Fly River in Papua New Guinea by yacht and canoe, whilst on the run from the law. For the next nine years, he lived on the PNG mainland and in Rabaul. There, as a teenager, he learnt to salvage dive with Jack Child, and this remained a passion into later life. It was also where he completed his boat building apprenticeship.

On his return to Australia at the age of 18, Bill, as he was then known, worked at Evans Deakin Shipyard. On the weekends the then "Bodgie Bill" would travel to the Gold Coast on his Triumph motorcycle to Burleigh Heads, where he was a surf lifesaver by day and tripped the light fantastic by night.

When he was 22, while donating blood, he met and fell in love with his nurse, Barbara Beale. Ever the romantic, he proposed on Valentine's Day and married the following February in 1958. A whole posse of children quickly followed: Geoffrey, Katrina (Kate French), Russell (Adam), Matthew and Rebecca.

Liam is Pop and grandfather to Tom, Jessica, Cecelia and Morgan French, Martina Black and Evangelica and Isaac Child and great grandfather to Finnegan and Hamish Davies.

Liam was a master builder and craftsman who created his own businesses and/or worked wherever he went in Australia, Asia and PNG.

Liam was an outrageous and enthusiastic inventor of contraptions which he thought the world could not live without – those who knew him well can attest to this.

He was a globetrotter extraordinaire and left this life with multiple over-stamped passports as our souvenirs of his adventures. His second-last great adventure was spending 18 months on a Snow Goose Prout Catamaran in the Gulf of Mexico, between 2016 and 2018. His last great adventure was the journey to his death, where those close to him got to witness him become the best possible version of himself. Liam left this earth surrounded by love and beauty, and so absolutely ready for his next great adventure; he is sorely missed, but you can't keep a good man down. As a bonus, he will never again have to wonder where he hid his passport.

For those of you who were able to attend Liam's Memorial Day on January 30 2021, thank you for the gift of your attendance. For those unable to come, thank you for your kind messages and love.

Bon Voyage, Darlin' One.

Karen Sheffield



I've had the good fortune for the best part of 20 years to call Liam a good friend - he was someone I'd genuinely look forward to running into, even if that meant a 10 minute coffee often turned into a two hour conversation covering anything from motorbike physics to Polynesian seafaring skills and back to commonalities of Indian raga, flamenco and blues slide guitar. "It's interesting you should say that ..." was his well-worn phrase: EVERYTHING interested him, and he knew (and thought) a heck of a lot about most things. Always with mischief in his eyes, he will live on in our favourite memories and stories. I'll miss the old bugger terribly ...

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