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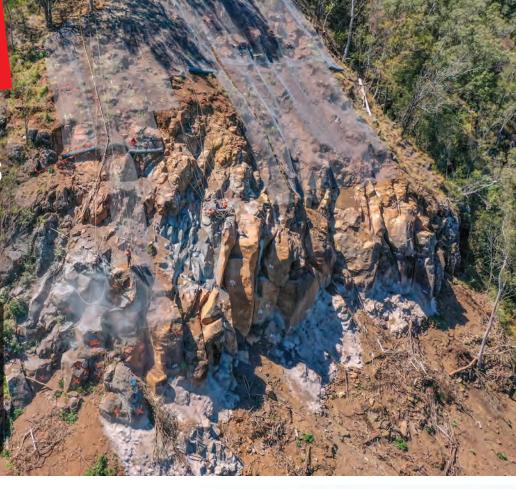
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GOAT TRACK WORKS OFFER VISIBLE SIGNS FOR HOPE OF REOPENING

Following the closure of Tamborine Mountain Road, aka 'The Goat Track' after damage due to heavy rains last December, Gold Coast civil construction company SEE Civil is making welcome progress in the stabilisation of the rock face in this spectacular photo taken last week by Gerard Ellen.

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GET READY SCENIC RIM: TIME TO TALK TO YOUR NEIGHBOURS AND MAKE AN EMERGENCY PLAN



During Get Ready Queensland Week (10-16 October), Scenic Rim Regional Council is urging residents to talk with their neighbours and start preparing their homes and businesses for the upcoming severe weather season.

Queensland is the most disaster-impacted state in Australia, with almost 90 disaster events in the past decade, and in the Scenic Rim there is potential to be impacted by severe storms, flash flooding and bushfires.

Local Disaster Management Group Chair and Scenic Rim Mayor Greg Christensen said in recent years residents have witnessed first-hand a number of natural disasters including bushfires and flooding, and some are still recovering from the devastating consequences of the Black Summer Bushfires in 2019 and ex-severe Tropical Cyclone Debbie in 2017.

"We all need to be prepared for potential severe weather this summer and we're asking everyone to take out or download Council's 'IF A DISASTER STRUCK, Would you be ready?' booklet and fill out the Emergency Checklist.

"The Emergency Checklist was part of Council's disaster preparedness package that was delivered via a region-wide letterbox drop to Scenic Rim households in July and is available to download from Council's website.

The package included a handy fridge magnet and the 'IF A DISASTER STRUCK, Would you be ready?' booklet with tailored information about potential hazards that can occur in our region, the importance of getting ready early, what to do when disaster strikes, and important steps to follow before and after a natural disaster.

"Over the past 12 months Queensland had the highest annual population growth rate (1.6%) of any Australian state and territory, and the Scenic Rim welcomed many new residents and this will be their first Queensland summer.

"The Bureau of Meteorology has predicted wetter than average conditions this year, so if you have new neighbours,

it's so important to reach out and talk to them about which roads are impacted by flash flooding and together plan an alternative route in case you need to evacuate.

"When it comes to extreme weather events, it's not a case of 'if', but a case of 'when' so for Get Ready Week 2021 we are asking you to do three things; know your risk, make an emergency plan and pack an emergency kit," Cr Christensen said.

Step one: Know your risk

- Talk to your neighbours and people in your community to see if there is a history of disasters in your area.
- Find out more about disaster preparedness on Council's website www.scenicrim.qld.gov.au/disastermanagement
- Once you know the risks in your area, you can take steps to find out how best to protect your property, possessions, business and family.

Step two: Make an emergency plan

- The best way to ensure everyone knows what to do and where to go in an emergency is by keeping a Household Emergency Checklist.
- Sit down with your family and make a list of important contacts like family and friends who live out of town, doctors, insurance providers, utility providers, emergency meeting places and details on where you'd stay if you needed to evacuate quickly.
- You can download a Household Emergency Checklist from Council's website www.scenicrim.qld.gov.au/ disaster-management.

In the event of a disaster, tune in to local radio station and use the Scenic Rim Regional Council Disaster Dashboard website to stay up-to-date with weather warnings, alerts, road conditions and emergency updates at www.disasterdashboard.scenicrim.qld.gov.au

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SATURDAY MORNING AT THE LIBRARY WITH TM UNIVERSE

On Saturday 16 October from 10 till 12, TM Universe will be at the North Tamborine Library to answer all your questions about our community project. Not only will you be able to get all information about the Observe the Moon event later that day, but also on how to become a member and/or get involved. TM Universe is fully community based as a Social Enterprise, focusing on Education and STEM. Profits from the not-for-profit enterprise will be used to help disadvantaged children and schools to get access to STEM via TM Universe's digital platforms.

The first step has already been a major achievement for our local community, buying four acres of land on Long Road, without any government funding. Also, 200 locals contributed \$200 each to our first fundraiser, called *'Buy a Block'*. The next steps are well on their way. The TM Universe Board has submitted a development application to Council, and a comprehensive business plan will be presented at the AGM on 26 October (5.30 for 6pm, St Bernards Hotel). Together with a solid organisation, the Board is very positive about the chances of getting the funding to build the precinct in 2023, but we need a firm base of volunteers to help.

Being a community project, we do need volunteers to help out till the doors open. From the moment that TM Universe will be in operation, it will be run as a normal company: staff will be employed, and revenue will come from market-based activities – sales of goods and services. Profits will be used for the aforementioned social goals (making the entire operation not-for-profit).

Up until that moment though, we can only be successful with volunteers stepping up. This is a project like no other, for the benefit of the community, the region and for future generations.

It is a great legacy project, fully rooted in vision, ideals and passion. We can all do our bit to contribute to a better world, and especially for generations to come. Everyone involved, whether it is for one hour per month, or a few hours per week, contributes to a cause that is almost, if not entirely, unique in the country.

We need everybody to do a bit: many hands make light work. We have a solid team of professional managers overseeing the project. At the library, our team can show you a clear overview of available volunteer positions: we will never push anyone to get involved – we only 'kindly ask'. We have vacancies on the Board (to be filled on 26 October) and lots of opportunities as part of sub-committees and 'helpers teams'. As a volunteer, you not only give your time and energy, but you will also get much in return: creating a better future for kids, working together in and for the community, promoting science and STEM education,



learning about establishing a project like this and helping to keep our local economy viable, well into the future.

More info: www.tmuniverse. com.au, secretary@ tmuniverse.com.au, 0473 818 908

LIVESTREAM EXTENDED

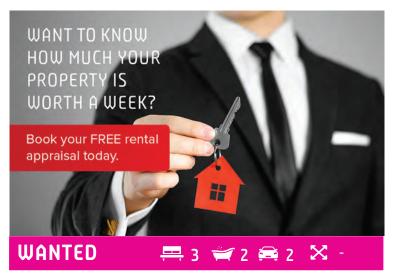
Following the Queensland Government's legislation amendment to extend a range of emergency COVID-19 measures to 30 April 2022, Scenic Rim Council will continue to livestream its fortnightly Ordinary Meetings, special meetings and public question time.

"We appreciate our community's patience and understanding as we continue to prioritise the health and safety of our residents and the broader community," said Mayor Greg Christensen.

Dates of coming council meetings, links to livestreams and past recordings can be found on Council's website: www.scenicrim.qld.gov.au/meetings-and-agendas







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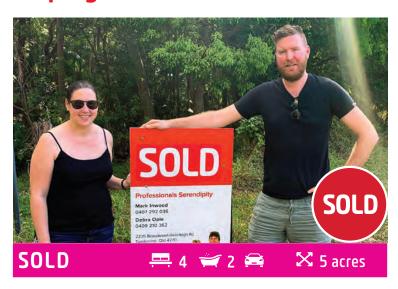
- · We have applicants whose rental properties have sold and they desperately need a new home
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Shanelle Hadfield

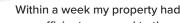
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Shanelle is our Rentals & Sales administrator at the Tamborine office, with a strong background in both Customer Service & Property Management. Her previous experience was at Professionals Surfers Paradise so she is very familiar with how an office should function. Shanelle is a qualified Property Manager and assists the team in all aspects of rentals, and sales.

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🧨 I would just like to say Shanelle was lovely when I came into the office 👭 Shanelle & Sarah were an absolute pleasure. to look for a rental - she was extremely helpful and I would highly recommend her if you are looking at any rentals in the area. Thanks again. Amy Edelston



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MOUNTAIN ROTARY STEPS UP



At the end of August an urgent request for support was made by Multicultural Australia-Queensland for donations and support for 200 new refugees arriving in Brisbane from war-torn Afghanistan. Amongst the new arrivals were 80 young children.

Rotary Tamborine Mountain immediately responded with a donation of \$500 to support their settlement. Local Jan Schoonbeek made beautiful handmade wooden toys for the Afghan children. We hope all Queenslanders will welcome these new families, and make them feel safe and at home.

Jan Zomerdijk



PHOTOS: (top) Jan Schoonbeek with handmade wooden toys, (above) Jan Zomerdijk presents a cheque for \$500 to the Multicultural Australia representative.

OBSERVE THE MOON THIS SATURDAY 16TH



Members of TM Universe and their families are invited to attend the NASA/TM Universe *Observe the Moon* event, this Saturday, from 6 till 9pm at the Cauldron Distillery (next to TM Universe land at Long Road, entrance from Hartley Road).

During the event food and coffee trucks will be present to serve the visitors to this free event, and of course the bar of the Distillery is happy to make sure you enjoy the evening. Due to Covid regulations, we have to accept a limit of 100 people attending.

You can still register at tmuniverse.com.au.

The evening will be a social event, where those attending will use their own binoculars (or telescopes) to view the moon. Some telescopes will also be available for general use.

From 7 till about 7.30, the TM Universe team will present a series of interesting facts about the moon: its origin, its phases, its influence on planet earth and landing sites. It will also help to identify specific craters visible on the moon's surface on that specific night. The information is useful and interesting for 10 to 100 year olds: who doesn't like to learn some fun-facts, and get a little moon-quiz?

It's all about learning a bit, and enjoying a lot. And feeling part, as a member of a project that is achieving something incredible for the Mountain. All attending will receive a certificate from TM Universe and NASA.

Please go to **tmuniverse.com.au** to reserve your free tickets. And if you are not yet a member, then become one first on the same website. That will also give you permission to attend the exciting AGM coming up on 26 October, which includes a live presentation from California.

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TRAVELLING PLACES

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An interesting week with definitely a more positive feeling in the air for travel in 2022 and 2023. Some of the highlight options that people are booking:

News this morning that Qantas will depart Sydney 5 times a week from 14 November, land in Darwin and then head off non-stop 17 hours 20 minutes direct to London!

South Australia – small ship expedition cruises from late November to late January – these are operated by both coral Expeditions and APT. APT are offering Queensland coastal cruises over the next few months – some with a 15% discount, which is great! These are operating with under 100 passengers, and offer a fantastic opportunity to explore our diverse shoreline.

Silversea are planning to have the luxury Silver Muse in Australian waters from 21st December this year, offering some short coastal cruises of 1 to 2 weeks. It is surprising to know that more than a million people have cruised safely around the world since the beginning of COVID. Silversea has been cruising since June 2021 — in fact someone is enjoying a cocktail on deck right now! Travelling Places has exclusive deals with Silversea on their expedition cruise through the Kimberley in June 2022. Explore from Cairns to Darwin in May 2023 and save \$1800 per person in an Adventurer suite and up to \$2000 per person in a Vista suite. Travelling Places also has an exclusive deal on the wonderful Darwin to Perth expedition down the west coast of WA in August 2023. Silversea are offering COVID protection — book before 30 November this year for travel through 2024, and if you cannot travel due to COVID restrictions, you will receive a full refund or a future cruise credit.

Interestingly, from January to September 2021 there have been over 1 billion travellers on international flights around the world. Given that pre-COVID, there were 3 billion a year, this is remarkable. Consider also that the 1 billion figure is for nine months and not a full year; residents of China and India are not travelling; most of Africa and South America have been mostly shut.

Canada and Alaska are proving popular from May 2022 onwards.

Ocean cruising is back in full swing in Europe and North America and there are some great deals to be secured for early bookings. European River cruises – in 2022 there is still some availability

which is remarkable given the North Americans and Europeans are booking madly for these journeys. Luxury, fully inclusive Uniworld is offering 10% off 2022/23 cruises for early bookings. They are also offering a 10 night European mystery



cruise in October 2022 which is a bit of fun! There are only 5 cabins left on the Uniworld 46 nights *Rivers of the World* extravaganza from Egypt through Europe to Portugal in May 2023. This innovative luxury river company is rewarding those who book now with a full refund up to 120 days prior to departure, or the ability to change your plans up to 60 days prior to departure.

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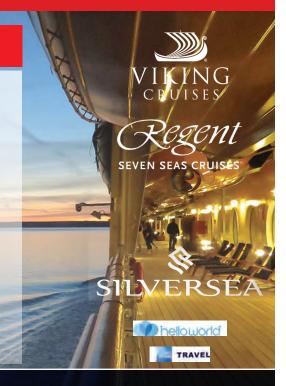
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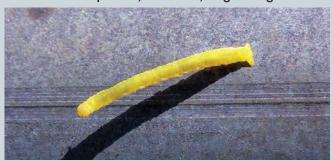
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Geometridae species, roadside, Eagle Heights



Geometrid caterpillars are also known as loopers and spanworms, because of their looping gait, which is dictated by prolegs only being present at each end of the caterpillar. The family has around 23,000 described species globally. The caterpillar was one of three creatures, the others were a weevil and a ladybird, I photographed right at the end of September, on the metal railing in the dip in Driscoll Lane. The railing is proving to be a wonderful resource as a long pathway for small creatures. I reckon it takes me more than five minutes to return by car with my camera, yet this was the second time in just over a month that I have been able to photograph a subject I have seen on my walk when I didn't have my camera with me.

Peter Kuttner



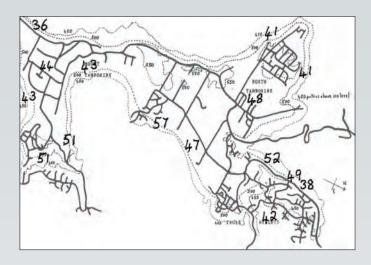
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Tamborine Mountain Rainfall



September 2021

Fern Street got 44.4 mm in September. The expected rain there for September is 48 mm and the average is 56.6 mm. As can be seen from the map, rainfall was fairly even across the Mountain.

The only heavy fall of rain for the month fell at the beginning due to an upper atmosphere low. Thereafter a cloud mass from the west brought small falls for a few days. A front moving up from the south brought a small fall recorded on the 27th and a trough moving in from the west brought another small fall on the 30th before producing heavier rain in October.

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Councillor's Comment

DEREK SWANBOROUGHDIVISION 1



GEISSMANN OVAL AMENITIES UPGRADE

Council is working on two toilet block replacements at the moment in Staffsmith Park and Geissman Oval. Staffsmith Park is well advanced, but I am not yet advised of a completion date.

A sum of \$250,000 from a Queensland Government Grant was set aside for the replacement of Geissmann Oval amenities but the original scope was not sufficient to retain the oval as a venue for competitions because the council administration had made the decision that the canteen and change rooms were not needed. After much deliberation this has now been corrected and an additional \$270,000 has now been allocated to make provision for storage and a canteen, and to bring the existing change rooms up to standard and linked to a new effluent system and access ramps. I'm looking forward to seeing this landmark oval back up to its full potential.

The oval will remain a council-run oval for community use, with shared use extended to clubs requiring specific times to run competitions. The growing population has resulted in the demand for active recreation ovals and facilities to cater for growing junior and senior sports.

CANUNGRA 188 HOUSE RETIREMENT VILLAGE APPEAL LODGED

I am pleased to advise that objectors to this development have lodged an appeal after receiving expert advice of their chances of success, and the many grounds for appeal.

Congratulations to Amanda Hay for coordinating the process. It affects Tamborine Mountain and is potentially detrimental to the Mountain for fire risk, social impact dislocation, loss of escarpment, fish habitat vegetation loss, and challenges a litany of assessment deficiencies. If you would like to add to the community's growing war chest to defeat this development with fiscal support, please contact Amanda Hay or the Tamborine Mountain Progress Association.

DEFICIENT MAIN ROADS ON TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN

Everywhere I go, I get feedback on the poor state of our roads, especially our Main Roads in the heart of our village. It is a responsibility of the State Government and our council to perform maintenance and advocate for improvements, but we seem severely neglected.

Full marks to our State Member Jon Krause for getting a petition to the State Government to get some needed attention in this area. We are a playground and showcase for the Gold Coast and Brisbane tourism visitor market, yet our road infrastructure is

an embarrassment. When I compare the high standard of recent road repair to the bottom of Mystery Road and Whittings Road in Gold Coast City, I can't help thinking why that sort of work can't be done on the Mountain. Our repairs seem short lived and often just wash away at the next storm.

STOP THE ROT PETITION TO QUEENSLAND PREMIER PRESENTED AT PARLIAMENT HOUSE

A petition of nearly 3000 signatures was presented to MP Jon Krause at Parliament house this week. It reads:

"Please stop the Scenic Rim Council preventing public and media scrutiny in regular lengthy briefings (called Councillor and Executive workshops). The public has a right to know the bases of decision making. Council meetings have become a charade of predetermined outcomes. This is contempt for democracy and the core local government principles of transparency and open decision making".

Jon will present the petition to Parliament during the current sittings.

Derek Swanborough Councillor. Division 1 derek.s@scenicrim.qld.gov.au Ph 0436 351 567



Councillor's Comment

VIRGINIA WEST DIVISION 3

TURNING CANUNGRA PINK

The hard working committee, led by Joanne, has put together an extensive and varied program of events this year. There have been some fabulous events already, with more to come, so please take a look at their website for the remaining events. Congratulations to all involved for their conscientious work and energetic contribution to a wonderful cause. There is something for everyone at https://turning-canungra-pink-square.site.

ARE YOU READY?

This week is **Queensland Get Ready Week** with a Queensland-wide focus on disaster preparedness. All Scenic Rim residents received a disaster preparedness pack in the mail so I encourage you to prepare your homes and businesses and have an evacuation plan in place, not only for your families, but for your pets. Make sure you have the Disaster Dashboard bookmarked — **disasterdashboard.scenicrim.qld.gov.au** — as this is a very valuable tool to check the weather events, road status, power outages, river heights and emergency updates.

BITUMEN RESEALING

Council has commenced the resealing of 230 sections of bitumen road

throughout the region between now and December. The road sections are selected on a priority basis following a condition assessment by experts every three years with annual reviews by Council officers. The resealing process not only improves the road surface but acts as a waterproof barrier to improve the longevity of the road.

RESILIENT WOMEN EVENT

Council has partnered with Making Good Alliance and Women of the World to host a fabulous two day event (22-23 October) to inspire and empower women in our region. The unique program is of course for all interested community members and is jam-packed with creative art workshops, panel discussions and presentations, story time, singalongs, with a night market and much more. The event is being held at Vonda Youngman Centre, Making Good Alliance Centre for Regenerative Arts and Tamborine Mountain Library. For more information check liveatthecentre.com.au/Resilient-Women-2021-pg33243.html

CONTACT ME

I am always available to talk 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 2nd Saturday of each month from 9am -11am to talk with residents.



JON KRAUSE MP

State Member for Scenic Rim

HOME QUARANTINE AND COVID-19

Several weeks ago, David Crisafulli and our team began calls for home quarantine instead of hotel quarantine. The Government has now taken up the idea and said home quarantine will happen – but not for Scenic Rim residents. It's ridiculous – and last Wednesday, right after this was announced in the media, I was in touch with the Premier's office demanding this be fixed. No action so far.

Apparently, Scenic Rim is not a "safe driving distance from a port of arrival" — Brisbane Airport. What rubbish! Do these people making the rules realise that Tamborine Mountain is, according to Google Maps, about 1 hour 5 minutes from the airport on a good run? And closer than much of the Sunshine Coast and parts of Ipswich, where home quarantine will happen?

It all just shows how out of touch they are, messing with people's lives and mental health. They should fix this right away and let our residents who are stranded come home. Dozens of Scenic Rim constituents have contacted me recently seeking help to obtain border passes or exemptions to come back to Queensland, after their lives were thrown into uncertainty by snap closures of the Queensland border (with two hours' notice) by the Premier.

LNP Leader, David Crisafulli, and his office, have also spoken with dozens of Queenslanders who want to come home — from Northern NSW to much further afield, including with generous members of those interstate communities who are helping Queenslanders locked out of home. The media's exposure of this is shining a light on the real impact of the Government's arrogance as it constantly keeps changing things at a moment's notice.

Generally, my office and the other MPs' offices need to speak or correspond directly with people impacted, not with friends or family of those seeking help, so that individual representations can be made on behalf of people — and we are doing this every day, taking things to the authorities, and doing what we can to help people.

It really shouldn't have come to this. As long ago as July 2020, the LNP was pushing for 'compassion, consistency and common-sense' when it comes to these issues. Unfortunately, the Government's actions are now worse, especially when you see — still — exemptions for sporting teams or their families, and Queenslanders left hanging across the border.

UPDATE ON ROADWORKS

Improvements to Howard Creek Crossing on Tamborine-Oxenford Road are getting underway. There were delays at the outset, but at my recent meeting with Main Roads I was told that it is now 'go'. I thank the Federal Government, especially the Federal Member for Wright, Scott Buchholz, for the 80 per cent in funding provided to get this project on the agenda. Similarly, work on the Goat Track continues. The last estimated timeframe for completion of these repair works was the end of 2021. There has been no change to this at this stage, although weather can impact on repair times.

I'm pleased to say that Henri Robert Drive is to have additional work carried out, likely commencing early in 2022, to improve skid resistance. There is a long list of roads that need work in this region, and often it is easier to identify those that DO NOT need work than to start from the other side.

MY OFFICE

In addition to helping with Queensland Government matters, my office can provide assistance in procuring Queensland flags and letters of congratulations for significant birthdays and anniversaries. As well as this, we can provide letters of support for community groups seeking grant funding. Anybody considering becoming a Justice of the Peace/Commissioner for Declarations will need to contact my office to complete the nomination form.

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

AUSTRALIA SECURES ADDITIONAL SUPPLIES OF COVID-19 TREATMENTS

The Australian Government has increased supplies of the promising COVID-19 treatment Sotrovimab with over 15,000 additional doses arriving in Australia over recent days. Sotrovimab has been shown to reduce hospitalisation or death by 79 per cent in adults with mild to moderate COVID-19, who are at risk of developing severe COVID-19.

In addition, Australia will also have access to the new anti-viral treatment **Molnupiravir**, subject to approval by the TGA, following the Morrison Government's deal to purchase 300,000 courses of the promising medication.

Molnupiravir is an oral antiviral that is being developed for the first-line treatment of COVID-19 in adult patients with mild-to-moderate symptoms. Treatment with Molnupiravir has been shown to stop people with COVID-19 developing serious symptoms, keeping them out of hospital and preventing serious illness and death.

MORE THAN 50,000 HOME BUYERS ENTER THE MARKET UNDER HOME GUARANTEE SCHEME

More than 50,000 Australians have taken up a place under the Coalition Government's Home Guarantee Scheme. Under the Home Guarantee Scheme – comprising the Family Home Guarantee, the First Home Loan Deposit Scheme, and the New Home Guarantee – 52,888 Australians have purchased a home or reserved a place under the scheme since 1 January 2020.

INCREASED CHILD CARE SUPPORT FOR AROUND 250.000 FAMILIES

Some 250,000 Australian families will now benefit from increased Child Care Subsidy (CCS) from 7 March 2022, four months earlier than first expected. On average, these families will be more than \$2,200 a year better off.

The additional subsidies for families with two or more children in care were due to start on 11 July 2022, but the Morrison Government has been able to work across Departments and service providers to make necessary technical changes sooner.

Families with two or more children aged five years and under in care will have their CCS rate increased by 30 percentage points for their second child and any younger children, up to a maximum rate of 95 per cent.

More than half of eligible families will receive the maximum 95 per cent subsidy.



NO FUEL FOR A WHILE YET

Tamborine Mountain's damaged Mobil service station which has not pumped fuel since October 1 is not expected to be back in business until temporary repairs are carried out.

This will include removing the forecourt awning above the fuel pumps, making temporary repairs, and installing temporary lighting to allow the servo to operate while a new awning is designed and fabricated prior to its installation.

A spokesperson for the owners, Infinity International, said on Monday that this process could take from 10 to 15 days.

The servo's insurance company has appointed a building contractor to carry out the repair and refurbishment work.

Local residents and visitors are currently having to leave the mountain to buy fuel at Upper Coomera, Tamborine or Canungra.

There was some speculation within the community as to whether Scenic Rim Council approval for the temporary repairs was required prior to repair work beginning, but Council has advised that it had not been contacted regarding



this matter and that If repairs were required to replace existing infrastructure damaged on site, no planning approval from Council would be required and would instead need a building approval from a private certifier.

GARDENERS URGED: PLANT SAFELY NEAR POWERLINES

After a couple of electric shock close calls with members of the public in recent times and the gardening season now here, Energex is urging people not to plant tall trees or bamboo near powerlines.

Energex Area Manager Matt Hilder said tall vegetation near powerlines was one of the primary causes of outages in Queensland and could easily be avoided if people planted appropriate species in their yards.

"Fast-growing plants like bamboo can quickly shoot up to 20 metres in no time and the wrong species of tree can cause



serious safety risks when planted under, or too close to powerlines," Mr Hilder said.

"Likewise, people may think something like a jacaranda will look great on their footpath but in a few years the tree will be interfering with the area's power supply and our crews will need to cut it.

"This is why gardeners need to consider a plant's maximum mature height, then plant it even further than that from power infrastructure to preserve supply and keep everyone safe in the event the vegetation clashes with or comes down on powerlines during severe weather.

"We're not telling people they cannot beautify their yards with plants and trees, we'd just like them to ensure they plant appropriate species that won't adversely affect the power network, potentially causing a safety hazard.

"If people go to the Energex website and search for 'safe trees' they will see an extensive list of tree species that are safe near the power network, and how far away they should be placed." Residents who currently have tall trees or bamboo close to the power network are urged not to try trim them themselves.

"If there's vegetation growing into powerlines already on their footpath the best thing to do is call us on 13 12 53 and we'll organise for them to be assessed to prevent future power outages and possible dangers to the community. Our qualified vegetation contractors can then advise what action Energex or the homeowner needs to take," Mr Hilder said.

"Under no circumstances should anyone get up there themselves and trim trees near powerlines because one simple mistake could turn into a tragedy – please leave this to the highly trained experts."

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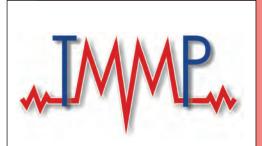
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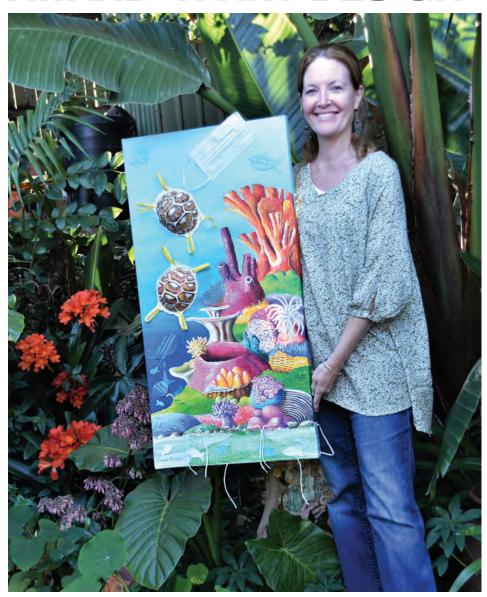
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MOUNTAIN TEACHER'S AWARD IN ART DESIGN



Tamborine Mountain arts teacher Caroline Barnard has received an award for excellence in art design in a competition that attracted 1142 entries from 87 schools across Queensland and the Northern Territory.

The Independent Education Union of Australia - Queensland and Northern Territory Branch organised its annual Excellence in Art Design competition this year with its theme being Our World. The competition was open to pre-school, primary and secondary students and staff from non-government schools in Queensland and the Northern Territory.

Caroline earned her award in the open (staff) category with a mixed media painting titled Disposable.

"My painting addresses the fact that we are protecting ourselves, but at what cost to the environment? Facemask pollution is becoming a global issue with marine life and birds greatly affected," said Caroline.

"As I walk around our beautiful mountain, I come across disposable masks left in undergrowth or on the sides of the road. If disposable masks have to be worn, I would like to get the message across that it's important to cut the strings before they are placed in the bin as it is often the strings that cause our precious wildlife to become entangled."

Caroline is the art teacher at Hills International College in Jimboomba, teaching both primary and secondary students. She is also a practising artist with a background in freelance illustration.

"I taught art at the British International School in Indonesia for five years and that's where I got my scuba diving certificate. I wanted to paint coral in all its glory but hidden in the waters were fish that I cut out of disposable masks and some of the masks were entangled with turtles.

"When I took a disposable mask apart, I was shocked to see a white layer of a kind of plastic material (possibly Tyvek). I learned that these masks would take up to 450 years to break down."



with the Scenic News

Aurelien Veyrier was born in Reims, capital of the world-famous Champagne region in north-east France. After travelling throughout Europe and spending time in south-east Asia, he made Australia his home about eight years ago. Aurelien (pronounced like Australian but without the 's' and the 't') is now a regular visitor to Tamborine Mountain, Canungra and Tamborine Village with his colourful pop-up French Deli at Home mobile shop. Scenic News managed to snatch a short interview with him during one of his recent busy visits to the Mountain.

What inspired you to open your business?

With limited opportunities to find good quality French food products in Queensland, I decided to create **French Deli at Home** and try to have all the best French products in one mobile shop.

How do you select your products?

For me, tasty and quality food is extremely important. When you have the pleasure of eating something really special, you gain more positive energy, and you feel better. I personally taste-test all my products first, offer taste-testing to a few friends for their feedback, and decide whether or not to sell those products in my mobile shop.

Where are they all made?

My cheeses, patés and some other products are imported from France. All my croissants, breads and patisseries are locally made in Brisbane by different French artisans. No frozen products, ever. Everything is hand made from scratch with the best ingredients we can source. I pick them up early every morning to have the freshest products available for the day.

How would you describe your business?

Eat better, feel better - food is for the soul.





What is it about your business that you love?

Every week, I receive a lot of positive feedback about my products and service, and I am really thankful for all those messages. I genuinely enjoy sharing a smile and a good vibe with all my customers. It is a matter of great satisfaction to me that they love sharing their French Deli 'treasures' with others - creating their own events with friends and family and making more people happy. I am proud of that.

Is it a business that gives you satisfaction?

Definitely YES. The energy that customers are giving me with their smiles, happiness and satisfaction with my products could not be better.

Has the business been affected by the coronavirus pandemic?

Yes, but in a positive way. The virus forced me to quit the local farmers' markets and become more independent with my products, in the way I am now trading.

Interesting facts about yourself?

I love dogs, travelling, chocolate and patisserie of course. I don't drink wine, just a bit of Champagne (my first glass was given to me by my dad when I was five - oops).

What do you do for fun?

Play squash, run, swim, and I am always looking for those new special, rare, and authentic treats that are hard to find.

Any plans for the future?

A larger truck to serve more customers with my yummy French products.

Living OGS with DOGS

IS BREED SPECIFIC LEGISLATION THE ANSWER?

The effectiveness of BSL in preventing dog bite fatalities and injuries is disputed by many dog breeders and canine experts. Their view is that a form of legislation, coupled with better education and legally mandated responsible pet-keeping practices is a better solution.

Recently, the attention has been on the Pitbull and American Staffordshire terrier (Amstaff) dog breeds after fatal and near-fatal attacks. The American Staffordshire terrier is recognised and allowed to be bred according to standards by the Australian National Kennel Council.



The two dog breeds are not exactly the same, but they share a similar bloodline and history; they were both imported from England and originate from the Molosser family – an ancient Greek breed known for their strong large skull, wide chest, large stature and muscularity. They include mastiffs, bull breeds and the rottweiler.

At left is a picture of a typical

American Staffordshire terrier. They are a few inches shorter and weigh less than the Pitbull. They have a variety of colours: tan, white, blue, black and brindle.

In the USA, in about one quarter of fatal dog attack cases, the owners were involved in illegal dog fighting. The dogs that bite people are, in many cases, socially isolated, and they are vicious because that is what the owner wants and has allowed. The junkyard German Shepherd which can act like it would rip you to pieces, and the German Shepherd guide dog for the blind are of the same breed. The German Shepherd dog was the first guide dog for the blind. But they are different dogs (of the same breed) because of selective breeding, and responsible owners.

In the USA according to **mkplawgroup.com/dog-bite-statistics**, a list of the ten most fatal dog breeds shows the worst is the Pitbull at 65.6% with 284 deaths, followed by the Rottweiler. The highest percentage of fatal dog attacks had victims aged 0-2 years according to the 13-year study.

At right is a picture of the Pitbull terrier breed, similar but slightly different to the American Staffordshire terrier. The debate about these dog breeds continues. We just hope no more tragic incidents take place in the future; it is time for all levels of government to



introduce sensible changes.

The Pitbull terrier can be of the same colours and markings as the Amstaff.

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Relationships



REJECTION

Acknowledgement, understanding, and acceptance are basic human needs, essential if we are to thrive both psychologically and physically. In the thirteenth century, Emperor Frederick II conducted an experiment in which newborn babies were fostered out to nurses who were instructed only to feed and bathe the children. They were not permitted to interact, cuddle or speak to the babies in any way. Frederick wanted to prove that Hebrew was the innate, original human language. He believed that with no other interaction, the children would grow up

speaking Hebrew. The cruel experiment was a dismal failure as all the children, starved of any form of affection, warmth and basic interaction, died in their first two years.

Abandonment and rejection have significant consequences, particularly the experience of being rejected in childhood by parents or significant others (caregivers, grandparents, older siblings, teachers). This rejection could be in the form of outright hostility; neglect due to lack of interest or



lack of parenting ability; or, more commonly, parents not being 'tuned-in' to their child. Early traumatic experiences of loss such as the loss of a parent or being repeatedly bullied or ridiculed can also be experienced as rejection. These experiences can leave us with a life-long sensitivity to rejection.

Very few of us will go through life unscathed by rejection. Some degree of refusal from others is an inevitable part of life. Nevertheless, rejection becomes problematic when it is prolonged or frequent; when the source of rejection is an important person in our lives, or when early life experiences have created a vulnerability in us. These experiences can cause us to internalise rejection. We begin to feel that we earned the rejection, due to a fault or deficiency in ourselves.

Internalised rejection can become the script that we live out causing us to walk around under a cloud of "I am not good enough," "I am not loveable," or "I am defective." With these scripts on autoplay, further perceived rejections simply reinforce our belief. Additionally, we look for evidence that confirms our scripts, rather than noticing contrary evidence. Rejection then becomes a vicious cycle. The consequences of the rejection cycle can be low self-esteem, depression, loneliness and aggression. There can be a tendency to be self-critical and selfrejecting while also being critical and rejecting of others. If this cycle sounds familiar, it may be time to begin your recovery by acknowledging and validating your grief. Rejection is a loss, similar to a death, with the exception that this loss is an affront to your personal worth. We respect bereavement grief and support our friends through this but we rarely acknowledge the grief of abandonment. The pain of rejection is valid, it is not a sign of emotional weakness. The pain of loss is a natural part of what it means to be human. Accepting rather than avoiding or hiding your pain, is an important step in recovery.

Next week, we'll consider the next step in recovering from rejection. Keep in mind, you are not alone on this journey.

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Physio Talk

with Rebecca Bell

GOODBYES ARE HARD

Recently we had to say goodbye to our sweet Millie-dog. A bundle of soft black Labrador fur, she lived a long 16 years.

Goodbye was so hard, but it started me thinking of all that she was, the times we shared and what she taught me. So, let me share some secrets to a long, happy life as taught by Millie Bell.

Being our first child (albeit a furry one), she was the first living thing that I was totally responsible for. She was quietly stubborn, but at the age of 29 I was more stubborn. She sure put up with my fair share of mistakes, but her love was unconditional. That spoke volumes to me. My first lesson — to say sorry, accept forgiveness and to love no matter what.

She just loved people and couldn't understand those who didn't want to say hello. Life was full of smells, swims, reckless rolling in the sand until she was covered from head to toe, pats, adventures, sunbaking with her turmy to the sun, bird chasing, vegetable garden eating, rolling in the grass and running free. Lesson number two — to see the good in people, slow down to smell the earth and feel the sun on your face.

She was not without her anxieties. She hated heights, car rides and stairs — a little tricky when you live on the Mountain in a high-set house and travel a winding road frequently. We would gently coax her with food and made many exceptions for her, including carrying all 35

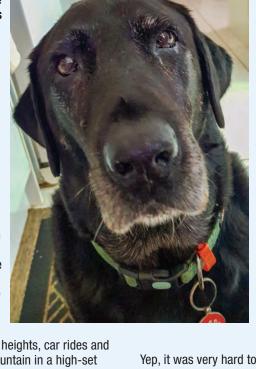
kilos of her upstairs on many occasions.

She tried so hard and trusted us. Lesson number three – keep going despite your fears and trust those who are willing to help.

As she grew old, her quiet stubbornness and sheer determination put her in good stead to age gracefully. Despite the increasing pain in her legs, she would barge her way out of the gate for a walk — no way was she staying home when the rest of us were going out. We eventually had to pretend we were leaving in the car and sneak out the driveway so she wouldn't be disappointed. Going to the beach was her favourite activity. Lesson number Four — no matter how old you are or how much pain you have — you can do something to keep active if you find the joy in it.

Her mind never failed. She knew when cuddles were needed. She knew when I fell pregnant, and that she needed to start barking at the postman. She knew I needed her to lay at my feet during maternity leave and she even tried to come in the car with me to the hospital when I went into labour. She was the best playmate for Sarah and tolerated the boisterous play of Owen with patience. She was the bottom of the pack and she loved it, as she knew her place was safe. So, so many lessons.

Yep, it was very hard to say goodbye to our sweet girl. But she sure knew how to live. She knew how to love. She found joy in everything until the end. Thanks for the lessons Millie.







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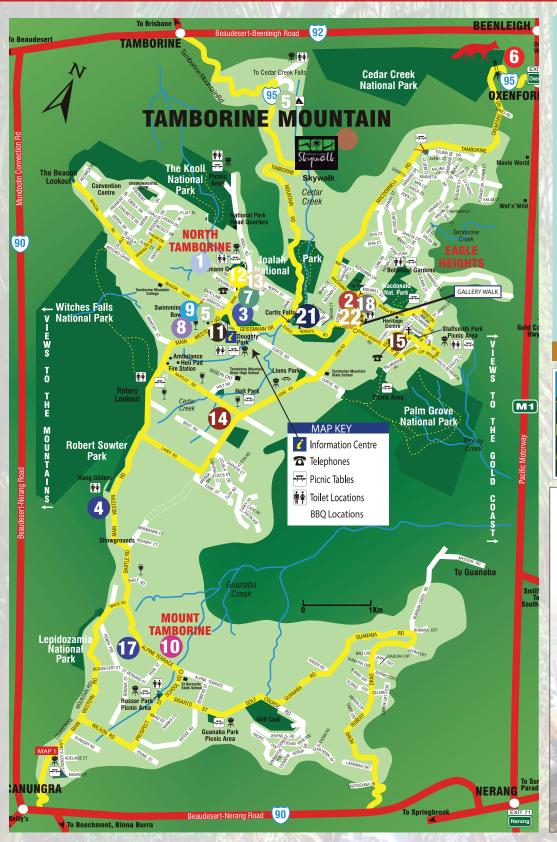
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NEW ALLERGY GUIDELINES TO PROTECT CHILDREN FROM SEVERE ALLERGIC REACTIONS IN SCHOOLS AND CHILDCARE

Food allergy and anaphylaxis is increasing in Australian children, with up to 1 in 20 school aged children having food allergies. Anaphylaxis is the most severe form of allergic reaction, and the incidence of food-induced anaphylaxis in Australia has risen rapidly over the last decade. New guidelines and resources from the National Allergy Strategy aim to equip schools and children's education and care (CEC) settings to prevent and manage anaphylaxis.

The National Allergy Strategy has launched best practice guidelines for the prevention and management of anaphylaxis in schools and children's education and care, including out of school hours care. Developed in consultation with key stakeholder organisations, staff working in the sector and parents, the guidelines are important resources in providing evidence-based information and support to reduce the risk of anaphylaxis, while also enabling children to participate in all activities.

"The reality is that severe allergy and the risk of anaphylaxis is common in the school and children's education and care settings. Children with known allergies that are at risk of anaphylaxis may have severe reactions, but they can also occur in children not previously known to be at risk of anaphylaxis," stated Maria Said, Co-chair of the National Allergy Strategy and CEO of Allergy & Anaphylaxis Australia (A&AA). "The new guidelines and supporting resources provide much-needed clarity around best practice."

"Australia is a leader in this area, however a review of school policies and guidelines across Australian states and territories showed inconsistencies in anaphylaxis prevention and emergency treatment, particularly around the amount and frequency of staff training and incident reporting. These variations create confusion and anxiety for parents and educators in schools, and ultimately put children's safety at risk. While the sectors have a lot of demands

on them, no one wants to live with a tragic incident that could have been prevented," continued Ms Said.

In schools, there is currently no national mandated approach to training staff in the prevention, recognition and emergency treatment of anaphylaxis and significant variations exist in the approach between jurisdictions and government and non-government school sectors.

In children's education and care services, the minimum requirements are less than what is required in schools and there is greater variation in the type and amount of training being undertaken. Research has shown that 1 in 10 participating services reported no requirement for staff to undertake anaphylaxis training, which is non-compliant with current national regulations. Staff responsible for preparing, serving and supervising meals in children's education and care services also have a responsibility for food allergy management, yet there is no requirement for them to undertake food service allergen management

To support the adoption of the guidelines, the National Allergy Strategy has also developed a new 'Allergy Aware' online hub for staff working in schools and CEC, providing free, evidence-based resources including an Implementation Guide, templates and sample documents, plus links to state and territory specific information. The Allergy Aware hub also includes sections for parents and older students.

Dr Preeti Joshi, a paediatric clinical immunology/allergy specialist and Cochair of the National Allergy Strategy, says the new guidelines and supporting resources outline what is reasonable and what works.

"It is important to embed consistent standards across all of the environments where children receive care so that everyone is informed and knows what is appropriate and

reasonable. As an example, the guidelines might give a school the confidence to discuss appropriate allergy management with a concerned parent, or help a parent discuss what reasonable strategies a school or childcare service should have in place," said Dr Joshi.



"Trying to completely ban food allergens in these settings simply does not work and is near impossible to enforce. It is not safe or practical to rely on people to not bring food allergens, of which there are many, into a certain environment. A consistent allergy aware approach with age-appropriate strategies is preferred. This includes ensuring staff are adequately trained, especially in the prompt recognition and treatment of an allergic reaction including anaphylaxis," continued Dr Joshi.

"In addition, a range of appropriate risk minimisation strategies alongside good supervision and open communication is important. Things such as timely administration of adrenaline and correct positioning of the person experiencing anaphylaxis are key factors that can potentially save lives. Standardised reporting of incidents is also critical so we can learn where the gaps are and then work to increase safety. We are prevented from learning and improving after incidents because currently it is not mandatory to report them in schools and childcare services across Australia."

The guidelines can also be used by overarching education and children's education and care bodies, when reviewing and updating state and territory legislation, guidelines, policies and procedures to improve standardisation of anaphylaxis management across Australia.

Dr Katie Allen MP, food allergy expert and Member for Higgins – "Australia does not take a back seat when it comes to safety from anaphylaxis in schools and children's education and care. These guidelines ensure that best practice is standardised across each state and territory. I welcome the work of the National Allergy Strategy in making these guidelines a reality"

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Raise at least \$150 to unlock access to Sarah's exclusive and interactive livestreamed cooking class on 16 October from 1PM - 3PM AEST.

STEP 4 - Host your party!

Host your dinner party on the evening of 16 October or any time until 30 November (restrictions permitting). Don't forget you can cook for your household or host a virtual dinner party!



MOUNTAIN MATES TURNS THREE



ONCE UPON A TIME ... there was a Mountain kingdom. It was filled with good folk. But not everyone got a fair go at having a good time and making friends. People who looked and sounded a bit different. They were worthy and they were fun and they were valuable people. What was wrong? Obviously there was nothing wrong with the people. Maybe the Kingdom (like all kingdoms, everywhere) needed to change its ways a little.

So, three years ago, the Lions Club of Tamborine Mountain created Mountain Mates – for over-18s with disabilities and their families. First the Club called it 'the Lions Club Inclusion Group'. This daggy title was soon abandoned for 'Mountain Mates', which had more of a ring to it.

Other local clubs and groups got on board, like the Bowls Club, Club Tamborine, TM Little Theatre, the Men's Shed, TM Arts Collective; groups like St George's Anglican Church. They all helped the Lions Club with Mountain Mates. Businesses like QSSS, Physique and MainFitness supported the group. Artworkers ran fantastic projects. Everyone helped wherever and whenever they could. No-one said 'no'. Not ever. Some organisations, like Beaucare, Scenic Rim Regional Council, Energex and several individuals, brought sacks of gold (well, generous financial support) to Mountain Mates.

And some beautiful young people, and their truly amazing families and support workers, came together to eat, drink, laugh, sing, dance, paint, bowl, garden, create music, dress up, cook, make things, and even sell things. When a plague came, they Zoomed and Facebooked and Facetimed. These young people were joined by other citizens of the kingdom, some of whom who had lost lovely husbands and sisters and children, or who had had other tough things happen in their lives and who wanted to be useful and rediscover some joy. So, everyone hung out, made friends and had fun.

This initiative of the Lions Club of Tamborine Mountain, Mountain Mates, celebrated its third birthday recently. If you want to be part of its fourth year, contact Janis Bailey on 0418 122 295.

PHOTO: Loco-Motion, an activity run this year by Linda Simister and Barry Chatel, was supported by Energex and Scenic Rim Regional Council funding, and by the wonderful St George's Church which provided the venue.

THE BIGGEST 'THANK YOU'

A very special initiative and state-wide competition has recently launched and is open to Queenslanders in recognition of the amazing contribution of our teaching community - in an attempt to create the state's Biggest Teacher Thank You.

The goal is to get as many entries as we can to form part of a large scale artwork that will be created by renowned QLD artist Rachel Burke and unveiled on World Teachers' Day, 29 October 2021 at the Powerhouse in Brisbane.

Open to to all school children, both primary and secondary, across the state, as well as general members of the public who may wish to thank a past teacher, a friend or a colleague entry is easy via the QSuper website: qsuper.qld.gov.au/biggestthankyou

The competition will run until 11:59 AEDT 21 October 2021.

WINE CHAT

with Witches Falls Winery

TERMINOLOGY: WHAT IS AN 'EARTHY' WINE?

Sometimes the language we use to describe wine can be needlessly extravagant and abstract. Most of us have a good idea

of what it means for a wine to be "fruity," "light," or "oaked." Yet other terms – such as "earthy" – are more elusive and difficult to define.

What exactly is an earthy wine? Personally – I associate it with the pleasant aroma emanating from my back garden after a wild storm.



But those unfamiliar with this phrase often feel confused and repelled at the thought of drinking a wine that tastes of dirt and rock. Although it may be difficult to reconcile images of muddy marshes and soggy leaves with a delectable and elegant wine, earthiness is often a highly sought-after quality.

Usually present in red wines – although found in some whites too – "earthiness" is an umbrella term for aroma and flavour compounds suggestive of mushrooms, vegetation, wet leaves, graphite, tobacco plants, herbs, potting soil, root vegetables, and hay bales.

Come again? Hay bales? Really?

Don't worry — it won't be the same as munching on straw. These flavours are only subtle impressions and are often balanced against leading fruity notes. Some varietals are more prone to developing earthy notes than others. Pinot Noir, Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon, Tempranillo, and Sangiovese, among others, often develop a discernible earthiness. However, grape variety isn't the only factor. A wine's terroir (an amalgamation of environmental factors that influence a grape crop) will also play a role. Cooler climes and early-picking tend to enhance earthy notes. This is why a New Zealand Pinot Noir will often have a more prominent earthiness compared with Australian Pinot Noir.

On the chemical level, there are several compounds that contribute to these "earthy" aromas and flavours. Pyrazines are organic compounds that give off vegetal aromas of grass, leaves, and coffee. Sulfur compounds are often responsible for minerality. Geosmin – a compound released by bacteria in soil – is behind the mushroomy, damp-earth, potting-soil quality. While this can be pleasant at very low levels, it's not for everyone.

It's best to be wary while tasting wine. An overly intense earthy quality may be indicative of a wine fault. Earthiness that has a pungent, sweaty, barnyard quality is often the result of high levels of geosmin or overexposure to a strain of yeast called *Brettanomyces*. Whether or not *Brettanomyces* (or simply *Brett* for short) is considered a fault is a grey-area in winemaking. While widely considered unpleasant, some

French winemakers expose their wine to trace amounts of Brettanomyces in order to encourage the development of a distinctive tang. Like everything in life – some love earthy wines, others can't stand them. The best way to find out is to taste widely and keep an open mind.

Cheers, Alexandra Douglas and the Witches Falls Winery Team





FOOD FOR THOUGHT

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ARGENTINIAN STEAK BURGER

Now if there is one thing I know for sure it's that Argentinians love their beef. I've used a rib eye in this recipe as I like the extra bit of fat that renders down on the BBQ and makes this burger absolutely delicious. This recipe is so easy to make, I suggest everyone should give it a crack. BBQ season is definitely upon us, so why not use this recipe as an excuse to dust off the cobwebs, invite a few friends round, fire up the barbie and enjoy eating this burger with a few cold ones and some great company.

Did you know the cowboys of Argentina are called gauchos? So, who are they? There are few Argentinians as romanticised as the gaucho. Stereotypically, they are rough and rugged, nomadic men. The gauchos were of Spanish and indigenous mixed heritage and collectively shun modern city living, as they much prefer to pursue a simpler life in Argentina's wild sprawling grasslands called the Pampas. The gaucho first and foremost is a cowboy. Entrusted to muster the cattle from the vast plains through rugged mountains to market he is an expert in horsemanship, a selfsufficient outdoorsman and skilled hunter who is known for his generous yet unruly behaviour - a historical outlaw.

The gauchos first began to emerge as a cultural phenomenon during the War of Independence against the Spanish colonisers. Argentine patriot forces were constantly skirmishing with the Spanish in the country's rural areas, quite often they were outnumbered and outgunned, but somehow managed to pull off victories. Whilst using their impeccable horse-riding skills and knowledge of the land to provide valuable support to the patriots, most gauchos fought as scouts. They set up ambushes and gathered precious intel. These men played a pivotal role in the war, which came to an end in 1818, and it was around that time that the namesake and legend of the gaucho came to be. The motto of the gaucho is unión y libertad which translates as 'united we are free'.

The first time I met a gaucho was in Buenos Aires. It's late afternoon and the sun is low enough to create that magical golden light that makes everything look more beautiful. I'm sitting on a wooden park bench in a busy street that has been closed off to traffic and now home to countless samba dancers who swirl, twirl and shake their hips to the rhythmic music that is being played by the band. There is a carnival atmosphere in the air, children are running around laughing and the parents nonchalantly chat to their friends whilst smoking cigarettes and sipping red wine from

silver goblets. I'm excited as in an hour I have a reservation at a worldclass steak restaurant. I have been looking forward to this moment my entire trip.

I faintly hear a clip clop sound in the brief interval between a song. I think nothing of it, but then suddenly, I smell the distinct aroma of horse and as I turn around to my shock a horse's head is right next to me! As I jolt back, I hear a hearty laugh from its rider. "Don't worry," he says in gruff Argentinian Spanish. I cast my eyes towards the sound and I instantly recognise his outfit. He is clad in a pair

of bombachas (baggy trousers), a colourful poncho and a wide-brimmed hat – an Argentinian gaucho in the flesh. Expertly tucked away under a belt, I see a *facón* (long knife), a leather whip and a lasso hanging neatly off his saddle. "Got a light"? he asks as he purses a thin hand-rolled cigarette between his lips. "Actually, I do" I say and in an instant he is off the horse like some kind of nimble gymnast and his hand is outstretched.

I hand him my matches; he strikes a match and lights his smoke. He takes a deep drag and tilts his head back as if looking towards the heavens through tight lips. He slowly billows out the smoke, and I see him instantly relax. His deep chestnut eyes are now locked on mine: they are fierce like a wild tiger but somehow kind at the same time. "What is your name?" he asks in his deep voice. "Dylan," I reply and he hands back my matches and puts out his hand and says, "I'm Rodrigo". I shake his strong hand firmly and it feels like sandpaper. "Nice to meet you," he says and just as deftly as before re-mounts his horse, flinging his leg back over into the saddle. He puts his hand on his hat, tilts it slightly and that's that. With a click of his tongue and quick kick the horse starts moving forward and they continue on their merry way. "Now that doesn't happen every day", I think to myself, so I pull out my journal to jot it down.

Why not conjure up the spirit of the gaucho and fire up the BBQ, so you, too can enjoy the epic flavours of Argentinian cuisine.

PREPARATION: 25 mins COOKING TIME: 10-12 mins

SERVINGS: 4



INGREDIENTS

- 4 × 125g ribeye steak
- 2 tablespoons of Gaucho*
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 red onion
- 1 red capsicum, de-seeded
- 4 slices tasty cheese
- 100g mixed lettuce
- 8 slices of bread or 4 bread buns
- Butter for toasted buns

METHOD

- Mix the GAUCHO marinade with oil in a how!
- Add steaks and evenly coat both sides. Marinate for 20 minutes MAX.
- 3. Peel and slice onion into 1cm rings.
- 4. Cut capsicum into four equal parts.
- Place onion and capsicum in a bowl and drizzle with a little oil to lightly coat. On high, heat grill for 4 to 6 minutes each side.
- 6. Grill the steaks on high heat for 2 to 3 minutes each side or until cooked to your liking and set aside to rest.
- 7. Toast bread on the grill for 30 seconds.
- Spread butter on toast and add lettuce and sliced cheese. Place caramalised onion rings, grilled capsicum, and ribeye steak on top to finish.

TO SERVE: Tuck into these mouthwatering burgers with a group of your best mates and a couple of cold ones at home in the backyard or rendezvous at your favourite BBQ spot.

* Chef Dylan's Gourmet Food Co. Gaucho marinade



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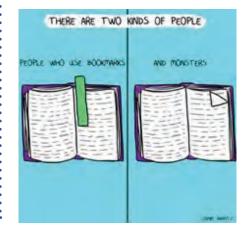
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A mind reader.

What do you call a book about sexting during the quarantine? Love in the Time of Coronavirus.

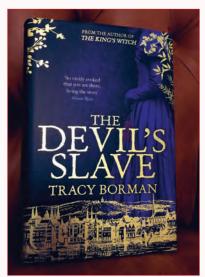
What section of the library can you get biten by a snake? *Hisssssstory*.

Why did the book join the police? He wanted to go undercover!

What has a spine but, no bones? *A book* What did the librarian say to the astronaut? *Find space for a book.*

Why is a math book always unhappy? Because it always has lots of problems.

Our Book Choice: The Devil's Slave by Tracy Borman



In the court of King James, lady-in-waiting Frances Gorges was suspected of witchcraft for her healing skills. But when her lover was executed for his role in the Gunpowder Plot, she fled for her life and that of her unborn child.

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TRIVIA Mixed Bay



- 1. What colour is jet, a form of lignite?
- 2. Who was the bully in Tom Brown's Schooldays?
- 3. Hotel du Lac is a novel by which woman author?
- 4. Which was Shakespeare's last play?
- 5. Which artist created an exhibit comprising a shark in a tank of formaldehyde?
- 6. Who was the female star of Barbarella and Cat Ballou?
- 7. Which unit of measurement is equal to 6,080 feet?
- 8. Durres is the main seaport of which Balkan country?
- 9. Which US state is known as the 'Wolverine State'?
- 10. In which city was the first World Athletics Championship held in 1983?
- 11. The House of Braganza ruled which European state?
- 12. In the crab family, what is unique about the robber crab?
- 13. In which English county is the town of Louth?
- 14. 'Jacob's Creek' wine is made in which country?
- 15. Which one of the Marx Brothers' real name was Julius?

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Great Day for Music Lovers at Canungra Record Fair

The recent Music Fair held in the Canungra Town Centre was a huge success. Fair organiser Terry Newman reported a steady stream of eager music lovers over the weekend who showed great interest with many walking away with an armful of treasured memories from yesteryear. Not surprising the genres that captured the most attention were Rock, Blues, Soul, Funk and 80's Pop albums. Overall the event was considered an outstanding success and the stories shared between the collectors and stall holders helped make it a really enjoyable day all; so much in fact that a 2nd and final Fair has been planned for Saturday December 4th before renovations commence on the property. Mr. Newman said he is happy to receive any enquiries regarding the next event and can be contacted on **0434 270 032.**

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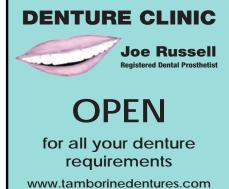
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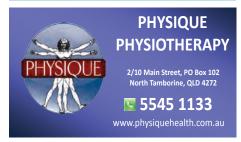
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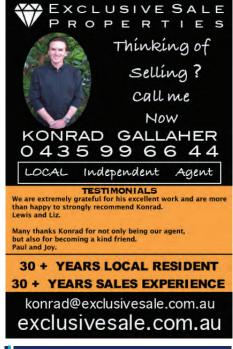




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FILM CLUB AT THE ZAMIA. Meets every third Sunday at 5.30pm for 6pm screening. Only \$10 annual fee to join which gives automatic membership to the Tamborine Mt Little Theatre group. All movies are free with membership. Films shown range from the classics 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.

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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**.

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

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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; or find us on Facebook.

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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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