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### PROFESSIONALS GO PINK IN OCTOBER!

Pink Ribbon Month is where the Professionals world turns pink to raise awareness for the National Breast Cancer Foundation. As a Diamond Partner, Professionals Real Estate have worked closely with NBCF for 17 years helping to raise much needed funds for breast cancer research. To date, Professionals have raised over \$3.8 million and that figure is growing every day. Right across Australia fundraising continues throughout the year with community charity events and fundraising auctions at both a national and local office level.

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**SALE** 🛏️ 4 🛁 2 🚗 2 ✂️ 451m<sup>2</sup>

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# COUNCILLORS: MAYOR GUILTY OF INAPPROPRIATE CONDUCT

Following an investigation by the Office of the Independent Assessor (OIA) Mayor Greg Christensen has been found by Scenic Rim Council to have engaged in inappropriate conduct.

The matter had been referred to the council by the OIA to decide on appropriate action against the Mayor following a complaint that had been made to the OIA.

Deputy Mayor Michael Enright was the only councillor to vote against a recommendation from Council finding Cr Christensen had engaged in inappropriate conduct.

Councillors Jeff McConnell, Virginia West and Marshall Chalk voted in favour of the ruling against the Mayor. Cr Duncan McInnes was unable to attend the meeting and Councillors Christensen and Swanborough had absented themselves from the discussion and decision.



The council then voted unanimously that no action be taken against Cr Christensen.

In response to the complaint, the council has scheduled additional training and awareness of the Government's Code of Conduct for Councillors in Queensland for all elected council members to take place before the end of the year.

Details of the complaint and a report into the investigation have been kept confidential, with the matter discussed behind closed doors and the council voting in favour of not releasing an officer's report, including the investigation report.

As of last Friday, the complaint and decision had not been published on the councillor conduct register on the SRRC website.

The *Local Government Act* requires councils to keep an up-to-date councillor conduct register.

The finding against Cr Christensen was one of two matters referred from the OIA to be dealt with by the council in



closed session at last week's meeting.

A complaint lodged against Cr Derek Swanborough alleging inappropriate conduct was dismissed in a unanimous decision of the council.

Cr Christensen and Cr Swanborough both declared a conflict of interest in the matters and did not take part in the discussion or vote on either matter.



  
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## OBSERVE THE MOON ON 16 OCTOBER

Members of TM Universe are invited for a free 'Observe the Moon' event on Saturday 16 October from 6 till 9pm, at Cauldron Distillery next to our land at 379 Long Road. The event will take place in co-operation with NASA. All visitors will receive an official NASA certificate.

Food trucks and a coffee truck will be available, and of course the distillery has its doors open as well. Members are invited, along with their family, and welcome to take their own telescopes or binoculars. Since the moon is a large celestial object, binoculars will be sufficient. At 7pm our TM Universe team will give a presentation on some of the main features of the moon, and also point out what exactly can be seen during that night (if it's not clouded over, that is). Those attending will learn a bit about the phases of the moon, its revolution around the earth, and its impact on the oceans' tides.

Also, we will show where to look at the moon that night to find where the Apollo spacecraft landed in the early 1970s.

In addition we will have an official NASA certificate for every visitor that evening. Also, a special mini-production of the Zenith poster will be made available for visitors, showing which star will be exactly above us at 7pm that night. Zenith is the new TM Universe fundraising activity kicking off right now.



Because of COVID, the number of visitors is limited to 100. You can book your reservation (for FREE) at [tmuniverse.com.au](http://tmuniverse.com.au).

And just as a reminder: 10 days later, on 26 October, the TM Universe AGM will take place, also exclusively for members. At that meeting, the planetary scientist Dr. Pascal Lee will give a live presentation from California on the Search for Life in the Universe, and about recent developments in the Mars Space program.

Please register for the AGM at [tmuniverse.com.au](http://tmuniverse.com.au)

*Photo: The moon as it will be seen on 16 October - copyright Viatour*

## TAMBORINE MTN GRANT FUNDING

Community groups in the Scenic Rim Electorate will share in more than \$200,000 of grant funding awarded through Round 110 of the Gambling Community Benefit Fund (GCBF).

On Tamborine Mountain, two groups have been allocated funding: Tamborine Mountain Arts Collective (\$2000 to update its website) and U3A Tamborine Mountain (\$1688 to purchase a projector).

Commencing in 2022, there will be changes to the GCBF funding program. There will be four funding rounds each year, with three of these rounds having funding available up to \$35,000, and one super round (GCBF Round 113) with up to \$100,000 of funding available.

If your organisation plans to apply in the super round, you should carefully consider the one-round exclusion period and whether you should apply in the round closing at the end of August 2021 (Round 111) and October 2021 (Round 112). If your organisation's applications are successful in either round, the organisation may be ineligible to apply in the super round.

To apply, visit: [www.justice.qld.gov.au/grants](http://www.justice.qld.gov.au/grants), or for more information contact Jon Krause's office via email [scenicrim@parliament.qld.gov.au](mailto:scenicrim@parliament.qld.gov.au) or phone 5515 1100.



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The aim - zero deaths from breast cancer by 2030

October is Pink Ribbon Month.

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# TURNING CANUNGRA PINK



**Alex Griffiths, creator, owner and custodian of Little Bee's Secret Garden, is getting ready for Turning Canungra Pink.**

Turning Canungra Pink is a major fund-raising event held in October each year in Canungra – the “small town with the big heart” – supporting local residents with cancer, and raising funds and awareness of the disease.

All funds that are raised are donated 50 per cent to Cancer Council Queensland and 50 per cent to Pink Assist, a fund used to provide support to local people with cancer.

Fund-raising activities will be held right throughout October in this, the 10th year of the event.

Ticketing information can be found at **Facebook/Turning Canungra Pink**



## Council Notices

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### ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE 3: COVID-19

#### BUSINESS SUPPORT

Council's third economic stimulus package includes financial relief for businesses with a reduction in specific licence fees, deferred infrastructure charges, discounted development applications, and access to an external counselling service for business owners and their employees. For businesses requiring support for these initiatives please contact the Regional Prosperity Team on [prosperity@scenicrim.qld.gov.au](mailto:prosperity@scenicrim.qld.gov.au).

#### COVID-19 COMMUNITY GRANTS

These new tailored COVID-19 Support Grants aim to support community organisations that are experiencing financial loss or hardship due to COVID-19, or have had to undertake operational changes to meet public health directions relating to COVID-19. COVID-19 Support Grants are up to a maximum \$1,500 for eligible community organisations. Applications open now and close 5pm 20 October 2021. Apply at [www.scenicrim.qld.gov.au/community-grants](http://www.scenicrim.qld.gov.au/community-grants).

### COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

#### COMMUNITY AND CULTURE STRATEGY

Thank you to everyone who provided their thoughts and ideas into Council's new five-year Community and Culture Strategy. Consultation closed on 8 October. We appreciated those who completed surveys, idea postcards at the libraries and spoke with Council representatives at local markets about future community spaces, programs and activities.

### FREE TREE DAYS

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

**BEAUDESERT** | Nursery Birnam Street | Sat 6 Nov 2021  
**BOONAH** | Springleigh Park | Sat 4 Dec 2021

### LIBRARIES

Visit [scenicrim.qld.gov.au/libraries](http://scenicrim.qld.gov.au/libraries)

#### 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

#### DIGITAL DAYS

Tech help sessions. Bookings are required, contact the library for more information.

**BEAUDESERT** | Tuesdays  
**BOONAH** | Wednesdays  
**CANUNGRA** | Mondays  
**TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN** | Thursdays

#### OUTREACH | FIRST 5 FOREVER RHYME TIME 9.30am

**TAMBORINE VILLAGE** 12 October  
**CANUNGRA** 13 October  
**KALBAR** 21 October  
**PEAK CROSSING** 25 October

#### BEAUDESERT LIBRARY

**Yak & Yarn** Tuesdays | 9.30am - 11.30am  
**Kids Space** Thursdays | 4pm - 5pm  
**Youth Book Club** Tuesdays | from 4pm | Ages 12-15  
**New Adult Book Club** Thursday 28 October | 10am

#### CANUNGRA LIBRARY

**Book Club starting soon!**  
Wednesday 6 October | 1pm - 3pm

#### TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN LIBRARY

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

### LIVE + ONLINE AT THE CENTRES

Phone 5540 5050 or [liveatthecentre.com.au](http://liveatthecentre.com.au)

#### ON STAGE

##### PM CONCERTS

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

**NEW DATE: It Takes A Lot Not To End Up Dead!**  
with NiKNaK Productions

Saturday 9 October | 2pm | The Centre Beaudesert

**NEW DATE: We Will Rise with Topology**

Saturday 16 October | 7.30pm | Boonah Cultural Centre

#### ON EXHIBITION

##### REGENERATION

Continues until 22 October | The Centre Beaudesert

A creative bush fire recovery project by local artists responding to themes of belonging and greening, resilience and regeneration.

#### Gallery hours:

Tuesday - Friday 10am - 4pm | Saturday 10am - 2pm  
Closed public holidays | Free Entry

#### Boonah Regional Art Gallery

##### WARREGO ARTS GROUP

U3A Group Exhibition until 9 Oct.

#### OUR SYMPHONY OF ART 13 Oct - 20 Nov

**Gallery hours:**  
Wednesday - Sunday 9am - 2pm | Free Entry

#### FRIDAY FLICKS

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

**8 October** Six Minutes to Midnight (M)

**15 October** Martha: A Picture Story (PG)

**22 October** The Dream Horse (PG)

### RESILIENT WOMEN TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN 22-23 OCT

Resilient Women



Celebrating and exploring the things that make and shape us as resilient women and girls.

#### RESILIENT WOMEN ARTS DINNER

**Friday 22 October** | 6pm | \$25

Vonda Youngman Community Centre

Dinner, discussion, networking and music.

Bookings essential

#### BORROW A RESILIENT WOMAN

**Saturday 23 October** | 9.30am - 12 noon

Free | Libraries

Book a resilient woman, and ask questions to find out how they have achieved their goals. Our women include professionals, immigrants, poets, archaeologists, artists and more!

#### RESILIENT WOMEN EVENT DAY

**Saturday 23 October** | 9am-9pm | Various locations

Talks, workshops, free activities for the body, mind and soul, night markets and a local performance space.

**More info and bookings:** [bit.ly/3F084JI](http://bit.ly/3F084JI)

#### NEW DATES: GOLD MOVES SENIORS DANCE

Free | Bookings essential

Two sessions available each day. | Limited places,

**Tuesday 26 October** | 10am-3pm

Boonah Cultural Centre

**Wednesday 27 October** | 10am-3pm

Vonda Youngman Community Centre

**Thursday 28 October** | 10am-3pm

The Centre Beaudesert

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# TRAVELLING PLACES *with Gina*

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Several Virtuoso partners are coming to Tamborine Mountain to share their knowledge, and we would be delighted if you could join us. They will be talking about travel in 2022, 2023 and 2024. One thing is for sure, the next few years are going to be busy in the travel world and the best deals will be offered to those who book early. Do join us!

Travel news has been abundant this week. This week, Scott Morrison announced that the federal government will be opening international borders from 14th November. This is exciting – of course there are many conditions. It would seem that for travel after 14th November there will be no requirement to apply to the government for approval to leave Australia; in fact it is quite easy to leave Australia – it is the returning to Australia that can cause issues. There are quotas for travellers arriving into Australia due to quarantine requirements – these are determined by the State governments. Currently the Queensland government allows about 20 passengers per flight to come into the state. There is also a restriction on the number of flights. For example, before COVID, Singapore Airlines operated 4 flights a day to Brisbane –

now they have about 4 a week, and instead of over 300 passengers per flight they are allowed around 20. Keep your eyes peeled on what the Premier announces. It would seem that NSW residents will be the first to travel internationally, and also probably to home quarantine on their return – possibly for 7 days. You must be double vaccinated and have a test to travel on Qantas. Travelling Places is keeping abreast of all of these constant changes and advising our clients. Pack your bags we are nearly there – up and away!



## Free Travel Expo

**Date:** Wednesday 20th October  
**Time:** 4pm to 6pm  
**Where:** Travelling Places,  
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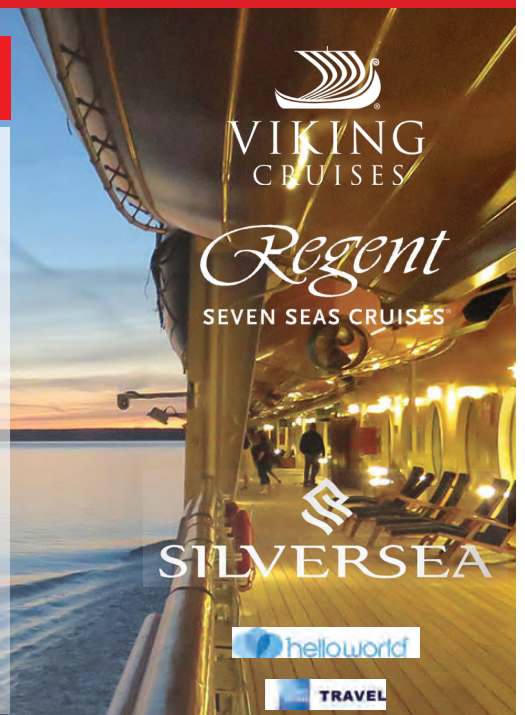
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Jay Dallas and Toby Angus



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## SEENAGERS AND TEENAGERS ROCK TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN

### Gig at TMCCA

Did you ever imagine the wonders that an hour of live music, played by two Tamborine Mountain teenagers could do for your soul, not to mention your mental and physical wellbeing wrapped up in a whole lot of good old-fashioned fun... community-style!

On Friday, 1 October 2021, talented teenagers Toby Angus and Jay Dallas of **Blind Corners** wholeheartedly entertained clients of the Friday Friendship Group at TMCCA, with their music and some runaway hit tunes (past and present) viz. *Ring of Fire* (Johnny Cash), *Don't Worry Be Happy* (Bobby McFerrin), *Inner City Blues* (Rodriguez), *Rum Rage* (Sticky Fingers) and many more. These young 'musos' won the hearts of the clients with their brilliant talent and awesome people-skills and a real synergetic stage presence... clients applauded, sang along, played tambourines and maracas and even stood up to shake a leg. The Community Care Centre was humming and the gig was for all. We did behave and wear our masks when required.

When asked about their group name, Jay replied that Toby's driveway led out onto one of our meandering Mountain roads, which really did not offer a generous line of vision neither to the left nor to the right, hence the name – **Blind Corners**. Logical and simple as...

A big thank you to Jay and Toby. Your performance was amazing and touched all our hearts, and your talent is noticed by the whole group. We wish you a bright and shining future in the world of music.

TMCCA clients, staff and volunteers dressed up as teenagers from a bygone era blended with some current teenage fashion ranging from flower-children, hippies, faded denim jeans and sneakers, caps turned backward and even as young bushpeople. Tattoos were also spotted, albeit fake. All enjoyed the gig and friendship.

Thank you to Laurie Nicholson from the Eagle Heights Butchery for his large-hearted donation of pork and chicken sausages for the BBQ - for all to enjoy a fun-filled, delicious lunch. It's a delight to feel valued by our amazing community and know that community spirit is alive!

Thanks to Geoff Marshall, TMCCA's Manager and in-house photographer par excellence for photos.

A large cheers to Russell Smith for endorsing this local budding talent and ensuring Toby and Jay receive due exposure in the future.

Last but not the least, thank you Ahalyaa Arora for recommending your friends Jay and Toby perform for TMCCA clients. Good thinking!

Patricia Arora



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# CHERRY PICKER TAKES OUT SERVO

The Mobil service station in Main Western Road, Tamborine Mountain was forced to close on Friday afternoon after its forecourt awning had been struck and damaged by a cherry picker which failed to clear the three metre awning.

Emergency services, including fire brigade and police, were quickly on the scene. No one was injured in the incident but because of safety concerns normal operations could not continue.

The affected area was taped off and surrounded by temporary fencing but surprisingly no signage was erected to advise motorists of what had occurred, or more importantly, when repairs would be expedited and fuel sales re-commence.

The Mobil servo, the only fuel outlet on the Mountain, was closed throughout the busy long weekend, forcing many motorists - locals and visitors - to drive to Tamborine, Canungra and Upper Coomera to buy fuel.

Scenic News contacted Mobil's media office in Melbourne (the only Australian Mobil media number listed on the internet), but they were unaware of the situation. They did, however, undertake to investigate the situation and advise of any relevant information as soon as possible.

By late Monday night there was still no indication from Mobil as to when the servo might be repaired and back in action.



Remember to use your optical health fund benefits before they're gone.

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## JON KRAUSE MP

State Member for Scenic Rim

### PETITION TO IMPROVE TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN ROADS CLOSING SOON

Some time ago, I sponsored the bringing of a petition by local residents to the Minister for Main Roads to bring his attention to the terrible state of some of the roads on Tamborine Mountain. The petition - started by locals and very well supported by locals - closes 8 October.

Please take a moment to sign the e-petition to improve the condition of the road surface of various roads on Tamborine Mountain. In particular, Main Western Road, Golf Course Road, Guanaba Road and Henri Robert Drive are in very poor and dangerous condition, not to mention the perennially awful Tamborine Mountain Road / Geissmann Drive. Previous temporary treatments to repair these potholes continue to be irrevocably damaged and compromised.

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

Owing to mismanagement over many, many years, the Queensland Government under Labor has a backlog of maintenance and repairs of nearly \$6 billion. That is a lot of work (and shows their priorities have been wrong for a long time as well), and it is why it is so important that we all work together to bring the Government's attention to the state of our roads.

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

#### BE PREPARED FOR STORM SEASON

Spring is here, and so is the 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](http://www.getready.qld.gov.au)

#### CONGRATULATORY LETTERS

Do you know someone with 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 (07) 5515 1100 or email [scenicrim@parliament.qld.gov.au](mailto: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

### HISTORIC MEETINGS WITH ALLIES IN THE US

The Prime Minister Scott Morrison held face-to-face talks with US President Joe Biden and UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson following the announcement of a new AUKUS security alliance between Australia, the United Kingdom and the United States.

Prime Minister Morrison also met with Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Washington ahead of the first in person meeting of leaders from Australia, the United States, Japan and India. Leaders will discuss a range of issues including clean energy technology, delivering the COVID-19 vaccine to our region and peace and stability across the Indo-Pacific region.

#### FIRST MILLION DOSES OF MODERNA ARRIVE AMID RECORD COVID-19 VACCINATION

The first doses of Moderna COVID-19 vaccine doses have arrived in Australia and are starting to be administered to those aged over 12 by more than 3,000 community pharmacies around the country. This comes as Australia has had a record week of COVID-19 vaccinations with a number of significant milestones met, including more than 2 million doses administered in the past 7 days. There have now been more than 26 million doses administered in Australia, close to 75% of Australians have had a single dose of the vaccine and more than 50% of Australians are fully vaccinated. Over the last week, Australia has been vaccinating at a per capita rate that is faster than the US, UK, France, Germany, Italy and Sweden ever achieved.

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#### MEDICARE BULK BILLING RATES AT ALL-TIME HIGH

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## Letters to the Editor

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### MISSING PIECES NEED CONSIDERING

In my letter to *Scenic News* of 23 September, I reported an article in the prestigious journal *NATURE* reviewing the positive effect of CO<sub>2</sub> from our big bushfires fertilising the Southern Ocean. There was a huge bloom of phytoplankton which benefited the whole food chain. The phytoplankton just loved that carbon. In the *News* of 30 September, Michael Horten was loud in his criticism but that is the risk of writing about controversial matters.

He particularly didn't like my statement that we do not properly understand the reasons for climate change. He accused me of poor logic and misinformation saying 'The global scientific confirmation of scientific fact.' It is the view of a majority that a particular theory might be the most probable explanation of some observations. When all the causative factors are not fully identified and understood that is not necessarily a bad approach, since it gives a possible starting point for the real work to begin. Top priority is room for the clear thinker.

However, serious dangers arise when that 'best guess' becomes dogma that cannot be questioned without severe penalties for the transgressors. The needed destination might be down a side alley while the true believers march blindly and determinedly to a dead end. The result can be ugly. Such consensus failures are not new. Galileo was put under house arrest for years and his books burnt for questioning the consensus that the earth was the centre of rotation of everything we see in the heavens. There was also the firm consensus that the earth was flat and that didn't end up very well either.

At another point Michael wrongly accused me of making an unjustified extrapolation from the *NATURE* article to throw doubts on the climate models. It was actually the article itself which commented that effects observed from the wildfires... may not be adequately taken into account in climate models.

My chief concern is that Michael Horten seemed to miss the point I was trying to make. Climate change has always happened even when we were not around to cause anthropogenic change. The whole picture is incredibly complex and even artificial intelligence may not be able to cope. In the meantime, every new observation like the bushfire plankton blooms, adds that little bit to the whole jigsaw puzzle.

Phil Giffard

### CHANGE IS CONSTANT

It's interesting how the slight change in current climate from the coldest period of civilisation, known as the little ice age, to the current warming and greening, resulting in record food production for our ever-increasing population is considered by so many people to be a catastrophe.

In the last century, atmospheric carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) concentrations increased from about 300ppm to more than 400ppm, and global average temperatures increased by about 1°C yet

the individual risk of dying from weather-related disasters declined by 99 percent. And is fast approaching zero.

It is also interesting that during this last century, arguably the best sea level gauge for the Pacific Ocean is today showing a slightly lower mean sea level measurement than it did with its first measurement over a century ago in 1914, indicating that any global warming we might be enjoying is certainly not exceptional.

When we have had greater warming during earlier civilisation periods as well as greater rates of warming (think of when the Aborigines walked to Tasmania, whereupon the sea levels rose 120 metres and they couldn't walk back) there is nothing happening today, climate-wise, that hasn't happened to a greater extent in the recent past when human carbon emissions played no part in climate variability.

Climate on earth has been slowly but definitely cooling for the life of the planet and if we get some variability (for whatever reason) that reverses this inevitable trend, we should be very thankful.

Jim Inglis

### AGREEMENT IS NOT A GIVEN

I dispute Michael Horten's ill-conceived diatribe against Phil Giffard in his letter to the editor in the 30th September issue of *Scenic News*.

He says that Mr Giffard "extrapolates to cast doubt on climate modules and science generally". Really? How about an example of this general doubt in science with which Mr Giffard has been labeled? This very wide net that he has cast is embarrassingly ridiculous. Mr Giffard is quite correct when he states "we do not understand the reasons" for climate change. The process is cosmic in scale, it is to do with the sun's activity (or lack of it), our planet's peculiar orbit, and our wobbly axis to name just a few factors involved in climate change, and we really don't know a lot about it. To claim otherwise is to display colossal ignorance about the whole subject.

Furthermore CO<sub>2</sub> is, at 400 parts per million, a mere trace gas in our atmosphere. To blame a mere trace for global warming or the oft quoted "greenhouse effect" (and to try to make it even scarcer!) is ludicrous. Water vapour in our atmosphere is, and in the annals of human history always has been, by far and away the greatest single contributor to the said greenhouse effect.

Mr Horten writes about scientific consensus, a state which simply does not exist. And even if it did, consensus is merely opinion and very far removed from proven facts. He also states that there is mounting evidence to support the anthropogenic conclusion. Again, really? Show us this mounting evidence Mr Horten, and I don't mean unproven claims and theories in the various social media. I believe the opposite is true. More and more true scientists are expressing doubts on the modelling used to date to quantify global warming.

Roland Lindenmayer

## PROGRESS ASSOCIATION TO HOST WILDLIFE EXPERIENCES



Wild(life) and wonderful "hands on experiences" for you and the kids.

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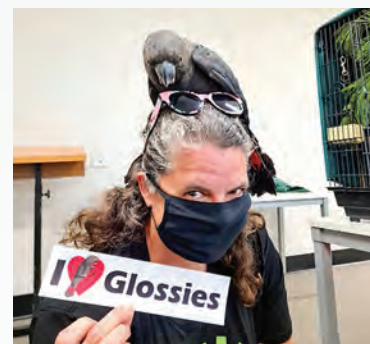
On 16th October, Louise McKay from Australian Bush Buddies, will bring Calypto, a young Red-Tailed Glossy Black cockatoo (who likes to sit on people's heads), a Tawny Frogmouth, a crocodile (never smile at a crocodile), a snake, and a lizard.

It's a great chance for kids of all ages to get close up to these amazing creatures.

Louise is a highly experienced, certified wildlife carer, so you can be quite sure that the creatures, and you, will be entirely safe and comfortable.

Doors open 1.30, programme starts promptly at 2.00 and runs for an hour and a bit.

Please bring your face masks and be ready to check in with your QR code, so it's easy and happy for everyone. See you there!



Louise McKay with Calypto the young Glossy Black Red-tailed Cockatoo

The SECOND Saturday event on 27th November is a combined pre-Christmas (lots of great gift ideas for sale) AND TMPA's 106th birthday.

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## RANI – THE CUTEST DENTAL NURSE IN THE SCENIC RIM!

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She is a trained therapy dog and a key member of staff, working regular shifts at Tamborine Mountain Dental, Eagle Heights. "She comes to work every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday," says clinic staff member Janine.

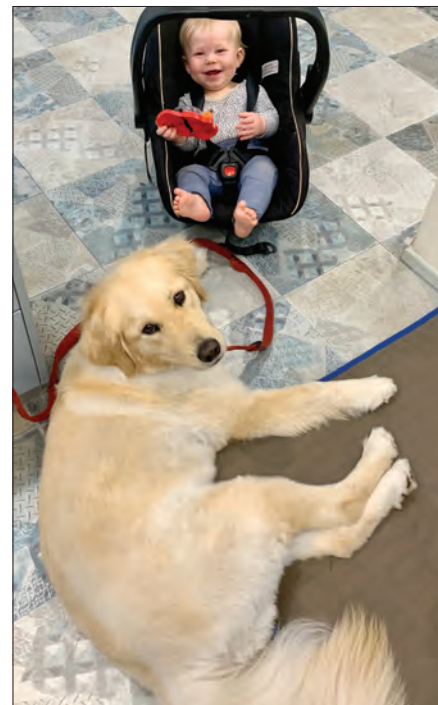
I believe Rani's owner, Dr Sandeep, is quite the progressive practitioner. In recent years worldwide, this shift in thinking, and the proven benefits of therapy dogs (and other animals) cannot be denied. These animal angels are sharing unconditional love with their owners and everyone they meet, along with providing therapeutic support in our communities, helping to ease nervousness and anxiety experienced by humans in certain environments such as airports, nursing homes, schools and medical settings – like dentists, to name just a few. "She is so chilled and laid back and is a great natural relaxant for our nervous patients," says Janine.

The only way to describe Rani is: she is simply divine, and she is renowned for her huge smile. Rani's friendly and relaxed temperament is a combination of many factors; her breeding, therapy dog training and how well cared for and loved she is by her owner and staff members.

Here, cross-breeding makes Rani a perfect family and work companion. Golden retrievers are a popular breed due to their intelligence and friendly disposition, with other dogs, strangers, and owners alike. Their gentle nature, shining coats and charming smiles, make them one of the most popular breeds in America and Australia today. Bred to work with people, they enjoy having a job to do, whether it is retrieving the newspaper or running a busy local dentistry. Labradoodles too are known for their gentleness and friendliness, and initially bred to serve as hypo-allergenic guide dogs. Labradoodles are high-energy dogs combining the personality traits of both Poodles and Labradors.

Rani truly is the cutest dental nurse I've ever met, and whether she is getting pats in the waiting room from nervous children or dozing on her back behind the reception desk, surgery patients and staff all benefit from Rani's radiating presence... so if you are one who puts off a trip to the dentist, maybe it is time to try some complimentary therapy from the loving Rani?

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# MOUNTAIN MURAL'S HERITAGE HOME

The story of this recently installed mural at the Tamborine Mountain Heritage Centre began when planning for the Mountain's Five Senses Festival, held earlier this year, was in its early stages.

Tamborine Mountain Arts Collective (TMAC) was responsible for arts pursuits during the festival and at first wanted senior students to participate in the painting of a mural, but it seems that due to scholastic restraints there was little interest, so the project was thrown open to the general public.

Some years earlier, Carmel O'Neill of the Historical Society, had been in touch with TMAC about the possibility of having a large mural painted on one of the buildings at the Heritage Centre. Nothing had come of that original enquiry, but Polly Cameron, who was the instigator of the Five Senses arts project, believed that such a mural could be painted during the festival and presented to the Historical Society. So, she got in contact with Carmel and they talked about the idea.

TMAC hired local artist Michelle Payne, from The Artist Tree, who consulted with Carmel about the content. Their resulting theme, *Stories of our Mountain*, fitted in well with the Five Senses Festival theme. Michelle was ably assisted by her good friend Abi Chaloupka (formerly of Tamborine Dreaming) and with the donated marine ply panels delivered, they set about designing the background and motifs which represent the past and present life of Tamborine Mountain – everything from clearing the cedar trees; dairy, avocado and flower farms; the quaintness of Gallery Walk's Rushbrook Park; the eagles and hang gliders flying overhead; and the Mountain's incomparable wildlife.

The 'paint by numbers' style panels were erected outside the Post Office for the Five Senses Festival at the end of May and many members of the public came to add their talents, filling in the colourful images. At the end of the festival, Michelle and her team removed the panels and then tidied up and completed them - adding the names of those who lovingly painted them - and finished off with several coats of exterior varnish.

The panels were finally collected and delivered to the Heritage Centre and an enthusiastic team of able DIY-ers fixed them in place, with past President Polly Cameron, current President Guy Ritani, and Historical Society President Carmel O'Neill looking on approvingly.



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# Q&A

## with the Scenic News

*Dan Fihelly, main man at Excalibur Stonescapes, and whose work includes the Mountain's Village Greens project and Rhoda Rushbrook Park, caught up with Scenic News in Main Street last week.*

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

My start in the field was working with landscapers, usually being responsible for rockwork in walls and paths around swimming pools.

I largely learned on the job, and soon realised that the 'hands-on' nature of creating something of lasting practical and aesthetic value was just the thing for me. I had the good fortune of working with and learning from many of the stonemasons in Brisbane and Queensland - depending on the job at hand, you would get asked to work with them on projects of varying sizes.

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

I have essentially 20 years' experience in the field, but I did take a break for a few years to work as a telco consultant when I had injuries that sidelined me. In my younger years, I travelled, surfed, worked on farms - the usual things.

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

Excalibur Stonescapes was born from my desire to create boutique 'solid build' stonemasonry. Much of the stonework today is veneer work, which involves thin cladding to give the appearance of solid stone walls and paths; that's not really what I enjoy most. I try to seek work which presents both practical and aesthetic challenges.

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

The satisfaction that comes from shaping something that ends up being a perfect fit: sometimes you can chip away at a piece of stone for ten minutes, and it just slots in beautifully.

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

Absolutely... although we work off plans from architects/landscape designers, I love to work as much as possible by eye and by feel. I guess the years of experience guide you to be able to create pleasing shapes which sometimes exceed what was on the plans. I get to work outside, with my hands, I can take the dog to work...

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

I started to learn music from a young age: my Mum gave me a trumpet.



Dan Fihelly

I've had a go at several instruments, including guitar and drums, though a hand injury a few years back made playing the guitar rather difficult. I currently play semi-professionally with a group of mates in Brisbane - we call ourselves a 'spaghetti western' band: trumpet, guitar, bass and drums... playing mariachi-styled, eclectic music. I could certainly be happy with a musical career, though more realistically, I would probably be renovating houses - I do love using my hands, and love a project that has a concrete and pleasing result at the end of it.

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

If anything, the effect in the past year and a half has been the opposite. Councils and private clients have actually been keen to get things done: whether restorations/rebuilding, or new work. I guess the fact that people weren't able to travel as they used to brought their focus back to enhancing their surroundings, and which could be enjoyed on a daily basis.

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

Haven't had too many 'formal' holidays lately, but I do like to get away to the local islands (Straddie, Moreton) for relaxing, swimming, a little stand-up boarding. Music is the main escape and relaxation - it's only as far away as picking up the trumpet. I have two teenage daughters who I enjoy spending time with - as much as their hectic lives allow, anyway!

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

I'm quite content with the way things are running at the moment. Though I have lived on the Mountain on and

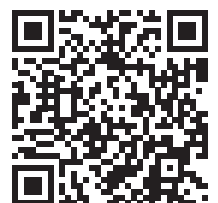
off over the years, having recently returned, I feel the need to maybe settle a little first. I've always felt an affinity with the space and the people here. There are many projects on the Mountain which I am very pleased with, and there's no doubt the opportunity for many more.

### **Any funny or unusual work-related stories?**

Something that certainly stood out a few years back was a local project for a Mountain client - a Celtic circle. These have a very long history, and are often regarded as time portals, gateways, stargates - you name it. In the process of preparing the ground, we uncovered an almost perfect cylinder in the clay, placed directly under our intended spot, and into which one of the labourers stumbled. There was no reason for it to be there... I later found out (through contact with other stonemasons scattered around the world) that a lot of them were working on similar projects at exactly the same time. The timing of it all still intrigues and puzzles me.

### **Final thoughts?**

Pretty much every day I count my blessings at being able to do something I love - with physical rewards, aesthetic satisfaction... and to be able to do it in such a remarkable part of the world, meeting wonderful people. I've been lucky to work on some glorious restorations in Brisbane, a wonderful walking track in Kuranda, some beautiful properties and public projects on the Mountain. That's pretty hard to beat...







November 2017 (top two photos) saw the Tamborine Mountain Village Greens project break ground – a project which was divisive at the time, with considerable vocal opposition regarding suitability and appropriateness for local use. Today, the Village Green is well-established, and embraced by the majority of locals and visitors to the Mountain. Dan Fihelly (Q&A at left) was responsible for much of the stonework, using mostly volcanic basalt 'floaters' sourced from the Tweed.

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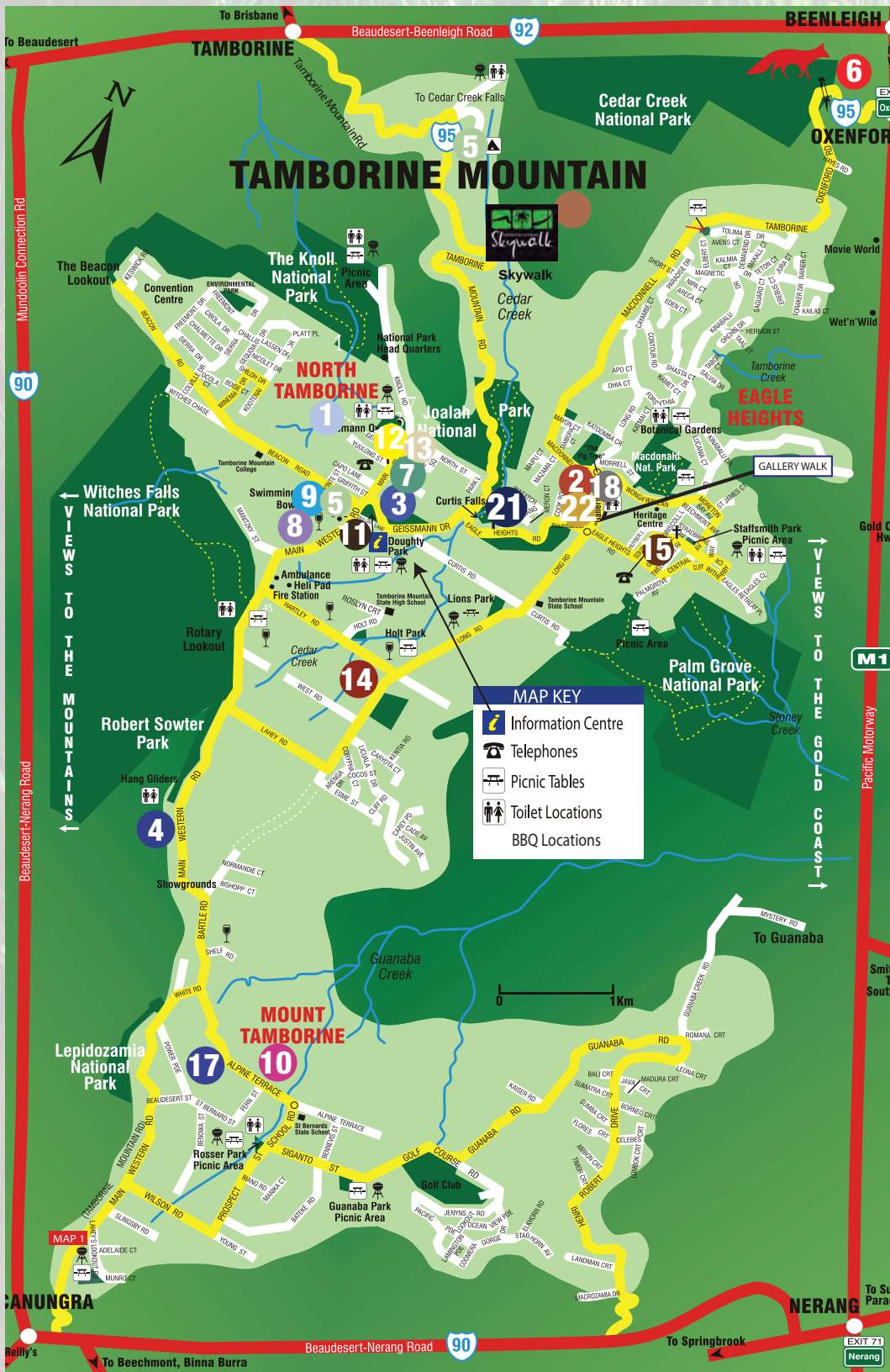


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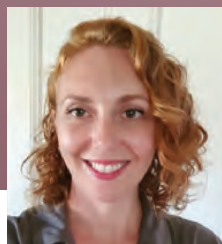
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## Oxytocin and the role it plays in labour

Oxytocin is an important hormone in the labour process. Also known as the 'love hormone', oxytocin is released when you experience feelings of love, have positive social interactions, and it also is responsible for contracting the uterus during labour and childbirth. Therefore, when you feel safe, calm, and you are with someone you care about and love during labour, oxytocin will be produced.

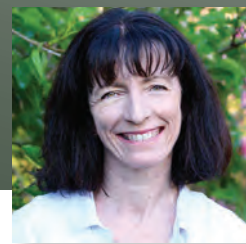
This will help you to have contractions that are strong and regular, and help your labour to progress. This is why the birth environment is so important, and you will find midwives often dim the lights in birthing rooms, stop people from wandering in and out of the room you are in, and encourage you to think carefully about birth partners. It is also often why we find women may report they were labouring really well at home, but then when they come in to hospital, with its bright lights, strangers, and unfamiliar sounds and smells, their contractions fizzle out because their oxytocin is not as high as it was at home. You find similar reports in the animal world. Often animals will have babies at night, in a tiny dark corner, where they feel safe and their oxytocin levels are optimised.

At the other end of the spectrum, adrenaline can inhibit oxytocin. Adrenaline is released as a 'fight or flight' response to stress or danger, and if you release high levels, then the oxytocin is not able to be

released adequately, and so contractions slow down, or in some cases, don't start at all. Often, women with high levels of fear or worry around birth may find that they don't go into spontaneous labour, or if they meet someone new in labour or there's a shift changeover in hospital, sometimes you will see that contractions stop for a little while before they resume again. This is again why the birth environment is so important to create and then to protect – because you want an environment with people present who are going to help you release all those love hormones, and not people who spike the stress ones.

We also use oxytocin in hospital in a synthetic form to induce labour and also to help birth the placenta. Inductions of labour are like caesarean sections, they were invented as a life saving measure for those cases where they are required. But they should not be offered in all cases. Sometimes women request an induction because they are 'over' the pregnancy and just want the baby to be born. The end of pregnancy can be tough, however many women do not know what an induction process entails. Inductions are often long and protracted, and do incur risks because of the level of intervention. This risk must be weighed up against the benefits of induction. There is a time and a place for them, but remember that when you are discussing an induction that you need to understand why you are being recommended one, what the alternatives are, and what the process entails.

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## PIECES OF THE JIGSAW

My husband and I were recently on a break and decided to tackle a jigsaw puzzle. Not being jigsaw experts, we struggled to identify many of the pieces. I would guess the location of a piece, thinking I knew what I was looking at, only to eventually discover that it was a completely different object to what I initially thought. It got me reflecting on how jigsaws are a great metaphor for life.

Often we encounter difficult or painful situations that we try to make sense of. We have a personal perspective on what is happening. We can blame ourself or others or we can become fixated on 'why' or 'if

only'. The current circumstances were unanticipated and don't appear to fit in the plan for our lives. Keep in mind in these situations that you are only holding a very small piece of the puzzle.

There is an ancient Taoist story that goes something like this: A farmer and his son had a beloved stallion who helped the family earn a living. One day, the horse ran away and their neighbours exclaimed, "Your horse ran away, what terrible luck!" The farmer replied, "Maybe so, maybe not." A few days later, the horse returned home, accompanied by a few wild mares. The neighbours shouted out, "Your horse has returned, and brought several horses home with him. What great luck!" The farmer replied, "Maybe so, maybe not." Later that week, the farmer's son was trying to tame one of the mares and she threw him to the ground, breaking his leg. The villagers cried, "Your son broke his leg, what terrible luck!" The farmer replied, "Maybe so, maybe not." The following week soldiers from the national army marched through town, recruiting all the able-bodied boys for the army. They did not take the farmer's son as he had a broken leg. Friends shouted, "Your boy is spared, what tremendous luck!" To which the farmer replied, "Maybe so, maybe not."

Life throws all of us inevitable curve balls at times. When faced with a curve ball, it's normal to feel anxious, angry or sad. Fear can often trap us into imagining the worst case scenario for our future. Our jigsaw-piece perspective may be skewed by despair. However, the curve ball is like a piece of the jigsaw. It may seem like it doesn't fit but when we eventually view the bigger picture, it will have its place. The reality is, we can't see the future. What appears in the present to be a huge loss could be the closing of one chapter and the beginning of a new chapter, full of unexpected possibilities. Remind yourself, this is not the end of my story. In the meantime, do all you can to look after yourself in the present.

We managed to finish the jigsaw only to find there was one missing piece. I like the irony of the missing piece – we never get to see the complete picture.

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# NATURE NOTES

with Nadia O'Carroll

## THE WALLACE LINE

Australia has a rich diversity of native land mammals, however they belong to a relatively small number of taxonomic groups – marsupials, monotremes, bats, seals and rodents. In Papua New Guinea, the same applies, with different species belonging to taxonomic groups of marsupials, monotremes, bats and rodents.

In South East Asia however, land mammals are far more diverse and include pangolins, shrews, flying lemurs, bats, lorises, tarsiers, monkeys, gibbons, orang-utans, jackals, bears, martens, badgers, otters, civets, mongoose, tigers, leopards, wild cats, tapirs, rhinoceros, wild pigs, deer, buffalo, squirrels, rats, porcupines, hares, rabbits and elephants. New species are still being discovered.

This striking difference between Australasian and Asian wildlife was observed by the British naturalist, Alfred Russel Wallace when he travelled through the Malay Archipelago and identified a zoo-geographical boundary in a relatively narrow strait between two islands. This became known as the Wallace Line. It extends between Bali and Lombok then extends north between Borneo and Sulawesi. The strait between Bali and Lombok is 25 kilometres wide.

The islands east of the Wallace Line have biodiversity more resembling of Australia/New Guinea while those west have biodiversity more characteristic of Asia. The distinctness of the boundary differs depending on the dispersability of the species and is much more distinctive for fauna than flora. Continuing studies, surveys and research are refining appraisal of the biogeographical divide and ancestry, dispersal and differentiation of individual species.

The basic reason for the marked division that Wallace identified is the deep ocean trenches, between the edge of the Eurasian Continent and a constellation of oceanic islands which created a barrier between islands for millions of years. This observation made Wallace the father of evolutionary biogeography.

Wallace's observations also discerned a process of natural selection. He exchanged correspondence and scientific papers with Charles Darwin and they presented their findings jointly to the Linnean Society in London, although Wallace's role is often forgotten. The theory of evolution which is now regarded as common sense and proven science supported by subsequent discoveries was initially regarded as revolutionary and controversial.

Unfortunately the incredible biodiversity of South East Asia that Wallace observed is under increasing pressure from human activity, and its outlook is bleak. The greatest threat is loss of habitat due to urbanisation, agriculture – particularly palm oil, logging, forest fires, hunting for bush meat or to satisfy the superstitions of traditional and Chinese medicine and the wildlife trade.



## THIS HABIT CALLED YOGA

One of the loveliest things about being a yoga teacher is the feedback I receive. And the feedback of how the yoga has transformed my student's lives shocks me as much as the student. In just 10 classes one student talked about a life now lived without pain, sleeping better, coping with

life stress better and finding joy in so many things. Now the kicker in the above statement was the "in just 10 classes". This student came twice a week for 5 weeks and noticed a huge shift in his health, his pain levels and his enjoyment of life. He had committed to a habit, and for 5 weeks he just took himself to class and practised yoga.

Habits are fascinating things. They can be the difference to living a long, vital fun life or not. And it's all about the small stuff. Habits, both good and bad, start small. A small thing you do finds a place where it fits naturally into your life, and it makes you feel nourished and good in some way. There's usually a positive emotion that happens while we're doing that thing that wires the behaviour, or habit, into the fabric of your life.

Where does the phrase 'break a habit' come from? It supposedly comes from the idea of "breaking a horse", a process that gets a horse comfortable (and used to) having a rider and tack on its back. While breaking a horse is a slow and steady process that happens over time, we humans have come to associate the idea of "breaking" with a one-off event.

So if we "break a habit", are we completely cured and resolved not to practice that old bad habit and adopt a healthy new choice?

Reality says the opposite, as all those failed New Year's resolutions testify. A better expectation would be to think of "untangling a habit", because habits have a way of becoming part of our everyday lives for years and because they have emotional roots, they aren't merely "breakable."

So the idea is to identify the habits you want to create in your life, rather than those you want to get rid of. By creating better habits, you make less space for negative habits and you start to lead the kind of life you aspire to with your new, fabulous habits. If you add a celebratory association to that habit (coffee after yoga, perhaps with an interesting group of yogis) the habit is so much easier to commit to.

So, creating healthy new habits requires commitment (just resolve to show up) and forming an emotional bond to that tiny habit (enjoy the yoga class community) and allowing it to grow. Small habits, integrated into your life routine eventually become normal, defining the healthy new you.

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## SPANISH CHICKEN AND CHORIZO PAELLA

**Paella is one of those dishes that many people think is too hard to make for themselves, but I can assure you this dish is super simple. I've added king prawns to this recipe as it's from now I start to incorporate more seafood into my diet as we get closer to the summer season.**

I like to cook it all in a large frying pan and then serve it to the table for everyone to help themselves. I've used my creole marinade in this dish to add some kick, and with the smoky paprika it really is the secret ingredient to go from bland to delicious, and from a good to a great meal. This takes about 50 minutes to make from go to whoa, with about 25 minutes simmering time, so I recommend enjoying a small glass of wine while you cook. Be sure to go to a delicatessen to get a good quality traditional smoked chorizo; this will make a huge difference.

Did you know *paella* is said to be the outcome of two great empires? The Romans and the Moors. The Romans bringing the pan and the Moors bringing the rice. As usual there is a lot of debate over who invented the dish. Some claim *paella* is derived from the Arabic word '*Baqiyah*', which means 'leftovers', as it was customary for the servants to mix all the leftovers from royal feasts with rice. Others say the word comes from old Valencian and probably has its roots in the Latin '*patella*' meaning pan.

The most romantic suggestion of them all proclaims that the dish was first prepared by a lover for his fiancée and that the word is a corruption of '*para ella*' (meaning 'for her' in Spanish). Like all myths, I'm sure there's some truth in this and although many women still traditionally do the cooking in Spain, making *paella* is usually left to the men, much like cooking on the BBQ is here in Australia.

If you have ever had the pleasure to taste *paella* on a visit to Spain and have seen a traditional *paella* pan you would have noticed that they are very shallow and quite wide. This is because *paella* was traditionally cooked by farmers and labourers and Spain doesn't have a lot of forests, so they used to use twigs and small branches to create a hot fire that cooked food quickly rather than rely on thick logs for coals to cook foods slowly. In Valencia where *paella* is considered to have first originated it is

traditional to make *paella* with chicken, rabbit, snails and green beans. I'd say something of an acquired taste. So, how does a Moorish dish from Valencia become the most famous Spanish dish in the world? Well weirdly enough we have the Spanish dictator General Franco to thank.

Under his reign from 1936 to 1975 General Franco formed a Nationalist and uniform Spanish identity, cherry-picking icons from the dozens of different cultural groups across the country. That's why 'flamenco', a Romani cultural music and dance from Andalusia, is played all across Spain simply because Franco enjoyed it. Funnily enough the same thing happened to *paella*.

There are accounts that say that Franco loved a good *paella* and routinely went out in Madrid in search of one. Not wanting to miss out on his patronage (or perhaps risk his wrath) *paella* started appearing on the lunchtime menus of bars and restaurants across Madrid. From there, the dish spread throughout the country, becoming part of Franco's vision of Nationalist Spain. With such a colourful history this dish sure passes the test of time.

So, like in Spain where you see families enjoying *paella* straight out of the pan, I suggest you enjoy this meal 'family style' too as sharing food this way creates a wonderful atmosphere.

### INGREDIENTS

- 3 tbsp olive oil
- 300g free-range skinless, boneless chicken thighs, cut into 3cm pieces
- 150g smoked chorizo, cut into small 1cm disks
- 1 brown onion, diced
- 2 garlic cloves, finely diced
- 200g button mushrooms, sliced
- 1/2 red capsicum, sliced
- 50g butter
- 1tbs Creole\*
- 300g Arborio rice
- 1 litre chicken stock
- 120ml dry white wine
- 150g fresh raw peeled and de-veined king prawns
- 100g frozen peas
- Lemon, sliced into wedges



- Fresh parsley to garnish
- \* Chef Dylan's Gourmet Food Co. Creole marinade

### METHOD

1. Heat the oil in a large frying pan, then fry the chicken over a medium-high heat on one side for 3-4 minutes. Turn over chicken and move up the pan to clear space to add the chorizo and cook for 4 minutes. Transfer the meat to a plate and reserve.
2. There should be some chorizo oil left in the pan; on a medium heat, add the onion and capsicum, fry for 4 minutes stirring until they begin to soften.
3. Add the garlic and cook until fragrant.
4. Add butter and melt, then add mushroom and cook for 3 minutes.
5. Add Creole and fry for 1 minute more.
6. Stir in the rice, and coat all grains then add the wine, and cook out the alcohol for 1 minute stirring.
7. Add 500ml of the stock and stir until absorbed about 5-6 minutes.
8. Add rest of the stock and stir in, then cook on a low heat without stirring for 25 minutes or until the liquid has been absorbed.
9. Add the prawns, peas and the cooked chicken and chorizo. Cook for a further 4 minutes stirring gently. Taste to check seasoning, then garnish with chopped parsley and lemon wedges. Serve with a nice glass of Rioja.



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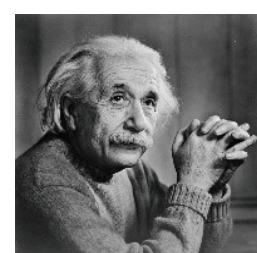
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4. Which English king died from eating 'a surfeit of lampreys'?
5. Who escaped from Wormwood Scrubs prison in 1966 after serving five years of a 42-year sentence for being a Soviet agent?
6. Richard Melville Hall is better known as which singer?
7. At which racecourse is the Welsh Grand National held?
8. Of the Flanders and Swann duo, who was the one who wrote the words of their songs?
9. Buster Keaton's contract with MGM contained a clause strictly forbidding him to do what?
10. What were the names of the 'Three Musketeers' in Alexandre Dumas' novel?
11. What is the equivalent of the aurora borealis in the Southern Hemisphere?
12. In which country was James Last born?
13. Which US state is known as the 'Centennial State'?
14. In which year was the ITV channel launched?
15. What is the alternative title for Mendelssohn's Hebrides Overture?
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**BADMINTON** Social players, all levels. Mon 6.00pm to 7.30pm at the Vonda Youngman Community Centre (except Public Holidays).

**BOOK READERS GROUP** meets once a month, new members welcome. Enquiries at TM library.

**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:** 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.

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**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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