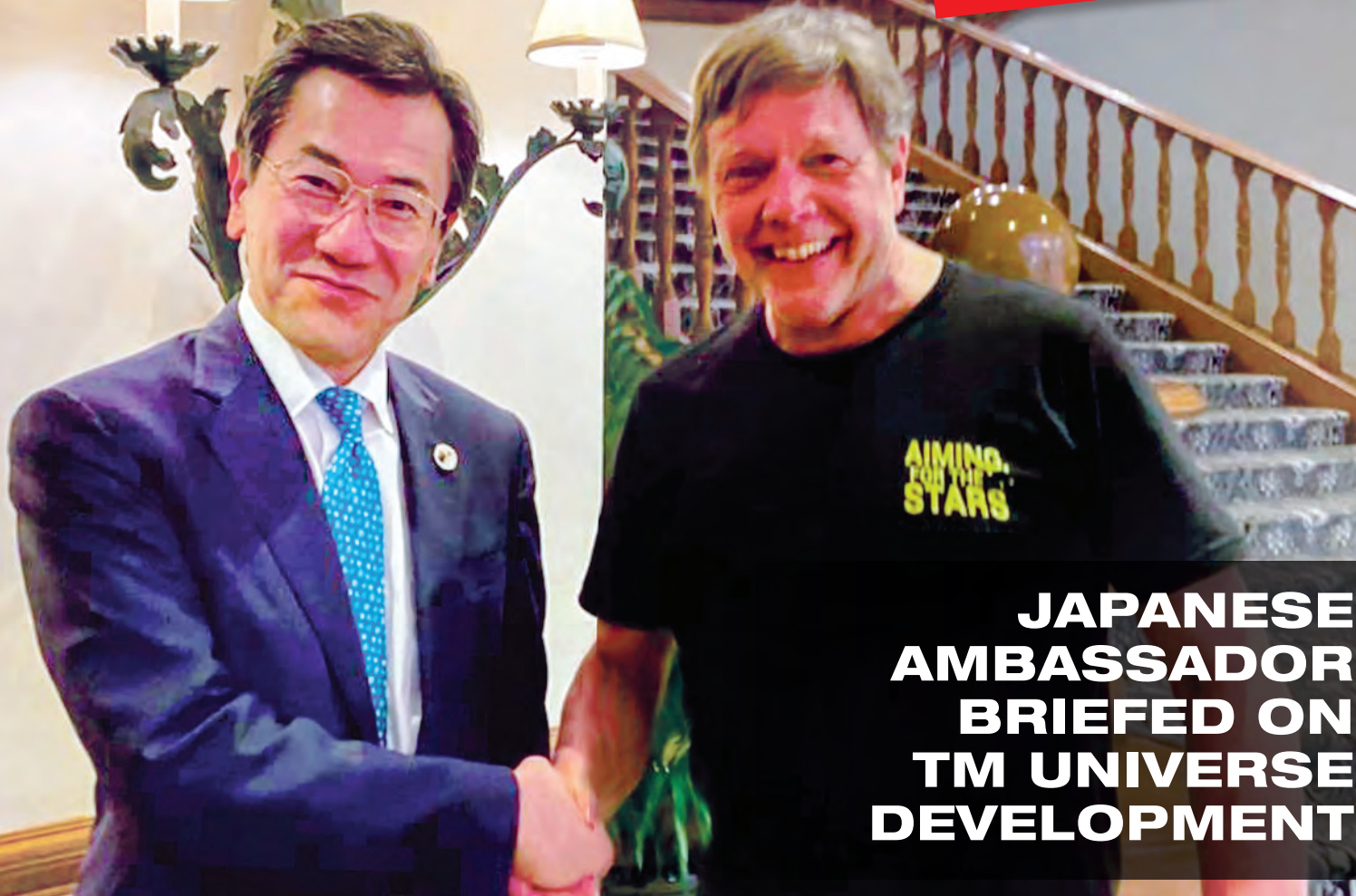




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## JAPANESE AMBASSADOR BRIEFED ON TM UNIVERSE DEVELOPMENT

*TM Universe President Jaap Vogel met with the Japanese Ambassador to Australia, Mr Shingo Yamagami, in Brisbane last week to discuss its internationally significant, state-of-the art astronomical and scientific learning centre to be built on Tamborine Mountain. Story page 9*

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# TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN LIBRARY GETS \$2 MILLION FUNDS BOOST

**Bushfire recovery in the Scenic Rim will get a \$2,218,000 boost, as part of \$10.7 million in bushfire recovery projects announced by the Australian and Queensland Governments.**

Federal Member for Wright, Scott Buchholz, announced the funding while visiting the Tamborine Mountain Library on Friday.

The Library will be the major beneficiary of funds allocated to Scenic Rim Council in the fourth and final round of the \$36.8 million Local Economic Recovery (LER) program jointly funded by the Australian and Queensland Governments under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements to support recovery in Queensland communities that were hit hard by the 2019-20 bushfires.

Scenic Rim Regional Council Mayor, Cr Greg Christensen, said: "While it is too early to discuss plans for the current Library space, Council is currently looking at available options with a focus on delivering the best long-term value to the community."

Mr Buchholz said three projects in the Scenic Rim had been selected for funding, to support disaster resilience and assist households and businesses on the recovery journey.

Scenic Rim Council will receive three lots of funding for various projects. An investment of \$2,142,000 in the Tamborine Mountain Library is the most significant.

"However, there's also \$30,000 for a 12-week business support webinar program and \$46,000 to drive a Scenic Rim supply chain capability program, which is all about helping local suppliers and local businesses be involved in the local economy," said Mr Buchholz.

"This boost to our local area is a wonderful outcome, and I can't wait to see the work moving and the benefits flowing."

Australian Minister for Emergency Management, David Littleproud, said the latest grants brought the total number of



*Federal Member for Wright, Scott Buchholz, and Scenic Rim Division One Councillor, Derek Swanborough, at the Tamborine Mountain Library.*

projects approved under the LER program in Queensland to 48 across the 13 local council areas.

"The devastating effects of the fires have been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic, so I am pleased this LER funding is rolling out to help communities, local economies and natural areas recover," said Mr Littleproud.

"It is inspiring to see the resilience of our Queensland communities as they drive their own recovery, and I'm pleased to see this funding support those efforts with a wide range of priority projects."

For more information on the Local Economic Recovery program in Queensland visit [www.qra.qld.gov.au/LER](http://www.qra.qld.gov.au/LER)

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**GOVERNMENT EXTENDS MORATORIUM ON NEW MOUNTAIN WATER BORES**

The ban on new commercial groundwater bores being drilled on Tamborine Mountain and Springbrook has been extended beyond its original March 5 expiry by the Palaszczuk Government.

Minister for Water, Glenn Butcher, said extending the moratorium on new bores would allow the Government to continue working with local councils, the community and scientific experts to investigate groundwater resources for the Scenic Rim and Gold Coast hinterland.

“We take our responsibility as steward of our State’s water resources extremely seriously, and we appreciate that local residents are concerned about the sustainability of groundwater resources at Tamborine Mountain and Springbrook,” Mr Butcher said.

“Since the moratorium commenced on 6 March 2020, my department has been working alongside Scenic Rim Regional Council, Gold Coast City Council, Seqwater and QUT to obtain data on current water use.

“Together with new science and continued stakeholder engagement, this data will increase transparency and inform an evidence-based approach to moving forward and managing any risk to these groundwater resources.”

The moratorium notice prohibits the construction of any new groundwater bores on Tamborine Mountain and Springbrook. The moratorium provides exemptions for households, farming and town supply.

Background information provided by the Minister’s Office said research conducted by QUT shows the aquifers beneath Tamborine Mountain and Springbrook are strongly reliant on rainfall for water recharge.

“Severe drought conditions have recently prevailed across many parts of Queensland and groundwater levels in connected aquifers are impacted by below average aquifer recharge.

“Any decision to prohibit water bottling facilities is a decision for a local government. Groundwater in Tamborine Mountain and Springbrook is not regulated and an entitlement to take water is not required.

“Planning approvals (assessed by the local government) are required for the construction of bores or pumps to take groundwater or surface water.”

To view the moratorium notice or check if it covers your property, visit **www.dnrme.qld.gov.au** and search for ‘Tamborine moratorium’.





# NEW-LOOK OPEN STUDIOS PROGRAM BACK FOR 2021

Local artists and performers, along with creative groups and individuals, are welcoming the return of the Scenic Rim's new-look Open Studios program this year.

Scenic Rim Regional Council will host a free Open Studios information session on Saturday 20 March at The Centre Beaudesert where the region's 'creatives' can learn about the new opportunities to host and promote an Open Studio.

Having enjoyed the success of the Open Studios program in previous years, Tamborine Mountain artist Monique Quarantini is looking forward to opening her studio to the public again in 2021 and has encouraged others to get behind the program.

"The Open Studios program is such a great thing, and I am over the moon that it's coming back," she said.

"It's a fabulous sales and networking opportunity.

"People love to meet the artist so that they have an even greater connection with the pieces they acquire, and you receive great feedback from busloads of people who come from far and wide.



"As an artist, having a date to work towards for an Open Studio is great because it makes you more productive and focuses your creativity."

Although Council's official Open Studios trail is planned for May, there are now opportunities for artists to negotiate Council approval for up to 14 Open Studios events throughout the year.

For catering purposes and COVID-19 requirements, bookings are essential for the information session from 10.30am to 12 noon Saturday 20 March.

Visit [www.liveatthecentre.com.au](http://www.liveatthecentre.com.au) to find out more.

*Left: Artist Sally Hart in her studio.*

*Above: Artist Dave Groom at work.*

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**Tamborine Mountain** | Wednesday 24 March  
**The Centre Beaudesert** | Tuesday 30 March  
**Boonah Cultural Centre** | Wednesday 31 March  
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### WORLD OF WORK EXPO

**WORLD OF WORK SCENIC RIM BUSINESS AND CAREERS EXPO**  
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### FREE MOVIES IN THE PARK

**DOLITTLE (PG)**  
**Saturday 13 March** | Geissmann Oval, Tamborine Mountain  
**Saturday 20 March** | Jubilee Park, Beaudesert  
 BYO chairs and blankets for this free, family-friendly event under the stars from 6.30pm. Local clubs will have food and drinks for sale.

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### STORYTIME SESSIONS

Bookings are essential. Space and number limits apply.  
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**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  
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### OPEN STUDIOS INFORMATION SESSION

**Saturday 20 March** | 10.30am to 12 noon | The Centre Beaudesert  
 The Open Studios of the Scenic Rim program is returning and artists, performers, groups and individuals are invited to this free session to learn how to get involved.  
 Find out about the new opportunities to host and promote an Open Studio.  
 Book at [www.liveatthecentre.com.au](http://www.liveatthecentre.com.au) for catering purposes and COVID-19 requirements.

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# Q&A

## with the Scenic News

Heather Dale of Patchworkdog Designs is a freelance illustrator and graphic artist. A long-term resident of Tamborine Mountain, she has created greeting cards which are sold throughout the local community and beyond. She also runs a graphic design business specialising in start-up and corporate branding.

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

After studying Illustration and graphic design at Liverpool University in the UK I worked in the web design industry, then moved to Australia about 16 years ago. I had a family, and after my children went to school I started back illustrating. I've always loved illustrating and graphics, so my freelance business just kind of happened organically, doing small jobs for friends, then word of mouth, and clients came.

I love creating, so making a living out of it was my first port of call to starting a business. I feel blessed every day that I am able to earn money doing what I love. In 2021 I will be developing my card range, finding distributors and hopefully start branching out to other merchandise. I'm always learning new skills within graphic design programs.

### What did you do before opening your business?

Before my business I worked as a project manager for a company called Squiz in Sydney; they contracted me out to Historic Houses Trust where I trained people to use their content management systems for museum websites. I loved catching the ferry to Circular Quay to go to work; it was a great job. I then moved to Tamborine Mountain and started my freelance business. I continue to enjoy tutoring as part of my business.

### How would you describe your business?

I work as a freelance graphic artist/illustrator. There are a few parts to my business; firstly, I illustrate my own range of greeting cards, postcards and tags that I distribute in shops around Australia. I have also illustrated children's books. The other part of my business is more corporate where I work as a graphic designer, mainly branding businesses - designing logos, brochures, signage, labels etc.

### What is it about your business that you love?

I am lucky to do what I love, so it doesn't feel like work. It's great that I work on something different all the time. I meet new and interesting people, the design briefs I get can be



Heather Dale

challenging, so it's never boring.

### Is it a business that gives you satisfaction?

My job gives me loads of satisfaction, especially when a client loves their new business identity and then goes on to become a long-term client, and so good relationships and friendships are formed.

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

I do enjoy teaching, so maybe teaching illustration at an educational institution ... but then I do love the idea of being a florist too!

### Interesting facts about yourself?

I grew up on a farm in a tiny village in Kent which is where my love for drawing animals started. We had pretty much every farm animal - cows, sheep, horses, pigs, chickens, geese, ducks, dogs and many many farm cats that lived in the barns. We were always nursing sick animals, hand feeding lambs, chicks in the airing cupboard, even a pigeon living on the log basket in the kitchen. Home life was never boring. Cows always escaping and busting through the fences, or gates

being left open. At harvest time driving the old Massey Ferguson from the age of 10, while hay bales were being stacked high on the trailer behind, my dad telling me to turn the wheel hard to help it stop on the hills as the brakes didn't work. Oooh, I could go on ... health and safety really wasn't a big thing back then.

At university I studied a Joint Hons in Graphic Design/Illustration. While in Liverpool I had numerous art exhibitions and had my own art studio. I got my first publishing deal with a greeting card company and spent every penny travelling around South America back packing. I visited Bolivia, Peru, Ecuador Colombia and Venezuela. I moved to Australia 16 years ago. I lived in Sydney for six years where I was married and had two children. I then moved to Tamborine Mountain where I made a home and finally felt settled.

### What do you do for fun?

I have a new passion to sail and have just finished my competent crew certificate for sailing; I'll be doing my day skipper qualification very soon. I also love gardening, socialising, cooking, and more recently pottery.



# TM UNIVERSE MEETS WITH JAPANESE AMBASSADOR

Yuki Quilkey and Jaap Vogel, representing TM Universe, last week met with both the Japanese Ambassador to Australia, Mr Shingo Yamagami, and the Japanese Consul-General in Brisbane, Mr Kazunari Tanaka.

For almost an hour the parties exchanged information about the Japanese and Australian space programs, and about possible opportunities for TM Universe.

The Ambassador enjoyed the virtual reality presentation about the emerging TM Universe project. He said collaboration between Japan and Australia had deepened in recent years across many areas including trade and investment, defence, technology and space.

The Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) and the Australian Space Agency (ASA) signed a Memorandum of Cooperation in July 2020, providing a platform for collaboration across space technology, exploration and education.

The Ambassador and Consul-General were impressed with the concept of TM Universe, including the 15-metre sphere-shaped planetarium. They also liked the idea that it is a community project. The purchase of four acres of land solely with community investments triggered their interest.

A role for TM Universe in any future ASA-JAXA collaboration could be significant, given that education and outreach are major components of the memorandum of cooperation. Space research and the exploration of life in the universe are both essential elements of the Japanese space program.

The Ambassador and Consul-General also indicated that they would connect Japanese businesses operating in Australia with TM Universe, if relevant.

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## JON KRAUSE MP

State Member for Scenic Rim

### WATER MATTERS ON TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN

In February, I wrote to the Minister for Water, Glenn Butcher, and subsequently made a personal representation to the Minister at Parliament House during the February sitting week, requesting that the Government extend the moratorium on new bores (with some narrow exceptions) for a further 12 months.

This is the maximum period that a moratorium can be made under the *Water Act 2000*. I was pleased to see that the Minister announced on 6 March an extension of the moratorium. During conversations with the Minister, I was able to again raise concerns of Tamborine Mountain residents about the management of water resources in the area – especially the impact on local roads – plus availability of water for locals on the Mountain during prolonged dry periods. He confirmed that work continues at the State level to discern how these resources might be better managed.

Residents will recall the prolonged dry period at the end of 2019 and the impact it had on local water carriers, and also the impact on Tamborine Mountain State School’s bore supplies – among others, no doubt. I appreciate the openness of the new Minister, in these early days at least, which stands in stark contrast to his predecessor who failed to respond in a timely manner in late 2019 to many representations I made on your behalf at a time when there was a great deal of worry about local supply.

#### HOWARD CREEK CROSSING

During recent rain events, I’m aware that Howard Creek crossing on Tamborine-Oxenford Road flooded again. This crossing is on the agenda for upgrade by Main Roads, thanks to an \$8 million injection from the Federal Government under its COVID-19 stimulus initiative (together with \$2 million from the State). This announcement was made over six months ago, and I am concerned at the lead time for Main Roads in getting on with the job, given that they were, apparently, ‘shovel-ready’ when Federal funds were allocated. This week, I will be seeking an update on when this project will get underway.

#### QUEENSLAND ROAD SAFETY GRANTS

Applications are now open for the 2021 Community Road Safety Grants of up to \$20,000. The funding is designed to support communities, like ours, to develop and deliver short-term, small scale road safety education and awareness initiatives. Grant applications close Friday 9 April. For more information, including how to apply, please use this link [tmr.qld.gov.au/roadsafetygrants](http://tmr.qld.gov.au/roadsafetygrants)

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## SCOTT BUCHHOLZ

Federal Member for Wright

### GREAT TO BE BACK ON TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN

It was great to be back on Tamborine Mountain at the weekend, making important funding announcements for the community, on roads, community and social infrastructure.

While there, I enjoyed the wonderful hospitality of local businesses - it really is something special.

Here is a quick update of the week that was:

**Receiving the final report of the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety:** The Government has welcomed the final report from the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety. The report contains 148 recommendations for significant reform. The Government’s response to the final report will address the five pillars of home care: residential aged care quality and safety, residential aged care services and sustainability, workforce, and governance. The Prime Minister also announced a further \$452 million package as an important first step in addressing immediate priorities in the sector.

**A Shot in the Arm for Australia’s Vaccination Program:** Australia’s COVID-19 vaccination program got another shot in the arm with the arrival in Sydney of 300,000 doses of the University of Oxford/AstraZeneca vaccine. The first vaccinations with the AstraZeneca vaccine have commenced, ahead of a national rollout commencing from 8 March. Australia remains on track to administer one million doses of the vaccine each week from late March.

**Australia’s Economic Recovery Continues at a Record Pace:** The latest National Account figures show that Australia’s economic recovery continues to lead the world and that the Morrison Government’s economic recovery plan is working. In the December quarter, Australia’s economy grew a record 3.1 per cent, for the second consecutive quarter. The economy has now recovered 85 per cent of its COVID-induced losses, with 320,000 new jobs created and 2.1 million Australian workers graduated off JobKeeper in the December quarter.

**Expanding Access to Life Changing Medicines:** Thousands of Australians with multiple sclerosis, asthma and diabetes will benefit from the listing or extension of several medications on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS), bringing further support to patients and their families. From 1 March, Zeposia and Atechure Breezhaler will be listed on the PBS for the first time, and Trulicity will have its PBS listing extended.

The listing of Zeposia will reduce the cost of treatment for more than 5200 patients with relapsing remitting multiple sclerosis, from as much as \$29,000 a year, to just \$41.30 per script or \$6.60 with a concession card.

#### HERE TO HELP

**As always, my office is here to assist with any Australian Government matters. Please don’t hesitate to get in contact.**

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# Letters to the Editor

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

## NOT ALL CONCERNED PEOPLE ANTI-VAXERS

**In reply to Roland Lindenmayer's letter of 4 March, not all people with concerns with COVID-19 vaccines are anti-vaxers.**

You make a good point on vaccines' success in the past. However, these were developed over many years, even decades of testing. They work by giving the recipient a small dose of the disease organism, triggering the body's natural immunity. The mRNA vaccines are new or novel. They trick the body into producing some of the virus proteins.

COVID-19 vaccines have been hastily rushed through with less than 12 months of tests, giving reason for concern. Many governments of the world including our own have given the pharmaceutical companies manufacturing the vaccine indemnity from lawsuits for adverse reactions caused by the vaccines. This was requested by the manufacturer, reason for concern. Some manufacturers claim over 90 per cent efficacy, others 65 per cent or less. The governments of some European and African countries have questioned the effectiveness of the AstraZenica vaccine in the over 65-year age group.

The French President said 'quasi-ineffective' in the over 65s, reason for concern. The Therapeutic Goods Association has banned health professionals from revealing which vaccine they're giving you. Not only can't you request which vaccine you receive but you can't even know which one you are getting, reason for concern. The average age of death attributed to COVID-19 is 83, two years older than average life expectancy. According to the World Health Organisation 99 per cent of all COVID-19 cases are mild.

Now I understand if you are in the high-risk group why you would want the vaccine. I don't understand why you would expect the other 99 per cent of us to take a relatively untested, unproven, hastily prepared vaccine without someone alleviating some of these concerns. Rhetoric like "it's safe" and "it's effective" just won't cut it, some might say even "a little selfish".

Gavin Jobson

## PUBLIC QUESTION TIME LASTS ONE SESSION

Scenic Rim Council's much touted revamped Public Question Time has lasted exactly one session as an open and transparent vector for ratepayers and residents to ask questions of its elected representatives and the bureaucracy which supports them. I submitted three questions for 9 March 2021. However,

none are to be addressed via this forum.

I find it concerning that an issue relating to the introduction of a Right to Information disclosure log has been referred to the high staff turnover Governance Section, when the authority to disclose documents/information via such a log rests with the CEO, as per the *Right to Information Act 2009*. No doubt this matter will do the rounds for several months before returning to the CEO for action or otherwise.

Given that the vast majority of other Queensland councils willingly embrace the provision of such a log, why does Scenic Rim Council feel the need to obfuscate rather than disclose? Perhaps a non-bloc councillor could move a motion for the introduction of such a disclosure log, and, God forbid, another councillor could second such a motion, and those with an interest in serving those who elected them might vote for such a log to be introduced, bringing "our" council into line with others in the region.

Fortunately, it seems a resolution is closer to hand re the provision of the two-page document provided by council re The Overflow 1895 grant application, although without the co-operation of council. The Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning inquired if council would release the document administratively (council declined to do so) and has now advised that there will be no charges payable to the department in respect of the provision of the document to me.

It seems clarity and transparency will soon be achieved – a shame council could not be a pro-active participant.

Will council be maintaining a log to record the number of questions submitted for each Public Question Time and also the manner in which each question was addressed/satisfied?

Amanda Hay



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## SHARP COMMENT

TOM SHARP

### The Scenic Rim Council Ordinary Meeting on 23 February addressed the 2020-2021 Infrastructure Capital Works Program, Quarter Two Update.

During question time it was revealed by Cr Swanborough that of the total \$43.3 million capital works program, only \$8.3 million had been spent in the six months to 31 December 2020.

This accounts for only 19 per cent of the program, leaving more than 80 per cent of the capital works to be delivered in only six months, with some \$35 million yet to be spent.

When asked if the program was achievable in the timeframe, the council officer concerned gave very little clarity to the situation outside of they were “doing their best”.

He did go on to suggest that the program was heavily geared towards the back end of the financial year and that a number of the major programs would be carried over into the new financial year. As to how much and for how long, this was not forthcoming.

When asked by the Mayor what were some of the variables that could have an impact on delivery, the officer cited a great number of issues that had plagued various projects, including:

- Re-design work
- Stakeholders coming too late to the party, advising council with their concerns over the direction council has taken, asking for alternative measures
- Weather (note weather would not have had an impact in the six months leading up to 31 December)
- Water availability
- Availability of human resources
- Availability of raw materials such as gravel
- Services availability.

The officer provided a long list of variables but not the whys or hows. Does this call competency into question?

This is council’s core business competency, their bread and butter, something they should be able to deliver day in and day out, on their ear.

The first question that immediately needs to be asked is why heavily back end the projects if you cannot deliver on time?

If COVID-19 was truly a concern in their budget deliberations, then surely such should have been taken into account and adjusted accordingly.

Why did the councillors not request detailed specifics for each project that has been somewhat negatively impacted or is likely to be impacted, and undertake a full detailed review at the next council Ordinary Meeting?

As of today, the SRRC now has less than four months to deliver a \$43.3 million program, and as Cr Swanborough pointed out, it now requires four times the effort in the six months to June 2021 to complete.

I would like to point out that in the “real world” anything less than 8 per cent of the budget not being delivered and completing that in roughly six weeks after June, barring “an act of God”, is acceptable and anything beyond that calls for a major competency review.

Anything beyond that will have major impacts on the 2021-22 budget and what projects can be put up under that time period.

Should such a circumstance occur, councillors would be well advised to aggressively curtail the budget spend and alleviate the ratepayer until confidence can be fully restored in council’s capability.

Sadly, council spent a grand total of 30 minutes on this matter, which is of the highest importance to the people of this region, for what was a meeting that ran for more than four hours. Of that 30 minutes, some five minutes or more was taken up with arguing over meeting process and stymying Cr Swanborough from delivering his most revealing question.

Dear reader, ask yourself: Would you operate this way in your job or run your business in such a manner?





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### WHEN WILL IT CHANGE?

If you ever get the chance to explore some of the national park trails that we have on Tamborine Mountain, I would ask that you follow a few tips. But before I do that, make sure you enjoy the beauty on offer at this time of year – the changing in seasons really can bring on some spectacular sights.

Walking the trails in our part of the country offers a variety of options, for the novice through to the experienced walker. Unfortunately, the team has been involved in several search and rescue missions this year already. Some common sense and some basic education could have avoided these. So, here are some basic tips:

- know your limits – be realistic about your skills and physical capability
- follow track markers and stay on the marked track
- always have water, warm clothing and extra food in case of the unexpected
- wear appropriate clothing for the conditions, sturdy shoes and a hat
- carry a basic first aid kit, insect repellent; and take your rubbish out.

For the more experienced or if you want to know more, then use Google or contact your local walking club.

#### ROAD SAFETY:

**Queensland Police have launched Operation Tango Anaconda – targeting drug-driving on Queensland Roads. If you have drugs in your system, do not drive, that’s the simple message.**

I unfortunately attended another traffic incident involving a motorcycle and a car recently. On this occasion the rider was incredibly lucky. The driver of the car involved failed to take that extra look when exiting an intersection.

**Vehicle drivers:** Always keep an eye out for motorcycles particularly at intersections, when changing lanes and blind spots.

**Motorcycle riders:** Ride to conditions, wear adequate protection, ride safely, ride according to your skill level and ensure your bike is well maintained. Illegal manoeuvres or cornering too fast can easily lead to an incident.

On the domestic front, we have been engaged quite a bit this year. I would ask people to consider their circumstances, the way they interact with family and one another. Simply asking yourself: is this the way I would want to be communicated with? can lead to some change if it’s needed. If Police are being called to your doorstep, remember we have no choice but to attend – it’s the law. We aren’t there to take sides; we generally don’t solve deep seated issues in five minutes. We will offer options and opportunity for engagement with outside agencies who can help put relationships on the right path; this pathway can have two roads, and sometimes a relationship has completed its course. Reach out before we get a call; that’s all I will say.

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

**Sgt Mark Shields**  
**OIC North Tamborine Police**





## Councillor's Comment

VIRGINIA WEST  
DIVISION 3

### COUNCIL'S BEAUDESERT TOWN CENTRE REVITALISATION AND LIBRARY PROJECTS



**Council is working on two separate projects. Grant funding has been achieved for the Revitalisation Project, with another application submitted for the Community Hub and Library. I believe that together as a community, we need to recognise a number of realities:**

- Beaudesert is a rapidly growing area, with the major town area designated for a larger portion of future growth. If you take a look behind Brooklands Drive and up into Banksia Green, an incredible number of new homes have either been built recently or are under construction, as well as at Spring Creek, all providing affordable housing for young families.
- The current library (the central library for the whole Scenic Rim) has outgrown its space and is out of date. To extend on the current site would trigger requirements for additional parking, impacting Jubilee Park.
- Council is responsible for providing contemporary community infrastructure and facilities for today's and tomorrow's community while considering the operational costs of such infrastructure. For example, our investment in modern concrete bridges is delivering substantial savings compared to the cost of maintaining old timber bridges.

#### BEAUDESERT PIG AND CALF YARDS

Along with the community, Council is committed to retaining the heritage of our region, wherever possible, and I share these strong sentiments. The question is how we best achieve this outcome. Lodgement of the appeal to the State Heritage listing is primarily to allow time for the current and future impacts to be considered. Council has an obligation to consider ongoing costs and impacts for both current and future ratepayers.

The saleyards in their present condition do not comply with current environmental, building, safety and animal welfare standards.

#### INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Scenic Rim women welcomed former Olympic swimmer, gold medallist Libby Trickett, as the guest speaker at this year's International Women's Day Breakfast and what an inspirational speaker she was. A number of International Women's Day functions held throughout the region celebrated the achievements and aspirations of women through the ages and their contribution to our communities.

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# ROTARY ORGANISING MOUNTAIN CAR SHOW



**Tamborine Mountain is set to host an ambitious multi-faceted car and motorcycle show in May.**

Organised by the Rotary Satellite Club of Tamborine Mountain-Coomera River, and sponsored by Eagle Heights Mountain Resort, it will be the first major car event to be held on the mountain in years.

Rotary spokesperson, David Power, said the event was expected to attract entries from Gold Coast, Brisbane, Tamborine Mountain, and surrounding areas.

"There will be several different car categories on display including vintage, classic, custom and muscle, as well as a category for motorcycles," he said.

The show which will be held at the Tamborine Mountain Sport and Recreation Centre on Long Road, will open to the public at 8am Sunday 2 May on the Labour Day long weekend.

Mr Power said that the long weekend, normally perfect weather-wise, was always a time that attracted visitors to Tamborine Mountain from across South East Queensland.

"We hope that many of those attending our show will stay over for the long weekend and enjoy our many other attractions, giving a financial boost to the mountain economy.

The Sport and Recreation Centre will open at 6.30am on the day for display cars and bikes. Market stall holders will be on site, together with food and coffee vans that will be set up prior to public access. The show is expected to wrap up around 2pm following award presentations at 1pm.

The general public can purchase tickets online at [EventBrite.com.au](http://EventBrite.com.au), or pay by cash or EFTPOS on entry on the day. Public car parking will be available on the grounds. The local SES will coordinate the public car parking. Public entry is \$10 per adult. Children 16 years and younger are free.

For display cars and bikes, booking is only via [EventBrite.com.au](http://EventBrite.com.au) - Event reference 1282265466051. A QR code is on all advertising flyers to make access to this booking site easy. Display car entrance fee is \$20 per vehicle and includes all people in that display vehicle; or \$10 with one person.

Locals with display vehicles are encouraged to book before the end of March as the maximum number of display car parks available is limited to around 280.

If you would like to group a number of cars together at the show, please email Dave Power on the email address below with your ticket references.

Rotary will direct funds raised from this event directly back into the community, supporting schools and youth development, sports clubs, and other community groups.

For additional information, contact Dave Power on 0419 743 275 or email [tamborinemountainsatellite@coomerariverrotary.org.au](mailto:tamborinemountainsatellite@coomerariverrotary.org.au)



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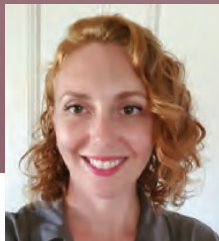
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## COVID-19 VACCINATION AND YOUR PREGNANCY

As Australia is beginning to receive the first doses of the COVID-19 vaccine it seems like the right time to talk about what it is, and what this will mean for pregnant women. Most people are aware that there are limits to the number of vaccines available initially. This means that the population is divided into priority groups, to ensure that those who are the highest priority (certain front-line workers, the elderly and those with health conditions) will receive the vaccine first.

There has also been concern voiced in the community about the vaccine being live and containing small amounts of COVID-19. This is not the case. The vaccine is not a live vaccine and does not contain COVID-19. You cannot get COVID-19 from the vaccine. Instead, the vaccine contains nanoparticles that produce a spike protein to invoke an immune response against COVID-19. This means that if you are later exposed to COVID-19 your body will illicit an immune response on recognizing the specific protein and fight the virus itself. The vaccines are given several weeks apart – the timing depending on which one you get.

Currently, the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RANZCOG) recommendation for pregnant women is that they do not routinely receive a vaccination because there is limited data on the outcomes for pregnant women with the vaccine at this stage. This is because the vaccine has not been specifically tested on pregnant women. However, as there are many similar vaccinations already given in pregnancy it is thought there is unlikely to be any issue for women who are pregnant and receive the vaccine. The vaccine also does not contain any added ingredients known to be harmful to pregnant women or breastfed babies.

In saying this, some women with certain pre-existing conditions can experience more severe effects if they do contract COVID-19, and so the vaccine may be considered for these women. This includes women with pre-existing high risk medical conditions, organ transplants, on dialysis, chronic respiratory conditions, homozygous sickle cell disease, those on immunosuppressants, those with heart disease, or pregnant health care workers in high risk COVID-19 settings.

With regard to breastfeeding, it is thought that the risk to infants is extremely low if mothers receive the vaccine while lactating. This is because the nanoparticles are unlikely to enter the blood stream and reach the breast tissue. If this does happen, the chances that it will affect the baby are minimal because it will go to the baby's gut and be digested. There is a potential benefit to being vaccinated while breastfeeding, as it is thought the antibodies mum produces may be passed to the breastmilk and so give an element of protection to the baby.

We are extremely fortunate in Queensland that we have received the first vaccines in Australia. I have just filled out my consent form and I am looking forward to receiving mine in the next few weeks to protect my family, the women I care for and the wider community.

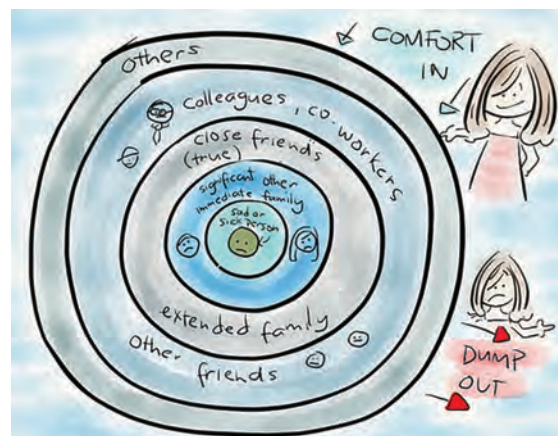
If you wish to read up on the vaccines further, you can find out more on the RANZCOG website (type 'COVID-19 vaccine' into the search bar), or by using a search engine to search for Australian Government COVID-19 vaccines, and on the Academy of Breastfeeding Medicine website.

*Bree Lowing is a Registered Midwife and provides bulk-billed in-home antenatal and postnatal services through The Mountain Midwife [www.themountainmidwife.com.au](http://www.themountainmidwife.com.au)*

# Relationships



Do you have a friend or family member going through a crisis or a difficult time? Perhaps you really want to help but you're unsure of what is an appropriate response. Maybe you are going through a crisis yourself and you don't know whom to turn to. Susan Silk and Barry Goldman came up with a concept called "Ring Theory" to help people know what to do in a crisis.



Draw a circle and in it write the name of the person/people in the centre of the crisis. Draw a larger circle around it and write others impacted by the crisis. Continue drawing larger circles, first placing significant others; place close friends in the next circle; then comes relatives, acquaintances, colleagues, etc until on the outer is everyone else.

This is what Silk and Goldman call a "kvetching order". Kvetch is an old Yiddish word that means to moan and complain. The person in the centre ring can say anything she wants to anyone, anywhere. She can kvetch and complain and whine and moan and say, "Life is unfair" and "Why me?" to whomever she chooses. Other people can say these things too, but the rule is only kvetch to those in a circle larger than yours.

When you are talking to a person in a ring smaller than yours, someone closer to the centre of the trauma, the goal is to bring comfort. Listening is often more helpful than talking. But if you're going to open your mouth, ask yourself if what you are about to say is likely to provide comfort and support. If it isn't, don't say it. Don't, for example, give advice. People who are suffering from trauma don't need advice. So instead say, "I'm sorry" or "This must really be hard for you" or "Can I cook you dinner?" Never say, "You should hear what happened to me". It is a mistaken belief that sharing your grief experience will be reassuring to someone in pain. And never ever say "At least..." A person's distress is never relieved by trauma comparisons.

When you hear bad news it's normal to want to tell someone how shocked you are or how this reminds you of something traumatic that happened to you. Make sure you tell this to someone in a bigger circle than yours, who is further away from the crisis. Complaining to someone in a smaller ring than yours doesn't do either of you any good. Once you've comforted a traumatised person you may need some TLC yourself, so go to someone in a ring outside yours. The Ring Theory rule is: comfort flows into the centre; 'kvetching' or dumping flows out.

Practical help also goes a long way when people are in crisis. Consider cooking a meal or a treat, taking them out for coffee, doing their housework or gardening, or offering childminding or pet sitting. Above all, being a great listener is the best comfort you can provide.

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## SHOOTING STARS

A stunning sight that may be seen at night, particularly in a dark sky, is a streak of light that we describe as a shooting or falling star.



In fact, this phenomenon has nothing to do with stars, but is actually caused by tiny bits of rock, debris and dust called meteoroids entering the Earth's atmosphere. As they enter the atmosphere the meteoroids burn up and produce a bright trail of light which is called a meteor. Most meteoroids disintegrate in the atmosphere, but some solid particles, composed of strong material, travelling at lower entry speeds may survive the burning and hit the Earth; they are called meteorites; they cool and do not emit visible light.

Shooting stars' trail of light is produced because meteoroids hit the Earth's atmosphere at very high velocities and strong drag forces are created. As it collides with the air molecules, compression heats the meteoroid and the surrounding air and causes the surface of the particle to glow as it melts and is transformed into gas. Atmospheric gases in the path of the meteoroid are heated and become ionised. The colours of a shooting star can indicate the minerals present - iron glows yellow, silicon glows red, copper glows green. These glowing vapours are only visible briefly as the gases in the vapour trail cool and disperse quickly.

Although shooting stars may appear to be large objects, most pieces of cosmic debris are very small. A piece of grit the size of a grain of sand will produce a shooting star, a pea sized piece of debris will cause a spectacular blaze of light and larger debris will cause a fireball.

The Earth gains hundreds of tonnes of mass on a daily basis from the infall of tiny dust particle-sized meteorites and a far smaller number of slightly larger meteorites. The impact of very large meteorites can be devastating and is associated with catastrophic events. The Tunguska event in 1908 in Siberia, in which a massive explosion flattened an estimated 80 million trees over an area of more than 2000 square kilometres, is attributed to the impact of a large meteoroid explosion above the Earth.

Light pollution reduces the visibility of the night sky. The World Atlas Night Sky Brightness which measures light pollution indicates that the Scenic Rim Region has gradual higher to lower light pollution from east to west with eastern areas such as Tamborine Mountain being most light polluted due to skyglow from the Gold Coast and increased local lighting.



## TOO MUCH REPETITIVE ACTIVITY CAN HAVE CONSEQUENCES

I was concerned when my dog would race around the property in huge circles because of excitement or stimulation; she was making a well-worn track. So, I blocked the big circuit, but then she made a smaller one. My doggy friends would laugh and comment that it was good exercise; even a successful international competitor in dog trials suggested the dog's one-way racing circuits dissipated excess energy.



A few years later there were problems in one of her knees and I knew instinctively that I should have intervened much earlier to break the habit. The excitement for her was the ever-increasing number of dogs and people walking by our property.

After very expensive knee surgery which eventually failed, the other knee which had been compensating for a year started to show weakness, and a dog with no back legs is not an option.

After trying everything from physiotherapy, hydrotherapy and medications I had to decide to take radical action and have another more extensive orthopaedic operation performed, or let her cope and slowly deteriorate in pain. I decided to put the dog through another traumatic operation with a 12-week recovery period in the hope that we could have many more years of normal walking.

As it turned out, during the operation there were found bone spurs around the joint, which were ground down. No amount of treatment could ease the spurs, only surgery.

If your dog has an obsessive or extreme habit of running like crazy and stopping suddenly or tearing around bends, I highly recommend you intervene and modify this activity before damage is done. It is the same with human athletes; wear and tear happens with any repetitive exercise.

A good pet insurance policy is really worth having, especially if you have a young mischievous or highly active dog.

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# YOGA AND YOUR THROAT CHAKRA

We've worked on our throat chakras in yoga class last week. Using the yoga, our voices and the breath, we've started to open up and balance this part of our bodies.

Our yoga retreat coming up soon (26-28 March) is focussed on opening and healing the throat chakra. For those readers new to yoga the first response to the above information is: what is a chakra and why would I have one in my throat?

In yoga and many other ancient healing modalities (Daoism, Kabbala) much emphasis is put on these circular vortexes of energy that are placed in seven different points along the spinal column. All the seven chakras are connected to the various organs and endocrine glands within the body and these chakras are responsible for distributing life energy (prana) throughout the body.

The throat chakra sits in the soft hollow at the base of your throat and in yoga this chakra is considered a meeting place or 'nexus' for upward-bound energies from the lower three chakras and downward-bound energies from the upper two chakras. It is the throat area where these energies swirl, mix, break-down and come together, expressed as one's voice, as the special, original, signature sound of each person.

As the throat chakra governs the mouth, tongue, neck, and the thyroid gland, it relates to communication and your ability to understand and speak your inner truth honestly. When out of balance, one has difficulty staying true to oneself and expressing needs, desires, and opinions. When we have a healthy throat chakra we are creative, honest, confident, assertive, and unafraid of expressing our truth to the world. However, when we have a blocked throat chakra we struggle with problems such as fear of expressing our thoughts, shyness, social anxiety, dishonesty, stubbornness, lack of creativity, and verbal aggressiveness.

Unexpressed feelings are toxic. That's why nature gave us the tools of expression – to discharge the toxins that have built up inside. Expressing our feelings is the only natural way to turn a bad feeling into a good one. The throat has an immense power of creation. Throat chakra healing is where we can find the courage to speak up and speak out.

Think back to your childhood. Were you criticised a lot by your parents? Did your family encourage you to express your truth? Were your thoughts, ideas, and opinions valued? If you felt like you couldn't openly express your thoughts and feelings, it's likely that you struggle with an unhealthy throat chakra.

Using yoga, breathwork, vibration (solfeggio frequencies) and vocal toning we open up this chakra point. It was Martin Luther King who said: "Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter." So, come and join us; you will never be silent again.

**Margot Wagner**  
**Yoga Under the Bodhi Tree**

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# DEMENTIA - THE CARING EXPERIENCE

**Dementia, the broad term used to define the symptoms of a large group of illnesses that cause a progressive decline in a person's cognition and ability to function, describes a loss of memory, intellect, rationality, social skills and what would be considered normal emotional reactions.**

These changes impact the physical, social, and emotional life of not only the person with dementia, but also those who care for them, namely their families, carers and friends. There are different forms of dementia and each has its own cause. Alzheimer's disease is the most common form of dementia. Dementia is not a normal part of ageing.

If you are caring for someone with dementia, it is important to take regular breaks to keep to relax/recharge.

One way to do this, is to arrange regular respite care for the person with dementia. Respite gives you a break from constant caring, which can be physically and emotionally demanding. Enjoying some 'time out', helps you return to your caring role refreshed.

Respite also benefits the person with dementia, as it introduces them to different people and activities. Family and friends may help take over the caring role from you sometimes. When this is not possible, there are services that offer different types of respite care. Respite may be in home, day care, short or long term, or even a break away, together with additional help.

Commonwealth Carers Respite Centre (1800 059 059) can assist you identify respite care available for you as a carer. For your concerns about using respite care you may contact the National Dementia Behaviour Advisory Service on 1300 366 448).

Remember, though the change in environment may be initially disturbing to some persons with dementia, they usually settle in. Many families and carers have found it beneficial to start regular respite care as early as possible, so that everyone has time to get used to it.

Needless to say, the final decision is yours.

**(Source: Australian Government – Department of Health and Ageing – A Guide for Families and Carers of People with Dementia.)**



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# FLUES AND HEATERS NEED TO BE CLEANED EACH YEAR

**WINTER** is just around the corner and the fire heaters will soon be lighting up all over **Tamborine Mountain**.

As so many people on the Mountain know, there's nothing quite like the warmth and comfort of a fire on a cold night.

However, one of the realities of having a fire heater that some households are not aware of is the need to have regular flue cleaning.

A spokesman for Fireplace Safety Inspection and Flue Clean has sounded a timely safety warning about fire heaters.

"They are wonderful inventions, but like motor vehicles, they need to be serviced regularly," he said.

"I have been cleaning flues on Tamborine Mountain for more than 18 years and in recent weeks found that many of those that I checked and cleaned were so blocked that a house fire was threatened.

"Some of these blocked flues were those of repeat customers from services just a year earlier. I was amazed to see the build-up of creosotes over just one winter."

Creosote can block a flue and restrict the air flow in the fireplace, reducing its efficiency. Eventually, a build-up of creosote can completely block the flue, making the fire impossible to operate.

One sign of a blocked flue is smoke coming into the room when the firebox door is opened.

Creosote can also appear on the glass door of a heater. This is another indication that it is not working properly.

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## Lewin's Honeyeater Nestling

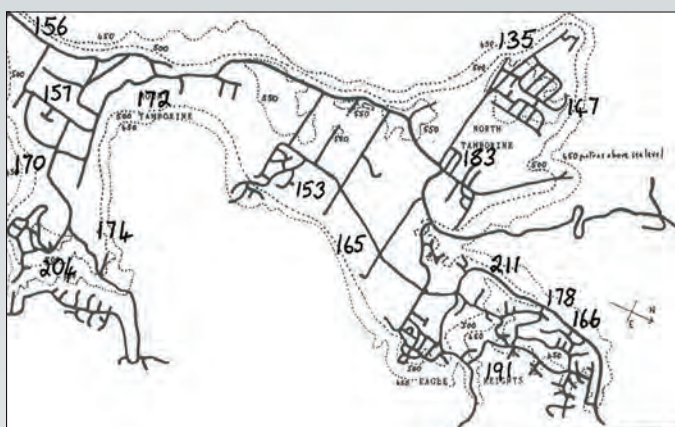
Lewin's Honeyeater Nestling – *Meliphaga lewinii*, garden, North Tamborine.



Be prepared for a sad story. The nest, containing two nestlings, is delicately and exquisitely made, hanging in branches of a camelia tree, next to a garden path. The bird prefers the wetter parts of eastern Australia, from northern Queensland to central Victoria. There are only three species in the genus. The nest was exposed to attack by currawongs, which had taken a chick before I arrived with my cameras. Within a few days of filming, the nest was empty and abandoned, a currawong having killed the remaining chicks.

Peter Kuttner

## Tamborine Mountain Rainfall



### February 2021

The long-term rainfall at Fern Street is expected to be 158mm and the average is 223mm. This February, Fern Street recorded 156.8mm, right on the expected.

Early in the month an upper atmosphere low delivered an inch or better recorded 3 February. A front moving up from the south produced another inch or more recorded on the 14th. From the middle of the month coastal low-pressure systems kept the Mountain wet, producing the totals shown on the map. There was quite a large range across the Mountain with more on the east as usual.

Mike Russell  
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## TRAVELLING PLACES By Gina Storey

An interesting time last week with lots of people booking train travel. I found out that every sleeper on the Spirit of the Outback from Brisbane to Longreach is sold out from now until the end of October.



There is one exception and that is a seven-day escorted trip with limited availability which includes the train to Longreach, accommodation, sightseeing and a flight home. A great trip, so if you are interested get in quick to secure the last spots.

With the cooler start on Friday morning, I was out for a walk and for some reason I was thinking about flower festivals and hidden secret gardens – there are a few on Tamborine Mountain. A few years ago, I travelled with an excellent company, Botanica, to Scotland. Our small group was hosted by some wonderful botanical guides who gave us access and insights to unique gardens. While I am not someone who is completely garden crazy, I loved the whole experience. They also incorporated general touring, with history and culture a focus.

Botanica is an Australian based company – part of the APT group. Perhaps you have been at the garden club over the years when I have brought a guest lecturer? This year Botanica have increased the number of domestic excursions. You can join them to discover diverse natural and created gardens on journeys that cover most of Australia. It's not all about gardens though, as there is something to please everyone including art, history and sightseeing.

Visit a flower or garden show including Floriade, the Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show or Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers. There is a lovely trip to Norfolk Island to see behind the hedgerows. Explore both iconic and private gardens, many exclusive to Botanica. Enjoy learning about the gardens from your expert botanical guide who 'brings each garden to life'. Stay in carefully selected hotels, dine on quality meals and enjoy hand-picked sightseeing inclusions. See nature at its colourful best with perfectly timed journeys to appreciate wildflowers in Western Australia, the spring gardens of Tasmania and the autumn leaves of Victoria. Travel in a smaller group of 15 to 30 guests.

As you can imagine, many of these trips are for travel in spring. So now is a good time to plan and book. Most of the trips are between four to 10 days, so enjoy a short escape or combine a botanical adventure with seeing friends and family or exploring further afield.

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# NEW \$11.3 MILLION ARTS FACILITY AT TM STATE HIGH

**A new \$11.3 million state-of-the-art building at Tamborine Mountain State High School was officially opened last week.**

The Education Department expects the three-storey learning centre, called The Studios and officially opened by Macalister MP Melissa McMahan, will inspire the next generation of drama, dance and art professionals.

The new learning centre features eight classrooms, visual art spaces, drama spaces, a green room, multi-media and design areas, audio room, staff room and refurbished science labs.

Ms McMahan described the building as “nothing short of world-class”.

“The Studios is a top-notch facility that is giving students access to industry-standard facilities,” Ms McMahan said.

“It has all the bells and whistles of a modern arts facility that our students need to prepare them for the skills they need for the jobs of the future.

“Film and TV students will be able to make films at a higher standard thanks to the new purpose-built green screen studio and sound booths that have been installed.

“Arts students are also able to make bigger, more complex pieces in an environment that is similar to a professional artist’s studio.

“There’s something for everyone in The Studios.”

Ms McMahan said the facility was built as part of the Queensland Government’s 2020 Ready Program



*The new \$11.3 million learning centre at Tamborine Mountain State High School*

that was providing more infrastructure for the additional 17,000 Queensland students who entered State high schools in 2020.

“The Palaszczuk Government is committed to building facilities like this right across the State, which is why we’re spending \$1.9 billion on education infrastructure in this financial year,” she said.

“The project here at Tamborine Mountain State High School has supported up to 35 local jobs during construction and a total of 23 apprentices worked on the site over

the course of the project.

Tamborine Mountain State High School Principal Tracey Brose said the new facility was a huge hit with students and staff alike.

“The Studios has provided increased exposure and access to the arts as well as facilitating 21st century skill development for students’ collective and individual growth,” Ms Brose said.

“The potential offered by the purpose-built spaces in The Studios reflects the strong arts practice inherent in the Tamborine Mountain community.”

# TMC OVAL GETS A COMPLETE MAKEOVER



*Tamborine Mountain College has just completed a refurbishment of its school oval which, in addition to being used for sports and recreation, will also be utilised for the Year Six graduation picnic, stargazing evenings, open air assemblies, campouts, outdoor science demonstrations and drama performances.*



# HILLTOP GALLERY PRESENTS MADZINGA ART

Born in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe and inspired by his artist father's drawing and painting, Jonathan Madzinga has been involved all his life in the arts. Beginning at the age of six and encouraged by his father, he has used his painting to directly engage with others in the community.

His love of colour and early youthful enthusiasm nearly brought unexpected trouble from his father when he decided to use the studio walls as a canvas for his abstract explorations. His father's forgiveness and subsequent encouragement led to steady progress in drawing and painting skills, until he was introduced to the National Art Gallery in Bulawayo. It was here that there developed an intimate relationship between interpreting art and making art, and it was here that Madzinga developed his appreciation for fine art.

Learning how to look at and interpret works in the collection of the National Art Gallery in Bulawayo gave him access to hundreds of ideas made manifest in the artworks. It was here that he was trained to think visually, and learned how use of colour can make life and living enjoyable, make people happy; he also learned how to use colour to share stories of his culture.



Madzinga was enrolled in the National Art Gallery program until he finished high school, then enrolled at the Mzilikazi Art and Craft Centre, where he was further educated by the next generation of thinkers in skills like identifying and understanding colour, acquired knowledge in arts education and advancing philanthropy, and the use of art media as a primary mode of communication.

Since 2002 he has exhibited in Zimbabwe, Botswana, South Africa, the Netherlands, UK, Dubai, Canada, USA, and Australia.

Madzinga's paintings are about life and living, making people happy and sharing his culture through his art.

His current exhibition at the Hilltop Gallery runs until the end of March, and is open on weekends. For all details, contact the gallery directly.

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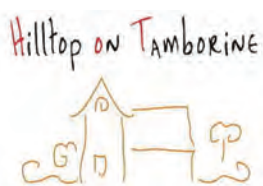
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# SHAKA ZULU AFRICAN EGG WRAP

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Breakfast can be one of the meals that most people don't change very often because we are creatures of habit, and most people don't have much motivation to cook first thing in the morning. This takes me only 5 minutes and I can eat it on the go if I have to. If you are a tradie or just have to leave for work early and can't eat that early, simply cook it and wrap it in some alfoil, and then enjoy it with a coffee just before you start work. You'll be amazed at the energy you will have until your morning tea.

For those of you blessed to be living with teenagers, this is an ideal recipe for them to learn to begin the wonderful journey of cooking for themselves. The best thing about this dish is the flavour it brings and how easy it is, and you will be adding this to your repertoire in no time.

If you have small children and find it hard to make them sit still at the table, just omit the Shaka Zulu Sauce and they can eat it on the move, either outside or even on the way to school.

Those of you who read my article weekly will remember that my father-in-law was born in Uganda and often recounts tales of his youth and of how wonderful it was growing up in Africa. I was so enthused by these tales that my wife and I discussed whether her father, Rane, would return with us for a visit and show us around. Upon asking, it was a resounding 'Yes!'.

We arrived in Kampala, the capital of Uganda, a beautiful city on Lake Victoria where we rendezvoused with Rane, travelling out to meet us from the UK. On the way to our accommodation together the traffic was horrendous, and all manner of hawkers weaved through the traffic on foot laden with goods balanced on their heads - mangos, bananas, and crispy fried homemade potato chips.

That evening as a huge red moon rose into the expansive African sky, Rane, my wife and I sat around a table

drinking a strong African beer called Nile Special, watching the locals play in the pool as we waited for our pizza from the wood-fired oven. Rane cleared his throat, as he always does when he wants us to listen. "Listen up you two, I've got something to tell you," he said with a glint in his eye. He paused for effect "What is it Dad?" I asked. "Well, since we are in my homeland, I thought we should go on a trip." We both nodded, urging him to go on. "Well tomorrow a man is coming to pick us up and we're going on safari." I jumped out of my seat with joy. "Yippee," I yelled as I thrust my arm into the air like a man at slips catching the ball. "Calm down, calm down," he said as the locals burst into laughter.

The next day we woke with the sun and met our driver, Hassan. The three of us piled in and began the journey. "We will stop for breakfast in a small town just out of the city," he said as he skilfully swerved around a stray goat. We pulled up near a small vendor cooking along the roadside and that's where I got this recipe from. It was like watching a conductor with his orchestra as the man moved with such grace and dignity, having made this dish a million times. As I held this steaming work of art in my hand, I took a bite and instantly knew that this was something I had to replicate. It was absolutely de-licious!

Have a crack at this recipe and you will not be disappointed. Purchase Shaka Zulu on my online store [www.gourmetfoodco.com.au](http://www.gourmetfoodco.com.au) or head to Angela's Pantry on Gallery Walk.

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- 1 tbs oil
- 1 tortilla wrap

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- Heat a non-stick fry pan, add the capsicum and the onion.
- Fry until fragrant while stirring.
- Spread mix evenly around the fry pan and crack in two eggs.
- Break the yolks with the back of a spoon and move the fry pan in a circular motion to spread out all the egg, so all the pan is covered.
- Cook on low, add cheese and melt.
- If you have a gas stove, flame the tortilla on the hob for 10 seconds each side to blister a bit.
- Put tortilla on a plate, slide on the egg and cheese, then cover generously with Shaka Zulu peri peri style sauce.
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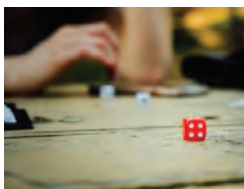
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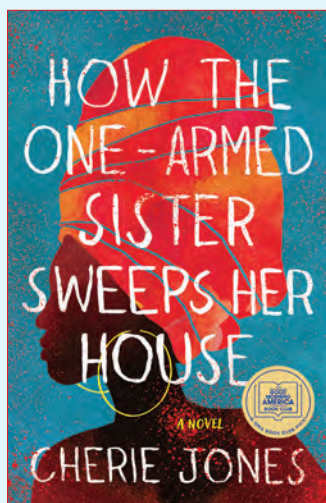
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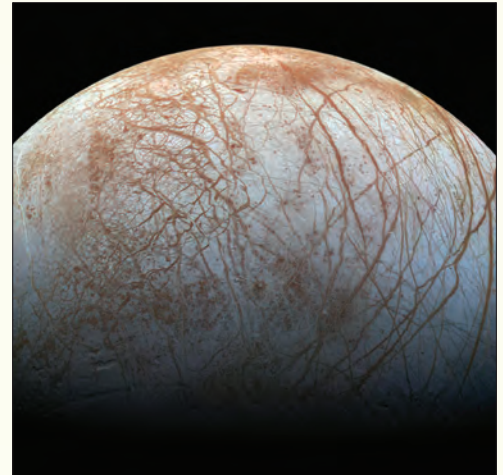


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6. King Henry VIII died before Katherine Parr.
7. A free-falling skydiver cannot fall at a speed greater than 125 miles (201km) per hour.
8. The Rhine is longer than the Danube.
9. The North Pole is colder than the South Pole.
10. 30 degrees Celsius is higher than 85 degrees Fahrenheit.
11. The surface of Europa (a moon of Jupiter) is covered by ice.
12. There is no ice on Mars.
13. 1.5 metres is a greater distance than 5 feet.
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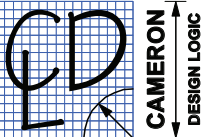
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2. True
3. False
4. True
5. True
6. True
7. True
8. False
9. False
10. True
11. True
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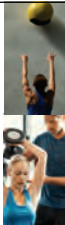
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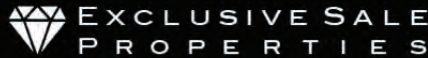
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# ATHLETICS SUCCESS ALL IN THE FAMILY

Champion competitor and mother of seven, Brenda Ashley, continues to dominate competition in Queensland Masters Athletics events.

Her latest success was achieved at the recent Gold Coast Masters Championship where she won six individual events - 400m, 200m, 100m, 60m hurdles, long jump and triple jump.

Sons Connor, Braden and Jesse are following in their mother's footsteps, having competed with success at the Little Athletic Regional Championships in Tweed Heads.

Connor took out five firsts and broke a 13-year-old record in the 800m. He also won the 1500m, 400m, javelin and long jump.

Braden won his 800m race, was second in the 400m, and third in the triple jump; while Jesse won his 200m hurdles event and was third in the 400m.

*Right: Brenda Ashley with sons Connor, Braden and Jesse.*



## TIME RUNNING OUT TO JOIN THIS LIFE DRAWING SESSION

Time is running out to join a life drawing session with leading Tamborine Mountain artist Monique Quarantini on the evening of Wednesday 17 March.

Using a professional model, Monique will guide participants through techniques, methods and skills of life drawing.

This promises to be a fun and engaging event, to be held at the Making Good Alliance Centre for Regenerative Arts, 6-8 Knoll Road, North Tamborine, from 6pm to 8pm.

Numbers are limited, so bookings are recommended. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be supplied.

For more information on the evening or to book, visit [www.makinggoodalliance.com.au](http://www.makinggoodalliance.com.au) or phone 0438 152 976.

Participants should bring:

- charcoals, putty rubber, paper, two bulldog clips, and any of their own materials
- an easel if they have one.
- wine and nibbles if they want (due to COVID-19 restrictions, please bring own drinking glasses etc), and
- a sense of fun and adventure.

Some supplies will be available for purchase on the night.



"Those attending will be learning to draw what they see, rather than what they think they see," said Monique.

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