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Christmas in July



in our region?

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BOOST TO ARTS AND CULTURE IN LATEST ROUND OF FUNDING

Scenic Rim Regional Council has approved funding for eight projects that will contribute to community arts and culture activities in the latest round of the Queensland Government's Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF).

The successful applicants will share \$40,020 from RADF's second round of funding for 2020-2021.

Chair of the Scenic Rim Arts Reference Group, Cr Michael Enright, said the program promoted the role and value of arts, culture and heritage as key drivers to support diversity and inclusivity.

Local artists and cultural workers are able to apply for RADF funding under the themes of 'Resilience and Recovery', 'Wellbeing', and 'First Nation People and people from culturally diverse backgrounds'.



Strong support for wellbeing has been acknowledged in the funding allocations. Among the successful projects is Tamborine Mountain College which has been allocated funding to run Youth in Arts workshops as part of Artsfest 2021.

Funding will also help support director Howard Edmunds and Opera Eagles Nest to produce a feel-good show filled with music made popular by Italian opera tenor and multi-instrumentalist Andrea Bocelli. The production *Broadway to Bocelli* will tour the Scenic Rim and other parts of Queensland later in the year.

Cultural diversity and First Nation people have been acknowledged with funding allocated to the Boonah District Kindergarten. The grant will be used towards the costs of a permanent indigenous mural and workshops for students teaching the significance of storytelling.

Queensland Minister for the Arts, Leanne Enoch, said that the long standing RADF program would help to boost Queensland's plan for economic recovery, supporting artists and arts workers with employment opportunities through \$4.2 million in funding for regional cultural projects.

"The Palaszczuk Government is investing \$2.08 million in RADF for 2020-21 and an

additional \$2.13 million will be contributed by 59 councils across Queensland," she said.

"Each year RADF showcases the extraordinary innovation of the arts and cultural sector in regional communities, delivers rich arts experiences and provides important professional opportunities for artists and arts workers."

RADF is a partnership between the Queensland Government and councils to support local arts and culture in regional Queensland.

To find out more about RADF, visit www.scenicrim.qld.gov.au/grants-funding-awards/regional-arts-development-fund/1

Above: Director Howard Edmunds and members of Opera Eagles Nest; Left: Tamborine Mountain College year 12 student Hannah Dalton, with her painting Behind the Mask, is preparing for Artsfest 2021.

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REVIEW WILL HELP TO REVISE FIRE ANT PLAN



A review of the National Red Imported Fire Ant Eradication Program is expected to help shape a revised response to the pest.

National Program Steering Committee Chair, Dr Wendy Craik, said that after three years of the current plan it had become clear the nationally-cost-shared budget and schedule needed to be revised if the program were to achieve its objective by the original 2027 deadline.

“We are the first country in the world to attempt eradication on this scale and without the program it’s estimated fire ants would have now spread north to Bowen, west to Longreach and south to Canberra, increasing the cost to industries and communities.

“We have made significant progress with about 30 per cent of the total infested area in South-East Queensland treated and now undergoing clearance surveillance. However, we knew from the outset that adjustments would be needed along the way as we learn and adapt.”

Dr Craik said all members of the national steering committee, which included representatives from most states, territories and the federal government, agreed it was in the national interest to continue the fight against fire ants.

“An uncontrolled fire ant infestation in Australia would cost many billions of dollars each year,” she said.

“An independent expert panel will help us revise the program based on our learnings.”

The National Biosecurity Committee has agreed that the current eradication effort be maintained while a review is conducted, ahead of any decision to revise the program.

The program continues its critical work in South-East Queensland, adding to the 1,238,158 ha of land treated with fire ant bait since 2017.

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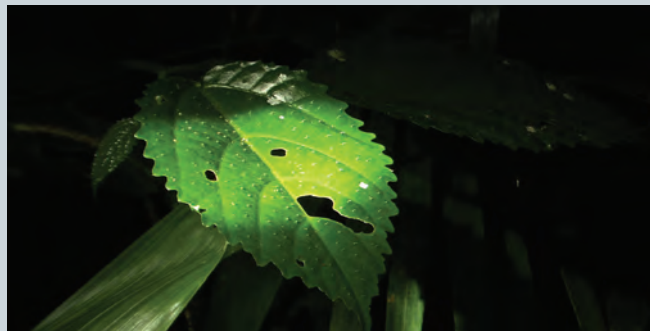
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Shiny-leaved Stinging Tree

Shiny-leaved Stinging Tree – *Dendrocnide photinophylla*,
MacDonald National Park.



This is one of three stinging tree species found on the Mountain, although the historical record for the gympie gympie, which is one of the world's most venomous plants, may not be reliable. The spotlight is highlighting the stinging hairs which cover the leaf. The sting is not as severe as that of the giant stinging tree, which is common on the Mountain, but contact is best avoided. The shiny-leaved stinging tree can grow to a height of 20 metres. This sapling was on one edge of the path, with giant stinging tree saplings on the opposite edge.

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Peter Kuttner

GARDEN CLUB FESTIVAL

Respected local gardeners Roy and Lorraine Bilbie are among those preparing their garden for Tamborine Mountain Garden Club's inaugural Camellia and Magnolia Festival of Open Gardens on Friday 30 and Saturday 31 July.

Two favourite blooms they hope to display are the pink *Camellia reticulata* *Ourgrandaughters*, and the unusual yellow *Camellia species nitidissima*.

After opening the garden three times during the last 12 years for the *Springtime on the Mountain* Festivals, as well as hosting visits from a number of South-East Queensland garden clubs, Roy has been a keen proponent of the new winter festival to celebrate these plants.

Tickets are available ONLINE ONLY at www.tamborinemountaingardenclub.org.au (Note: this is a correction from the website incorrectly supplied in the last edition).





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Relationships

Sisu - a Finnish mindset

This week I watched the SBS Dateline program about Finland. The country has been identified as the happiest country in the world by the UN for the fourth consecutive year. While many factors are at play in what determines happiness, the Finnish concept of *Sisu* was a recurring theme among interviewees.

Translated, *Sisu* means determination and courage in the face of adversity; tenacity of purpose; grit and resilience. Finns use this word to express their national character.

Sisu as a mindset equips the individual to choose to take on challenges beyond their usual capacity. It provides the final empowering push when we would otherwise hesitate to act. National surveys in Finland found that *Sisu* is very deeply valued, and the majority of Finns are interested in developing this trait.

When Finnish researcher Emilia Lahti, asked Finns what Finland would look like if people had more *Sisu*, the picture that emerged was of a society with more trust, honour and openness. Lahti's participants considered *Sisu* an invitation for self-reflection - a call for personal responsibility to use our powers for a greater good. Lahti says, "We do really well when we are exploring our strengths and exceeding ourselves, when we are transforming barriers into frontiers. We witness how we can change our world with our actions. It gives us a sense of meaning and autonomy; a sense of accomplishment and purpose."

Lahti believes that *Sisu* allows people to transcend their boundaries, pain, uncertainty and fear. She herself has

experience of this. In 2018 she ran 2500km across New Zealand to raise awareness of her non-profit organisation 'Sisu Not Silence' which promotes non-violence and peace.

How is *Sisu* related to a population's happiness? According to Finnish philosopher Frank Martela, Finns have a more accepting approach towards setbacks which increases their satisfaction with life. "A significant part of our happiness is determined by how we face adversaries," explains Martela. "*Sisu*, as an attitude of commitment and refusal to give in, can help us in these situations. Instead of taking the challenges as failures or as evidence that one is not happy, one almost welcomes them as a chance to show what one is made of. The better a person is in facing adversities with an accepting and courageous attitude, the easier it is to experience well-being and happiness, even when life is difficult."

Perhaps a lesson we can learn from Finland is that life, with all its challenges, is to be embraced. Happiness that relies on favourable circumstances is a happiness that is out of our control. Instead of chasing happiness, *Sisu* tells us that inner joy can be found in braving inevitable adversity.

A *Sisu* attitude can help us tap into a reserve of resilience that we didn't know we had and inspire us to persevere through whatever life throws at us. In what seems like an epidemic of depression and helplessness in our world today, *Sisu* might just offer a much-needed remedy.

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THE G IS A RARE MACHINE

The Allis-Chalmers Model G tractor is a rare machine on Tamborine Mountain. In fact, there is only one and it was owned by avocado farmers/processors John and Lindy Williams who have had their model G for more than 30 years.

Let's face it, this tractor would not win any prizes for good looks. While appearing a bit ungainly, it fitted the Williams' needs perfectly. With a rear mounted engine, it could be controlled mid ship.

The G has a large range of implements all mid-mounted, leaving the rear drawbar free for towing. The downside, unless the wind was at the operator's back, was that he was subjected to a choking cloud of dust and debris from the implements.

As time went by the Model G was used by the Williams less and less until it was eventually taken out of service. Finally, it was decided to donate the G to the Tamborine Mountain Historical Society. As luck would have it "fixit men" Allan Houselander and Mike Iverson and their team of helpers were available to renovate it.

A fresh coat of paint now has it looking as good as new. Sadly, Allan passed away recently, but he lived long enough



The late Allan Houselander checking out the freshly painted G.

to see the Model G ready for display.

You can see the G at the Heritage Centre at Wongawallan Road; it's wheelchair friendly and open every

Sunday from 10am to 3pm. It's an interesting day out for the whole family and the kids will love it.

Tony Smallwood



Councillor's Comment

VIRGINIA WEST
DIVISION 3

BUDGET DISCUSSIONS

At the time of submitting this column the 2021/22 budget discussions were almost complete and by the time you read this newspaper the deliberations will have been released to the community, so more in the next column.

Budget time is always very challenging as Council juggles the legislative responsibilities of maintaining and replacing aged infrastructure and the expectations of a rapidly growing community. Revenue sources are limited and with a very modest Financial Assistance Grant from the Federal Government, available grant funding from various sources and, of course, rates.

MEN'S SHED IN CANUNGRA

It was a pleasure to attend the inaugural Canungra Men's Shed barbecue recently to celebrate and congratulate the hard working and committed local men who have got this organisation up and running in such a short time. Col Ford is to be especially congratulated for hosting the initial meeting and getting a very committed and productive team alongside him. New members are very welcome; the contact phone number is 0428 820 349.

COMMUNITY DISASTER VOLUNTEER TRAINING

It has been wonderful to have such a positive response to this offer of training for community members to become Community Disaster Volunteers within their community. The training project is being conducted by Michelle who has been appointed as Resilience Project Officer for the Scenic Rim and funded under Queensland Reconstruction Authority grant funding in conjunction with Australian Red Cross. Canungra and Beechmont had a great response as have most other communities and I thank those residents who are giving up their evenings to attend the training.

AGRICULTURAL SKILLS PROGRAM

Council has received some Drought Recovery funding to assist and support farmers who may have particular skills but no formal qualification to operate off farm or may require a ticket to drive a heavy vehicle, bobcat or forklift or other such machinery. This program is designed to support and add extra benefits to farmers and producers who may need to seek off farm employment at times and not have to put their farm in jeopardy. The service provider is DGT Employment and Training and can be contacted on email amanda.anderson@dgt.org.au

BEECHMONT FOOTPATH PROJECT

Thank you to the residents who spoke recently to the Works Team regarding this long-awaited footpath which is being funded through grant funding and has now been re-sited to a safer route off busy Beechmont Road through the estate and to access at the back of Graceleigh Park alongside Beechmont State School.

REGENERATION PROJECTS AT BEECHMONT

As part of the regeneration recovery journey at Beechmont, a number of spectacular murals are appearing, the latest two at Rosins Lookout on the public toilet block exterior wall and the Beechmont Landcare Shed, both on Beechmont Road. They are certainly worth a look and what talent is evident in this community!

CONTACT ME

I will be at the Canungra Library on Saturday, July 10 from 9am till 11am - yes, its Canungra Rodeo Day.



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JON KRAUSE MP

State Member for Scenic Rim

WHERE IS THE MONEY?

Last week in Parliament, the Queensland Labor Government delivered its 2021-2022 State Budget and there is one very important question that Labor can't answer: **Where is the money?** The Treasurer made nearly **\$6 billion in announcements last week that can't be delivered in this term of Parliament or just don't have any funds allocated to them.**

LABOR'S FUNDS WITHOUT FUNDING

Hospitals Building Fund, Housing Investment Fund, Path to Treaty Fund, and the Carbon Reduction Investment Fund. A very big item missing is payments to councils to offset the costs of Labor's waste tax beyond June 2022 – which, if not funded, will add about \$80 a year to people's wheelie bin charges (Premier Palaszczuk's wheelie bin tax?). If it's not in the Budget, it doesn't exist.

The big issue that we need funding for in Scenic Rim is roads and the delays to works all over the electorate are a result of Labor's \$5.85 billion road backlog. It's disappointing that there's not more in the Budget for roads in our electorate that we rely on each and every day. In fact, there is a \$1 billion a year cut to infrastructure spending, \$4 billion across the Budget period.

There is some additional funding to undertake safety work on Tamborine Mountain roads, but a fair portion is programmed from next July – a year away – and later, which hardly assists with the shocking state of roads right now. A step in the right direction is minor funding for the Beaudesert Hospital, but more still needs to be done to improve services there so that patients don't have to be sent to surrounding hospitals and add to another Labor problem: ambulance ramping.

The cuts to infrastructure funding, stagnant health funding (absent increased federal funding) and collection of tricky accounting measures from the Government underlines the pressure our State's finances are under as the Government desperately tries to avoid another credit rating downgrade. In all of this, I will keep doing my job, fighting for our fair share, getting in the Government's ear, to fund improvements for the infrastructure and services that our community need.

KEEP SUPPORTING LOCALS

There is still a lot of uncertainty, cancelled bookings and orders, and last-minute changes to plans – all things that have had an impact in one way or another on business confidence across our region and the nation recently. Knowing who you are dealing with in these times can be very reassuring, and so what a time to give the locals in business a go. Government at all levels need to make it easier for these businesses to grow. State planning laws and council planning schemes can be too hard for small businesses – especially those just starting out – to get their head around (let alone the costs). There is a huge untapped opportunity to create jobs that is being stifled. Let's unleash the potential.

MY OFFICE

In addition to helping with Queensland Government matters, my office can provide assistance in procuring Queensland flags and letters of congratulations for significant birthdays and anniversaries. We can also 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

This fortnight, I am back in Canberra working for Wright. Here's my top five from major issues last week, that are important to our local community, region and Australia:

Australia's AAA Credit Rating Affirmed: In an expression of confidence in the Australian economy and recent Budget, ratings agency S&P have affirmed Australia's AAA credit rating and revised up its credit outlook. The agency praised the "government's swift and decisive fiscal and health response" and "strong economic recovery".

Australia remains one of just nine countries to hold a AAA credit rating from the three major rating agencies. In its report, S&P said the Government's policy response and strong economic rebound have reduced downside risks to our economic and fiscal outlook for Australia. Last week's National Accounts saw the economy increase 1.8 per cent in the March quarter with output now 0.8 per cent above its pre-pandemic level.

National Strategy to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse:

The Morrison Government announced a new strategy to combat child sexual abuse which includes new resources and \$146 million in funding to help our agencies fight child sexual abuse. The Government's number one focus is on keeping Australians safe and the AFP is at the frontline of those efforts.

As part of a national strategy, we are boosting AFP efforts with a further \$59.9 million worth of initiatives, enhancing the ability to fight child sexual abuse, particularly online. This new strategy also goes beyond law enforcement, including to prevent abuse before it occurs, to better support victims and survivors, and to reduce stigma.

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GP Bulk Billing Services at Record Highs:

More Australians than ever are getting the medical care they need at no cost to themselves, with almost nine out of 10 visits to the GP in the nine months to March 2021 provided with no out-of-pocket cost to the patient. GP bulk billing rates reached an all-time high of 88.7 per cent for the period from July 2020 to March 2021. This is three percentage points higher than the same period last year. The Morrison Government's rapid and effective response to the COVID-19 pandemic is reflected in these record-breaking figures.

Dedicated National Helpline for Australians with Autism:

The Government is investing \$8.4 million to expand Autism Connect into a national support service. The first national helpline for Australians with autism will provide online, digital and phone-based support services to improve the lives of people on the autism spectrum. From diagnosis through to adulthood, we want to ensure the more than 200,000 Australian people with autism have the right support to meet their needs and participate fully in the community.



Letters to the Editor

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

TO STAY OR TO GO A MATTER OF DEBATE NOW FOR SOME TIME

In reply to Ian Langdon (Scenic News 17 June) I have only a couple of things to say. Firstly, it is so easy for a critic to sit back and disparage a councillor who is trying to better his community, whilst that critic is doing nothing for that community himself.

Ian, you accuse Cr Swanborough of trying to destroy from within. Whether you mean the shire council, or the mountain community is not clear, but in either case you could not be more wrong. Our councillor is trying in the first place to persuade the council to be a more responsible, more ethical, and more open organisation. In the second place he is trying to better the lives of those living on our mountain and trying to save its uniqueness from destruction by a "one size fits all" mayoral-inspired council philosophy.

You purport to understand the *Queensland Local Government Act*, but obviously you choose to ignore the intent of the Act which is to help Queenslanders live organised, fruitful, and fulfilled lives. Cr Swanborough is trying to improve his constituents' enjoyment of life with his plebiscite, the considerable cost of which is coming out of his own pocket, and to not take part in the ballot is a cop-out.

To stay or go has been a contentious subject of debate for some time and Cr Swanborough, along with a good many people from both sides, would like to see it resolved. He is prepared and willing to accept the majority decision and will continue to work for his constituents whatever the outcome.

Roland Lindenmayer

WHICH ONE IS THE MOST ACCURATE POSSIBILITY?

I seem to remember this is the second time Cr Swanborough has been elected to Scenic Rim Council (SRC). During his first appointment he suggested Council was not following proper procedural processes which resulted in escalating conflict with the SRRC.

Now this is a completely different council and a period of several years

has passed in between his two appointments. However, again he is making allegations along similar lines about improper processes and lack of transparency.

Simply google "Derek Swanborough Scenic Rim Council" and you will find entries dating back to from 2011-2015 that appear similar to 2021.

It would seem there are two possibilities. Firstly, Cr Swanborough is a stickler for due process who has found himself a member of two separate local governments which are less than transparent. Secondly, both councils are acting appropriately, and this is simply Cr Swanborough's political playbook honed through previous practice. Of course, there are a myriad of possible combinations between these two extremes.

I'd love to know which is the most accurate.

Doug Shelton

SWANBOROUGH MUCH MORE THAN A SINGLE AGENDA CRUSADER

I would like it known that Derek Swanborough does not only represent one agenda, as claimed by some. He has fought hard for Tamborine Mountain and the other rural regions, being ready to stand up for the oppressed country people and represent those community members who have become disillusioned with their own council.

If you have attended or listened to an SRRC meeting you will hear the way that Derek is bullied and interrupted constantly by the Mayor.

It is to his credit that he maintains his dignity and persists with a strong determination and belief in his right to represent his division, regardless of the hurdles placed before him.

This is in stark contrast to others in Council, including Cr McConnell, who toe the line and allow this bullying behaviour to continue unchallenged.

It would be of more benefit to offer him our support, to help him stand strong against the Mayor who does not truly represent the interests of our community.

Having been involved, in some small way, with the rural community of the

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outer regions and supporting them with their local petitions, I have been aware of the high regard in which Derek is held.

If Derek Swanborough stood for Mayor next election, he would have strong support across the region. In the present climate, he would probably be the only one in the current council to get re-elected.

The only attention we draw from the Mayor is his determination to infiltrate our community and weaken our appeal as a tourist destination while implanting a Scenic Rim label wherever he can find a weak link.

Julie Wilkinson

THANK YOU FROM THE KIDS' CANCER PROJECT

While The Kids' Cancer Project funds research into a wide variety of children's cancers and late effects, brain cancer is top of our agenda because the statistics are just so devastating.

The facts:

1. Approximately 120 kids' brain cancer cases are diagnosed each year in Australia
2. Survival rate in children aged five and under is just 55 per cent
3. Some types of childhood brain

cancer have no treatment options

4. Tumours of the central nervous system (mainly brain tumours) account for the largest number of cancer deaths for children in Australia.

Throughout Brain Cancer Awareness Month in May we pulled out all the stops to make this disease a national priority. With more than 70 per cent of Australians unaware of the facts, advocacy is all important.

We did radio and press interviews, activated Pirate Day fundraisers around the country and we collaborated with likeminded charities and research institutes to host a Childhood Brain Cancer Symposium.

But the most exciting news that kicked off all this activity was from Associate Professor David Ziegler, Group Leader of the Brain Tumours Group at Children's Cancer Institute. Recent findings in the lab show how a newly discovered drug can switch off the growth of DIPG tumour cells.

Nothing makes me happier than knowing we're getting closer to finding kinder, more effective treatments as we strive for 100 per cent survival.

Until next time, thank you for your continued support of all the work we do at The Kids' Cancer Project.

**Col Reynolds OAM
Founder and Director
The Kids' Cancer Project**

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IT'S WORTH IT FOR THE FRUIT

It is that time of the year again on the farm, well a little over that time of year, when the Avocado trees need a bit more TLC than usual.

Phytophthora root rot is a nasty fungal condition in Avocado trees, which is produced by the pathogen *Phytophthora cinnamomi*. If you do not treat it, the result is devastating. From the first turning of the leaves, to the slow burning of the fruit, to the total destruction of the tree from the inside out.

As we were applying the treatment to some of our trees recently, I was trying to calculate how many injections of phosphonic acid we were going to have to muster up for this year's run. Three in each tree, 200 trees ... that's 600 injections. A lot of physical labour. Of course, if we need to do this each year ... that could cumulate to thousands and thousands of injections until we are too old to do this. But, as I looked up into the trees and saw their healthy green leaves glow in the sunshine and the beautiful fruit swinging in the breeze, I thought of how much it really is worth it. This fruit really is the gift of our labour each year. Not just for a few bucks, that helps pay the mortgage, but for being able to put something else back into nature, rather than taking from it constantly.

It got me thinking of the fruit in our lives and how sometimes we wish, and expect, to do things once and get a great result. I really do wish I could wash

clothes once and they stayed clean forever, or vacuum the floor without the chronic tumbleweeds of dog hair reappearing. Or perhaps tell my children to pick up after themselves once and for them to magically obey for all time. BUT... we all know that this is just a fairy-tale. However, it really is worth it to put in the effort. To have a (semi) clean house, something clean to wear to work or school each day and to have a good relationship with your kids. The time invested now, gives back time and time again.

Our health is just the same. I am very guilty of wishing that one run would give me my 20-year-old thighs back again, or control the winter waistline. But we really do reap what we sow. A little at a time, putting into your health, will give back for years to come. Whether it is changing your diet, changing your habits, getting your strength back or increasing your fitness. A little at a time goes a long way and helps us to avoid the "Boom and Bust" habit. Going hard – injuring ourselves, or being unable to live without ANY sugar ever again – to finding ourselves once again sitting on the couch with the tub of ice cream.

Physique isn't just about helping people with their various ailments. If you are unsure where to start your fitness or strength journey or have ended up back on the couch, we would love to help you to find your way to your "fruit".



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ONE OF OUR GREATEST LIVING ARTISTS



The second major exhibition since Gold Coast HOTA Gallery's official opening on May 8 will celebrate one of Australia's greatest landscape painters and living artists, William Robinson.

Coinciding with the artist's 85th year, HOTA will present *Lyrical Landscapes: The Art of William Robinson* from 31 July to 3 October 2021.

Lyrical Landscapes presents a selection of Robinson's art, including monumental multi-panelled paintings from his *Creation* series, alongside intimate studies and prints.

For the first time, Robinson's entire *Creation* series, produced over 16 years, will be presented together as the centrepiece of the exhibition. The *Creation* series, widely considered his master work, highlights the artist's spiritual connection to the natural world.

Curated by former Governor-General and close friend, Dame Quentin Bryce, *Lyrical Landscapes* will feature monumental multi-panelled landscapes, including HOTA's own *The Rainforest*.

Brisbane born and raised, Robinson has been awarded both the Archibald and Wynne Prizes and is celebrated for his monumental multi-perspectival canvases that transformed the way we view Australian landscape painting.

In 1984 he took up residence on a 208-acre farm on the western slopes of Beechmont in the Gold Coast Hinterland. There, he would walk around and observe the surrounding sub-tropical rainforest, creating a time of reflection that revealed both the subtle pleasures and grand beauty of the natural world around him.

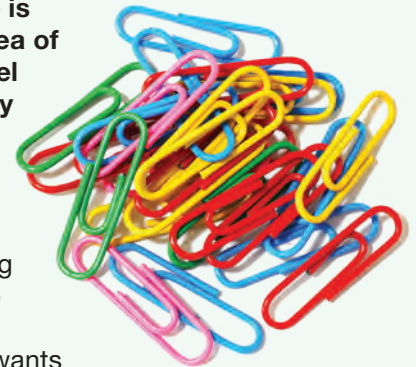
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The first patent for a bent wire paper clip was awarded in the Samuel B. Fay in 1867 in the United States. Originally, the paper clip was designed for attaching tickets to fabric, although the patent recognized that it could be used to attach papers together. However, that model of a paper clip did not resemble the one we know today all that much. The paper clip as we know it was most likely designed by Norwegian inventor Johan Vaaler. Years later, during World War II, the paper clip was used as a symbol of the Norwegian resistance to Nazi German occupation. Meant to show solidarity with other Norwegians during those difficult times, paper clips were worn in coat lapels by many. The Nazis saw this show of solidarity as a threat, and they

The stolen paper clip

You work in an office of 100 people. One day your favourite paper clip is stolen. You have a pretty good idea of who did it. Your colleague Annabel tells you that she also has a pretty good idea.

You want to check with Annabel that you both suspect the same person, but neither of you are willing to identify your suspect just in case you are thinking of different people. (Because of office politics, no one wants to point fingers.)



Think of a method that allows you and Annabel to check whether your suspect and her suspect are the same person, without either of you revealing any information about your suspects.

Answer on Friday at scenicnews.com.au
Puzzle © Alex Bellos / Guardian

soon prohibited paper clips altogether, threatening people who dared wear them with severe punishment. In fact, an enormous paper clip over a meter wide and five meters tall was erected in Sandvika, Norway, to remind people about the role this tiny object played in the nation's history.

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SHARP COMMENT

TOM SHARP

Divisive or Democratic?

I am not in favour of the proposed Tamborine Mountain move to the Gold Coast via the Plebiscite and made my reasonings quite clear on the matter.

However, it was quite refreshing to witness community debate and engagement regardless of the position for or against. People were prepared to put forward their views and supporting arguments.

What I found extremely disappointing was the total lack of engagement from the Scenic Rim Regional Council and elected representatives.

Elected representatives, along with council executive, had every opportunity to engage with the people during this process and actually listen to their concerns and issues, well ahead of the Plebiscite taking place.

What was worse, a number of those elected representatives could not even build a credible argument for which to put a negative case and simply chose to deride the proposition as a "political stunt" that can only "divide" a community.

Let me ask you, is it a political stunt to allow you to have a say on how you are governed and being able to take the results of such to a higher authority? Or is it your democratic right to be heard?

People, groups, communities, states, countries etc, there is always a differing

view and with great fortune we balance that divide as best as possible via our democratic process.

Yet, trust of the democratic process worldwide is at rock bottom and democracy is being eroded by various forms of corruption and manipulation of the process removing control from our elected representatives and removing all transparency from the decision making in how our money is spent and decisions made.

Additionally, the powers that be no longer wish to have free and open debate yet wish to shut our voices down with "process". Who runs the process? The same ones shutting us down.

Let me ask you: What is truly "divisive"?

Is it divisive when a local authority singles out a particular industry for higher rates because of prejudice against that industry versus using the ethical route of enforcing that industry to comply with the conditions under which it operates? Does this divide pit neighbour against neighbour?

Is it divisive when a local authority approves a development application that does not in the slightest way comply with the planning scheme? Does this divide pit neighbour against neighbour?

Is it divisive when a local authority does not enforce compliance

conditions on developments that directly impact on neighbours and communities? Does this divide pit neighbour against neighbour?

Is it divisive when a local authority selectively supports multi-million-dollar State Government grants of "free money" for private enterprise within in its region? (Note: the grant writing comes at the expense of thousands of dollars of ratepayers' money). Does this divide pit neighbour against neighbour/business against business?

Is it divisive when a local authority takes "bushfire recovery money" for a celebratory dinner at no expense spared with plenty of "free tickets" for who knows how many councillors, "influencers", partners and general "hangers on"? While just down the road people are left stranded with an un-trafficable council road as access to their properties and that the said road was further damaged during the fires due to high traffic to help save others in the region. Does this create divide?

And on it goes...

The SRRC Budget will be released the same day as this edition. It will be interesting to see if there will be a divide – will the bureaucrats continue to fill their boots or will there be something in it for you? Which side of the divide do you think you will wind up on?



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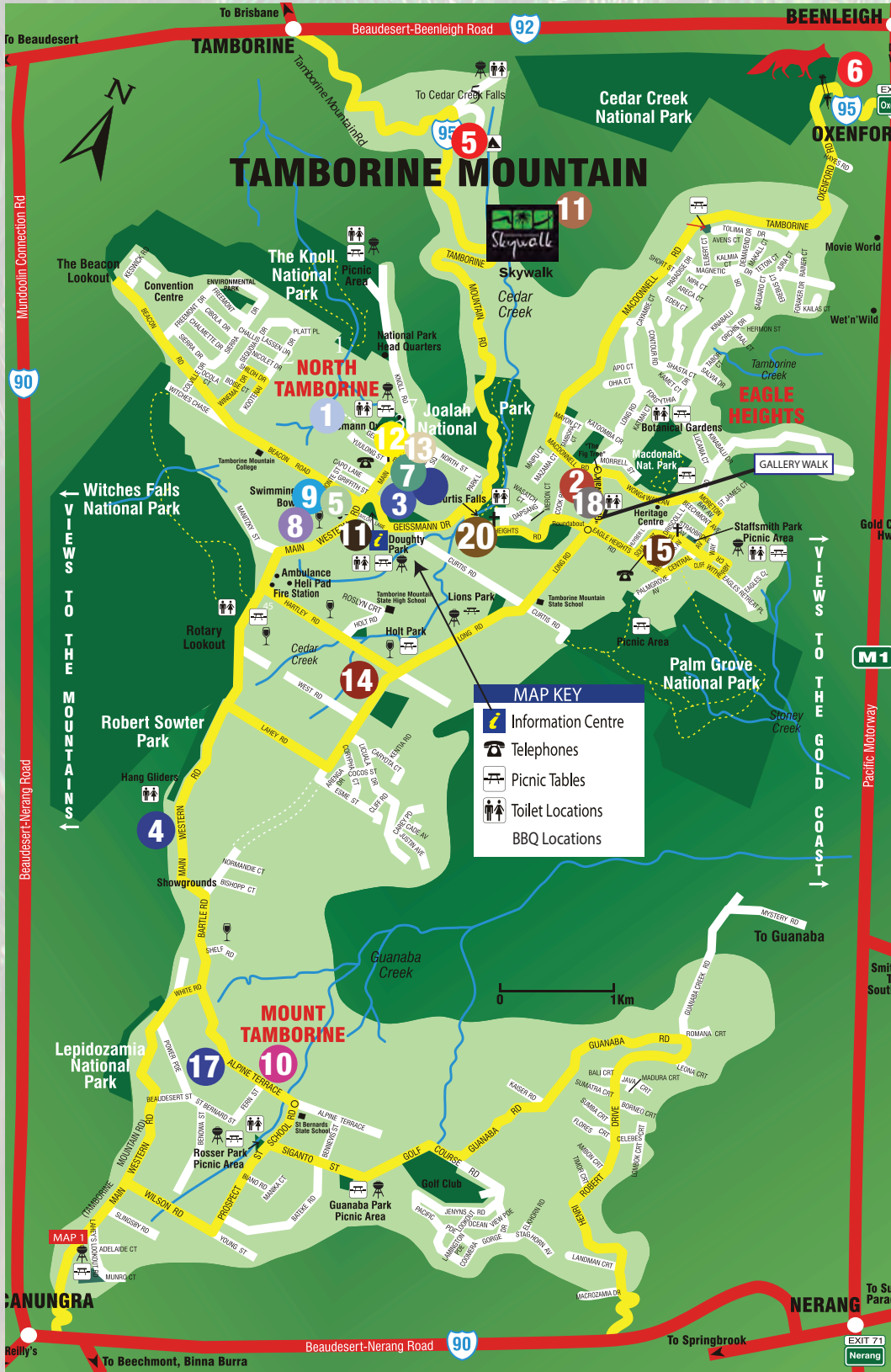
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Winter solstice facts

The solstice is actually a time

Contrary to popular belief, the winter solstice isn't a day. It's the specific moment in time when the sun is above the Tropic of Cancer, a circle of latitude above the equator. This is the northern-most point the sun ever reaches from our perspective on Earth. For 2021, the winter solstice happened on Monday, June 21 at 1.32pm.

The darkest day of the year has nothing to do with Earth's distance from the sun

During the winter months, Earth is actually surprisingly close to the sun. It reaches its perihelion (the point when the planet is closest to the sun) just a few weeks after the winter solstice. The reason we have cold weather and extended hours of darkness, especially on the solstice, is because of Earth tilting away from the sun.

Its name is Latin

The word "solstice" is derived from two Latin words: "sol," which means "sun," and "sistere," which means "to stand still." On the winter solstice, the sun reaches its northern-most position (directly above the Tropic of Cancer) and appears to stand still. Fitting, right?

But it also has other names

Yule. Midwinter. The Longest Night. Solstice Night. The winter solstice has a variety of different titles, depending on the religion and heritage of the person you ask.

It's rarely the coldest day of the year

Just because (on the Mountain) there are only ten hours and 24 minutes (give or take) of sunlight on the winter solstice this year, that doesn't mean the temperatures will plummet. The majority of Australia experiences its coldest days of the year in July – something to look forward to in the coming weeks!

Each planet in Earth's solar system has a winter solstice

The planets in Earth's solar system have solstices, equinoxes, and seasons, too. Each planet rotates on a tilted axis and is the reason why the weather changes. But the bigger the tilt, the bigger the difference in weather during the seasons. Uranus, for example, is tilted by 82 degrees. So the planet deals with 20-year-long seasons and odd weather, according to NASA.

Pet of the Week



Ted is a Cavoodle. This breed is a hybrid cross of a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel and a Poodle, and a popular breed that is small, energetic and friendly. Perfectly suited for indoor living, and great with families with children and retirees.

He originally came from a farm in Tamworth, NSW, and was rehomed when he was 12 months old. He was living with Sandra Hardie's daughter's best friend; they owned seven dogs in total, all of which were rescue dogs. One day all the dogs were each given a bone and Ted took off with his. Sadly, he was attacked and due to the injuries that he received almost died. Ted recovered after surgery and much care by the local vet. He was collected by Sandra, travelled seven hours back to Tamborine Mountain and has been her 'bestie' ever since.

Ted loves people and other animals alike. He has a friend Enzo (a Lagotto Romagnolo, an Italian breed of dog that originated in the marshlands of the Delta del Po, the eastern part of the Romagna sub-region of Italy and is renowned for its truffle sniffing abilities). They both enjoy the off-the-lead walk trail at Tamborine Mountain Sports Grounds. Ted's other best friend is Tigger the cat.

Ted is incredibly friendly and is referred to as the 'Love Meister' at home. He shares love with everyone he meets. Sandra fondly shares that "Ted welcomes family, friends and clients all with the same loving enthusiasm, every time someone enters our home".

His diet consists of roast chicken from Michael and Brenda's FoodWorks store, Eagle Heights, and dried biscuits from Robyn at The Pet Food Dude, North Tamborine.

He is a sniffer due to his breeding. Sandra says he picks up on trails anywhere and becomes oblivious to his surrounds, so for safety reasons Ted can't be left off the lead. You will see him daily at the off-lead area at Staffs Smith Park, Old Eagle Heights.

Ted's human is Sandra Hardie, of Sacred Blends Australia.

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On our return we stopped at Hamilton Island in the Whitsundays for lunch on nearby Dent Island. Everyone really enjoyed the trip and we will run this again in 2022 – so if you missed out, please contact Travelling Places for next year's details. Also, next year we plan to take another exclusive small trip into rural Australia. I will let you know the details when they are finalised.

Apart from trips exclusive to Travelling Places we also partner with A&K on a range of adventures throughout Australia and New Zealand. There are several small group journeys as well as independent adventures. Explore the best of Tasmania on an 11-day immersive escape experiencing culture, history and wilderness. Be dazzled by all that the Northern Territory has to offer on an inspiring adventure from the Red Centre to remote Arnhem Land. Don't miss out exploring the remote Kimberley coastline and combine this with the Bungle Bungles. Join a private plane journey in SA exploring the Flinders Ranges and Wilpena Sound, sleep underground in Coober Pedy and enjoy freshly shucked oysters at Coffin Bay. Delve into a cornucopia of epicurean delights, rare wildlife, sophisticated artworks, and great coastlines on a private air safari along the Southern Ocean.

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The lockdown of international borders has given us the opportunity to explore close to home. Take time to immerse yourselves in regions you haven't previously visited, return to areas you haven't seen for years. There is so much on our doorstep. Australians and Kiwis are out there discovering what international visitors have been coming here for years to find. Book early because many of the wonderful experiences are booked out months in advance.

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Do you remember the first time you tried an oyster? Or maybe you never have? Like many, I had always been dubious about these slippery, salty, alien-like creatures.

A few years pre-Covid I found myself backpacking around Europe in the company of a good friend and seafood addict. In a swish seaside restaurant in Lisbon, she confidently ordered a dozen natural Atlantic oysters for us to share, along with two glasses of crisp Champagne. Despite my initial hesitation, I was converted. Maybe it was something to do with the sea breeze or romance of discovering a new city, but every mouthful was bliss.



The sparkling wine added freshness, depth, and a touch of decadence, while the oysters – simultaneously salty, meaty, creamy, and sweet – were unlike anything I'd ever tried before. Minutes later the oysters were gone and our glasses empty. I finally understood the hype.

Loving wine often goes hand-in-hand with loving food. Although many enjoy wine for wine's sake, my own love affair began after I started pairing it with my favourite dishes. This not only lifts the tone of a dining experience, but also lets one appreciate how components of wine can enhance, alter, and collaborate with those in food to create a truly magnificent flavour explosion.

It is with this in mind that the crew here at Witches Falls are busy preparing for Salty Sunday – a pop-up event taking place on 27 June, from 12 noon. In collaboration with Burleigh-based Al Natural Oysters, we'll be serving live, freshly shucked Pacific and rock oysters from some of the highest quality estuaries on the east coast. Available by the dozen, these tasty treats can be enjoyed au naturel (simply accompanied with a fresh slice of lemon) or with seasonal dressings. A tailored list of suggested local wine and cider pairings will be on hand for every guest. To top it all off, we will be welcoming back a very talented musician, James D'Khan, for a live set from 2 to 4pm. Bookings are essential and can be made online or over the phone.

If you're unable to join us this weekend, or you're simply an oyster enthusiast like me, read on for three different wines you must try with oysters when you get a chance.

The crisp refreshing nature, and naturally high acidity of Champagne and other sparkling whites perfectly complements the brisk saltiness of oysters, while the bubbles provide a textural contrast to the silkiness of oyster meat. If you've ordered Pacific oysters, which tend to be larger and creamier, I'd suggest oaky whites such as Chardonnay or Marsanne, which tend to have a round, buttery finish.

Last but not least, a dry Rosé will balance the briny, salty nature of an oyster while enhancing its meaty sweetness. As always, these are guidelines, not rules. Discovery and experimentation are half the fun when it comes to food pairing.

**Cheers,
Alexandra Douglas and the Witches Falls Team**



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

with Chef Dylan Gittoes

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IRISH BEEF STEW

This is one of those recipes that does take a bit of time to make, but believe me, if you persevere and make the beef stock and then attack this bad boy you will have people talking about your famous Irish stew for eons to come.

I've added a twist by using my Gaucho seasoning, as it gives wonderful depth of flavour; and a dash of my Captain Kidd BBQ sauce brings all the flavours together perfectly.

Now I must confess this is more of a hybrid between a soup and a stew, which creates an excellent mouthfeel and at the same time is hearty and delicious. Don't die wondering what this epic recipe tastes like. Roll up the sleeves and get involved, but if you really can't find the time to make your own stock be sure to use one from your local butcher.

This recipe will keep for a week in the fridge and freezes excellently for up to six months. Have a couple of containers of this in the freezer and then all you have to do is defrost then heat, and dinner is served in 10 minutes.

I have to say how important it is to use well-marbled chuck steak in this recipe because if it is too lean the meat will be dry and not pleasant at all.

Did you know that traditionally Irish Stew was made with mutton? Though now considered a comfort food, stews were once a meal of necessity, whose popularity grew out of social conditions that were anything but comfortable. Having made the trip from South America to Europe as a staple food on sailors' expeditions, the potato was first brought to western Ireland in the 16th century, where it thrived and went on to become a major part of the diet of the country's poor.

Recipes based on the stewing method of cooking have been traced back as far as the days of the Roman Empire and Apicius de re Coquinaria, thought to be the oldest known cookbook in existence. Though the Romans had long outgrown it by then, stewing came to prominence in Ireland during the early 19th century, during a period of economic turmoil that led to mass poverty.

With only a hanging pot, an open fire and a few fairly easily attainable ingredients, even poor families were able to survive on Irish stew. Mutton was so



commonly used for stew because sheep were kept into old age for their wool and milk at the time, meaning the meat was so tough that subjecting it to slow, extended periods of stewing was one of the only ways to make it edible.

Luckily, we get to chef up the recipe and totally transform the humble beginnings of the Irish stew. Enjoy!

PREP TIME: 25 minutes

COOK TIME: 110 minutes

TOTAL TIME: 2 hours 15 minutes

SERVINGS: 4 to 6 generous servings

INGREDIENTS

- 600g well-marbled chuck beef, cut into 3cm chunks
- 1 teaspoon salt, or more to taste
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 6 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 ltr beef stock or broth
- 500ml water
- 250ml Guinness extra stout
- 250ml Cabernet Sauvignon
- 2 tablespoons tomato paste
- 2 tablespoons Gaucho
- 2 tablespoons Captain Kidd
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1kg potatoes, peeled, cut into 2cm bitesize pieces
- 1 large onion, diced
- 3 to 4 carrots depending on size, cut into 2cm pieces
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley

METHOD

1. Brown the beef: Sprinkle about a teaspoon of salt over the beef pieces. Heat the olive oil in a large

6-8 litre, thick-bottomed pot over medium-high heat. Pat dry the beef with paper towels and working in batches, add the beef (do not crowd the pan or the meat will steam and not brown) and cook, without stirring, until well browned on one side; then use tongs to turn the pieces over and brown on another side. Once browned remove and reserve and repeat until all meat is cooked.

2. Add garlic to pot and cook until fragrant, then add tomato paste and stir 30 seconds, stir in Gaucho and Captain Kidd 30 seconds. Add stock, water, Guinness, wine and browned beef. Bring mixture to a simmer. Reduce heat to the lowest setting, then cover and cook at a bare simmer for one hour, stirring occasionally.
3. While the pot of meat and stock is simmering, melt the butter in another pot over medium heat. Add the onions and carrots. Sauté the onions and carrots until the onions are golden, about 15 minutes. Set aside until the beef stew in Step 2 has simmered for one hour.
4. Add the onions, carrots, and the potatoes to the beef stew. Add one teaspoon of salt. Simmer uncovered until vegetables and beef are very tender, about 40 minutes.
5. Transfer stew to serving bowls. Add more salt and pepper to taste. Sprinkle with parsley and serve with a glass of Cabernet Sauvignon and buttered toast.

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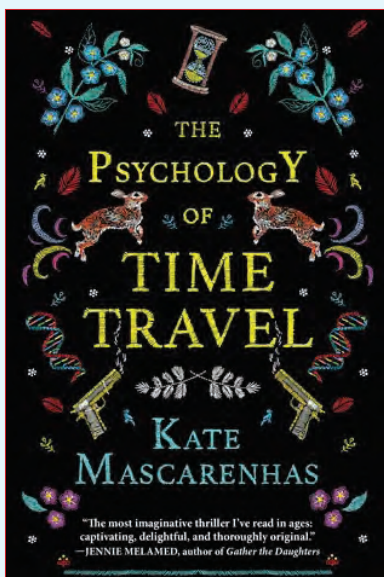
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2. What general term is used to describe any experiment that is not carried out in a living body?
3. What apparatus was invented by Ernest Lawrence and is used to smash atoms?
4. Which common material, a polymer of ethylene, was invented in the 1930s?
5. What is the name for a number which cannot be divided by a number other than itself and one?
6. Light-sensitive photographic film uses which main element?
7. Approximately how long does light take to travel from the Sun to the Earth?
8. What term is used for the third generation nuclear weapon which causes little blast damage, but is extremely destructive to biological material?
9. What is the descriptive name for any material which transfers heat?
10. What nationality was the physicist and Nobel prizewinner, Niels Bohr? What is the general term for materials that 'pipe' light?

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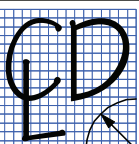
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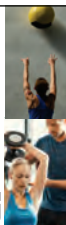
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TM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: 2nd Wed. of month. Phone 5545 0944 Email: info@tamborinemountainchamber.com.au

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