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*TMSS school captains and vice-captains, Louis, Layla, Niam, and Eva with Principal Jason Smith. Story page 5*



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**69-85 Williamson Road, Tamborine**

- Pool for the kids, converted shed for teens, 3 paddocks for the pets
- High ceilings, air-con in master, ceiling fans throughout
- Great outdoor living area, house yard & small dog yard
- Solar on both house & shed - plus bore

**AGENTS:**  
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Property of the week

**SALE** 🛏️ 4 🛁 2 🚗 2 ✂️ 2,537m<sup>2</sup>

**Quiet cul-de-sac** **\$599,000 +**  
**18 Corona Court, Gleneagle**

- Great family home, kitchen/dining leading to undercover alfresco
- Study/office at front of house away from other bedrooms
- Bedrooms with built-in robes, master with walk-in
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10 - 10.30	69-85 Williamson Road
11 - 11.30	878 Mundoolun Connection
12.15 - 1	21 - 23 Caryota Court
12.30 - 1	42 Tequesta Drive
12.30 - 1	70 Double Crossing Rd
1.30 - 2.30	248 Beacon Road

**SPRING SPECIAL OFFER**

**Time to switch? Speak to our Property Managers about our Spring Special**

Amy @ Mountain office 5545 4000  
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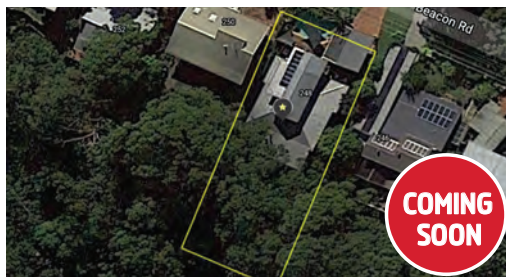


**Review: Buyer 1620 Tamborine Oxenford**

- \* Honest
- \* Always available
- \* Delivered on commitments
- \* Helpful



**AGENTS:** Team Michael & Di  
 0434 718 162 / 0424 653 316



**SALE** 🛏️ 4 🛁 2 🚗 2 ✂️ 819m<sup>2</sup>

**248 Beacon Road, Tamborine Mountain**

- Sweeping views across the valley and out to the Border Ranges and Mount Warning
- Tri-level home, bedrooms on all 3 levels
- Timber floors, VJ walls, air-con & fireplace
- In-ground pool, large entertainment deck

**\$947,000+**

**AGENTS:**  
 Elizabeth Stirling  
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**SALE** 🛏️ 4 🛁 2 🚗 4 ✂️ 141.4acres

**70 Double Crossing Road, Canungra**

- How's that for outdoor entertaining, floor to ceiling windows bring in the natural light
- Large open plan rooms with bush views
- Separately positioned study/office for quiet workspace

**POA**

**AGENTS:**  
 Mark Inwood 0407 292 036  
 Debra Opie 0409 210 362



**SALE** 🛏️ 4 🛁 2 🚗 2 ✂️ 601m<sup>2</sup>

**42 Tequesta Drive, Beaudesert**

- Immaculate & stylish in presentation
- Great kitchen as the hub of the home
- New air-con & kitchen appliances
- Gas hot water, fully fenced, all weather screens on outdoor entertainment area

**\$465,000+**

**AGENTS:**  
 Linda Hogan  
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# COUNCIL ADOPTS ADDITIONAL ECONOMIC STIMULUS PARCEL

Scenic Rim Regional Council has adopted a third economic stimulus package that will benefit businesses and community groups which have been impacted by the ongoing effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Scenic Rim Mayor Greg Christensen said the package included a range of measures such as financial relief with a reduction in specific licence fees, deferred infrastructure charges and discounted development applications, and had reaffirmed Council's commitment to buy local.

"Scenic Rim retail, tourism and hospitality operators have been hit the hardest, and we want to see them flourish once again, that is why we're reducing licencing fees for food premises," Cr Christensen said.

"This third economic stimulus package aims to minimise the long-term impacts on our local economy and provide a foundation for its recovery.

"We have also extended the types of in-kind support Council will provide, opened up access to an external counselling service for business owners and their employees, and tailored a community grants program to provide COVID-19 specific community stimulus funding.

"This package has specifically recognised how COVID-19 has affected our more than 300 community organisations and their ability to operate. Restrictions and lockdowns have reduced their fundraising opportunities and impacted their delivery of services.

"From 22 September to 20 October, community organisations will be able to apply via Council's SmartyGrants portal for up to a maximum of \$1500 in funding to offset some of the financial loss and hardship experienced due to COVID-19 lockdowns and restrictions."

Key initiatives of the Scenic Rim Economic Stimulus Package 3: COVID-19 include:

## Assistance for Scenic Rim community organisations

- COVID-19 Community Grants of up to a maximum \$1500 will be available to eligible community organisations that can demonstrate financial loss or hardship resulting from the impacts of COVID-19.
- Access to the four-week Back on Track Program - an online support program delivered by industry experts who specialise in working with not-for-profit organisations.
- Subsidised venue hire at Council's cultural and community centres, plus waste subsidies for community events hosted in the Scenic Rim.
- Access to a Scenic Rim Event Workshop to provide community groups and businesses with the tools to successfully plan for events to start safely and



- effectively.
- Flexibility in the timing for the acquittal process for Council's Community Grants program. If COVID-19 has impacted an organisation's ability to acquit a grant, Council will provide support and ensure that applicants aren't disadvantaged in future funding rounds.

## Assistance for Scenic Rim small businesses

- Discounted Code Assessable development applications (Cat 1 and 2) for new or changing business (up to 50 per cent to a maximum of \$3685.50) for business pivoting in response to COVID-19.
- Suspension of infrastructure charges for new developments (on request and not including subdivisions) up to 31 December 2021 to assist new businesses with cashflow control.
- Access to a free professional and confidential counselling service for local business owners and operators and their employees who have been impacted by COVID-19
- Council will guarantee 50 per cent payment for its Be Healthy and Active Program providers if Council cancels an event, so they can have confidence in this community program.
- Access to a Grant Writing Workshop to assist local businesses with tips and techniques around writing successful grant applications and

- navigating this environment.
- Access to a Scenic Rim Event Workshop to provide local businesses and community groups with the tools to successfully plan for events to start safely and effectively.
- Council will require quotes from up to two local businesses as part of its procurement activities on goods and services that are obtainable within the Scenic Rim.
- Events Sponsorship Funding continuing for existing allocated support for events that have been postponed
- Reduction in licence fees for food premises and other applicable local law licences.

For businesses requiring more detailed information about how they can access the initiatives in the Scenic Rim Economic Stimulus Package 3: COVID-19, contact Council's Regional Prosperity Team on email [prosperity@scenicrim.qld.gov.au](mailto:prosperity@scenicrim.qld.gov.au) or call (07) 5540 5111.

For community organisations, grant guidelines and information about how to apply for the COVID-19 Community Grant Program will be available on Council's website from 22 September 2021 at [www.scenicrim.qld.gov.au/community-grants](http://www.scenicrim.qld.gov.au/community-grants)

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# LIVE FROM CALIFORNIA: PLANETARY SCIENTIST PASCAL LEE



**The Board of TM Universe is happy to announce that Dr. Pascal Lee has agreed to give a live presentation on Life in the Universe, and on future Mars expeditions, during our AGM, over Zoom.**

Dr. Pascal Lee is a planetary scientist at the SETI Institute (SETI stands for 'Search for Extra Terrestrial Intelligence'). This not-for-profit institute has approximately 100 scientists as well as specialists in administration, education, and outreach. The Institute focuses mainly on the search for life in the universe, which is the overriding theme of the future TM Universe precinct.

Pascal also is the director of the NASA Haughton-Mars Project at NASA Ames Research Center, based on uninhabited Baffin Island (Canada), in the high Arctic. This centre focuses on the scientific study of the Haughton meteorite impact crater and surrounding terrain, viewed as a planetary analog for the Moon and Mars. The project helps plan future human missions to Mars.

Pascal's interest in space began at an early age. When he was six, he built his first "spaceship" by putting a laundry basket on roller skates. Early test flights, often co-piloted with his younger brother, did not always end well. He refined his skills by studying physics and geology at the University of Paris in France. He continued his studies, earning a Ph.D. in astronomy and space sciences at Cornell University in New York.

When not researching ways to advance space exploration, Pascal likes to play with his three dogs and paint space art (see [pascallee.net](http://pascallee.net)). Via this artistic connection, our life-member, Vanessa Stanley, got to know Pascal and established the connection for this presentation. Vanessa will also present some of her own art at the AGM.

Pascal Lee is very much inspired by education: "My little book, *Mission: Mars*, is about helping kids become future Mars explorers. I wanted to write a book that would serve as a basic training manual for kids interested in space exploration. Above all, I wanted it to inspire and encourage them to enjoy science and dream big."

In many ways the ideals of TM Universe match strongly with Dr. Lee's passion and knowledge.

We look forward to a very special evening, on 26 October, 5.30 for 6pm, at St. Bernards Hotel. TMU Members only. If you'd like to attend, please respond via [TM Universe.com.au](http://TMUniverse.com.au) or to [secretary@tmuniverse.com.au](mailto:secretary@tmuniverse.com.au)



# T.M. SCHOOL WINS 5-STAR EXCELLENCE AWARD

Tamborine Mountain State School has been identified by *The Educator* 5-Star Innovative Schools Report as one of 50 schools across Australia making the most profound and exciting impact in P-12 education.

The report showcases schools at the forefront of change and innovation - from new learning spaces to curriculum design, use of technology and more.

This year and last, the COVID-19 pandemic forced Australian schools to implement massive changes to their existing models as face-to-face classes shifted online.

T.M.S.S. Principal Jason Smith said: "Our innovative approach to curriculum and classroom design, student engagement, community and cultural partnerships and whole school online learning programs has earned the school this coveted accolade.

"I couldn't be more proud of my staff, students and local community. To be acknowledged as one of only 50 schools across Australia to receive this award is an absolute honour."

T.M.S.S. is also a finalist in the Australian Education Awards for best Government Primary School in Australia, as well as Mr Smith for best Primary School Principal in Australia. These awards will be announced on 3 December in Sydney.

# TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN FEATURES IN NEW MOTORCYCLE GUIDEBOOK



Tamborine Mountain features in two ride routes in the second edition of popular motorcycle guidebook, *Throw Your Leg Over South-East Queensland & Northern New South Wales*, launched this month by authors Bridget Hallam and Alan Cox.

Packed with 29 ride routes, the second edition invites motorcyclists to explore the stunning roads of the Scenic Rim and other local regions, with maps, directions and navigation waypoints for every ride, and beautiful images of the roads and scenery.

"We're excited to share more of our favourite rides in this amazing part of the world with other riders," said Alan. "We've added more videos of rides in Edition Two, so you can view the actual rides by scanning the QR codes in the book - and we have GPX and ITN (TomTom) navigation files for every ride, free for anyone who buys the book."

"We've also included a section on preparing for your adventures, with handy information on everything from self-care to packing for weekend rides," said Bridget.

After selling out of two print runs of the original edition, and with motorcycle sales in Australia surging by 22 per cent in 2020, Bridget and Alan know that motorcyclists are keen to explore regional areas.

Local communities benefit, too. "Motorcycle tourism makes an important contribution to regional economies because riders travel light and spend money locally on food, fuel and accommodation," said Bridget.

Avid motorcyclists and adventurers, Alan and Bridget ride two-up on Beauty, their 2008 model BMW 1200 GS.

"Beauty has over 120,000km on her odometer and we're just getting started," said Alan, "We've ridden many roads in Australia and Europe on her and when the world opens up again, we'll ride many more."

Alan navigates the routes and Bridget videos and photographs from the pillion position.

Books are available online at [throwyourlegover.com.au](http://throwyourlegover.com.au) and more than 60 stockists in Australia.

# MEDICAL RESEARCH A FOCUS AT PROBUS

Clare Blake, Community Relations Officer of the QIMR Berghofer Medical Research Institute, was guest speaker at the Tamborine Mountain Probus Club's September meeting.

A broadcast media specialist with more than 25 years of experience in radio and television, she fell in love with the Outback as a weather presenter for Network 10 Queensland and takes every opportunity to highlight the

creative brilliance of farmers under pressure.

Her work as a talkback radio host on Macquarie Radio 4BC led Clare to an advocacy role for Outback Queensland. At QIMR Berghofer, Clare embodies the happy combination of science and communication.

Clare presented an update on some amazing new clinical trials taking place in Brisbane at QIMR Berghofer which is a world-leading medical research institute, renowned for its efforts in both discovery and translational (real patient setting) research.

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**Barry Chick**





# CHILDREN'S BOOK CELEBRATES LOCAL INDIGENOUS CULTURES



*Indigenous elders were excited to be at the book launch of Jarjum Gurema, which celebrates their culture and language.*

## **A new children's book that celebrates the local Yugambeh language has been officially launched in Beaudesert.**

The book *Jarjum Gurema* was funded by the First 5 Forever Program and created in partnership with Mununjalli Housing Development Company Pty Ltd.

Scenic Rim Mayor Greg Christensen said it was important to recognise and celebrate the language, stories and songs of the region's Indigenous community.

"*Jarjum Gurema* is a wonderful, colourful and vibrant book that children and adults of all ages will love reading," he said.

"Every page has been beautifully designed with original illustrations to engage the reader and provides easy to read pronunciations of words in the Yugambeh language, allowing families to engage with and learn the language.

Gold Coast Titans halfback and local Beaudesert and Mununjalli man, Jamal Fogarty, worked as a Scenic Rim community literacy champion to promote the book and to support a local literacy program for the Scenic Rim's youngest residents.

"It's pretty special to be the community literacy champion for my hometown and community and I hope I can have a positive impact with this role," he said.

"I hope I can inspire the parents of our children in the community to recognise and understand the importance of reading, singing, playing and dancing with

their children.

"I also want to share with the kids that even though I'm a parent, I'm still learning and educating myself about our local culture, language and history.

"We should be proud of who we are and where we come from and to never be told any different."

The launch at Jubilee Park included a Welcome to Country, performances by traditional dancers, a reading of the book and activities.

To celebrate the launch of the book, Scenic Rim libraries will be giving away a free copy of *Jarjum Gurema* to children under the age of five between 9am and 12pm on Thursday, 30 September at the Beaudesert, Tamborine Mountain, and Canungra libraries. The limit is one book per family, while stocks last.

The First 5 Forever is an initiative of the Queensland Government, coordinated by the State Library of Queensland and delivered in partnership with local government.



*Scenic Rim Mayor Greg Christensen with Gold Coast Titans half back and local Beaudesert and Mununjalli man Jamal Fogarty.*





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### Sue Davies

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Sue is heading into her 7th year as the administrator / receptionist in our Mountain office. She embodies our values by bringing an attentive, focused and happy approach to the office every day.

Sue enjoys meeting people, and being an 'organiser', this position could not be more suited to her. Having been in administration for 26+ years previously working in electrical/building, an accounting/ law office, and now real estate - it is fair to say she loves what she does.

Sue is a true team member, not only assisting clients but also helping fellow team members grow and develop.

In her words, "every day is different, challenging and sometimes just plain crazy, but all of it makes for a busy, fulfilled day."



"If you want to be met with a smile & a cheery good morning or good afternoon visit the office of Professionals Serendipity on the Mountain. Sue is organised & knowledgeable, I have had many occasions to visit the office & always been made very welcome. She enjoys supporting her work colleagues as well as anyone who comes into the office & gets involved in the community events. Sue goes over and above what any receptionist would do...Software Account Manager"

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# Many-plumed Moth



**Many-plumed Moth** – *Alucita phricodes*, garage, Eagle Heights.

The moth was one of many attracted by overnight rain, which seemingly came from nowhere at the beginning of the month, and one of three new to my album. Each fore and hind wing is divided into six fronds. I have three other plume moths in the album. All have their extended wings tightly rolled like an umbrella. This species spreads its wings like a geometrid moth.

It is found in Queensland, New South Wales, the Australian Capital Territory and Victoria.

Various websites quote its wingspan as 1cm, though this specimen looks as if it could have been up to 1.5cm.

Peter Kuttner

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**Jon KRAUSE MP**  
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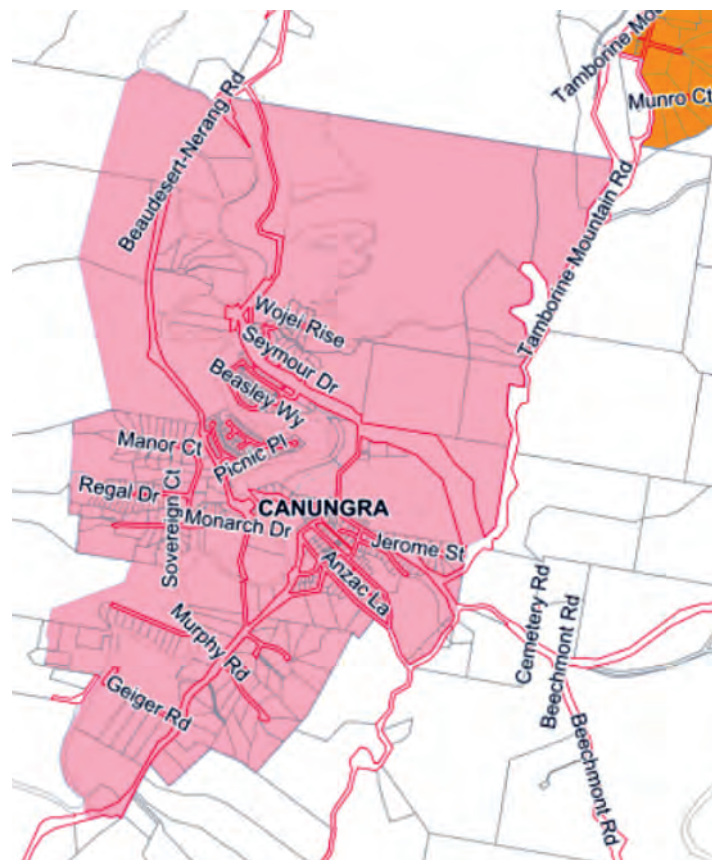


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## Councillor's Comment

**DEREK SWANBOROUGH**  
DIVISION 1



### COUNCIL TO CONSIDER REAPPOINTMENT OF THE CEO

**This matter came up to a Council Special Meeting last week for the second time and after nearly two hours' deliberation it was again deferred on a majority of votes.**

The issue is the need for Council to advise the CEO if his contract will be renewed at the end of his contract. As councillors are responsible for the performance of the Council and the appointment of the CEO, it is important that this be a very considered process. Under the *Local Government Act* it is the councillors who determine how the CEO's performance is reviewed annually. When it was resolved to appoint Mr Gibbons in 2018, Council at the time delegated the negotiation of terms and conditions, and the performance review process, to the Mayor.

It's my personal view that this is problematic and not inclusive, and any new appointment, contract terms and conditions and performance reviews must be as the *Act* requires and be determined by Council on an annual basis and involve all councillors.

#### PLANNING SCHEME AMENDMENTS

Council has released a suite of Planning Scheme amendments to be sent to the State Government for a State Interest check. After the State reviews and approves it, the amendments will go out for public comment. One amendment of significance is the attempt to make it easier for water carriers on rural land to obtain permission to deliver water to locals only in the time of drought, without needing to go through an expensive and time-consuming impact assessable process.

#### CONSULTATION

I will be in Main Street, North Tamborine, opposite the bakery this Saturday for a chat from 9am to 12 noon if you wish to catch up.

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**Councillor, Division 1**  
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## Councillor's Comment

**VIRGINIA WEST**  
DIVISION 3

### WHAT'S NEW IN D. J. SMITH PARK

**The new shade sail over the slide portion of the playground will be welcomed by young users and families, as this has been a problematic area in the summer months. This has been funded through SEQ Community Package funding.**

The underground electrical system has been upgraded to ensure compliance with current electrical safety standards and has been funded by a COVID Works for Queensland grant to employ local business operators.

#### PLANNING PROCESS

When a Development Application is lodged with Council, the planning team has the role to assess the application under framework set out in planning legislation by the Queensland Government which includes:

**State Planning** - involves the Planning Act 2016, State Planning Policy, Queensland Infrastructure Program, Priority Development Areas, Community Infrastructure Designations, State Assessment and Referral Agency (SARA) and Development Assessment Rules.

**Regional Planning** - includes the South-East Queensland Regional Plan 2017 (Shaping SEQ) which advises where the urban footprint and rural and regional designations are located.

**Local Planning** - involves the Scenic Rim Regional Council Planning Scheme 2020 which is the statutory local planning document that provides local controls and planning provisions for development applications within our local government area.

Council must comply with the planning frameworks and legislative requirements. Development Applications are generally Code Assessable or Impact Assessable, and only Impact Assessable applications are publicly advertised for public submission.

I am happy to talk further with residents who may require additional information on this process.

#### FREE TREE DAY

Free Tree day will be in D J Smith Park on Saturday October 2nd from 8am till 12 for ratepayers to collect their free trees. Don't forget to bring your Free Tree Voucher, as the process is "No voucher No tree"!

#### WELL DONE CANUNGRA OWLS MEN'S TEAM

The Senior Men's team did Canungra proud by winning the semi-finals and hosting the finals at Moriarty Park - a history-making event for Canungra Soccer. Although they didn't take away the win following a penalty shootout, we are extremely proud of you and look forward to an even more successful season next year.

#### CONTACT ME

I am always available to speak with residents on 5540 5403 or 0407 630 052, or email **virginia.w@scenicrim.qld.gov.au**

I am at the Canungra Library on the second Saturday of each month from 9am till 11am, the next Saturday being October 9.





## JON KRAUSE MP

State Member for Scenic Rim

### SEQ NEEDS WATER SUPPLY PLAN

The LNP is calling on the Queensland Government to prioritise water security amid fears South-East Queensland dams will struggle to supply drinking water to the rapidly growing population. It's been revealed an industry report given to the Water Minister's office in December shows current water sources are insufficient. The State's inaction means SEQ residents will face more water restrictions more often.

The Queensland Labor Government's failure to plan for population growth is now costing Queenslanders. People expect responsible, prudent governments to have a plan for water security – indeed, the last Beaudesert Shire Council prior to council amalgamations had a plan for Canungra, but ever since the State took over water responsibility in 2008 nothing has happened. The Government's only plan appears to be to sit on their hands and wait for rain. It's hugely concerning for South-East Queensland residents who will face water restrictions more often when the SEQ water grid drops below 50 per cent. Queenslanders expect better.

LNP Leader David Crisafulli and I met with concerned locals and Cr Virginia West earlier this year to hear directly concerns about bad planning/lack of planning for development around Canungra. This impacts not just Canungra township, but also those who need water downstream, and out of town on acreage. We need investment in water assets from the Queensland Government and fast – and if that can't happen, the State must stop allowing more and more homes to be built here. Trucking water into town every year is not OK; Canungra on water restrictions for months each year is not OK. The planners need to get this straight in their minds and change the plans accordingly. This is an issue I have raised at the highest level of Government, but so far, their heads remain firmly in the (creek) sand.

### SCHOOL'S BACK

As our children head back to school next week for term four, it's a good time to be reminded of the standard operating hours for most school zones in Queensland: 7-9am and 2-4pm. Children can be hard to see and may not be concentrating on vehicle movements before or after school, so it's important that we take extra care at these times. Remember to be mindful of the 40km/h school zone limit as we get back into the routine of school drop-offs and pick-ups. I hope that the first week back at school is enjoyable for students, parents and teachers.

### BREASTSCREEN QLD IN BEAUDESERT

The BreastScreen Queensland mobile unit will be offering free breast screening at the Beaudesert Hospital until mid-December. BreastScreen Queensland specifically targets women aged between 50 and 74 and invites them for a free screening mammogram every two years. Bookings can be made online at [www.breastscreen.qld.gov.au](http://www.breastscreen.qld.gov.au) or by phoning 13 20 50.

### MY OFFICE

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**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

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- \$44 million for 17 Centres of Research Excellence over five years, building collaborative teams and developing capacity to improve research translation into better health outcomes.
- \$4.6 million in targeted funding to support four projects developing coordinated and best practice interventions for better care at the end of life.
- \$1.5 million for collaborative research on osteoarthritis to be funded in partnership with the United Kingdom's National Institute for Health Research.
- \$1.8 million to fund a clinical trial at Melbourne Health involving combination immune therapy for type 1 diabetes.

### A STRONGER FARMING SECTOR

The Agriculture and Horticulture sectors have come through the other side of many challenges in recent years. Drought, fires, storms, you name it and our farmers have been hit by it. While much of the Australian economy has been struggling through the pandemic, our farmers have been quietly going on about their business producing the best food and fibre in the World.

The Australian Government and community backed our farmers during these challenges, especially the drought, and we are now seeing the farming sector support our economy through the pandemic.

This month we saw exciting numbers that show the Australian agriculture sector is well on its way to its \$100 billion-by-2030 target.

The gross value of production for the agriculture sector 2021-22 is set for a record \$73 billion – the first time the value of agricultural production has exceeded \$70 billion. According to the Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics and Sciences (ABARES) latest commodities report, exports are also poised for record territory – \$54.7 billion in 2021-22.

There are still challenges ahead, but we are well positioned to manage them, particularly workforce issues and labour mobility, that we continue to work on.





# Letters to the Editor

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## SOMETHING WRONG IN INTERACTION OF COUNCIL ARMS

**In his Sharp Comment column in the *Scenic News* of 23 September Tom Sharp recounted in detail the dissension within Scenic Rim Council as to whether the Chief Executive Officer's contract should be renewed.**

It is obvious something is very wrong with the interaction between the two arms of our council: the executive arm (the councillors) which plans for the future, and the administrative arm under the direction of the CEO which is tasked with implementing those plans. The Mayor is the link between the two.

The way it is supposed to work is clearly set out in the *Local Government Act* with relevant clauses as below. In addition to his normal duties as a councillor, the Mayor has additional responsibilities and authority including:

### **Chapter 2 Section 12**

(4) (b) *Leading, managing and providing strategic direction to the chief executive officer in order to achieve the high quality administration of the local government.*

(c) *Directing the chief executive officer of the local government under section 170. Note. Section 170 includes:*

*170 Giving direction to local government staff*

*170A Requests for assistance or information*

*170AA Guidelines about provision of administrative support to councillors.*

(d) *Conducting a performance appraisal of the chief executive officer, at least annually, in the way that is decided by the local government (including as a member of a committee for example).*

This is complemented by a further requirement in the Act detailing a particular responsibility of the CEO:

### **Chapter 2 Section 13**

(3) (c). *Establishing goals and practices in accordance with the policies and priorities of the local government.*

The intent is very clear in the Act. The Mayor directs the CEO. In complying with the Mayor's directives, the CEO would also be influenced by the fact that the Mayor is responsible for the annual performance review of the CEO.

During his election campaign, the Mayor promised increased transparency and community consultation. However, many in the community are very unhappy when encountering an unacceptable level of secrecy in the conduct of Council matters, ineffective community consultation, unconvincing enforcement of planning schemes and the possibility that rates may be higher than justified. Many of the causes seem to emanate from the administrative arm under the direction of the CEO who, in turn, seems to be supported by the Mayor.

Recognising the authority and responsibility conferred on the Mayor by the *Local Government Act*, the concerns experienced out in the community cannot be directed solely at the CEO. The Mayor has to share the blame. It appears that an increasing number of councillors are now of this opinion. The Mayor may find his position becoming untenable.

**Phil Giffard**

## SLOW AWAKENING AT SRRRC MEETING

**During the Scenic Rim Regional Council meeting held on 21 September two confidential matters were discussed in closed session, both being *Investigations of Inappropriate Conduct Referrals from the Office of the Independent Assessor.***

Two councillors left the meeting – Crs Swanborough and Christensen, thus by deduction they were each the subject of a complaint. One allegation was dismissed unanimously, the other was upheld by a vote of 3 to 1, with Cr Enright, Deputy Mayor, acting as meeting chair at the time, casting the sole dissenting vote.

From that vote, it is safe to assume which councillor had the complaint against him upheld, and, surprisingly, there was no opportunity for the chair to exercise his casting vote in the event of a 2 "for" and 2 "against" tied vote, which must have come as a surprise. This ploy has worked in the past. Perhaps councillors are tired of being manipulated?

Unfortunately, the councillor against whom the allegation was sustained remained unnamed, although this will be revealed when Council updates its Councillor Conduct Complaint Register. Let's hope the wording will be something more illuminating than

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“causing mischief”. No action is to be taken against the councillor.

Of greater interest is the entry in the meeting minutes, under the same agenda items, which states that “Council acknowledge the investigator’s recommendation and consider amending Council’s Standing Orders Procedure CM03.01PR.01 prior to 30 June 2022”. That Procedure was proposed and endorsed during the Council meeting of 21 May 2019 – the same meeting at which Standing Committee meetings were disbanded and which allowed topics previously discussed in open forum to now be discussed in confidential “briefings”.

Good luck trying to locate any agendas or minutes of those meetings. This meant that the logic and reasoning discussions behind recommendations re:-planning applications was no longer available to those who have a vested interest in the outcome of such applications.

I suggest and call upon Council to review not only the Procedure specified but to also revisit the disbandment of Standing Committees, in the interests of transparency and community inclusion. Three of the seven councillors who participated in the vote on 21 May 2019 are no longer councillors, and perhaps this decision is no longer reflective of the views of our current elected representatives, who may have differing views on this past decision and the motivations which prompted it.

Gold Coast City Council still operates eight Standing Committees, and its committee meetings are open and transparent. GCCC obviously does not feel the need to hide behind closed

doors and gag its councillors.

Such a review is well overdue, as three of our current councillors were *not elected until after this decision was reached*. It is quite obvious that, rather than “Enhancing open and responsive government” and “Embedding community engagement and partnerships that improve shared understanding”, the outcome has been the reverse, and the community has had enough.

And why would it take up to nine months to undertake a review? Perhaps it would be quicker if the elected representatives undertook the review rather than the bureaucrats?

**Amanda Hay**

## CHERRY-PICKED

**Phil Giffard (23 September) has cherry-picked a single article from Nature journal which indicates some positive outcome for oceanic phytoplankton growth resulting from our recent bushfires.**

From this, Phil extrapolates to cast doubt on climate models and science generally, whilst ignoring the article’s reliance on the very same modelling.

His poor logic descended into misinformation when he stated that “we do not understand the reasons” for climate change. The global scientific consensus, from mounting evidence, supports the anthropogenic conclusion.

He concluded with the debunked furphy that more CO<sub>2</sub> will increase food production, when the science actually projects the opposite.

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# Q&A

## with the Scenic News

*Rebecca Bennett is the owner of Tamborine Mountain specialty cakery and bakery, Wilderflower and Wanderberries. She was recently honoured with a nationally recognised award acknowledging her success in business, product development, innovation and customer service. Scenic News caught up with her in her cosy Main Street café last week.*

### **What inspired you to open your business?**

The business was inspired by my son who was born with multiple food allergies, but more so than that, when we went out I was always having to say "I'm sorry honey, you can't eat that" - he would be heartbroken, something that is so hard to deal with regularly as a parent, especially as his siblings are food allergy-free. Having multiple food allergies myself, I've always not bothered too much about eating when out, but when it comes to children it is a very different ball game. It also came about from my close friends and family encouraging me, or more so convincing me, to take the leap and just make the change I wanted to see in the world because I could be waiting a very long time for someone else to do what we needed.

### **What did you do before opening your business?**

Before Wilderflower and Wanderberries, baking cakes and all that jazz, I was a personal assistant in the legal field for about 15 years. Admittedly the stress level is relatively the same, but the baking and the environment is by far more fun.

### **How would you describe your business?**

A little shop for extraordinary people powered by the labour of love - it involves long hours, lots of trial and error as I rejig old recipes or create new ones that taste just as good if not better than the "norm" counterpart, BUT the rewards are unsurpassable. I get to bring joy to people through food, cake in particular, a simple delight yet one that those with multiple food allergies struggle to enjoy. We all know too well that the mindset around anything gluten-free or allergy-friendly is supposed to taste like cardboard or just plain awful; well, not here and that I guess is like my superpower.

It can be somewhat emotional, as I often get to share tears of happiness and an indescribable amount of gratitude with extraordinary souls who are having their first family outing ever or are enjoying eating out worry-free as a lot of our beautiful friends have anaphylactic reactions to certain foods.

### **What is it about your business that you love?**

I love the people that I get to meet, definitely when I get to tell them they can have anything in the cabinet and their eyes light up, followed with "are you serious?" I also love making custom cakes, designing and bringing them to life and creating delicious new goodies, seeing the reaction from children when they see their cake that they can eat. It is absolutely priceless. And above all, I love it when I create something new - and it works - and everyone loves it.

### **Is it a business that gives you satisfaction?**

Absolutely. I think when you are doing something that you love and it naturally just keeps giving back to you, it's beyond satisfying.

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

Gosh: my ideal job? Well, I have obviously won the Superdraw in the Gold Lotto or an incredible money miracle has blessed my life. I've moved my family to our own personal oasis property; I am no longer the main baker in my business but am now overseeing an incredible company which has an extensive number of tentacles in various avenues. These are avenues that create change in the world and employ and train a vast array of people - not only in the multiple businesses but also in educating the greater community about food allergy awareness and the importance of eliminating cross contamination risk.

### **Has the business been affected adversely by the coronavirus pandemic?**

Yes, it's been a really hard 12 to 18 months, something I don't think anyone would have planned for or had a disaster plan for, but I've made changes where I can, and I just keep on going.

I'm a self-taught baker and cake creator. I've learnt everything from perseverance and a truckload of failure - hot cross buns will be conquered one day. My sister calls me the Mad Food Scientist because I change my recipes to suit people's allergies. I am a mother to five amazing children and



Rebecca Bennett

one grandy (yes, I am old enough to be a Nonna). I have obsessive tendencies - my children (more so my older ones) remember my sewing days where I would sew non-stop for days, and there was very little else that happened. I really don't like cooking for myself, I am very stubborn and determined but I am easily distracted.

### **What do you do for fun?**

Spending time with my kids; listening to their take on the world and their random tidbits of bizarre information; playing board games and roller skating (we aren't that great at it but it's fun and there are plenty of giggles), long hot baths when the rain is in abundance; quiet solitude time; and of course, sleep.

### **Any plans for the future?**

The future is always changing so right now I'm just riding the roller coaster of life, trying to enjoy the ride and seeing where it takes me.

### **Final thoughts?**

From humble beginnings of a home baker doing what mums do best - taking care of their family - to now having been open for two whole years in the shop. Can you believe that? It just goes to show that when you truly believe in something, when your passion is honest and unwavering and with a ridiculous amount of hard work, anything is possible. My gratitude for all the continual support I have received that has kept me going is immeasurable.



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# Relationships



## NEUROPLASTICITY AND RELATIONSHIPS

Last week, we looked at our brain's ability to adapt in response to changes in our thoughts, attitudes and behaviour. Neuroplasticity is defined as "the potential that the brain has to reorganise by creating new neural pathways to adapt". Neurological changes in the brain are the brain's way of tuning itself to meet your needs.

What are your needs when it comes to your relationships, and how can you get your brain to tune itself to those needs? When a relationship begins, it is an exciting and novel experience causing our brain to be flooded with feel-good chemicals such as dopamine.



As a relationship continues and we have made a personal

commitment to remain with this person, we experience physical changes in the chemistry of our brain. Because the other person is present and available, we start to overlook their good qualities, focussing on what we don't like and wish they would change. Everyone goes through this period of doubt and disillusion with an intimate relationship, because though we are initially flooded with pleasure hormones, these gradually deplete over the course of time.

At this point, many will complain that their relationship is boring and the chemistry is no longer there. However, in any relationship, if you become stuck in a rut, in the same routine day after day, your dopamine chemistry is not being triggered. What neuroscience has taught us is that our dopamine levels can be manipulated by injecting novelty into our relationships. Do something you haven't done before – take a class together, a new hobby, try a new cuisine, break your regular routine. Take a trip to somewhere you've never been. An environment where you can experience new things together will get those neurons firing.

When it comes to the stories we tell ourselves about others, our brains can easily get stuck in negative, unhelpful thought patterns. Because of our need for self-protection, we tend toward a negative bias when it comes to interpreting others' motivations and behaviour. Though we have little control over the initial thoughts that pass through our minds, we can take control over how long we allow such thoughts to linger.

When you become intentional in challenging negative thought patterns, and become more flexible in your thinking, you're exercising your brain's neuroplasticity. You're training your brain how to better relate to others by refusing to allow the made-up stories in your mind to be the only thoughts you entertain. The brain's neuroplasticity supports you in giving up the misconstrued relationship in your head in order to focus on true connection with the real person in front of you.

Neuroplasticity begins with an internal awareness of your thoughts. So, the next time you're forming thoughts before really taking all of the facts into account, think about giving your brain a mental workout. A commitment to building new neural pathways enables you to create new habits of thought; alters your beliefs, attitudes and actions and enhances your relationships.

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## WOMEN'S HEALTH NIGHT

A couple of weeks ago, we brought back our women's health night. I had the privilege of being joined in presenting by some local legends, whom I can't thank enough for their time and expertise. They each discussed 'what they wish women knew'. Here's what they had to say:

Bree Lowing, from *The Mountain Midwife*, discussed the importance of caring for women in their pregnancies as the whole person and considering both physical health and mental health as part of the picture: "Even before getting pregnant, or even if you're not considering it, it is important to aim for optimum health - both mental and physical because of its benefits. During pregnancy itself there is a lot of evidence around as to why it is best to maintain healthy weight, and after birth, your health can impact on several aspects of your new life as a mother. Think about how you can best serve your body."

"It can take a long time to find exercise you enjoy or healthy food you like, but the benefits can make a big difference to how you feel, whether you're having a baby or not."

Amanda McGuire, from Griffith University, is a PhD and nurse researcher in heart health in women. We were surprised to learn that heart disease is one of the top five causes of death in women and the risk of a heart attack increases significantly in midlife with menopause. Did you know that heart attacks look different between men and women? Because of this, women often go to hospital later, receive less aggressive medical treatment and have worse outcomes. Are you up to date with the symptoms?

Prevention is the key. Know your risk and get more info by heading to [www.heartfoundation.org.au](http://www.heartfoundation.org.au); It's never too late to make positive lifestyle changes.

Mary Williams, from *Building Brains*, related the importance of considering cognitive health as a key part of ageing. The nice thing is the same health choices will benefit both: lots of sleep, eating healthy food and avoiding excess alcohol, exercise, water, social contact and protective gear (wearing helmets and headgear). Cognitive health is based on the science and understanding of neuroplasticity. This is the brain's capacity to learn, grow and regenerate no matter the age or ability of the person. Mary suggested the following to keep our minds healthy and strong, especially into ageing: do novel, challenging and new things and practise the new and challenging things until the brain pathways are fast and efficient.

We finished off the evening with Andy Roberts from *QENDO*, an organisation that supports anyone affected by endometriosis, adenomyosis, PCOS, infertility and pelvic pain. Andy discussed his personal experience with PCOS and endometriosis, a condition which on average takes seven years for diagnosis. She opened up about what she wished she knew as a teenager – it is not normal to have painful periods, it is not normal to miss school with period pain and it is not normal to experience extreme bloating. Take care of yourself, be careful who you choose as a partner in how they treat you when you are feeling your worst, don't be afraid to discuss taboo subjects like periods, intimacy and pain, and lean on family and friends when you need to.

My favourite part of the evening is the get-together afterwards. It was very special to me to see women across three generations discuss their experience of living with the same diagnosis – it is very apparent we have come a long way in women's health. We still have a long way to go and I am incredibly privileged to work in this space. If you would like a handout of the information that we discussed at women's health night please feel free to send me an email: [jess@physiquehealth.com.au](mailto:jess@physiquehealth.com.au).



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**Prohibited dog breeds** means it is against the law to import them into Australia. It mainly applies to dogs specifically bred for fighting, plus mixed bred dogs having a prohibited breed in their genetics or visible characteristics. The list of prohibited dogs includes:



Dogo Argentino, Filo Brasileiro, Japanese Tosa, Presa Canario and the Pitbull terrier breeds.

If Pitbull terriers are prohibited, why are there many dogs of this breed in Australia?

It is because the breed has only been banned since 2011. Owners of these dogs are supposed to be granted authorisation (depending on the state and council) and the dog desexed. No wonder so many of these dogs are just not registered with councils; they are "off the radar" until something goes wrong. This discussion of Pitbull terrier breeds is impartial and based on Aussie laws. I have met and worked with some American Staff. terriers and cross bred dogs that are friendly and safe dogs.

**Regulated dogs:** These are declared as menacing or dangerous by an authorised officer or local council animal control following an attack on a person or someone's pet without provocation. It also refers to and covers restricted dogs The owner will have to abide by certain conditions to keep the dog.

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Restricted dogs must wear a muzzle when in public and be desexed. Signage warning must be installed on the property's fence or gate. If a dog owner receives a destruction order from the council, they can apply to the Queensland Civil Administration tribunal (QCAT) within 14 days of receiving the order. This process may take many months and strong evidence for reprieve is required. In the meantime, the dog can remain in the pound, sometimes unable to see its owners.

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# SPECIAL TWO-DAY EVENT FOR WOMEN

**Resilient Women – a two-day event celebrating the lives and achievements of women – will be held on Tamborine Mountain in October.**

Friday 22 October and Saturday 23 October will focus on the things that shape women and girls, and make them 'resilient'.

The event will take place at three locations: the Vonda Youngman Community Centre, the Centre for Regenerative Arts, and the Tamborine Mountain Library, all in Main Street.

Formed from the Latin verb *resilire*

(to leap back), *resilient* when applied to a person means being able to recover quickly from a bad experience, damage, illness or setback and to rebound with vigour and liveliness.

Resilient Women will be presented by the Scenic Rim Regional Council and Making Good Alliance, with support from WOW Australia.

Making Good Alliance Co-founder and director, Sue Rallings, said Resilient Women Tamborine Mountain would be a fusion of conversations, creativity, workshops, performances and night markets.

“On the Friday night the Resilient Women Arts Dinner guests will explore what it is to be a resilient woman as we talk to Mununjali/Wiradjuri artist Kim Walmsley, Erica Bartle from Outland Denim, photographer and accidental adventurer Carin Garland, and steel sculptor Colleen Lavender – followed by a performance from Queensland Song of the year winner Clea.

“The Saturday program from 9am to 9pm will include talks, workshops, free activities for the body, mind and soul, night markets and a local performance space.

“A chillout zone will be created at the Centre for Regenerative Arts for visitors to gather and connect throughout the day and there will be an opportunity for people to drop by and meet Kim Walmsley and participate in the Corroborate project. They can grab something delicious to eat from the Wise Wild Spice food van or a coffee from Those Little Voices during the day. After 4pm when the site will light up for the Resilient Women night markets there will be offerings from Falafel Falafel and the Cauldron Gin Bar.

“Throughout Saturday join us as we ponder what it takes to be a resilient leader, tackle issues of financial security for women at all ages and stages, or participate in workshops from learning how to be a good bystander to learning about slow fashion. Join in discussions on what the future holds for women and girls and help shape the Queensland Government's Women's Strategy.”

Other attractions will include creativity workshops and demonstrations that will encourage visitors to leave their mark in weaving, random sculptural forms, turning dirt into compost, up-cycling T-shirts, sculpture with clay and steel, singing acapella, daggy dancing and expressive dance.

Check out the full program at <https://www.makinggoodalliance.com.au/resilient-women>



Susan Rallings



Kim Walmsley





## TRAVELLING PLACES By Gina Storey

This week it has been a delight to see some people booking international trips for 2022 and 2023. These include journeys to Europe, North America and Japan. It would seem that Australia is starting to turn outwards again, to see the whole world and to remember what we have been missing out on.

The time is coming to dust off your passport – my suggestion is to check the validity on your passport. There is a requirement for your passport to be valid for at least 6 months after your return date to Australia. I am sure that once the flights start taking off there will be lots of us planning trips abroad and there will be a big backlog at the passport office, so be prepared and check yours now.

I almost feel like the government should extend our passports for an extra 2 years because we haven't been able to use them! Perhaps that's a bit controversial – if Scott Buchholz is reading perhaps he could take the idea up!

There is chatter about travel before Christmas. To be honest, I am doubtful. I am thinking travel from Australia should commence around April, after the northern winter. Hopefully by Christmas, all of the Australian borders will be open and also New Zealand – wouldn't that be grand?

What do you have on your list of places to explore?

It was interesting making a cruise booking for 2023 this week to find out that the cruise was virtually sold out. So my advice is to book early: remember it is not just us but the whole world that has put travel on hold for a long time, so there's lots of pent-up demand. You can already book European River cruising as well as Ocean Cruising for 2023 – just deposit and the booking is held. If you have to cancel later most are offering refunds and free changes of dates.

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# WINE CHAT

with Witches Falls Winery

## HOW IS NON-ALCOHOLIC WINE MADE, AND IS IT ANY GOOD?

With so much new scientific research shedding light on how drinking affects our bodies and minds – I, like many, have begun to reflect on my relationship with alcohol.

Even some of the most ardent winos are opting to limit their beverage intake to a couple of nights a week; some save their favourite bottles for special occasions; others have joined the teetotal train – deciding to give up alcohol altogether.



Everyone is different and must find a balance that works for their personal health and happiness. However, in light of changing attitudes, it doesn't surprise me that the market for low or no alcohol wines has boomed in recent years, with projected further growth on the horizon.

Many are of the opinion that non-alcoholic wine isn't real wine. And technically, they're right. Often likened to Ribena or grape juice, it's seen as sacrilegious to purists – another thing over which the French would surely get their knickers in a twist. Yet, with the help of modern engineering, I believe the industry is making headway.

For those of us who love the whole experience of drinking wine, but perhaps want to cut down on alcohol or have an alcohol sensitivity, I'm going to break down how non-alcoholic wine is made, and how it measures up compared with the real deal.

Most low alcohol or non-alcoholic wines start out as real wine. Fermentation is a crucial step, as it releases a unique concoction of flavour and aroma molecules that would have otherwise remained hidden. What hasn't yet been mastered is how to remove alcohol from a wine without it impacting on its overall feel and flavour.

There are two primary methods used for extracting alcohol. The least popular is **Vacuum Distillation**. This involves heating the wine in a vacuum-sealed chamber, causing the alcohol to evaporate. The downside to this method is that it allows many of the agreeable flavour and aroma compounds to escape, leaving the final product dull and one-dimensional. A more popular method (albeit more expensive and time-consuming) is called **Reverse Osmosis**. This method preserves those precious flavour compounds by filtering them out before alcohol distillation starts. After the alcohol is removed, the remaining water-based solution is then mixed back in with the initially filtered materials.

Unfortunately, both methods seem to slightly decrease the level of tannin, meaning dealcoholised wine contains fewer antioxidants and often has a lacklustre mouthfeel. Further, even where aromatics can be preserved, the presence of alcohol acts as a flavour-enhancer and channel that allows more aroma compounds to be perceived by the senses.

While many non-alcoholic wines that I've sampled have failed to hit the mark – often lacking the aromatics and complexity – some have also been truly wonderful. With further innovation, I believe the industry has immense future potential that will offer wine lovers a chance to continue sipping while prioritising a balanced lifestyle.

Cheers,

Alexandra Douglas and the Witches Falls Winery Team



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## MULBERRY MUFFINS

**This recipe is the base recipe of every muffin combination you could think of. As mulberries are in season just now, I've chosen to use them. These are a great thing to make with kids to teach them the joys of cooking during the school holidays, and they make a wonderful treat for the lunchbox when school returns.**

When a mulberry is at the perfect stage of ripeness, it is so soft that just picking one bursts the delicate skin, staining your fingers purple with juice. This choicest of fruits is practically seedless, with a crisp, sweet flavour like a cross between a raspberry, a cherry and a strawberry. They are delectable when eaten directly from the tree and are a good source of iron, vitamin C, calcium and antioxidants. Unfortunately, this amazing berry is unviable as a commercial fruit; if you think you'll find punnets available in your local supermarket chain, you're dreaming. Nevertheless, these rare beauties do grow locally on Tamborine Mountain so keep an eye out and it's a good reason to grow your own.

Did you know: Mulberry leaves are the primary food for silkworms?

The first pet I ever had was a silkworm. I'm seven and have just started learning about silkworms at school as they are a great species for learning about the life cycle of a caterpillar. As we returned from our lunchtime break one day our teacher announced to my delight that each of us would be given three silkworms to care for over the next 30 days. She then added, "How cool is this? After 20 to 30 days of almost constant munching away on fresh mulberry leaves which you will have to find and feed to them, your silkworms will begin to feel the urge to cocoon. Now, not all worms cocoon at the same time, but the worms that are ready to cocoon can be easily noticeable to the human eye. Just before it begins cocooning, the silkworm will poop out a runny fluid in order to clean out its system and prepare it for the very last stage of its life cycle. Which is a moth."

At this stage one of the other kids had started to giggle at the mention of poop and in no time flat, it spread like wildfire and soon we were all laughing, including our teacher. "OK, OK, calm down now please," she said in her soft

voice. "Listen, because now is when the real magic happens," she said with eyes squinting whilst rubbing her thumb and forefinger as if playing the world's smallest violin. "It will begin to ooze a tiny drop of precious silk as a way to hold the cocoon in place. That secured, now it will begin to draw one long, continuous filament of silk by swinging its head to-and-fro. This incredible process can take up to two whole days for this little silkworm to fully complete, and the final result will be a perfectly oval shaped cocoon. Each of your little silkworms will make one continuous strand of silk up to one kilometre long." I sat there fascinated and enchanted, hypnotised beyond belief.

Check out the local Tamborine Mountain Community Facebook page to find out who might have mulberries in abundance.

### INGREDIENTS

- 1 and 3/4 cups (220g) plain flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon bicarb soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup (115g) unsalted butter, softened to room temperature
- 3/4 cup (150g) packed light brown sugar
- 2 large eggs, at room temperature
- 1/2 cup (120g) sour cream or plain yoghurt, at room temperature
- 1 and 1/2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract
- 1/4 cup (60ml) milk (any kind), at room temperature

### METHOD

1. Preheat oven to 220°C. Spray a 12-count muffin tin with non-stick spray or line with cupcake liners. Set aside.
2. In a large bowl, gently incorporate the flour, baking powder, bicarb soda, and salt together with a whisk or wooden spoon. Set aside.
3. In a large bowl using a handheld or stand mixer fitted with a paddle attachment, beat the butter on high speed until smooth and creamy, about 1 minute. Add the brown sugar and beat on high until nice and creamed, at least 2 minutes. Scrape down the sides and bottom of the bowl as needed.
4. Add the eggs, sour cream, and vanilla extract. Beat on medium



speed for 1 minute, then turn up to high speed until the mixture is combined nicely for another minute or so. Scrape down the sides and bottom of the bowl as needed.

5. Slowly start to add the dry ingredients into the wet ingredients and mix on low speed until just combined. Add the milk and continue to beat on low until the batter is just smooth. (You don't want to over mix and develop the gluten in the flour)
6. Add fresh mulberries and incorporate gently with a spoon in a folding motion.
7. Spoon the batter evenly into each cup or liner, filling each all the way to the top. Bake the muffins for 5 minutes at 220°C then, keeping the muffins in the oven, reduce the oven temperature to (180°C). Bake for an additional 15-18 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in the centre comes out clean to indicate they're ready. The total time these muffins take in the oven is about 20-25 minutes, give or take.
8. Remove the muffins and allow to cool for 5 minutes in the muffin pan, then transfer one by one to a wire rack to continue cooling.
9. Muffins are best eaten fresh in a day or two, though can keep well in the fridge for up to one week.



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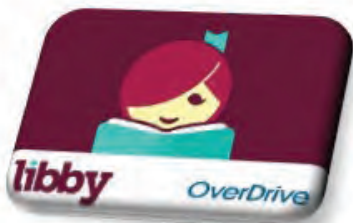
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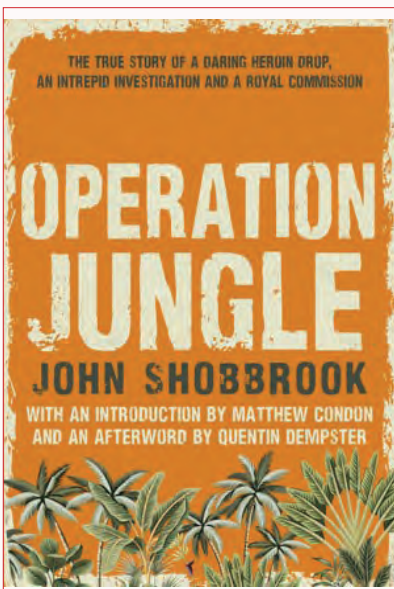


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2. What general term is used to describe any experiment that is not carried out in a living body?
3. What apparatus was invented by Ernest Lawrence and is used to smash atoms?
4. Which common material, a polymer of ethylene, was invented in the 1930s?
5. What is the name for a number which cannot be divided by a number other than itself and one?
6. Light-sensitive photographic film uses which main element?
7. Approximately how long does light take to travel from the Sun to the Earth?
8. What term is used for the third generation nuclear weapon which causes little blast damage, but is extremely destructive to biological material?
9. What is the descriptive name for any material which transfers heat?
10. What nationality was the physicist and Nobel prizewinner, Niels Bohr?
11. What is the general term for materials that 'pipe' light?
12. Detection and measurement of radiation is measured by which instrument?
13. The chemical element symbol Au represents which metal?
14. What is the literal meaning of the word 'atom'?
15. What travels at approximately 670 million miles an hour?
16. Which metal is alloyed with tin to make pewter?

*Answers on page 26*



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**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:** Tango and salsa classes: every Monday night at the Zamia theatre. Salsa for beginners from 6.30-7.30pm and tango for experienced from 7.30-8.30pm. Cost is \$30 per couple or \$20 pp. Contact Alejandro at 0413 595 275.

**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](http://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](http://www.tmmensshed.com)

**TM NATURAL HISTORY ASSOCIATION:** Birdwatchers – For further information call 5545 0995. TM Bushwalkers, find out about us on the TM Natural History Association website. New members welcome. Enquiries: 0439 869 125 or 0478 414 892. [www.naturalhistory.org.au](http://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 Tamborine Mountain State High School at Holt Rd. New players always welcome. For more information, phone Danielle on 0423 210 949. Check us out on our website [www.tamborinemountainorchestra.com](http://www.tamborinemountainorchestra.com); or find us on Facebook.

**TM PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH** 34 Main St, North Tamborine [www.tmpcq.org.au](http://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](mailto:dave.mugridge@tmpcq.org.au) | [www.tmpcq.org.au](http://www.tmpcq.org.au) BARGAIN CENTRE: Tuesday to Saturday opens 8am – 12 noon (rear of the Presbyterian Church).

## TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN COMBINED PROBUS CLUB:

Join our new social club for retirees and semi-retired and enjoy some fun, fellowship and friendship at Club Tamborine, 6-12 Beacon Road, North Tamborine from 9.30am on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Contact Lyndal Drennan (President) on 0450 907 670

## TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN PROBUS CLUB INC (MEN'S CLUB):

Join like-minded retired and semi-retired men for fun activities at Vonda Youngman Community Centre, 2-4 Knoll Road, North Tamborine on 3rd Wednesday of the month at 10am. Contact Bob Hepple on 0411 776 888 for details of next meeting.

**TM PROGRESS ASSOCIATION:** 1st Tuesday in month. 7.30pm Heritage Centre Wongawallan Rd

**TM RSL** Sub Branch meets at the RSL rooms underneath the Bowls Club; details are available by phoning President Phil Hunter 0419 662 961.

**TM RUGBY:** Training Monday and Thursday 3.45pm- 5pm at TMSA, Long Road. Please call John Knight 0400 554 555 or Adam Clarke 0413 214 066 – Facebook: Tamborine Mountain Rugby

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

**TM WRITERS GROUP:** Meets every 1st & 3rd Mon of month, 1.30–3.30pm at Creative Arts Centre, Eagle Heights. Call Patricia on 5545 3403 for details.

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

**YOGA:** For beginners to advanced students: Hatha, Tantra and Nada Yoga. Tues 9.30am, Sat 9am at the Zamia and Wed 6pm Creative Arts Centre. 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](mailto:TamborineMountainZumba@gmail.com)



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