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Tamborine Mountain building designer Anthony Rigg embraces the local lifestyle and a bright future in unique, personalised creations for his clients. Story in this week's Q and A on page 15.



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1.30-2.00	12 Platt Place

SPRING INTO THE WARMER MONTHS



Review: Seller 232 Beacon Road

Elizabeth Stirling is a highly professional real estate person that I would highly recommend. She has helped me with the selling of my home and buying another here on Tamborine Mountain. Elizabeth's attention to detail, her communication and positive approach make for a strong personal connection, and she listens.

★★★★★

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SALE 🛏️ 4 🛁 3 🚗 2 ✂️ 2,220m²

12 Platt Place, Tamborine Mountain

- Secluded position, tucked at the end of a semi-tropical tree lined driveway
- Free-flow open plan layout, central kitchen
- Floating timber floors, large sunroom
- Potting shed with power and water

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SALE 🛏️ - 🛁 - 🚗 - ✂️ 2.5 acres

89 Guanaba Road, Tamborine Mountain

- Vacant land with Gold Coast views
- Wonderful location, exceptional privacy
- Bordering pristine native reserve bush land
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SALE 🛏️ 4 🛁 2 🚗 4 ✂️ 141,4 acres

70 Double Crossing Road, Canungra

- Natural bushland including small rainforest
- Spacious, single level rendered brick home
- Open plan kitchen/living with bush views
- 4-bay machinery shed, horse shelter, dam
- Abundant wildlife

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GET THE JOB NOW, SAYS SCOTT



As he received his second Astra Zeneca vaccination last weekend, Federal Member for Wright, Scott Buchholz, strongly encouraged the community to get theirs.

“It will mean that we can open our state borders, travel again, visit loved ones, and re-open the economy,” he said.

“We’re ramping up the rollout and I urge all in our community to chat to their GP, talk about their individual circumstances, get the facts and consider getting vaccinated.

“We are all tired of the restrictions, of wearing masks and the lockdowns. Getting the jab is a step forward to moving

beyond this pandemic and back to a sense of normality. Everyday, thousands of Australians are rolling up their sleeves.

“I ask our community to join me in getting the jab, to protect our family, friends, community and country; to support our businesses and our economy. We’ve all made enormous sacrifices during COVID-19 and this is our pathway forward and getting back to living our lives.”

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TIME TO REGISTER FOR CRICKET

The Tamborine Mountain Cricket Club is experiencing rapid growth in both their juniors and seniors. They have members aged five through to 70 and this year marks the biggest season yet for this amazing local club.

They are now actively seeking junior cricketers to join their burgeoning ranks and senior cricketers for their two over 40s teams, their 3rd grade and their 4th grade sides. Registrations to join the club are now open. To register, go to playcricket.com.au, search Tamborine Mountain Cricket Club and follow the prompts.

If you have any questions, Club President, Neil Bell, can be contacted on 0403 854 699, or tmcricquetpresident@gmail.com.

Above: Sarah Bell, 14, strides off the cricket ground after a successful batting innings.



TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN BRIDGE CLUB RESULTS

Mon 23th N/S John Youngman & Cheryl Finlayson
E/W Eddie Heyenmeyer & Robert McCathie

Wed 25th N/S Denise Merrin & Cheryl Finlayson
E/W Di & Bill Larcombe

Thur 26th N/S David Cowls & Eddie Heinemeyer
E/W Peter Zarembo & Keith Bowman

Winners of the Championship Cup David Cowls & Eddie Heinemeyer

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NEW PATH OPENS AT BOTANIC GARDENS

The volunteers at the Botanic Gardens have completed a major upgrade to one of its greatest attractions, Sooty Owl's Creekside Trail. A new path leads visitors through this magical space – with no steps.

The initial path continues to be a favourite while the alternative path with a series of timber bridges across Charlie's Creek allows mums with prams and some of the less able, to enjoy the trail with much greater ease.

Both pathways have also been upgraded, with pavers replacing the bitumen, offering a smoother surface on which to walk.

All of the surprises and activities in Sooty Owl's Trail, including the "thong gong", the water pump and mill and the megaphone Q&A are still fully accessible.

The team is also delighted that the owl statue or "totem" has been returned to its rightful place at the northern end of the Rose Garden.

The work was created by chainsaw artist Matt Bird from a dead tree in 2015. Sadly, the root system and base finally rotted, and the sculpture recently fell.

Thanks to local builder Martyn Haynes who came up with an innovative solution to minimise damage and secure the sculpture for the future, plus some deft lifting from the team at Coles Earthworks, it was soon back in pride of place.

When you are next at the Gardens, make a point of visiting both the Sooty Owl Trail and the amazing totem which was carved entirely with chainsaws.

PHOTOS:

Top right: Volunteer Ed Turner helped to build the new path in Sooty Owl's Creekside Trail.

Right: Matt Bird carving the Gardens totem.

Far right: The owl totem in the rose garden rises again.



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Geometrid Moth

Geometrid Moth – *Euphronarcha luxaria*, garage, Eagle Heights



The family *Geometridae* contains over 23,000 species and few have a common name. Thus, there are 28 different images titled Geometrid Moth in my album. The moth was readily identified by the expert, but when I googled the species, I only found a single link, which has never happened before. I got an overhead shot in March, which this image of three weeks ago, replaces. Fortunately, the link was to the indispensable Lepidoptera Butterfly House site. The species occurs in Queensland, New South Wales, the Australian Capital Territory, Victoria and Tasmania. Wingspan is 3.5cm.

Peter Kuttner

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Meet the team

Elizabeth Stirling

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Elizabeth known affectionately as the 'red head', has been a local on Tamborine Mountain for 24 years, and in real estate for 20 of those. She attributes much of her success to her life experience, which has given her the knowledge, and ability to relate to, and work successfully alongside a wide range of the community. In short she is a "people person" and she genuinely cares about the outcome for her clients. You will often hear her say "It's more than just selling houses!"

Her creative flair was enhanced by years of experience in the film/advertising industry in Melbourne. That ability, she shares generously with her vendors, in the presentation and styling of their homes. Elizabeth understands how stressful, selling or buying is for most people. With her natural warmth, empathy and knowledge, she is there with her clients every step of the way.

Elizabeth is passionate about what she does and commits wholeheartedly to her clients, unstinting in her efforts to achieve the very best outcome for everyone.



Elizabeth sold us our beautiful home and now 6 years later has sold it for us. We found her excellent as purchasers and equally as good as sellers. She knows her stuff! Isn't pushy and we felt we could trust her. Thank you Elizabeth for a great job.
Seller

Elizabeth was professional and friendly right from the moment we met her at an open home. Elizabeth has gone above and beyond what most agents would do. Her communication is excellent and I would really recommend her to potential buyers and sellers
Buyer



SALON LOOKS FOR BIGGER EDGE IN HAIR AND BEAUTY

Edge hairdressing salon has now relocated to a stylish new home at Main Street, Tamborine Mountain, only a hop, step and a jump from their former site.

While the physical distance between the two shops may be a small one, the new salon – in terms of style, ambience and space – is “light years” away from the old one.

Owner Samijo Cranney who purchased the business in 2019 has seen its client base grow rapidly, despite the disruptions and constraints imposed by the coronavirus pandemic.

Samijo and her talented support team of Eliza Moody, Jaclyn Locke and Maya Lynch have overseen a surge in clients, not just from Tamborine Mountain, but from surrounding areas, including some from Brisbane and Gold Coast.

The salon’s specialised services have also expanded and cover just about everything in hair and beauty, including hair colouring, perms, sets, cuts and extensions, brow tinting, waxing, make-up and lashes.

Such has been the growth of the salon that Samijo is now looking for a fifth member to join the Edge team, and she is planning to further expand its range of hair and beauty services.

“I feel passionate about delivering the best possible results for our clients. I would just like to say thank you so much to our amazing clients who support us. Without them we couldn’t do what we love.

“We are so happy with the fitout of our new salon by Renovation Masters Qld. They made our vision come true and we are so grateful.”

Top right: Owner Samijo Cranney (top right) with (from left) Jaclyn Locke, Eliza Moody and Maya Lynch.

Below: Among the guests, friends and staff who gathered for the official opening of the new Edge salon were (from left) Michelle Lynch, Tess Boehm, Lyn Hunt, Maya Lynch, Kara Perandis and Kate Mealey.

Far right: Eliza Moody demonstrates her make-up and lashes skill on fellow team member Jaclyn Locke.

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THE OSTEOARTHRITIS TRAP

Have you heard of the osteoarthritis trap?

It is far too common, especially around retirement age. And it is devastating. Let me tell you what the trap looks like.

You begin to get joint degeneration. That degeneration begins to get arthritic and inflamed. That inflamed and irritated joint begins to make peculiarly clicky and crunchy sounds. It begins to get a bit sore and swollen ... almost puffy.

You don't walk and move as much because it is so sore. You lose fitness and gain weight. The cartilage degeneration worsens from the increased weight and less movement.

It makes more sounds, gets puffier and more painful.

You move less and put on more weight. Joint osteoarthritis > pain > less exercise > weight gain > worsening arthritis ... and you are stuck in the osteoarthritis trap.

Sound familiar? If you are like most people, you will probably find it quite daunting when stuck in pain and your fitness is worsening. It can be so frustrating when even basic movements like walking are so painful.

Some people may think that the only way to deal with osteoarthritis is medication and a joint replacement.

The reality is that there is sooooo much you can do to manage osteoarthritis and I want to share five things you can do:

1. Lower your intake of pro-inflammatory foods like dairy, alcohol and sugar. Or think of it the other way around - eat more vegetables, nuts and good fats. Some vegetables like nightshade vegetables can contribute to symptoms, so it is worth seeking

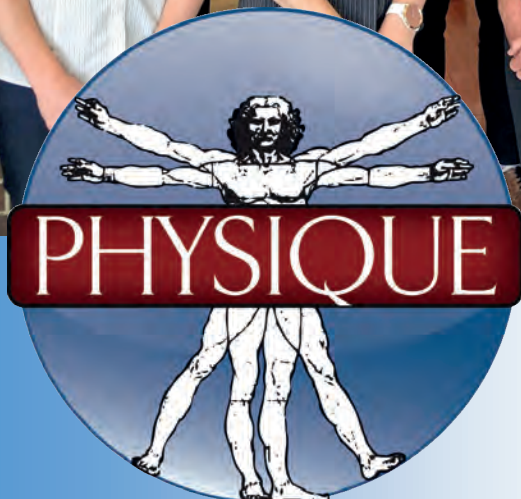
dietary advice and experimenting with different foods.

2. Seek medical advice on how to sustainably lose weight. To lose even a couple of kilograms will drastically reduce the load on arthritic backs, hips, knees, and ankles.
3. Begin strengthening your knees. If you were to do just one thing from this list, strengthen your knees. I cannot stress enough how important this is. By strengthening your knees correctly not only will you obviously get stronger, but your pain will reduce and you will be able to walk with much more confidence and fluency.
4. Aim to get into a pool weekly to move pain-free. One of the best things you can be doing for arthritis is swimming, exercising and moving around in the water with the relief that the buoyancy from water provides.
5. Strengthen the rest of your body, especially the hips and core. The number of times I have seen people's pain improve tremendously because they strengthen up the rest of their body. They stop walking wonkily, it takes the strain of their hips and back, and the knees are much better supported.

By escaping the cycle, you can at the very least manage the arthritis better. You won't be able to get your 21-year-old joints back but you can prevent worsening of your current arthritis.

This means less puffy knees, no more hobbling around, no more waking up at night with pain and more time doing what you love. It is great getting some freedom from pain and physical improvements, but what's really special is the impact this can make on your life.

It is so rewarding to see someone get not just relief but be able to do the things they love again without pain.



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JON KRAUSE MP

State Member for Scenic Rim

SIGN THE PETITION AND SEND A MESSAGE TO PREMIER TO IMPROVE MOUNTAIN ROADS

Sign the e-petition (below) to improve the condition of the surface of various roads on Tamborine Mountain. In particular, Main Western Road, Golf Course Road, Guanaba Road and Henri Robert Drive are in very poor and dangerous condition. Sections of these roads are breaking off in chunks and there are a number of very large potholes. The previous temporary treatments to repair these potholes continue to be damaged and the road surface – and road safety – are compromised.

These roads are used not only by residents but are vitally important transport and access roads for Tamborine Mountain, utilised by a large number of buses, heavy vehicles and motorists accessing schools, tourists attractions, and by those working at the many small businesses there.

I thank local residents who have instigated this petition, which I was only too willing to sponsor, given that I spend a lot of time in my role badgering the Main Roads Minister and his department to do better for all of us in the Scenic Rim Electorate. Many years of bad Labor government has led us to a situation where there is a \$6 billion backlog on repairs and maintenance on State roads across Queensland. This petition is all about making our voices heard and I urge you to support it.

To sign the e-petition go to: www.parliament.qld.gov.au/Work-of-the-Assembly/Petitions/Petition-Details?id=3598

BAN ON PLASTIC STARTS THIS MONTH

Starting 1 September, some single-use plastic items will be banned in Queensland. Half of all plastic produced in the world is designed to be only used once – and then thrown away. This is a huge contributor to the 300 million tonnes of plastic waste created every year, almost equivalent to the weight of the entire human population.

Single-use plastic items included in the ban are:

- **Straws:** regular straws, flexible straws, straws with a scoop, cocktail straws and bubble tea straws (I admit, I'm going to struggle with cardboard straws for some things including thickshakes)
- **Stirrers:** hot or cold drink stirrers, swizzle sticks and hot or cold food stirrers
- **Plates and bowls** including single-use expanded polystyrene plates
- **Cutlery:** knives, forks, spoons, teaspoons, sample tasting spoons, soup spoons, chopsticks, splayds and sporks
- **Expanded polystyrene** takeaway food containers and cups.

Learn more about the single-use plastic ban at www.qld.gov.au/plasticsban

ONE FINAL THING

As a Queensland community, we need to acknowledge that COVID-19 is not likely to disappear entirely from our lives for quite a long time. How do we continue with living our lives, keeping our economy ticking over and money coming into government to pay for the things we need (health and hospital services especially, and better roads ...) while also balancing this with the entirely reasonable desire on the part of the community to be shielded from the worst health impacts of COVID-19?

It is a very difficult question to resolve. I received my second vaccine dose this week, and while vaccination may not be the complete answer to these considerations, it is certainly in my view one tool. There are things we can all do to minimise the impact of COVID-19, on both our health and on the economy. I'm doing my part. The Government needs to lead with courage and do its part in ensuring their decisions look out for the thousands of businesses (and their families) across Queensland that are on knife's edge. It needs to lead Queenslanders with the courage to tell the truth that COVID-19 is a part of our lives for the foreseeable future and chart a way forward that is balanced to all of these factors.

If you have an issue that you think should be fixed, I encourage you to contact my office, toll-free on 1800 813 960, so I can lobby on your behalf in Brisbane.



SCOTT BUCHHOLZ

Federal Member for Wright

PASSED: SURVEILLANCE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (IDENTIFY AND DISRUPT) BILL

The safety of our local community has received a boost with the passage of legislation that gives Australian law enforcement agencies new capabilities to identify and disrupt serious criminal activity occurring online. The dark web is the gateway for crimes like child exploitation, drug trafficking, and illegal firearms. Police will now have the tools they need to target criminals hiding behind the anonymity of the dark web.

EXPANSION OF SME RECOVERY LOAN SCHEME

With lockdowns impacting millions of Australians, the Morrison Government is ensuring businesses are given every opportunity to adapt and recover. That's why we're expanding the SME Recovery Loan Scheme, so that all SMEs dealing with the economic impacts of COVID-19 can qualify.

Small and medium businesses with a turnover of less than \$250 million can now access up to \$5 million from participating lenders, with the Government guaranteeing 80 per cent of the loan amount.

This will keep more businesses in business, with lenders able to provide cheaper credit and allows many otherwise viable SMEs to access vital additional funding to get through this crisis, recover and invest for the future.

This announcement comes on top of our ongoing and targeted economic, business and income support, with around \$4 billion in COVID-19 Disaster payments being made to about 1.6 million Australians since 1 July this year.

In Queensland, we are working with the Queensland Government to deliver more support in the form of a \$600 million business support package.

The package is split 50/50 between the two governments and will be implemented and administered by the Queensland Government.

As part of the package, additional support for businesses that have had a decline in turnover of more than 30 per cent will include a \$1000 one-off grant to non-employing sole traders across Queensland that have had a decline in turnover of more than 30 per cent; and payroll-based support for all businesses across Queensland that have had a decline in turnover of more than 30 per cent:

- a \$10,000 one-off, top-up grant to small business with payroll of less than \$1.3 million
- a \$15,000 one-off, top-up grant to medium sized business with payroll between \$1.3 million and \$10 million
- a \$30,000 one-off, top-up grant to large sized tourism and hospitality focused businesses only with payroll of greater than \$10 million.

This package will help to keep businesses in business and Queenslanders in jobs and builds on the almost \$30 billion in economic support the Morrison Government has provided Queensland households and businesses during the pandemic.



Letters to the Editor

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

CRYING OUT FOR DEMOCRATIC LEADERS TO RISE UP

Thank you, *Scenic News*, for alerting us to the devious ways of the OIA spurred on by a council that seems to have a questionable agenda.

You asked the question: "At what point will the OIA seriously ... 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?"

Let me add further - when will we again see the demonstration of democratic government in our land? At present we see a form of totalitarianism all in the guise of public safety, so they say. It is being demonstrated on either side of politics. With so much opposing 'scientific' evidence as to how to address the problems we face as a nation, why is it that those in power seem to lean in one and only direction, and woe betide any others who would have an opposing view. Slap them with a fine.

Winston Churchill - and he was definitely not the perfect leader - said that 'democracy is the worst form of Government except for all those other forms that have been tried from time to time.'

My question is this: why are our leaders demonstrating the qualities of 'those other forms?'

Peter G. James Sinclair

STUDY ON BULK WATER EXTRACTION NOT YET PUBLIC

Whilst I support the views expressed by Amanda Hay (Commercial Water Extraction Issues Just Won't Go Away, *Scenic News* 26/08/21), I would suggest that they don't go far enough.

Bulk water extraction by local business for sale off-mountain to multinational

bottlers is unethical and greedy practice on multiple fronts. Our local aquifers significantly support local domestic water need and it is unacceptable for local business to tap into a local resource which costs them nothing and sell it for profit.

Such practice is emblematic of a broader philosophy in which those that can exploit our global natural resources for profit and are substantively responsible for the wider issue of climate change. Furthermore, support of the bottled water industry is yet another example of exploitation, promoting and providing a product which no one in the developed world requires.

The QUT study on local aquifers, part funded by SRRRC, is yet to be made publicly available, although the work was completed and delivered to Council some time ago. I would contend that it is unacceptable for Council to argue, as they have, that a business approval, once given can never be rescinded.

At every level of government, laws and statutes may be modified or reversed depending on current circumstances. Climate change is with us and requires urgent measures to address it. None of us can fully predict local conditions in the future, and to allow the sale of millions of litres of water annually is dangerous and iniquitous behaviour.

I would call on Council to do the brave and right thing, end local commercial water extraction for off-mountain sale.

Sally Williams

Tamborine Mountain
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RIP GARY STEWART - TMCCA's in-house Professor par excellence

Gary Stewart, an iconic figure of the Lions Club Tamborine Mountain, High School physics, chemistry and maths teacher, my ex-French student and member of the Gents Social Group at TMCCA, had demonstrated a voracious appetite to acquire and share knowledge about a broad spectrum of topics.

From travel trajectories to Mars, varieties of whales in international waters, Indian philosophy and the French Language, Gary wanted to know it all. Unfortunately, according to Gary, his cat Sir Thomas "often ate up the French homework" so he rarely got it done. This did not deter Gary from wanting to speak 'la langue de La Grande Nation' as he often defined French.

Here are some of Gary's appreciative words regarding the TMCCA Gents Social Group:

"As a member of the Gentlemen's Club at TMCCA under the auspices of Geoff Marshall (Manager), Margaret Mannix, Jacqui Skelton and Patricia Arora, I give praise and admiration for your services to the Tamborine Mountain Community.

"Our very pleasant morning teas and conviviality of table talk, assorted speakers and restaurant visits over the Mountain venues provide considerable pleasure. Nay! Great pleasure to a group of ageing males of varied and differential work and country backgrounds. We are all unique, to use a hackneyed phrase, but the result is a cameo of reflections and reminiscences that gently flows around the room.

"When I heard the phrase "Gentlemen's Club", the images of English Clubs' (U.K.) select members flashed through my vivid imagination. Far from the truth. Thank God. Australian friendship, humour and equality is alive and well. If you think that I have wandered in my dotage, pray come and join us and feel the tender care and affection that is genuinely offered by the staff and companionship of the gentlemen of Community Care." – Gary Stewart.

Thank you Gary for your thoughtful donation of the charming bird bath that occupies a sunny spot in the TMCCA yard. You will be remembered always.

Patricia Arora



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Councillor's Comment

VIRGINIA WEST
DIVISION 3

COVID-19 RATES RELIEF

Given the latest lockdown, cancellation of significant events and associated economic impact to our region, Council adopted an extension of the due date for current rate payments from 19 August to 17 September. This means the five per cent discount will still apply up until the new due date.

NOMINATIONS FOR BUSINESS EXCELLENCE AWARDS 2021

Nominations are now open to highlight and reward the achievements of our local businesses with a closing date of Friday 17 September. There are a number of categories and entry forms are online via scenicrim.smartygrants.com.au. If you need further advice a regional prosperity officer can assist you by phoning 5540 5111.

RETIREMENT HOUSING APPROVAL

I know the recent approval of this housing facility has caused concern to some in our community and I am very happy to talk with any residents who wish to share their views. However, I am unable to respond to comments or dialogue on a Facebook site.

This application, which may not be popular with all residents, has been assessed by the planning officers and it complies with the Scenic Rim Planning Scheme which is the legislative document approved by the State Government. Legally it ticks all the boxes. A number of conditions have been included and community input can be attributed to a number of these.

In the Scenic Rim, water supply and State-controlled roads are the responsibility of other agencies, not Council. Their approval and conditions give Council no opportunity to deviate from them.

I wrote in this column some months ago regarding the ongoing water issues in Canungra (which I, too share) and about a large development application in town some years ago, which the council of the day refused on grounds of inadequate water. It then went to the Planning and Environment Court, at a cost to ratepayers and the decision was then approved. Had this recent application been refused by Council, the outcome would undoubtedly have been the same. These are the challenges a councillor faces when representing their community views; it is very easy to make the popular vote which is not always the right vote in the interests of all our ratepayers or the legislation that governs elected members.

As has been the case in the past, I will continue, along with Council officers, to advocate with the external agencies (Urban Utilities, Seqwater and Department of Transport and Main Roads) to ensure our community views are heard and the infrastructure delivered in a timely manner.

THINK LOCAL, BUY LOCAL

With the challenging and uncertain times our communities are facing due to snap lockdowns and attendee restrictions, it is even more vital than ever that we all consciously support our local retailers, trades, suppliers and tourism operators.

CONTACT ME

I am always available to talk with residents on 5540 5403 or 0407 630 052; or email me at virginia.w@scenicrim.qld.gov.au. I am normally at the Canungra Library on the second Saturday of the month to chat with residents. However, I am unable to be there in September due to the opening of the Regeneration Art Exhibition at The Centre in Beaudesert.

LOOKING YOUR BEST IS LEESA'S PLEASURE



Having worked for a successful hair company in Logan for 23 years, Leesa Matthews decided in March to purchase her own salon in Tamborine Mountain Plaza. Her purchase came just before a three-day COVID-19 lockdown and proved a nerve-wracking introduction to the new venture. "It was hard to close, not knowing how long it was going to be for."

Thankfully, the interruption was short, and Leesa set about establishing her shop as a family-friendly, happy environment.

"I love to meet new people, and I find it rewarding doing something that makes people feel confident and good about themselves," said Leesa. "From a very young age, all I wanted to do was hairdressing and barbering."

The salon welcomes all past and new clients: men, kids, ladies are all welcome. Leesa covers the full range of fades, haircuts, beard trims, all kids' cuts, cut-throat shaves, and head shaves. No appointment is necessary. Gift vouchers are available and offer a fantastic idea to treat Dad for Father's Day!

Leesa is a mother of five, with four grandkids, and loves to catch up with friends over a BBQ and drinks. Her daughter is a keen horsewoman, so holidays often involve trips away to show horses.

COVID represents an ongoing challenge, but Leesa's goal-driven, competitive nature will ensure that her bright and welcoming salon will soon be a regular stop for locals out to look and feel their best. Drop in and say hello!

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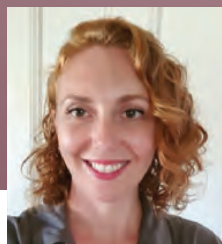
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RAINBOW BABIES

Recently, you may have seen pictures of rainbows being posted on social media or people referring to 'rainbow babies' and wondered what they were talking about. A rainbow baby is a baby who is born after the loss of a child, whether that child was a miscarriage, a stillborn baby, or a baby who died soon after birth. When families suffer these losses and go on to have another baby, they may refer to that child as their 'rainbow baby'. This is acknowledged every year on August 22 on Rainbow Baby Day.

The loss of a baby is a complex and saddening time for many families and the circumstances around these losses are often varied and not as black and white as you may think. To be pregnant again can be a source of great anxiety for women and also for their partners. Many women struggle to 'allow' themselves to feel excited about the pregnancy until they are actually holding their baby earthside.

Anniversaries during the pregnancy can also be particularly stressful. Dates such as being pregnant at the gestation when the last baby was lost, the date of birth of that baby, or the due date for that baby are also times when women and their partners may feel a heightened sense of stress. Siblings too can also feel that stress. Sometimes parents want to protect their other children from their own sadness and pain, but many children are aware of what is happening and need that additional support too - whether that is from the school, from a counsellor or through a referral to another organisation through the GP.

If you know somebody who is expecting their rainbow baby, try to remember that they will be going through many emotions and that the way people react to loss is individual. There is no right or wrong way to feel when going through loss. It is complicated and sometimes hard to explain. The best thing you can do to support that person is acknowledge how they are feeling, listen to them, and ask them what they need you to do to help them through it.

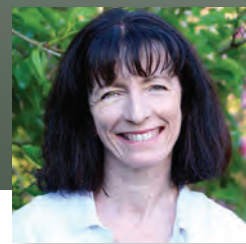
There are lots of services out there for people who have experienced pregnancy loss. SANDS are a well-established organisation who help people through counselling and support. They also have a 24-hour bereavement support line you can call on 1300 308 307.

If you have other children who are struggling with the loss of a sibling, there is a wonderful service called Paradise Kids in Arundel. They assist children and also their parents through counselling, both on a group and individual level, and many parents find this can help their children to work through their feelings. If you are currently pregnant with a rainbow baby, you can talk to your midwife or other health care provider about your concerns. If you need additional reassurance or if you feel you need allied health involvement, please reach out so we can help you to find tools that work for you to ease your concerns.

If you are not currently pregnant but are reading this, please also remember that a huge proportion of women have been through a pregnancy loss, whether that be a termination of pregnancy or a miscarriage. Some people are still struggling to fall pregnant, or they may have had to make the heartbreaking decision to terminate a pregnancy because the child had health problems that were late to diagnose because of their complexity, or because they made a choice that was right for them at that time. With Father's Day coming up, this can be a very triggering time for people.

Many well-meaning friends or acquaintances may ask couples when they are going to have children, or if they are going to have any more and this can be confronting if they have experienced pregnancy loss. We obviously don't want to live in a world where people are too afraid to ask each other anything, but to be mindful that people will have a different experience to your own, and of how what you say may make them feel is one of the simplest forms of kindness.

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



A MESSAGE FOR DADS

Happy Father's Day to all our dads! You are playing a crucial role in the life of your kids, regardless of what age or stage of life they are at. Trying to balance work and family commitments can be challenging but fortunately of late there has been an increase in the level of discussion about flexible work practices and the need for parents to spend time with their children.

When parents are looking for advice on parenting there are many books on offer, but very few are specifically written with fathers in mind. A couple of great books for dads written by Australian authors are *Manhood* by Steve Biddulph and *Father Time* by Daniel Petre.

Petre was managing director of Microsoft Australia at a time when the company was taking off, and has experience in what it means to trade your life for a company.

Petre's observation is that most dads lean toward a belief that they have insignificant impact on the lives of their children. He is amazed that parents

in general undertake little study when it comes to what it takes to be a good parent. It seems we believe we are inherently programmed to be good parents and we rarely stop to reflect on our behaviours or motivations. Petre claims that if we were to put the same focussed energy we dedicate to our careers into our goal of producing well adjusted, caring, competent and confident offspring, we could fundamentally make the world a better place.

So, what makes a great parent and what do our kids need the most? First and foremost, is unconditional love. Scott Peck (*The Road Less Travelled*) says that if you have not experienced unconditional love as a child then you are forever damaged or scarred. Unconditional love is not hovering over every aspect of your child's life. Your child should feel that as they experiment and explore the world and occasionally fail, home is where they will find support and acceptance, regardless of their achievements or lack of them.

Another important aspect of parenting is demonstrating to your kids that they matter. Your child must observe your conscious choices to put their interests and needs first in order to feel that they are important and that they are worthy. When a child constantly feels that they are an annoyance to their parents who have better things to do, they develop a deep sense of lack of worth.

Equipping your child with life skills is the responsibility of every parent. Model what it means to care for others; respect every person; take responsibility for your actions; stand up for what you believe in; stay true to who you are - these are attributes that will set your child on a path to a well-functioning adult.

One of the keys to becoming a good dad is to pull yourself out of your daily grind and see your life with clear perspective. Give yourself time to reflect on how your family relationships are going and adjustments you may need to make. Your children will reap the benefits.

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Q&A

with the Scenic News

Anthony Rigg specialises in residential building design, having moved to Queensland after finishing his studies in Newcastle, NSW in 2002. He has lived on Tamborine Mountain for the past three years.

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

Design, particularly residential design, has been something that I have grown to love. Initially, I worked for a high-end building company on the Gold Coast, helping senior staff draw up homes on Sovereign Island, Sanctuary Cove, and Hope Island. About a year-and-a-half in, a colleague asked me to design a home for his ageing parents on a one-acre block in rural Casino, NSW. It was to be the first time that I would only be answerable to the client. The budget for their home was tiny compared to the mansions we created on the Gold Coast. However, the joy I felt in aiding the clients create something special was immeasurable. With that first home complete, I quit my job at the Paradise Point building company and began to work for myself. In retrospect, it was way too early to go out on my own, as I was still learning the fundamentals of construction, yet this is how it happened. One begins in a very modest fashion. In 2005, I registered my company Bleuscape Design. Since then, 16 years have passed, and I am as passionate about this industry as ever. I still run a very humble operation, however, we have a steady flow of exciting work, much of which is here on Tamborine Mountain.

How did COVID-19 affect you and your business in 2020/2021?

As COVID began to emerge in 2020, we had several projects placed on hold; however, around June-July of the same year, most of what we had in the pipeline kicked off again. It felt like due to the restrictions and lockdowns, people simply recognised they had more time on their hands. As a result, momentum began again in the form of building projects. This, combined with a steady migration of Sydneysiders and Melbournites to Qld, has seen a flourishing of opportunities for designers. We are very busy, with some exciting new homes and renovations in the works.

What did you do before opening your business?

I grew up in Cooranbong, a small town 20 minutes south of Newcastle, NSW. Before moving up here for work in the design industry, I was working odd jobs to support myself during study, the main one being Weet-Bix packing at the local Sanitarium Health Food Company.

How would you describe your business?

We are primarily focused on residential design. We work with clients wanting something special, something tailored to a desired lifestyle. Having said that, I would class our work as style-less in that we don't have a preferred aesthetic. Design brief, client budget and context or location are the three critical areas to set the parameters to work within. Parameters in residential design are essential to make the project relevant. Each opportunity is different and deserves a fresh perspective. If you look at our work as a whole, the greatest compliment someone could give would be to see each project as individual, unrelated to the previous in aesthetics, space, and form.

What is it about your business that you love? What makes your business stand out from other, similar businesses? Is it a business that gives you satisfaction?

Our company is inherently design-focused. We are not just draftsmen. To get the best work out of us is to give us creative licence within defined parameters. All of our clients have been thinking and dreaming about taking ownership of something that is uniquely theirs. To help them realise this dream is an extraordinary honour.

What challenges have you had in business over this period of time?

The most significant challenge is the time it takes to achieve a portfolio of built work when starting from scratch. Gaining this initial momentum takes time, extraordinary discipline, and a period where one works for minimal financial reward. However, if you stick to it, a tipping point inevitably comes where things take hold, and the ball starts to roll.

What is the most bizarre or funny thing you have encountered in your business?

I once had a developer contact me for an initial meeting on a project he was planning in Vanuatu. We sat down and went through the design brief and his desired outcomes. At the end of the meeting, I began to discuss a potential fee proposal. He looked at me strangely and proceeded to say that I should be paying *him* for the privilege of working on such a unique and career-defining project. I had to do everything I could to not laugh out loud. He was stone-cold serious! Inevitably, the relationship ended there. To this day, I don't know if he convinced anyone to get involved, yet



driving away, I had to admire the sheer audacity. There are some sharks out there that prey on young designers to achieve their goals.

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

I would be a chiropractor. It's very different from what I am doing right now, but for some reason, it intrigues me.

Interesting facts about yourself?

I am very dyslexic. While this was an issue in high school, I rely on it now to do what I do. Dyslexic people are highly visual. My 'seeing' is as easy as breathing; the challenge is to reverse engineer what one sees into a distilled combination of practical and memorable space.

What do you do for fun?

I love spending time with my family. Our weekends are generally spent caring for our horses, hanging out with friends, and going on family outings. At 43, it's the simple things that mean the most.

Do you take holidays and if so, is there a favorite destination or activity?

We have a favorite holiday destination that is relatively close to home. It's staying on the beach at Tugun. As a family, we generally head down there for a few weeks in the year. In the last few years, the council has constructed a concrete pathway from Tugun to Coolangatta. I love to ride my electric skateboard along it with the kids when we get the opportunity.

Final thoughts?

To do what one loves in life is something worth pursuing. I believe strongly that we all have something to offer. Life is too short to wake up on Monday morning and be looking forward to Friday afternoon. I will continue to do what I love to do for as long as I can. It fulfills that creative desire in me because every prospect provides the grounds for new directions. In my opinion, every opportunity to design, whether it is big or small, is a great opportunity.



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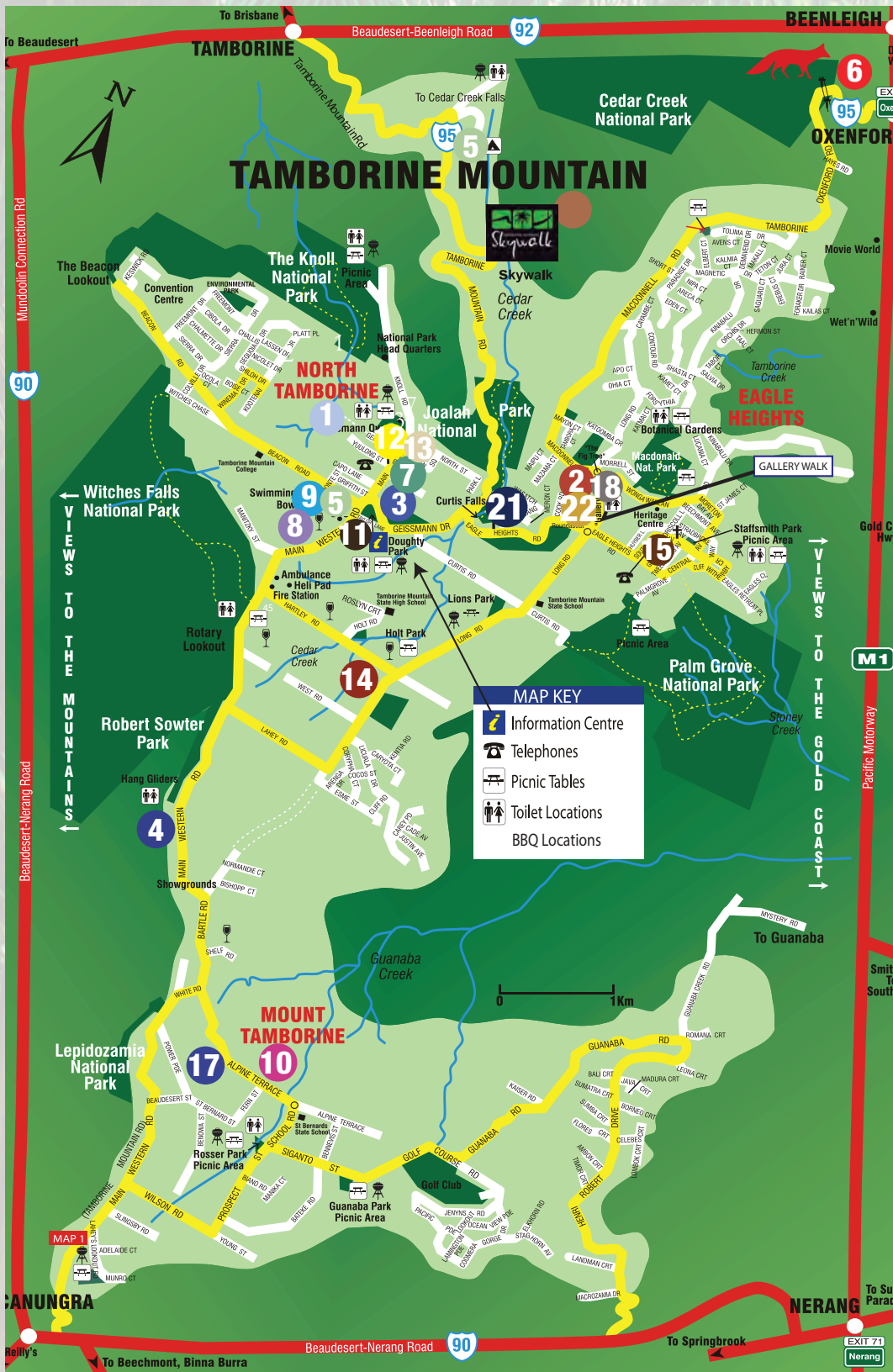
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Four elves Glarald, Mnementh, Virthana and Tinsel are each wearing tunics of a different colour. At least one of these elves is a liar. (A liar is someone who says

only statements that are untrue). During a break at elf school, the following conversation is overheard:

- **Glarald:** *Mnementh wears green.*
- **Virthana:** *The elf in green is a liar.*
- **Tinsel:** *I wear blue.*
- **Glarald:** *I wear yellow.*
- **Mnementh:** *I'm in pink.*
- **Virthana:** *The elf in the red tunic beat Tinsel at the 2021 elf curling championship. I do not play curling.*
- **Tinsel:** *One of us is in yellow.*
- **Mnementh:** *Only one liar is among us.*
- **Virthana:** *I do not wear green.*
- **Tinsel:** *I was beaten by the elf in red at the 2021 elf curling championship.*

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We never had a gas barbecue growing up. My father would place a set of bricks on the ground five long and four high. They were the old school type of brick, not like the ones today filled with holes. My Dad would salvage them from old demolition jobs as he was a plumber. We had to unload them from the van one by one and then set about scraping the mortar off for him. Once the bricks were down, we would all grab a corner of a tremendously heavy steel plate. There we were straining our backs like at some Siberian labour camp.

Dad would say, "A little to the left, boys. No! your other left! That's it, a little more ... OK hold it there." Dad would give the bricks one last look and say, "OK, let it down gently boys." He would then proceed to give it the wobble test; if it stood, we would all cheer and begin to get the fire ready, but if it collapsed, which it often did, a collective groan would fill the air and we'd all start blaming each other as to whose fault it was and then proceed to start all over again, much to Dad's dismay.

Ever since our ancestors discovered how to master the flame, they instantly enriched their diet with a variety of new and nutrient-dense food. Meat. As one of the earliest recipes for preparing meat was roasting it over coals, people later discovered that the easiest way to accomplish that was to skewer pieces of meat in a line to cook evenly. The invention of cooking food on sticks, swords and skewers over open fires formed the beginning of life for this popular eating style. The success in the style of cookery enabled it to remain one of the most popular utensils for cooking over an open fire and has been used regularly by nearly all the major civilisations and nations throughout history.

Did you know? That there is evidence of the prehistoric use of multi-

purpose wooden tools as far back as the Lower Paleolithic found at a 300,000-year-old site in Schöningen, Germany. They are confidently attributed to an early Neanderthal population who used sticks as part of their toolkit and the site contributes even to the present debate on when humans first controlled fire. Excavations of the Minoan settlement of Akrotiri on Santorini unearthed stone shaped blocks ('fire dogs') or fire andirons which archaeologists believe were used to mainly cook meat way before the 17th century BCE. Indeed, the skewered meat recipe 'obeliskos' existed as a favourite in Greece during Archaic times and later during the Byzantine era; the selling of souvlaki demonstrates the new meat-cooking methods that had evolved in Greece over time.

One of the most well-known skewered foods around the world is the shish kebab. The earliest literary evidence for the Turkish word Şiş ('shish') as a food utensil comes from the 11th Century Diwan Lughat al-Turk, attributed to Mahmud of Kashgar. The story is often told of Medieval Middle Eastern soldiers, usually Turkish or Persian, depending on the storyteller who cooked meat skewered on their swords. Today, shish kebabs have expanded into most cultures in some form or another. In several Asian countries, there's satay or sate, which is roasted skewered meat, usually chicken served with a dipping sauce that's often made from peanuts. In France, shish kebabs are called 'brochettes', meaning on a small spit or skewers.

While our ancestors and different cultures have chosen different ways to use fire to skewer meat, I've used my Gaucho marinade to bring an Argentinian flair to this dish.

INGREDIENTS

- 700g Tasmanian salmon fillet, cut into cubes about 3cm
- 1 green capsicum, cut into 2cm squares
- 1 red capsicum cut into 2cm squares
- 1 yellow capsicum cut into 2cm squares



- 1 small red onion, cut into 1/8th wedges

FOR MARINADE

- 1/3 cup olive oil
- 1 lemon, zested and juiced
- 3 garlic cloves, minced
- 3 tbs Gaucho*

METHOD

1. In a small bowl, mix the olive oil, lemon juice and zest, garlic, and Gaucho marinade.
2. Place salmon pieces, capsicum and red onion in a large mixing bowl and toss briefly.
3. Pour the marinade over the salmon and toss again to make sure the salmon is well coated with the marinade. Let the fish marinate for about 15 to 20 minutes.
4. Assemble skewers beginning with salmon; thread salmon, different coloured capsicum and onions onto skewers (if using wooden skewers, be sure to have soaked them in water for 30 minutes before using.)
5. Heat the barbecue on high then turn down to medium heat.
6. Arrange salmon skewers on top and cover the grill. Grill salmon skewers for 3 to 4 minutes, lid down to get the smoke circulating. Turn skewers over and cook for another 3 to 4 minutes depending on how you like your salmon cooked.
7. Serve with a simple side salad and roasted potatoes and a nice glass of SSB or Sauvignon Blanc.

* Chef Dylan's Gourmet Food Co. Gaucho marinade



TRAVELLING PLACES By Gina Storey

Tempting, glistening blue waters; a unique UNESCO world heritage listed township to explore; secluded bays and beaches to while away the days; warm friendly smiles to greet you; delicious food, music to dance to and lots of fun. Guess where I was? In my mind's eye, the Greek islands of Corfu and Zakynthos.

A short 45-minute flight west from Athens brings you to Corfu – influenced historically by the Italians, the French and the British, you will find in the architecture and culture references to these heritages. Little visited by Australians, these Ionian islands are unlike the more mainstream Aegean islands and further from the crowds.



You will discover islands that are authentically Greek. Where the rugged backdrop is green and the pace of life more leisurely. Discover the noble mansions and the historical museums, take a small boat around the bays and interact with the locals. Trek through the forests and get off the beaten track. Over Greek Easter there are wonderful festivities – join in the atmosphere when the bands play while walking down the cobbled streets and display an enthusiasm for life.

Three times a week you can take the ferry between Corfu and Zakynthos – the journey is around six hours, and you will wind your way through the Ionian Sea with stops along the way in Kefalonia. Part of the fun of travelling to Greece is to meander between the islands and to find the unique atmosphere each island offers. Zakynthos is extraordinary with beautiful beaches, hidden shipwrecks, sea turtle colonies, hilltop monasteries, and picturesque villages. Relax drinking in the evening sunset, sitting at a taverna with a glass of Retsina and delicious dolmades to hand – a wonderful way to reflect on your day. Stay in your own villa, stop at a small hotel or be pampered in a resort located on its own private beach.

If you can't decide between a holiday in Greece or Italy, then these Ionian Islands may be perfect.

Of course, a trip to Greece wouldn't be complete without a stop in the capital. Athens has for centuries been a mecca for ancient history buffs and those with a love of antiquities. Alongside this history, Athens has become quite a centre for contemporary art. Visit the Greek National Gallery of Art, now reflecting a distinctive 21st century collection, or visit The National Museum of Contemporary Art. Don't miss the restaurants around The Plaka and the rooftop bars in the evening for a view of the floodlit Acropolis.

A country of islands with a rich seafaring history, cruising has always been a wonderful way to visit several islands in the one journey. There are a number of cruises around the Greek islands, and you tend to find that some of the cruises that sail up the Adriatic Sea towards Venice call into Corfu. Other cruises head through the Aegean to Turkey. The options are broad from yacht charters, small local sailing ships, expeditions vessels and larger cruise ships.

Most cruise lines are taking bookings for travel through to 2023. Europeans and North Americas have already returned to these idyllic islands. For us though, if you are tempted by a trip to Greece then plan from the middle of 2022 onwards.

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WINE CHAT

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FIVE VARIETIES PERFECT FOR SPRING SIPPING

Read on for our guide on what to drink as the days get warmer and news regarding the return of Sunset Sips.

The first few weeks of spring bring subtle changes to our everyday lives. You find yourself rationing the last of the firewood to see you through lingering chilly nights. That old woolly jumper of yours is peeled off and thrown on again several times a day. At dawn, we're freezing. By midday, we're sweltering.



The days are slowly but surely growing longer, and everyone seems to have a little more pep compared with this time last month. The changing of the seasons is most evident in our backyards. Everything is green and teeming - a new set of blossoms bursting forth each day; birds and insects humming away with more than usual gusto. To celebrate the start of spring in all its glory, we've rustled up a list of five wines to suit the season.

A glass or two of *Rosé* is practically mandatory come springtime. This warm-weather classic is perfect for picnics and soirées alike. The colour alone - reminiscent of peach blossoms and fresh strawberries - never fails to make me smile. However, the best thing about rosé is that a multitude of different styles exist - something to suit every taste. If you like your wine with a touch of sweetness, perhaps try a *Zinfandel Rosé*. If you prefer a dry style, opt for a *Provincial Rosé*. These are typically made from a blend of *Grenache*, *Syrah*, and *Cinsault*. Pair either style with charcuterie, seasonal fruit, light pasta salads and fresh cheeses like mozzarella and burrata.

The flavours of *Gewürztraminer* exude the essence of spring. This variety is famous for its perfume that brings to mind rose petals and citrus blossom. While some *Gewürztraminer* ages well, I prefer a more youthful style that boasts a bright, zesty acidity. With notes of lychee, tangerine, apricot, and grapefruit, this scrumptious, easy-drinking variety is a winner for the warmer months. Pairs beautifully with Middle Eastern or Moroccan cuisine.

What about reds? I find light bodied reds, such as *Pinot Noir* or *Garnacha* perfect for middling seasons. These styles often share a lush fruitiness with earthy or spicy notes. Combined with softer tannins, these varieties are great for when you're craving a red, but don't want anything overbearing.

Last - but definitely not least - why not shake things up with a sparkling red? There's nothing better than *Lambrusco* for spring and summer. Brimming with delightful notes of strawberry, rhubarb, and plums, this bubbly, vivacious Italian red is best served chilled. Pair with good company and wood-fired pizza for optimal results.

In other exciting news, what better way to relish the longer days than with *un apéritif* on a Friday night? Witches Falls' inaugural Sunset Sips will take place on 3 September. This Friday and each thereafter, our doors will be open until 7pm for you to graze and sip at your leisure. Can't wait to see you there!

Cheers,
Alexandra Douglas and The Witches Falls Team



The Bull Arab Dog

Their appearance varies because this Australian bred dog derives from a mix of three to five different breeds. A hybrid bred dog with supposedly 50 per cent English bulldog, 25 per cent greyhound and 25 per cent short haired pointer.

Bred by an Australian breeder, Mike Hodgens, who started the breed in 1972, they were developed to hunt wild boar, by having a high



prey and hunting drive, and being able to scent and locate wild pigs up to four to six kilometres away. When they seize, they take the pig to the ground and hold it down by its ear.

In more recent years the Bull Arab has been bred with larger breeds like the Mastiff and Great Dane, which increases their strength and guard dog qualities. This breed is not recognised by major kennel clubs. However, they are generally calm, very smart and trainable; they are known for their love of people. There is little hard data to support some claims of aggression, problems caused by people who own such dogs and do not train, socialise or desex their dogs.

The RSPCA recommends not having this breed as a first dog because they need a firm, experienced owner who will continue to train and regularly exercise and socialise the animal. Keep in mind this breed may be prone to chase and attack smaller animals, similar to the greyhound dog; it is a part of the genetic make-up.

According to the RSPCA the three most common dog breeds surrendered are the "bully" breeds: English Staffordshire Bull Terrier cross, American Bull terrier cross, and Bull Arab cross.

The most common reason these dogs are surrendered is because of unwanted litters. Many people mistakenly believe a dog's performance is altered or decreased by desexing, but if anything, it could improve a dog's abilities because the dog is not distracted by the mating instinct and associated behaviour; a dog can smell a female in season seven to eight kilometres away.

Pam Brandis
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Working Dogs' Life - Molly, Syrah and Cooper

Story and photo: Christey Johansson



This local Hotel is renowned for its St Bernards... I imagine you can guess where we visited this week...

Vicky Krenauer, one of the managers at St Bernard's Hotel, took some time with us to share her morning work routine, setting up the busy hotel and the morning routine with Molly, Syrah and Cooper.

St Bernards have a grand history – as does this hotel – but did you know they originally were bred as guard dogs, specifically to protect an 11th Century hospice, run by Saint Bernard and the monks? The world-famous pass was constructed by the Romans in 69AD, linking Italy to Switzerland. This mountainous passageway gained a dark reputation, known as the escape route for thieves and marauders, so these huge dogs were bred to protect the local hospice. Before long, the monks realised the large, strong frames, thick coats, keen noses and loyal temperaments made them an asset to any rescue crew. So for countless travellers stranded by a snowstorm on 'The Pass', the sight of these gentle giants meant they had been saved.

During the early 19th century, England and Germany began to import the breed. It wasn't until 1880 that the breed officially gained recognition as the 'Saint Bernard'. Other names include Alpine Mastiffs, Hospice Dogs, Barryhunds, and Alpendogs.

They are a social dog breed, great for families, and known as the 'gentle giants' – and these three are no exception. They are calm, patient, and loyal, but as puppies, will whiz around like a giant furry pinball, as Cooper does. They mellow as adults, with a calm and relaxed demeanour, like Molly and Syrah. Vicky also shared that Cooper is currently quite shy, and this change is typical of the breed as they grow.

All three have very different personalities. Molly (who is 10) loves sitting at the entrance of the hotel and relaxing. Syrah (or Princess, as she's commonly known), is five, loves sitting on Anita's lap, and is not your usual lap dog, weighing in at around 90kg. The 19 month-old Cooper however, is more adventurous. "He is quite a rascal. We love him" said Vicky. "He recently had an adventure where he got onto the wrong side of the cliff fence, and had to be rescued."

Syrah and Molly eat two standard cups of Kibble a day, and Cooper eats five, as he's still a puppy. They all enjoy the occasional pig's ear treat. They can't have bones, as their large mouths allow them to swallow bones whole. All three can be seen lying in their foyer enclosure, having small garden strolls and toilet breaks during trade hours, or on their morning walks in the area. Much loved and well kept, these beauties have also had heated flooring installed for them by Sam from 5 Star Electrical.

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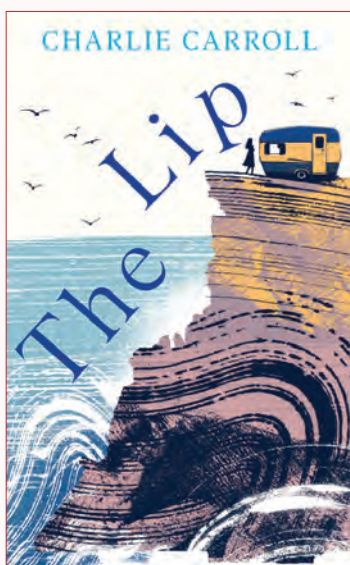


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Our Book Choice: *The Lip* by Charlie Carroll

Away from the hotels and holiday lets, there is an unseen side of Cornwall, where the shifting uncertainties of the future breed resentment and mistrust.

Melody Janie is hidden. She lives alone in a caravan in Bones Break: a small cliff-top on Cornwall's north coast. She spends her time roaming her territory, spying on passing tourists and ramblers, and remembering. She sees everything and yet remains unseen. However, when a stranger enters her life, she is forced to confront not only him but the terrible tragedies of her past.

The Lip is a novel about childhood, isolation and mental health, told in the unique and unforgettable voice of Melody Janie.

'All of this is Bones Break. All of this is mine.

I know every inch of it; I know it as intimately as the seagulls. I stand at dead-centre, my feet teetering on the edge of the lip. Below, the thundering tattoo of waves on rock. Wind catches the tips of my hair, lifting them above my ribs: less force than it takes to knock me down; enough to make me right myself with a step to the left, and then another back again. Here on the lip, it is vital to know where my feet are.

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6. Which British player reached the Wimbledon men's semi-finals in 1998?
7. The town of Sorrento lies on which gulf?
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9. Who composed *Music for the Royal Fireworks*?
10. What are ossicles?
11. Who played the long-suffering police chief in the *Pink Panther* films?
12. Who directed *Platoon* the 1980s film set in the Vietnam war?
13. In which Scottish city is the Usher Hall?
14. Originally named the Sandwich Islands, what is this island group called today?
15. Which part of the body is affected by the medical condition, otitis?
16. Which country is bordered by Libya and Algeria?

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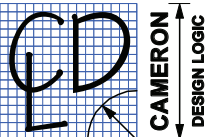
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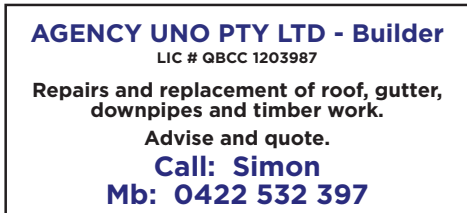
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TM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: 2nd Wed. of month. Phone 5545 0944 Email: info@tamborinemountainchamber.com.au

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

TM LANDCARE: Volunteering opportunities: Forest Regeneration Work: Judith Roland - 0429 808 206 for details; Helping at the Piccabean 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 www.tmlt.com.au.

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 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.

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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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