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# TIME FOR GOVERNMENT TO DISBAND OIA?

It's an issue that many on Tamborine Mountain have been aware of for some time and last week, thanks in large part to our fellow community newspaper, the Fassifern Guardian and Tribune, it made it onto the pages of metropolitan and national newspapers in Sydney and Brisbane.

I'm referring, of course, to the operations of a secretive Queensland Government agency that increasingly exhibits all the trappings of a "star chamber".

The original Star Chamber was established in the late 15th century in England to ensure the fair enforcement of laws against socially and politically prominent people so powerful that ordinary courts might hesitate to convict them of their crimes. However, in time it became synonymous with social and political oppression through the arbitrary use and abuse of the power it wielded.

In modern times, legal or administrative bodies with strict, arbitrary rulings, no "due process" rights to those accused, and secretive proceedings are referred to disparagingly as "star chambers".

The secretive, and increasingly authoritarian, Queensland Government agency referred to above goes by the benign name of Office of the Independent Assessor. In practice though it has clearly demonstrated that it is anything but benign. An increasing number of people within the Scenic Rim are likening it to a "star chamber".

According to its own web site, the Office of the Independent Assessor was established under the *Local Government (Councillor Complaints) and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2018* on 3 December 2018 as part of the Queensland Government's commitment to local government reform.

It goes on to say that the Independent Assessor investigates and assesses

complaints about councillor conduct, as well as:

- providing advice, training and information about dealing with alleged or suspected inappropriate conduct, misconduct or corrupt conduct to councillors, local government employees and the public, and
- prosecuting misconduct offences via the Councillor Conduct Tribunal.

The Independent Assessor reports directly to the Minister for Local Government. The amended *Local Government Act 2009* stipulates that the Independent Assessor is not subject to direction by another person in regard to exercising its powers. The Independent Assessor has jurisdiction to investigate and prosecute complaints made against councillors from all local governments in Queensland.

Wide coverage in *The Fassifern Guardian*, *The Australian*, *The Courier-Mail* and *Sydney Morning Herald* last week revealed the heavy-handed practices of the OIA which demanded that a journalist and editor of *The Guardian* hand over notes and recordings of conversations with Cr Swanborough and an OIA media adviser. The OIA also demanded their attendance at a meeting with the OIA in Brisbane and a commitment to confidentiality around the matter. They were threatened with tens of thousands of dollars in fines if they did not comply.

The OIA had initiated an investigation when Independent Assessor Kathleen Florian publicly disputed comments made by Cr Derek Swanborough to *The Guardian* which then refused a request by the OIA for a correction to its reporting. Both *The Guardian* and Cr Swanborough stood by the paper's accuracy in reporting the issue.

*The Guardian* mounted a Supreme Court defence, arguing that the demands violated implied freedom of political communication and put the OIA in a conflicted position as complainant, investigator and decision-maker.

The OIA subsequently dropped its investigation before the matter went to court.

The OIA is a name well known to many on Tamborine Mountain, almost exclusively because of its incessant investigations into its respected, hard-working Division One representatives – retired Councillor Nigel Waistell and current Councillor, Derek Swanborough, due to "complaints" believed to have been lodged by the Scenic Rim Council.

The secretive and relentless manner in which the OIA has investigated so called "complaints" against these representatives is deplorable. However, the nature of the "complaints" leaves no doubt that Scenic Rim Council is their initiator and it is to be condemned because of the perceived petty, vexatious and political nature of those "complaints".

It begs the question: At what point will the OIA seriously consider the probability that the Scenic Rim Council is a serial frivolous and prejudiced complainant?

And when will it understand the concept of democracy, robust political debate and the right of the media to openly, and without threat, report issues that are in the public interest.

The State Government may well have had good intentions when it established the OIA, but the heavy-handed and recent shambolic way it has executed its charter clearly demonstrates that it is time for the Government to step in and either disband it or pull it into line.

**Gary Stubbs**

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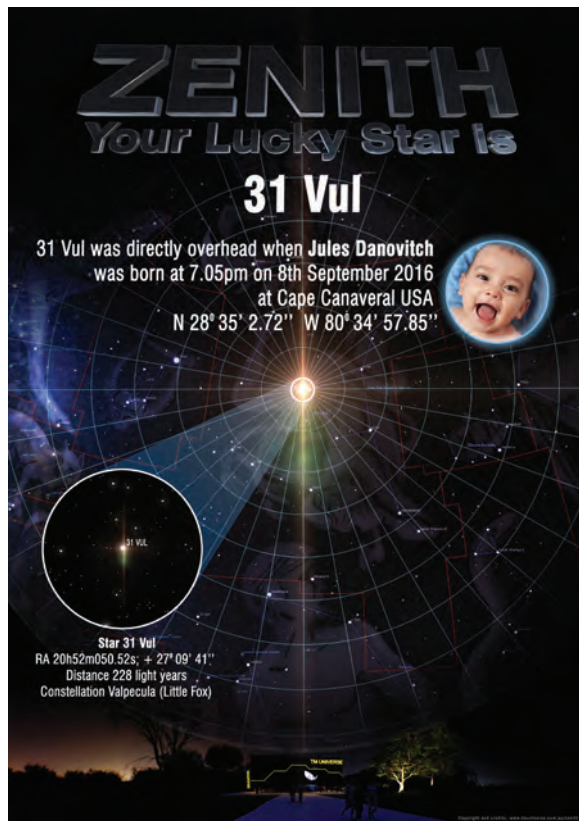
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## ROAD CLOSURE DELAY

### HEAD ROAD, CARNEYS CREEK

Council has delayed the closure of Head Road, near Brett's Road, Carneys Creek until further notice.

The road will not close on Monday 23 August as scheduled for guard rail replacement works.

This is due to the border closure between Queensland and New South Wales, and the impact on nearby residents and businesses no longer able to use the shorter White Swamp Road detour to travel between Scenic Rim and Southern Downs, as an alternative to Head Road.

Council is investigating the timing of the proposed work on Head Road to minimise further impacts to the community and will announce in due course.

## HAVE YOUR SAY

### TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN GALLERY WALK PRECINCT

Over the past 20 years there have been a number of projects that identified issues and opportunities to improve the Precinct. Without external funding these projects haven't been able to progress.

With funding from the Queensland Government's Building Our Regions program Council will deliver a concept design and a business case to support future funding applications to all tiers of government.

Before the concept designs are drafted, we need up-to-date information from the local community, visitors and businesses.

Survey open now until Sunday 5 September. More information at [www.scenicrim.qld.gov.au/say](http://www.scenicrim.qld.gov.au/say)

Printed surveys available at the Tamborine Mountain Library and Visitor Information Centre.

## SCENIC RIM CARP CUP



### FAMILY FISHING FUN DAY

7am-12pm | Sunday 26 September

Il Bogan Lagoon, Beaudesert Race Club, Beaudesert Boonah Road, Beaudesert

Enjoy a day of free family fun and fishing on World Rivers Day to help rid our waterways of pest fish Carp and Tilapia.

Scenic Rim Carp Cup has prizes for participants and is a great way to learn more about our natural environment and waterways.

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# CANUNGRA RETIREMENT FACILITY GETS APPROVAL

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Mayor Greg Christensen said the development application complied with the requirements of the Scenic Rim Planning Scheme but was subject to conditions.

"The development was approved subject to 35 conditions that are within Council's remit of the Planning Scheme," he said.

"Ensuring adequate access to State-controlled roads and water and sewerage is the responsibility of other entities, whom council officers engage with during the assessment process.

"We understand there are some concerns within the community about the development due to water security in Canungra. However, Seqwater and Urban Utilities plan well into the future and will ensure the current and future drinking water demands for Canungra are met.

"The State Assessment and Referral Agency, which assesses road access, has also advised that the proposed entrance to the development into a State-controlled road is compliant with State Code One and had no requirement for conditions."

Division 3 Councillor Virginia West said Council couldn't refuse a development application because it wasn't popular with the community.

"Legally, the development application has ticked all the Planning Scheme boxes and adheres to the requirements from other agencies," she said.

"We have previously refused a Canungra-based development on the basis of inadequate water supply, which was overturned in the Environment and Planning Court.

"We respect the professional evaluation from the external agencies and understand Urban Utilities has provided the applicant with a Service Advice Notice which said their reticulated water and sewerage network could potentially support the development.

"Council will continue to engage with Seqwater, the Queensland Government and Urban Utilities to advocate for a reliable water supply for the Canungra township."

Cr West said unlike many other developers, the applicant had also consulted with community members about the development to gain their feedback.



"The applicant is aware of water supply concerns within the community and will provide above and underground water tanks within the development, including a 5000-litre tank per dwelling, as well as using recycled water in public open space," she said.

"Based on community feedback, they have also removed a proposed bowling green to encourage residents to join the local Canungra Bowls Club and become part of our community.

"Importantly, the developed area will avoid koala habitat on the eastern half of the site and enhance a waterway through the site."

The development has been proposed in the form of an integrated residential community, designed to reflect traditional urban design principles that promote social interaction and pedestrian connection. It consists of 188 dwellings, associated communal facilities and an office. The development will provide six types of residential housing options. An additional 64 visitor parking spaces and a dedicated caravan parking area will be provided throughout the facility.

The development also includes a range of ancillary community facilities of residents including:

- multiple indoor community gathering and recreation spaces
- a swimming pool
- pickle ball courts
- community gardens/lawn, and
- a hobby shed.

Cr Christensen said the new facility would also allow local people to retire closer to home and create jobs for our community.

"The Scenic Rim has an ageing population, and facilities like this mean that people can downsize and continue to enjoy the lifestyle our region has to offer," he said.

"There will also be jobs created throughout the building process and the ongoing management of the facility, which will also create opportunities for our local people to live and work in the Scenic Rim."

The site will be managed under the *Manufactured Homes (Residential Parks) Act 2003* which provides for a management structure for the residential/retirement park and does not include internal subdivision of land.

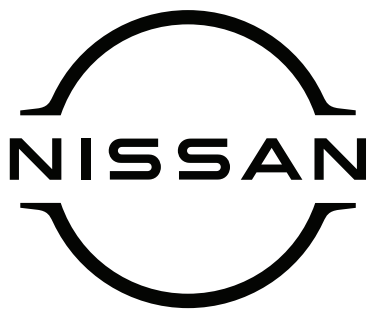
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## JON KRAUSE MP

State Member for Scenic Rim

### SMALL AND FAMILY BUSINESSES CANNOT WAIT

**The LNP is calling on the Queensland Government to release a business support plan in case there are future lockdowns.**

My LNP colleagues and I have called for support payments, announced for the last lockdown, to be paid into the bank accounts of small and family businesses as a matter of urgency to ensure that those businesses have that cash to hand to keep things ticking over. At the time of writing this column, money won't hit bank accounts for at least another week due to a slow application and assessment process – that's four weeks since the start of the last lockdown.

Small and family business owners are doing it tough, and the sad fact is some won't come out the other side of this. What is clear as well is that the State is clearly making this up as they go, with small and family businesses paying the price.

A detailed plan should have been budgeted for, more than six months ago, before hundreds of businesses shut up shop and laid off staff.

If the Premier cannot rule out rolling lockdowns, even if nationally agreed milestones for vaccination or other measures are met, then the State must have a rolling support package.

Outlining a genuine safety net would instil some confidence in very uncertain times. There is currently no plan, no clear messaging and no certainty for business owners and their staff.

The LNP has for months repeatedly called for a COVID-19 Business Support Package to include support measures such as:

- **SLIDING SCALE SYSTEM:** Payments to assist businesses of all sizes to cover loss of income due to lockdowns
- **DEEP CLEANING COVER:** A rebate covering deep cleaning fees if a business is identified as a COVID-19 exposure venue (and I note this suggestion has been agreed to by the Government)
- **EVENT CANCELLATION REBATES:** Covers financial losses if event is cancelled due to a lockdown
- **PAYROLL TAX:** Extend deferrals of payroll tax as part of the COVID-19 relief package.

We can all help on a local level by continuing to support small and family businesses over bigger retailers where possible.

### TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN ROADS UPDATE

The condition of roads in the Scenic Rim electorate are one of the number one concerns raised with me on a daily basis. Every concern that is raised with my office about a dangerous Main Road is relayed to the Department of Transport and Main Roads District Director for actioning.

I generally always ask for an inspection to be carried out ASAP, with works to quickly follow. This was the case when I recently asked again about the condition of Main Western Road, Geissmann Drive and Guanaba Road. The District Director informed me that there is no funding allocated to upgrade these roads – but they have been included for consideration for planning.

To address immediate road condition issues, rehabilitation works are planned for sections of Main Western Road, Geissmann Drive and Guanaba Road in the 2021-2022 financial year. Road surface rehabilitation works will be carried out on Geissmann Drive between Curtis Road and the roundabout, while Main Western Road and Guanaba Road will be resurfaced from the rock fence north of King Parrot Court to the bottom of the hill.

While these aren't the complete road upgrades the area needs, it is a start and results from my continuing lobbying on your behalf when specific road concerns are raised with me.

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## SCOTT BUCHHOLZ

Federal Member for Wright

### A MESSAGE TO AFGHANISTAN VETERANS

**The past week has been distressing for many. Our hearts ache for our Australian Defence Force personnel and the Afghan community. I know Australians are looking on with shock and sadness at the unfolding events in Afghanistan. I wanted to share the words of Defence Minister, Peter Dutton, with all of our Scenic News readers:**

“Almost 39,000 ADF personnel served in Afghanistan over the past 20 years. Many returned home with physical injuries and mental wounds. Some will never heal.

“Forty-one Australians lost their lives in the service of our country. Their families will feel the pain of these developments acutely, and we must surround them with support and care.

“Australians must never forget why we went into Afghanistan, or what our military achieved. In the wake of the 9/11 terrorist attacks, Prime Minister John Howard invoked the ANZUS Treaty for the first time. We stood with our American friends in their time of need. Australia became part of the NATO-led mission and entered Afghanistan to thwart terrorism.

“Our forces and those of our allies prevented terrorists in Afghanistan carrying out attacks around the world, including on our own soil. Together, we foiled al-Qa’ida and brought its leadership to justice. We made Australia a safer place and saved Australian lives.

“The service of our ADF personnel and those of other agencies gave Afghans a chance for a better future. Afghans gained increased access to basic health care and electricity, reduced maternal mortality rates, rises in life expectancy and the participation of women in politics and girls attending schools. A generation of young Afghans were given hope.

“We have not forgotten the Afghans who supported our troops over the last two decades. The Prime Minister has instructed the ADF to extract Australians and their Afghan colleagues in the coming days. Australian forces will work with US counterparts and support multinational efforts to ensure those wishing to leave Afghanistan can do so safely.

“Our veterans should hold their heads high. They must always carry with them the knowledge that they did their nation and the world proud; that their fellow Australians are proud of them.”

### VACCINE UPDATE

As at time of writing, more than 16,201,270 doses had been administered and over 300,000 doses a day are being delivered into arms. Our vaccine rollout really is ramping up.

Last week, the Prime Minister also announced that we will be moving to open up the vaccine program to 16 to 39-year-olds. We intend for that to commence on the 30 August. Do not make a booking yet, further details will be announced soon, and the Government will advise when bookings can be made. Some 8.6 million Australians that are in that group will soon be able to come forward. There are already many young people in this age group getting vaccinated, many with AstraZeneca on the advice of their GP – doing it for their friends, family, community and country.

I urge everyone to get their shot, as soon as they can. If you are worried, chat to your GP. There was a very good article in this paper recently on AZ, I urge all to read it. I have now had my second shot and am fully vaccinated.



# Letters to the Editor

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

## COMMERCIAL WATER EXTRACTION ISSUES JUST WON'T GO AWAY

**For those who are unaware, a commercial water extractor on Tamborine Mountain has filed an application with the Planning and Environment Court to vary the order made on 3 Nov 2016 in the P&E Court (Application No. 1395 of 2016).**

That order, made following an undertaking to the court by the extractors, states:

"Truck Movements 1. Within 7 days of the date of this Order, truck movements to and from the Land for the purposes of the Minor Public Utility be limited to: (a) 12 x 28,000 litre capacity truck movements per week; and (b) 40 x 14,000 litre capacity truck movements per week."

The composition of trucks authorised by the order equates to a maximum of 896,000 litres of water per week being transported from the land.

The change now sought is as follows:

"Within 7 days of the date of this Order, truck movements to and from the Land for the purposes of the Minor Public Utility be limited to a maximum of 52 truck movements per week using either a rigid truck or an articulated vehicle of carrying capacity no greater than 28,000 litres and a length of no greater than 15 metres, and provided that no more than 896,000 litres of water per week is transported from the site."

The larger capacity trucks are utilised to transport water off-mountain, whereas the use of the smaller capacity trucks is less profitable for this purpose. Can you see the problem (hint: local supply)?

The respondent in this matter is, of course, Scenic Rim Regional Council. The ratepayers of the Scenic Rim, particularly those located on Tamborine Mountain, expect Council to vigorously oppose this application, there being no demonstrated benefit to the community to change the composition of the trucks authorised under the 2106 order. The community expectation is that the current order remains unchanged, the current composition of the truck movements agreed by the extractors having come about at great expense to Council and consequently the ratepayers of the region.

Let's not lose sight of the fact that this business is supposedly a Minor Public Utility. Today's (20 Aug 2021) *Brisbane Times Morning Edition* states: "S E Qld does not have enough drinking water to cater for its booming population, while the region could face mandatory restrictions in just months, according to a report by various water producers and councils."

Should we all drink bottled water?

Let Council know that you expect its appointed solicitors, Corrs Chambers Westgarth, to oppose any change – write to Council's CEO, Jon Gibbons, at: [CEO@scenicrim.qld.gov.au](mailto:CEO@scenicrim.qld.gov.au) .

**Amanda Hay**

## SUPPORT NEEDED FOR FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND PRESS

**Our local representative, Cr Derek Swanborough, made headlines in local, regional and national press last week. We believe that our own community needs to be informed about this, to defend our rights of free speech and freedom of the**

**press. And that is at stake. That is the reason even national media are now involved: to stop efforts by bureaucrats and governments to prevent elected representatives and free media to speak out and publish.**

We will not go into every detail of the issue at stake but inform you of its essence. Our community elected Derek as its representative in free and fair elections. As a candidate Derek ran on one single topic for the elections, which was moving Tamborine Mountain from the Scenic Rim to the Gold Coast. Even within our small group of signatures to this letter we have different opinions about that topic, because that issue itself is not what is at stake here. The plebiscite organised by Derek and supported by many residents, showed a 65 per cent support for the change of council boundaries. Mayor Christensen stated that the eastern part of the shire did not understand what 'democracy' means by organising that plebiscite. The Mayor is wrong. Democracy means that the people govern, and part of that process is the elections, and part of it includes actions and consultations between elections. Gagging is exactly the opposite.

Neither residents, nor elected representatives or media should be gagged. Cr Swanborough has been forced by our council to defend himself in more than 40 complaints about him to the body that oversees the legality of the actions of council bureaucrats and politicians, called the Office of the Independent Assessor (OIA). He had to step down from several committees, simply to find time to answer and defend himself. Almost all complaints were submitted by the council, not by residents. Not a single complaint has been upheld.

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## COUNCIL REFUSES TM CABINS DEVELOPMENT

**Scenic Rim Council has confirmed its reasons for refusing a proposed development of 11 tourist cabins at Eagles Retreat Place on Tamborine Mountain.**

Mayor Greg Christensen said the proposed development did not meet some of the Scenic Rim Planning Scheme criteria and did not protect and complement the semi-rural character and scenic amenity values of Tamborine Mountain.

"The 11 cabins comprised five different designs and ranged between two to three storeys in height with significant bulk and scale," he said.

"In addition, the cabin floor areas ranged from 148 to 196 square metres, which is significantly in excess of the 100 square metres provided in the Planning Scheme."

The proposed facility also allowed for a communal recreation facility exclusively for the use of guests located toward the centre of the site; a

wellness centre comprising sauna, steam room and massage suites; a gym; horizon edge pool; games room; and a mix of indoor and outdoor breakout and barbeque spaces.

Cr Christensen said that it was critical that any new developments met the requirements within the Scenic Rim Planning Scheme.

"Council is a strong supporter of growing our tourism offering for the region and creating jobs for our local people. However, it is critical that any new accommodation facilities comply with our Planning Scheme and retain the natural beauty and amenity of the Scenic Rim," he said.

"Interestingly, the applicant initiated a 'deemed refusal' to the State Planning Court prior to Council finalising deliberations.

"This is an unusual step. However, this action does not in any way affect Council's, or the communities' ability to respond to the appeal any differently to Council deciding an application."



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**Councillor's  
Comment**

**DEREK SWANBOROUGH**  
DIVISION 1



**HAS COUNCIL LIT THE FUSE  
OF A TIME BOMB IN CANUNGRA?**

**I dedicate this column as an historical record of how I argued strongly to prevent the below discussed development from proceeding. I really don't want to be remembered for supporting it in any way, and the implications I see for Canungra over the next decade are dire in my view.**

Council has approved 188 two and three-bedroom houses in a high-density master planned retirement village in Finch Road, Canungra that traverses land that is part of the Tamborine Mountain escarpment and in a very high bushfire locality. It was a five votes in favour to two against decision, at last week's Tuesday Ordinary Meeting of Council. Both Cr McInnes and I voted against the motion to approve the development.

Details can all be found on the Council agenda for that meeting, and audio of the meeting is on Council's website.

I voted against the motion for a host of reasons:

- The Scenic Rim Planning Scheme under the strategic framework definitions and codes does not allow high density development in the Canungra town or environs. Developments of this scale and intensity are reserved for the major population centres of Boonah or Beaudesert and are specifically excluded from Tamborine Mountain (for obvious reasons of supporting infrastructure). The Planning Scheme says that Canungra is a local centre characterised by LOW DENSITY sewered residential development, which maintains the village character. I can't imagine how the 900 plus locals, the hundreds of tourists and the additional residents in the town's tiny Main Street or DJ Smith Park on a weekend will complement a village character. Where will they even park? Eventually they may just stay away as amenity declines.
- Council officers would not concede in the meeting that this development proposal or its use

was high density, even though the Planning Scheme makes it clear in multiple statements.

- One hundred and eighty-eight (188) fully standalone two and three-bedroom houses on lots (called leased areas) of an average of 189 square metres per allotment, will have a significant impact on visual amenity. Even Yarrabilba lot sizes are nearly twice this size.
- Councillors were advised by officers they had no power to refuse the development on the basis that there is insufficient water supply in the town, because the water authorities have said if Canungra Creek dries up, they will tanker water in. What happens when a drought and a bushfire occur together as we know they usually do? What are the implications for painfully extended water rationing for all of Canungra residents the next time this occurs? No amount of water reticulation and hydrants will matter if there is a major bushfire in the escarpment and no water for firefighting. Seqwater and Queensland Urban Utilities have no plans for a reliable water supply for Canungra.
- Canungra has a current population of 900, with already another 200 unconstructed approved lots, and this latest proposal will add another 400 over fifties residents to the town - an increase of 44 per cent on the existing population.
- The social problems from this massive change to a small town are highly foreseeable and that is why the Planning Scheme calls for a social impact assessment study (see pages 16 and 17 of the Planning Scheme ... "retirement facilities and other similar HIGH DENSITY residential developments are located in areas that have appropriate levels of service" ... "A SOCIAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT IS UNDERTAKEN TO DEMONSTRATE THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THIS

*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.*

**OUTCOME** ... but the developer was not asked to provide one.

- How will the town cope with a cohort that is known to have a higher risk of mental health issues, financial disadvantage from fixed incomes, and isolation from families; stretched medical and allied health services, lack of older persons' recreation outside of the development, lack of public transport, access to hospitals, lack of land for retail and shopping, lack of flat land for assisted walking? What will be the impact of a tourism town becoming a retirement town, and the impact on property values?
- There will be large scale clearing of land for the development footprint.
- The development is in a water catchment that flows from the top of the Goat Track down to Canungra and there are high risk engineering challenges to ensure that concentration of water flows in significant rain events does not impact flooding in the town and downstream of Canungra Creek.
- The development covers land that is in the MIXED-USE ZONING that was set aside for the future support of the town for small scale commercial and small-scale industrial development. NOW THAT THIS LAND WILL BE USED FOR THE NEW DEVELOPMENT, I'm not aware there are any other similar land zones in Canungra where this can go. The planning scheme says in the Centres Zone Code, that "*Development does not compromise the operations of existing or future land uses on adjoining land*"
- The Planning Scheme identifies Canungra in the Centres Hierarchy as a "Local Centre" (See Strategic Plan Mapping under "Growing Economy". In the Council meeting I made the point that under the LOCAL CENTRES ZONE CODE THAT A RETIREMENT VILLAGE WAS AN *INCONSISTENT USE* and quoted Part 6.2.7 of the Planning Scheme as it was not a use listed in the applicable table. The planning officer advised that this was not an applicable code. Once an officer answers a

question in the Ordinary Meeting, standing orders don't allow you to comment on an answer whether you think it right or wrong. One of the reasons I voted against the development was that it seemed clear to me that the assessment under this Strategic Zone Code for Local Centres was completely omitted, in favour of the assessment under the non-strategic-level land use Zone code for "*LOW MEDIUM DENSITY DEVELOPMENT*" where the code makes such a use a "potentially consistent use".

- Council did not see a comprehensive bushfire report for this development that would have allowed it to appropriately condition the development. Instead, we were told that all the conditions in the bushfire report that is yet to come from the developer, automatically forms part of the approval. I wonder just how this can happen in practice. Would it be peer reviewed? Does just one condition that can't be met null and void the approval? I would think not.

All the reasons for approving the development are contained in the Council officers' reports.

There are appeal rights for the objectors to the proposal so it is still not decided what may be for the Planning and Environment Court to decide.

I apologise if this all seems a bit technical, but it is important to me that this is on the table because it will affect us all as in my view, if the new Planning Scheme can be interpreted in this way in favour of an approval, I have grave concerns about the precedent that it sets and how inappropriate developments can occur. We live in a democracy and the vote was lost. This is not meant to be a case for or against, only a case against. I hope others will defend their decision if they choose to, and you can be the judge of the merits or otherwise of this development.

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**EAGLE HEIGHTS SHOPPING VILLAGE (above FOODWORKS) 14/17 SOUTHPORT AVE, EAGLE HEIGHTS**



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In this process, *The Fassifern Guardian and Tribune*, the award-winning local newspaper of Boonah, repeatedly reported on this topic, quoting the council, Cr Swanborough and the OIA. The OIA decided to try to stop the newspaper from further publishing on the matter, but editor Drew Creighton and journalist Joe Hinchliffe refused after considering the consequences. They also refused to hand over notes of interviews with involved people like our councillor. It led to a threat by the OIA of fines over \$50,000 if they would not comply.

It is also good to know, that our councillor himself initiated contact with the OIA to check whether his actions with respect to the plebiscite were within the law, and he received confirmation that it was. Derek is, due to his experience in local government for over 40 years, very well informed and aware of the constraints of the legal framework of rules and regulations that define the space within which councillors have to operate.

A bombshell revelation last week was that the head of the OIA had even secretly taped a discussion with our councillor without informing him.

To cut a long story short, even if each of us at times might disagree with some actions of a councillor, or of local government, paramount is the freedom of speech and press. Both Derek and the editor and journalist of *The Fassifern Guardian* need our support to make sure that they will not be gagged. People need to have the final say in a democracy, and media and elected representatives play a major role in that process.

Our community has the right to elect the representative that suits us best, to speak out about issues that affect us directly or indirectly, and to write and speak about it. These fundamental freedoms are at stake here.

That might look like an exaggeration, a statement stronger than reality. It is not. This matter is of fundamental importance; for that reason, it has made national headlines.

Whether you support a move to the Gold Coast or not, is not the issue. Our councillor, our representative, needs to be able to express his opinions based on his election commitment. That is why we support the fact that he organised the plebiscite. That is why he should not be gagged.

*The Fassifern Guardian*, as well as other local newspapers including the *Scenic News*, also deserve our unconditional support in pursuing freedom of the press, and free speech.

We need to stand behind our councillor, to defend his right to represent us.

Jaap Vogel, Amanda Hay, Alison Rip

## TIME FOR TRACK ALONG WESTERN ESCARPMENT

For eight years now people on Tamborine Mountain have been requesting our council to establish walking and cycling paths. It was heartening to read Phil Giffard's article recently reiterating the benefits of these to our community.

There is a need for a pathway and adequate parking to be scattered along the western escarpment, together with some seating and picnic areas. This would help to reduce the congestion now experienced at the hang glider lookout. Picnickers could stop elsewhere along the escarpment, and more evenly distributed parking would help reduce the traffic congestion.

Phil suggests pathways should be loops which would allow people to return to their point of departure. The pathways that we have been promoting took this into consideration, with a long path along the western escarpment and returning via a link through the Long Road extension and the sports ground, and then back via Curtis Road. Shorter loops could easily be established via connections through Lahey and Hartley Roads. The main difficulty is to find a suitable connector near the showgrounds, but several possibilities have been suggested.

Any works would have to be done according to proper engineering standards and with the cooperation of the Main Roads Department. Cooperation has been sought but both the Scenic Rim Council and the department pass the buck to the other and we have not found any will to cooperate.

Scenic Rim Council has been particularly recalcitrant. We felt badly betrayed when the recent Eden development was approved without any consultation with us, and without stipulating the provision of a cycle path along the Long Road extension. This was the chance to provide a community facility without drawing on public funds. This is another example of how our council shows scant regard for the wishes of the community which have been regularly expressed to them over the last eight years.

Phil has felt that a real sticking point with our pathway plan was that it was suggested that it should go to the hang glider lookout. He has been concerned that it would have an adverse impact on the already congested area. It is in everybody's interest to have careful planning at this point and so it would need to be referred to competent planners to determine the best solution, in consultation with all interested groups. A pathway along the road edge could actually reduce the congestion, as it would allow people to move across the area to the toilets or to another location without pushing through the people who had settled there, but this would have to also provide for people crossing the road from the carpark.

Dual usage tracks require courtesy by both pedestrians and cyclists to function properly, and cyclists are required to dismount in any congested area. This works successfully in many cities around the world. I see no reason why it couldn't work on Tamborine Mountain.

Now that our council has received the results of Cr Swanborough's plebiscite, it must realise the level of discontent among the ratepayers, and their wish to see their council act in the interests of our community. As Phil Giffard says, now is the time for action to establish a wonderful community facility, one that can showcase our natural beauty to residents and visitors alike.

Howard Stevens



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# SHARP COMMENT

TOM SHARP

## SRRC IGNORES ITS OWN PLANNING SCHEME

Being for property development or against is not the issue that is of concern. What is at the heart of this matter is governance, transparency and representation. These three key criteria were absent when it came to addressing item 10.7 MCU20/133 Development Permit for a Material Change of Use Retirement Facility and Office LD 168 Pty Ltd c/- Tactica Planning & Development, 7-39 Finch Road, Canungra Lot 6 SP161073 which was approved at the ordinary meeting held on August 17, 2021.

Some 188 dwellings are to be built on land directly east of Pine Street. Each dwelling's land size will be 189m<sup>2</sup>.

Aah, but it's a retirement village and they are not individual lots but multiple dwellings on one lease. Does that then pass the test? Answer, NO.

High density living is coming to Canungra.

Once occupied, this will increase the population from 900 people to 1300, an increase of some 44 per cent or 400 people on this postage stamp size footprint.

However, the Scenic Rim Planning Scheme clearly states the area in question is zoned low medium density residential, simply refer to Zoning Map 35 which covers Canungra.

A high-density development of this nature requires a detailed social and infrastructure impact report. A council officer advised it was not required and has not been conditioned.

From a social impact point of view the officer suggested the development was needed in the area.

I ask: where is the substance in that statement?

From an infrastructure point of view the officer advised that State Government departments such as Seqwater and Main Roads advised Council that the development was consistent with their criteria, and they would meet the demands of the new development and Canungra.

How was it that the council officers never referred these government reports on to the relevant ministers as a complete 'falsehood'?

Seqwater has already failed Canungra in terms of water supply as late as 2020, placing the township on water restrictions and current road

congestion and total lack of parking is creating significant headaches for locals.

That's without going into the fact there is no public transport, no hospital, no light industrial area, and no secondary school.

So much so that a great many locals now avoid the place at weekends. If you do not improve traffic flows and provide parking, customers will continue to take their business elsewhere.

As for the site area, it is well recorded as disaster prone given the significant flood events that occurred in the late 1980s and again in 1997.

Future flash flooding of the same magnitude will witness certain death once this development is in place.

Yet it did not rate a mention by one single council officer or councillor.

With regards to the developer, it is my understanding they do not actually own the land but have an option on it and one of the submitters is related to the developer and should have been struck out for reasons of conflict.

Finally, during the course of the meeting a council officer advised a social impact report needed to be undertaken with regards to another development planned for Canungra and he called for that report given he is "anticipating density equal to or greater than what is there".

In closing I will leave you with the SRRC's "Strategic Vision" for Canungra as per their Strategic Framework document:

"Canungra, supported by a local centre and nestled in a backdrop of green wooded hills, remains a distinctive rural village attracting tourists and residents seeking a semi-rural lifestyle. Residents enjoy a high level of amenity with development characterised by low density, sewerred residential and compatible non-residential activities, which maintains the village character. Canungra has a unique village atmosphere and a main street dominated by traditional building forms that reinforce its historic character and provide a strong sense of place."

Does this match the motion passed?

Bye bye Canungra.

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## Councillor's Comment

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**JEFF McCONNELL**  
DIVISION 2

### STATE & FEDERAL GRANTS

Council currently has active State and Federal grants totalling more than \$57million. These grants are a much-needed relief to ratepayers as we can get more work done on roads and other infrastructure projects without using our rates budget.

These grants, however, come with strict conditions, so we cannot move those funds to other projects that some locals think would be a better spend. I encourage you all to check out the Council website for more information.

#### ROADS AND BRIDGES

There has been much said about the condition of our roads and Council has a strong commitment to fix and maintain our roads without our limited capital works budget. I have met with our Road Works officer and requested to look at bringing the upgrade of Veresdale Scrub Road in front of the Veresdale Scrub Hall brought forward in the Capital Works Plan, as it is one of the worst sections of that road.

Most times that I ask residents which road they have an issue with it turns out to be a State controlled road. I have posted on my Facebook page a link to the Main Roads in the Scenic Rim. I encourage you to contact the Department of Main Roads at [southcoast@tmr.qld.gov.au](mailto:southcoast@tmr.qld.gov.au) if you have any problems with a main road.

It was great with the assistance of the neighbouring Logan Councillor Scott Bannon to re-open Tesse Bridge at Veresdale Scrub. This was a joint project with funding from the Federal Bridges Renewal program, and Logan and Scenic Rim Councils. Hopefully the funding for the replacement of Freeman Bridge up the road will be soon.

If you see any dumped items or dead kangaroos by the side of the road, please call Council on 5540 5111 and report it. Keeping our community looking clean and tidy is important.

#### LOCAL ISSUES

Currently, I am working on the following issues:

- Veresdale Scrub School P&C with before and after school care options
- Gleneagle State School P&C with repairs and improvements to the school car park
- Tamborine Memorial Hall improvements
- Tamborine Mountain Sports with facility upgrades
- Wildlife Corridor through Tamborine
- Vonda Youngman and Palomino Roads regarding Tamborine speeding
- Intersection Karen Court, Tamborine upgrade
- Leach Road upgrade outside hardware store.

## PLANTING FORESTS, ONE TREE AT A TIME



In the pre-COVID era, hundreds of thousands of ordinary people across Australia come together on the first Sunday in August each year to celebrate our precious local ecosystems and to plant more than a million new trees, shrubs and grasses.

Begun in 1996, National Tree Day has grown into Australia's largest community tree planting and nature protection event. It's an invitation for all Australians to put their hands in the earth and give back to their valuable natural environment.

In 2021 that wasn't possible, with Queenslanders in the south-east of the state in lockdown. But our Tamborine Mountain Landcare group had already procured 200 local species in tubes, an area in Rosser Park had been mulched, and stakes planted to show where the seedlings were to go into the ground. The new little plants urgently needed to get their feet in the ground.

So, last week its Landcare Tuesday team of volunteers rolled up their sleeves, hoisted their mattocks, filled watering cans, and in a morning's great effort, planted all the trees and shrubs. Thanks to their work, the forest area of the park has been extended and the habitat for birds and other creatures enhanced.

**Wendy Morgan**

## PUZZLES

### 1. Deck dilemma

Your friend chooses at random a card from a standard deck of 52 cards, and keeps this card concealed. You have to guess which of the 52 cards it is.

Before your guess, you can ask your friend one of the following three questions:

- is the card red?
- is the card a face card? (Jack, Queen or King)
- is the card the ace of spades?

Your friend will answer truthfully. What question would you ask that gives you the best chance of guessing the correct card?

### 2. Heart is in pieces

The image at right is a spade. Can you cut it into

three pieces such that it is possible to reassemble the pieces and make a heart?

To be clear, what you are being asked to do is this: imagine the spade is made of card. Make two cuts to the card, thus cutting it into three pieces, and then reassemble the pieces without overlapping so that the pieces together make the shape of a heart, that is, the symbol of the suit of hearts. The cuts may, or may not, be straight lines.

Puzzle ©Alex Bellos (The Guardian)



Answers on Friday at [scenicnews.com.au](http://scenicnews.com.au)



# THE MAN FOR ALL SEASONS

Tamborine Mountain businessman Konrad Gallaher is a local resident through and through. Konrad is one of the more longstanding locals having lived and worked on the mountain for well over 30 years but still has his boyish smile and charm.

Konrad and his wife Maria moved to Tamborine Mountain in the mid-1980s to own and operate along with his brother Simon Gallaher, one of the Mountain's early restaurants, Purdy's on Bartle Road. After selling the restaurant property in the mid-90s, a change of career led Konrad to new business opportunities and Maria now works at one of the local schools.

They have raised and schooled their son Linden on the Mountain, who recently graduated, and is now in his first year studying at Griffith Uni on the Coast while also working at the local food store. Maria's parents Roly and Shirley Lindenmayer also moved to the Mountain about 20 years ago to be near the family and their then-new grandson.

"I first fell in love with the Mountain as a small child when visiting from Brisbane on weekend car trips with my family." Konrad says. "It was my grandmother who loved to drive up here in the 60s and 70s, where we would visit St Bernard's Hotel in its heyday and buy produce on the roadside, much as it is still done today. My parents, who regularly visit us on the Mountain, would also bring us for weekend picnics, and we always loved our many childhood adventures through rainforest bush walks to discover idyllic waterfalls and spectacular Mountain sunsets. These wonderful times are stamped in my memory, and when I had the opportunity to come here to live, I jumped at the chance to permanently experience the magic of the Mountain."

Konrad now operates his own property agency, "Exclusive Sale Properties", which he believes is positioned to give his clients the best local expertise and insight to the area. As a long-term resident, property owner and local businessman, Konrad says he has gained a wealth of knowledge and understanding of the Mountain's variety of lifestyle choices that he now imparts passionately to his property clients.



"There is no area quite as unique as Tamborine Mountain, which is detached yet so close to the urban sprawl of Brisbane and the Gold Coast" says Konrad. "It is a haven for people looking for a quality lifestyle. I feel so lucky to live in such a special part of the world, and I'm committed to upholding my values with honesty and integrity."

Konrad's enthusiasm is refreshing with his genuine passion to impart his local style of city-meets-country and his desire to have his clients achieve the best outcome for their unique needs. As a trusted and loyal community member of long-standing, Konrad believes we are all so fortunate to live in this beautiful community. "I plan to be here for the next 30-plus years," he says with a chuckle, "and I hope my future grandchildren, should I be so lucky, will also have the chance to enjoy this special part of the world."



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# PROBUS TOLD OF LIFEFLIGHT WORK



**Karen Laws, Corporate Relations Manager for RACQ LifeFlight Australia, was guest speaker at a Tamborine Mountain Probus Club's August meeting.**

Karen has worked at LifeFlight for almost six years, managing the corporate relationships within the LifeFlight Foundation team which raises funds towards the shortfall in operational costs of the rescue service.

Having lived in remote and regional Queensland most of her life, she is passionate about LifeFlight as she has seen firsthand what a difference the air medical rescue makes to the patient outcome in an emergency.

She said that for more than 42 years LifeFlight had played a significant part in coming to the aid of those in need of emergency critical air medical services across Queensland. Last year around 6000 people were helped by LifeFlight.

"From a humble weekend service on the Gold Coast, LifeFlight Australia is now recognised as a world leader in aeromedical care, with a core purpose of saving lives and providing emergency medical care 24/7 for Queensland communities," said Karen.

## TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN BRIDGE CLUB RESULTS

<b>Mon 16th</b>	<b>N/S Kevin Hamilton-Reen &amp; Mary Simon</b>
	<b>E/W Derek Marrin and Denise Merrin</b>
<b>Wed 17th</b>	<b>N/S Richard Booth &amp; Wendy Christie</b>
	<b>E/W David Cowl &amp; Tony Hall</b>
<b>Thu 18th</b>	<b>N/S Kevin Hamilton-Reen &amp; Mary Simon</b>
	<b>E/W = Derek Merrin &amp; Denise Merrin</b>
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# VEHICLE INCIDENTS SPARK ENERGEX VOLTAGE ALERT

**Energex is reinforcing lifesaving messages following a spate of incidents involving vehicles hitting electrical equipment in the past fortnight.**

Community Safety Manager, Aaron Smith, said any contact with powerlines was potentially deadly and drivers should be on the lookout for power poles, pillar boxes and padmount substations.

"If you're working near overhead powerlines, use our Look Up and Live app to plan the job safely," he said.

"We want you to avoid hitting electrical assets in the first place, but it's also important you know what to do in the worst-case scenario.

"If you're involved in an incident that brings down powerlines or exposes underground cables, always assume the wires are live and **STAY, CALL, WAIT**. Stay in the vehicle, call 000 and wait for help.

"The best thing any bystander can do is never touch the vehicle because the outside of it could be live. Call 000 and stay at least 10 metres away from any fallen powerlines," Mr Smith said.

In the last fortnight Energex crews have responded to incidents across South-East Queensland, including vehicles hitting power poles in Ipswich, Arana Hills, Crestmead and Gold Coast and trenching machines contacting an underground high-voltage cable in Springwood and Nambour.

Mr Smith said drivers could not afford to overlook electrical infrastructure because they were surrounded by it.

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"Promenaders" were welcome to stroll around and even eat and drink during the performances, with tickets priced at a very inclusive rate, roughly \$1.20 in today's money. Held at the Queen's Hall, near Regent Street in London, the series was a raging success and continues to this day as the BBC Proms.

The Queen's Hall, which was opened in 1893, was destroyed by an incendiary bomb in 1941 during the London Blitz. Just 63 days after this event the 47th season of Proms was launched at the Royal Albert Hall, home to the festival ever since. Thirty-six concerts later the first ever "Last night of the Proms" took place here on 23 August.

The "Last night of the Proms" is the last concert in the annual Proms series of classical music concerts. At the end of this

concert it is traditional for the audience to sing well-known British songs such as "Land of Hope and Glory" and "Rule, Britannia".

Tamborine Mountain Orchestra is proud to present its tribute to this institution, our very own "Last Night of the Proms". The event will be on 11 September at 2.30pm in the Tamborine Mountain State School Hall. Tickets are available via [Ticketebo.com.au/TMO](https://www.ticketebo.com.au/TMO).

In keeping with the modern tradition, we will be presenting a number of works by English composers including Sir Henry Wood's "Fantasia on British Sea Songs", the only work from the original "Last Night" which is still performed every year.

We salute the spirit of the Proms by including a wide range of musical styles in this concert and will be pleased to welcome special guest performer Glenn Lorimer, well known by many of you for his amazing tenor voice, and the Tamborine Mountain Gospel choir.

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## EKKA HOLIDAY IS NOW SET FOR OCTOBER 29

The Scenic Rim local government area will now mark the Ekka show day holiday on Friday 29 October, creating a long weekend for the community.

The holiday was originally set down for Monday 9 August but had to be rescheduled due to the cancellation of the Ekka following COVID-19 lockdown restrictions.

Scenic Rim will share the long weekend with Brisbane and Moreton Bay local government areas.

"Late October is a wonderful time to visit the Scenic Rim, and I am confident our local businesses will leverage the opportunity to generate income that has been lost during the latest lockdown period," said Scenic Rim Mayor Greg Christensen.

"As it is the last long weekend on the calendar before the Christmas holiday period, I encourage those families who aren't working to take the time and have a break and recharge their batteries before the end of year festivities begin."

The Queen's Birthday holiday will be celebrated on Monday 4 October, giving Scenic Rim residents two long weekends in the same month.



# YOGA AND EARTHING

**Oh how we all love spring! There's something exciting about the rising energy from the earth, the warmer days, the jasmine scented air and the tiny leaves sprouting on my pomegranate trees. And nothing is more glorious than practising yoga outside**

**on the grass under the trees.**

In the world of yoga, spring represents the kundalini energy rising in all of us (earth, trees, and humans) and our bodies answer to this call by wanting to move, to breathe deeper and to detox. Spring is the time of the liver in Daoist yoga and it's a great time of year to detox the body, clean the house and perhaps let go of some bad habits that might have formed over winter.

An ancient and easy way to start the detox process is to practise earthing or grounding which involves practising activities that "ground" or electrically reconnect you to the earth. For most of our evolutionary history, humans have had continuous contact with the earth. The earth beneath your feet provides you with food and water. It gives you a surface to sit, stand, walk, run, swim, climb, play, and build on. It also provides you with something very surprising - electrons. When you touch the ground with your bare feet or body, the electrons flow into you. This is called being "earthed".

Planet Earth's surface has a virtually limitless supply of mobile electrons that gives the ground we walk on (as well as lakes and oceans) a natural negative electric charge. When you touch your body to the ground, it dissipates static electricity and extraneous environmental electrical charges that are on you. At the same time, you receive a charge of energy in the form of free electrons and your body synchronizes with the natural frequencies of the earth.

It is only recently that substances such as asphalt, wood, rugs, and plastics have separated us from this contact. Living in direct contact with the earth grounds your body, inducing favorable physiological and electrophysiological changes that promote optimum health. Multiple studies have documented the effect of an earthing practice over blood viscosity, heart rate variability, inflammation, cortisol dynamics, sleep, autonomic nervous system (ANS), balance, and a reduction in stress. Modern science has thoroughly documented the connection between inflammation and all of the chronic diseases, including the ageing process itself.

When earthing is practised, many people report significant improvement in a wide range of ailments. Note that earthing is not a "treatment" or a "cure" for any disease or disorder. Instead, it can be said that the human body evolved in contact with the Earth and needs to maintain this natural contact in order to function properly. Together with a healthy diet, exercise, sleep and loving supportive relationships, earthing is one the many tools we can use to live a vital life.

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# Relationships



## THE POWER OF MUSIC

**The story of the Titanic is familiar to most of us due to its retelling over several generations. As a child I would watch *A Night to Remember*, which left an indelible memory with me.**

For me, the most touching scene was the brave band who continued to play up to the final sinking. Survivors reported that in the initial panic to get to the lifeboats the band played lively, upbeat music in an effort to be a calming distraction over the sound of cries and screams. As the situation became more critical, the music slowed in pace, providing comfort for those left behind. Who could forget the scene of the final song heard across the icy waters, Nearer My God to Thee?

More than a century later, research is proving the benefits of music on mind, emotions, memories, behaviour and general health. Music is currently used as a successful therapy for cognitive, communication and physical impairments, grief and loss and pain management. Queensland Health has a music therapy department which engages children through music-making, singing, listening and song writing.

This helps with their emotional wellbeing and improves health outcomes while they are in hospital. Music therapy in aged care is a form of sensory stimulation which provokes positive responses due to the familiarity, predictability, and feelings of security associated with it. Early indications show an increase in reminiscence of family bonds, improving the recognition of family members for those with Alzheimer's.

You don't have to attend music therapy to enjoy the therapeutic benefits of music. Make it a daily habit to bring music into your home, your car or wherever you spend your time. Music can provide a distraction for your mind; it can slow the rhythms of your body; it can alter your mood and it can influence your behaviour. Who would have thought there are therapeutic benefits to singing in the shower?

Music's role in parenting is widely recognised. It has long been used to settle babies but as children grow older, music is rarely employed as a settler. Substitute screens for music around bedtime if your kids have trouble sleeping and you are likely to see an improvement.

Music has an evident role in our relationships. The early days of romance are replete with special moments centred around songs and dances. If romance has run dry, switch on a favourite album from those early days and enjoy a candle lit dinner or a dance around the house. Music's soothing effect can also create an atmosphere of calm when you are having issues with your partner. Turn off the television, turn on tranquil music and spend quality time together.

Seventeenth century English dramatist William Congreve was way ahead of his time when he wrote, "Music has charms to soothe the savage breast, to soften rocks, or bend a knotted oak."

Eight musicians on board the Titanic were willing to sacrifice their lives because they recognised music's power to bring comfort and calm. I'd say that's a power we should all tap into.

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## BEER BATTERED FLATHEAD

With Father's Day coming up on Sunday 5 September I began thinking about a meal my father taught me to make. As I was searching through my memory files suddenly the sight of my dad pulling the ring on a can of Tooheys, him sneaking a cheeky swig and then pouring the golden coloured liquid into a bowl with the unmistakable yeasty smell mixing with the flour filling the air flashed before my mind's eye.

This recipe is very simple and as a kid I loved the crunchy batter and the soft flakey fish inside. You can add some homemade chips and a simple salad and you will have a classic pub meal on the table in about 45 minutes. If you have a keen fisherman in the family, buying a deep fryer from Kmart is very inexpensive and you will get a lot of use from it especially when the proud hunter brings home the catch of the day.

Did you know? Beer makes such a great base for batter because it simultaneously adds three ingredients - carbon dioxide, foaming agents and alcohol - each of which brings to bear different aspects of physics and chemistry to make the crust light and crisp. The alcohol in the beer also plays an important role in moderating the internal temperature and crisping the crust. Alcohol evaporates faster than water, so a beer batter doesn't have to cook as long as one made only with water or milk. The faster the batter dries, the lower the risk of overcooking the food.

The classic combination of battered fish and chips has strong ties to the UK. Fried fish was first introduced and sold by Jewish refugees arriving in London's East End around the 16th century. Almost certainly the oldest fish and chip shop or 'chippie' was opened in London by Joseph Malin around 1860, who sold "fish fried in the Jewish fashion".

Pre-1960s portions were traditionally wrapped in old newspaper and some of you dear readers may recall this here too in Australia. This age-old tradition was used to soak up excess grease and kept prices down. This practice survived as late as the 1980s when it was ruled unsafe for food to come into contact with newspaper ink without any grease-proof paper in between, though plain unprinted paper is still popular today and arguably more sustainable than the alternatives.

My father had me when he was 21 and was a mad keen fisherman. By the time I was five he had managed to go halves in a 'put put' boat with his friend Michael Gleeson, a spirited befreckled young chap with a mop of fiery red hair. I will never forget my first trip, my sleeping body being gently rocked by my father as he whispers, "Time to get up mate".

I blink and struggle to see as it's still dark, and the faint light from the kitchen down the hall is my only source of light. Dad sits me up and dresses me in a pair of tracksuit pants and a jumper as we head into the kitchen. I smell fresh coffee and Mum is up making us some lunch from last night's sausages, halved and placed into a toasted sandwich lathered with tomato sauce. We pick up Mick from his house and it's still dark, with only the orange glow of street lights illuminating our way.

Dad and Mick are excited as we pull up to the jetty. Dad says, "Look up there," as he points to the clear starry night. "There is Halley's Comet." I watch in awe as a star with a bright tail zooms across the sky. "A great omen," says Mick. "You won't see that again for another 75 years boy," he says looking at me. "We'll probably never see it again in our lifetimes."

We get into a small dinghy and dad begins to row us out to the boat. Mick lifts me up and Dad starts the engine and as the 'put put' sound of the motor slowly takes us through the headlands the sun is rising and the clouds are a dark shade of lilac and pink, and the cries of the circling seagulls fills my ears. 'We' caught 30 fish that day and I was convinced my dad was the best fisherman in the world.

I've added a little twist to this recipe by using my Spartan marinade on the fish. Its lemony peppery goodness really livens up the dish.

### INGREDIENTS

- 700g boneless flathead fillet
- 2 tbs Spartan Marinade
- ¼ cup rice flour

### CRISPY BATTER:

- ¾ cup plain flour
- ¼ cup rice flour (makes it super crispy)



- ¼ tsp baking powder
- ¼ tsp salt
- 1 cup very cold lager
- 4 - 5 cups vegetable oil

### METHOD

1. Pat fish dry using paper towel. Cut into 7cm x 3cm fingers, or larger fillets if you prefer. If you have very thick fillets, cut in half horizontally.
2. Place ¼ cup rice flour in a shallow bowl.
3. Heat 10cm oil in a large heavy based pot over medium high heat to 190°C.
4. While oil is heating, take 3 or 4 pieces of fish and sprinkle with Spartan. Massage gently then coat in rice flour and shake off excess. Repeat with the rest of the fish. You can leave them like this for up to 15 minutes.
5. Cold batter: Just before cooking, whisk together the flour, rice flour, baking powder and salt. Add the very cold beer into the batter and whisk just until incorporated evenly into the flour. Do not overmix; don't worry about flour lumps. It should be a fairly thin batter but fully coat the back of a spoon. If too thick, add more beer but only 1 tablespoon at a time.
6. Dip a piece of fish in the batter then let the excess drip off very briefly.
7. Carefully lower into oil, dropping it in away from you, one piece at a time. Don't crowd the pot, fry in batches. Fry for 3 minutes, flipping after about 2 minutes, until deep golden.
8. Drain on paper towels. Repeat with remaining fish. Serve hot. However, it will stay crisp for 15 to 20 minutes.
9. Serve with lemon wedges and tartare sauce alongside a leafy green salad on the side dressed with a classic vinaigrette and homemade chips.



## TRAVELLING PLACES By Gina Storey

Some interesting developments in the travel industry this week. In the future, when we have hit the magic numbers of most of us being vaccinated, there will be restrictions on travel requirements – this is to protect staff and fellow passengers as well as the destination you are visiting.

Qantas has announced that all passengers and crew will be required to be vaccinated. IATA (the International Air Transport Association) which is the body representing virtually all airlines globally, is developing a Digital Health Pass. This will be on your smart phone, and you will be able to upload test results and vaccine certificates; you will be able to check entry requirements to your destination. All the information will be encrypted and stored securely on your phone so it will not be uploaded to the cloud or other devices. This is already happening in the UK, Canada, and the US. It will happen globally.



Tasmania has announced that once practicable they will require all visitors to the state to be vaccinated. Daniel Leesong is the chair of the Tourism Council of Tasmania. "Once we do hit those targets, we will see free travel amongst the states and amongst Tasmanians as well," he said. "As an industry, we're committed to being responsible, we're committed to ensuring that we remain open and providing the services we all love, but we have to do it with the backup of the knowledge that people that are coming to visit are doing it in a way that can keep us safe." No doubt other states will follow.

Cruise lines have also made a decision for the compulsory vaccination of all crew and passengers on board. This was introduced some time ago. Most cruise lines have started operating globally. Australia is one of the last jurisdictions not to allow large cruise ships to operate. The few small expedition vessels already operating in Australian waters require everyone to be tested prior to boarding and with health reviews during your time on board.

It is good to see the vaccination rates increasing in Australia – if we are ever to open our borders this needs to continue. I know everyone has itchy feet to get on the move again and once the world starts to open up Australians will be off on an adventure. As I have mentioned before Europe, the UK and North America are all travelling again, and we will soon be in a situation to join them.

An opportunity that has just opened up is with Australian company APT. They have redesigned their close-to-home expedition cruises to explore in depth the coastline of Australia. From the southern shore to the tropical north there are expeditions available for travel in the forthcoming six months. If an adventure around Tasmania, Kangaroo Island, the Great Ocean Road, the Great Barrier Reef, or the Great Australian Bight interests you, let Travelling Places know. Most of these expedition cruises are a week-long and all-inclusive of meals beverages and excursions with expert naturalist guides. Join a like-minded small group to explore our shore.

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# NATURE NOTES

with Nadia O'Carroll

## SYNCHRONY

The sight of huge military parades featuring a multitude of armed, uniformed individuals marching in formation, in perfect unison, produces a strong impression on participants and observers, particularly in relation to power, threat, control, group cohesion and intimidation.



This explains the frequency of such spectacles being manipulated by many authoritarian regimes and dictators, past and present. Yet if exactly the same cohort of armed individuals were to walk in random groupings, at their own pace, the impression on participants and observers would be totally different. This more casual parade would be likely to make authoritarian regimes and dictators feel uncomfortable rather than empowered. The essential cause of this difference in perception is the power of synchrony.

Synchrony is precise co-occurrence of two behaviours in time. It can be conscious or unconscious and occurs in many aspects of life and in a range of species including insects, birds, fish and mammals. Cells can demonstrate synchrony and it is a key element in many oscillating systems and vital functions – heart muscle cells must contract in synchrony to facilitate each heartbeat.

In humans, interpersonal synchrony demonstrates a psychological tendency to intentionally or unintentionally fall into rhythm with one another and align movement, expression and behaviour with others. From a cognitive perspective it is thought that individuals can sustain about 150 close social contacts, but people can quickly bond with much larger groups through coordinated activities, ceremonies and rituals.

There are many examples of synchrony, perhaps the most conspicuous is the collective motion of such diverse groups as pods of dolphins, flocks of birds, schools of fish, swarms of insects and crowds of humans in which local interactions between individuals self organise into a coherently moving group.

Collective movement can be spectacular, such as starling murmurations (pictured above) in which flocks of starlings swoop, twist, swirl and turn in perfect unison and shoaling of herrings, where scattered disorganised schools of fish amalgamate within seconds into a highly synchronised, orderly mass of millions swimming together.

Large groups of individuals can move together in unison because each one follows three basic rules of collective movement – move away from those who are too close, move towards those who are far away and match speed and direction to those in the intermediate zone.

Although not as swift or spectacular as starling murmurations, we humans unconsciously follow the same rules as we move collectively and co-operatively with strangers as we navigate through crowded places.





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Ageing is an inevitable process for all living beings. As humans, we realise we will be faced with physical and mental changes as we mature. As a consequence, different parts and muscles of the body diminish in their performance as well. Yoga proves beneficial in enhancing body-mind performance and/or rectifying various ailments that arise as a result of natural deterioration of the body.

As our bodies age, individuals become more vulnerable to illness. As the immune system breaks down and muscle tone is lost along with skeletal flexibility, we are bound to experience more pain and other such related physical conditions. Performing yoga postures will help with pain management and assist us to cope with such compromised physical conditions.

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“We’ve introduced a new Workplace Skills Development Award, highlighting the importance of upskilling our local workforce, and have expanded our tourism and hospitality industry recognition across two categories.”

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- Excellence in Professional and Community Services
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- Excellence in Workplace Skills Development
- Trainee/Apprentice of the Year

Winners of each of the business categories will be in the running for the overall Regional Prosperity Award, recognising a business that has achieved outstanding results and demonstrated all-round excellence.

Cr Christensen said he hoped to see businesses from all industries, across every corner of the Scenic Rim, get involved and get their nomination in.

The official awards ceremony will be held at the Boonah Cultural Centre on 5 November.

Award nominations are open from 20 August to 17 September. For information, including the conditions of entry, go to [www.scenicrim.qld.gov.au/BEA](http://www.scenicrim.qld.gov.au/BEA).

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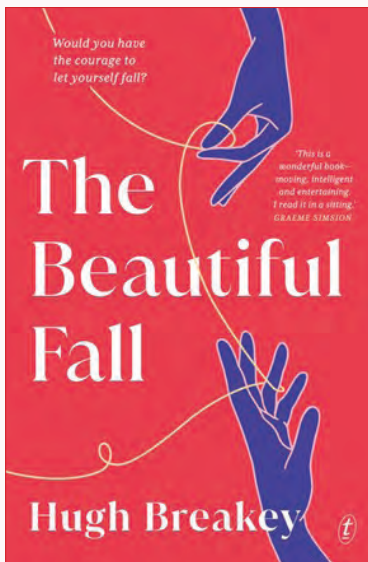
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*Things Asian*



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2. What does APEC (a trade bloc) stand for?
3. Which three Asian river areas gave rise to the early civilisations of Iraq, India, and China?
4. Which Asian country has the highest population density?
5. Which former Portuguese colony was handed back to China in 1999?
6. What is the full name of North Korea?
7. Where is the geo-political demarcation between Asia and Africa?
8. Which are the three main Asian financial centres?
9. Which country, a former part of China, is constantly under threat from the possibility of being forcibly retaken by China?
10. In which country do the Tamil Tiger guerrillas operate?
11. Gyanendra is the king of which Himalayan country?
12. Aung San Suu Kyi, a Nobel Peace Prize winner, was being held as a political prisoner in which country?
13. Which country is spread out across thousands of islands between mainland Asia and Australia, and has the world's largest Muslim population?
14. What name is given to the extensive areas of dry, treeless grassland of central Asia?

*Answers on page 29*

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**TM ARTS COLLECTIVE:** Meetings are usually held at 7.00 pm on the first Wednesday of the month at a designated location (call 5545 0043 for details). We always welcome visitors and enquiries from new artists and artisans. We stand for a stronger arts community on the Mountain, and continue to lobby for a local community gallery and arts hub. The Collective benefits from our association with the Brisbane Visual Arts Community (BVAC) and members participate in Brisbane and local arts events.

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

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

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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 President Phil Hunter 0419 662 961.

**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 Mon, 7.00am Tue, 6.30pm Wed and 3.00pm Sun. Ladies from 7.00am Fri. Fit Hit (cardio) 6.30pm Tue. For all sessions, no need to book, just turn up. 88 Beacon Rd North Tamborine. Contact Henry Rich 0477 775 671

**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.

**UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE (U3A).** An association for retirees and those preparing for retirement. Learn, teach, socialise. For more info please access our website www.u3atamborinemountain.com

**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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