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TIME TO DECIDE - IS IT THE SCENIC RIM OR GOLD COAST?

Councillor Derek Swanborough at the border ... standing in the Scenic Rim at Eagle Heights, right next to the important Conservation Area that is located within the Gold Coast area. Household Plebiscite is ready to begin: Page 3.

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MOVE TO THE GOLD COAST THE CASE FOR AND AGAINST

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

The Household Plebiscite will commence on Monday 24 May, with ballot papers delivered by Australia Post to 3094 households in the postcode 4272.

Firstly, my thanks to all those involved in putting this plebiscite together.

Voting is by a secret ballot - one vote per household. Voting can be done by using the QR Code on the ballot paper with a smart phone or iPad, or simply by placing the marked ballot paper in one of the secure RED ballot boxes placed at: The North Tamborine Medical Centre foyer, The Eagle Heights Pharmacy or at the North Tamborine Suncorp Agency. These locations have 24/7 CCTV video surveillance.

Voting is voluntary but I urge you to have your say. It is a statistical sample.

Full instructions are on the front and back of the ballot paper. Each ballot paper has a random number.

Watch out for your ballot paper in the mail in the week 24 to 28 May 2021. The envelope is easy to spot with a description on the front.

Ballot papers have been printed and certified, and only 3094 will be delivered by Australia Post - the exact number of households in the post code 4272 - as per their records. All printed ballots are strictly accounted for and will be balanced at the poll's conclusion. This will be supervised and certified by HALL HANNEFORD Chartered Accountants. VARRO CLARKE SOLICITORS will scrutinise the physical ballot box counts and data entry into the computer tally system at the conclusion.

This ballot is being undertaken to determine what the majority view is on this issue. If the result is to go to Gold Coast City Council at the next election, Gold Coast City will be requested to support the application with Tamborine Mountain to the Local Government Minister, and to assist in preparing a report examining where Tamborine Mountain's Community of Interest lies, using the most up-to-date demographic data available. It is then up to the Minister to make a referral to the Change Commission to further examine the case in accordance with legislative requirements, and to make a recommendation - to proceed, or not proceed - taking effect at the next Local Government Elections.

There is unlikely to ever be another opportunity to do this again, so this may be a defining moment in the future of Tamborine Mountain. THE MAJORITY WILL DECIDE, and I will honour the result.

I have endeavoured over the last seven weeks to present the case, so that you can make an informed decision. I respect everyone's views, as we should all respect each other's views, and appreciate those who have contributed their opinions publicly.



Voting is open for two weeks and will close on FRIDAY 11 JUNE AT 12 NOON.



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

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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.

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PLEBISCITE READY TO BEGIN

During last year's campaigning in the Scenic Rim local government elections Derek Swanborough made a bold pitch to electors to elect him on a platform of moving Tamborine Mountain from Scenic Rim and joining the City of Gold Coast local government area.

His publicly stated view was that Tamborine Mountain's standard of living would only improve if it joined the Gold Coast. His most compelling argument, among the many that he made, was that the Mountain's rates would reduce immediately by more than \$1000 per year per average property.

"Your rates are off this planet and more increases are locked in," he said.

"Scenic Rim Council are rating our elderly and young families out of their homes and stifling our business community.

"They say they are creating jobs but how many jobs have they created on Tamborine Mountain? Our infrastructure is tired and crumbling. They don't care. They only want our money. It has to stop."

He went on to point out that Boonah and Beaudesert had little community of interest with Tamborine Mountain "because ours is with Gold Coast."

"Gold Coast is not all high rise, as some people wrongly claim, but also beautiful valleys and farmland. Tamborine Mountain's Community Centre and Main Street are just a few kilometres away from Gold Coast. Eagle Heights Mountain Resort is actually in Gold Coast.

"Despite being their cash cow, for 12 years we have not really been welcomed at the Scenic Rim decision-making table. Successive mayors and councillors have ignored, humiliated and punished our councillors."

Following a tight win on preferences, Derek Swanborough has worked tirelessly as Division One Councillor to honour his campaign pledge to give the residents of Tamborine Mountain the opportunity to express one way or the other their view on whether they wished to stay or leave Scenic Rim.

This has culminated in the Household Plebiscite that will begin on Monday 24 May. Voting is open for two weeks and will close on Friday 11 June at 12 noon.

If a majority view is to go to Gold Coast, an application is expected to be made to the Local Government Minister who can make a referral to the Change Commission.



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Get ready for May 26 lunar eclipse TELEPHOTO PHOTOGRAPHY



On May 26 we will be able to see a full lunar eclipse (unless clouds are in the way). If you have a camera with a telephoto option, then you could probably get a very interesting outcome.

The following points may be relevant:

1. Use a solid tripod ... the slightest movement will waste the photo, even a breeze of wind can. On top of that, this eclipse will happen around midnight, with the Moon almost right above us (basically where the Sun is at noon). You will need a tripod that allows your camera to look straight up into the sky.
2. Having a remote camera trigger also helps reduce the camera shake.
3. Choose the best focal length, probably 200mm or over.
4. Consider taking a bracketed series of exposures. Bracketing photos means taking two extra photos at different brightness levels for every photo you take. It is best to take a bracketed series of exposures every 10 to 15 minutes. DSLR cameras have a bracketing option.
5. Use manual exposure. The brightness of the Moon will change, so you have to adjust the exposure during the eclipse. Also use the 500 rule: 500 divided by the focal length is the maximum exposure time (so with 200mm don't expose longer than $500/200 = 2.5$ seconds.)
6. Autofocus should work fine, but I suggest checking that. Once the focus is perfect, I suggest switching to manual focus.
7. If you like to get it even better, try to stack the photos in post-processing.

WATCH THE ECLIPSE

The lunar eclipse will take place between 6.47pm and 11.49pm. The full eclipse will be visible between 9.11pm and 9.25pm. All you need will be a camera (even a basic one will do in most cases), or binoculars/telescope... and a tripod. And for the rest we only need (near) clear skies.

TMU is organising a Members Only event at Cauldron Distillery on Hartley Road from 6.30pm @ \$5 a ticket, local food van Fryer & Brimstone, and coffee van where you can purchase food and beverages, plus the Distillery will have its bar open. As we need to adhere to COVID regulations this is a ticketed event. Not a member? Become one today at **www.tmuniverse.com.au/shop**

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Stephen Thrum (Head Education TM Universe)

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Opportunity at Picnic Real Food Bar

We are looking for local casual staff to help out making coffees and preparing food in the kitchen. **Picnic Real Food Bar** on Main Street, North Tamborine, is open Wednesday to Sunday and hours are primarily between 9 and 3, which could suit parents with students looking for extra income, who are able to work weekdays plus either Saturday or Sunday or alternate weekends. We are also looking for casual staff to serve at catering functions on a function-by-function basis. We are nurturing a happy, healthy staff culture as our Picnic team is important to us. We welcome people who share our passion for real food, local produce and quality offerings. If you have a background in hospitality, front of house or back of house, or if you see yourself as a great home cook who wants to upskill, please get in touch. Email Brenda at brenda@northstores.com.au with an expression of interest. Please outline any experience, include your contact details and availability, and tell us about your food interests.



Council Notices



COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN BOTANIC GARDENS

As per Council's *Naming of Roads and Places Policy*, Council is asking for feedback on a request to formally name the Tamborine Mountain Botanic Gardens the **Tamborine Mountain Regional Botanic Gardens in the Scenic Rim**.

Visit Council's Have Your Say web page scenicrim.qld.gov.au/have-your-say for more information and to provide your feedback by 5pm Wednesday 16 June 2021.

Paper-based surveys available at Customer Service Centres at Tamborine Mountain, Beaudesert or Boonah. Alternatively, email or post your feedback to Council quoting Tamborine Mountain Botanic Gardens.

ROAD NUMBERING CORRECTION CHINGHEE CREEK

Council is seeking public comment on proposed corrections to a rural road numbering error affecting eight properties on Chinghee Creek and Mount Gipps Roads, Chinghee Creek, south of Beaudesert.

Council proposes to rename the incorrectly numbered portion of Mount Gipps Road to Chinghee Creek Road. Further, Council proposes to relocate the existing Mount Gipps Road sign to a new location.

Public submissions should quote "Chinghee Creek" and be received by Wednesday 16 June 2021, including a brief rationale and complying with Council's *Naming of Roads and Places Policy* available on Council's website.

Email to mail@scenicrim.qld.gov.au or post to the Chief Executive Officer, PO Box 25, Beaudesert Q 4285. For more information, please call 07 5540 5111.

BE HEALTHY & ACTIVE

FREE YOGA FOR WORLD MS DAY

World MS Day brings the global MS community together to share stories and raise awareness for everyone affected by multiple sclerosis. The day celebrates global solidarity and hope for the future.

Council is hosting free outdoor yoga classes and inviting residents to celebrate the day and raise awareness for the cause. Please wear red on the day so we can create a very visual show of support on Sunday 30 May at:

9.30am | Coronation Park, Boonah
10.00am | Jubilee Park, Beaudesert
10.00am | Geissmann Oval, Tamborine Mountain, and
4.00pm | Riverbend Drive Reserve, Canungra.



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STORYTIME IN THE PARK OUTREACH

TAMBORINE VILLAGE	25 May	8 June
BEECHMONT	3 June	21 July
BEAUDESERT	1 June	15 June
RATHDOWNNEY	2 June	16 June
CANUNGRA	9 June	12 July
KALBAR	20 May	17 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

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For more information or bookings phone 5540 5050 or 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 EVENTS

BAMS Theatre Inc THE OUTBACK DEBUTANTE BALL 21 & 22 May | The Centre Beaudesert

BRASS ON SAFARI BY IPSWICH CITY ORCHESTRA Saturday 29 May
The Centre Beaudesert | Boonah Cultural Centre

ARJ BARKER COMES CLEAN

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

ARE YOU LONESOME TONIGHT

Thursday 10 June | 7.30pm | The Centre Beaudesert
Tickets Adults \$25; Concessions \$20; Student/Child \$18; Groups of 8+ \$20 per person



ON EXHIBITION

ARTISTS' JOURNEYS

Last chance! Closes 21 May | The Centre Beaudesert
This eclectic exhibition uses pottery, prose, photography and film to tell the stories of four Scenic Rim artists and the region which inspires them.

BELONGING

1 June - 14 July | The Centre Beaudesert
Belonging features works by two Indigenous women artists, Kim Brolga Williams and Kim Walmsley. Through paintings, weaving and installations, Kim Brolga Williams' *Stolen* provides an insight into Australia's history of Stolen Generations and how one young girl found where she belonged. Kim Walmsley's *Water Dreaming* is the final stage of the Corroborate public art project by Scenic Rim community members. Join in the opening event at 10.30am on Saturday 5 June. RSVP required. Phone 5540 5050.

FRIDAY FLICKS

Boonah Cultural Centre | 10am | 1pm | 7pm
Tickets \$10 or Conc \$7.50 Pre-purchased essential
21 May The Dry (M)
4 June Long Story Short (M)

WORKSHOPS & TALKS

Back to Basics: DIY Cleaning Products with The Clean Living Clinic
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Boonah Cultural Centre
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Property of the week

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Strong Steel frame home \$649,000+

4 Saguaro Court, Tamborine Mountain

- Modern family home in quiet location
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- Lined garage downstairs would make great games room

AGENTS:

Linda Hogan
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Property of the week

SALE 🛏️ 3 🛁 2 🚗 2 ✂️ 830m²

Quality built family home \$729,000 +

285-287 Macdonnell Road, Tamborine Mountain

- Functional layout, formal lounge & dining, separate family room
- Large undercover deck to rear, veranda at front of home
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AGENTS:

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11 - 11.30	63-65 Sierra Drive
11 - 11.45	25-55 Simmental Drive
12 - 12.45	28 Central Avenue
12.15 - 1	152 Eagle Heights Road
12.30 - 1.15	89 Carl Heck Blvd, Windaroo
1 - 1.30	37 Coleman Square



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AGENTS:

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Debra Opie 0409 210 362



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AGENTS:

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EVERGREEN FESTIVAL WILL BE A FIRST FOR MOUNTAIN

The inaugural Evergreen Festival will be held on Tamborine Mountain next month to coincide with Scenic Rim Eat Local Week.

From June 18 to 20 the Festival will celebrate the best in local talent in arts and crafts, and food and wine production.

“Our aim is to create an event that will attract new and returning visitors to Tamborine Mountain to experience the destination in a whole new manner. The event is focussed on handcrafted, lovingly prepared goods and we have been very particular with whom we select to partner,” said event organiser Tash Hardy.

Inspired by the European Christkindlmarkt that is traditionally held in winter, the festival will feature open market stalls and Scandi dining experiences.

“Like many others, I am yearning for an overseas trip and whilst that is not possible right now, that doesn’t mean we need to miss out. There is so much talent, great food and wine, and energy in the Scenic Rim, I thought it was time to celebrate it,” said Tash.

The inaugural Evergreen Festival will be held over three days at The Making Good Alliance Centre for Regenerative Arts, Knoll Road, North Tamborine. Admission is free. The event will be split into two distinct areas and immersive experiences. Its Market Lane will have a series of stalls for food and wine producers, artists and handmade crafts, while the Scandi pop-up dining area will allow visitors to sample the best local produce prepared in a European manner during a private dining experience, accompanied by live entertainment.

“We have been overwhelmed so far by the interest on social media. It is clearly a concept that is tapping into the market demand for authentic, local experiences. Based on current levels of enquiry, we are expecting more than 6000 people over the three days,” said Tash.



The Market Lane concept is popular with the local producers of European-style cured meat, mulled wine, locally handcrafted ceramic crockery, textile and visual artists who are committing to the event.

Interested local artists and producers can contact the event organisers on info@evergreenfestival.com.au. More event information can be found at www.evergreenfestival.com.au/partnerships

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Councillor's Comment



DEREK SWANBOROUGH
DIVISION 1

HOUSEHOLD PLEBISCITE TO COMMENCE

Please see the advertisement on the inside front cover of this edition of *Scenic News*. Ballot papers will be distributed next week by Australia Post and the vote will be open as per the instructions on the ballot paper from when you receive your vote until 11 June. You can vote electronically or by placing your ballot in the red ballot boxes at the North Tamborine Medical Centre, Eagle Heights Pharmacy or Suncorp Agency North Tamborine. It is one vote per household, so have your say in this important issue.

CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINTS – RESIGNATION

At last count I was up to nearly 40 complaints of various alleged breaches of the Code of Conduct for things like bringing the Council into disrepute, unethical behaviour, making a racist comment (four words), breaching the Council media policy, leaking Council information, raising extensive questions in a Council meeting, failing to table a private document from the Director-General Local Government in a Council meeting, saying Council is spending money on things the people don't want, misleading and misrepresenting Council in my Councillor Comments column, breaching standing orders, failing to pay attention in class, not declaring a conflict of Interest - you name it and I've been accused of it. Unsurprisingly to date, all have been dismissed, but there are still plenty on the go, and there's a bit of a backlog I'm working through. Please forgive me if sometimes it takes

a few days to return your emails or calls; you can probably guess what I'm doing! My complaints directory on my computer is up to 2 gigabytes of data with more than 660 files used to defend myself against these complaints. I'm pleased to say that only a few complaints that I'm aware of are likely to have come from an external source.

I have behaved professionally in all my dealings with Council and the public and am always respectful to all persons, and fight for principles and for my community, the same as I have done for the last 40 years in local government - as a councillor, and in positions ranging from working as a labourer to working in executive management roles in councils in NSW and Queensland. Unfortunately, I fear the system is what it is; it won't change anytime soon, and I guess if enough bullets are fired one is bound to get through eventually. Hopefully, I can fulfil my mission for the Mountain and end the Council secrecy for the benefit of the whole Scenic Rim before then.

RESIGNATION

In order to be proactive and increase my level of customer service for you and cope with, among other things, the extra administrative workload, I have resigned my roles in the Council's Internal Audit Committee, the NSW Northern Rivers Joint Organisational Liaison Committee, and the Tourism Advisory Committee to give me more time to deal with my Office of Independent Assessor complaints.

I must agree with our State Member Jon Krause's comments in the last *Scenic News* about the system of local government behaviour scrutiny we work under at the moment. My personal view is that its mechanisms for enforcing a code of conduct are problematic and in need of review to stop councillor

legally sanctioned harassment.

Across many councils in Queensland, I've learned that the process designed to encourage good behaviour has instead turned into a process where mayors, CEOs and any bureaucrat can, under the cloak of secrecy, bombard a councillor who is on the outer, who calls out maladministration, poor decision making, inequality etc, with complaints to the Office of Independent Assessor in an endeavour to just tie them up in red tape, even if they are dismissed. What person thinking of becoming a councillor would want to take this on? Former Councillor Nigel Waistell is still tied up in the process 12 months after he left his role as councillor.

I've given this same feedback directly to the Office of Independent Assessor, as it's a real issue that needs addressing.

You have to ask: Why is this so and what is the root cause of the problem?

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JON KRAUSE MP

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'GOAT TRACK' – LANDSLIP REPAIRS

My office has been contacted by a number of concerned residents and business owners in relation to the proposed timeframe for the Department of Transport and Main Roads' repairs of the landslip on the 'Goat Track' (Tamborine Mountain Road). I appreciate constituents taking the time to express their concerns with my office and understand that the closure of the 'Goat Track' is frustrating. This situation is perpetuated by the difficult terrain and the wet weather we have had in recent months.

I have raised this matter on a number of occasions with the Department of Transport and Main Roads, seeking results of geotechnical inspections and an estimated timeframe for the repair works. Previous advice from the Department was that they were unable to provide a definitive timeframe for the landslip repairs. Main Roads is facilitating an onsite meeting and inspection this week. I will keep the community informed of any updates.

TM RESIDENTS READY TO TREAT FIRE ANTS

Biosecurity Queensland has advised that more than 530 Tamborine Mountain residents are taking part in a community fire ant treatment this weekend (21 to 23 May). Residents who registered will receive free fire ant bait and an instruction sheet explaining how to treat their yards themselves. I thank the Tamborine Mountain Landcare, the Chamber of Commerce and Botanic Gardens, as well as Tamborine Mountain State and High Schools and St Bernard State School for helping Biosecurity Queensland to share fire ant awareness on the Mountain. The Tamborine Mountain Visitor and Information Centre volunteers are also playing a part, as the centre is the collection point for the free bait.

Over the past four years, I have raised dozens of concerns about the efficiency of the fire ant eradication program, including its response time to reported fire ant infestations, workplace culture and its general effectiveness in eradicating the pests. Fire ants continue their long, slow creep further and further out of Brisbane, where they were first discovered in Australia some 20 years ago.

The fact that the State Government is now engaging residents to do the baiting for them is startling on one hand, because there have been literally hundreds of millions of dollars spent by the authorities seeking to (and yet failing) to achieve eradication through a paid workforce over those 20 years. Is this an admission that the program has failed so far?

On the other hand, it is encouraging that bait is now been made available for residents so 'self-help' can be utilised – it was something that I know was considered quite a few years ago, and I do welcome it. Hopefully, it will allow residents who identify a fire ant nest to be able to eliminate it promptly themselves, rather than waiting (sometimes for weeks) for help from the Government to arrive.

MY OFFICE

In addition to providing assistance with Queensland Government matters, my office is able to provide assistance in procuring Queensland flags and letters of congratulations for significant birthdays and anniversaries. In addition, we can provide letters of support for community groups seeking grant funding. Anybody considering becoming a Justice of the Peace/Commissioner for Declarations will need to contact my office to complete the nomination form.

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

SECURING AUSTRALIA'S RECOVERY



Scott Buchholz with Treasurer Josh Frydenberg

Our plan to secure Australia's recovery will create more jobs, rebuild our economy, and set the country up for the future.

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- Incentivising business to invest, creating more economic activity and more jobs.
- Investing in skills and training to fill skills shortages and to provide Australians with the skills they need to get a job. The Budget funds more than 170,000 new apprenticeships and traineeships
- Investing in more infrastructure, including \$2,178,106 for Scenic Rim roads, to improve safety and create jobs.
- \$250 million for another round of the Building Better Regions Fund.
- \$28 million for a future round of Stronger Communities, which supports so many local community groups.
- Backing our manufacturing sector to diversify our economy and to create more jobs.
- Boosting workforce participation by making childcare more affordable.

This is record funding, guaranteeing essential services in health, education, aged care and the NDIS.

The Government is building a more resilient and secure Australia, with \$486.3 million in new environmental funding for oceans, biodiversity, recycling and waste, and climate resilience as part of the 2021-22 Budget.

It is continuing to build the infrastructure our economy needs for the future, with a record 10-year \$110 billion infrastructure pipeline, which is already supporting 100,000 jobs across the country.

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Letters to the Editor

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TO GO OR NOT TO GO? THAT IS THE QUESTION

I would like to share my thoughts on the issue of Tamborine Mountain moving to the Gold Coast City Council. I am not in favour of such a move. Further, there is a complex process to go through and I doubt very much that the authorities would allow such a vote.

However, there are issues which our Council needs to address, and they should communicate their thoughts to all stakeholders.

- 1. Rates:** Our rates are high. With a rate in the dollar of 0.7240 for a Residential Principal Place of Residence Category 1, compared to the Gold Coast Category 1A of 0.3410, one can understand the angst that this causes. Especially, if it forces a resident to consider moving away because they are, as the saying goes, "asset rich and cash poor." Council needs to ensure that our rates are more compatible.
- 2. Transparency of Expenditure:** The operational budget should be made public as is the case with the capital budget. There is nothing to hide and there is no good reason why residents cannot be made aware of the operational budget. Hitherto the higher-level operational budget report was made public in the monthly financial report but this report has now been discontinued.
- 3. Capital Expenditure:** The allocation of capital expenditure should achieve fairness by ensuring that each division receives appropriate amounts. Three projects which the Mountain should have are a walking and cycling track; a public toilet at Lions Park; and a new skatepark. Prioritisation of capital works does not always achieve fairness.
- 4. Secrecy of Decision Making:** There is a feeling that some decisions by Council are made in secret. I do not agree with this assertion. I do not agree with this perception is there. Having the confidential workshops at which future Council agenda items may be discussed, does not assist. With the abolition of the committee meetings, I believe that these workshops should be held in open session. Items which should be confidential should continue to be held in closed session.
- 5. Communication:** Council employed a communication consultant to review communication in Council and, not surprisingly, they delivered a damning report. Council has

adopted a communication strategy but there is considerable scope for improvement. Some individuals in certain sections of Council are delivering a better standard but, overall, communication is still poor.

- 6. Operational Expenditure:** Some Council facilities are run by volunteer bodies and require operational funding. One of those facilities is the Tamborine Mountain Sports Centre. At present, there is no ongoing operational funding allocated to this facility and the volunteer body is struggling. This needs to be addressed.

There are other issues which I could raise but the message is clear. Council should communicate with the residents about their thoughts on these and other published issues. I urge the Mayor to hold a Community Forum to discuss the issues which are close to the hearts of our residents.

Nigel Waistell

WHAT'S IN A NAME FOR THE BOTANIC GARDENS?

With regard to Denby Browning's letter (*Scenic News*, 13 May) concerning the proposed name change to our botanic gardens, methinks the gentleman doth protest too much.

And regardless of Council and/or the Mayor's contribution and who said what to whom, the name that Mr Browning says was unanimously agreed upon is downright ugly and cumbersome. "Tamborine Mountain Regional Botanic Gardens in the Scenic Rim" for goodness' sake! I ask you, what is wrong with what the gardens have always been known as? That is, the "Tamborine Mountain Botanic Gardens" - simple, direct, unambiguous and apolitical.

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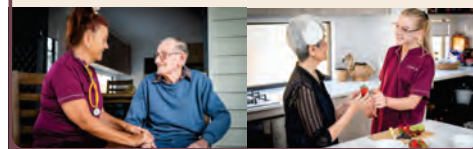


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BEAUDESERT SHOW SEEKS AMBASSADORS FOR 2021



Beaudesert Show's 2019 Ambassadors (from left) Georgia Rodgers, Sarah MacGinley, Caitlyn Hester and Ella Bischoff. Due to COVID-19 no show was held last year.

The Beaudesert Show Society Showgirl Committee is on the lookout for the Beaudesert Show Society's next Ambassadors for the 125th Beaudesert Show.

Showgirl Committee member Rhiannon Taylor said the society was seeking a Beaudesert Showgirl, a Beaudesert Junior Show Person and a Beaudesert Rural Ambassador.

Ms Taylor said the aim of the competition was to recognise and promote the key role the next generation would play in the rural workforce and its contributions in sustaining rural and regional communities.

"The Showgirl competition is certainly not a beauty pageant. The women are judged on personality, confidence, ambition and life goals, general knowledge, show knowledge, rural knowledge, presentation and speech," she said.

"Finalists are also asked to demonstrate knowledge of their local community and current affairs. It is exciting that married women, as well as women with children, can now enter the Showgirl competition after a rule change was accepted by the board of Queensland Ag Shows.

"The winners of the individual competitions will be the face of the 2021 Beaudesert Show, to be held on September 3 and 4, which is the Show Society's 125th anniversary. We want the community to be a part not only of the Showgirl competition but also to help the show celebrate its 125th year. Entries will close on July 10."

Category details:

- **Beaudesert Showgirl** (aged from 18 to 28 - can be married or have children).
- **Beaudesert Junior Show Person** (aged 12 to 17 - male or female).
- **Beaudesert Rural Ambassador** (aged 20 to 30 - male or female).

The presentation of the ambassadors will be held on July 31.

More information: www.beaudesertshow.org.au or email showgirl@beaudesertshow.com.au.

WEDDINGS GROUP ANNOUNCES EXPO

The Tamborine Mountain Weddings Group (TMWG) is delighted to announce its first Wedding Expo since the beginning of COVID-19 last year, which will be held on Sunday 25 July at the Vonda Youngman Centre.

Weddings are a vital part of the economy for many businesses on Tamborine Mountain, with more than 500 being held on the Mountain each year and generating more than \$10 million for wedding venues and suppliers.

Tamborine Mountain is a firmly established South East Queensland premier wedding destination and supports local accommodation, cafes, restaurants, wineries, retail shops, Gallery Walk and Main Street.

The recent Wedding Trail on Tamborine Mountain in February, straight after another snap lockdown, saw more than 300 people making their way from venue to venue and meeting with celebrants, photographers, florists and many more wedding suppliers.

Jessica Coleman was the lucky winner of the \$2000 prize draw to spend on her wedding with local wedding suppliers who took part in the trail - a fabulous saving for her wedding budget.

Kim Burgess

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Photo from left: Rebecca Kesby (Tamborine Mountain Weddings Group Treasurer), prize winner Jessica Coleman, and Claire Campton (TMWG Committee)



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FESTIVAL BRINGING TALENT TOGETHER

Tamborine Mountain often boasts that it has a considerable collective of literary, artistic, dramatic and musical talent here on the Mountain.

The Five Senses Festival, to be held along Main Street, North Tamborine, brings together this group in one location on the weekend of Saturday 29 and Sunday 30 May.

As a main feature, author Jackie French will conduct a series of sessions on the 29th at the Vonda Youngman Centre. A Poetry Slam at the Zamia Theatre begins the day, with a giant book sale, local creative writers and guest book sellers taking up the porch outside the local library. At the Zamia on the Saturday night you can enjoy *The Cage*. On the Sunday there is an adult poetry event, a journaling workshop, and at the Centre for Regenerative Arts, a series of artisan workshops and a children's activity.

Tamborine Mountain Arts Collective is sponsoring several art events over this weekend. Saturday afternoon in the driveway of the Presbyterian Church, local artists Michelle Payne and Ron Bryant will mentor senior students from our district schools to complete a three-panel mural based on the theme Stories of our Mountain. In the Vonda Youngman Centre, throughout the Saturday, Community Kindergarten children will add their contributions to The Storytelling Tree, while several local artists will have works on display in the conference centre of the Community Centre, alongside an informative display featuring local sustainable eco-groups based here on Tamborine Mountain.

There will be musical buskers throughout the day. On the Sunday at the Centre for Regenerative Arts, 6-8 Knoll Road, there will be four different workshops designed to initiate you into the joys of working with your hands in a selection of mediums: raffia, felt and fabric (there is a cost for these workshops). And finally, there is a fun children's activity at the Knoll Road precinct where parents and children can wander along a fantasy pathway in Alice's Wonderland and help create a very special "Looking Glass" of tiny animals, while enjoying the poetry of Lewis Carroll.

Look out for Open Studios around the Mountain that weekend by checking out the Five Senses Festival Facebook page and TMAC's own website. (tmartscollective.wordpress.com).

All ticketing for this event is through the TryBooking website www.trybooking.com. Most of the events are free, but indoor seating is limited, so grab your tickets and don't be disappointed.

Polly Cameron

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SCHOOLS GET INTO SPIRIT OF FIVE SENSES FESTIVAL

Community spirit is alive and well at all our Tamborine Mountain schools, as well as the Community Kindy. All have been keen to participate in the Five Senses Festival on the Mountain and students have been busy creating, writing, painting, singing and practising, with the expert assistance of their teachers, in preparation for their presentations.

The Tamborine Mountain Community Kindergarten students have been writing and illustrating *Tree Tales*, which will be on display at the Vonda Youngman Community Centre on Saturday 29 May. They have been learning about Mabel Forrest and listening and responding to her poetry, so they would love everybody to come along and enjoy their tales.

Tamborine Mountain State School and St. Bernard State School will perform at the Vonda Youngman Centre on 29 May. Tamborine Mountain State School choir will be on stage after the Welcome to Country ceremony when it will sing the National Anthem in Yugambah, followed by another choral piece.

Some of their older students will then present Haiku poetry, before the first Jackie French session, *The Land the Stories Come From*. The St. Bernard State School choir will perform two pieces just before the second Jackie French session *After the Fires: Gardening Against the Odds*. The community will also be able to enjoy the colourful flag artwork decorating Main Street, designed and created by students from St. Bernard State School and Tamborine Mountain College.

Some Tamborine Mountain State High School students have been very busy writing and preparing poetry for participation in the Poetry Slam at the Zamia Theatre at 9am on Saturday 29 May. This has been a major project for some of our high school students and they would appreciate an audience for their performances at the Zamia. Master of Ceremonies will be well-known Mountain poet Heather Shearer, who will bring the Slam poetry culture to life, assisted by the participants and the five judges, including Queensland poet, Jena Woodhouse.

Tamborine Mountain State High School photography students have also been using their skills and creativity to assist in the preparation of posters for the Lighthouse for the Environment display, also at the Vonda Youngman Centre on 29 May.

Students from Tamborine Mountain College will help artists Ron Bryant and Michelle Payne to paint a mural, *Mountain Stories*. Come along and watch the mural take shape near the Post Office between 12.15 and 2pm on 29 May.

The Five Senses Festival organisers have expressed their deep appreciation for the commitment of those teachers and students who have been so busy preparing for participation in the Festival – we hope the community will come along and enjoy their presentations.

Attendance is free for all of the events in which the schools are participating but bookings are required for audience members at the Slam or Jackie French sessions to fulfil COVID requirements – www.trybooking.com/BPFZV.

For further information about the program or booking for any of the events please visit Five Senses Festival on Facebook or email fivesensesfestival@gmail.com

Arne Lange

Five Senses Festival Program

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Saturday 29 May

9.00-10.00 am	Zamia Theatre	Poetry Slam (22 Main St) ALL AGES
9.00 am-2.00 pm	Library	Mega Book Sale (no ticket required) (30 Main St)
10.30 am-12.30 pm	Vonda Youngman Centre	The Land the Stories Come From Talk by Jackie French (2-4 Knoll Rd) (includes Welcome to Country by Aunty Ruby Sims and performances by Tamborine Mtn State School) – also catch the Storytelling Tree display by TM Community Kindergarten and TM Arts Collective exhibition ALL AGES
12.30-2.00 pm	Vonda Youngman	Lighthouse for the Environment Display by local groups ALL AGES
12.15-2.00 pm	Near the Post Office	Mountain Stories: Upper High School Mural Painting (32 Main St) With artists Michelle Payne and Ron Bryant
2.00-3.30 pm	Vonda Youngman	After the Fires: Gardening Against the Odds Talk by Jackie French (with performances by St Bernard State School)
4.00-5.30 pm	Vonda Youngman	Songlines meet Storylines Panel (Aunty Ruby, Jackie French etc)
7.30-8.30 pm	Zamia Theatre	* The Cage Theatrical piece (featuring Margy Rose, based on works of Judith Wright) (\$20 pp)
8.45-10.00 pm	Zamia Theatre	* Out of the Cage Late night funky, indie folk music featuring Lilah Jane and Band (\$15 pp)

Sunday 30 May

10.30 am-4.00 pm	Centre for Regenerative Arts	Wandering in Wonderland Free children's activity and * Arts workshops by TM Arts Collective (6-8 Knoll Road) (\$40-\$50)
10.00-11.00 am	Landcare Centre	Opening of Mabel Forrest Garden (172 Hartley Road - no ticket required)
11.00 am-1.00 pm	Landcare Centre	* Nature journaling workshop: Stories All Around Us Paula Peeters (\$30 pp)
2.30-4.30 pm	Zamia Theatre	Poetry@Zamia: Stories From Near and Far (featuring poets Jena Woodhouse, Heather Shearer and local poets) (Entry by donation)

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Landcare President, Judith Roland, with Helen Wyatt, the granddaughter of Mabel Forrest, in the new garden area.

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Most of this restoration and regeneration work is carried out in Scenic Rim Regional Council reserves and parks across the plateau and escarpment. Since many of the remnant rainforest patches are isolated, our strategy is, where possible, to link these areas in a series of ecological corridors. These encourage the spread of species of plants and animals (For more information about these corridors, see www.tamborinemtnlandcare.org.au/)

Landcare volunteers also run the Landcare Piccabeen Bookshop (down the laneway beside the health food shop in Main Street) which stocks a great array of quality second-hand books and a selection of new books on flora and fauna. The funds raised by the sales of these books enable Landcare to buy tubestock for our planting program, to supplement the funds provided by Council, State and Federal governments for specific projects.

As part of our educational work, Landcare has established the Landcare Centre, on Hartley Road East, which showcases our local species, including those suitable for local gardens. These plants also feed beneficial insects, birds and other native creatures and provide them with good habitats for shelter and nesting.

One such area at the Landcare Centre, the Mabel Forrest Garden, will be opened during the Five Senses Festival on 30 May. Three other Landcare sites will be open all weekend (see advertisement this page for site addresses). They're well worth a visit, to see the success of our regeneration work and to enjoy the Mountain's rainforest.

Wendy Morgan

GARDENS VOLUNTEERS SEEK NAME SUPPORT

The volunteers at the Botanic Gardens on Tamborine Mountain are calling for strong support across the entire Scenic Rim community in a consultation over the name of the Gardens.

The volunteers who maintain and develop the Gardens decided in August of last year to name them Tamborine Mountain Regional Botanic Gardens in the Scenic Rim.

Under its Naming of Roads and Places Policy, Scenic Rim Regional Council has advertised an online and write-in "community consultation" process regarding the naming of the Gardens.

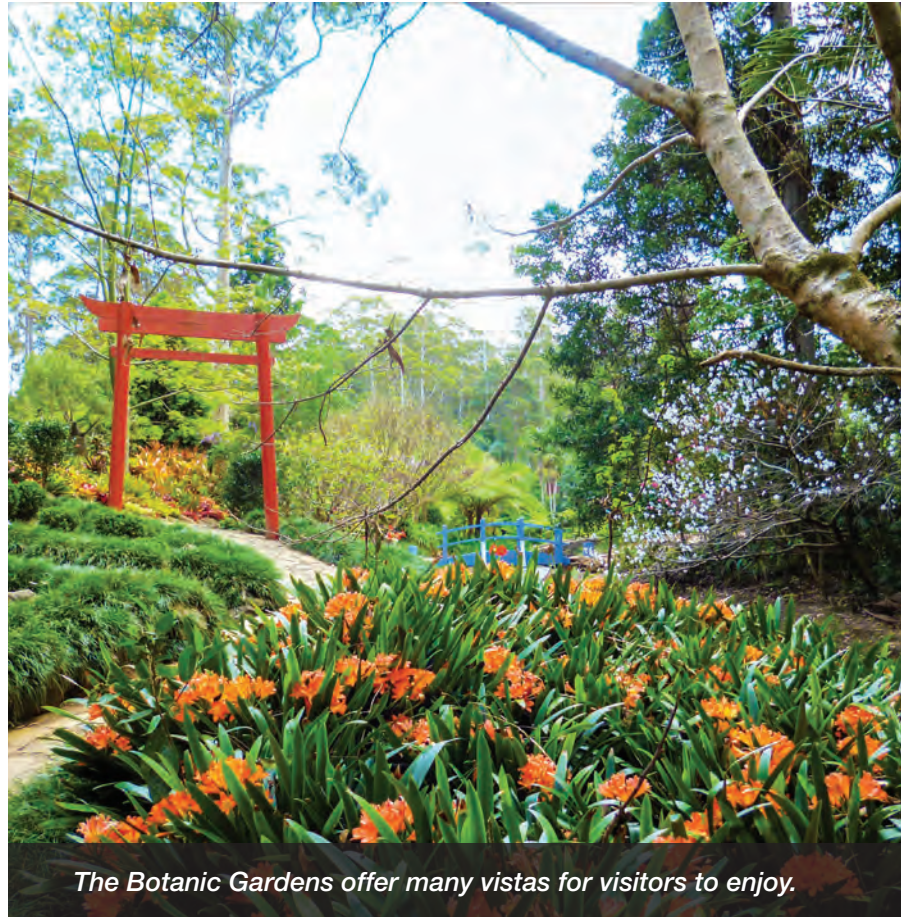
Some residents of Tamborine Mountain objected to the name, particularly with regard to the Scenic Rim, and an online petition through Change.org was set up, calling on Council to block the change.

The petition included a number of errors of fact that were also promoted in letters to local newspapers and social media posts shortly after the naming was announced.

Sadly, Gardens volunteers were abused during the debate both in person and via email and the association issued a media release detailing the reasons for the choice of name.

The change reflects a strong desire by the organisation to emphasise that the Gardens are truly regional and that they are deeply embedded in Tamborine Mountain while being an important part of the entire Scenic Rim.

We are pleased that the name reflects our wide appeal across a broad community while prominently retaining the name Tamborine Mountain. The name may appear long, but the committee felt that it had to encompass three important



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elements: Tamborine Mountain; Scenic Rim; and the fact we are a regional garden.

A substantial part of our funding each year comes from ratepayers across the entire Scenic Rim, and it is important that everyone from Eagle Heights to Aratula feels a sense of ownership.

The Gardens are registered with Council only by Lot numbers but were referred to colloquially since their inception in 1983 as Tamborine Mountain Botanic (sometimes Botanical) Gardens, particularly because the members of the newly formed Tamborine Mountain Garden Club were instrumental in the development.

Volunteers have discussed changing the name on a number of occasions, first in 1990. The then President, Ann Morris, and former President, Ron Miller, suggested that the Gardens "should, and could be for the whole shire and not just a divisional project". Informal discussions about the name arose again in 2010.

In late 2018 the Gardens volunteers split from the Tamborine Mountain Garden Club after the then President of the Club informed the volunteers that the Club had decided to abandon a management agreement with Council and return the property to Council control. The Gardens volunteers decided to form a new association to take on responsibility for the ongoing development of the Gardens and keep it in volunteer hands.

Many Gardens volunteers continue their membership of the Garden Club and today the two organisations work cooperatively on a number of levels to promote gardening and the natural environment.

The Gardens volunteers fervently believe that the ongoing prosperity and security for the Gardens lies in embracing the residents of the entire Scenic Rim region and are urging all residents to support their naming decision by voting for the name *Tamborine Mountain Regional Botanic Gardens in the Scenic Rim* in the survey.

Denby Browning
President,
Tamborine Mountain Botanic Gardens Inc



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- Laughing.

SEROTONIN

Also known as the happy chemical, serotonin makes a contribution to our overall well-being and happiness. Some experts consider it a hormone due to its ability to send messages between our nerve cells and how it can affect our mood, emotions, appetite, and digestion. It also helps regulate our sleep cycles and body clock.

If you are looking to boost these happy hormones, here are some natural remedies that may help:

- Regular exercise
- Getting adequate sunshine exposure or LED light therapy
- Consuming tryptophan-rich foods like turkey, eggs, cheese and salmon.

DOPAMINE

For every moment where the reward, motivation, memory, and body movement regulation are involved, you can bet that dopamine has had its say on these. It is a vital chemical messenger that creates feelings of pleasure and reward when released in large amounts. When this happens, we are given the motivation to repeat the behaviours that trigger these chemicals.

While our bodies help regulate our dopamine levels, we can help it along and feel good by doing the following:

- Eat protein
- Consume probiotics
- Get enough sleep
- Listen to music
- Consider supplements such as iron, niacin, folate and vitamin B6.

OXYTOCIN

Oxytocin has earned the reputation of being the love hormone, and for a good reason. This chemical comes from the pituitary gland and is released when people cuddle up or engage in social activities.

Here are some of the natural ways to get smitten by this happy love bug:

- Get or give massages
- Express your feelings
- Spend time with your friends
- Focus on your conversations
- Make love
- Cuddle or hug someone.

THE TAKEAWAY

Learn to take control of your mood and your happiness by engaging in activities that naturally boost your happy hormones. When you apply these techniques to your daily life, you will be amazed just how much the quality of your life will improve.

Karen Keeling

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Finding joy in the present

'MINDFULNESS FOR WELLBEING' WORKSHOP SESSIONS AT TMCCA

TMCCA Mindfulness for Wellbeing sessions, have been run since 2019 and received favourable feedback from clients. TMCCA has decided to run a workshop in June 2021. Clients and the wider community can call TMCCA on 5545 4968 to book a seat.

Jane Cox, a registered TMCCA volunteer, is the facilitator of this series of workshops, that will be run in keeping with the TMCCA objectives of supporting clients' overall wellbeing. Jane is a leadership coach who specialises in delivering mindfulness programs for psychological well-being. She has facilitated a range of such programs for staff in universities, aged care, and corporate organisations.

Jane has run her own consultancy, Kinkou Leadership Coaching, since 2012, is a Bachelor of English Literature (Syracuse University, U.S.A) and has completed her Masters in Organisational Coaching, University of Sydney. She is an accredited teacher with the Meditation Association of Australia (MAA - previously the Australian Teachers of Meditation Association).

This workshop, consisting of four weekly, 90-minute sessions, commences on Thursday 3 June. The aim will be to promote participant psychological well-being, and to re-energise and re-enable more positive attitudes after a difficult year.

Mindfulness can play a key part for individuals to foster positive emotions and cope with unprecedented changes that occur during times like these. The sessions will include practising self-awareness with a focus on positive emotions, engagement, relationships, purpose and accomplishment. The workshop will be experiential and offer a safe space when employing techniques learnt. Participants will commit to complete attendance to reap benefits as well as to establish group rapport and cohesion.

Seating is restricted to 10 participants for the entire workshop. A nominal fee of \$5 per participant per session will be charged.

The sessions will open with mindful movement and breathing exercises, followed by a progress 'check-in', discussion topic and tips to practise at home.

Topics include: Exploring meditation and principles of mindfulness; reacting and responding to stress; being present; communicating; cultivating curiosity and openness; and integrating mindful practice into daily life.

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TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN COLLEGE OPEN DAY

Among the hundreds of visitors who had a wonderful time at the recent Tamborine Mountain College Open Day were Linda Galbraith and grand-children Vic, Maggie and Charlotte. Young Vic was thrilled to meet his namesake in the form of awesome school mascot Vic and his fellow mascot Val.

Linda said it was a delight to meet students and staff who took an unbridled delight in showcasing their school.

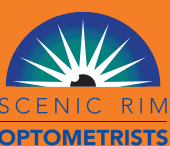
“The orchestra was delightful and the artwork by students was inspiring. We made grass heads with Trevor who introduces students to gardening, growing edible fruit and vegetables, along with companion plants to reduce insect attacks. The bouncing castle and giant bumble bee provided fun activities and it was great to see the kids on the rock climbing wall testing their skills in abseiling.

“Vic, Maggie and Charlotte wanted to come back the next day and said they would like to go to the college.”



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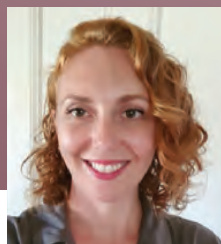
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The 'Midwives Brew': not endorsed by midwives

My colleagues and I have recently been alerted to a drink called 'Midwives Brew' that is being advertised on the internet to induce labour. I was weighing up whether I should write about it at all in case someone who hasn't previously heard of it starts googling and decides it's a good choice.

Please do not. In the early hours of a recent night shift the subject of this drink came up amongst our colleagues. Most of us had never even heard of it, would not endorse it, and would go so far as to advise against it.

So, what is this concoction? Nope, I'm not going to give you the recipe! It is a mixture of four ingredients designed to irritate your bowel and basically serve as a massive laxative. The volume and quantity of liquid is large, and includes both castor oil (yes, that old retro favourite) and apricot juice (essentially a laxative). What the internet will tell you is that this absolutely 100 per cent works and will guarantee you to go into labour in the next 24 hours. What it actually does is to give you immediate debilitating stomach cramps and a horribly irritable uterus.

So, does this put you into labour? There is no scientific evidence that this will put you into labour. In the past women were encouraged to drink castor oil to induce labour. However, this has also been debunked by many scientific studies which have found no evidence that it works and instead will likely cause nausea and vomiting.

So what harm is there in taking 'Midwives Brew'? Well, it will make you extremely uncomfortable. The stomach cramps are intense, and the uterine irritation may give you hope that you are going into labour, but often what it does is merely irritate the uterus and this is not effective at dilating the cervix. You therefore go through the irritation and pain, without much cervical change.

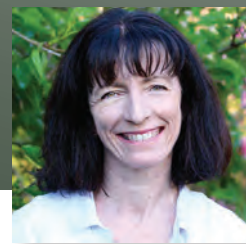
There will be some women who take 'Midwives Brew' and go into labour. However, I would suggest that perhaps this is more coincidental than anything. Since it has the above side effects, women are likely to try it as a last resort at 41 weeks when their body is about to go into labour anyway, so it becomes a little of a chicken and egg situation.

Many of my colleagues were concerned that the name suggests that midwives endorse it; however, we do not. Our job is to recommend best evidence-based practice, and unfortunately this is not evidence-based and anecdotally we have not seen good results from it.

So, what will help get you into labour naturally? Nothing as easy as a single drink I'm afraid. Especially if your body is not ready. Many people are 'over' being pregnant around 38 weeks but the chances of going into labour then are not as high as over 40 weeks. This is why we don't offer cervical sweeps before 40 to 41 weeks, because the body isn't ready before then and again it will only cause an irritable uterus.

Other things you can try are keeping fit and active throughout pregnancy, and daily short swift uphill walks for 20 to 30 minutes (listening to your body - and if you feel pain reducing the speed/distance/incline). Research has also shown that eating six dates per day from 36 weeks significantly reduces the need for induction of labour. If you want more information, speak to your midwife or obstetrician, not Google.

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



D.R.A.I.N: Inside your mind



We moved to Tamborine Mountain in 2014, on the first day of a very wet summer. I was working in Brisbane and attending university two nights each week. It was a steep adjustment to mountain life, returning home late at night, often in thick fog. My ascent up the mountain required negotiating unfamiliar bends, the weather making this particularly challenging. The fog prevented me from seeing no further than a metre in front of me.

Inside our minds we can create a fog that stops us from clearly seeing what, or more importantly, who is in front of us. When we get trapped inside our mind, we get lost in the fog of our own thought processes. The thicker this fog becomes, the more our loved ones become a blur, until we can barely see them through all our judgements, criticisms and grievances.

When it comes to our partners, our mind is usually very quick to complain. Our mind loves nothing more than to take us back in time and replay historic quarrels; reliving hurts that open old wounds and getting them bleeding again. This typically occurs when things get tense between us. Our mind turns on its own DVD player, cranks up the sound to full volume and absorbs itself in old re-runs. The fog created by toxic critical thoughts prevents us from seeing our partner as they truly are.

We have all experienced a fog inside our mind at one time or another, particularly in times of stress. If you notice this has become a pattern for you, stop and ask yourself, *are these thoughts helping build the kind of relationship I really want?* When you get immersed in these thoughts, what do you notice about how you behave? What kind of partner do you want to be? What impact do these thoughts have on your mood?

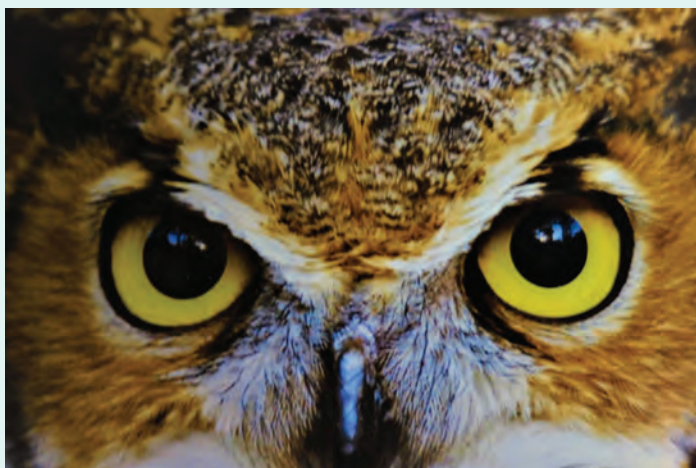
Unhelpful thoughts will always spring into our mind, but a fog develops when we treat those thoughts as absolute truth. Our mind convinces us that they are 'facts' when they are really just opinions and assumptions, tainted by our feelings and current attitude.

The fact is that your partner is flawed but they also have admirable qualities which attracted you to them in the first place; qualities that you lose sight of when the fog descends. Remind yourself of occasions when your partner's qualities shone. Cultivate some compassion for your partner who also lives with an imperfect mate. It can't be easy for them either!

There is no way of permanently removing unhelpful thoughts, but when we hold on to them tightly, the ensuing fog makes us inflexible and less tolerant. We are more likely to say or do something hurtful. Aside from draining our relationships, mind fog negatively impacts our mood and leads to discontent and unhappiness. Loosen the grip on your thoughts; you'll notice the fog disperse and you'll see things much more clearly.

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SEEING IN 3D



Species that move need to navigate through their surroundings - a vital source of information is provided by sight. Expressed simply, a sense of sight is the ability to detect electromagnetic waves through the eyes, which are converted into electrical impulses which are then relayed to, and interpreted by, the brain.

The vast majority of species have two eyes. Although the eyes of diverse species such as mammals, reptiles, birds and fish are structurally similar, they have evolved and adapted to fit the needs of each species. Most insect species also have two eyes, but instead of one lens per eye they have compound eyes, which may have up to 30,000 tiny lenses.

There are a small number of species that have more than two eyes - most spiders have eight eyes, scallops have 64 blue eyes, jellyfish have simple eyespots on each tentacle and giant clams have thousands of tiny photoreceptors.

The location of the eyes and shape of the face affect the field of vision. American Woodcocks can see 360 degrees because they have eyes set far back on their head; horses can see 215 degrees with eyes set on the sides of their head and humans can see 180 degrees with frontally set eyes.

Within the field of vision, a proportion is binocular, where the view of both eyes overlaps, and a proportion is monocular where the view is seen by one eye only. For example, humans have 140 degrees of binocular vision and 40 degrees of peripheral monocular vision, 20 degrees left and 20 degrees right.

One of the vital requirements of vision is the ability to perceive depth, and this is most effectively achieved by binocular vision. A process called stereopsis occurs when slightly different versions of the same image are transmitted from each eye to the brain, which then factors in the disparity or parallax, and produces a single, integrated three-dimensional mental image.

Stereopsis is utilised to create 3-D films. Two synchronised films with different polarisations are simultaneously projected by two projectors onto the screen. If viewed without 3-D glasses the images look blurry. Each lens of the 3-D glasses has a different polarisation so only one image can pass through each lens into each eye, which is then transmitted to the brain. The two slightly disparate images are integrated by the brain into a single three-dimensional mental image.



HANNAH'S LAST CHANCE

She was only a one-year-old skinny stray when she arrived at the RSPCA. There she was vaccinated, desexed and ready for a loving home.

It appears like she must have been separated from her mother and litter mates at a very young age because she had a combination of fear and anxiety around other dogs; having no idea how to socialise or even walk past another dog without reacting.

She may have had food scraps taken away by more dominant dogs because she was underweight. If only stray and abandoned dogs could tell their stories.

Her breed is described as a Staffordshire Terrier/Labrador cross, but only a DNA test is definite. A typical character trait of most Staffordshire Terriers is that they love people and Hannah certainly loves everyone.

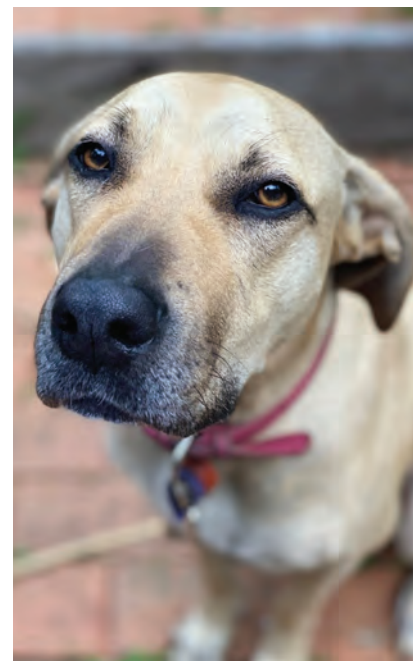
She was fostered twice with the intention of adoption if the new home worked out, but it didn't and she was returned twice because of her separation anxiety and her continuous escaping when alone; plus, she did not know how to tolerate other animals and possibly children, according to the centre. Potential adopters were told they needed very high fences, no other pets or children and that Hannah had no training or skills.

She had been in the centre many months and her future looked bleak; unadoptable and a possible candidate for euthanasia. But her luck changed when a local Tamborine Mountain couple choose to adopt her, even after a long discussion about her issues with RSPCA staff.

There is no looking back for Hannah, she has been at her new home for one-and-a-half years, and she has gained around 5kg in weight. Her separation anxiety has passed, she is friendly with most dogs and tolerant of children. Hannah is obedient, understanding basic commands and has learnt some tricks.

It takes time, patience, genuine affection, and training to overcome these obstacles, but it can be done. Separation anxiety is not a disease, it is a condition from being displaced and insecure. So, if your neighbour has adopted a rescued dog, please be patient about the dog escaping and barking; in Hannah's case it took about six months for her attitude and behaviour to change with clear, persistent training techniques, repetition and time. Now she has become a 'real treasure' and loved by her human family and friends.

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





ANGER – CAN IT BE A FRIEND?

We've been working through the chakras in yoga class. The third chakra, in your solar plexus, governs the health of the liver, gallbladder, stomach and pancreas. It's also where we process strong emotions, like anger.

Now, anger is an emotion like any other emotion, and you have as much right to feel it as sadness or joy. We don't choose what to feel, we just feel. Our choice lies in what we do with the emotion.

Anger is often portrayed as a bad emotion that many spiritual traditions try to get rid of. You are encouraged to pray, meditate or journal it away and to transform it into compassion, skipping the active processing of that anger.

Indeed, there is some evidence out there that the high incidence of diabetes amongst Tibetan monks is not just the product of poor lifestyle and dietary choices but the fact that after 70 years of watching another nation desecrate and pillage their temples, their traditions and their very way of life, these monks, by virtue of their Buddhist training, are encouraged to move from real life horror to finding peace by blessing the enemy with the Loving Kindness Meditation, skipping that middle step of processing the anger.

It's their way of trying to make sense of the devastation inflicted on their culture. But when they skip the middle step of acting on that anger, in this case righteous anger, something pays the price. In metaphysical circles there is a theory that their organs will pay the price for this suppressed anger. The pancreas then has a hard time producing insulin and the incidence of diabetes is really high amongst these monks.

Farfetched? Not really, if you talk to psychotherapists and trauma experts, people who are interested in the body/mind connection. If you don't honour and work through an emotion honestly and constructively and bury it for decades, something in your physical body will eventually show distress.

What if we considered anger not as an enemy, but as a dear friend? Anger is the primary emotional state that functions to uphold our boundaries. When you feel anger, it's an indication that something is wrong: a boundary has been crossed or a need is not being met. And anger is the appropriate response to oppression. This is not aggression; we are talking about righteous anger and the warrior in you has a right to react, constructively. Anger can actually be an expression of compassion, a willingness to uphold boundaries that are sacred, or stand up for someone who is being oppressed.

So, in yoga class when you start to pay enough attention to your body and feel those uncomfortable emotions and the messages of the heart, you have the opportunity to act on them, honestly and constructively. And this is where you will find the nectar of anger.

Margot Wagner
Yoga Under the Bodhi Tree

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TRAVELLING PLACES *By Gina Storey*

How exciting to be out and about exploring. An early start on Saturday saw our small group board our chartered Beechcraft King Air taking off from Archerfield Airport – Brisbane's original airport.

The art deco building was beautifully restored, and we could forego all the normal airport formalities walking out onto the tarmac and up the few steps into our transport for the next few days, all of us with window seats. As we flew north-west heading to Winton, it's easy from the air to see why this is called Channel Country, the intertwined creeks lacing the countryside; you can only imagine the flooding when the rain falls. On arrival, the pilot arranged a top up of fuel which had to be cranked into the engines.

The Waltzing Matilda Centre (below) shed a light on the pioneering history of the region with artefacts of old and readings of Banjo Paterson's words that have become a rallying song for Australians worldwide. A wander down the main street and calling at the fashion house Searle's for a needed hat brought us to Tattersalls for a melt-in-the-mouth steak lunch. We headed out of town to the Age of Dinosaurs; it would be easy to spend an entire day here; this excellent museum brings to life the era of Gondwanaland and the great inland sea. Volunteers come from all over to help in the delicate art of uncovering the fossils – if you have the time, it would be fun to spend a few weeks helping out.



A half hour flight brought us into Longreach and parking our 10-seater twin-prop aircraft next to the Qantas jumbo jet was a bit of a hoot. It was show weekend which had swelled the population ... the monster trucks, horse floats and utes filled the main street. Evening brought Luminescent Longreach, a production at the Qantas Founders Museum depicting the history of Qantas against a backdrop of the City of Bunbury, one of the original 747s in Australia. Glamping at Mitchell Grass Retreat in spacious well-appointed tents was great – ensuite bathrooms, a sunset view to die for from our private verandahs, comfy beds and heating to take the chill out of the brisk overnight temperatures. Tanya and David arranged dinner under the stars and the glowing embers of the firepit were a lovely end to a long and enjoyable day. We also started to realise that steak was the order of the day – delicious!

The amusing and knowledgeable Outback Dan was our host during our Longreach stay and, with a multi-generational history of the region, he offered a perfect introduction to the friendly locals we would encounter in Outback Queensland. We spent a few hours at the Qantas Founders Museum learning the history and boarding the retro aircraft before heading to The Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame. Oddly enough, I decided I would never have made a pioneering woman – the brave lives these people led opening up western Queensland is to be admired. The horses bred for these conditions, the working dogs and the people are what make this region so fascinating.

A highlight in Longreach was Outback Dan opening his property to us – a drive around to see what a modern working property looks like, sunset drinks and nibble on Two Tree Hill being entertained by Harley, Dan's 10-year-old. This was followed by a lovely dinner, prepared by Dan's wife Brooke, and served in the now abandoned shearing shed. A magical evening was made special by a visiting wallaby that Harley is nurturing and by the authenticity of this delightful rural family who are open to sharing their stories and offering country hospitality. We loved it!



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BOLOGNESE

This is one of those dishes I feel every teenager should learn how to make because it destroys hunger every time and is super easy to make. The secret is to simply let it simmer on a very gentle heat and not let too much liquid evaporate. The result is a hearty wholesome meal for everyone to enjoy.

This sauce is traditionally referred to as a ragu; a meat-based sauce that has its history in the region of Bologna in Italy. The first reference to this Bolognese meat based ragu appears in Pellegrino Artusi's cookbook published in 1891. I must admit I have a rather nostalgic soft spot for this wonderful sauce as my mother was a master at it when I was a young boy.

I remember being at rugby league footy training one night; I'm about seven-years-old and my father, as the coach

of the team, is making us go through a surprise attack move called the 'cane toad'. It's a set move for when we get a scrum on the right-hand side of the field 10 to 15 metres out from the try line. "OK, this is the last run through of this move. OK boys, let's get this right," says Dad as he begins to turn into an imaginary ref and blows a pretend whistle. "Penalty Arncliffe Scots," he declares. I now kick the ball as close as I can, out on the full on the left side of the field. Dad now proceeds to pretend that he is blind and is using a cane. The signal. "Cane toad," I call out and we set the scrum.

Now my role as the first receiver is to fool the opposition and to get them thinking we will be playing out to the left, as we have all of our backs lined up ready and calling for the ball. After fooling the defence I flick pass it to Roger our winger who is on the burst down the blindside, hence the name 'cane toad'. It's a play on the word cane and was a sure way for us to remember this blindside move. Finally, after we had been going over and over the move now for the last hour we were done, and all I could think about was devouring a large bowl of spaghetti Bolognese that I had seen mum getting ready as we left for training.

As we walked in the front door, we were instantly greeted with the wonderful smell of simmering Bolognese and fresh baked garlic bread. When I sat down with a steaming bowl of this before me it took every ounce of strength not to start just sending fistfuls of this deliciousness into my mouth. My tastebuds danced with joy as I began to taste the rich tomato and beef-based sauce. I hope you enjoy making this recipe as much as I do.

SERVES 4
Prep time 15 minutes
Cook time 1 hour

INGREDIENTS

- 300g spaghetti, uncooked
- 4½ tablespoons olive oil, divided
- 500g minced beef
- 1 medium onion, finely chopped
- ½ tablespoon garlic, minced
- 1 x 400g can tomato sauce
- 2 tablespoons tomato paste
- 4 tbs GAUCHO
- ¼ cup fresh parsley (+ more for garnish), finely chopped
- ¼ cup parmesan and ¼ cup shredded tasty cheese mixed.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Heat the 2 tablespoons of olive oil in a medium size cooking pot for 2 minutes over medium high; heat until the hot oil sizzles. Add ground beef about 100g at a time and stir well to cook until browned – 3 to 5 minutes. Repeat until all meat is browned.
2. Add onion and garlic. Stir well to combine and continue cooking for 3 to 4 minutes until soft and tender.
3. Add tomato paste, cook off stirring for 1 minute. Add gauchos and stir well to combine.
4. Then turn the heat down to really low, and simmer for 45 minutes uncovered, stirring occasionally.
5. Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil over medium high heat. Add spaghetti and keep stirring it and cook till al dente (fully cooked but still firm) according to package directions - 10 minutes. Drain.
6. Add 1 tablespoon butter back into large pot and add the spaghetti to the pot and toss well to coat with the butter. Add 1 cup of the cooked sauce and toss to combine.
7. Serve the spaghetti on the bottom of the bowl. Add the sauce lavishly with a sprinkle of the parmesan and shredded tasty cheese mix on top and fresh parsley to finish.
8. Enjoy with a nice Italian Chianti.

Buon appetito a tutti!



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Our Book Choice: *Let the Land Speak* by Jackie French

Let the Land Speak is a book about Australian history that begins 60,000 years ago when the first woman set foot onto an Australian beach and finishes with the Australia we know and love. Jackie French describes how the land has shaped its people, who survived here since pre-historic times, and continues to shape all of us who have arrived so much later than that. Regardless of where we come from, the land nourishes and teaches us if we open our senses. From the first people, who came from present day Indonesia, to today's citizens, who come from all over the world, the land will sustain us if we only make the effort to understand and treasure its unique nature. French describes Aboriginal agriculture, fisheries and hundreds of disparate cultural practices and challenges today's version of Australian history. Never shying away from the truth, she brings white settlement and the dispossession of the people, who have lived here for thousands of years, into the light of day without anger or judgement. A descendant of settlers herself, she describes their struggles and heroism in an alien landscape, acknowledging that they were a product of their times. Many were illiterate and ignorant rather than deliberately racist though many, in particular those who stood to gain from it, were that too.



Jackie is a gifted storyteller and the book is as entertaining as it is informative and is a joy to read. *Let the Land Speak* should be required reading for all Australians whatever their background and personal history. The book highlights the importance of truth-telling and inspires a willingness to acknowledge and learn from history.

Jackie will be visiting Tamborine Mountain on Saturday 29th May to be a part of the Five Senses Festival and will deliver two talks on Saturday 29th May as well as participating in a panel discussion. Admission is free but,

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3. Annapurna is the world's third-highest mountain.
4. Texas is America's largest state.
5. France is more than twice as large as the UK.
6. Mars is smaller than Mercury.
7. The Black Forest lies wholly within Germany.
8. Rod Stewart is older than Mick Jagger.
9. Franz Schubert outlived Beethoven.
10. The 1960 Olympics were held in Tokyo.
11. The Seychelles are in the Pacific Ocean.
12. A hoopoe is a bird.
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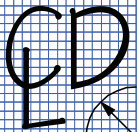
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3. False
4. False
5. True
6. False
7. True
8. False
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12. True
13. True

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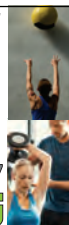
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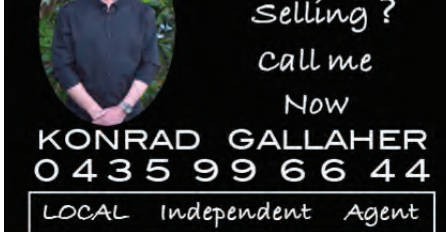


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BOTANIC GARDENS Forsythia Dr, Eagle Hts - Volunteers' working bee every Thurs morning 8-12. 0409 263 666

CHRONIC FATIGUE FIBROMYALGIA Support Group meets monthly Ph 5545 3134.

FILM CLUB AT THE ZAMIA. Meets every third Sunday at 5.30pm for 6pm screening. Only \$10 annual fee to join which gives automatic membership to the Tamborine Mt Little Theatre group. All movies are free with membership. Films shown range from the classics to foreign and Australian made. Cabaret seating and the old sling back chairs make it a great evening of entertainment where you can bring along your own refreshments or a take away to enjoy during the film.

FRIENDS OF TAMBORINE NATIONAL PARK : meet on the first Saturday of the month (except Jan.) To find out where we will be working contact Len on 3355 7288 or 0428 335 572.

FRIENDS OF TM LIBRARY Quarterly booksales held, other volunteering opportunities available. Contact the library for further information 5540 5473.

JOHN DICKSON CONSERVATION PARK: working bees 1st Monday & 3rd Monday of each month. 8am. Ph: Elizabeth Russell 5545 3601.

MARTIAL ARTS: Kyokushin Karate and Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu. Bully Busters, Self Defence, Discipline. Tamborine Mountain Showgrounds Tues & Friday 5.00pm and Saturday 9.30am Contact Cameron: 0433 633 775

MEDITATION: Tuesdays 7pm – New Thought, New Life Centre 5545 3700.

MEDITATION: (World Community of Christian Meditation), Ecumenical. Tuesdays 8am. St Georges Anglican Church, cnr Dapsang Dr & Eagle Heights Rd. All welcome. 5545 2919.

MOVIES ON THE MOUNTAIN: Regular screenings of latest releases at the Zamia Theatre. Ph 5545 3517.

RELAXED MIND TAI CHI: Mindfulness in motion, Mondays & Fridays 9.30am, Botanic Gardens. Bookings essential. Phone 0420 349 744.

ROTARY ON TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN meets every Wednesday night at 6.30pm for 7.00pm start at the Eagle Heights Hotel. New members and visitors welcome. For information, call David on 0419 743 275

SINGING 4-part Acappella singing for women of all ages. If you love singing, come and join us. 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month. Knoll Road, North Tamborine. Ph Dianne 0413 339 821 or email bellaacappellatamborine@gmail.com

TAI CHI Tues mornings, Thurs evenings 110 Eagle Hts Rd, Eagle Hts. Phone Gai Wanless 5545 2409.

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ASSOCIATION: Service Provider for first - level aged care. Transport to medical appointments, Domestic Assistance, Home Maintenance, Social Support Individual & Group, Podiatry and Computer classes. Open: Mon – Fri 8:30 am – 4:30 pm. Volunteers welcome. Contact – 5545 4968 Address: 42, Southport Avenue, Tamborine Mountain, Qld.

TAMBORINE SUSTAINABLE GARDENERS SOC (TSGS), a group of enthusiastic gardeners, meets on the last Saturday of each month. Mrs Sue Morris 5545 0102.

TANGO CLASSES: Every Friday evening at the Zamia Theatre. Beginners class 7.00-8.00pm; advanced class 8.00-9.00pm. Cost is \$30 per couple or \$20 pp. Inquiries call Ron at 0432 559 924.

TM ARTS COLLECTIVE: Meetings are usually held at 7.00 pm on the first Wednesday of the month at a designated location (call 5545 0043 for details). We always welcome visitors and enquiries from new artists and artisans. We stand for a stronger arts community on the Mountain, and continue to lobby for a local community

gallery and arts hub. The Collective benefits from our association with the Brisbane Visual Arts Community (BVAC) and members participate in Brisbane and local arts events.

TM BOWLS CLUB – Friday social 1pm winter & 2pm summer; Sunday Scroungers 10.00am-12.00 noon; barefoot bowls & otherwise by arrangement. Competitions for members as notified. Free coaching, new members always welcome. Enquiries: 5545 1308.

TM BRIDGE CLUB meets each Monday at 5.45pm, Wednesday at 1.15pm, Thursday at 12.45pm and in an Assisted Play session on Friday at 12.45pm for those wishing to learn more in a social environment at the Tamborine Mountain Sports Complex, 400 Long Road.

TM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: 2nd Wed. of month. Phone 5545 0944 Email: info@tamborinemountainchamber.com.au

TM COMMUNITY KINDERGARTEN ASSOC meets 2nd Wednesday of the month at the kindergarten 23 Coleman Square, North Tamborine at 7.15pm.

TM CREATIVE ARTS: Schedule of Activities MONDAY 9.00am-12.00 noon Patchwork, Quilting, Mahjong. 1.00pm-4.00pm Painting (Tutor fee) 1.15pm-4.15pm Creative Writing (1st,3rd,5th Monday of Month) 6.00pm-9.00pm Mens' Group 7.00pm-9.00pm Sculpture & Pottery **TUESDAY** 9.00am-12.00 noon General Craft, Sculpture & Pottery 9.30am-12.30pm Life Drawing (Model fee) **WEDNESDAY** 9.00am-12.00 noon General Craft, Bridge – 12.30pm - 4.30pm, Sculpture & Pottery, Spinning & Weaving, Embroidery (1st Wed of Month), Machine Sewing (last Wed of Month). **THURSDAY** 9.00am-12.00 noon Sculpture & Pottery, Botanical Drawing 9.00am-1.00pm Weaving (1st & 5th Thursday of month) 1.00pm-4.00pm Wearable Art, (Felting Dyeing etc) **FRIDAY** 9.00am-12.00 noon Wood Artisans, Sculpture & Pottery, 1.00pm-4.00pm Mahjong **SATURDAY** 1.00pm-4.00pm Yarners

TM CROQUET CLUB: Monday and Thursday mornings 8.30 on our green at Club Tamborine. Free coaching, new members always welcome to join us. Ph: Heidi 0488 440 296

TM FAMILY HISTORY GROUP Meetings held 1st Sunday each month (excl. January) at TM Historical Soc, Wongawallan Rd, Eagle Heights, 3–5 pm approx. Please contact Sharon on 0401 830 358

TM GARDEN CLUB: Vonda Youngman Community Centre, Main Street, North Tamborine. Feb - Nov, 2nd Tuesday 9.30. BYO morning tea. Enjoy: Guest speaker, plant sales, borrowing library books, raffle, plant problem solving and meeting fellow gardeners. New members and visitors most welcome. email: tamborinemtg@gmail.com mobile: 0417 623 023

TM GOLF CLUB is open 7 days a week for golf. Ladies play on Tuesdays, Veterans play on Wednesdays and the main competition is on Saturday. Happy hour social event on Friday evenings from 5 pm. Coaching is available by Andrew Revie the club professional. Contact 5545 1788. Happy golfing!

TM HISTORICAL SOCIETY – Member working bee & morning tea every Tuesday mornings. New members always welcome. Please contact Phil Paley 5545 4962 or Muriel Shephard 5545 0481 for further details.

TM LANDCARE: Volunteering opportunities: Forest Regeneration Work: Judith Roland - 0429 808 206 for details; Helping at the Piccabeen Bookshop - 0403 783 757 during office hours

TMLETS: Join at Community Exchange System www.ces.org.za . Enq. 5545 3776.

TM LIONS CLUB Admin meeting held on the 2nd Tuesday and dinner meeting on the 4th Tuesday of the month. For more information please phone 5545 2120 or visit website tamborinemountain.qld. lions.org.au/

TM LITTLE THEATRE: Meetings held 1st Tuesday of month at 7.30pm at the Zamia Theatre. Regular plays, play readings & social events, movie club events. New members welcome. Cath Buckley President 5545 2236.

TM LOCAL PRODUCERS ASSOC. sell local produce every Sunday at the TM Showgrounds from 7am - 12noon Phone 5545 1527.

TM MASONIC LODGE: Meets first Thursday each month, except December. Masonic Centre, 10 Knoll Road, North Tamborine. Contact 3273 3313.

TM MEN'S SHED: Our workshop at 88 Beacon Rd (behind the tennis courts) is open each Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. New members welcome. To find out more, drop in for morning tea and a chat or call our President on 5606 8367 or check out our web page at www.tmmensshed.com

TM NATURAL HISTORY ASSOCIATION: Birdwatchers – For further information call 5545 0995. Bushwalkers walk on 2nd & 4th Saturday of month. For further information call 5545 0140 or 0419 314 442. www.naturalhistory.org.au.

TM NETBALL CLUB. Contact Tracey 0438 575 662.

TM ORCHESTRA rehearses from 7pm to 9 pm every Wednesday during school term time. The venue is St George's Anglican Church, Dapsang Drive. New players always welcome. For more information, phone Tricia on 0415 487 581. Check us out on our website www.tamborinemountainorchestra.com; or find us on Facebook.

TM PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 34 Main St, North Tamborine www.tmpcq.org.au Sunday Morning Service 9am (including kids church) and Evening Service 5pm (including kids church). Playgroup: Tuesdays 9.30am for 0-5 years. Youth Group: Fridays 4-6 pm for Years 7 – 12. Enquiries: dave.mugridge@tmpcq.org.au | www.tmpcq.org.au

BARGAIN CENTRE: Tuesday to Saturday opens 8am – 12 noon (rear of the Presbyterian Church).

TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN COMBINED PROBUS CLUB: Join our new social club for retirees and semi-retired and enjoy some fun, fellowship and friendship at Club Tamborine, 6-12 Beacon Road, North Tamborine from 9.30am on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Contact Lyndal Drennan (President) on 0450 907 670

TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN PROBUS CLUB INC (MEN'S CLUB): Join like-minded retired and semi-retired men for fun activities at Vonda Youngman Community Centre, 2-4 Knoll Road, North Tamborine on 3rd Wednesday of the month at 10am. Contact Harvey Ruglen on 0490 066 385 for details of next meeting.

TM PROGRESS ASSOCIATION: 1st Tuesday in month. 7.30pm Heritage Centre Wongawallan Rd

TM RSL Sub Branch meets at the RSL rooms underneath the Bowls Club; details are available by phoning 5545 2030.

TM RUGBY: Training Monday and Thursday 3.45pm- 5pm at TMSA, Long Road. Please call John Knight 0400 554 555 or Adam Clarke 0413 214 066 – Facebook: Tamborine Mountain Rugby

TM TENNIS CLUB: Social tennis from 6.30pm Wed and 3.00pm Sun. Doubles comp from 6.30pm Mon. Ladies from 8.00am Fri. 88 Beacon Rd North Tamborine. Contact Henry Rich on 0477 775 671 or 5545 3547

TM WRITERS GROUP: Meets every 1st & 3rd Mon of month, 1.30–3.30pm at Creative Arts Centre, Eagle Heights. Call Patricia on 5545 3403 for details.

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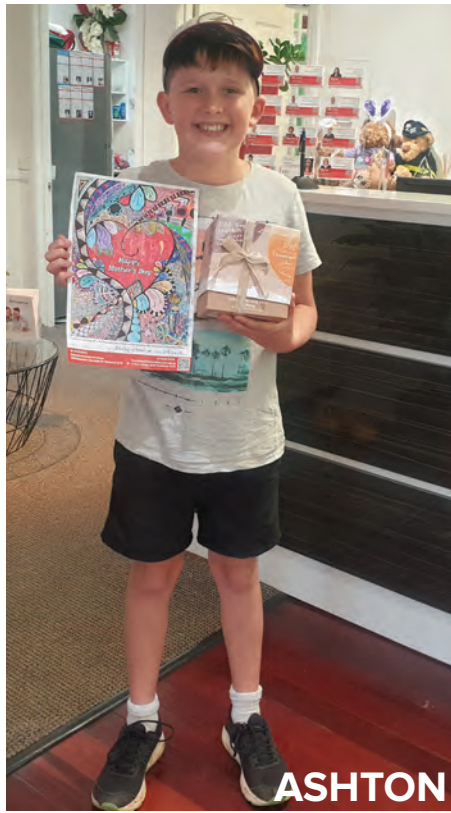
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