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FUN NIGHT OUT FOR SISTER BOUTIQUES

Only days before the start of the latest COVID-19 lockdown, staff of sister boutiques, My Country Escape in Canungra and Lux and Gather on Tamborine Mountain, enjoyed a fun night out at Brenden Schutz's Main Street Provedore, Eatery and Espresso. As expected, Brenden served up one of his exceptional four-course dinners which proved to be the perfect spur for everyone to talk about the exciting new plans for these stylish fashion, gift and homeware outlets. Stand by for a raft of new products and promotions.



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8 Kalmia Court, Tamborine Mountain

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- Refurbished kitchen, great family living areas, freshly painted
- Fenced rear garden, sunny deck at front of house
- Great opportunity

AGENTS:
 Linda Hogan
 0414 300 558



Property of the week

SALE 6 3 4 4.10 acres

Dual living, country lifestyle **\$1,100,000 +**
69-77 Killigrew Road, Tamborine

- Picture living here on a hot summer's day, and enjoying the pool
- Quiet street, solid brick family home with 3 living areas & grannyflat
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- 12 - 12.30 17 Tweed Heads Ave
- 1 - 1.30 7 Tweed Heads Ave

National Relaxation Day
 www.NationalDayCalendar.com



Review: Seller - 78 Long Road
 Michael managed a recent land sale on behalf of our family, & we were super impressed by his capability. He worked diligently & effectively to present the property in its best light and engage with potential buyers, resulting in a successful sale outcome within a very short space of time. Michael was always professional, discreet, honest & transparent in all his dealings with us, & we would have no hesitation recommending him to others. The service they provided for our family was simply outstanding
 ★★★★★
AGENTS: Diane 0424 653 316
 Michael Kratzke 0434 718 162



SALE - - - 1,000m²

14-16 Carey Parade, Tamborine Mountain

- Not many of these left on the Mountain
- 1/4 acre building site, rich red soil
- Gentle slope up from the road
- Great location, bushland backdrop
- Do not let this opportunity pass you by

\$400,000
AGENTS:
 Barry Chick
 0418 876 191

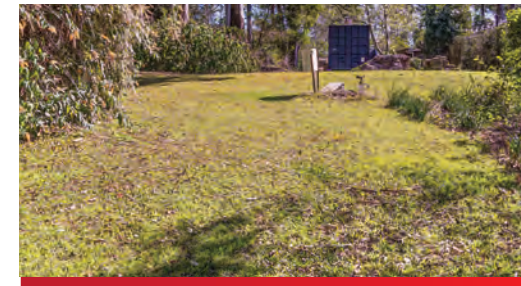


SALE 3 2 2 759m²

17 Tweed Heads Ave, Tamborine Mountain

- Such a convenient location - bakery, butcher, supermarket, pizza shop all on your doorstep
- Kitchen facing out to the rear deck
- Double lockup and flat area for caravan
- Low maintenance garden with bore

\$799,000+
AGENTS:
 Linda Hogan
 0414 300 558



SALE - - - 1,012m²

66 Wongawallan Road, Tamborine Mountain

- Centrally located in the middle of Old Eagle Heights
- Walk to Gallery Walk, cafes, restaurants, wineries and medical care
- Good bore, time to build your dream home!

\$450,000
AGENTS:
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Over 18 and considering AstraZeneca? This may help you decide...

If you are 18 or older, and in an area where there is a COVID-19 outbreak, the best vaccine for you is the one you can get right now. That possibly means you should get the AstraZeneca vaccine, as Pfizer is still in short supply.

This updated advice was given by ATAGI (the Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation), the government's expert vaccine advisory body, on July 24. Why would it change to recommending either AstraZeneca or Pfizer, after months of preferring Pfizer for younger people?

More young people are being hospitalised, in ICU and dying during this current outbreak in Australia, where the Delta strain is dominating.

Whether this is a function of the Delta strain being more dangerous to young people, or because older people are (as a group) more likely to be protected by already being vaccinated, remains a subject of debate.

There is little argument, however, that the Delta strain is more infectious, which is why we want to vaccinate our population as quickly as possible.

So if you are 18 or older and have not been vaccinated yet, you may be asking whether getting an AstraZeneca vaccine right now is the right thing for you to do. To answer this we need to consider the benefits and risks of the AstraZeneca vaccination.

What do vaccines achieve?

When thinking about what any COVID-19 vaccine should achieve, there is an order of priority.

First, it should stop people who catch COVID-19 from dying.

Second, it should reduce risk of severe disease (symptoms bad enough to need ICU treatment).

Third, hospitalisations should go down.

If a vaccine is doing more than these three things, it is a bonus.

We are very lucky the AstraZeneca and Pfizer vaccines not only achieve all three, they also decrease numbers of people suffering illness of any sort (including mild symptoms), and possibly even reduce transmission (making people who have caught COVID-19 less infective).

Do vaccines work against the Delta variant?

Since Delta became the dominant strain of COVID-19 worldwide, researchers have been working hard to see how well current vaccines perform against it.

So far, the news is good. Let's look at the evidence.

In the United Kingdom where the Delta strain is the cause of the majority of infections at the moment, there were 229,218 COVID infections between

February and July. Of these, 12.5% were in fully vaccinated people. These are known as "breakthrough infections" (because they "broke through" the protection of the vaccine).

Of those breakthrough infections, 3.8% required a visit to ED. Just 2.9% required hospital admission, and less than 1% died.

This means even though the vaccines didn't fully protect people against disease, they did achieve their primary purpose: to save lives and keep people out of hospital.

Another study in the UK that narrowed down to look at just hospitalisation with Delta strain concludes AstraZeneca is 92% effective against hospitalisation, after two doses.

Other studies have shown a 60% to 67% reduction in symptomatic disease.

Although AstraZeneca works to reduce infectivity of the Delta strain, vaccinated people can still transmit it to others.

That's why it's so important for vaccinated people to still observe all the other evidence-based ways of reducing spread, including wearing masks, social distancing, and lockdown restrictions – at least until we have enough people in the community vaccinated.

But what are the downsides?

Of course there are potential risks from the AstraZeneca vaccine: injection site pain, tiredness, headache, muscle pain, fever and chills are the most commonly reported side effects.

Most of these are mild and temporary, going away within one to two days.

There are also rare but severe side effects: anaphylaxis (two to five per million people), and thrombosis with thrombocytopenia (TTS) – known colloquially as "clots". The only risk factor that has been shown to predict how likely you are to get TTS after an AstraZeneca vaccine is age.

TTS clots are very different from other blood clots you may hear about. In the same way that having a basal cell cancer removed from your skin does not make you more at risk of getting a brain tumour, having a blood clot in your medical history (or family history) does not make you more at risk of TTS.

In addition, we have effective treatments for TTS now, so the death rate is low.

To keep it in perspective, your risk of getting a blood clot from TTS is still far less than your risk of dying in a car accident in the next year, and most people still don't think twice about getting into a car.

Obviously, if there is no COVID-19 in the community, then the risk from the



vaccine will outweigh the risk from the disease – even a tiny risk is bigger than zero.

The reason ATAGI changed its advice to recommend the AstraZeneca vaccine to younger age groups in areas of outbreak is because as soon as COVID-19 starts to spread in the community, the risk of serious disease and death skyrockets. Which makes the vaccine suddenly become a very sensible option in Sydney and other high-risk areas.

How can you get it?

If and when you decide to have the AstraZeneca vaccine and you live in NSW, you can simply book in with any place that is giving it in your area. This may be a GP or state vaccination clinic.

You are not required to see a GP first, but of course you should only book once you've had your questions answered and are ready to go ahead with it.

Apart from contacting local providers directly, you can register for vaccination via the eligibility checker <https://covid-vaccine.healthdirect.gov.au/eligibility> (you fill in your details after completing the checker).

Pharmacies will not be administering AstraZeneca vaccines to people under 40 at this stage.

Finally, I have had in my practice many young people express frustration at being unable to get a vaccine before now, because they see it as a vital step forward for our community and the world.

Their lives have often been hugely disrupted by COVID-19 and they believe the risk of any vaccine is better than continuing with the status quo.

As one patient told me: "I'm young, I live a risky life. Getting this vaccine is the safest thing I have done all week."

Natasha Yates
Assistant Professor,
General Practice, Bond University

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Councillor's Comment

DEREK SWANBOROUGH
DIVISION 1



These are my own personal views. I do not purport to speak on behalf of Council. Decisions of Council are made only by majority vote, legislative authority or under authority delegated by Council.

AUSTRALIA POST INVESTIGATION

Many of you may be wondering about the result of the Australia Post plebiscite investigation which was inconclusive as to where all the votes went. It could have been several scenarios and we may never know the full answer. Australia Post has made a full refund of the postage costs, acknowledging the process was below their standards, which I have accepted in settlement of the claim. Despite the delivery shortfalls, opportunity was given to all those households who missed a ballot to get one, and the response was very high.

I do note the occasional commentary in letters to the editor on the interpretation of the results. The experts in this field ensured the process was statistically sound and, from my experience in community surveying in local government populations, the Tamborine Mountain response was the best I have ever seen, with 51 per cent of households responding and delivering a calculated 99 per cent degree of statistical confidence.

Just by way of comparison, the most recent customer sentiment survey conducted in a less conventional manner, conducted by consultants in 2020 for Scenic Rim Council was a two-question email survey. It was sent to 8732 Scenic Rim customers and after bounce backs, effectively was successfully delivered to 8252 computer mailboxes. Just 1879 responded i.e., 22.7 per cent, and 6373 did not respond. It was considered to be an outstanding result with a very high level of engagement, indicating that Scenic Rim customers wish to be actively involved in shaping the activities and improvements at Scenic Rim Council.

It is nonsensical to suggest that with this more statistically accurate household plebiscite,

all those in the 49 per cent of households who failed to vote have an opinion that is 100 per cent biased one way or another as has been suggested. What is more likely, and borne out by probability theory, is the responses most likely would reflect in the same proportion as the plebiscite survey results. This is what the 99 per cent degree of statistical confidence reflects.

I encourage anyone interested in the survey results to read the 10-page results report which can be viewed at the Scenic News website: www.scenicnews.com.au/tamborine-mountain-says-yes-to-gold-coast

LOCKDOWN

A report last year indicated that the greatest impact of COVID-19 last year in the Scenic Rim was on the tourism industry on Tamborine Mountain.

Council is to consider a COVID response plan similar to that introduced early in 2020 to assist businesses affected by lockdown. It is expected that this plan, which will be under consideration in the coming weeks, will be announced as soon as possible after Council next meets. It is a plan relating only to Council functions and within its legislated powers.

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SOLD 4 2 2 601m²

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Congratulations John & Julie on the sale of your lovely property. It was a great change of scenery for us both being used to selling rural properties in Tamborine. All the very best to the new owner Shannon

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Meet the team

Team Ton & Heleen

Property Professionals
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Meet the dynamic team of Ton Wolf & Heleen van Daalen. Immigrating as a couple 20 years ago they learnt to be adaptable – to expect change and to embrace it from a life that continually throws unexpected things at you. For many years they were a Professionals Team of 3, but Paul Edwards is taking time out to travel.

Living locally on acreage with horses, they have a shared passion for real estate, helping you find the perfect place to build your memories, and seeing their clients fulfill their dreams.

Ton's success speaks for itself having received many awards. They strive to achieve a high standard of client care. Their strong results are not random occurrences; they are based on expertise, energy and persistence. Using Team Ton & Heleen, you will have a winning team working with you.



Five star service: Seller

Ton was both our selling and buying agent. He worked on our behalf to ensure we had a smooth transition. He responded promptly to all our questions & requests. We found him very easy to work with & are more than happy with the result of our sale & purchase.

Professional in all aspects: Seller

Ton and Heleen were extremely professional to deal with, and in a very short period of time were able to sell our beautiful home. We would highly recommend their services to other prospective sellers & buyers.





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Council Notices

SCENIC RIM
REGIONAL COUNCIL

COVID-19

At the time of preparing this advertisement, all event timings were accurate, pending the current South East Queensland lockdown restrictions being eased on Sunday 8 August. For information about Council's services and facilities and COVID-19 visit www.scenicrim.qld.gov.au/covid-19

ROAD CLOSURE

HEAD ROAD, CARNEYS CREEK

Council is replacing 200 metres of guard rail damaged by bushfires on Head Road, near Brett's Road, at Carneys Creek.

This section of road will be closed from 23 August for four months with a northern detour using the Cunningham Highway.

This closure will impact travel between the Scenic Rim and the Southern Downs with electronic signage in place at key road junctions. Those travelling from Boonah, Mt Alford or Rathdowney there will be no through access via Head Road to Queen Mary Falls, Killarney or Warwick. Queen Mary Falls will still be accessible via Spring Creek Road from Killarney.

For latest road condition information visit www.qldtraffic.qld.gov.au

COUNCIL GRANTS

ENVIRONMENTAL GRANTS

Applications for Council's Environmental Grants close at 5pm on Friday 13 August 2021.

For further information on the funding opportunities available through the grants program, visit Council's website www.scenicrim.qld.gov.au/grants-funding-awards.

WASTE COLLECTION

From 1 July, the time your waste collection truck arrives may change.

Please have all bins kerbside by 6am on your designated waste collection day.

Don't miss your collection, put bins out early and watch out, you might spot one of our new trucks.

FREE TREE DAYS

Present your Free Tree voucher (included in July rates notice) at the following locations to claim your trees.

Trees can also be collected from Council's Birnam Street nursery in Beaudesert on Fridays (excluding public holidays, Christmas Eve and Good Friday) between 9:30am and 3pm.

Tamborine Mountain
Geissman Oval, Geissman Road | Sat 4 Sept 2021

Canungra | DJ Smith Park | Sat 2 Oct 2021

Beaudesert | Nursery Birnam Street | Sat 6 Nov 2021

Boonah | Springleigh Park | Sat 4 Dec 2021

Harrisville
Harrisville Memorial Park | Sat 5 Feb 2022

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KALBAR
PEAK CROSSING
TAMBORINE VILLAGE

11 August
17 August
18 August
19 August
23 August
24 August

STORYTIME SESSIONS

Bookings are essential. Space limits apply.

BEAUDESERT Tuesday 9.30am | Wednesday 9.30am

BOONAH Monday 10am | Friday 10am

TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN
Monday 9.15am | For children 2-5 yrs
Friday 9.15am | Baby Rhyme Time 0-2 yrs

TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN LIBRARY

Name the Game
Wednesdays | 4.00pm - 4.45pm | Ages 8+

Busy Fingers | Tuesdays | 1pm - 3pm

BEAUDESERT LIBRARY

Yak & Yarn
Tuesdays | 9.30am - 11.30am

Kids Space
Thursdays | 4pm - 5pm

Youth Book Club
Tuesdays | from 4pm | Ages 12-15

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ON EXHIBITION

WOVEN

Hangin' by a Thread and *Scenic Seniors: Life Stories*
Until 27 August | The Centre Beaudesert

USA Ipswich exhibition

Gallery hours: Wednesday - Sunday 9am - 2pm
Until 11 Sept | Free entry | Boonah Regional Gallery

ON STAGE

Tickets Adults \$34, Conc. \$29, Groups 8+ \$29

It Takes A Lot Not To End Up Dead!

with **NiKNaK Productions**
Saturday 14 August | 2pm | The Centre Beaudesert

We Will Rise with Topology

Saturday 21 August | 7.30pm | Boonah Cultural Centre

FRIDAY FLICKS

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

13 August Minari (PG) | **20 August** High Ground (MA)

WORKSHOPS AND TALKS

Arts Dinners Live and Online: Back from the Brink
The role of arts and life in and out of and after detention.

Tues 10 Aug | from 6.30pm | The Centre Beaudesert
Register at www.liveatthecentre.com.au

POSTPONED EVENT

Createplace Life Writing Retreat
New date to be advised.



CHECK FOR FIRE ANT NESTS THIS WINTER

The National Fire Ant Eradication Program is reminding everyone to keep an eye out for fire ants during the cold weather winter, when their nests can be easier to spot.

While many species like to hibernate in colder months this is not quite the case for fire ants.

National Program General Manager, Graeme Dudgeon, says fire ants build their nests higher in cold weather to gather warmth, making them more obvious.

“Fire ant nests can sometimes be tough to spot because they can look like a flat patch of dirt. A mounded nest is much easier to spot,” he said.

“While our aerial, field and odour detection dog teams are out looking for nests in areas across South-East Queensland, the community plays a vital role in spotting fire ants in their own yards, parks and local neighbourhood.

“We’re asking everybody to keep their eyes open and report any suspicious ant mounds to us.

“We also suggest caution. Fire ants have a nasty sting and disturbing the nest could see you meet them up close and personal.”

Fire ants are copper brown in colour, very small and unlike other ants can vary in size at anything from 2–6mm.

Report suspected fire ants within 24 hours of finding them via fireants.org.au or call 13 25 23.

WHERE TO LOOK:

Residential

- Lawns
- Footpaths or driveways
- Garden beds
- Around taps, sprinklers and other water sources
- Utility pits

Rural

- Dams and irrigation lines
- Edges of cultivated land
- Cropland post-harvest
- Fence lines
- Piles of organic matter

The National Fire Ant Eradication Program is a nationally cost-shared program funded by all Australian state and territory governments, and the federal government.



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TMC'S EQUESTRIAN SUCCESS

Tamborine Mountain College's equestrian team travelled to Maryborough and Warwick during the recent school holidays where it competed with great success in this year's Interschool Queensland Championships.

The team demonstrated top form and placed in every discipline: show horse, dressage, show jumping and eventing, and was first overall in combined training.

Amelia Waller, Ashlee Lowe, Sienna White and Talia Criss all earned a place on the Queensland team to compete at

the Marcus Oldham Interschool Nationals in Victoria which has now regrettably been postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Talia was also selected as the Interschool State Team Combined Training Captain for the national championships in December this year.

It was an outstanding achievement by the team which was greatly assisted by equestrian coordinator Michelle Criss and supporting parents.

TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN COLLEGE

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- The latest research shows 7% of Queenslanders drive on our public roads without wearing a seatbelt.⁴
- Children aged up to 7 years must use an approved child restraint suitable for their height and size.
- The driver of a vehicle is responsible for the proper restraint of all passengers. This does not apply to buses or motorbikes.
- The penalty in Queensland for not wearing a seatbelt is \$400 and three demerit points for drivers and passengers aged 16 years or older.

What does the seatbelt do?

Put simply, a seatbelt could save your life. The main functions of a seatbelt are to:

- cause the occupant to decelerate at the same rate as the vehicle in a crash, maximising the distance over which the occupant comes to a stop
- spread the force of the impact over the stronger parts of the occupant's body (pelvis and chest area)
- prevent the occupant colliding with the interior parts of the vehicle
- reduce the risk of being thrown from the vehicle
- reduce the risk of being thrown through the windscreen.

References:

<https://streetsmarts.initiatives.qld.gov.au/seatbelts-and-restraints/factsheet>

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JON KRAUSE MP

State Member for Scenic Rim

The LNP has called more than 100 times for the State Government to support small and family businesses – and finally, they have buckled to that pressure in early August by announcing there will be some limited support for those businesses.

After 18 months of COVID-19, you would expect that the details of this support would be all ready, packaged up, ready for applications. But no, applications don't even open until mid-August, the package excludes businesses with turnover less than \$75,000 (for Labor, these people don't seem to exist) and it is estimated that only one in nine small and family businesses might be able to access support. Too often, Labor's "support packages" sound great on the surface, but the fine print means very little actual support is delivered. We all welcome supportive words from the Government, but I'll wait and see how these measures actually help small and family businesses.

In the meantime, another lockdown in the past week or so has placed even more stress on families and small and family businesses. While that lockdown has now been lifted, the uncertainty created by this entire situation is something that I know is affecting many people in our community. I will continue to advocate for constructive outcomes that balance precautions that are required owing to COVID-19 with other pressures that bear down on people due to those precautions. One practical example of this is my recent request for community sport to be allowed in Scenic Rim when the Chief Health Officer has banned it for two weeks across the entirety of southeast Queensland – we haven't had any cases of COVID-19 here, and no contact points either. Recreation is a very important part of the mental health equation and I hope this request will be taken up, pronto.

SCENIC RIM ATHLETES

A huge congratulations to equestrian competitor Kevin McNab from Tamborine for taking out Olympic Silver in Eventing in Tokyo. And what about Riley Day (pictured at right) in the 200m – she has done herself, the Scenic Rim and Australia proud. Making an Olympic semi-final – in fact, making the Olympics – is an amazing effort, but her determination to be the best was on display as she ran faster than ever before in that semi-final. What an inspiration to younger athletes as we look forward to future Olympics. The entire community is rightly bursting with pride for Riley and Kevin for their achievements.



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 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.

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SCOTT BUCHHOLZ

Federal Member for Wright

LOCKDOWN ENDS, RESTRICTIONS REMAIN

I want to thank everyone for following the rules and adhering to the lockdown restrictions. I know it is tough on families, businesses, those in aged care facilities, those expecting, children and our frontline workers.

I do hope to see restrictions ease and some more normality return soon.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

A reminder that help is available and applications open if you have lost work due to the lockdown. Log in to your myGov account at my.gov.au or call 180 22 66.

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VACCINE UPDATE

We have surpassed the 13 million doses milestone and now, on average, more than 200,000 doses each day are administered.

Vaccinations are increasing, with over 1.25 million Australians vaccinated over seven days last week. This means:

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- More than 65 per cent of all Australians aged over 50 are protected by a first dose
- More than 43 per cent of all Australians aged over 16 are protected by a first dose.

CLOSING THE GAP IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

Delivering the annual Closing the Gap Statement, the Prime Minister unveiled \$1 billion in funding to underpin the Government's first Closing the Gap Implementation Plan. This is the first time any government has worked with Australia's Indigenous groups, known as the Coalition of Peaks, to build a real partnership. The plan places an emphasis on giving back responsibility, listening and empowering.

It outlines a major investment in health infrastructure and support to ensure Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders can access health services, when and where they need them. Measures include greater support for new mothers, including greater access to antenatal care and more support for the first year of a baby's life.

SUPPORTING THE AVIATION SECTOR

The Government has extended a range of programs to support the domestic aviation sector, to keep Australians moving and to ensure this critically important sector continues to operate. This includes the Domestic Aviation Network Support (DANS), which has been extended until the end of the year to maintain a minimum level of services on key air routes.

The Regional Airline Network Support (RANS) program has also been extended. These two programs have allowed more than 1.8 million passengers to continue to travel across our country, including essential workers in health care and other frontline services.

The Retaining Domestic Aviation Capability (RDAC) initiative announced last week will also help to ensure airlines and their staff receive support through this challenging period and are ready to ramp up flying again as soon as possible to support our economic recovery. Industry-wide assistance from this Government for aviation totals more than \$4.5 billion since March 2020.



Letters to the Editor

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SRRC FOISTING ISSUES ON BEECHMONT WITH NO CONSULTATION

The blind ignorance of Scenic Rim Regional Council with regards to the residents of Beechmont recently is disappointing in its banal to-be-expectedness, and extremely infuriating in its clumsy, bureaucratic heavy-handedness. There are currently two issues the SRRC has seen fit to foist upon us, with absolutely no consultation or regard for what the people of Beechmont want, or indeed need.

The first is a proposed-and-all-but-Council-approved private school to colonise our Community Centre when we already have a perfectly good school that has been regularly used by local real estate agents as a prime reason to buy and live on Beechmont. Not only does this school stand to lose teachers (local Beechmont residents among them) if they lose students to this private school, but residents will lose our Community Centre to accommodate Gold Coast school children. A real lose-lose for Beechmont.

The second is a "not-proposed-but-apparently-already-decided" footpath forming a giant ring around the school and taking in the only two kerbed streets on the entire mountain – Acacia and Jervis Courts. As part of a street community, I of course have no issue with Council installing an all-weather track through the two easements that lead to the school, but I very, very, very strongly object to being told Council will be removing trees from Acacia Court to make way for an unwanted and unnecessary Gold Coast-style concrete footpath.

We were invited to a "consultation" with Council representatives on Thursday 29 July at our home, but even they (engineers, as it turned out) agreed it was in no way a consultation and the decision has already been made. What on earth prevented Council from sending representatives who are actual consultants BEFORE deciding what they thought the people of Beechmont wanted? Of all the possible good projects Council could have chosen, ramming a concrete footpath through Acacia Court is not one of them.

The funds for this great white elephant

have been provided by way of a Federal Grant. According to the council engineer, the grant is \$600,000 to fully cover the cost of the entire footpath project, which is about 3.5-4km long by rough estimate. There is something deeply suspicious about this figure, as other sources have suggested that the Acacia Court section alone (approximately 650 metres) is either \$450,000 or \$425,000, depending on which source you read.

Cr Derek Swanborough, in his *Scenic News* column, reveals that the cost of the Acacia Court section is \$425,000 and the Jervis Court side is \$625,000 – more than a million dollars on an unwanted footpath! What is this so-called grant? When was it submitted? What were its terms? What is the money supposed to be for and, importantly, how much is being taken out of our inflated rates to waste on this project? And curiously, why did the engineer lie to us when asked for the full cost of the whole project? What other untruths are we to uncover?

We began the purchasing process of our block on Acacia Court in 2007, as an 'expression of interest'. There was never any mention of a footpath then, or in fact, since. Nothing on any of the plans, no indication from Council that a footpath was ever a consideration. The developer of the 'estate' planted young street trees on the newly kerbed avenue as a requirement of Council, and even before we started building, we tended those trees, often with water we'd brought with us from home. We've pruned them, carefully mowed around them, protected them from idiots, and even replaced one in 2009 when we couldn't. We've nurtured those trees for at least 13 years and I for one will not be standing back and allowing Council to simply chop them down to make way for a monstrous concrete strip.

We all in Acacia Court are beautifying our quiet little street, and Council plans to turn it into Little Robina for no reason other than a Federal Government grant has been issued. This is the least intelligent reason to spend money – just because "it's there". After the appalling waste of the last Federal grant to plant \$100,000 worth of seedlings along the creek bank behind the Acacia Court houses, I'm frankly surprised any further grant application was successful. Hundreds and hundreds of plants, at least 150 on our creek frontage alone, were planted during the heat of that December, in a drought, and they are all long dead because the Council didn't allow for any ongoing care of the plants.

Meanwhile, for the want of funds, the

Beechmont Progress Association is chasing ill-fitting tenants to ensconce in our Old School.

Council must reconsider the plan to press on with a footpath on Acacia Court, at the expense of a single tree. I happen to know at least 50 per cent of the residents of this street are strongly opposed, despite the false information the engineer tried to have us believe. Not one councillor in Scenic Rim Regional Council lives on Beechmont, so to decide what we want without even bothering to ask is insulting, to say the least. We live here because we like it how it is – we don't want our quiet, rural street looking like a Gold Coast suburb. We don't want a footpath and WE DON'T WANT OUR TREES CHOPPED DOWN.

Danielle Robb-Whitehead

COUNCIL ASLEEP AT THE WHEEL – AGAIN

The "cabins" larger than my house saga: Scenic Rim Regional Council's Planning Section needs a shake-up.

One of the two new court cases lodged recently (there are currently 11) against Scenic Rim Regional Council has arisen because it failed to make a development application (DA) decision by the negotiated extended decision date of 31 July 2021. This gave rise to a "Deemed Refusal" to which the developer has appeal rights, now exercised.

Whilst the recommendation to refuse the DA (MCU20/050) was contained in the agenda for Council's 3 August 2021 meeting, this was outside the decision period. As Council's meeting was not held due to COVID lockdown, the decision had still not been made at the time of writing (6 August).

This DA has been highly controversial and resulted in 232 objections submissions. This was the same site upon which Council approved a "tennis court" and consequent clearing of koala habitat on a steep slope whilst being aware that the developer was planning to construct "disability cabins" on the same portion of land. Asleep at the wheel? Ratepayers are paying twice – once for staff who have not carried out their roles and again by way of legal fees to defend their failure to do so.

There was also a second instance where Council requested an extension of time in which to issue an Information Request and then missed that date,

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resulting in the developer (of the “Nature-Based Tourism” onsens at 713-735 Main Western Road) treating the request as “informal” as it was made out of time. This DA has attracted – at the last count – 310 submissions, overwhelmingly opposed to the development on Rural Residential A land. Facebook friends and potential contractors have made submissions in support of the development.

The second court matter was filed by commercial groundwater extractors located at 2-20 Holt Road and 82-90 Hartley Road and seeks a change to an order made in the Planning and Environmental Court in 2016. The applicants seek to amend court-ordered limitations of truck movements from 12 x 28,000lt and 40 x 14,000lt truck movements per week to 52 truck movements of up to 28,000lt with a maximum of 896,000lt per week (no change) transported from the site. That’s a hell of a lot of bottled water.

The 14,000lt tankers are used primarily for local delivery. Economic need of the operators is not a consideration in planning applications, and as no provision has been made for local delivery (i.e., by limiting the size of the tankers), ratepayers expect Council to fight this one, given the costs incurred in obtaining the original order in 2016.

Amanda Hay

WHAT’S WITH COVID DENIERS?

What is it with these self-righteous, conspiracy theorist, selfish individuals who think they are above wearing a mask, checking in or even of contracting COVID?

Sad thing is they’ll expect the Government to pay for their hospital fees when they do contract COVID.

A Leeson

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SCENIC RIM'S EKKA HOLIDAY RESCHEDULED

Due to the recent COVID-19 lockdown, the Queensland Government will move the Scenic Rim local government area Ekka public holiday which had been scheduled for Monday 9 August to a date to be announced.

"Ultimately the decision will be made by the Industrial Relations Minister and a new date set in the future that will enable our region to have a long weekend without the current travel restrictions," said Mayor Greg Christensen.

"We recognise that there may be people who are disappointed by this news. However, I am sure that when the lockdown eases, families will be keen to have that extra day off up their sleeve and preferably another long weekend to plan some fun.

The Minister is expected to provide formal notification soon about the revised date.



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MUDRAS IN YOGA

We are practising some beautiful meditations in yoga class over the next couple of weeks. Meditations to open our hearts give us courage, identify with the hardships of others and to bring us joy.

And we need lots of joy right now with the moving feast of COVID-19 and its impact on families, businesses and our way of life. And because of the coronavirus lockdown, all classes are online. What was once extraordinary (stuck at home, only leaving home within a 10km radius, teaching yoga online and reaching students in Victoria, New Zealand and Tasmania) is now ordinary. We're a pretty adaptable species, humans. And last week in yoga class we were using some wonderful mudras (hand gestures) to enhance our classes and meditations.

Holding the hands in a certain gesture is not unique to yoga. Look how you hold your hands together to pray, the peace sign we make with our fingers at activist rallies, or the clenched fist of an angry demonstrator. Did you know that during the Renaissance period, hands were as important a focus of attention as the face was, because they were the only other visible area of the body? Hence, representation of the position of the hands became a decorative element that was almost as important as the face, and the hand gestures in paintings were an effective way to convey secrets, codes and messages. And for those of you who like to talk with your hands: According to research, the least popular TED Talkers used an average of 272 hand gestures during the 18-minute talk and the most popular TED Talkers used an average of 465 hand gestures, almost double.

But mudras in yoga are a little more subtle and we use them to activate certain meridians in the body, specific organs and to calm our nervous energy. Since hands contain all the acupuncture meridians, they are considered to be the control panel of the body. According to Ayurveda, these energies are required to be in harmony for the body. When we move our fingers and hands in a specific manner, either we bend, press, cross, extend or touch our fingers with other fingers, we are actually altering the flow of energy, prana, through these acupuncture points, which in turn, influence and stimulate specific areas of the brain and helps in bringing an elemental balance in the body. Mudras help connect brain to body.

Everything you do with your hands is an expression of your heart. Try to imagine: blowing a kiss, a high five in triumph, or cuddling a pet are all ways you express the feelings that you hold in your heart. Conversely, are you rudely gesticulating or gripping the steering wheel? Yoga's hand expressions are said to shift energies from what we might be experiencing to how we want to feel.

Margot Wagner
Yoga Under the Bodhi Tree

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LEARNING FROM THE OLYMPICS

Anyone else suffering an Olympic hangover? The Tokyo Games certainly provided us with some memorable moments.

From swimmers to gymnasts to skateboarders, the camaraderie between Olympic competitors was heartwarming to watch. Rivals excitedly embraced and congratulated one another in genuine sportsmanship. The Olympics is a rare occasion where 204 countries from around the world come together in a spirit of friendship and endeavour. During the Olympics it is much easier to break down the barriers that keep nations at loggerheads. Through the event we can remember there is much more that unites us than divides us.

Athletes from all over the world came to Tokyo from a diversity of backgrounds. There were many inspirational stories centring on an athlete's determination to rise from a life of disadvantage and poverty in order to achieve their dreams. Who couldn't listen to the story of Peter Bol and not be inspired to take the limits off their life?

Competitors gave it their all, like Queenslander Pat Tiernan. In the last lap of the 10,000m Pat was in trouble. He began to stagger and fell face-first onto the track. He got up and wobbled to the finish. Pat epitomised the true spirit of the Olympics when he later said, "You got to finish that race and get across the line and do your country proud." Long after the winner is forgotten, Pat's determination will be remembered. An important ethos in the Olympics is not to win, but to take part. Similarly, life is not just about triumph but about recognising the struggle. What we will be remembered for is for running our race well and embracing every challenge.

The 800m semi-final saw Nijel Amos and Isaiah Jewett collide when Amos clipped Jewett from behind. Both falling over, they helped one another up. Amos apologised and Jewett responded, "It's okay, man - let's finish the race". They put their arms around each other and jogged to the finish line together. Jewett later said, "Regardless of how mad you are, you have to be a hero at the end of the day ... heroes show their humanity through who they are and show they're good people."

What a great lesson for those of us who get 'tripped up' by others. When we adopt the attitude that winning isn't the end goal - yes, we might get mad in the moment - but we'll find it much easier to have a forgiving attitude and collaborate with those who get in our way.

My favourite moments were the telecasts of the families at home, cheering on their loved one and riding every nail-biting second of the journey. It was a precious insight into the support needed for each athlete to reach an elite level. Success is rarely an individual effort but is achieved through input and encouragement from those around us.

The Olympics highlight teamwork, competition, victory, defeat, growth, endurance, strength, intelligence, passion, inspiration, desire, motivation and honour. We may never make it to the Olympics but these are qualities we can all pursue.

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CELEBRATION TOUR FOR GARDENS VOLUNTEERS

The Tamborine Mountain Botanic Gardens team celebrated the completion of an important year with a visit to the amazing subTropical Exotics private nursery at Wongawallan.

The nursery specialises in the wonderful world of Araceae (Aroids), including anthuriums, philodendrons, monstera and many other subtropical species.

The team enjoyed a detailed presentation by nursery owner Wayne Lyons, including an explanation of the nursery's "living wall of Aroids".

The subTropical Exotics web site www.subtropicalexotics.com.au includes a fascinating interview of Wayne by Gardening Australia's Jerry Coleby-Williams.

Inevitably, there was time for a bit of plant purchasing at the Spectrum Plants nursery which was conveniently located next door to subTropical Exotics.

The Botanic Gardens team went on to enjoy a Christmas in July luncheon at the Fox and Hounds Country Inn.

ABOVE: Wayne Lyons explains his "living wall of Aroids"

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Ngkolmpu-zzle

August 9 was the International Day of the World's Indigenous People, which aims to raise awareness of issues concerning indigenous communities. Such as, for example, the survival of their languages. According to the Endangered Languages Project, more than 40 per cent of the world's 7,000 languages are at risk of extinction.

Among the fantastic diversity of the world's languages is a diversity in counting systems. The following puzzle concerns the number words of Ngkolmpu, a language spoken by about 100 people in New Guinea. (They live in the border area between the Indonesian province of Papua and the country of Papua New Guinea.)

Here is a list of the first ten cube numbers (i.e. 13, 23, 33, ..., 103):

1, 8, 27, 64, 125, 216, 343, 512, 729, 1000.

Below are the same ten numbers when expressed in Ngkolmpu, but listed in random order. Can you match the correct number to the correct expressions?

eser tarumpao yuow ptae eser traowo eser

eser traowo yuow

naempr

naempr ptae eser traowo eser

naempr tarumpao yuow ptae yuow traowo naempr

naempr traowo yempoka

tarumpao

yempoka tarumpao yempoka ptae naempr traowo yempoka

yuow ptae yempoka traowo tampui

yuow tarumpao yempoka ptae naempr traowo yuow

Here's a hint: this is an arithmetical puzzle as well as a linguistic one. Ngkolmpu does not have a base ten system like English does. In other words, it doesn't count in tens, hundreds and thousands. Beyond its different base, however, it behaves very regularly.

Puzzles ©Alex Bellos (Guardian)

Answers at scenicnews.com.au on Friday

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Q&A with the Scenic News

Donna McKillop is the owner of Wisteria Sewing Services, specialising in bespoke sewing alterations and manufacturing, serving, Tamborine Mountain and its surrounds.

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

I started working in a Sunshine Coast surf wear manufacturing factory at age 16. There I learnt sewing, cutting and basic pattern making. At 18 I went out on my own and started my own clothing label, learning more about children's wear. As the years went by, I brought three children into the world. I became a single parent at 30 and moved to the Noosa Hinterland where I opened a shop and sold my Sandpit Kids clothing attire whilst offering an alteration and manufacturing service.

Over time, the alterations component of my work took over. I met my now husband Vince, a long-time Tamborine Mountain resident, and made the decision to move as my youngest was 18 and had his own place.

Sandpit Kids was relocated to the Eagle Heights shopping centre above FoodWorks and morphed into Wisteria Sewing Services when I stopped making kids clothing. We then moved our workplace to our home studio. During the spring months we have an amazing floral display of wisteria that has been on the premises for over 30 years.

This year we added an embroidery service to our mix of work, with Vince taking responsibility for the technical and design side of this aspect of the business.

What did you do before opening your business?

In addition to working in the clothing manufacturing sector I have worn 'other hats' - parenting my three kids, a lawn mowing and gardening service, a house cleaning service, and as a barista and attendant in a bookshop.

How would you describe your business?

Anything that needs stitching - from clothing to curtains, cushions to bags - the list is endless.

What is it about your business that you love?

Being creative, coming up with ideas with a customer to make a garment work. The sewing is the easy bit.

Is it a business that gives you satisfaction?



Donna McKillop

I get a real buzz when customers are satisfied. To be in a trade for 33 years (whoops, giving away my age) and still loving it. What's that old saying? Do something you love and you will never have to work a day in your life.

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

When I was at school, I wanted to be a vet but I hated studying, so that went out the window; in my mid-twenties I wanted to be a midwife but that meant studying, so that went out the window. Can you see a pattern forming here (lol)? Sitting here writing this I'm actually stumped. I honestly think I have the ideal job for me.

Interesting facts about yourself?

Got married for the first time at 47. I owned miniature goats and had to deliver a baby when it got stuck - midwife and vet desires came into play. Started drawing one-and-a-half years ago and have had four commissions - you can see my art in my studio.

What do you do for fun?

My kind of fun is considered pain for others - six-to-12-hour adventure racing, navigating, mountain biking, kayaking and running. A holiday for me is hiking in New Zealand and pitching a tent each night. No manicure or facials for me.

Final Thoughts?

Don't worry, be happy!



TRAVELLING PLACES By Gina Storey

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You can imagine this fabulous experience is in high demand. I have managed to secure 10 places on this wonderful adventure in May 2022. The Arkaba walk is fully inclusive for five days and four nights, including all meals, beverages, accommodation, and wilderness guides. We will stay the first and last night in the luxury homestead. While on the walk we will stay in purpose-built glamping accommodation with swags under the stars and hot bush showers. There will be sundowners and dinner under the stars and gourmet breakfasts to fuel us for the day ahead. Think glorious diversity meets outback space and starry skies. Each day we cover around 13km and about six hours' moderate walking. There is time to stop and breathe in the outback. This will be an amazing adventure.

We will depart 7 May and fly to Adelaide where we will be met for the drive out to the Clare Valley. Here we will stay for three nights, taking in winery experiences and great local food. We will experience the history of the settlers, we will visit cattle king Sir Henry Kidman's mansion, and we will visit Martindale Hall, where they filmed Picnic at Hanging Rock. There will also be time in the Clare Valley Art Gallery and time to wander around and meet the locals.

After our adventure at Arkaba we return to Adelaide for a night. With a lovely well-earned farewell dinner featuring excellent South Australian produce and wines. The trip includes pretty much everything – flights from Brisbane return, transfers, accommodation, sightseeing, most meals and beverages. This hosted nine day/eight-night trip costs \$5899 per person. It is limited to a maximum of 10 people, so be quick to secure a place.

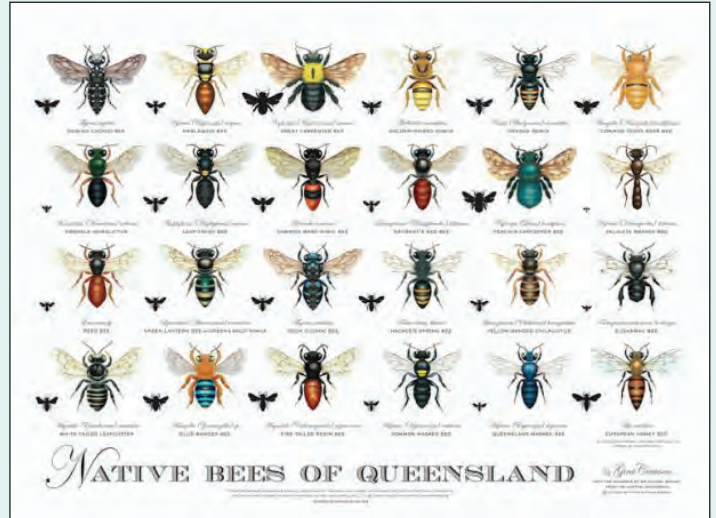
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NATURE NOTES

with Nadia O'Carroll

NATIVE BEES

When bees are mentioned, it is always the European honeybee with its distinctive yellow and black stripes which comes to mind. This species has been spread extensively by humans beyond their natural range in Europe, Middle East and Africa. However, bees are a numerous, widely distributed, and diverse insect superfamily (Apoidea) with an estimated 16,000 species distributed throughout the world.



Australia has around 2000 species of native bees. They are diverse in habitats and appearance and range from 2 to 26mm in size. They come in a wide range of colours - red, yellow, orange, green, blue, black and white. Some are fluffy and covered in dense fur while others are smooth, shiny and hairless. The vast majority of Australian bees are solitary, only around 14 species are social bees that form large colonies and produce honey.

Regardless of whether bees are solitary or social, all bees develop in four distinct life cycle stages – egg, larva, pupa and adult.

For solitary bee species a single female builds, weaves, burrows or excavates a nest in which she lays her eggs. Some species are semi-social, with several females cooperating to build a nest in which all their eggs are laid.

Native social bee species live in colonies which can be situated in a tree hollow, burrow or cavity and may be occupied by thousands of bees - a single queen, infertile female workers and male drones. Worker bees construct waxy structures to store pollen and nectar and also create brood cells stocked with honey and pollen to nourish the young. The queen bee lays a single egg in each brood cell, after which worker bees quickly seal the cell. Native bees have complex social behaviour.

Bees are vitally important pollinators – 90 per cent of wild plants and 75 per cent of leading global crops depend on animal pollination. Some Australian native bees use a special method to collect nectar, known as buzz pollination - they vibrate a flower so vigorously that the pollen capsules explode and are attracted to the bees by a static charge. Other native bees have highly evolved highly specialised adaptation such as long tongues, bristles, shiny faces to harvest nectar from native wildflowers.

Attract native bees to your gardens by planting flowers in clumps or layers which provide nectar and pollen all year. Provide a "bee hotel". Leave some undisturbed ground for burrowing bees and avoid pesticides.

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The new edition of the Tamborine Mountain phone directory is being assembled and the team at the Tamborine Mountain Chamber of Commerce wants to ensure that it is fully up to date and accurate.

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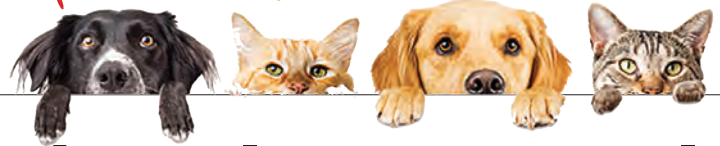
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Pet of the Week



Ziggy loves people



Story :Christey Johansson Photo: Carol Lange

Did you know that the Cockatiel (*Nymphicus hollandicus*) is the smallest member of the cockatoo family? They're also known as the *Quarrion* or the *Weiro*, and the species was first recorded in 1770 during Captain Cook's first voyage to Australia.

This week's pet is a very special cockatiel named Ziggy, who I learned a lot about from his best friend, Savanna Lange, a grade 6 student at St Bernard State School. Ziggy is one and a half years old, and a much loved member of the Lange family. This little bird man is bursting with character: he loves people, is highly adorable, and already at such a young age has quite a repertoire of words.

Savanna shared many stories about his antics and his talking abilities. "When you walk into a room he always says 'hello', and he also likes saying 'peek-a-boo'. It is very cute. If he is wanting your attention, he starts singing tunes and then will say 'I'm not singing' if you ask him. He is very funny."

"Ziggy is very clever and loves learning new words. Through repetition we teach him new words all the time and it is really easy," shared Savanna. "We have started teaching him the Happy Birthday song, but he likes to add his own tunes to it too." Ziggy is quite the DJ, and enjoys the attention his antics bring. "He has such a huge personality for such a small bird."

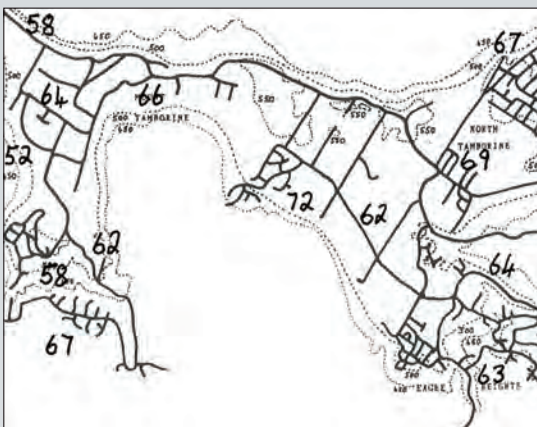
Cockatiels are a wonderful Australian native bird species, easy to care for, and many people enjoy having them as pets because of their friendly nature. Savanna tells me: "Ziggy is easy to look after. He really likes to sit on his house or help out Mum when she is on her computer working. He just likes chilling".

Hearing the family stories, you know Ziggy is a much-loved and well cared for pet, blessed with a wonderful family. "Ziggy has a harness, so he can go outside with us. He likes to sit in trees. He loves going on family holidays with us, on outings to shops, and every night at 7pm, he is placed in bed with a cover." Ziggy's diet is a daily mix of small parrot seed mix with sunflowers seeds, and pellets. He loves fresh fruits and vegetables, with spinach and peas being his favourite. "He will eat anything we eat" laughs Savanna, "especially croissants if we let him."

Ziggy is very social, loves people and works at *Plant Homewares and Lifestyle* on Gallery Walk in the Whistling Duck Village. This is a new local Mountain family business that sells plant home wares, terrariums, cacti, airplants, succulent pots, kokedamas and dried flower arrangements created by owner, Carol Lange. "Ziggy enjoys going to work, as he loves people's company. He also loves visitors at home too: when our friends Sienna and Tania visit, he jumps all over them and talks. He loves visitors and people so much."

If you have any questions about cockatiels or would like to meet Ziggy, why not drop by this local business sometime and say hello!

Tamborine Mountain Rainfall



July 2021

Most of the rain in July came in the first four days from a trough which came in from the west at the end of June. This was enhanced by an upper atmosphere low. Another trough brought rain recorded on the 9th and 10th, and another rain on the 24th.

Fern Street recorded 64.2mm for the month which is between the long term average of 80.5mm and the expected of 49.3mm. July is usually the coldest month on the Mountain and this one was certainly cold.

Mike Russell
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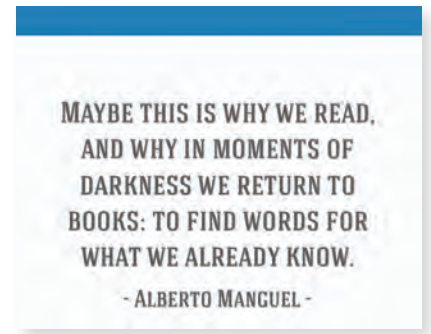
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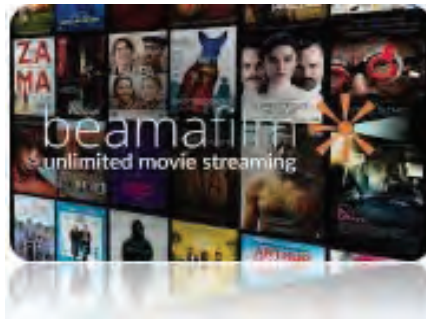
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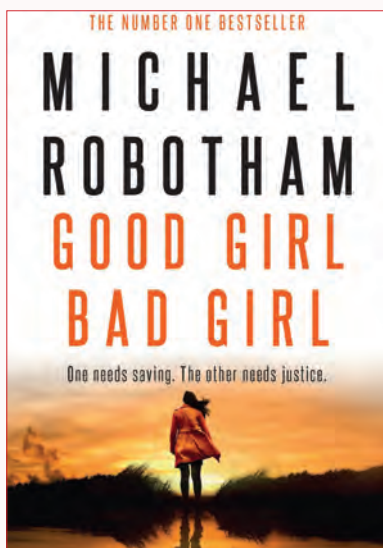
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A girl is discovered hiding in a secret room in the aftermath of a terrible crime. Half-starved and filthy, she won't tell anyone her name, or her age, or where she came from. Maybe she is twelve, maybe fifteen. She doesn't appear in any missing persons file, and her DNA can't be matched to an identity.

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Meanwhile, Cyrus is called in to investigate the shocking murder of a high school figure-skating champion, Jodie Sheehan, who dies on a lonely footpath close to her home. Pretty and popular, Jodie is portrayed by everyone as the ultimate girl-next-door, but as Cyrus peels back the layers, a secret life emerges—one that Evie Cormac, the girl with no past, knows something about. A man haunted by his own tragic history, Cyrus is caught between the two cases—one girl who needs saving and another who needs justice. What price will he pay for the truth?

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Mixed Bag



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2. What is the largest island in the Caribbean?
3. In which year did Damon Hill win the Formula One World Championship?
4. Morpheus was the Greek god of what?
5. What is the technical medical term for blood poisoning?
6. Lambeth Palace is the official residence of which church leader?
7. Which acid is secreted by certain kinds of ant?
8. In which country is the Plain of Sharon?
9. Which South American capital city's name translates as 'I see the mountain'?
10. What was the name of the 'wonder horse' who had a TV series in the 1950s?
11. Psychiatrist Carl Jung was a native of which country?
12. In which city is the University of East Anglia?
13. Where in Greater London is the training school for the Metropolitan Police?

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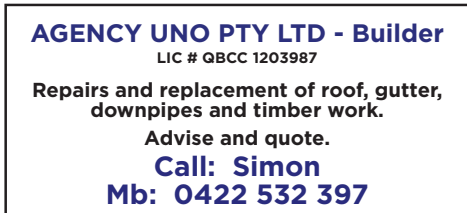
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TM GARDEN CLUB: Vonda Youngman Community Centre, Main Street, North Tamborine. Feb - Nov, 2nd Tuesday 9.30. BYO morning tea. Enjoy: Guest speaker, plant sales, borrowing library books, raffle, plant problem solving and meeting fellow gardeners. New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

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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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YOGA: For beginners to advanced students: Hatha, Tantra and Nada Yoga: Tues and Sat 9.30 am and Fri 8am at the Zamia. Margot Wagner 0428 137 391

ZUMBA GOLD: Zumba Gold: dance fitness classes for deconditioned participants and active older adults. Mondays and Thursdays 9.30am at the Zamia. Petra Hunter 0414 505 014 – TamborineMountainZumba@gmail.com

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