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MISSING MAN LIFTED TO SAFETY AFTER TWO DAY BUSH SEARCH

Photo: Sharee Young

After a major two-day search and rescue mission involving the community and combined emergency services, missing North Tamborine resident Vince Heuston is lifted from bushland by the Queensland Government Air Rescue helicopter. Mr Heuston was reported missing on Thursday. He was found 100 metres down an embankment close to his home in North Street just after 10am on Saturday. A Queensland Ambulance spokeswoman said Mr Heuston was suffering from pelvic pain and exposure to the elements and was taken to Gold Coast University Hospital in a stable condition. His calls for help were heard on Friday night by Howard Edmunds at his home in North Street and he immediately raised the alarm with North Tamborine Police.


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Councillor's Comment



DEREK SWANBOROUGH
DIVISION 1

With only two weeks to the end of the Household Plebiscite, you have the chance to influence the outcome for the future of Tamborine Mountain. MAKE YOUR VOTE COUNT. You have heard all the arguments that are possible at this stage, and it must be remembered that the Change Commission will liaise with the Scenic Rim Council and the Gold Coast City Council if a referral is made by the Local Government Minister. Scenic Rim Council is correctly advertising this, and I have always said this is the process.

The Household Plebiscite can't answer all the questions you are seeking on social media on behalf of Scenic Rim or Gold Coast City Councils until this formal process occurs. My survey is to inform you of what the views of Tamborine Mountain residents are and if you want me to follow through with this process, as that was my only election promise last year.

It is somewhat unfortunate that my views to listen to the people are being interpreted as a contest between myself and Council. I think the form of consultation we are using here is fully inclusive across the whole population, by age group, sex, business, renters, and owners, and from that perspective is a very effective community engagement process. I'm comfortable whatever the result is, so I suggest letting all the fever cool down and you casting your vote accordingly. It is not compulsory; it is up to the residents in every 3094 Australia Post delivery points

in the postcode 4272 to make that decision.

You have heard the old saying TALK IS CHEAP. My letter to the editor, *Scenic News* on 25 March 2020, said:

I was pleased to hear at the Chamber of Commerce "Meet the Candidates" evening on 15th March 2020 at the Vonda Youngman Community Centre, that all Mayoral candidates when asked their views on moving to the Gold Coast, indicated that if I was elected, it would be an indication of majority support and they would respect the wishes of the people and support the proposal.

A website page now posted by the Council reacting to my views has not been sanctioned by the elected councillors by resolution. It will, however, be useful, and subject to scrutiny when the Change Commission asks Council its views and does the quantitative analysis.

If the plebiscite is in favour of going to the Gold Coast, the community must hold its Mayor to his word, otherwise all trust and credibility is lost.

It has now been 13 years of living in the Scenic Rim Council area, and I believe you have enough knowledge to make an informed decision. Now it's decision time. It is your choice.

All my arguments, based on all my experience and as a resident and your Councillor, can be found or downloaded as a PDF on the website at www.scenicnews.com.au/plebiscite-info

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INDIGENOUS ART SET TO DISPLAY AT THE CENTRE



A colourful and compelling exhibition – *Belonging* – featuring Indigenous artists Kim Williams and Kim Walmsley, at The Centre Beaudesert from 1 June, will communicate personal stories through art.

The public can view the exhibition between 10am and 4pm, Tuesday to Friday. *Belonging* will run until 14 July and is part of Scenic Rim Regional Council's NAIDOC Week celebrations which run between 4 and 11 July.

One half of *Belonging*, artist Kim Williams, will display her paintings, weavings and installations as part of her personal exhibition *Stolen*.

The work that makes up *Stolen* will take the audience on a 50-year journey inside Australia's history of stolen generations and how one young girl, Kim Williams, found where she belonged.

Alongside Williams' work, visual artist Kim Walmsley's exhibition *Corroborate* presents watercolour works created by members of the Scenic Rim community. *Corroborate* is the result of a community public art project which ran through September to October 2020 in Beaudesert and Tamborine Village.

The 72 pieces of artwork were completed by locals, Mununjali elders, artists and the wider community whom the audience will meet through the sharing of their personal stories as part of the exhibition.

Kim Walmsley said that during the process of meeting, making, and talking, they completed the concept of *Corroborate* together, as it morphed from its beginning and purpose to what you see now.

"This exhibition displays the stories of people who live in the Scenic Rim region, each showcasing their individual stories, struggles and success. It has become a healing journey of self-discovery, awareness and gratitude."

The public has an opportunity to meet the artists behind *Belonging* at the exhibition launch at The Centre Beaudesert on Saturday 5 June at 10.30am.

Photo: Aunty Ros Yuke, Uncle Bevan Page and Aunty Levina Page participating in *Corroborate* development.

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Crambid Moth

Crambid Moth – *“Theila” Siennata*, garage,
Eagle Heights



This exquisite little moth was above head high and alas, I could not get a closer shot. The expert had second thoughts about his original attribution (which is very hard to tell apart from the one in my photo) and came back with *Theila Siennata*. For confirmation, he sent the photo to Australia’s foremost authority. He suggested the inverted commas because, although the generic name is used, it is not appropriate given that further work is needed on the genus. As things stand, the genus has five species. This moth is one of three which are exclusive to Queensland. One moth is exclusive to Madagascar and one is found in Queensland and Western Australia. Wingspan is 2cm.

Peter Kuttner



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 www.scenicrim.qld.gov.au 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.

ADVENTURE AND NATURE-BASED TOURISM STRATEGY

Council is seeking feedback on its draft Scenic Rim Adventure and Nature-Based Tourism Strategy, which establishes a framework for Council and industry to collaborate with the aim to become Queensland’s leading adventure and nature-based tourism destination. Visit Council’s website to read the draft strategy and to provide your feedback by 5pm, Friday 11 June. www.scenicrim.qld.gov.au/have-your-say

QUEENSLAND DAY

FREE FAMILY FUN DAY

Beaudesert Jubilee Park Sun 6 June | 10am - 1pm
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FREE MORNING TEA

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Boonah Council Building Forecourt
Thurs 3 June | 10am-11am

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BEAUDESERT AND TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN LIBRARIES
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STORYTIME IN THE PARK OUTREACH

BEECHMONT	3 June
TAMBORINE VILLAGE	8 June
CANUNGRA	9 June
BEAUDESERT	15 June
KALBAR	17 June
RATHDOWNEY	16 June

STORYTIME SESSIONS

Bookings are essential. Space and number limits apply.

BEAUDESERT Monday 9.30am | Wednesday 9.30am
BOONAH Monday 10am | Friday 10am
TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN
Monday 9.15am | Storytime for children 2-5 yrs
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BEAUDESERT LIBRARY

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

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Friday 11 June | 11am | Boonah Cultural Centre
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PM EVENTS

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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

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Friday 25 June | The Centre Beaudesert
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ON EXHIBITION



1 June - 14 July | The Centre Beaudesert
Features works by two Indigenous women artists, Kim Broлга Willams and Kim Walmsley. Through paintings, weaving and installations, Kim Broлга 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.

OPENING EVENT

Saturday 5 June | 10.30am
RSVP required. Phone 5540 5050.

FRIDAY FLICKS

Boonah Cultural Centre | 10am | 1pm | 7pm
Tickets \$10 or Conc \$7.50 Pre-purchased essential

4 June Long Story Short (M)
11 June Ottolenghi and the Cakes of Versailles (G)
18 June Wild Mountain Thyme (PG)

ARTS DINNERS LIVE AND ONLINE

Galleries In The Picture

held at Warwick Art Gallery, Southern Downs
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OPEN HOMES Sun 6th

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Jim and Joan Parker on their wedding day in 1961.

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Jim, a retired tree lopper, and Joan who ran the family business, brought up their family in Brisbane but then moved to Tamborine Mountain to be closer to them. They have four daughters and eight grandchildren.

They were married on 3 June 1961 at the Annerley Church of Christ in Brisbane. Jim describes himself as a “wheel chock” – only stepping in when he felt a situation was slipping. Otherwise, according to happy daughter Karyn Ferguson, “Mum ran the show”.

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In the process, she set four games records (100m hurdles, 400m hurdles, triple jump and high jump). Her other gold was in the long jump; she won silver in the 100m and 200m sprints. All of these events were held on the same day.



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JON KRAUSE MP

State Member for Scenic Rim

BACKWARD STEP ON STATE GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

The Queensland Labor Government changed the law last week to remove the requirement for public advertising of development and government notifications in local newspapers. In my view, this is a backward step.

All over Queensland in 2020, daily newspapers were shut down, and we saw MPs across the spectrum lament that fact, and yet this Government has delivered another blow to those community papers that are still going – and in some cases local papers that have expanded their circulation since June 2020.

This decision by the Government is not only a loss of important income for small, local newspapers, but the fact is some people don't have access to the internet – where all government ads will now go - and others don't access the internet to look at things related to the government. Digital advertising just does not reach as many people in some communities as a combination of digital and newspaper ads would. This decision is also a clear reduction of an accountability mechanism from a government that is all too willing to hide things away even though it was elected under the guise of transparency, accountability, and openness. That went by the wayside many years ago when it comes to this Labor Government.

THANK YOU TO OUR SES VOLUNTEERS

I caught up with some SES volunteers from Tamborine Mountain while I was at the Boonah Show last Saturday. They had been very busy for some time, assisting in the search for a missing person – which thankfully had a good result – and then backing up to assist at the Boonah Show, along with their colleagues from other units within the Scenic Rim Council area. Well done on a great effort! In the Scenic Rim Electorate, there are so many volunteer groups it is tough to keep up with them all at times, but we are so fortunate to have them because of the contribution made to making our community a better place to live.

GAMBLING COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND

Round 110 of the Gambling Community Benefit Fund is now open and community organisations have until 30 June 2021 to apply for grants of up to \$35,000. I have provided letters of support for numerous community groups, and together with other grant initiatives, our region has received over \$18 million in grant funds for community organisations since I was elected as your representative in 2012. Please contact my office for more information or to request a letter of support. You may also visit www.justice.qld.gov.au/initiatives/community-grants for further information direct from the department.

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.

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SCOTT BUCHHOLZ

Federal Member for Wright

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National Road Safety week is an initiative of the Safer Australian Roads and Highways (SARAH) Group, and supported by a number of industry partners and governments, including the Federal Government through the Office of Road Safety.

The SARAH Group was started in 2012 by Peter Fraser, who lost his daughter Sarah in a tragic road accident in regional New South Wales. Peter, through the SARAH Group, dedicates his life to road safety and reducing road trauma.

I encourage everyone to visit: www.sarahgroup.org - read about Peter and Sarah's story, and what you can do to make a difference and reduce road trauma.

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One of the best ways to stay up to date with local news is through the *Scenic News*. Another great way is to follow my page on Facebook: www.facebook.com/sbuchholzmp.

Should you have any Federal Issues, please don't hesitate to contact my office on 5541 0150 or scott.buchholz.mp@aph.gov.au



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Letters to the Editor

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

SEND SRRC A MESSAGE: NOT HAPPY WITH THEM

I've never written to the paper before but feel I must after reading last week's letters.

The arguments for staying in the Scenic Rim just don't make any sense and unfortunately seem driven by ignorance and a deep dislike of our councillor who is trying to change what clearly needs changing.

Not observing basic governance principles, are you kidding me? Basic governance would see an equitable sharing of resources. We don't want more than a fair share but we're certainly not getting that.

I haven't heard any sensible responses to the arguments of why we should change councils, only hysterics and some crazy ideas that somehow the Gold Coast Council spending money here would be a bad thing.

You all say that the right place to change things is within the current council. Have you not been paying attention to everything that has been happening since we were shanghaied into this council? How much more do you need to see? You say you love where we live; well, I do too, and I can't believe you're happy to continue with this nonsense.

Even if it doesn't go through, at least we can send a message to this council that their attitudes to the Mountain have to change and the vast majority of us are not happy with them.

Maybe those who are constantly whinging about out councillor could turn their energy to resolving the issues which are so obvious and have been put forward in the case to move.

Glenn Antill

CEO OF SCENIC RIM PREFERS GOLD COAST

It is no secret that the CEO of Scenic Rim Regional Council lives on the Gold Coast. He recently sold the house he owned for a short time in Eagle Heights which he occasionally used. Are the ratepayers for the SRRC paying for his car, fuel? How often does he attend his office with such a commute?

Could it be that he found the rates prohibitive? I am unsure but would like the answers.

If Gold Coast Council is the preferred

council, then I feel that it's good enough for Tamborine Mountain residents as well. GCCC in my opinion is the better option.

Alan Sabelberg

SAD TIMES AHEAD

I recall a recent column by Cr McConnell in which he referred to "vitriolic" attacks on councillors. We didn't have to look too far to find an over-the-top attack by him - his entire column last week was devoted to an attack on Cr Swanborough.

Let's hope his next column is as vitriolic towards the Mayor, Cr West, and Cr Enright for their actions re the "appointment" of Cr Enright as Deputy Mayor.

I can feel a Code of Conduct complaint coming on ... shame on you, Jeff.

Amanda Hay

COMPLAINTS TSUNAMI IS AN UTTER DISGRACE

The tsunami of complaints to the Office of the Independent Assessor (OIA) against Scenic Rim Division 1 Councillor Derek Swanborough (last count somewhere in the vicinity of 40) forwarded by the Scenic Rim council is an utter disgrace.

For the Mayor and rest of the Council that is! Cr Swanborough has had to resign from certain committees in order to have the time to deal with these OIA complaints. And that, obviously, is the whole idea - to keep him busy defending himself and hopefully silencing him on various topics.

Cr Swanborough has more experience in the efficient and ethical management of local government than the rest of the Scenic Rim Council put together. And he constantly embarrasses them as

he brings valid points of order, shows Council its shortcomings and errors of governance, tries to stand up for his constituents, and tries to bring transparency to Council's dealings with ratepayers, contractors, developers, and businesses. It would appear that the Mayor and rest of Council cannot stand the heat or the glare of Cr Swanborough's spotlight. So, anything goes in order to shut him up.

And further to this, Cr Swanborough's predecessor, Nigel Waistell, is still fighting at least one OIA complaint from his time as Division 1 Councillor more than a year after he stepped down and did not contest the last election. The still current, frivolous, and vindictive complaint against him (one in literally dozens during his time in council) is similar to those that Cr Swanborough faces now.

That this puerile and vexatious matter has been bandied back and forth amongst the bureaucracy is a condemnation of the whole system that is open to flagrant abuse right across the State. It is time for the State Government to put an end to the farce that is the OIA. In the words of Robert Ruark's great novel, it must be replaced with "Something of Value".

Roland Lindenmayer

JEFF: STAY OUT OF OUR LOCAL DISCUSSION

I just read Cr Jeff McConnell's comments on the plebiscite in the Scenic News.

You stated: "Derek, 70 per cent of the residents of Division 1 did not support your move to the Gold Coast" at the last elections. "You have ignored their vote." Really? Is that how our electoral system works? Of course, it doesn't, and all your statement shows is lack

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Letters to the Editor

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of respect for, or knowledge of, the electoral system. Because the Mayor only received 33 per cent in the first round does not mean he is not legally elected with his own agenda.

Same for Derek: elections are not a vote on one item of a candidate's agenda, certainly not in just the first round. A bit of political education would go a long way, Jeff.

You write: "Derek, you have been denigrating Council in the last year, aiming to achieve a split from the Scenic Rim." As far as I can see, Derek has advocated strongly for the interests of his electorate but was repeatedly knocked back. He is facing an avalanche of complaints by the Council (not by his constituents), because Council can't stand a dissenting voice. Many residents of the Mountain feel that they cannot express their opinion and concerns at Council via their democratically elected representative, because he is gagged time and again by people like you. That is one of the reasons why this move to re-align boundaries, to include the Mountain in the Gold Coast, is taking place.

There might be a reason why the rates in Scenic Rim are higher than in the Gold Coast, as you point out. That does not make the inequality easier to accept. It is about the outcomes, not about the causes. We are the ratepayers, and we carry the burden. Your infrastructure/public transport/swimming pool statement that 'changes are easy to achieve ... if the residents pay for it' also shows lack of understanding of local government. Is that how Council works? Did Beaudesert residents ever pay for their services with a special tax?

Residents who move here don't do it because it is the Scenic Rim (most probably never heard that term anyway): it is because they love the Mountain lifestyle.

Finally, Cr. McConnell, to answer your last question to Derek as to whether 'he thinks he is acting in the best interests of Scenic Rim': maybe not, as it is not the Scenic Rim Derek represents, but his electorate on Tamborine Mountain. And I for one, feel that Derek is acting in my best interests as a Tamborine Mountain voter, ratepayer and resident. And you should respect the residents of a town who like to express their opinion. They don't need a non-resident to interfere.

Alan Sabelberg

DISAPPOINTED AT VIEW BY COUNCILLOR

Re Nigel Waistell comment - To Go or Not to go? That is the Question. 20/5/21.

As a councillor, Nigel, I thought you took the good fight to this out-of-control Mayor, in charge of a dictatorship masquerading as a council, much in the way Derek Swanborough is doing today.

I couldn't believe this was a letter to the editor from the Nigel Waistell I so much admired and respected. Of all the people I know of, I thought you would have been one of the first to approve of a move to Gold Coast Council.

All six points that you raised you were fighting vehemently against as a councillor.

You know this Mayor will never change his autocratic rule on these or any other of HIS own personal views he thrusts upon us. The rates alone justify a move but when added to your other five points the move, in my view, is a no brainer.

You state the Council needs to do this and the Council needs to do that but you of all people know they just won't, not whilst under the control of this dictator of a Mayor. It's almost like you've been "got at" Nigel and I am so disappointed you have taken this view.

Bob Kirkright

GARDENS NAME CHANGE CLAIM IS CHALLENGED

In the interest of truth and transparency, I need to refute certain information provided by Denby Browning, in Scenic News 20 May 2021 p17 that was not referenced to fact.

His attempted renaming of the iconic Tamborine Mountain Botanic Gardens, as President, was out of order, unconstitutional and without the required public notice.

This action was the result of negotiations between the SRRC and President of the recently formed Tamborine Mountain Botanic Gardens Inc (the Association) which separated from Tamborine Mountain Garden Club in 2018.

According to the Council's executive summary, marked as confidential, but released under freedom of Information, "Council officers recognise the

significant contribution that the volunteers provide to the community in the form of well-presented and maintained Botanic Gardens that are provided at a significant cost reduction if Council were to provide and maintain these assets directly."

In a 'confidential' meeting between Botanic Gardens committee members, Mayor Greg Christensen, and Council executives it was noted that, "The Association has also prepared a strategic management plan ... for the future operation of the Botanic Gardens. Council receiving this documentation, has led to preliminary discussions with the Association regarding a change of name to the Scenic Rim Botanic Gardens on Tamborine Mountain."

This meeting was so confidential that our own local councillor, Derek Swanborough, had to seek access to this information through an FOI application with his own Council.

This application was delayed, over four months, because a 'third person' lodged an objection to the release of the information.

This meeting resulted in a Council contribution to the Gardens of \$300,000 over five years, along with additional Federal, State and Council grants of a significant amount.

These Council funds come from Tamborine Mountain ratepayers who get very little in return for the amount we contribute to the rest of the region. It does not come from the ratepayers in Aratula.

The Gardens had previously been established and funded by volunteers and funds from Springtime on the Mountain Open Gardens.

The public announcement, by President Denby Browning, claiming this decision had been made by a unanimous vote of the current members is incorrect. I know of one member of 30 years who was unaware of any such discussions and another who attended the meeting but abstained from voting.

This announcement was received with shock and distress by many of the Mountain community who like to claim the Gardens as their own.

They had not been given any prior notice, either in the public notice of the AGM, nor on the meeting's agenda.

It is unfortunate that the Tamborine Mountain Botanic Gardens is being used as a political pawn on the eve of our plebiscite to leave the Scenic Rim.

The agreement was not only unconstitutional, but it was also in opposition to Council's own policy.

This had to be pointed out at a Council meeting by Division 1 Councillor, Derek Swanborough.

To officially change the name of a public place or road, a public consultation is always the first step and, according to

State legislation, preference is given to the local, iconic name.

Due to the secret manner in which this matter was decided and announced to the public, I initiated an online petition to give the public a say.

Only then, and after Cr Swanborough's advice to Council, did SRRC decide to hold a public consultation.

Many local places have historic names that have never been formerly named by Council. One example is Tamborine Village.

Due to their public positions, the Mayor and executives, at the confidential meeting, should have all been aware of correct procedure and that the first step should have been to have a public consultation.

Mr Browning is reported to have asked the Council meeting how to proceed with this name change. Their response is not recorded.

It is now up to the wider Scenic Rim community to decide, not the Tamborine Mountain locals who created and maintained the Gardens since 1983.

It is disappointing to hear that people are being pressured into supporting the Mayor's and Denby's preference.

I am concerned that, from past experience, results of Council's public consultations are not always made public.

The Mayor's reference to the renaming of Geissmann Oval is one point in fact. That was another failure to consult until the public revolted.

Why change the name? By including Scenic Rim as a key word on the label, internet traffic will be directed to Destination Scenic Rim.

A very strategic move, but of no benefit to our already famous Botanic Gardens. They are best served by retaining their better-known name, recognised internationally.

I have not discussed this subject with any of the volunteers, nor bullied anybody.

I am in favour of the Botanic Gardens re-joining the Garden Club so that we can all work together and fund the Gardens as before: with volunteer work and fund raising from our Open Garden festivals.

Julie Wilkinson

11 HOLT ROAD WATER EXTRACTION ISSUE

I would like to update your readers on this local issue.

1. In 2004 the owner of 11 Holt Road received approval to extract water for "local supplies only".
2. In 2014, a potential purchaser inquired of Council if they could

extract water for "off-the-mountain sales".

3. Council sought legal advice and they were told that this would require a new development application. The potential purchaser did not go ahead.
4. In 2020, it would appear that there was a new owner and that they had asked Council if they could extract water for "off-the-mountain sales".
5. Council officers, it would appear, approved this use without a new application being submitted and without consulting the elected members. This has resulted in one less local supplier and more 28,000 litre trucks going up and down the Mountain.
6. I submitted a complaint to Council on 11 December 2020 about what I deemed to be an unlawful decision.
7. I received no response, so submitted a complaint to the Queensland Ombudsman (QO). The QO requested I give Council six to eight weeks to provide a response. I advised Council of this requirement.
8. I received no response from Council, so submitted another complaint to the QO. Again, they requested that I give Council another period of six to eight weeks.
9. I have sent an email to Council advising them of this advice and seeking an update from them as to when I will receive a response to my complaint. I have received no reply.

So, I now have to give Council up to 9 July to provide a response. This is nearly seven months after my initial complaint. How much time does Council require to review their decision?

I am disappointed that the Queensland Ombudsman is allowing the Council so much time to respond and even more disappointed in Council for taking so long. The Council's lack of response boils down to the culture within Council and this is the responsibility of the Chief Executive Officer primarily and the Mayor.

Nigel Waistell



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HOUSEHOLD 'PLEBISCITE' SURVEY - FAQs

Dear Scenic Rim Residents

As you may be aware, a private 'plebiscite' survey is asking Tamborine Mountain residents to indicate their preference to belong in either the Scenic Rim Regional Council or City of Gold Coast.

In response to claims in the media and questions regarding this survey to Council Officers, as well as to the Mayor and Councillors, we have prepared some questions and answers that may be helpful to residents. These questions and answers are also available on Council's website and will be updated as necessary.

Regards

Jon Gibbons

Chief Executive Officer | Scenic Rim Regional Council

1. If I vote YES, will Tamborine Mountain automatically become part of the City of Gold Coast?

No. The private 'plebiscite' survey is not a formal government process and is not being limited or checked against the electoral roll or conducted in accordance with s268A of the *Local Government Act*. Under the Act, only the Minister may propose a change to boundaries for a local government area. If this was the case, a proper legislative process would then take place via the independent Local Government Change Commission to assess the proposal and consider if the change is in the public's interest, consistent with the Local Government Act, and has regard to other important matters such as communities of interest, town planning considerations and providing for a sufficient resource base.

This can be a lengthy and expensive process that would also impact communities across the Scenic Rim. It could also mean many Council resources would be diverted to supporting this process and potentially taken away from delivery of services, which support the ongoing development of the region.

2. If Tamborine Mountain was to become part of the City of Gold Coast, would residents' rates automatically be cheaper by more than \$1,000 per year on average, as claimed in media reports?

Every property owner would have a different outcome, depending on their property value and land use category. Some people might find themselves worse off. Residents should consider the rates categories that apply for the Gold Coast compared to the Scenic Rim.

It should also be recognised that there has been no discussion to date about the costs and how such a transition would be funded. This will require investigation, including the potential need for changes to rates and charges for properties to fund the transition.

In a previous local government boundary change review², it was reported that the Commission did not find that residents seeking a decrease in rates to be a relevant consideration in determining if the proposal was in the public interest.

3. If Tamborine Mountain was to become part of the City of Gold Coast, the campaign suggests the township would get improved infrastructure and facilities³. Is this true?

This would be a matter for the City of Gold Coast, and there is a lot to consider, including the treatment of assets and liabilities. At a minimum, there would need to be consideration of the transfer of Scenic Rim Regional Council's Tamborine Mountain-based assets (initial estimated value of approximately \$80 million), a need to take on any liability against these assets, and associated costs for maintaining these assets on an ongoing basis.

4. The campaign claims Tamborine Mountain's community of interest is with the Gold Coast rather than the rest of the Scenic Rim⁴. Is this true?

This is an individual view; however the Scenic Rim is about spectacular natural landscapes, mountains, waterfalls, fresh local produce, and a richness of character. It is a place of nature and nurture, where people can breathe fresh air, enjoy the natural environment and escape city life.

5. Would Tamborine Mountain get its own division if it were to become part of the City of Gold Coast?

Council and divisional boundaries are determined at a Queensland Government level by the Local Government Change Commission. It is possible that Tamborine Mountain would be integrated into one or more of the City of Gold Coast's existing 14 divisions. In the Scenic Rim Regional Council, the majority of Tamborine Mountain residents are represented in one division out of a total of six divisions.

6. There are claims in the media⁵ that Scenic Rim Regional Council has only spent four per cent of the annual \$60 million dollar plus capital budget on Tamborine Mountain. Is this true?

Council's annual capital budget is not \$60 million. Over the past five years, the average capital budget for Scenic Rim Regional Council has been \$32.35 million (not including disaster funding received to rebuild essential infrastructure).

Beyond capital expenditure, there's a wide range of operational expenditure that Council undertakes each year for operations and maintenance of facilities such as Vonda Youngman Community Centre, Tamborine Mountain Library, Tamborine Mountain Swimming Pool, parks, gardens and the environment, as well as ongoing contribution to the Tamborine Mountain Botanic Gardens.

This financial year alone, Council has budgeted around \$3.16 million for capital projects on Tamborine Mountain (representing around 6.25% of the capital program) and has also included operational funding for the Tamborine Mountain Visitor Information Centre and Gallery Walk Pedestrian Boulevard and Amenity Improvements Project. More than \$4.36 million will be invested on works associated with important community infrastructure - the Vonda Youngman Community Centre and the Tamborine Mountain Library - with \$2.7 million of this being jointly funded by the Australian and Queensland Governments.

7. Has Scenic Rim Regional Council really announced upward of \$35 million⁶ of capital works in the town of Beaudesert this year?

For this financial year, Council has only announced a total of \$3.5 million of capital improvements in Beaudesert and \$2.8 million of this is tied grant funding, which means only \$732,650 is being used from general revenue.

While there are other capital projects announced in the previous financial year, it's important to note that Council has successfully secured grant funding for 68% of the \$19.1 million expenditure for the Beaudesert Enterprise Precinct development and the Beaudesert Town Centre Revitalisation.

The Beaudesert Enterprise Precinct is expected to generate jobs and revenue from land sales with proceeds benefiting communities across the Scenic Rim. Council has applied for Australian Government grant funding for the Beaudesert Library and Community Hub, and continues to seek opportunities for further funding for this project to minimise impact on general revenue.

8. There are claims in the media⁷ that Scenic Rim Regional Council has spent \$200 million fixing up timber bridges and roads that are not on Tamborine Mountain. Is this true?

Council is unsure how the calculation of \$200 million was achieved, or the time span that these claims are made against. However, on timber bridges alone, it's important to note that since the 2016-2017 financial year, Council can confirm it has invested \$38.96 million, of which \$15.97 million was grant funded.

This has been achieved under the Australian Government's long-term Bridges Renewal Program, which aims to upgrade and replace sub-standard bridge infrastructure with reliable modern structures to enhance access for local communities and facilitate economic productivity.



For more FAQs visit
scenicrim.qld.gov.au/get-the-facts

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⁸ Advertisement, *Scenic News*, 13 May 2021



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TMU – Tamborine Mountain Universe – invited its members to a special Total Lunar Eclipse event, which included a blood moon, on Wednesday 26th and hosted at Cauldron Distillery. The weather was kind, and it turned into a windless, reasonably clear-sky evening. The event was a great opportunity for members to socialise and to get their telescopes and cameras out. The eclipse did not disappoint and showed all its beauty as it went through its different phases.

Thank you to Cauldron Distillery, and to all our members. We look forward to seeing you all soon.

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All the varied components of The Five Senses Festival on Main Street, Tamborine Mountain, came together at the weekend in a wonderfully relaxed celebration of art, poetry, storytelling, music and theatre.

It was presented by Friends of Tamborine Mountain Library, Tamborine Mountain Arts Collective and the Calanthe Collective, along with other community organisations including environment groups, sustainable gardeners, book shops and Main Street traders.

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

Festival activities over the weekend included a book market in front of the library where Friends of the Library had invited other book sellers and local writers to join them in their regular book sale.

From buskers to poets, from reading to writing, from visual art to edible and even wearable art, there was something for everyone over the two-day festival.

Community involvement was perhaps the outstanding feature of the festival which witnessed an inspiring collaboration of community groups, business, schools, kindergarten and individuals.



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Tamborine Mountain's Birchgrove Nursery and Café is celebrating its 40th birthday with a huge four-day sale of selected stock, offering discounts of 20 to 50 per cent.

The sale will run from Friday 4 June to Monday 7 June.

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One of the attractions for them is the fact that the nursery specialises in roses, magnolias, rhododendrons, and maples, as well as deciduous and blossom trees, but it also carries specialty natives as well. It is the perfect destination for people who want English-style gardens or plants suited to a more temperate climate.

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With ageing comes a decline in mobility and difficulty with balance. Our senses may weaken, and this could determine our response to the environment. The five senses are our only channels available to perceive the physical world outside, Besides allowing us to enjoy life, they help keep us safe. It is important to maintain them.

SOME TIPS:

Plan your food and diet: We all know the importance of a balanced diet for vibrant health, as food is the basic building block of our human body. A balanced and wholesome diet can help avoid sensory decline. Include antioxidant vitamins and avoid junk food, as it has been linked to cataracts and macular degeneration and of course lethargy.

Celebrate the sun safely: Lifelong exposure to the sun could cause cataracts. Wear sunglasses when outdoors. Do eye exercises. Remember to apply sunscreen in these wintry conditions too.

Turn down the volume: Limit your exposure to loud music and sound. When you are around loud noises, try and get away every 15 minutes.

Exercise your sense of smell: Boost your sense of smell. Smell different perfumes/bouquets (such as cinnamon, cloves, roses, lemon, peppermint and eucalyptus) daily for several weeks. Some of these are great mood stabilisers as well.

Engage in physical activity: As well as keeping the heart strong and managing conditions such as arthritis, exercise and flexibility help improve sight by increasing blood flow to the eyes and keeping aches and pains at bay. Breathing consciously while walking, stretching, doing gentle exercises, tai chi, and yoga are some options to stay active and flexible.



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Musical Notes

with Poppy-Jane Todd

COLLABORATIVE CONCERT WAS ONE TO REMEMBER

Following several weeks of rehearsals, The Tamborine Mountain Orchestra joined forces with the Tamborine Mountain State High School Wind Symphony and 13 musicians from the Queensland Symphony Orchestra to present a selection of musical favourites that were adored by the musicians and audience alike.

Each group was given the opportunity to perform individually, with the concert culminating in a joint performance of 58 players, led by esteemed conductor Dr Rob McWilliams.

This Music on the Mountain project enabled musicians of all ages and abilities to unite, learn, and improve their skills, culminating in a fantastic performance for more than 200 people.

The idea for the project originated more than four years ago with Tamborine Mountain Orchestra flute player Tricia Tommasi and violin player Danielle Warwick, who started the conversation of a potential project with the Queensland Symphony Orchestra.

Due to a generous grant from the Regional Arts Development Fund and support from the Scenic Rim Regional Council, the proposal was given the green light. After much behind-the-scenes preparation and delays due to the 2020 COVID-19 lockdown, the original intention to create "a unique and amazing opportunity to workshop and play alongside Queensland Symphony Orchestra musicians" was realised.



Thanks must be given to Tamborine Mountain State High School for their generous provision of the venue for the concert and the support of their fantastic team, without whom the show could not have gone ahead. Tamborine Mountain Orchestra's Sanne Kreijkamp-Kaspers (President) and Karen Guymer (Secretary) were also instrumental in the organisation of the event. Additional thanks to Judy Wood, the Queensland Symphony Orchestra's community engagement officer, Dr Rob McWilliams, the conductor, and the 13 exceptional musicians who were kind enough to give up their time to support this fantastic initiative.

"So many people have helped and supported this project; a lot of work has gone into it. It was amazing to see it all come together; I loved every minute of it," said Sanne.

We look forward to more musical community collaborations in the future.

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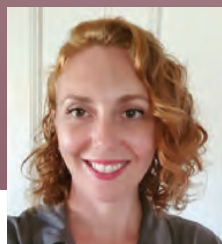
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IT'S FLU SEASON

We did such a great job last year of hand sanitising and social distancing that flu was far less of an issue than it had been in the preceding years. But now that it's more than a year since COVID-19 hit, and we are all starting to feel that we can relax with the vaccinations rolling out, we seem to be a bit more casual with hand hygiene and enjoy breathing all over each other at close range.

This is normal human behaviour; it is expected that we will want to go back to being near each other and interacting in close proximity. Especially as we have been so fortunate in Australia to see so few cases and not experienced the sheer numbers and devastation that COVID-19 has caused in other parts of the world. However, flu is still an issue and something that you should consider vaccination against, especially if you are in a vulnerable group and not had the COVID-19 vaccine, as contracting both COVID-19 and the flu at the same time can be extremely dangerous.

Some people think the flu is just a cold, but in reality, people die from the flu every year. It is a serious viral disease that causes complications that are particularly risky for some vulnerable community groups. Those groups include the very young, the elderly, those with other pre-existing medical conditions and pregnant women. Some flu strains can be more dangerous than others, and it is not something that can be predicted. 'Herd immunity', which many people will be more familiar with now since the pandemic, also makes a big difference to the spread of the flu. That is, the more people immune to the flu through vaccination, the less likely flu is to spread throughout a community group and the less risk to that community.

So how can you avoid the flu? Antibiotics will not help, because the flu is a virus. Being vaccinated every year is recommended as the best way to avoid catching the flu. The vaccination is annual in order to protect against the latest strain. This year's vaccine contains new Influenza A strains. The flu is passed through droplets when infected people cough or sneeze. This can live on surfaces for up to two days.

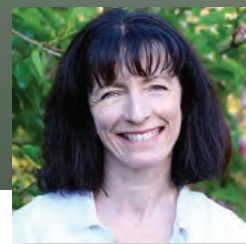
Those infected are contagious before they know they are sick and for five to seven days after symptoms. Good hand hygiene, sneezing into a tissue or your elbow, and isolating if you have the flu are also ways to prevent the spread.

The vaccine does not contain a live virus – you cannot get the flu from getting vaccinated. If you got the flu immediately after receiving the vaccine in a previous year you either had an immune response as a result of the flu vaccine which lasted a day or so, or you were already brewing an illness when you got the vaccination, so your symptoms were coincidental. It is not possible to get the flu from a flu vaccination.

There are a few things to note about the vaccine. You will be fully protected against flu up to two weeks post getting the flu jab. You need to wait at least two weeks between your flu vaccination and your vaccination for COVID-19. If you are in one of the vulnerable health groups, you can get your vaccine for free; for others there is a small charge, and the vaccine can be administered at the GP or some chemists.

If you would like more information, please contact your GP, or speak to your allied health care provider.

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ADOLESCENT RESILIENCE

If you travel through Leongatha in Victoria, you may see a bronze statue of a boy and his horse. The boy's name is Lennie Gwyther, and his horse was Ginger Mick. Lennie's father, a decorated World War One hero, with chronic war injuries, broke his leg on the farm and had to rely on nine-year-old Lennie to take responsibility for the farm duties.

Lennie's parents asked how they could reward him. Lennie asked to go and see the Sydney Harbour Bridge that he had read about. They agreed to let him ride his horse on the 1000km trip - unimaginable in our current generation.



Lennie and Ginger Mick followed bush tracks and barely formed dirt roads. While passing through towns, the story of their journey began to spread and was picked up by the newspapers. Their fame spread and soon they were mobbed by well-wishers along the roadside, offering food and lodgings. In Canberra Lennie was greeted by the Prime Minister, Joseph Lyons. The journey was also dangerous. A deranged tramp attempted to attack them, they fled a bush-fire and experienced heavy rain and thick fog along the way.

Arriving in Sydney's Martin Place, Lennie and Ginger Mick were welcomed by an estimated 10,000 strong crowd. The Lord Mayor held a reception at Sydney Town Hall. On March 19, 1932, Lennie and Ginger Mick took part in the Sydney Harbour Bridge opening pageant, crossing the bridge among the esteemed group of dignitaries. Two days later Lennie met his idol, Donald Bradman, who gave him a signed cricket bat. Four months after leaving home, Lennie and Ginger Mick arrived back in Leongatha where 800 people attended a civic reception to honour their achievement.

By today's standards, Lennie's parents would probably be reported to Child Safety and be under an intervention order. Instead of a hero, Lennie would be considered a truant. The difference is our view on adolescence - a transitional period between childhood and adulthood - whose cultural purpose is the preparation of children for adult roles. The idea of adolescence is relatively new. Prior to last century, there was an immediate jump from childhood to adulthood.

Adolescence today is characterised by an increased independence permitted by parents which includes less supervision. It is this process of increased independence and freedom that can create anxiety in parents and result in intergenerational conflict.

Many parents I talk to, struggle through this period, unsure of what boundaries to put in place. What they fail to realise is that they have been engaged in this same process for many years. From the moment our child is born we are gradually loosening the apron strings and encouraging our child's independence.

The important word is gradually. Allow your children to prove themselves worthy of your trust. Our tendency as parents is to be guided by the worst-case scenario: our teenager is 10 minutes late and we imagine they've had a serious accident or is the victim of an abduction. If this is you, take some reassurance from nine-year-old Lennie's journey; your child may be more resilient than you realise.

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AVOIDANCE IN PLAIN SIGHT



There are many adaptations to elude predators – hiding, avoidance, disguise and concealment keeps the prey out of sight of predators. However, some strategies are designed to deter predators in plain sight.

Individual intimidation: If you have ever experienced a "hair raising " moment of fear, you may feel bumps rise at the base of each hair on your skin. This is piloerection, an involuntary reflex which occurs in humans and many other mammals as part of the fight or flight response. It is designed to make the individual appear larger and more formidable - we have inherited this reflex but since modern humans have little body hair, it no longer serves this purpose. The effect is more clearly seen in other hairier primates such as chimpanzees and in other mammals such as cats and dogs. Other behaviour such as raising up, hissing, snapping and lunging can also intimidate predators.

Group intimidation: Species that live in large groups may mob a predator to drive it away before it can attack an individual member of the group.

Thanatosis (feigning death): A wide range of species including opossums, reptiles and birds simulate death to deter predators who hunt live prey not carrion.

Diversion displays: Some parent birds and other species feign injury to lure predators away from their defenceless young.

Autotomy: Sacrifice of specific non-essential body parts or limbs. Deflection by colour, patterns or action draws the predator's attention to attack the sacrificial body part e.g., skinks deflect attacks to their tail which is then dropped.

Mimics: A harmless species imitates another dangerous, spiky, stinging, toxic or unpalatable species which predators prefer to avoid.

Toxic response: Exuding or injecting foul, venomous or toxic compounds to deter or hurt the predator to force release e.g., reef stonefish.

Protection: Spines, armour, scales provide protection, permanently or as a defence response, for instance, when alarmed, puffer fishes inflate their bodies, erecting sharply pointed spines which can injure any attacker.

Deception: Such as false eye markings on the back end of some fish, moths and butterflies which confuse predators by providing a sham target and allowing escape in an unexpected direction.

Threatening or startle displays: By suddenly flashing patches of colours or patterns such as large eye spots or snake head faces, a predator may be frightened or hesitate, thus providing an opportunity to flee.

SEIZED BY RSPCA BEFORE SUFFERING MORE ABUSE

A man in Sydney kept this dog in his back yard on a short chain attached to a kennel. The dog was never released or walked and lived in filth. Neighbours contacted the RSPCA when they heard and saw the owner shouting at the dog and bashing him with a block of wood.



When the RSPCA arrived to investigate the claims and speak to the dog's owner, they found the two-year-old kelpie cross to be very thin, timid, and frightened. The man admitted to bashing the dog because he barked and didn't stop when told to. He fed the dog crackers and table scraps.

Chief was taken from the man and to the RSPCA centre; he weighed only 12kg, which is very underweight for a medium sized dog. He was also found to have a small, depressed fracture of his skull and four loose front teeth from the bashings; the teeth eventually fell out. Even today when being patted, care must be taken not to put pressure on this area of his skull. Chief was vaccinated, desexed and fostered out, but the fosterer did not have the time needed to help this dog.

Martin was reading about Chief's story and decided he wanted the dog as he had the time, patience, and kindness to give him a new life. He changed the dog's name to Sunshine because he loved just lying in the sun, as he is in the picture above. Martin and his dog moved to Tamborine Mountain where they are well known as an inseparable team. Sunshine has been with Martin two-and-a-half years now and he has made great progress. He now weighs 21kg. At first, he would avoid people and was fearful of everything. It has taken many months of constant positive exposure to the local environment, other dogs and people for Sunshine to gain confidence.

Why would someone have a dog tethered all day every day? It seems that people who do this are either indifferent or are ignorant about dog husbandry. I was talking to a local couple who were disturbed about their neighbour's dog that was tethered and never walked; the dog was not desexed which must have been extra frustrating for that animal.

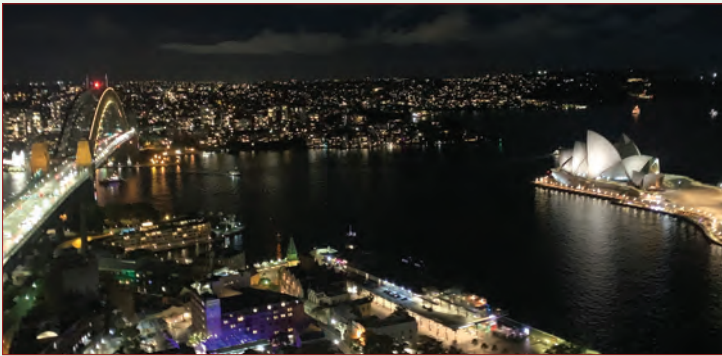
However, this couple thought it was none of their business and just watched on. I asked for the address but they would not give it to me. It is not illegal to tether a dog for long periods in Queensland but if the animal is suffering, owners can be prosecuted.

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



TRAVELLING PLACES *By Gina Storey*

Early last week saw me in Sydney, invited to attend a luxury travel forum, Virtuoso. Sydney was in all her splendour – bright blue skies, crisp autumn weather and her beautiful harbour sparkling. Fabulous fresh Australian produce showcased at Woodcut, located at the water's edge at the base of the new Barangaroo tower. Views to dream of from the top floor of the Museum of Contemporary Art at Circular Quay. It was however eerily quiet without the tourists and with many locals working from home.



Tourism Australia was there in force – acutely aware of the dependence of so much of our economy on the travel and tourism sector. Currently employment opportunities abound as hotels close rooms off, not through lack of demand but through a lack of staff to service travellers. It is now that we focus on how many backpackers have sustained our tourism industry, have learnt the art of making the perfect coffee, have cleaned our rooms, have served our meals, have manicured the gardens.

Without these visitors to our shores many companies are finding it hard to operate. So, bear this in mind when you travel... that the limited staff are trying their best to service demand. It's a double whammy – too few people to work in the industry coupled with international visitors not bringing their dollars.

On a positive note, we Australians are certainly out and about discovering our own back yard in more detail than we ever dreamt about, and we are loving it. There are train journeys, coastal waters expedition trips, small group touring options, self-drive holidays ... the list goes on.

There was much talk about the slow take-up of vaccines in Australia and how it would seem inevitable that the Government would keep borders shut until the vast majority of us have taken the jab. It was heartening on Friday to find the local surgery full of people in for the vaccine. For travellers in future, it would seem that all cruise ships will require travellers and crew alike to be vaccinated.

IATA, the International Air Transport Association, is discussing that it may become mandatory for passengers to be vaccinated – this is yet to be decided. For decades if you travelled to certain countries there has been mandatory vaccines. For example, if you travel to Tanzania, it is compulsory to have had a Yellow Fever vaccine – if you haven't then on your return to Australia you are required to go into quarantine. This is nothing new; it just has never been on such a scale in my lifetime.

My heart goes out to Victoria which has suffered the most in Australia. These lockdowns will continue until the population takes up the challenge to vaccinate. The US and UK, after dreadful issues with COVID, have rigorously vaccinated and are now starting to reap the rewards with the ability to travel, to visit family abroad and to explore the world again. It is a personal decision, and I can understand how people question and hesitate. On the other hand, I don't know about you but I long to be able explore.

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Your Mind and Body are One

We've been working on our sixth chakra this week, Ajna, the chakra energy point between your eyebrows, which is linked to your pituitary gland.

So, we've used lots of inversions, breathwork, eye and neck exercises to open up this part of our body. And a big part of a balanced yoga practice, and indeed a balanced life, is seeing your mind and body as one system.

You are not a body with some disembodied mind or spirit hovering around it – but one integrated, holistic organism. Your brain is influenced by your organs and tissues and your muscles and blood vessels are influenced by the chemicals from the brain.

Psychoneuroimmunologists have discovered and isolated the neuropeptide "molecule of emotion," as a biological carrier of emotionally charged memories and information embedded throughout the human body. We each possess within us, a vast fluid network of these dynamically encoded molecules that churn out non-stop images, feelings, warnings, attractions, beliefs, etc. at the speed of light from the internal library of our subconscious.

So, the mind as it turns out, is in the body. If we are holding pain, illness or stiffness in a specific area of our physical bodies, don't stop with the physical body. With our knowledge of neuropeptides, it makes sense to also address the emotional, mental and spiritual aspects of that physical area (i.e., the chakra specific to that area) in order to start the process of healing.

A good example is a heart transplant recipient who, months after her surgery, started experiencing the memories and food cravings of her deceased heart donor. My father-in-law received a sizable volume of blood through a blood transfusion and went from a Buddhist vegetarian of 20 odd years to enjoying an omnivore diet due to very real cravings for red meat; thus proving that even the blood carries our memories and emotions. There is no distinct mind-body split. If we have to cure the body then we have to address the mind as well as the body.

Health and illness don't happen in a vacuum. They happen in the context of your humanity. Physical ailments can often be a result of stored psychological pain. Physical ailments can be seen as primitive pantomimes of inner unconscious dramas, and more specifically as stored pain. At a primitive level we put, and even hide pain in the body, in order to protect ourselves from it. We'll fragment painful memories out of our conscious memories for survival's sake, which makes biological sense, but leads to problems later on.

This can often set the stage for sickness. So using yoga, if we can address the physical ailment through balancing and opening the chakra point, and identify any emotional or spiritual links to our ailment, we can then do something about it.

Margot Wagner
Yoga Under the Bodhi Tree

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CHERRY RIPE BITES

These little bites of heaven will make your family and friends very happy. You can pop one of these in with the school lunches or even as a treat in the tradie's esky and you can rest assured they will be well received.

The great news about this recipe is that is designed to be interactive with little people, it's a great way to teach them about mixing, rolling, and coating. This dish is super easy and requires no cooking so little people will love it!

Did you know? Cherry Ripe is Australia's oldest still manufactured chocolate bar. It was first manufactured by MacRobertson's in 1924 and coincidentally at the same time Arnott's brought out a new biscuit called Cherry Ripe too. No one knows if it was done on purpose though. The company was founded in 1880 by Sir Macpherson Robertson and takes its name from a combination of his first and last name. MacRobertson's was sold to Cadburys in 1967 who produce approximately 45 million Cherry Ripe bars annually.



The original wrapper depicted a man chasing a little boy and his dog out of a cherry orchard and some say it was because of Sir Macpherson's youngest boy Eric who was endlessly getting up to mischief.

As you dear readers already know, my mother and father were very capable cooks and my mother's mother was no exception. Sadly, she re-married a man after my grandfather, who had the tastebuds of a gourd. A man whose pallet had been ruined by his own mother's awful cooking. He would insist his veggies be so boiled that they were an unrecognisable mush on the plate. The cauliflower would need to boil until it turned a shade of pink before it could be considered cooked.

His other love was what I unaffectionately call yellow food.

Basically, if it could be deep fried and smothered either in batter or crumbs, he loved it. You can rest assured the rest of us were horrified. It got to the point where my poor grandmother would have to cook his tea separately as no one else could stomach it. This didn't faze him one bit. He also loved sweet treats and would get upset if he didn't have a fresh treat daily.

I remember being around four-years-old and helping my nan in the kitchen one evening. I know I'm small, as the countertop towers above my head. I see my nan dancing in a simple white dress covered with a light blue apron with a frilly white hem that swirls around every time she does a little pirouette in time to the music. She picks me up and plonks me on the counter where I can see her now creaming butter and

sugar with a set of hand powered beaters, still moving to the rhythm of the music; she cracks an egg in, one by one between beatings I desperately try to get a taste but my hand is smacked away; "not yet" she scolds with half a smile; she then folds in the prepared flour and cocoa as a curled lock of hair sways in her face; she flicks it away with a toss of her head, as if it's been done a thousand times.

She smiles, dips her little finger in and looks at me, and licks her finger - "mmmmm chocolate," she goads me with mischievous eyes; she then dips her finger back in and asks, "Want a taste?" As quick as a blue tongue lizard I lick all the velvety smooth batter off her finger. "More?" I ask. "You can have the bowl when I'm finished; now sit there and behave."

I watch her gracefully pour out the batter into a flour dusted tin and place it in the middle rack of the oven. "Now you can have the bowl and I can have the spoon," she says with a smile and then takes a great lick.



INGREDIENTS

- 200g glace cherries
- 360g (4 cups) desiccated coconut
- 395g sweetened condensed milk
- 2-3 drops red food colouring
- 250g dark chocolate
- 2tbs coconut oil.

METHOD

1. Finely chop the glace cherries into small chunks.
2. Place the chopped cherries into a large bowl.
3. Add the desiccated coconut and sweetened condensed milk and mix until well combined and sticky.
4. Add the red food colouring and mix until evenly distributed.
5. Roll mixture into heaped teaspoon-sized balls and place onto a baking tray.
6. Place the tray into the freezer for 30 minutes to firm up.
7. When it's time to coat, place chocolate melts and coconut oil into the microwave.
8. Cook on 50 per cent power in 30 second bursts until just melted (stirring each time with a dry metal spoon).
9. Using two forks, dip each of the coconut balls into the melted chocolate mixture, allowing any excess to drip off.
10. Place back onto the baking tray
11. Repeat with remaining balls.
12. Keep refrigerated in an airtight container for up to 5 days. if they last that long.

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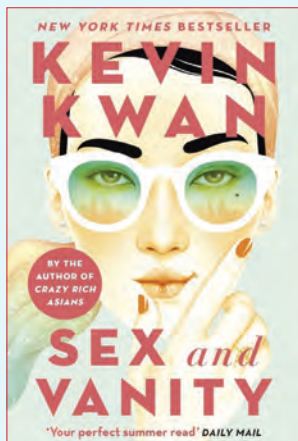
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Our Book Choice: *Sex and Vanity* by Kevin Kwan

The iconic author of the bestselling phenomenon *Crazy Rich Asians* returns with a glittering tale of love and longing as a young woman finds herself torn between two worlds—the WASP establishment of her father's family and George Zao, a man she is desperately trying to avoid falling in love with.



On her very first morning on the jewel-like island of Capri, Lucie Churchill sets eyes on George Zao and she instantly can't stand him. She can't stand it when he gallantly offers to trade hotel rooms with her so that she can have the view of the Tyrrhenian Sea, she can't stand that he knows more about Curzio Malaparte than she does, and she really can't stand it when he kisses her in the darkness of the ancient ruins of a Roman villa and they are caught by her snobbish, disapproving cousin, Charlotte. "Your mother is Chinese so it's no surprise you'd be attracted to someone like him," Charlotte teases.

Daughter of an American-born-Chinese mother and blue-blooded New York father, Lucie has always sublimated the Asian side of herself in favor of the white side, and she adamantly denies having feelings for George. But several years later, when George unexpectedly appears in East Hampton where Lucie is weekending with her new fiancé, Lucie finds herself drawn to George again. Soon, Lucy is spinning a web of deceit that involves her family, her fiancé, the co-op board of her Fifth Avenue apartment, and ultimately herself as she tries mightily to deny George entry into her world—and her heart.

Moving between summer playgrounds of privilege, peppered with decadent food and extravagant fashion, *Sex and Vanity* is a truly modern love story, a daring homage to *A Room with a View*, and a brilliantly funny comedy of manners set between two cultures.

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3. In spite of being called 'King of the Jungle', in which kind of terrain do lions generally live?
4. How many times better is a big cat's night vision compared to that of humans?
5. Which other names are often given to the puma?
6. Which big cat is the largest to be found in the Americas?
7. Which cat is native to the high mountainous regions of northern India, Nepal, Pakistan, Afghanistan and China?
8. Where in Europe were lions last seen in the wild in about 100AD?
9. Lions have been cross-bred with tigers. What are these offspring called?
10. Ranging over western Asia and parts of Africa, which cat is also known as an African or desert lynx?
11. The Maine Coon is among the largest breeds of domestic cat. What upper weight can it normally reach (over-feeding excepted)?

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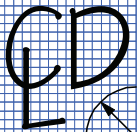
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| 2. The leopard | 7. The snow leopard |
| 3. The Siberian tiger, up to 350kg | 8. Greece |
| 4. Open savannah | 9. Ligers and tigons |
| 5. Six | 10. Caracal |
| 6. Cougar or mountain | 11. Twelve kilos |

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BOOK READERS GROUP meets once a month, new members welcome. Enquiries at TM library.

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.

TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY CARE

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 Bob Hepple on 0411 776 888 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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