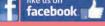


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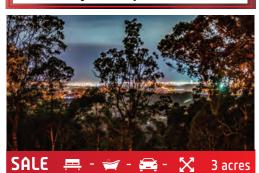
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KRAUSE CALLS FOR OIA REVIEW

State Member for Scenic Rim, Jon Krause, has called on the State Government to review entirely the Office of the Independent Assessor (OIA) and its Queensland councillor conduct regime.

He was speaking after former Scenic Rim Division One councillor, Nigel Waistell, was found to have "engaged in misconduct" for the heinous crime of forwarding an email from a council officer, containing information Mr Waistell had requested, to a member of the public, without obtaining Council's authority.

The finding of misconduct was determined by the Councillor Conduct Tribunal after the OIA had referred a complaint to it, a complaint that one can only presume was initiated from Scenic Rim Council in April 2019.

And so, after more than two tortuous years, costing all parties goodness knows how much money, time and energy, not to mention the ongoing personal stress suffered by Mr Waistell, we have a result and a "punishment" – Mr Waistell has been reprimanded.

In making its finding, the Councillor Conduct Tribunal said Scenic Rim Council had adopted a policy in September 2018, the Acceptable Requests Guidelines policy, which established procedures to regulate councillor conduct. Until 3 December 2018, contraventions of the Acceptable Request Guidelines were deemed to be inappropriate conduct. However, with the implementation of the amended *Local Government Act* in December 2018 a contravention of the guidelines was assessed as misconduct and not inappropriate conduct.

"I think the whole case is ridiculous," said Mr Krause. "It shouldn't be misconduct to forward an email in reply to a resident, especially in such a non-controversial issue. It should never have come to this."

The Tribunal noted that the matter became "exceptionally complicated and delayed" and had caused "frustration and distress to Mr Waistell.

Twilight Sedation Teeth Whitening

Mr Krause said the complication in the matter could be sheeted home to the Government's legislation that he had previously called to be amended, the actions of the Tribunal which declined an application by the OIA to withdraw the charges, and finally, the Acceptable Requests policy of the council that made Nigel Waistell's quite reasonable conduct something that had now been found to be misconduct.

"I forward countless emails and letters from Government Departments to constituents each year. Why can't councillors do the same with their residents?

"Council's Acceptable Requests Guidelines that make Nigel Waistell's actions 'misconduct' simply does not pass the 'pub test' and it is a disgrace that he has been put through this.

"Having reviewed the decision, it looks as though the Tribunal had no choice under the law as it stands but to find misconduct was committed.

"The Government needs to ensure that elected councillors can do what they are expected to do – properly represent, speak up for residents and, also, if necessary, criticise the local council's actions. That's democracy."

Current Division One Councillor, Derek Swanborough, said he was shocked by the finding.

"It was merely a breach of a dubious law made by Scenic Rim Council. Every member of the public should be made aware that this has happened. This needs urgent review by the State. We should not allow councils to make such policies that, if breached, are technically considered to be misconduct."

Mr Waistell said he did not blame the Tribunal for its finding.

"Their remit is to apply the law. I admitted to forwarding that email and the way the law is written they had to find me guilty," he said.

"However, I think Council's interpretation was wrong. I notice that the Acceptable Request



Guidelines on Council's website have been changed. The acceptable request procedure is much more reasonable now. In its current form I would not have been found guilty."

Not everyone it seems was unhappy with the Councillor Conduct Tribunal finding.

Mayor Greg Christensen said the outcome should give renewed confidence to community members that the accountability of councillors was a serious matter that should be treated with respect at all times.

"For me," he said, "a clear message all councillors need to heed is that good intent does not excuse accountability to proper standards.

"While I share a frustration with the length of time to resolve this matter, I nevertheless thank those who carried the responsibility for these processes of the State for their commitment to progressing proper closure."

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COMMUNITY INPUT CRITICAL TO PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

Scenic Rim residents are being asked to help shape the region's new five-year Community and Culture Strategy to ensure future community spaces, programs and activities align with the community's expectations.

"At some stage, everyone across our community will access our programs, activities and community spaces, so we want to hear from people who are representing all ages, cultural backgrounds, relationship status, ability levels and gender," said Mayor Greg Christensen.

"Previously, Council had three separate plans and policies that provided the direction for our health and wellbeing activities, our libraries and arts and culture. However, these will now be integrated into one consolidated Community and Culture Strategy.

"Residents will be able to provide input under five themes: Health and Wellbeing; Community Places and Spaces; Heritage and Identity; Learning, Innovating and Creating; and Community Connections, Belonging and Pride.

"To help promote conversations, we will be providing 'conversation kits' that will allow people to gather around their kitchen table, in a lunchroom at their workplace or in their local community hall to discuss community and culture and then submit their ideas to Council

"An online survey will also be available, as well as postcards for our junior members of the community to complete.

"The project team will also be holding focus groups and online meetings with local Indigenous groups, youth, community leaders, residents and other key stakeholders.

"For those people who want to have a face-to-face conversation about the new strategy, we encourage them to visit us at one of our four pop-up events across the region over the coming month.

Community consultation will close on 8 October. The information provided will be collated to help prepare a draft strategy that will be available for feedback in late 2021 before being adopted by Council.

Feedback can be provided by:

- completing an online survey on Council's Have your Say page at www.scenicrim. qld.gov.au/have-your-say
- filling in an ideas postcard which can be obtained from libraries and other cultural venues
- 3. holding your own community conversation by downloading a conversation kit from the Have your Say page, or
- 4. visiting us at one of four pop-up events across the region -
 - Friday 10 September Tamborine Mountain Library between 12 noon and 2pm (you will also be able to provide feedback on the Tamborine Mountain Library refurbishment during this session)
 - Saturday 11 September Boonah Country Markets between 8am and 10.30am
 - Sunday 12 September Kooralbyn Valley Markets between 8am and 10.30am
 - Saturday 2 October Beaudesert Markets between 8am and 11am

The five themes of the new Council Community and Culture Strategy are:

Health and Wellbeing: Our wellbeing is a combination of our physical, mental, emotional and social health. It is shaped by where and how we grow, live, work, play and age.

Community Places and Spaces: Community places and spaces are where we gather for recreational, educational, artistic, social or cultural activities. Our community places and spaces should be accessible and fit-for-purpose and support social inclusion and safety.

Heritage and Identity: Scenic Rim's character is derived from our history, built and natural features, community and our stories. There are a range of ways to express our local history and stories to reinforce our sense of place and community.

Learning, Innovating and Creating: Gaining knowledge, learning new skills and cultural and artistic expression help us to build confidence, connect to each other and connect with where we live. We want to make sure Scenic Rim is a place where people of all ages can continue to learn, the arts can flourish, and we keep attracting creatives.

Community Connections, Belonging and Pride: Our community pride and connection can be expressed in a range of ways, from public art on streets to a calendar of local events. This contributes to the liveability and quality of life for the people who live here and positions the Scenic Rim as vibrant and welcoming to visitors.

HAVE YOUR SAY ON TM LIBRARY REFURBISHMENT

Scenic Rim residents are being asked to help plan for the Tamborine Mountain Library's future.

An online survey launched via the Scenic Rim Council's website is asking residents what types of functional areas and facilities they would like to see included in the Tamborine Mountain Library refurbishment.

"With the Scenic Rim expected to support an estimated 61,000 residents by 2041, there's a growing need to cater for this growth now," said Scenic Rim Mayor Greg Christensen.

"Libraries of today are vibrant and dynamic community hubs that provide a range of facilities and programs, and the busy Tamborine Mountain library has outgrown its current space.

"Council successfully secured \$2,142,000 of grant funding through the Local Economic Recovery (LER) program earlier this year for the refurbishment of the Tamborine Mountain Library.

"To ensure the library was not only refurbished but given the space it needed to deliver improved and additional services to the community, Council committed funds and purchased the former IGA supermarket site adjoining the current library.

"This relocation will more than double the library's space to better meet the needs of our residents and now we are asking the community to share what they want to see incorporated into the design."

The survey is asking residents to rank what kind of spaces they would like to see at Tamborine Mountain Library, from bookable meeting and study rooms to exhibition spaces, interactive areas, or comfortable sitting areas. The survey should take around four minutes to complete.

"We want to see the refurbished library become a community hub that reflects the community's needs and improves library and learning experiences for users of all ages and interests, so I urge all locals to get involved and have their say," said Cr Christensen.

"Feedback from residents will then inform the design and layout of the new space, with the refurbishment scheduled to be completed by 30 June 2022."

The survey will be open for feedback

online and via printed copies in Scenic Rim libraries until 19 September. Find out more and complete the survey on Council's Have Your Say webpage: www.scenicrim.qld.gov.au/have-your-say

This project is jointly funded by Council and the Australian and Queensland Governments through Category D of the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) to support recovery in Queensland communities affected by the 2019-2020 bushfires.







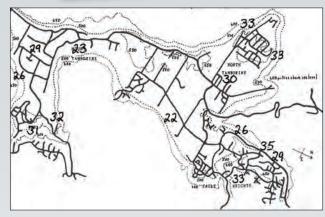
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Tamborine Mountain Rainfall



August 2021

Long term, August is the driest month, but this August seemed a damp one because there was rain in the gauge for at least 10 days of recording. However, the total for the month at Fern Street of 29.1mm was less than the expected of 41.8mm and the average of 54.8mm.

A coastal trough moving north brought light falls recorded from the 9th. This was succeeded by another trough from the west which continued the wet spell. Another trough brought two days of light rain on the 24th. After four dry days an upper atmosphere low produced a thunderstorm and heavy but brief rain recorded next morning on the 30th.

> Mike Russell 5545 3601

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SCENIC RIM

Council Notices

ROAD WORKS ROAD CLOSURE DELAYED -

HEAD ROAD, CARNEYS CREEK

Council has delayed the closure of Head Road, near Brett's Road, Carneys Creek until further notice. This is due to the border closure between Queensland and New South Wales, and the impact on nearby residents and businesses. Council is investigating the timing of the proposed guard rail replacement work and will announce in due course.

KERRY ROAD WORKS

Road upgrades have commenced on three separate sections of Kerry Road, south of Beaudesert, near Spring Creek, Duck Creek and Keaveny bridges. These major road upgrades include road widening, geometry and drainage improvements and will likely extend to December 2023. The three bridge replacements are scheduled for completion by July 2022. Kerry Road will remain open and disruptions to traffic flow kept to a minimum, however there will be changed road conditions with signage in place for motorists. Thank

SCENIC RIM CARP CUP

FAMILY FISHING FUN DAY Sunday 26 September

7am-12pm 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. The fun begins at 7am and includes a free

barbeque lunch at 12 noon. Registrations essential, go

to whatsonscenicrim.com.au and search Carp Cup

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN LIBRARY

Council is preparing to design a plan for the Tamborine Mountain Library and we are asking Scenic Rim residents to have their say. Share what spaces you'd like to see incorporated into the design for Tamborine Mountain Library via the online survey, with printed copies also available in all Scenic Rim libraries. Survey closes 19 September 2021.

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Find out more and Have your Say on both the Tamborine Mountain Library and the Community and Culture Strategy by visiting www.scenicrim.qld.gov.au/ have-vour-sav

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STORYTIME SESSIONS

Bookings are essential. Space limits apply.

BEAUDESERT Tuesday 9.30am | Wednesday 9.30am

BOONAH Monday 10am | Friday 10am

TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN Monday 9.15am | 2-5 yrs

Friday 9.15am | Baby Rhyme Time 0-2 yrs

TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN LIBRARY

Games@4 Wednesdays | 4.00pm - 4.45pm | 8+ **Busy Fingers** | Tuesdays | 1pm - 3pm

BEAUDESERT LIBRARY

Yak & Yarn Tuesdays | 9.30am - 11.30am

Kids Space Thursdays | 4pm - 5pm

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Tuesdays | from 4pm | Ages 12-15

OUTREACH | FIRST 5 FOREVER RHYME TIME 9.30am

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15 September Boonah Cultural Centre | 10am | 1pm | 7pm

16 September **Tickets** \$10 or Conc \$7.50 Pre-purchased essential

21 September 7 October 25 October 10 September My Year With Helen (PG) 17 September Nomadland (M)

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Council correspondence should be addressed to: Jon Gibbons, Chief Executive Officer, PO Box 25 | 82 Brisbane Street, Beaudesert QLD 4285 | Telephone 07 5540 5111



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NOTICE OF THE 29th TMCCA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Members and Friends of Tamborine Mountain Community Care Association (Inc.) are cordially invited to attend the 29th Annual General Meeting to be held at our offices, 42 Southport Avenue, Tamborine Mountain, 4272 on Friday 17 September, commencing at 2.30pm.

Financial members who are not able to attend, please complete and return a proxy vote form so that a meeting can be conducted should we not achieve a quorum on the day, thus preventing an adjournment of the meeting.

Due to social distancing requirements, attendance is limited. Please indicate if you will be attending by registering with reception on 5545 4968.

Geoff Marshall Manager TMCCA

SPRINGTIME GARDENS HELP WITH RESILIENCE

In a year filled with concern around the coronavirus pandemic, dismay about world political instability and distress over the outcomes of war and violence, many have turned to gardening to find positivity, beauty and fulfilment, with improved physical and mental health as by-products.

Experienced gardeners have long noticed that this can increase their resilience in such times. Tamborine Mountain Garden Club will celebrate this phenomenon by sharing five beautiful private Mountain gardens to inspire visitors and locals, during the annual Springtime on the Mountain Festival of Open Gardens, to be held on Friday 24 September and Saturday 25 September.

Ticket holders will be welcome to wander through these diverse gardens, which are spread from north to south across the Mountain and identified on festival days with the Springtime flags flying in Cliff Way, Beacon Road, Sequoia Drive, Licuala Drive and Bateke Road. Plants will be on sale at some gardens.

Due to a club restructure and the complications of COVID-safe practices, the event will smaller than the extravaganzas of past years. However, it will still be a wonderful showcase, run along similar lines to the recent successful Camellia and Magnolia Festival, with the focus simply on sharing the gardens and supporting local hospitality and retail businesses.

The Botanic Gardens will also participate by opening for walking, picnics, plant sales, a sausage sizzle and a coffee van on both days. Children's activities will be offered on the Sooty Owl Trail on Festival Saturday.

The festival is generously supported by Scenic Rim Regional Council and organised under COVID-safe regulations. To help disperse crowds, ther Michelle Roper-Dennis e is no central starting place, as visitors can start at any of the gardens. Also, visitors are strongly encouraged to purchase online at www. tamborinemountaingardenclub.org.au

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What can only be described as a crazy decision to open a retail store in the middle of a pandemic, has proved to be a success, and Michelle and Nadine



could not be happier with their decision. "We can not believe it's been a year since the doors opened to Lux & Gather, and the little store is fast becoming a favourite for locals and visitors alike. We are so grateful to the locals who have become regulars and have created a really cool... as we like to call it, our little Lux family."

Michelle and Nadine said the Lux & Gather dream came together quite quickly but they have not looked back, and have a team of ladies who do a fantastic job of running the show. The girls are really the backbone of the store and we hope to introduce them to you in the next few weeks. There have always been key goals and a clear path for this little gem of a store - start small, and slowly build a beautiful gift and homewares boutique where you can always find something new and exciting. "We have had clear ideas, but we have been able, in some ways, to let the Lux customers dictate the buying style. We are both passionate about Australian products and we have slowly added as we have grown... but we are equally as happy with some of the beautiful goodies that have come from all parts of the world. It's been fun bringing on new products and watching with interest how they are

As it's our first birthday, for the month of September all purchases go in the draw to win a \$100 voucher drawn on Thursday 30th September.



Michelle Roper-Dennis and Nadine Beckhouse



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JON KRAUSE MP

State Member for Scenic Rim

ROADS A LONG-TERM PROBLEM

There have been a number of serious vehicle accidents in the Scenic Rim Electorate in the past couple of weeks. Please, stay vigilant on the roads by obeying speed limits and driving to conditions – especially when travelling through school zones.

Some of these accidents also highlight the gap between residential growth in the region on one hand and investment in new roads on the other – a long-term problem that I will continue to advocate about. The recent funding boosts provided by the Federal Government, supported by your Federal MP Scott Buchholz, is addressing some of these issues, but getting the attention of the Queensland Government to properly plan and build road upgrades is a hard task – at present they still have a backlog of repairs of about \$6 billion. That's a lot of repairs, before we even get to new roads.

WARMER WEATHER AND POTENTIALLY DAMAGING STORMS

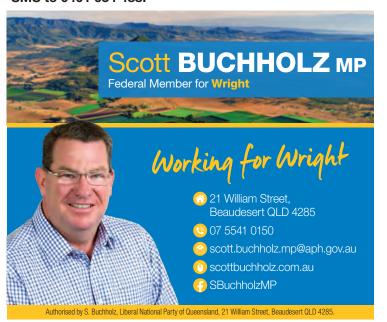
I urge you not to wait until you are caught in the middle of a storm to wish that you were better prepared. As well as ensuring that loose objects are secured, make sure plans are made to protect your pets and livestock during a disaster, and that your insurance information is up to date. It is also important that all those with health problems ensure they will be able to access their medication in the event of a disaster, and each family member needs to know what to do in the case of a severe storm event.

I believe that getting to know your neighbours and familiarising yourself with storm warnings and action plans is vital for the safety of our community. If you are not sure where to begin in your storm preparations, visit the Get Ready Queensland website at: www.getready.qld.gov.au

CONGRATULATORY LETTERS

Do you know someone who has a significant birthday or anniversary coming up? I'd love to write them a letter to celebrate their milestone. Depending on the occasion, you can also receive a letter from Federal Member, Scott Buchholz MP, the Premier of Queensland, Governor of Queensland, Prime Minister of Australia, Governor-General, or Her Majesty the Queen. For more information or to request a congratulatory letter, please contact my office on 5515 1100 or email scenicrim@parliament.qld.gov.au

If I can be of assistance with any matter, please do not hesitate to contact me or for a quick question, send an SMS to 0401 634 488.





SCOTT BUCHHOLZ Federal Member for Wright

MORE VACCINES ON THEIR WAY IN SEPTEMBER

The Prime Minister has announced a new vaccine deal with the United Kingdom which will see an additional four million doses of the Pfizer vaccine arrive in Australia. The doses will be tested and then immediately distributed across the country on an equal population basis.

This comes on top of the 500,000 doses secured in an earlier agreement with Singapore. The two agreements take our supply of Pfizer for the month of September to over nine million doses, more than the months of June, July and August combined. The Government will work with our GP network and state-run vaccine hubs to obliterate vaccine wait times to get Australians vaccinated sooner.

WORKPLACE SEXUAL HARASSMENT LEGISLATION

The Morrison Government has taken important action to strengthen and simplify national laws to better protect Australians against sexual harassment in the workplace. The Sex Discrimination and Fair Work (Respect at Work) Amendment Bill 2021 implements the Government's response to a number of recommendations in the Sex Discrimination Commissioner's Respect@Work Report.

The legislation also enables an employee to take compassionate leave if they, or their spouse or de facto partner, has a miscarriage. More than \$64 million was committed in the 2021-22 Budget to support further implementation of additional measures in the Roadmap for Respect.

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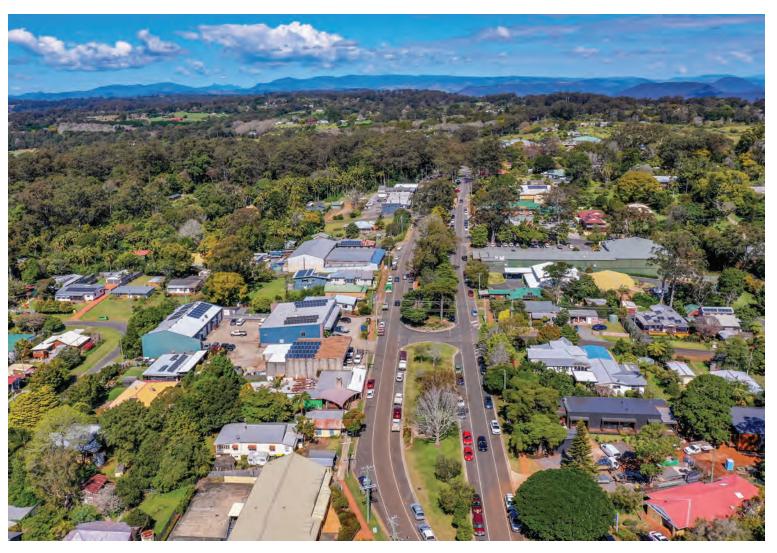
The Morrison Government is moving to provide additional support to Paralympics Australia. The move will see our Paralympic medallists receive payments equivalent to those made to our Olympic medallists by the Australian Olympic Committee. Our para-athletes have represented our nation with great distinction and pride in Tokyo. They are delivering performances that have buoyed millions and we congratulate them on their success.

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A spectacular springtime view of North Tamborine's Main Street, looking south towards Lamington National Park and the Border Ranges. The police station is at bottom right; other prominent buildings easily visible are the Main Fitness Gym (middle left) behind Tyrepower, Mitre 10 and (middle right) the old IGA building. Photo: G. Ellen

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BUSHFIRE RESILIENCE IS REFLECTED IN EXHIBITION



A new exhibition that pays tribute to the resilience of the Scenic Rim region following the devastating bushfires of 2019-2020 has opened at The Centre in Beaudesert.

A number of local artists who were impacted by Black Summer have collaborated to bring their works to the exhibition, titled *Regeneration - Bushfire Creative Recovery Project*.

Division 3 Councillor Virginia West, who will officially open the exhibition this weekend, said the artworks paint a picture of how a region survived and rose from the ashes following one of the region's darkest times.



"The bushfires that raged through our region back in the spring and summer of 2019-2020 are events that will live in the memories of many for the rest of their lives, and while it was a very difficult time for us as a community, we should be proud of the way we have moved forward since then," she said.

"We are a community that is stronger when we work together, and that strength is highlighted in the artworks which are currently on display at The Centre in Beaudesert."

The exhibition is on display until 22 October.

An official opening event will be held on Saturday, 11 September with doors opening at 10.30am for an 11am start. It is free to attend. However, registration is essential

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Photos: (top) Habitat Tree by artist Dave Groom

(bottom) Works by 12 artists are on display at The Centre in Beaudesert.



SHARP COMMENT

TOM SHARP

SRRC & OIA BOUNTY HUNTERS TAKE A SCALP

Major win for the SRRC and the OIA as they have nailed former Councillor Nigel Waistell's hide to the wall with the Councillor Conduct Tribunal (CCT) finding the former councillor guilty of misconduct as per the SRRC Acceptable Request Guidelines.

It took them two-and-a-half years to wrangle this Ned Kelly of the "high country" but they got him in the end and justice has been well and truly served, according to the Mayor.

This unsavoury, rebellious, threatening hombre has well and truly had his activities of misconduct curtailed. This quick draw will think twice in the future before applying his index finger to the send button!

That's right, this dangerous outlaw was found guilty of forwarding an email from a public servant to a constituent.

How is this highwayman on the hook you might ask? Simply, a councillor cannot forward emails from council officers on to members of the public without that council officer's permission, as per the SRRC Acceptable Request Guidelines. The email in question also contained a standard footer "The content of this email is confidential and intended for the recipient specified in the message only".

The only sensible comment that came from this debacle was from the CCT in acknowledging that the former councillor's intentions were to assist his constituent, versus gaining any personal benefit. The CCT went on to admit the case was exceptionally complicated and delayed, causing frustration and distress to Mr Waistell.

So how did we arrive at the precipice of insanity you might ask?

Some have suggested blame lies with the OIA and some have pointed the finger directly at the State, suggesting guidelines need to be put in place.

While an investigation into the OIA is definitely warranted given the recent revelations of the *Fassifern Guardian*, I have reservations regarding any suggestion more laws and or guidelines need be introduced by the State. There is so much legislation, process and guidelines in this State, you would spend several lifetimes trying to read it or understand it. In actual fact, I would doubt there is anyone in this State who could provide a logical understanding and interpretation to much of it, if any.

So where does the real problem lie?

One only needs to read the SRRC Acceptable Requests Guideline. Who wrote it? An SRRC public servant? Who does it benefit? Not the elected representatives of the people.

Who approves these specific guidelines? The elected councillors.

Councillors you have the power, authority, right and most importantly the responsibility to rip this piece of garbage up and put in its place guidelines that fairly and justly allow both councillors and officers to carry out their duties with trust and respect.

Councillors, why do you sit idly by and watch trivial, pathetic, puerile complaints go out the council door to the OIA for investigation, costing thousands and thousands of taxpayer dollars for each complaint?

Councillors, do you not have the ability to offer direction to the CEO for him to create a standard of professionalism, respect and endeavour that ensures such immature and mentally retarded behaviour of making official

complaints, of such triviality, is first dealt with internally?

Councillors, in the case of former Councillor Waistell, was the path taken a worthy endeavour and outcome or should there have been a written reprimand from the CEO two-and-a-half years ago accompanied by a slap on the wrist with a wet lettuce leaf? Which result best fits the crime?

Ladies and gentlemen, what do you think?
Does the SRRC owe Nigel Waistell an apology
and for that matter an apology from all of us,
given he gave eight years of his life to serve
we the people to the best of his endeavours
and we all stood by and watched this folly
unfold without taking action?

I will close out with the Mayor's take on the matter as recorded by the *Beaudesert Times*. He said, "the outcome should give renewed confidence to community members that the accountability of councillors was a serious matter that should be treated with respect at all times. For me, a clear message all councillors need to heed is that good intent does not excuse accountability to proper standards. While I share a frustration with the length of time to resolve this matter, I nonetheless thank those who carried the responsibility for these processes of the State for their commitment to progressing to proper closure."

Dear Mayor, now your frustration has passed, would you consider this:

Given that the elected representative is the linkage between his/her constituents and the effective outcomes, what exactly is his/her role if he/she cannot advise his/her constituents in the terms that he/she is advised?

What is his/her role, responsibility and obligation if he/she cannot answer?

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PRACTISING APARIGRAHA

We've been practising the last of the yamas in yoga class last week – aparigraha, nonattachment or non-greed. We consciously practise this yama on yoga retreat.

During our Vedic fire ceremony, we release things that no longer serve us, and we also use the energy of the ceremony to project into the future, goals

and desires we would like to manifest. But the key to these type of ceremonies is not to attach to the outcome. We use the energy of the ceremony to put these goals into motion and then resolve to watch life unfold around us, unattached to the outcome, and confident it will be for our highest good.



Non-greed and material possessions. How many more shoes, more crystal candlesticks and electronic gadgets do you actually need? If you've ever spoken to an immigrant, whose household goods were stuck in a shipping container for months or years, they will all attest to just how little they needed to live a full life. And when they eventually unpacked all this "stuff", they wondered why they purchased it in the first place.

Non-attachment to what was. When I was a teenager I was introduced to the ex- CEO of De Beers Diamonds at a lovely retirement resort I was visiting. In my young eyes this very interesting older man was just some old guy who lived there. But on chatting, one of the things he revealed was how hard retirement was. Letting go of all that reputation, that power, that social prestige.

His struggle to let go of that idea of what he had been, is something shared by so many people in the Western world. Women giving up big careers to raise children, people being retrenched from jobs and having to start anew, ageing sports stars made redundant and having to reskill. Society sees you for what you are now, and learning to detach from what was or what you were, is an incredible act of personal power.

Non-greed in diet. The world's 'blue zones' (places with the highest life expectancy) eat until about 80 per cent full, for optimal digestion. It's not just how much we eat but also how much we throw away. About 40 per cent of world food production ends up as waste, and eight million people go hungry every day.

So why are we still over-buying and wasting food? We saw it over COVID: the panic buying. I'm sure all those bags of dried beans and flour and yeast were never cooked and baked into bread. Just thrown away when the panic resided.

We all leave the planet naked, and only leave behind the love we shared with others in their hearts and memories. So, this spring consider practising aparigraha – non-attachment. Living lightly, decluttering and filling your world with love, kindness, tolerance and not stuff.

Margot Wagner Yoga Under the Bodhi Tree

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Relationships



MAKING A HOUSE A HOME

We have recently moved address to a different part of our beautiful mountain. We packed up our belongings and moved them into a house of empty rooms and spaces. That's when the endless decision-making began. What to put where, or more importantly, what do we want to use these spaces for?

Naturally, the previous residents didn't have the exact lifestyle that we have, so the rooms now serve different functions to how they previously functioned. A bedroom has been converted into an office; a lounge has morphed into a library/reading area and a dining



space; the dining area is now a games corner; the outdoor spaces now boast a barbecue and table and chairs waiting to be filled with family and friends.

The house looks very different to how it looked when we first inspected it. When we make a house a home it becomes an expression of us. As the boxes continue to be unpacked (almost there!) the more our personalities and values are revealed in the spaces. Our homes can provide clues about the way we live our lives and the things we treasure.

We have friends who love to travel, and their home is filled with mementoes from overseas. Dinner conversation often includes an entertaining story behind one of the artefacts. I have a friend who is an artist and on visits I enjoy discussing her latest artwork hanging on her wall. Some friends have beautiful gardens which inspire me to go home and get out the weeding tools. Others have the most amazing collection of music that creates the atmosphere in their home. Some have media rooms while others have swimming pools, snooker tables, backyard games. Some have closed-off rooms that offer private spaces while others are open plan.

What does your home reveal about you? It's not about how impressive your house is. I have a candle displaying the words It's not the home I love but the life that's lived there. A house becomes a home when we use it to live in a way that matters to us. If building connections with people is important to you, then use your home as a meeting place. If showing care to others is something you strive for, then use your kitchen to make a meal or your garden to grow flowers and plants to cheer someone up. Think of ways that your home could better meet your family's needs. It might involve creating a dedicated space in the yard for family fun - a fire pit, a volleyball net, a treehouse. Meet your own need by creating a quiet corner for personal reflection.

Our move was a significant downsize and a lot of purging took place. The process wasn't fun but it now feels good, because that which remains represents what is most important to us. Our priorities have become clearer. Your home is much more than a building; it is a place to express the values that matter to you.

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with the Scenic News

Owner Clive Lucas, assisted by son Nic Lucas and his fiancée Ashley Walker, operates Hartley Road Landscaping Supplies, formerly known as AM Landscape Supplies.

What inspired you to move to Tamborine Mountain and what do you have planned for the future?

I have spent most of my life living and working in Cape Town, South Africa. It's a beautiful part of the world, as are many other parts of Africa. I was lucky enough to have time and the opportunity to explore a large part of the southern parts of the continent. My late wife and I made many expeditions into neighbouring countries' game parks. She was a keen photographer, and we both enjoyed the wildlife.

I moved to Tamborine Mountain two years ago after spending a holiday with old friends, and fell in love with the place.

Having travelled to many parts of the globe, the Mountain had something that attracted me like no other place. The tranquillity, open spaces and laidback lifestyle really appealed to me.

My son Nic and his fiancée Ashley Walker recently relocated from Cape Town, and we were looking for a business we could all run as a family. This business ticked many boxes and has so many other opportunities to test out.

What did you do before purchasing AM Landscape Supplies?

In Cape Town I had a large manufacturing business producing liquid marinades, sauces and condiments. After deciding to move here I owner operated and managed Avocado Sunset Bed and Breakfast on Beacon Road before selling it in March this year to a wonderful couple.

I also recently bought a small tourism business, Escape to Tamborine Mountain, which prints the local visitor map brochure, and the restaurant brochure Eat Out Guide. There is a new website in the making all directing visitors to the Mountain.

Nic is a qualified sound engineer and was recently working in the construction business. Ash has always worked in hospitality and has been involved in some of the top wine estates in Cape Town.

She also worked in customer service for Amazon dealing with the US and UK markets and has wonderful people skills. She is currently working at the Three Little Pigs on Main Street, loving meeting so many of the lovely locals.

How would you describe your new business?



AM Landscape Supplies was previously owned by Ann and Malcolm Williams, and has been in business supplying the Mountain with landscaping materials for the last 12 odd years. Many will know it as the landscaping supply business on Hartley Road. Hence the change of name to Hartley Road Landscaping Supplies.

We hope to follow in their footsteps but put some new life into the business and offer new lines and longer operating hours. We will also be on social media, so look out for our page where will be offering new lines.

Apart from landscaping supplies we will also be offering tool and equipment hire.

What is it about your new business that you love?

We all like dealing with people and enjoy a new project. We believe that we can bring new blood into the business and add some new lines and added value to the business. With some hard work and dedication that we all have, we want to keep people from having to travel down the Mountain to get their supplies.

Supporting locals is something we are looking forward to doing.

What is the most challenging thing you think you will encounter in your new business?

From where we are all currently sitting it's all a little daunting but we all like challenges, so we are ready for the new business. Nic will be running the yard, Ash the office admin and making coffee. I will be doing everything in

between. No challenge is too great, and we enjoy finding ways around what could be tricky situations. Ash's motto is "there is always something we can do to help."

Interesting facts about yourself?

I have been an entrepreneur for many years and am always looking for an opportunity to take on a successful business and improve on it. This new venture will be more to guide Ash and Nic in becoming successful business operators. We will all bring unique characteristics to the business.

What do you do for fun?

I started out my working career as a classically trained chef, so I love entertaining and cooking for friends and family. Bushwalking, coffee chats and just getting out enjoying the Mountain is great for the soul.

Final thoughts?

This new venture will be a little daunting for us as a family so we are hoping that the Mountain will support us and give us a little time to settle in as we get to know the products and services. We look forward to meeting old and hopefully new clients to the yard. We are looking forward to locals coming to us with requests and ideas that we can assist with, saving travelling down the Mountain. We are grateful for the opportunities that lie ahead and look forward to forming new relationships with the wonderful community that is Tamborine Mountain.

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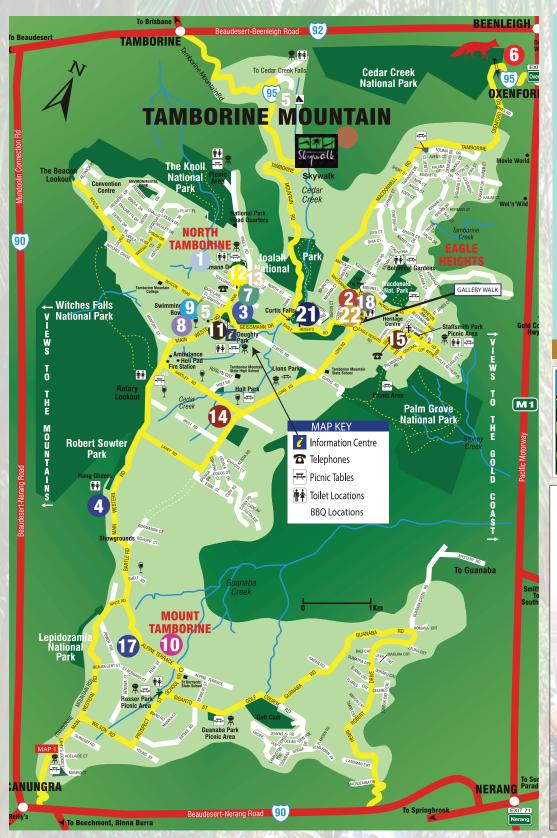
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CHANA MASALA CHICKPEA CURRY

This is dead set one of my favourite meals and takes no time at all to whip up, all thanks to the convenience of canned chickpeas. I highly recommend heading to a spice store, either online or for real, to get your hands on some chana masala spice mix.

My 'go to' favourite store is called *All India* in Woolloongabba, Brisbane. It smells amazing as soon as you walk in and they have row after row of authentic Indian foodstuffs. This is one of those meals that makes the kitchen smell delicious as you fry off the spices and then cook out the sauce; you will have the family sniffing the air in delight and anticipation of your epic dinner.

The first time I had this dish was when I was in northwestern India in a city called Amritsar in the Punjab. How we got to this enchanting city was close to a miracle and quite the story. My wife and I were planning a trek in Nepal before taking in the sights of incredible India so it seemed only fitting to invite my father-in-law of Indian heritage to come along.

With a little Hindi and some Punjabi, he could be our guide of sorts and we could share experiences in his paternal homeland together. My mother-in-law, with nostalgic memories of their first trip from the 1970s and keen to tick the Shimla railway journey off her bucket list, thought she'd come along for the ride too.

We're nearing the end of our eight weeks' travel. It's late afternoon and our train is slowly pulling up to yet another Indian train station, but the sight that greets me is shocking even by Indian standards. The platform is swarming with literally thousands of people. As we disembark, we weave our way past groups of men, women and children who appear to have set up a kind of camp on the platform with nearly every inch of space occupied. Something's not right my instinct is telling me and sure enough as I look up at the ancient timetable, I can see our overnight train has been delayed by five hours. Indian trains commonly travel the length of the sub-continent, so at first sight this is not especially surprising. Luckily for us there are special waiting room areas, designated for 'foreigners', and on this occasion it was near empty so we too set up camp.

The scenes that later unfolded before my eyes are something I will never forget. It appeared the delay in our train's departure time had quite the knock-on effect for others trying to navigate their own travel plans and departures. Trains would pull up to the platform where hundreds of passengers would line

up at the third-class carriages to try to embark. You see, in India they just keep selling third class tickets to anyone who wants to take the gamble and it's a first on, first served kind of deal.

As the desperate travellers would try to get on, inevitably the carriages would fill up but people just keep cramming in. To my horror, as the train begins to pull away the guards go along and beat off those who are desperately trying to get on. Women and children, heavily laden, are left shrieking and crying and the whole scene is terribly distressing.

After about four hours of waiting, I go to check the timetable and am shocked that it still says our train is delayed by five hours. I try to talk to a guard but he can't speak English so he takes me to his supervisor's office where I'm told the train won't in fact arrive for two days! The train had hit an elephant on the tracks and was derailed. It was clear now why the other passengers had set up camp but luckily for us this was not the first time my wife and I had had trouble with Indian trains. I knew the solution right away would be to hire a driver to take us the 200km if we were ever to make it to Amritsar, and the four of us squeezed into the tiny hatchback for the six-hour ride. We left at 1am. I looked at my wife, sighed and said solemnly just how fortunate we were to be able to afford to get out of that hellhole of a station and not have to wait days for a train that may or may not even arrive.

The saving grace was a wonderful bowl of steaming chana masala in Amritsar and the absolutely jaw dropping golden temple.

INGREDIENTS

- 1/4 cup canola oil
- 1 medium brown onion, finely diced



- 2 cm piece of ginger, crushed
- 1 small green chilli, sliced (optional)
- 4 tbs chana masala spice mix (Shan brand if possible)
- 2 medium tomatoes, roughly chopped
- 2 x 400g cans chickpeas, rinsed and drained
- 1 1/4 tsp sea salt or table salt or to taste
- 1/4 tsp baking powder (optional -
- for extra tender chickpeas)2 tbs coriander, leaves chopped for garnish
- 4 flat bread or garlic naan bread

METHOD

- Heat a medium, heavy based fry pan over medium-high heat.
 Once hot, heat the oil and add the onion. Sauté for 4 to 5 minutes, until golden.
- 2. Add the garlic, ginger, and green chilli and cook for another 2 to 3 minutes.
- 3. Add chana masala mix.
- Give it a few stirs to roast the spices, and then add the tomatoes. Continue to stir for another 2 to 3 minutes. Mix in the chickpeas, baking powder (if using), salt, and 2 cups of water.
- 5. Raise the heat to high to bring to a boil, then reduce the heat to medium, cover and let cook for 20 to 25 minutes, until the chickpeas are cooked well and no longer hard.
- Uncover and raise the heat to high.
 Use a wooden spatula to slightly
 crush a few of the chickpeas. Sauté
 for another 2 to 3 minutes to desired
 consistency. Taste and adjust salt.
- Sprinkle over the coriander and serve in a bowl alongside buttered flat bread or garlic naan bread.

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Rust coloured rocks contrast with pale Spinifex grass, white beaches and aquamarine seas to create a scenic kaleidoscope in the Dampier Archipelago. Known as Murujuga by the local Aboriginal people, this region is home to the largest collection of rock art in the world, dating back some 20,000 years. The reef life is rich and snorkelling rewarding with Flatback and Hawksbill turtles abundant.

The Montebello Islands may have been used as a nuclear test site but these days you can avoid the affected islands and visit other remote islands with endangered mammals. Coral reefs and lagoons surround the islands of this remote marine sanctuary.

Head south to pristine Ningaloo Reef — 300km of fringing reef meeting the dry desert of the coast. There is an abundance of wildlife and in August the humpback whales linger offshore, while the wildflowers spring to life nearby — think of wild crimson Sturt's Desert Peas and purple Yardie Morning Glory.

Dirk Hartog Island is a dot on the map, however offers the visitor an insight into early 17th century explorers — who can imagine sailing to the end of their world to land on this remote island surrounded by extraordinary marine life — turtles, stingrays, dolphins and dugongs inhabit these waters. Spot the tiny Dirk Hartog Fairy-wren which bobs amongst the scrub, while spotted Harriers and Brown Goshawks soar overhead.

Continue to the "Galapagos of the South" – the Abrolhos Islands.

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EASTERN KOEL



In spring, people may notice an extra bird voice added to the usual chorus. A distinctive repeated koo-el is the call of a male Eastern Koel (*Eudynamys orientalis*). The call is used to demonstrate territory and attract a mate. In Brisbane the name of the suburb of Toowong was derived from the Turrbal word for Koel, which was also an imitation of its call. Although the Koel is a diurnal bird, it can sometimes call at night.

This species was previously regarded as the same species as the Common Koel of South-East Asia and India. However, recent taxonomic changes have resulted in them being split into two separate species. Eastern Koels are sometimes colloquially called Stormbirds or Rainbirds.

With a length of 39-46 centimetres, the koel is quite a large bird but it can also be shy and difficult to see, so it is more often heard than seen.

The male and female have quite different plumage. The male is glossy black with a striking red eye, while the female has a dark crown and neck; its back and wings are brown with fine white spots, and its chest is buff with fine black bars.

The Eastern Koel feeds on fruit such as figs and may also take caterpillars and insects. It feeds in the canopy of forests, parks and gardens and will occasionally join flocks of other species such as pigeons.

These birds are long distance migrants which divide their time between New Guinea, South East Asia and northern and eastern Australia. In September/October they arrive in Australia for their breeding season.

The Eastern Koel is a cuckoo and is a brood parasite. The male and female only appear to have a short-term pair bonding. The female lays one egg in the nest of the host bird, often Wattlebirds, Friarbirds or Magpie Larks; sometimes she returns to feed the nestling. The Koel nestling does not always eject other hatchlings, but it is the largest, noisiest and most demanding nestling in the nest, and its much smaller "parents" must work hard to satisfy its appetite.

In March the Koels leave Australia to return north; they travel long distances. A Koel banded in Lane Cove, Sydney was located in New Guinea 2950km away.

This is a remarkable journey, particularly for the young birds as they embark on their first long flight north.

FUNDING TO BRING BIG IDEA PROJECTS TO LIFE



Applications are now open for round one of the Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) Big Idea community grants for the 2021-2022 financial year, with a share of \$50,000 available for successful applicants.

This year's theme is *Understanding Our* World Through the Arts and Science.

Creative project ideas are being sought through RADF that utilise the arts and sciences to explore our world. This might be connections between technologies and storytelling, poetry and the human sciences, or festivals and the environment as an example how we can use these fields to share and understand our world.

If you have an idea for a project, you can contact Council's RADF Liaison Officer for assistance with your application by phoning 5540 5111 and visit **www.liveatthecentre.com.au** to download the grant guidelines.

Closing date is 29 September, with funding for eligible projects commencing after 1 January 2022.

RADF is a partnership between the Queensland Government and the Scenic Rim Regional Council, which invests in quality arts and cultural experiences across Queensland based on locally determined priorities.





Our Pet of the week is Florence, a one year old Ancona hen, who from one day old, was hand-raised by Jack and his family. Florence and her 14 other hen friends are well cared for by Jack, who keeps a daily schedule of caring for them, with one of his favourite duties being feeding them corn treats at breakfast time.

'There is nothing nicer than watching your children playing with animals and learning responsibility', shares Jack's Mum Steff, owner of French Hen Farmhouse. Jack shared how he loves collecting the eggs, feeding the hens and how he puts them to sleep every night. 'Before school I give them corn treats. In the morning Florence pecks on the door, asking for more. It's funny.' She lays everyday and she likes to lay her eggs in funny spots', says Jack. There are some great perks for this Eggs Benedict lover.

Aconas are great layers, and hens are known to lay almost every day of year, and to also continue laying during colder months. It is believed that Anconas originally were bred with some of the first Leghorns and originated from the Marche region, on Italy's central east coast. Anconas are known to be a very active bird: playful, talkative and very entertaining. 'Florence is very friendly and very noisy,' Jack concurs.

Steff, a working mum, lost her job during initial COVID, is also studying horticulture. This all led to the creation of the French Hen Farmhouse product range. Organic and natural, so no sprays or chemicals, and all packaging is biodegradable and compostable. One particular hen aromatherapy product worth mentioning is an all-organic dried flowers and herbs mix, which helps relax hens and which contains lavender. Lavender also assists to repel lice and mites. The herbs are biodegradable, and if they peck at it, it helps worm them too', Steff said. Her products are available at The Olive Branch and The Pet Food Dude in Main Street.

Steff says: 'The product range came from having a love for these animals, and we're rewarded by the eggs and by the daily interaction with them. A well-balanced diet and plenty of love will see healthy hens, healthy eggs and vibrant red wattles and shiny plumage. Healthy hens will also molt easier and it keeps their immune system strong.' Steff continued to share good care advice: 'Feed hens regularly with a protein boost. We feed them pumpkin seeds and also worms.' Jack shares: 'Their eggs show how healthy they are. We feed them really good food.'

The hens have a chicken coop and they like going under the house and free range every day. 'When you walk up to Florence, she squats down and likes to be picked up. Train them as babies, and then you can handle them more. They know their names.

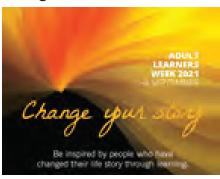
Jack, a Tamborine State School Grade 4 student, along with Florence and her 15 friends, (some silkies and some pekin hens, and the 12 year-old 'Kinky' – a Silky Cross Frizzle – whom they hatched), shares his home with a rescue cat, dog, two budgies and many wild birds. 'The wild birds jump on my hands' laughs Jack.



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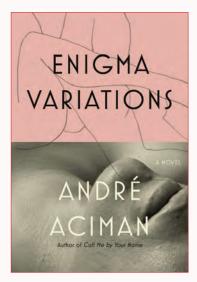
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Our Book Choice: Enigma Variations by André Aciman

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In mapping the most inscrutable corners of desire, Aciman proves to be an unsparing reader of the human psyche and a master stylist of contemporary literature. With language at once lyrical, bare-knuckled, and unabashedly candid, he casts a sensuous, shimmering light over each facet of desire to probe how we ache, want, and waver, and ultimately how we sometimes falter and let go of those who may want only to offer what we crave from them. Behind every step the hero takes, his hopes, denials, fears, and regrets are always ready to lay their traps. Yet the dream of love always casts its luminous halo. We may not always know what we want. We may remain enigmas to ourselves and others. But sooner or later we discover who we've always known we were.

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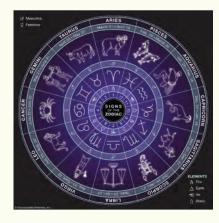
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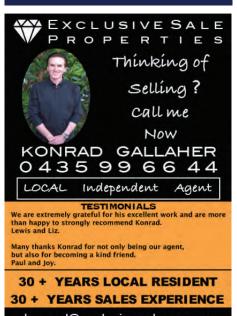


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BOTANIC GARDENS Forsythia Dr, Eagle Hts - Volunteers' working bee every Thurs morning 8-12. 0409 263 666

FILM CLUB AT THE ZAMIA. Meets every third Sunday at 5.30pm for 6pm screening. Only \$10 annual fee to join which gives automatic membership to the Tamborine Mt Little Theatre group. All movies are free with membership. Films shown range from the classics to foreign and Australian made. Cabaret seating and the old sling back chairs make it a great evening of entertainment where you can bring along your own refreshments or a take away to enjoy during the film.

FRIENDS OF TAMBORINE NATIONAL PARK: meet on the first Saturday of the month (except Jan.) To find out where we will be working contact Len on 3355 7288 or 0428 335 572.

FRIENDS OF TM LIBRARY Quarterly booksales held, other volunteering opportunities available. Contact the library for further information 5540 5473.

MARTIAL ARTS: Kyokushin Karate and Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu. Bully Busters, Self Defence, Discipline. Tamborine Mountain Showgrounds Tues & Friday 5.00pm and Saturday 9.30am Contact Cameron: 0433 633 775

MEDITATION: Tuesdays 7pm – New Thought, New Life Centre 5545 3700.

MEDITATION: (World Community of Christian Meditation). Ecumenical. Tuesdays 8am. St Georges Anglican Church, cnr Dapsang Dr & Eagle Heights Rd. All welcome. 5545 2919.

MOVIES ON THE MOUNTAIN: Regular screenings of latest releases at the Zamia Theatre. Ph 5545 3517.

RELAXED MIND TAI CHI: Mindfulness in motion, Mondays & Fridays 9.30am, Botanic Gardens. Bookings essential. Phone 0420 349 744.

ROTARY ON TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN meets every Wednesday night at 6.30pm for 7.00pm start at the Eagle Heights Hotel. New members and visitors welcome. For information, call David on 0419 743 275

SINGING 4-part Acappella singing for women of all ages. If you love singing, come and join us. 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month. Knoll Road, North Tamborine. Ph Dianne 0413 339 821 or email bellaacapellatamborine@gmail.com

TAI CHI Tues mornings, Thurs evenings 110 Eagle Hts Rd, Eagle Hts. Phone Gai Wanless 5545 2409.

TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY CARE

ASSOCIATION: Service Provider for first - level aged care. Transport to medical appointments, Domestic Assistance, Home Maintenance, Social Support Individual & Group, Podiatry and Computer classes. Open: Mon – Fri 8:30 am – 4:30 pm. Volunteers welcome. Contact – 5545 4968 Address: 42, Southport Avenue, Tamborine Mountain, Qld.

TAMBORINE SUSTAINABLE GARDENERS SOC (TSGS), a group of enthusiastic gardeners, meets on the last Saturday of each month. Mrs Sue Morris 5545 0102.

TANGO CLASSES: Every Friday evening at the Zamia Theatre. Beginners class 7.00-8.00pm; advanced class 8.00-9.00pm. Cost is \$30 per couple or \$20 pp. Inquiries call Ron at 0432 559 924.

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

TM BOWLS CLUB – Friday social 1pm winter & 2pm summer; Sunday Scroungers 10.00am-12.00 noon;

barefoot bowls & otherwise by arrangement. Competitions for members as notified. Free coaching, new members always welcome. Enquiries: 5545 1308.

TM BRIDGE CLUB meets each Monday at 5.45pm, Wednesday at 1.15pm, Thursday at 12.45pm and in an Assisted Play session on Friday at 12.45pm for those wishing to learn more in a social environment at the Tamborine Mountain Sports Complex, 400 Long Road.

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

TM COMMUNITY KINDERGARTEN ASSOC meets 2nd

Wednesday of the month at the kindergarten 23 Coleman Square, North Tamborine at 7.15pm.

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

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

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

TM GARDEN CLUB: Vonda Youngman Community Centre, Main Street, North Tamborine. Feb - Nov, 2nd Tuesday 9.30. BYO morning tea. Enjoy: Guest speaker, plant sales, borrowing library books, raffle, plant problem solving and meeting fellow gardeners. New members and visitors most welcome. email: 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 Piccabeen Bookshop - 0403 783 757 during office hours

TMLETS: Join at Community Exchange System www.ces.org.za . Enq. 5545 3776.

TM LIONS CLUB Admin meeting held on the 2nd Tuesday and dinner meeting on the 4th Tuesday of the month. For more information please phone 5545 2120 or visit website tamborinemountain.qld. lions.org.au/

TM LITTLE THEATRE: Meetings held 1st Tuesday of month at 7.30pm at the Zamia Theatre. Regular plays, play readings & social events, movie club events. New members welcome. Cath Buckley President **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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