



# Scenic

# News

Tamborine Mountain, Canungra, Tamborine, Beechmont, Beaudesert, Cedar Creek, Boyland

## GEISSMANN'S GATHER AT OVAL THAT HONOURS FAMILY NAME

## GEISSMANN OVAL



Not even a cool, overcast day could dampen the spirits of five generations of early Tamborine Mountain pioneer Barney Geissmann's descendants as they gathered at Geissmann Oval, Geissmann Street, North Tamborine at the weekend. What a turnout - from Barney's nephews, 94-year-old Bill Geissmann and younger brother Ross, to Bill's three-months-old great, great grandson Ruben. They were joined by a number of old-time locals, and there was much celebrating, not the least in appreciation of the official recognition by Scenic Rim Council of the area as Geissmann Oval after much lobbying by the local community. The Geissmanns contributed much and in many ways to the Mountain and its community, the most significant being the construction of the "Do It Yourself Road" connecting the Mountain to Oxenford.

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# MOVE TO THE GOLD COAST THE CASE FOR AND AGAINST

Out of all the compelling reasons why Tamborine Mountain should go to the Gold Coast is the travesty of the **rate burden**, which is never likely to change, but more likely to become more acute if we stay with Scenic Rim Regional Council, no matter who is your mayor or councillor. **We are simply in the wrong council.**

Prior to the amalgamation in 2007, a survey was conducted asking if we should be part of Scenic Rim or Gold Coast. The survey indicated a desire to be part of the amalgamated council. Many felt this was a failure of leadership, devoid of facts and based on emotive sentiment, and we have paid a heavy price in rates, deteriorating infrastructure and democracy ever since. At this time, you elected me for Division 1 - unopposed.

**Our standard of living has fallen** in the last 13 years, compared to other smaller population centres in the Scenic Rim where infrastructure and services have increased. In the last nine years I estimate that no more than 4 per cent of the entire capital budget has been spent on our infrastructure (averaged over the last nine years). **Every ratepayer has paid more for less.**

Each council sets its own rates. The SRRC's long-term financial plan shows an annual 3 per cent rate increase over 10 years, which means the current rates we pay will compound, and many homeowners may no longer have the financial means to hold their properties. It is happening already.

Discussions with Gold Coast leadership confirms the **Gold Coast Uniform Residential Rate will remain uniform** and apply to Tamborine Mountain in any boundary change.

Based on the advertised General Residential Owner-Occupied category rate in the dollar, GCCC is 47 per cent less than SRRC, and GCCC's separate charges are 59 per cent less compared to SRRC; **the savings per household are huge.**

For my property I would save a small fortune over 10 years, even with compounding and rate increases along the way. Possibly enough to cover the cost of a small new car or for a house deposit.

Instead of paying excessive rates to SRRC, we could spend the money from our rate savings on our families or inject it into local businesses. **Imagine more than \$6 million per year saving on rates** being injected into the local Tamborine Mountain community and economy.

**The table below is a rates comparison of my residential property which shows the differences.**

Do you think rates is enough reason alone to vote to be in GCCC? Do you think our community of interest is with SRRC? **When was the last time you went to Beaudesert for recreation, or to shop, work or play?** I will be announcing all the details of the household plebiscite, when and how, in the coming weeks - **You will have your say.**

Comparison of Annual Rates - Scenic Rim to Gold Coast 2020/21							
All data sourced from budget documents of both Councils - Residential valuation at 4 Manika Court Mt Tamborine							
Gold Coast City Council	Amount	Gold Coast City Council	Valuation	Rate	Total	All Total	\$ Difference to GCCC
Separate Rates		General Rate					% Difference
<u>Fixed Rates on every property</u>		<u>The rate based on the average valuation</u>		Cents in \$			
Open Space Preservation	\$43.00	Category 1A - Single Unit dwelling not rented.	\$415,000	0.341009	\$1,415.19		
Recreational Space	\$29.00						
City Transport Improvement.	\$133.30						
Koala Habitat	\$3.00						
Volunteer Fire Brigade.	\$1.00						
Nil Discount	\$0.00	Less Discount 10%			\$141.52		
<b>Totals</b>	\$209.30	\$209.30 + \$1,273.67= \$1,482.97			\$1,273.67	\$1,482.97	
Scenic Rim Council		Scenic Rim Regional Council					
Separate Rate		General Rate (UNCAPPED)					
<u>Fixed Rates on every property</u>		<u>The rate based on the AVERAGED valuation</u>					
Community Infrastructure	\$372.00	Category 1. Residential place of residence	\$415,000	0.724000	\$3,004.60		
Less Discount 5%	\$18.60	Less Discount 5%			150.53		
<b>Totals</b>	\$353.40				\$2,854.07	\$3,207.47	\$1,724.50
		SRRC General Rate (CAPPED)					53.77%
		Category 1. Residential place of residence	9 % Capped value		\$2,731.14		
		Less Discount 5%			\$136.56		
<b>Totals</b>	\$353.40				\$2,594.58	\$2,947.98	\$1,465.01
HAD THE RATE CAPPING FINISHED at SRRC and THE FULL VALUATION WAS APPLIED the DIFFERENCE IS \$1724.50							49.70%
UNDER THIS SCENARIO MY RATES WOULD REDUCE BY at least 53.77% if we moved to Gold Coast City Council.							



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

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# COMMUNITY CONSULTATION TO FORMALISE TM GARDENS NAME

Residents will have an opportunity to have their say on the formal naming of the Tamborine Mountain Botanic Gardens.

Scenic Rim Regional Council's Naming of Roads and Places Policy committed to ensure there was public consultation in the naming or renaming of existing roads and places.

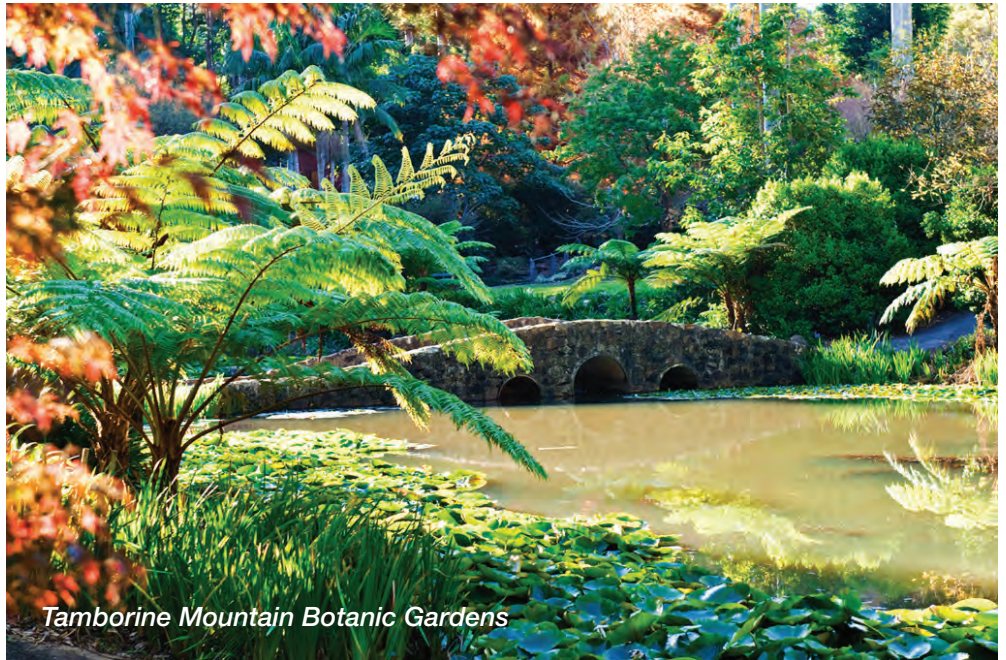
A Council media release said that In September 2020, the Tamborine Mountain Botanic Gardens Inc (the Association) informed Council of its desire to change the name of the Gardens to the "Tamborine Mountain Regional Botanic Gardens in the Scenic Rim".

In November, Council tabled an e-petition with 250 signatures opposing the proposal to change the name of the Gardens.

At Council's recent Ordinary Meeting, a report was presented detailing the request from the Association, clarifying that as the owner of the land Council was responsible for its naming, and confirming that the Gardens had not been previously formally named by Council.

The Tamborine Mountain Botanic Gardens were established in 1983 by volunteers in consultation with the then Beaudesert Shire Council, and that name has been used colloquially since.

The report said that, "the Association [that manages the Gardens] has a strong desire for the Gardens to be a truly regional gardens. That the Gardens are registered as a regional Botanic Gardens with Botanic Gardens Australia and New Zealand, hence the inclusion of regional within the naming convention".



Tamborine Mountain Botanic Gardens

Scenic Rim Mayor Greg Christensen said the community would be invited to provide comment on the formal naming of the Gardens and be able to indicate which name they preferred.

"As we did in 2020 for the Geissmann Oval, Council will advertise in local papers asking for community feedback on the formal naming of the Gardens, supported by an online survey to be released on Council's website," he said.

The community consultation period will be open for four weeks once the online survey is distributed.

Feedback can also be sent to Council by post or Email, quoting "Tamborine Mountain Botanic Gardens".

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## GET READY FOR 26 MAY'S LUNAR ECLIPSE: SMARTPHONE

On May 26 we will be able to see a full lunar eclipse (unless clouds are in the way). You don't need a telescope or advanced camera to take photos of it. With a bit of preparation, you will be able to create some stunning pictures with your smartphone. Here are some general guidelines and detailed suggestions.



1. The smartphone will try to automatically adjust the exposure, leading to an overexposed Moon without details visible. To get around this, most smartphones let you adjust with your finger where the focus and metering spots will be in the field.
2. Use manual focus, not auto focus. This is as simple as tapping the screen and holding your finger on the Moon to lock the focus. Then slide your finger up or down to darken or lighten the exposure. On iOS camera apps, tapping an object will centre a box around it and show a little sun icon. This is the exposure slider. Drag it down until you see details on the Moon image. Android camera apps usually have an exposure setting too, but it might take some hunting around to find it.
3. Digital zoom will not work to create a magnified, clear image. Instead, go buy a \$20 to \$40 zoom lens attachment that will give you 12x to 18x magnification.
4. Make sure that for telephoto imagery you use a tripod or other stable support because the vibration of your hands will be enough to smear the image and make it very difficult to focus.
5. Consider using the delay timer set at 5 seconds so that once you press the exposure button, the camera waits 5 seconds before taking the shot. That gives your camera/tripod/clamp system plenty of time to settle down and produce vibration-free images.
6. Another option is to take photos through the eyepiece of a telescope (if you have one).
7. Try some test shots of the Moon in the days to come before the eclipse.
8. Finally, make sure the smartphone is fully charged, since you will be using the LCD screen all the time. Cold temperatures will also cause the battery to lose its charge quickly.

### WATCH THE ECLIPSE TOGETHER

The Wednesday 26 May lunar eclipse will take place between 6.47pm and 11.49pm. The full eclipse will be visible between 9.11pm and 9.25pm.

TM Universe is organising an informal 'get together' from 7pm at the Cauldron Distillery next to our land at 379 Long Road. It is for members only. Details about the event will be communicated later.

**Stephen Thrum, (Head Education TM Universe)**

**Scott BUCHHOLZ MP**  
Federal Member for **Wright**

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Our community has faced some tough times including fires, floods, drought and the impacts of COVID-19. All this can take its toll on the mental health of those around us, chipping away at their emotional resilience. This workshop provides an overview of emotional resilience and introduces the concept of Mental Fitness to support and enhance the wellbeing of those we care about.

#### Sessions will be held at the following locations on these dates:

**Boonah Cultural Centre** | 17 May | 3 - 5pm | 6 - 8pm  
**The Centre Beaudesert** | 10 May | 3 - 5pm | 6 - 8pm  
**Vonda Youngman Community Centre, Tamborine Mountain**  
 25 May | 3 - 5pm | 6 - 8pm

Book through [events@scenicrim.qld.gov.au](mailto:events@scenicrim.qld.gov.au)



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## FIRST CAR SHOW A GREAT SUCCESS

Story and more photos from last Sunday's event on page 29



# Council Notices



### COMMUNITY DISASTER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Council is calling for Community Disaster Volunteers to fill new roles to improve on-the-ground communications and local leadership before, during and after a disaster event. Applications close mid-May 2021. Download a Fact Sheet and Volunteer Application Form from Council's website [scenicrim.qld.gov.au](http://scenicrim.qld.gov.au)

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#### NAME THE GAME

Bring board games to life and enjoy old-time parlour games and the weekly challenge. For ages 8+

**TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN**  
 Wednesdays | 4.00pm - 4.45pm

#### STORYTIME IN THE PARK OUTREACH

<b>TAMBORINE VILLAGE</b>	11 May	25 May
<b>BEECHMONT</b>	6 May	3 June
<b>BEAUDESERT</b>	4 May	18 May
<b>RATHDOWNEY</b>	5 May	19 May
<b>CANUNGRA</b>	12 May	9 June

#### 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 0-2 yrs

#### BEAUDESERT LIBRARY

Everyone is welcome at the **Yak & Yarn** group for knitting, crochet, crafting and conversation every Tuesday 9:30am - 11:30am.

The library is open for after-hours **Silent Reading** every second Tuesday of each month, 4pm - 7pm.

When the library closes on Thursdays it's **Kid Space** from 4pm - 5pm, with craft, science, games or STEM activities.

### LIVE + ONLINE AT THE CENTRES

For more information or bookings phone 5540 5050 or [liveatthecentre.com.au](http://liveatthecentre.com.au)

#### LIVE ON STAGE

##### AM CONCERT

Tickets Adults \$16; Groups of 10+ \$12.50 p/p

##### THE BEEHIVES

Friday 11 June | 11am | Boonah Cultural Centre

Catch the buzz around Gold Coast singing sensation The Beehives as the trio of singer/dancers Miss Mandy, Lee, and Paula bring high energy, sweet harmonies and all the groovy dance moves of the 60s and 70s to the stage with a 2020s twist.

##### PM EVENT

##### ARJ BARKER COMES CLEAN

Saturday 5 June | 8pm | The Centre Beaudesert  
 Tickets from \$49.90 to \$54.90

Australia's award-winning adopted son of comedy is bringing his brand-new show to Beaudesert.

##### ON EXHIBITION

##### ARTISTS' JOURNEYS

Closes 21 May | The Centre Beaudesert

##### Gallery hours

Tuesday - Friday 10am - 2pm | Saturday 10am - 2pm

This eclectic exhibition uses pottery, prose, photography and film to tell the stories of four artists and the region which inspires them.

Includes *Jean-Jacques Vaschalde Potter Craftsman: 40 Year Retrospective*, *The Black & White Braid: Roads, People, and Stories of the Scenic Rim* by Ben Allmon and Carin Garland and *Two Films* by Felix Cehak.

##### FRIDAY FLICKS

Boonah Cultural Centre | 10am | 1pm | 7pm

Tickets \$10 or Conc \$7.50 Pre-purchased essential

7 May Penguin Bloom (PG)

14 May Happy Sad Man (M)

21 May The Dry (MA)

##### WORKSHOPS & TALKS

##### May Arts Dinner Live & Online SWQLD

Tuesday 11 May | 6 - 9pm | The Centre Beaudesert

##### Events and Celebrations Now!

What are the trends and challenges of presenting events in 2021? What do events and celebrations look like in a post-pandemic world?

Free to attend the LIVE in venue event.

Livestream can be viewed at [artsdinners.com](http://artsdinners.com)

##### ARTS PLUS CALLOUT

Call out for applications - closing 14 May 2021.

This three-day workshop has been rescheduled and will be held from 11 to 13 June 2021 for working artists aspiring to become an influential, prolific, and sustainable arts business leader.

##### ARTREPRENEUR CALLOUT

Call out for applications - deadline 14 May 2021.

The 12-week Mentor Program will take place from 11 June - 3 September for young and emerging artists (18-35) who would like to develop their entrepreneurial skills.







Property of the week

**SALE** 🛏️ 3 🛁 2 🚗 1 ✂️ 2,027m<sup>2</sup>

**A step back in time \$599,000+**

**63-65 Sierra Drive, Tamborine Mountain**

- Brick veneer home on private, gently sloping half acre
- Spacious open plan living and good sized bedrooms
- Landscaped with mature trees and plenty birdlife
- Under house workshop/storage

**AGENTS:**

Linda Hogan  
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Property of the week

**SALE** 🛏️ 4 🛁 1 🚗 6 ✂️ 2.7 acres

**Rural serenity with views \$947,000**

**328 Upper Coomera Road, Ferny Glen**

- stunning valley and Beechmont views
- steel frame house with full insulation in the walls and roof
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10.30 - 11.15	20 Ben Nevis
11 - 11.30	43 Central Avenue
11 - 11.30	63-65 Sierra Drive
11 - 11.45	25-55 Simmental Drive
12 - 12.45	28 Central Avenue



**Review ★★★★★**

**2037 Beaudesert-Beenleigh Rd, Tamborine**  
Monique was amazing in helping us to purchase our home. Great local knowledge, super friendly and quick to respond to our questions.

Thanks Monique!

**AGENTS:**

Erin McGee 0427 078 757  
Monique Clemens 0429 004 840



**SALE** 🛏️ 3 🛁 2 🚗 1 ✂️ 1017m<sup>2</sup>

**4 Saguaro Court, Tamborine Mountain**

- Kurrajong Steel Home
- Combustion wood fireplace
- Fully insulated throughout, timber flooring
- Open plan living, large entertainment deck
- Good size yard, large garage

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**SALE** 🛏️ 4 🛁 2 🚗 6 ✂️ 5308m<sup>2</sup>

**13-15 Riemore Circuit, Tamborine**

- Open plan kitchen, dining and al-fresco
- Rumpus room, theatre and study nook
- Fully fenced, electric gate, covered patio
- 9x6m shed, 3-phase power to house & shed
- Currently tenanted, limited inspections

**\$820,000+**

**AGENTS:**

Erin 0427 078 757  
Monique 0429 004 840



**SALE** 🛏️ 3 🛁 2 🚗 2 ✂️ 5.95 acres

**25-55 Simmental Drive, Tamborine**

- Generous living space with high ceilings
- Large open style kitchen overlooking pool and entertainment area
- In-ground swimming pool, 1.5kw solar
- 6x6m insulated, air-con shed + carport

**\$849,000+**

**AGENTS:**

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# ROYAL COMMISSION INTO DEFENCE FORCE SUICIDE

**Veterans and their families, local ex-service organisations and other stakeholders are being encouraged to provide their input for the Terms of Reference for the Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide, recently announced by the Australian Government.**

Federal Member for Wright, Scott Buchholz, said it was important that local Defence personnel, veterans, their families and the returned services support system had a say through the Royal Commission process.

“Over the coming weeks a public consultation process was being undertaken to ensure the Royal Commission is focused and based on the lived experiences and perspectives of those who have been impacted by Defence and veteran suicide,” Mr Buchholz said.

“I encourage anyone in our community, that has a view, thoughts, ideas or insight to have their say, to share that experience so that we can work together and ensure the Royal Commission is focused on those impacted, to achieve change.

“This entire process is about a better understanding of suicide in the serving and ex-serving community and making sure we get better support and achieve real improvements in this area, it is so important,” Mr Buchholz said.

Following consultation, all feedback will be provided to the Attorney-General’s Department which will lead the drafting of the Terms of Reference.

Interested individuals, groups, peak bodies, ex-service organisations and community members are able to review the broad themes for consultation on the Department of Veterans

Affairs website and can contribute to the consultation process by emailing [royalcommission@dva.gov.au](mailto:royalcommission@dva.gov.au) or via post to Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide, GPO Box 9998, Brisbane QLD 4001.

For anyone who may find this process difficult, help is available. Current serving members can access support through their local Garrison Health Centre or by contacting the All Hours Support Line available 24/7 on 1800 628 036.

Open Arms - Veterans and Families Counselling provides support and counselling to current ADF members, veterans and their families and can be contacted 24/7 on 1800 011 046.

Those who wish to remain anonymous can also contact Safe Zone Support on 1800 142 072. This is a free and anonymous counselling line established for veterans and their families who may have concerns about anonymity.



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State Member for Scenic Rim

# MAY IS SMALL BUSINESS MONTH

Queensland Small Business Month 2021 (QSBM 202) celebrates the small businesses that make a vital contribution to our State's economy and play an important role in each region and community across Queensland.

In the Scenic Rim we have thousands of small businesses – they are the backbone of our local economy, no doubt about it. Government everywhere should make it easier for these businesses to grow – get rid of the red tape, the costs, and the regulations – so they can create more jobs for our community.

Imagine if we could aim for each small business in the Scenic Rim to be able to afford to employ another person – that would create a couple of thousand jobs locally. Of course, not every business can do it overnight, but what I'm saying is we need to get the conditions right so that when growth is possible, jobs can be added, and another person and their family can go ahead.

**Here are three easy ways that you can support local small businesses:**

- Buy from independent businesses instead of big chains.
- Buy gift cards and vouchers from locals – a great present anytime of the year.
- Encourage your friends and family to buy from small businesses by sharing your good experiences and following businesses on social media to help increase their reach in the community.

Sunday May 9 is Mother's Day, a perfect opportunity to buy a gift for mum from a local small business. Buy local and keep dollars and jobs in our local community.

## WELL DONE TO TMSA

It was terrific to see the official launch of the new playing surfaces at Tamborine Mountain Sports Association complex on Long Road last Friday night. The donation of turf by Australian Lawn Concepts, the hard work of volunteers from all clubs in laying the turf, and the persistent advocacy by the TMSA Committee in bettering the facility is hugely commended.

It is important that our area has fit-for-purpose sport and recreational facilities that can be accessed by everybody in the community, and I look forward to seeing the next project and getting behind it. Congratulations also to Bret Arthur, who has been honoured for all his work over the years to improve the grounds with the naming of the lower fields as Bret Arthur Oval. Thank you for your service.

## CONGRATULATORY LETTERS

Do you know of someone with a significant birthday or anniversary coming up? I'd love to write them a letter to celebrate their milestone. Depending on the occasion, you can also receive a letter from Federal Member, Scott Buchholz MP, the Premier of Queensland, Governor of Queensland, Prime Minister of Australia, Governor-General, or Her Majesty the Queen. For more information or to request a congratulatory letter, please contact my office on 5515 1100 or email [scenicrim@parliament.qld.gov.au](mailto:scenicrim@parliament.qld.gov.au)

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



**SCOTT BUCHHOLZ**

Federal Member for Wright

# ROYAL COMMISSION INTO VETERAN SUICIDE

The death of any Australian Defence Force member or veteran is one death too many and a tragedy felt by all Australians. That is why the Government is seeking to establish a permanent National Commission to proactively deal with all issues faced by the veteran community.

Last week the Government took another step in announcing that we will seek to establish a Royal Commission into Defence and Veterans Suicide. The Royal Commission will complement the permanent National Commission, and both will lead to long-term change to ensure our veterans get the support they need.

## APPOINTMENT OF VACCINE OPERATIONS COORDINATOR

National Cabinet has welcomed the appointment of Commodore Eric Young, CSC, RAN as the Operations Coordinator for the Vaccine Operations Centre. Commodore Young will help coordinate the vaccine rollout with the states and territories, general practices, logistics providers and the broader medical sector. He joins a long list of ADF personnel who have assisted with Australia's pandemic response.

## HOMEBUILDER EXTENSION

The Government is providing all successful applicants in the HomeBuilder Program with an extension. Under the extension, construction on projects can now commence within 18 months rather than six. This extension will remove the stress for families and relieve pressure on the construction sector. The HomeBuilder program was designed to protect tradies' jobs and according to Master Builders Australia, it has supported 250,000 jobs and increased economic activity by around \$80 billion. Australian families are already benefiting with more than 121,000 applications.

## HEART OF AUSTRALIA

Heart of Australia has been boosted with a new DAF XF 350 prime mover about to hit the road to deliver specialist medical treatment in regional, rural, and remote communities across Queensland. As Assistant Minister for Road Safety and Freight Transport, it was an honour to launch the new prime mover. I pay tribute to Heart of Australia founder, Dr Rolf Gomes, his sponsors, staff, and supporters, as well as those across the transport industry who have made a significant contribution to Heart of Australia. And I especially thank PACCAR Australia for their generous donation of the prime mover.

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# Letters to the Editor

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

## PUBLIC QUESTION TIME QUESTIONS FOR COUNCIL

In light of the Queensland Audit Office Report 17 tabled 22 April 2021 which reveals that Scenic Rim Regional Council End of Financial Year Financial Statement preparation was rated “partially effective”, but the quality of the draft financial statements was rated as “below average”, as material adjustments were made to financial statement components, I submit the following questions:

1. A Memorandum of Agreement has been negotiated between Council and the Tamborine Mountain Botanic Gardens Inc in 2020 and a contractual arrangement entered into with that organisation to manage the Gardens until 30 June 2025. Part of the contractual agreement is the provision of not less than \$60,000 per annum which equates to \$300,000 across the life of the five-year agreement. Why does this “contractual arrangement” not appear on Council’s Individual Contracts of \$200,000 or more as of 03 February 2021, given that the total “contract” amount exceeds \$200,000?
2. On what date did Council receive the Strategic Management Plan submitted by the Tamborine Mountain Botanic Gardens Inc and which is stated to have led to preliminary discussions with the Association regarding a change in name to the “Scenic Rim Botanic Gardens Tamborine Mountain”?
3. What discussions/negotiations have occurred which resulted in the proposed name being changed from that to “Tamborine Mountains Botanic Gardens in the Scenic

Rim”? Council has stated that “In September 2020, the Tamborine Mountain Botanic Gardens Inc (the Association) informed Council of its desire to change the name of the Gardens to the “Tamborine Mountain Regional Botanic Gardens in the Scenic Rim”. Ref: Community consultation to formalise the name of the Tamborine Mountain Botanic Gardens – Scenic Rim Regional Council.

Please ensure you have your say when the required public consultation occurs.

It was enlightening to read in Cr McConnell’s column that “If the Mayor is to achieve his vision ...” I certainly hope that it is not solely the Mayor’s “vision”. If it is, then the rubber-stamping which currently occurs is now explained.

Amanda Hay

## NO CAPACITY FOR AN INCREASED POPULATION

As part of its development of a Scenic Rim Growth Management Strategy, our council implemented a survey through an on-line questionnaire. When I started to complete this, I found the format unacceptable even though there are only two questions.

The first question gives a choice between two options for distribution of increased population throughout the shire. Both options seem to be designed to fit the Mayor’s preference for a one-size-fits-all approach. This would be greatly to the detriment of Tamborine Mountain’s residents and visitors. We simply don’t have the capacity to accommodate an increase as do other parts of the shire.

The following reasons should be obvious to those doing the planning:

- While other localities can expand their residential areas, we are constrained by our escarpment. We would require more subdivision and/or higher building density both of which would degrade the very ambience which makes the plateau and upper escarpment such an invaluable resource for residents and visitors. Degrade that and you kill the goose that lays the golden egg. Who would want to visit or live in just another suburb inconveniently perched on top of a mountain?
- We have neither reticulated water nor sewerage and provision of either would involve prohibitive capital and operating costs. Like all other infrastructure costs, the ratepayers have to pay.

The other question relates to preferred housing types. Surely that definition should be left to the much better researched and gazetted Planning Schemes rather than a strategy derived from a rather limited survey. Taking that further, at no time should Council allow its numerous policies and strategies to interfere with the proper administration of its formal Planning Schemes. Only the latter have legal status and are much more meaningful than pious hopes and thought bubbles.

The Survey Format as published cannot provide a basis for a balanced and optimised Growth Management Strategy. In particular:

- The only options for population growth location are based on a flawed one-size-fits-all assumption.
- Specifications of Housing Types in Planning Schemes should be relied on to specify housing types.

I wrote a submission from scratch. I wonder if I will ever have a reaction.

Phil Giffard

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# COUNCIL MINOR GRANTS FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS

Scenic Rim Regional Council's allocation of Minor Community Grants are expected to make a major difference to grassroots organisations in Scenic Rim communities.

Scenic Rim Mayor Greg Christensen said that, through the latest funding round, 18 not-for-profit organisations would share more than \$60,000 for projects ranging from small items of equipment to community festivals which celebrate the region's identity and culture.

He said the Minor Community Grants Program provides funding for up to \$5000 for community groups and represents an investment in organisations which make a positive contribution to the quality of life in the Scenic Rim.

In 2020-2021, Council's Scenic Rim Community Grants Program was streamlined and transitioned to the Smarty Grants online grants management platform.

Council has received positive feedback from applicants who have appreciated the ease of completing grant applications online.

The Minor Community Grants Program attracted 33 applications totalling more than \$120,000.

As the program was oversubscribed not all projects could be funded.

"Officers carried out a rigorous selection process to ensure the successful submissions appropriately addressed the criteria and to allocate grants which represented best value for the community," Cr Christensen said.

Community groups and their projects which will benefit from the Minor Community Grants are:

Community Group	Project
Beaudesert and District Netball Association	Electronic equipment to support new user platform
Beaudesert Bowls Club	Defibrillator
Beaudesert Genealogy	Equipment and Internet Connectivity for volunteer researchers
Boonah and District Cultural Foundation	2021 Boonah Arts Festival
Boonah Community Garden	Water Tanks and Ventilation Units
Canungra Owls Soccer Club	Fridge
Fassifern Community Men's Shed	Tools for Men's Shed
Hayes Oval	Concreting and Storage
Lions Club of Tamborine Village	Painting and Repairs to Lion's Den
QCWA Boonah Branch	Stackable Chairs
Rotary Club of Beaudesert	Meeting Room Furniture
Rural Lifestyle Options Australia Ltd	New computers
Scenic Rim Wildlife Rescue	Equipment and Material for Educational Programs
Tamborine Mountain Artisan Fayre	Artisan Fayre 2021
Tamborine Mountain Garden Club	Laptop
Tamborine Mountain Orchestral and Choral Society	Orchestra Concerts
The Beaudesert and District Horse and Pony Club	Show jumping equipment
U3A Beaudesert	Indoor Bowls and Line Dancing Equipment



*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.*

## Councillor's Comment



**DEREK SWANBOROUGH**  
DIVISION 1

### RATE COMPARISON SRRC and GCCC

**A few people have not believed me when I say their owner-occupied residential rates would mostly halve if we went to GCCC. I have published a detailed comparison of my own property rates again on the inside front of this publication. When capping is exhausted with SRRC the comparison shows that I would save a minimum of \$1724 per year if in GCCC.**

Rating has some nuances with capping and averaging. However, a quick rule of thumb to work this out for yourself on your own property is to firstly look up the valuation of your property from your rate notice. For Scenic Rim rates, multiply the valuation by .00724000; for Gold Coast, multiply the same valuation by .00341009. Add another \$353.40 to the SRRC rates for the separate fixed infrastructure charge and add another \$209.30 for the Gold Coast separate charge. Compare the two numbers and ask yourself: Can the difference be justified, when our standard of living and infrastructure and services are in steep decline?

Some have said that GCCC might rate us higher, so we cannot make the comparison. A fair enough comment. This has been discussed at the highest level with a delegation of Tamborine Mountain business leaders to the GCCC and it was confirmed that it is a uniform rate across the whole of the GCCC for this rate category and will always be applied uniformly. So, the comparison is genuine, and the savings are real dollars.

#### GEISSMAN OVAL

I read John Knight's Letter to the Editor in the Scenic News last week about the Council plans to demolish the toilet

block, canteen and change rooms to make way for just a new unisex toilet block. I also had discussions with Mick Angus from the Tamborine Mountain Sports Association (TMSA). Perhaps if I or other stakeholders were aware of these plans, and kept in the loop about this, the unfolding debacle could have been avoided. I just find it incredulous that the SRRC organisation can be so out of touch as to believe that it can jump right into a project like this without sufficient consultation.

Are councillors and stakeholders considered to add little value? To me the recently adopted Customer Charter that says, "we'll acknowledge you and listen to your needs" and "we won't hide facts from you or keep you in the dark" and "we'll do what we say we're going to do and keep you informed along the way" and "we're for the people", does not reflect what is happening in reality, and Council jumps from one crisis to another. Frankly, I am just as frustrated as the 500 or so families potentially impacted by this Council plan, but not in the least surprised. I've referred it to the CEO for his information and response.

#### ROTARY CAR SHOW

I helped at the event and learned that Tamborine Mountain Rotary club had to hire the sports grounds for this event from the TMSA (Tamborine Mountain Sports Association) for \$1000. So, we have a community organisation running a fundraising event to benefit the community, so it can pay the money to another community organisation to fundraise to maintain its grounds for the community. This is bizarre to me. No reflection on either organisation, but to me the model is severely broken.

We pay so much in rates on the

Mountain, yet these community organisations have to swap money to use a Council facility because Council won't pay for any maintenance or operation of the Council asset. I believe it is a community service obligation to look after and provide active recreation ground to their communities, free of charge. Most councils I have worked for in the past do this.

GCCC do this for all their sports grounds, mowing, maintenance and improvements, and the clubs merely lease the clubrooms and do what you expect volunteer mums and dads to do, run the weekly fixtures for their kids. They should not have to be high-powered businesspeople who must become entrepreneurs and spend hundreds of hours doing business plans and running events to make ends meet. Change is needed.

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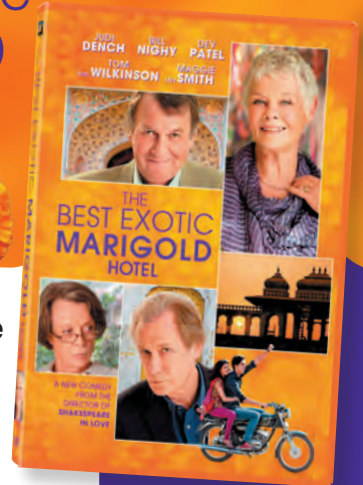
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# Councillor's Comment

**VIRGINIA WEST**  
DIVISION 3

## ARTISTS' JOURNEY EXHIBITION

This spectacular exhibition is currently open at The Centre Beaudesert and will run until mid-May. It showcases four local artists - Ben Allmon and Carin Garland who walked the roads of our region recording local stories of people and place; Jean-Jacques Vaschalde, a master potter and craftsman; and Felix Cehak, a spectacular filmmaker. This is a 'must see' exhibition. The two books written by Ben and Carin make such interesting reading and keepsakes of our region.

Along with Cr Michael Enright, I was delighted to catch up with the amazing Bill Geissmann, whose portrait is featured in the exhibition, when he visited. Such an engaging man, and we both wished we had longer to talk with him.



### CHRISTIE STREET MOWING

I know all the shop owners along Christie Street will be relieved to hear that a contractor has now been approved to conduct regular mowing of the nature strip. The town centre has become so busy from such an early hour, which makes a safety risk to mow after 6am as vehicles and pedestrians are in such close proximity to the mower and equipment.

### ANZAC DAY SERVICES

Thank you to the Canungra RSL Sub Branch and all those who took part and attended the services in Canungra. As a community, it was certainly appreciated to be able to gather at D.J. Smith Park again and recognise all those who paid the supreme sacrifice, those who have fought for our country and those currently serving in combat forces.

Beechmont Anzac Committee hosted a very significant ceremony later on Anzac Day morning and recognised three soldiers with close association to Binna Burra and Lamington National Park, as well as Arthur Groom who provided bush survival training for soldiers based at Kokoda Army Barracks. Thank you to the committee for all your hard work in ensuring the ceremony ran so smoothly.

### CANUNGRA MEN'S SHED

Huge congratulations to Colin Ford and his committee who took the initiative to set up a Men's Shed in town. They have now achieved incorporation as an organisation and have both a meeting venue and a place to 'call their own' as they continue to grow. If you are interested in joining, please phone Colin on 0428 820 349.

### LAUNCH OF SCENIC RIM EAT LOCAL WEEK

This annual event, which had to be cancelled last year, is certainly on again and is bigger and better than ever before. The event was launched last week at Tommerup's Dairy Farm, one of the original participants more than 10 years ago. The program is absolutely action packed with so many events all around the Scenic Rim, which showcase the spectacular food, wine and beer produced locally. Scenic Rim Eat Local Week runs from 26 June until 4 July 2021, so keep an eye out for the program or visit [eatlocalweek.com.au](http://eatlocalweek.com.au) to plan your culinary adventure.

### CONTACT ME

I am always available to talk with residents on 5540 5403 or 0407 630 052; or email [virginia.w@scenicrim.qld.gov.au](mailto:virginia.w@scenicrim.qld.gov.au). I will be at the Canungra Library on Saturday 8 May from 9am until 11am to talk with residents.

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## Tawny Frogmouth nest

Tawny Frogmouth nest – *Podargus strigoides*, garden, Eagle Heights.



The nest was in the same garden as the recently featured, very large gum tree hawk moth. It was the only nest of the species I have encountered. There were two nestlings visible when I first filmed it, a couple of days previously. Just over two years before, in October 2018, I filmed an adult and nestling on a wood chip pile in Bishopp Park.

It was all that remained of the tree in which their nest had been placed. Although they look like owls, frogmouths are not raptors. They lack talons and a beak capable of ripping flesh. Instead, they catch their insect prey on the wing. They are found throughout mainland Australia and Tasmania and are a familiar sight on the mountain.

Peter Kuttner

## BIGGER THAN EVER EAT LOCAL WEEK IS BACK



Scenic Rim Eat Local Week was cancelled last year due to COVID-19 but is back this year with the biggest program in its history to mark the 10th anniversary of its inauguration in 2011.

More than 150 people, including local producers, gathered at Tommerup's Dairy Farm in the Kerry Valley last week to celebrate the launch of ticket sales for this year's festival which will feature more than 120 events.

"Locals and visitors can expect a jam-packed calendar full of their favourite events, from long table lunches and degustation dinners to farm-gates and family fun at the Winter Harvest Festival," said Mayor Greg Christensen.

"We'll also have a range of new activities, such as the Decade of Delicious event where you can celebrate the memories of the past 10 years.

"After a year of cancelled events across the globe, we cannot wait to see old friends and welcome new ones to join the Eat Local Week family and experience everything the Scenic Rim has to offer."

You can view the 2021 Scenic Rim Eat Local Week program and find out how to book your tickets at: [www.eatlocalweek.com.au](http://www.eatlocalweek.com.au)



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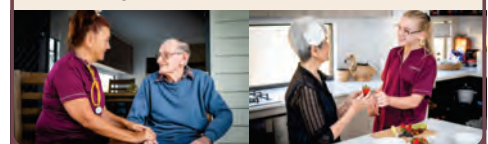
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# Rotary celebrates 100 years



*A segment of the large crowd who gathered at the Tamborine Mountain Rotary Lookout with the relay baton.*

April 21 marked 100 years since the charter of the first Rotary Club in Australia – the Rotary Club of Melbourne. To mark this celebration, the Rotarians of District 9640 (which runs from the Gold Coast to Goondiwindi and down to Grafton) conducted a 100-day baton relay between all the towns that have a Rotary Club.

A large crowd gathered at Tamborine Mountain Rotary Lookout to celebrate the exchange of the Rotary centenary baton between the Rotary Club of Jimboomba and Tamborine Mountain. Rotary Tamborine Mountain then enjoyed engaging with our community, particularly our youth, while the baton was on the Mountain.

We were welcomed on assembly at Tamborine Mountain State High School to share information about Rotary youth programs and opportunities available to students within our community. Tamborine Mountain College and Tamborine Mountain State School then hosted a guard of honour stretching throughout each of the schools, cheered on by both students and teachers.

The Rotary 100 baton relay really was an enjoyable way to share some of what Rotary does with our community. For more information, please contact Rotary Tamborine Mountain anytime via email: [TamborineMountainSatellite@CoomeraRiverRotary.org.au](mailto:TamborineMountainSatellite@CoomeraRiverRotary.org.au)

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If COVID has taught us nothing else, it has certainly taught us how much we really do need the arts. We've missed going to a play, a concert or an exhibition - preferably after a good meal with friends and family. The Five Senses Festival will bring all of those delights to Main Street at the end of May.

The festival is presented by Friends of Tamborine Mountain Library, Tamborine Mountain Arts Collective (TMAC) and the Calanthe Collective, the people behind the poetry. It is also supported by other community organisations including environment groups, sustainable gardeners, book shops and Main Street traders.

The purpose of the festival is to unite visual artists, artisans, readers, writers, musicians and people who care for the natural environment to present a two-day community event that will entertain, educate, inspire, and perhaps enlighten.

Festival activities over the weekend of 29 and 30 May include a book market in front of the library where Friends of the Library have invited other book sellers and local writers to join them in turning their regular book sale into a veritable book fest.

At the Vonda Youngman Community Centre, the Friends will present Jackie French (pictured left) and have waived the admission fee so everyone can get to meet one of Australia's best loved authors. TMAC will present a feast-for-the-eyes exhibition and host "Mountain Stories" mural painting.

The Calanthe Collective is, as always, in charge of poetry from a slam for young poets to an afternoon of "Poetry@Zamia" to close the festival on Sunday. "Lighthouse for the Environment" presents information by local groups in the conference room of the community centre, and after dark the curtain opens for "The Cage", a short play based on works by Judith Wright. The first day ends, appropriately, with music and dancing at the Zamia.

There is so much more! From buskers to poets, from reading to writing, from visual art to edible and even wearable art, there is something for everyone over the two-day festival.

Five Senses Festival is a wonderful collaboration of community groups, business, schools, kindergarten and individuals. Tamborine Mountain community spirit will be on sparkling display at this festival presented by the community for the community.

The program is available at your local book shops, the library and of course on Facebook. To book for all indoor events, including free events, go to [www.trybooking.com/BPFZV](http://www.trybooking.com/BPFZV)

Arne Lange





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# FAMILIES CHOOSE THE DESIGN FOR TAMBORINE PLAYGROUND



*Design drawing of the new playground equipment chosen by the community for the Tamborine Memorial Park.*

Scenic Rim Regional Council has collaborated with the Tamborine District Citizens Association (TDCA Inc) and the Tamborine Memorial Hall Management Committee to design a new playground that better suits the needs of local families.

Cr Jeff McConnell said that Tamborine Memorial Park was a central piece of the Tamborine Village social infrastructure and that thanks to funding from the Queensland Government's COVID Works for Queensland program the ageing playground would be upgraded.

"Three concepts were developed by Council, and through social media

and displays at community markets, supported by the TDCA Inc, we've been able to deliver what the local families want," Cr McConnell said.

"With recent upgrades to the park's tennis court, toilets and the Tamborine Memorial Hall, new playground equipment will make the Tamborine Memorial Park even more inviting.

"There will be a variety of play activities accessible at the ground level and, for older children who use the park while waiting for the school bus, there is a custom tower with a variety of nets and balance links for agile play," he said.

Tamborine Memorial Hall President Nicole Pardilanan said the new

playground would bring more families together "because we've collectively chosen the design that best suits our growing community, and it gives students a safe place to gather before and after school."

Works will commence this month. In addition to the custom tower, new equipment will include a three-dimensional yard net; sensory and manipulative play panels; and a three-bay swing, with a toddler seat, classic swing seat and a bird's nest seat. The height of the bird's nest seat allows for easy transfer from a wheelchair or walker.

The playground will be closed for the duration of the works with onsite signage. The majority of works will be undertaken between 7am and 5pm. Some activities may be undertaken outside these hours to accelerate the completion of the works.

Council acknowledges there may be a level of inconvenience to park users, business owners, pedestrians and motorists while these works are being undertaken. Within stages of the project some parking will be restricted, however, every endeavour will be made to minimise disruption.

Any enquiries regarding the work should be directed to Council on 5540 5111 or mail@scenicrim.qld.gov.au quoting "Tamborine Memorial Park Playground Project".



## PROTEST AGAINST WATER MINING

*These protesters turned out in Main Street, Tamborine Mountain, continuing an ongoing campaign against water extraction from local aquifers on the Mountain. This brings to around 20 in two years the number of public protests against the extraction of water from local aquifers to be used in the bottled water industry. Opponents of 'water mining' claim it is both exploitive and detrimental to pristine Mountain ecosystems.*



# Q&A with the Scenic News

Gary "Crackers" Freeman is the owner of Crackers Men's Barber Shop in Main Street, North Tamborine. He has operated his hugely popular business now for some 22 years following his discovery of Tamborine Mountain almost by accident during a casual visit.

## What inspired you to open your business?

I wanted a tree change after living in Sydney and on the mid north coast of New South Wales, as tourist time on the coast was always too hectic to get anywhere. Originally, I was looking at moving to Maleny, then came for a drive to the mountain. Tamborine Mountain ticked all the boxes. There was no barbershop here, it was a working class country town, and the natives were friendly; great schools, and a beautiful place to raise the kids who have all grown up now.

## What did you do before opening your business?

I have owned four barbershops on and off for the last 35 years. In between I was always working as a labourer in construction, landscaping, core drilling and working for Readymix in Victoria driving trucks and operating machinery. I always came back to the trade.

## How would you describe your business?

Crackers Barbershop is a traditional barbershop for men and boys; walk in service - we don't do appointments; that's the way barbers have worked for 100 years. We specialise in all men's hairstyling, from fades, mohawks, metros, right through to traditional short back and sides and classic gents' styling, and have two chairs working most of the week and Saturday morning to keep waiting times to a minimum. The shop is filled with photos and memorabilia, including my 100-year-old Koken barber's chair which I have worked behind for over 30 years.

## What impacts did COVID-19 have on your business, if any?

We closed for two-and-a-half weeks. Everyone was staying home; all businesses took a hit. We have never made appointments, yet had to for three months in the early stages of COVID (which was a real pain). Now we are back to normal.

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

Barbering is a very satisfying job, as you always learn something every day. I have heard some hilarious stories, and some amazing stories



from customers who I've known for years; some of the things these guys have done and their life and their experiences! And afterwards I just go wow, incredible. The guys who come to my barbershop, it's very much their place; they have been coming here for years, many for the whole 22 years. They can sit and relax while having a beer and watch sport on the telly while waiting for a haircut. These blokes are mates more than customers, but I still have to charge them to keep the doors open.

## So, what's new at Crackers?

I have been slowly renovating and extending the shop, in Mountain time that is. I've also been looking for more staff to join the team and have employed an apprentice who is keen to learn the trade.

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

Any Government front bench or CEO position with a huge wage, generous superannuation package, paid holidays. A Federal politician maybe!

God help you all if I ever get the phone call.

## Interesting facts about yourself?

I was the second-best fighter in Sydney ... I always came second. I could have been a male model except for my head; and I also have another small business ShowerPro, in the glass business.

## What do you do for fun?

I have a small interest in a couple of racehorses in the local Lucky Clover syndicate, hoping for a champion to fund my retirement one day. Getting out on the road on my motorbike, spending time with my partner Louise, my family and mates, and watching the footy.

## Final thoughts

The world's gone mad; time to find another spinning rock with fewer lunatics; and there should be open season on politicians for six months of the year; bag as many as you can, I say. Then they might think twice before making stupid decisions.



# BEAUTY & WELLNESS

## A PREGNANCY-SAFE SKIN CARE ROUTINE



Everyone talks about that 'pregnancy glow' and yes, it can be a real thing, but for many women it never appears. Big hormone changes happening in the body during this time can mean breakouts, irritation and redness.

Skin can also become seriously dry and itchy, particularly the bump area that is getting stretched beyond anything you could have imagined. The body really is amazing. There's also a lot of confusing info out there around which actives and ingredients you should avoid. Let us clear up things below for utilising products from the La Clinica range.

**What you need:** A regime that's nourishing and super-hydrating.

**What you need to avoid:** Retinol (aka Vitamin A). It can be absorbed through the skin and impact foetal development. We also recommend that you avoid intense actives as well, such as Salicylic Acid, as your skin might become more sensitive during this time.

**Anti-Ageing Milk Cleanser:** This milk-style cleanser features natural, plant-based ingredients such as Squalane and Jojoba Oil, plus nourishing Vitamin E to effectively cleanse without disrupting the skin's protective barrier. Perfect for dry skin, it will leave your complexion feeling hydrated and soft.

**Essentials Hydrating and Healing Serum:** Increasing your hydration levels with this serum is one of the quickest ways to bring about a dewy complexion. This formula calls on the hydrating powers of seven Hyaluronic Acids – which are completely safe to use during pregnancy — plus Ceramides to nourish the skin's barrier. This is such a treat, particularly for those with irritated, angry or flaky skin concerns.

**Essentials Reactivation Nourishing Facial Oil:** If puffiness and water retention start to appear, then layer on this luxe oil and pamper yourself with a facial massage to help with lymphatic drainage. It's ultra-lightweight, absorbs in a flash, and feels like bliss. This formula is brimming with natural (and pregnancy-friendly) ingredients such as Rosehip, Grapeseed, Jojoba and Argan oils – it promotes skin rejuvenation, and helps improve the appearance of uneven skin tone and texture.

**Anti-Ageing Night Cream:** Use in the morning. This lush cream has recently been reformulated to include Bakuchiol, a vegan and pregnancy-safe alternative to Retinol. Plus, it's packed with a long list of skin-loving botanical ingredients to boost your glow factor at the start of every day.

**Deep Hydration Moisture Cream:** At night, switch out the routine to include this clever cream to help your complexion recover and repair while the skin is in restorative sleep mode. Rich in Hyaluronic Acid, Niacinamide and other antioxidants, as well as botanical ingredients to help deeply hydrate and restore the natural barrier function. You'll wake to healthy, glowing skin.

**Stretch Mark Belly Rub Oil:** This 100 per cent natural oil is TLC for your bod all bottled up. It's designed to help skin as it grows (and grows). Just generally, your body is working overtime during pregnancy and is in need of this step in the routine. Not just reserved for the belly area, it can be applied all over, and both day and night. It's been formulated with Inca Inchi oil to help prevent stretch marks and also features healing Chamomile oil and Calendula oil to maintain soft, supple skin. A big win is that these oils also help reduce the discomfort caused by the fast, and intense stretching of skin.

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## CALLING FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND VOLUNTEERS

Tamborine Mountain Community Care Association Inc. (TMCCA) was established in 1992 to assist senior residents continue to live independently in their homes as long as possible in order to prevent early admission into residential care.

TMCCA services are designated 'low care' and include Domestic Assistance, Social Support Individual, Social Support Group, Gardening and Transport and Podiatry, and are funded by the Australian Federal Government, Department of Health and Ageing (DoHA), Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP) via My Aged Care. As and when required, referrals to other high level care service providers are possible.

To support training programs for staff and volunteers and to fund capital projects, TMCCA accepts donations and engages in fundraising.

TMCCA is a non-government, not-for-profit organisation, run by an elected management committee of volunteers who promote collaborative working relationships with the Federal Government and members of the local and wider community.

Some of the current management committee members are unable to continue volunteering their time beyond September 2021, the scheduled date of the next AGM. TMCCA thanks all committee members, past and present, for their dedicated support.

Currently recruiting replacement management committee members to commence in September 2021, TMCCA welcomes anyone interested in volunteering their time to contact the Manager, Geoff Marshall, on 5545 4968 or [manager@tmcca.com.au](mailto:manager@tmcca.com.au). Skills and knowledge in financial management, human resource management, technology, corporate governance, regulatory compliance and risk assessment are highly regarded, as is a keen interest in assisting community seniors.

The management committee members are not required to shoulder an onerous responsibility, as the day-to-day operation of the business is managed by paid staff. Management committee meetings occur on a bi-monthly basis, ensuring minimal time commitment.

In addition, TMCCA is continually on the lookout for motivated, community-minded persons who choose to volunteer to drive senior clients to and from medical appointments. If you or anyone you know residing locally, wish to volunteer in this role, kindly contact Patricia Arora on 5545 4968 or email [volunteerscoordinator@tmcca.com.au](mailto:volunteerscoordinator@tmcca.com.au).

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# QUEENSLAND SYMPHONY IS COMING TO THE MOUNTAIN

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It all began some years ago, as a hopeful idea. Could we get Queensland Symphony Orchestra to come and work with us? After countless emails, phone calls and a false start in 2020, the idea has become a reality with many thanks to the generous support of the Regional Arts Development Fund from the Scenic Rim Regional Council.

The concert will start with the Tamborine Mountain State High School Wind

Symphony led by Tegan Evans, followed by the Tamborine Mountain Orchestra directed by Sean Butler. The 13-piece QSO Connect Ensemble will then play an incredible selection of pieces including works by Gershwin, Saint-Saëns, Brahms and Australian composer Elena Kats-Chernin.

To finish the concert, all join together under the baton of Rob McWilliams playing arrangements of the world-famous Egmont Overture by Beethoven, In the Hall of the Mountain King by Grieg, and Farandole by Bizet.

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## Can you solve it?

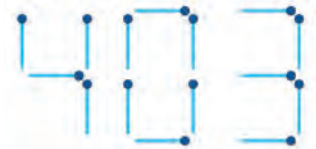
### 1. Trapezium or trap-not-so-easy-um?



The trapezium is composed of 7 matchsticks. Move the positions of 3 matchsticks in order to obtain 2 equilateral triangles.

(The final arrangement must use all the matchsticks, and have no extra-neous lines.)

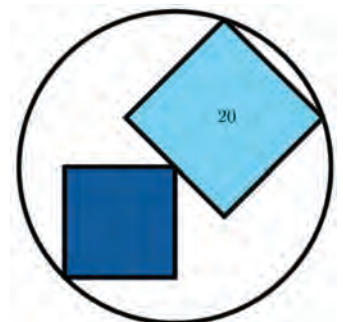
### 2. Nine times table



The number 403 is created out of 15 matchsticks. Move the positions of two matchsticks to obtain a number divisible by 9. For example, two from the first digit moved to the third digit give you 108. Find the other four solutions.

### 3. Touching squares

Two squares meet at the



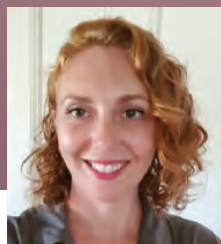
centre of a circle. The light blue square has area 20.

What is the area of the dark blue square?

Answers on Friday 7th on the puzzles page at [scenicnews.com.au](http://scenicnews.com.au)

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## What to expect in a caesarean birth

Giving birth to a baby, and parenthood in general, is full of decisions. Decisions you must make with sometimes little previous experience. You may find yourself in a situation where a caesarean is recommended as mode of birth for your baby. Or perhaps you are in a situation where you have decided with your care provider that this is the right thing for you. If you do have a caesarean to birth your baby, you may not have any idea of what to expect. Understanding the process can make this less daunting.

If you are having an elective caesarean section, the decision will have been made with you and your obstetrician. There are many factors that can help make the decision regarding whether a caesarean is best for you and your baby. If you do have an elective caesarean, you will be given a date that this is planned to occur on. Sometimes because of emergencies your caesarean may be delayed until the next day. If this happens to you it can be very disappointing but try to remember that the safety of you and your baby comes first, and sometimes it is just safer to wait a day.

The day before your caesarean you will be called and told when to arrive at the hospital. When you arrive, you will be seen by the theatre team, and then by a midwife who will listen to your baby's heartbeat and prepare you for theatre. You will then be taken to a waiting area to await your caesarean.

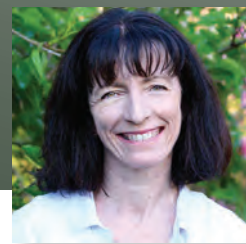
If you are having an emergency caesarean the situation is different. There are levels of urgency, but you will be kept informed by the team of the current clinical situation, as this can change and evolve. When it is time to go to theatre you will go straight there and into the operating room.

Once in the operating room, you will have either a spinal anaesthetic (a single injection into the spine to numb from the waist down), or if you already have an epidural this will be topped up with more medication to numb you. Caesareans are not often performed under general anaesthetic, but sometimes the clinical situation warrants it. Usually during the anaesthetic phase, the partner waits in the waiting area. The midwife will listen to your baby again, and then put a catheter into your bladder; then your partner can enter the room.

The operating room sometimes feels like it is full of people, but they all have a role to play. Focus on your birth partner and the anaesthetic nurse who usually stays by your head to tell you what is happening. When your baby is born, it is often taken to the resuscitaire near your feet, checked over, and if all is well baby will be returned to you for skin to skin. Partners can trim the cord while baby is on the resuscitaire.

After baby is born and the operation is complete, you will be transferred to recovery for about half an hour. We will aim for baby to feed but if this isn't happening, we will offer to help you express to stimulate your milk supply give to baby. Remember, you are always welcome to ask questions and clarify the situation at any stage. We are here to support you at the birth of your baby.

*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)*



## D.R.A.I.N. – REACTIVITY



This week we continue on our series D.R.A.I.N. - the things that drain our relationships. Last week we considered Disconnection and the damage it causes. This week we look at Reactivity.

Reactivity happens when your emotions dramatically fluctuate in response to events outside your influence or control. Whether you have a good or bad day depends entirely on what happens to you and around you: a friend says something hurtful; your partner is in a lousy mood; your child refuses to eat what you cooked. Events such as these are commonplace but can trigger a disproportion reaction if we are not in a good emotional place to begin with.

The triggering event causes stress hormones to flood your body, shutting down the rational part of your brain, and you enter reactive fight-flight-or-freeze mode. Instead of checking whether your friend's insult was intended, you respond with an insult of your own; instead of inquiring about why your partner is in a bad mood, you retaliate with the cold-shoulder; you punish your child rather than find a solution. Your reactive behaviour then makes the situation worse. When in reactive mode, trivial things can become full-blown crises and relationship damage occurs.

An uncharacteristic over-reaction can be an indicator that your emotional tank is nearing empty, much like the yellow warning light on the car dashboard that informs us we only have a few kilometres left before a breakdown. What do you need to do to insert fuel in your tank? Think of activities that give you a sense of joy, peace, calm, pleasure. Do you need some timeout on your own or perhaps you are filled by spending time with your partner or a close friend? Filling your tank is your responsibility, so get proactive and don't wait around for someone else to do it for you.

Some people are characteristically reactive. Traumatic life experiences leave many people vulnerable to anxiety, the root of reactivity. Being highly reactive sets people up to struggle in their relationships. Their reactivity is a mine field for others to negotiate. As a result, loved ones walk on eggshells, pretending that everything is okay. They are constantly monitoring the reactive family member for any warning signs of a blow-up. Due to the reactivity risk, issues are avoided and remain unresolved. While the reactive person is often vocal about their upset, no one else in the home is given the space or the safety to discuss their own concerns - especially if those upsets are with the reactive family member.

If you struggle with reactivity, there is help available. Being emotionally volatile can make your life and the life of those around you unhappy and difficult so consider seeking professional help. Your life doesn't have to be a rollercoaster.

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## DINOSAURS REVISITED



The term dinosaur is derived from the Greek *deinos* (fearfully great) and *sauros* (lizard). However subsequent discoveries and studies have revealed that dinosaurs are not simply giant lizards. They are incredibly diverse animals that lived and evolved over 160 million years, a geological time span in contrast to that of modern form of humans - *Homo sapiens* - who only evolved around 300,000 years ago.

Mainly because dinosaurs were regarded as giant lizards and are classified as reptiles, it was assumed that they were ectothermic (meaning their body temperature depended on their environment - often termed cold blooded), with slow metabolisms, sluggish, unintelligent and primitive. Technology such as imaging, analysis and reconstruction of fossils, footprints and nesting sites are providing evidence for a more detailed and sophisticated view of dinosaurs which is overturning these preconceived impressions.

There is a modern theory that dinosaurs could be active, social and intelligent. New research into thermoregulation in extinct and living species is revealing a whole spectrum of adaptations and exceptions which show that many of our labels such as "cold blooded" (ectothermic) and "warm blooded" (endothermic) are too simplistic.

There is an intermediate between ectothermic and endothermic called mesothermic. Many species of dinosaurs were probably mesotherms - modern mesotherms include great white sharks, tuna, leatherback turtles and echidnas. Mesotherms would be able to actively move, grow and reproduce while having a low metabolic rate and consequently less food demands; this permitted some species to attain huge size.

Tyrannosaurus rex, a carnivorous predator was up to 12.4 metres in length, up to six metres in height and eight tonnes in weight. Sauropods such as Argentinosaurus could grow to a length of around 40 metres and weigh around 100 tonnes; they are thought to be the largest known land animals (the blue whale remains the largest known species).

Around 66 million years ago dinosaurs and many other species suddenly became extinct. The evidence indicates that the cause was the impact of a huge asteroid or comet known as the Chicxulub impactor which destroyed the surrounding area and generated a cloud of rock and dust that blanketed the globe and created decades of cold, dark conditions which shut down photosynthesis, disrupted food webs and collapsed ecosystems.

We are still surrounded by the descendants of dinosaurs; modern birds are descended from a group of dinosaurs called theropods whose members included Tyrannosaurus Rex and smaller Velociraptors.



## CANINE TICK-BORNE DISEASE EHRlichiosis

In 2020 this disease was confirmed in the Northern Territory and Alice Springs, but recently in the north of South Australia there have been more cases. Australia was considered free of this disease. However, last year more than 300 dogs tested positive.

Transmission only occurs through the bite of an infected brown dog tick which is widespread in warm and humid areas of Australia, but there is a southward expansion of the brown dog tick.

In rare cases an infected tick may affect humans. Australia has three types of ticks: the paralysis tick, the bush tick, and the brown dog tick which typically does not bite humans. The brown dog tick is most commonly encountered indoors and in kennels.



The disease has three phases:

1. an acute phase with little or no signs.
2. A subclinical phase when the bacterium enters white blood cells and multiplies rapidly, causing signs of illness only noticeable about two weeks after transmission.
3. A chronic or long-term stage of the disease.

It is characterised by fever, loss of appetite, lethargy, and nose bleeds. Some dogs develop severe and rapid weight loss, swollen limbs, difficulty in breathing and blindness.

**Diagnosis:** Clinical signs are the primary diagnostic criteria; however, diagnosis is difficult during the early stages. Some vets may have a screen test in the clinic. There are other pathology tests such as an enzyme immune assay and fluorescent antibody blood tests.

**Prognosis** is good with acute ehrlichiosis and most dogs improve from treatment with antibiotics and doxycycline. Some dogs may develop chronic infection which usually has a terminal outcome. When bone marrow suppression occurs and there are low blood cell levels, the dog may not respond to treatment.

**Prevention** is the safest option with this insidious and deadly disease. Check daily for ticks and kill them as soon as possible; it is believed ticks must feed for at least 24 to 48 hours to transfer the disease. Repellent and tick prevention will greatly reduce the risk of tick attachment.

**Pam Brandis**  
**Dip. Canine. Prac.**





# YOGA AND YOUR CHAKRA PERSONALITY

We've started a seven-week Yoga Intensive in yoga class, with the aim of opening and balancing our chakras. And as you all know, I like to go on and on about chakras. They are a big deal in yoga.

Seven energy vortices placed along the spine, corresponding to nerve plexuses and endocrine glands. But did you know you had a chakra personality type? Yes, all of us are dominant to some degree with one particular chakra with bits of others thrown in. It's pretty easy to determine what your type is – just look at your body and assess where you hold most of your physical dramas: pain, physical issues and illness.

That's where you're vulnerable and that's where stress hits you first. So, our fun seven-week yoga journey uses yoga, pranayama, and meditation to open up these chakra points and help my students lead more empowered, healthier lives.

## There are three main chakra groups:

- The material-earthly chakra types: 1st (base of spine), 2nd (pelvic girdle), and 3rd Chakra (solar plexus). They meet with the world through the senses and physical objects.
- The emotional-communicative chakra types: 4th (heart) and 5th (throat) chakra. Encounter the world through emotions and communication.
- The mental-spiritual chakra types: 6th (between the eyebrows) and 7th (crown of head) chakra. Meet the world as an idea and translate any experience into an abstract principle.

## First group (the material-earthly types):

This group corresponds with the lower part of the human form: legs, the base of the spine, genitals, and belly. This group meets with the world through the senses, actions and physical objects. It is the one most dedicated to working with the materials of the sensory world. They are all deeply engaged in the world of matter, in Mother Earth, and in making sense of our physical world and our relationships with others. This group ranges from farmers, builders, law makers, artists and high achievers.

## Second group (the emotional-communicative types):

This group has a more subtle interaction with the world and corresponds to your heart and throat. This group uses feelings and communication to connect and bridge the inner and the outer worlds. Physically speaking, the emotional-communicative group corresponds with the chest, heart, lungs, and the throat. This group consists of healers, orators, journalists, teachers, activists.

## Third group (the mental-spiritual types):

The third group, which includes the sixth and seventh types, makes its communication with the world the most abstract and corresponds to your eyes, head and brain. This group experiences the world as an "idea" and translates any experience into an abstract principle. Their interests and attractions are far less earthly and tangible. Great thinkers, inventors, philosophers, swamis, gurus and mystics make up this group.

So, join us in class. Finding your unique chakra personality has never been such fun.

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# TRAVELLING PLACES *By Gina Storey*

There is some good news this week. Australian company APT has been given permission for its expedition vessel Caledonian Sky to enter Australian waters, for the crew to quarantine and for the Kimberley season to start in June.

The Kimberley season is throughout the dry – usually from May to September – when the weather is balmy, the skies clear and the conditions perfect to explore this remote part of the Australian coastline. Generally, the journey is undertaken by small (about 100 passengers maximum) vessels that explore the waterfalls, ancient rock art, seemingly miraculous horizontal waterfalls, breathtaking cliff faces and surprising reefs that appear from nowhere.

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There are several other outstanding regions to explore. Apart from the Kimberley, explore north Queensland and the Great Barrier Reef, Cape York and the Torres Strait. Or perhaps a trip circumnavigating Tasmania, exploring remote Port Davey that can't be reached by land, and the small fringing islands with their own microclimates. Sail from Broome to Fremantle visiting the Abrolhos Islands and Ningaloo Reef. Or venture into the Southern Ocean across the Great Australian Bite visiting Coffin Bay, famous for oysters and beautiful Kangaroo Island. The Sub Antarctic Islands are home to amazing bird life, seal colonies and other isolated wildlife.



Australian company Coral Expeditions has been operating expedition trips since December. It is now inviting travellers to join it on a 35th anniversary circumnavigation of Australia later this year. Sailing over 59 nights roundtrip from Darwin, the cruise departs 30 October, and to mark Coral's 35th anniversary, it will be visiting 35 places that shaped Australia.

Coral Adventurer will navigate counterclockwise around the country, with highlights including a visit to Careening Bay for a service celebrating 200 years since the voyages of Phillip Parker King, paying tribute at sea to HMAS Sydney at her resting place in the Indian Ocean, discovering fossils at Denham, exploring World War Two sites in the Torres Strait Islands, and shore excursions in destinations such as Albany, and Kangaroo and King islands.

Other special events include a winemaker's dinner at Leeuwin Estate in Margaret River, visiting the three-masted, iron-hulled James Craig, and a Sound of Silence Dinner under the stars at Uluru with private jet transfers.

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# SNAKES ALIVE AT THE LIBRARY!



*Snake relocator Vanessa Bull with (from left) brothers Max, Jack and Blake Knighton at the children's snake education session held in the Tamborine Mountain Library.*

Snake activity is decreasing as we head into winter, but we still need to be aware and mindful of what to do if we see a snake on our property, or in a worst-case scenario are bitten by a snake.

Tamborine Mountain Library recently held two education sessions, one for adults and one for children. The sessions were facilitated by local snake relocater Vanessa Bull. On both occasions Vanessa brought along a live, non-venomous snake to allow for a hands-on experience on what to do if you encounter a snake in your home or garden. She emphasised that in the event of a snake bite, the first thing to do is to call 000 for immediate help. She then gave a practical demonstration on how to bandage the snake bite area.

Vanessa is a member of the Tamborine Mountain Lions Club and coordinates snake phone calls. She is one of the qualified relocators who will come out to remove your unwanted visitor. A donation for the service is appreciated as these funds go directly to the Lions Club Wildlife Fund which assists wildlife carers in providing ongoing care for injured or disoriented wildlife.

If you require a snake to be relocated, phone Vanessa on 0412 649 301; she will organise a local volunteer to remove the intruder.

## FIRST CAR SHOW A GREAT SUCCESS

Despite less than perfect weather, the inaugural Rotary Car Show on Tamborine Mountain on Sunday was a great success.

The local community, visitors and car enthusiasts turned out in droves. The 116 display cars, market stalls and food trucks attracted more than 1500 visitors to the show.

Seasoned car show exhibitors Ken and Jan Otto, who travelled from the Lockyer Valley to display their 1967 XR GT Falcon, complimented "the fantastic grounds and well organised set up of the show".

The funds raised from this charity event will be spent directly on Rotary projects within the Tamborine Mountain community. The first donation will be to the SES in appreciation of their volunteers for providing free parking for the public during the event.

The next Rotary Car Show will be on the May Day long weekend next year. Rotary is planning to have the Car Show on the Sunday and looking at the possibility of a Swap Meet on the Monday.





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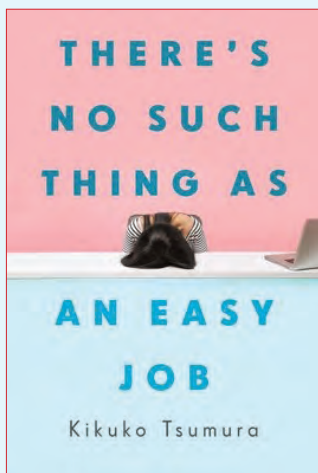
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Polly Barton (Translator)

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# TRIVIA

## WEIRD WORDS



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2. What is chalcedony? A) a mineral B) a religious vessel C) a native of ancient northern Greece
3. What is rhytidectomy? A) a surgical removal of nasal polyps B) a surgical procedure to remove wrinkles C) surgical removal of moles
4. What is the meaning of 'tektite' A) a type of high-tensile plastic B) a high explosive C) a small glass-like stone of probably extra-terrestrial origin
5. What is the meaning of Prêt-à-Porter? A) ready to carry B) ready to send C) ready to wear
6. What is derris? A) an insecticide derived from plant roots B) a dermatitis-like condition on reptiles C) rock powder caused by glacial action
7. What is an addax? A) an antelope B) a snake C) an axe with a notched reverse blade
8. Wilson's disease is a disease affecting what? A) the lungs B) the bone marrow C) the nervous system and the liver
9. What kind of animal is a hoolock? A) a gibbon B) a sea bird C) a sheep
10. What kind of mythological creature is a lindworm? A) a giant worm living off lime trees B) a dragon C) a sea-snake
11. In Australia, what is a wonga-wonga? A) a hundred Australian dollars B) a white-faced pigeon C) a swamp
12. What is 'zonda'? a) An Italian drink B) a Spanish dance C) a hot dry wind of South America

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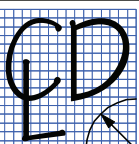
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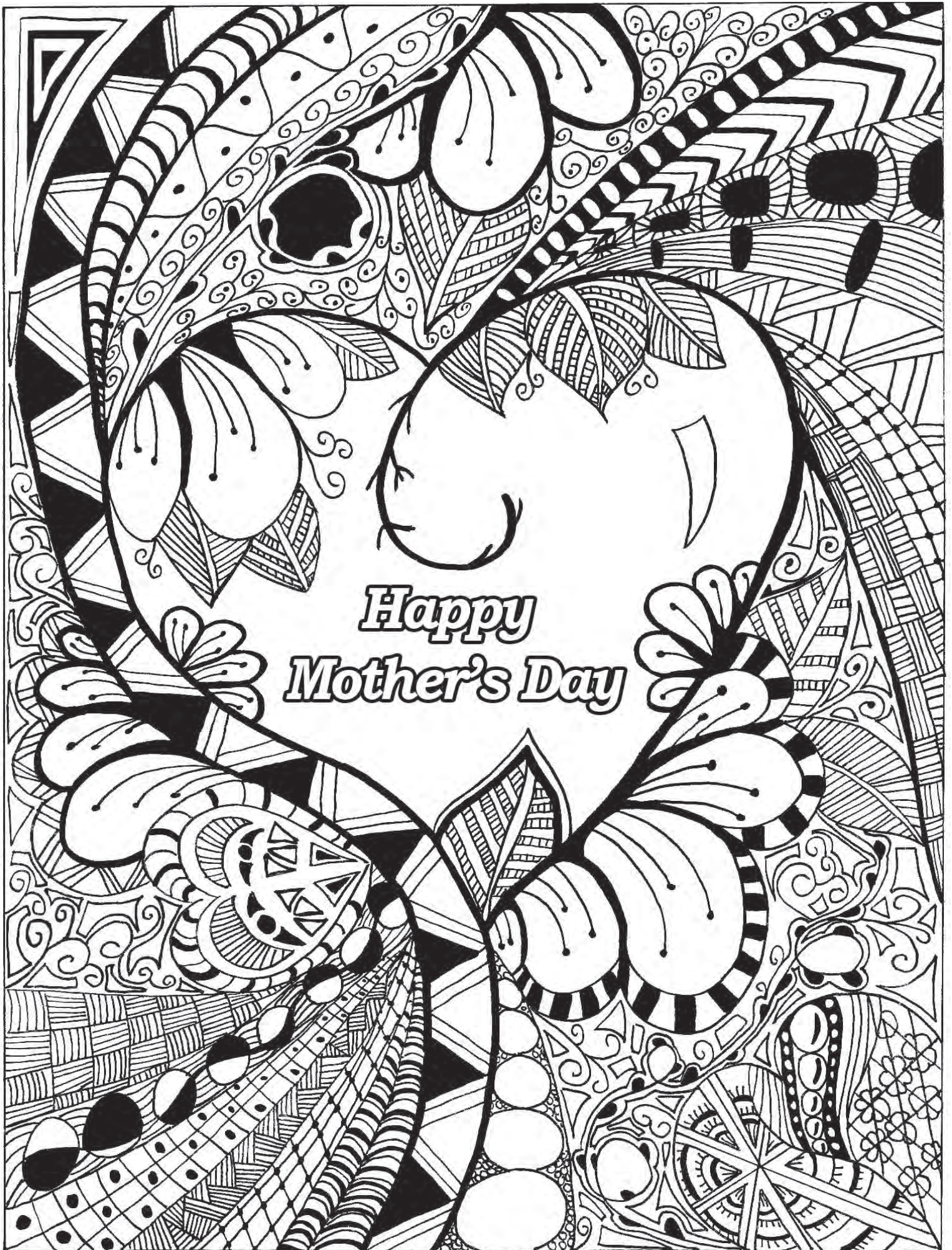
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