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NATIONAL AWARDS FOR LOCAL DESIGNER



The Building Designers Association of Australia's recent annual awards night brought multiple success for local designer Anthony Rigg and his company Bleuscape Design. His designs for the Burman residence hit the spot, with emphasis on dual-living and its multiple benefits. Story page 14



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CEO GIBBONS VOTED OUT AT COUNCIL

In a not unsurprising decision, Scenic Rim Regional Council has voted to not reappoint its Chief Executive Officer, Jon Gibbons, at the conclusion of his current employment agreement in June next year.

Mr Gibbons' fate was sealed when councillors delivered a majority four-votes-to-three decision against him.

They also voted not to release the report into the CEO's contract agreement.

The motion to not reappoint him was moved by Cr Derek Swanborough and seconded by Cr Jeff McConnell; it was supported by Councillors Duncan McInnes and Marshall Chalk; Mayor Greg Christensen, Deputy Mayor Michael Enright, and Cr Virginia West voted against the motion.

Cr Christensen, a close ally of Mr Gibbons, said he was disappointed the motion had been put forward, while Cr Enright described the result as a "sad day" for Scenic Rim Council.

Cr Christensen said Mr Gibbons, who lives at the Gold Coast, had been a passionate proponent of Scenic Rim and was leaving the council with strong foundations. Council annual report figures indicate Mr Gibbons is paid between \$300,000 and \$400,000 a year.

Cr West said she believed "a very disruptive and dangerous precedent" had been set at this stage of the refresh and refocus journey that Council was already on, and that it was a very disappointing outcome for the community and Council.

Last week's momentous vote was the culmination of a tortuous reappointment process that had dragged on for many weeks. A decision was deferred twice as councillors deliberated in confidential sessions.

Cr Swanborough said the decision had not been taken lightly.

"It was considered over a period of at least 10 hours and is one of the most important decisions for the council moving forward."

Following his appointment in March 2018, Mr Gibbons carried out a far-reaching review of Council that was followed by a complete restructure of its executive team which saw all its directors either retire, resign, or miss out on a senior position in the new-look organisation, with a new team of four general managers and eight managers ushered in.

The new team was charged with the task of bringing about change that would result in an "efficient, effective and agile organisation" under the heavily promoted banner of "refresh and refocus".

Under Mr Gibbons' stewardship, Council transparency was significantly reduced as committees were abolished and confidential councillor workshops introduced – with only two council meetings per month open to the public. The end result was that ratepayers and the general community became increasingly less informed.

Escalating rates and a failure to deliver promised works are two issues in particular that have attracted criticism since Mr Gibbons took the reins as CEO.

A running sore during his tenure has been a never-ending succession of Council complaints to the Office of the Independent Assessor (OIA) alleging councillor misconduct or inappropriate conduct, invariably complaints of a trivial nature. It is widely believed that Scenic Rim Council has initiated more OIA complaints than any other individual council in the State.

In 2020 a customer sentiment survey of 8000 Scenic Rim Council customers received 1800 responses which revealed that more than half of those respondents believed the council's customer service was unsatisfactory.



Results in a Tamborine Mountain household plebiscite earlier this year found that 65 per cent of Mountain residents believed they would be better off being part of the Gold Coast and not Scenic Rim.

As recently as last month a petition calling on the Queensland Premier to intervene to stop secrecy and closed decision making at Scenic Rim Council was presented to Parliament.

A small contingent from the Stop the Rot in Scenic Rim group met with Member for Scenic Rim Jon Krause at Parliament to facilitate its presentation to the House.

The petition 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 basis of decision making."

Cr Christensen said Council would make further announcements on the matter as it prepared to approach the market in the near future to recruit a new Chief Executive Officer.



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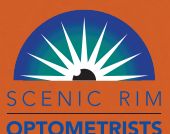
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FRED HOLLOW'S HUMANITY AWARD FOR TMC STUDENT



Jessica Davis of Tamborine Mountain College has been recognised for her compassion, integrity and kindness at a recent virtual ceremony for the Fred Hollow's Humanity Award.

The Humanity Award is a national initiative of The Fred Hollow's Foundation that acknowledges Year 6 students who follow in Fred's footsteps by demonstrating humanitarian values towards others.

Jessica was nominated by her teacher Deborah Horn for her "extraordinary resilience and fighting spirit".

"At six months of age, Jess fell ill with pneumocystis, meaning 12 years of prophylactic medication and monthly blood infusions were needed, along with time away from school," Ms Horn said.

"In 2020, Jess had a bone marrow transplant during the COVID pandemic. She is now a high achiever, having worked extremely hard to overcome all challenges.

"Jess is always doing what she can for others: whether as a church leader, as a fundraiser for cancer research, or as a peer-mentor, working with students with learning difficulties."

Founding Director of The Fred Hollow's Foundation, Gabi Hollows, congratulated Jess and more than 200 students from across the nation for their kindness, compassion, and integrity.

"The past 18 months have been tough for everyone, but especially for those of you whose schooling was interrupted by the pandemic," she said.

"I'm so glad that today we could celebrate your altruism and the differences you're all making in your communities.

"It's incredibly humbling to read about what you've all been doing, and I know that Fred himself would be so proud of the young humanitarians who have been honoured today."

To learn more about the Fred Hollow's Humanity Award, visit www.hollows.org/humanityaward

BUSHRATS OVER 40s NOW ON TOP

The Tamborine Mountain Bushrats over 40s cricket team remains undefeated following an unlikely come-from-behind win in their third game.

Set 136 to win from 40 overs, the Bushrats were in deep trouble at 8 for 67, of which Clive Revis had scored 32. It looked like the lads were headed to the sheds early to enjoy some company and a few beers. However, a solid, steadying partnership between Dan Blunt and Jack Bradshaw started to turn the game back from the brink.

Jack was dismissed on 31 leaving the final wicket pair of Dan Blunt and Tim Guymer a further 27 runs to win the game. Tim had torn his groin during the fielding innings and was struggling to walk, let alone bat and run. Every run was met with a great cheer from the boys in the grandstand as a sure loss started to look like a possible win.

The opposition, Broadbeach Robina, are a gun side, were full of talk when they were totally on top. However, now there was silence. Every ball was full of tension as the final two Bushrats batsmen slowly whittled away at the runs needed. Finally, team captain Tim Guymer and the rock-solid Dan Blunt hit the winning runs in the second last over. It was a fantastic win and the boys were full of tall tales and great banter over a few post-match beers.

The Bushrats 4th grade side also had a tense and tight win. Queens batted first and compiled a good score of 176 all out. Tom Mahony picked up 3 wickets (3/26 off 6 overs) and Ash Williams again returned good figures of 2/18 off his 6 overs.

The boys then began the chase well but started to get into some trouble at 7 wickets down for 109. Nikolas Brooks had batted well to score 45 runs as the opener. But in the end the boys got home to win by a wicket with just one ball remaining, the star again being Tom Mahony with a wonderful 49 off 32 balls. The win solidifies their place in the top four.

Both the under 11s sides continue to improve with every ball they bowl and every ball they face. They are both very young sides but are being wonderfully coached and encouraged by Chris Anderson and Fran Mahony. For the Tamborine Blue side, the cricketer of the match was Patrick for his great bowling and his positive attitude when fielding. Cricketer of the match for the Tamborine Green side was Ben Phillips for his wicket keeping and getting a wicket. He also faced some fast bowlers and didn't get out.

The 3rd grade side put in a much-improved effort against Palm Beach. We restricted the opposition to all out for 149 with the pick of the bowling figures going to Janosch Bligh (2/24 off 7 overs). However, the Bushrats again fell short in the run chase, being all out 114. This was a frustrating loss as there were four batsmen who got good starts but didn't go on with their innings to get the win. There were good signs though that a win is just around the corner and the boys are looking forward to playing again this weekend.

The under 12s side were put to the sword against a very good Runaway Bay team in the first week of their two-day game. However, they had a great second week and managed to bat out their second innings well. Cricketer of the match was Oscar Youngman for his 51 retired and his



Bushrats under 11 Blue side

bowling figures of 4 for 33. The president's award went to Ewen Thompson for facing 20 balls and for hitting his first ever four.

The under 13s had a great win against Burleigh and fell just short of an outright victory. Cricketer of the Match was Tate Della who took a screamer of a catch and contributed well with the ball. The president's award went to Chase Della for his composure when batting. This side is doing such an amazing job that they have been pushed up two divisions to play in the under 14s competition. Congratulations boys, and we look forward to seeing how you do with this new challenge.

And that is our fifth week wrap-up for the Tamborine Mountain Cricket club.

A reminder that on November 19 our Junior and Master blasters will be kicking off. This is a great program for 5-to-10-year-olds for an hour on a Friday evening for kids who are interested in running around, having fun and getting a little introduction to cricket. The Bushrats are all about having fun and promoting participation, so if you are wondering if you would like to give cricket a try, give the club president, Neil Bell, a call on 0403 854 699.

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Neil Bell

TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN BRIDGE CLUB RESULTS

Mon 8th	N/S John Youngman - Cheryl Finlayson E/W Eddie Heinemeyer - Robert McCathie
Wed 10th	N/S Richard Booth - Dianne Hile E/W Eddie Heinemeyer - Lindy Williams
Thu 11th	N/S Marian Gibbons - Julie Guthrie E/W Heike Edrich - Carole Cooke

SALVOS CHRISTMAS APPEAL

The Salvation Army is hoping to raise \$20 million this year across the country as it launches its annual Christmas Appeal in the Scenic Rim to support Queenslanders doing it tough during the festive season.

The Salvos anticipate the needs of Australians at Christmas will reach a new peak under the pressure of the Covid pandemic.

“Christmas is the busiest time of the year for The Salvos in the Scenic Rim, and we expect this year to be no different. While Christmas is a time of joy and celebration for many, others doing it tough in our community find it an extremely difficult period for them personally,” said Fassifern corps officer Captain Wes Bust.

“The increased isolation, financial stress and mental health impacts of COVID-19 this year will only exacerbate these issues. The Salvos want to leave no one in need this Christmas, and we need the generosity of the public this year to once again partner with us in support of locals doing it really tough.”

For financial and emergency assistance, people should reach out to the Salvos’ financial support service on 1300 371 288 (9am-5pm Monday to Friday).

The Salvation Army’s network of for-purpose retail stores, Salvos Stores, also provides an affordable option for Christmas shopping. Whether it’s a fresh Christmas Day outfit, present ideas for the family or a DIY decoration project for the house, there is always something special to be found.



CHRISTMAS APPEAL
THANK GOD FOR THE SALVOS

CHRISTMAS IN THE VILLAGE COMING UP

Tamborine Village Lions Club will present Christmas in the Village on Friday 3 December.

This year’s Community Christmas Carols and Twilight Market will conjoin to celebrate Tamborine Memorial Hall’s centenary and 40 years of service by the Tamborine District Citizens Association. There will be a hall memorabilia stall and cutting of a cake by TDCA president Syd Norman at 5.45pm.

All are welcome to join in the celebrations.

Bring a blanket or chair. Food will be available for purchase at the Lions stall and there will be live entertainment.

Twilight markets begin at 5pm and Christmas Carols at 6pm; Santa arrives at 7pm.

There will be free glow sticks, popcorn and fairy floss.

Lions Christmas cakes and puddings will be available for purchase at the Lions stall.

Raffles will be drawn from 6.30pm throughout the night. Tickets can be purchased from Tamborine Produce Shop or by calling 0401 217 347; they can also be purchased on the day (\$2 per ticket or \$10 per book of five tickets).

The night will get under way from 5pm at the Tamborine Memorial Hall grounds.



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Community organisations impacted by COVID-19 restrictions or lock-downs are encouraging to apply for a one-off grant of up to \$1,500 in Round 2 of Council’s COVID-19 Community Grants. Apply by 10 December. Full details at www.scenicrim.qld.gov.au/community-grants

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STORYTIME SESSIONS

Bookings are essential. Space limits apply.
BEAUDESERT Tuesday 9.30am | Wednesday 9.30am
BOONAH Monday 10am | Friday 10am
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Friday 9.15am | Baby Rhyme Time 0-2 yrs

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CANUNGRA | Mon **TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN** | Thurs
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BEAUDESERT LIBRARY

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Kids Space Thursdays | 4pm - 5pm
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New Adult Book Club Thurs 25 Nov | 10am
Native Wreath Workshop Fri 26 Nov | 10am

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10 December In The Heights (M)



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GOLD COAST MG CAR CLUB VISIT TO HERITAGE CENTRE

On a rainy Wednesday morning a planned visit to The Tamborine Mountain Historical Society's Heritage Centre by the Gold Coast MG Car Club looked like being in trouble.

Most MG sports cars with very few exceptions are open top roadsters, not at home in the rain. But determined to make a day of it and shake off the COVID blues, the cars and their rugged-up drivers made the trip.

As a certain well-known politician once said on election night, 'miracles do happen'. The rain stopped upon their arrival and small spots of sunshine briefly appeared.

MG drivers like nothing more than a road with some nice twists and turns to hone their driving skills. The run up to the Mountain was ideal.

And what a roll-up of beautifully restored cars it was. They filled the centre car park to capacity and out into the street.



Right: One of the stunningly restored MGAs on display

Page at left: Tamborine Mountain Men's Shed players providing spirited entertainment.

For car enthusiasts it was MG heaven. And what a happy group of enthusiastic drivers and passengers they were. One of the highlights of the visit was the entertainment provided by a group of ukulele players from the

local Men's Shed who played during the morning tea break. Expertly presented, old time favourites went over well with the audience and added to what was voted a 'top event'. There is a lot of talent on the Mountain.

Meanwhile, the centre volunteers made sure tours of historical exhibits were available, with skilled guides on hand. Many of the visitors were of the age group that really appreciated the step back in time provided by the centre.

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While it looks promising in terms of getting stranded Queenslanders home, with the Premier regularly making new announcements about how things are changing, there is still a problem with people just over the border not being able to drive home. Instead, people who might be in Murwillumbah need to drive south, fly to Brisbane or Gold Coast Airport, and then get picked up and go into home quarantine.

It would be far more sensible, fair, and even dare I say it, COVID-safe, for these people to drive home. But Anastacia says no! Our LNP team will continue raising these ridiculous rules and keep calling for compassion, consistency and common-sense.

I also want to acknowledge everybody who has received the COVID-19 vaccination. I made a choice after considering the information, and had mine a couple of months back, through West Moreton Health Service (the HHS where I live). I encourage people to get the vaccination, but I also recognise that there are people who are unable to receive vaccinations, for a variety of reasons. I support you as well, because with all vaccinations over the past few decades it has been recognised generally that some people are unable to receive them.

BUY LOCAL CHRISTMAS 2021

Buy Local Christmas 2021 and go in the draw to win \$1000. It's easy; all you need to do is make a purchase at a local Scenic Rim business and write your name and phone number on the back of your receipt and drop it in a 'Buy Local Christmas Box' – located at participating businesses around the electorate. I started this initiative, together with Federal Member for Wright, Scott Buchholz, and various Chambers of Commerce, to encourage the community to support local businesses following the ongoing devastation of drought, bushfires and COVID-19. My family will be doing our Christmas shopping locally and I urge everybody to do the same. Local collection points are at:

- Charlie & Me
- Granny Mac's Fudge
- Mumma Duck's Sweets & Treats
- Lux & Gather
- Spice of Life Café
- Tamborine Mountain Visitor Information Centre
- Tamborine Retreat
- Witchscents Organics

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BREASTSCREEN QLD IN BEAUDESERT

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

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Federal Member for Wright

BOOSTER SHOTS NOW AVAILABLE TO ALL AUSTRALIANS

Australia's COVID-19 vaccination booster program began this week, with nearly 250,000 Australians having already had their booster by Friday. Booster shots will be available for every Australian six months after they receive their second dose. With over 37 million doses administered, 80 percent of Australian adults are now fully vaccinated, while over 90 percent have now received a first dose.

BACKING NEW AUSTRALIAN TECHNOLOGY

The Prime Minister announced the establishment of a new technology fund to back Australian companies to develop new technologies. The Low Emissions Technology Commercialisation Fund will combine \$500 million of new capital for the Clean Energy Finance Corporation with \$500 million from the private sector. New technologies will play a vital part in Australia reaching Net Zero by 2050. Together with other new initiatives, like the increased investment in Clean Hydrogen Industrial Hubs, the Government will invest more than \$21 billion in low emissions technologies by 2030.

INVESTING \$250 MILLION TO IMPROVE ROADS AND KEEP FREIGHT MOVING

The Morrison Government is investing a further \$250 million to upgrade ageing bridges and improve our regional roads to make them safer for communities and heavy vehicle drivers. The federal government funding will support eligible projects put forward by state, territory or local governments under the Bridges Renewal Program and the Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Program. As well as making our roads safer for our drivers, these vital projects create local jobs and will also improve freight routes and help boost productivity.

STRONGER COMMUNITIES PROGRAMME: ROUND 7

A reminder that the programme is now open for Expressions of Interest to my office, you can download a form from my website at www.scottbuchholz.com.au or call (07) 5541 0150.

VACCINE MILESTONES

- Over 37 million doses have been administered
- Over 82% of Australian aged over 16 are now fully vaccinated
- More than 90% of all Australians aged over 16 are protected with a first dose



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Letters to the Editor

Readers are reminded that letters to the editor must show full name of writer for publication. Please limit letters to 200 words. Publication is at the discretion of the editor and subject to space availability.

MIXED MESSAGES AND MYSTERIES

It was heart-warming to read the list of recipients of the Scenic Rim Business Excellence Awards and realise that those who have done it tough in recent times prevailed in spite of not receiving a leg up or a hand out from the State Government by way of large "tourism" or other grants (other than Binna Burra Lodge).

Well done to the businesses whose perseverance and endurance has been recognised.

Does anyone else have difficulty reconciling the message from the mayor (media release) which extolled the virtues and huge contributions of the soon to be departed SRRC CEO (who apparently walks on water) with the fact that a majority of our elected Councillors voted against renewing his contract? We will never know what prompted the vote, and hence the CEO's departure.

"Minor change" applications: If you don't think you will get your development application over the line, simply put in for some/most of it, get it approved and then apply for a "Minor Change"! Simple! These don't have to go back before the Councillors who set the stringent conditions in the original approval – the bureaucrats sign them off - too easy!

There have been two notable examples of late. The first was to remove a vegetation buffer and turn it into a carpark only days before the Minister for Tourism officially opened Hazelwood Estate. The second was lodged on 12 November 2021 and relates to – surprise, surprise – the "tennis court" at 1-11 Eagles Retreat Place ("disability cabins"). The developer wants to change this to "further rationalise the private recreation facilities".

Poof! The tennis court disappears... but the koala habitat trees removed to accommodate it don't reappear. Who saw this coming, given 45 residents are currently in court supporting council's eventual refusal of the "cabin" development application, in which several of the "cabins" are planned to be constructed on the site of the approved tennis court?

Come on council, wake up.

Amanda Hay

SPEAKING OUT

I must congratulate Cheryl Wistow and Pam Brandis for their efforts in debunking the rubbish espoused in the so-called advertisement "A heartfelt alternative opinion" that appeared in the Scenic News issue of 4th November.

I confess that I had skipped over it, after reading the first paragraph. Such propaganda and false news, perhaps gleaned from "social" media, is an abomination and dangerous to young minds and has no place in a caring, informed society.

I also commend Hillel Weintraub and Sue Miles for expressing their disappointment that such an anonymous and spurious doctrine could be published under the guise of an advertisement, when in fact it is nothing of the sort. I would urge editorial diligence in future.

Roland Lindenmayer

A BREATH OF FRESH AIR

I admire Councillor McConnell for having the courage to speak his mind.

On a daily basis politicians, the mainstream media and so-called medical experts subject us to a one-sided narrative which instills fear and divides the community. Discussion, common sense and analysing facts is crucial to learning

how to live with COVID-19 but this has not been happening. Jeff is not alone, there are other Scenic Rim residents like myself who agree with his sentiments. No government should have the power to mandate these trial vaccines across the population. People should be free to choose to have the vaccination or not.

Debra Sartori

ALL OPINIONS WELCOME

Thank you for publishing the advertisement A HEARTFELT, ALTERNATIVE OPINION, Scenic News November 4.

Whether you agree with the sentiment in this article or not, we are not seeing a lot of free speech. I am sure you have copped criticism for publishing this, however I for one am grateful to have seen it in print and had the opportunity to decide for myself if I agree or disagree. We are sadly watching our freedom being stripped away in this country, we have a government inciting division in communities and families, marriages are breaking down and children are being raised in fear. There is something terribly wrong going on right now. Vaccinate or don't vaccinate: it should be a choice.

Julie Hughes

THE LAST WORD

This will be the last issue for the foreseeable future in which we will run COVID-19 letters. We have made every attempt to be fair in giving space to opposing points of view, but it would be remiss of me not to note that by far the overwhelming majority in the community is accepting of the science and is pro-vaccination and community responsibility. Wherever you fall on the spectrum of opinion, please stay safe in the challenging months ahead!

Andrew Nagy (Editor)

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TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN REMEMBERS



The predicted wet weather failed to eventuate on November 11, and more than 200 people turned out for the 2021 Remembrance Day ceremonies at the Tamborine Mountain and Beaudesert Cenotaphs to honour those who gave their lives in service to their country, those who returned home injured or ill, and those who serve our country today.

The 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month marks the moment the guns fell silent on the Western Front after the bloodshed of World War One. Over the past century, this moment has been adopted across the globe as a time to remember those who served and sacrificed in all wars and conflicts.



A SON REMEMBERS AIR GUNNER DAD

This Remembrance Day 2021, I thought it was appropriate and long overdue, to pay tribute to my dad, Patrick Mathieson Horne, 1822426, Sgt Air Gunner, RAF Bomber Command, 1943-1947.

Born in Edinburgh in 1925, he told me he witnessed, at 14, some of the first German aircraft shot down at the start of the war over the Firth of Forth. This settled his determination to join the RAF and fight his war in the air.

Having tried to join at 16, by lying about his age, he eventually joined the RAF and was sent to Canada to be trained as an air gunner/wireless operator in 1944. As he was from a poor background, he did not have the educational requirements to train as a pilot.

From what he told me, he enjoyed his time in Canada, and like the rest of his trainee colleagues, was eager to pass his course and get “operational”.

He trained on Wellington and Liberator bombers in Canada, and eventually arrived back in Britain and was posted to a Lancaster squadron for final training in 1945.

As the war was nearing an end, he flew mainly patrol missions, logging 132 hours as a Sergeant Air Gunner, but saw little action.

I think it was fortunate that he did not participate in the bomber raids over Germany, although he was strongly of a different opinion, as the 46,000 killed out of 125,000 aircrew, with a further 16,000 either wounded or taken prisoner attests.

Eventually, in 1947, he was demobbed from the RAF, and joined the London Metropolitan Police Force as a constable. This was his means of emigrating to Australia with a preferred occupation and qualification in 1948.

Thus, he found himself as a Ten Pound Pom working the beat in Tasmania.

After working the required two years with the Tasmanian Police Force, he headed north to warmer and drier climes in Queensland, where he met and married my Mum in 1953, as well as qualifying



Retired airline captain Brian Horne was among the more than 100 members of the Tamborine Mountain community who gathered for last week's Remembrance Day ceremony at the War Memorial and Circle of Remembrance. For Brian, it brought back fond memories of his father, Patrick Horne, a World War Two airman in the Royal Air Force, and he wore Patrick's service medals with pride.



as a psychiatric nurse, working at Wolston Park, Wacol, looking after ‘clinically insane murderers and the like.

Having discovered a love for photography in the RAF, he eventually opened his own photographic studios in Hervey Bay in 1965. Later, we moved back to Brisbane in 1971.

Sadly, when I was just 17, he succumbed to a cancer, and died at the too young age of 50.

I guess his story is somewhat typical of the times around World War Two and his generation.

The men and women of that time fought to preserve the freedoms we now take for granted, and then looked to the future to build themselves up to provide for their children and families.

This is why I pay tribute to my dad “Paddy” and keep his memory alive – “lest we forget”.

Brian Horne





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TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN HOUSE DESIGNER WINS NATIONAL AWARDS

On October 22, the Building Designers Association of Australia had its annual Awards Night. This is an evening where licensed designers from all over the country receive recognition for many different categories of work. This year, a Tamborine Mountain local took out several national and regional awards for residential design.

Anthony Rigg, Managing Director of Bleuscape Design, describes below the ideas behind his award-winning home, the Burman Residence.

"The Burman residence represents an increasingly popular trend in many residential commissions, that is, the desire for a dual-living arrangement.

"In this design, the integration of dual-living keeps the extended family close and allows for the cost of the land and construction to be spread over two generations, grandparents and parents.

"I believe it offers a glimpse into the future of affordable house design using multi-generational money.

"The ripple effect also has many benefits, for example:

- Allowing for the grandparents' involvement in the lives of their kids and grandchildren
- The ability of the parents to provide care for their elderly relatives.
- The secondary dwelling offers an additional income if rented out.
- The resale value associated with a multiple living layout.

"With the above vision in mind, we have attempted to layer the spaces of the home into segments that promote optional uses, i.e. privacy or connection. By allowing for spatial flexibility, it is the owners who become the authority over their space. The by-product is a deep connection to place and, over time, a very personal sense of ownership."

National Awards:

- **Winner** – Hyne Timber Industry Partner Award
- **Finalist** - New Residence – buildings over \$750,000 up to \$1.0m

Regional Award:

- **Winner** - New Residence – buildings over \$750,000 up to \$1.0m





Anthony Rigg (top) and the multiple award-winning home, the Burman Residence (page at left and above)

Wisdom from the farmyard...

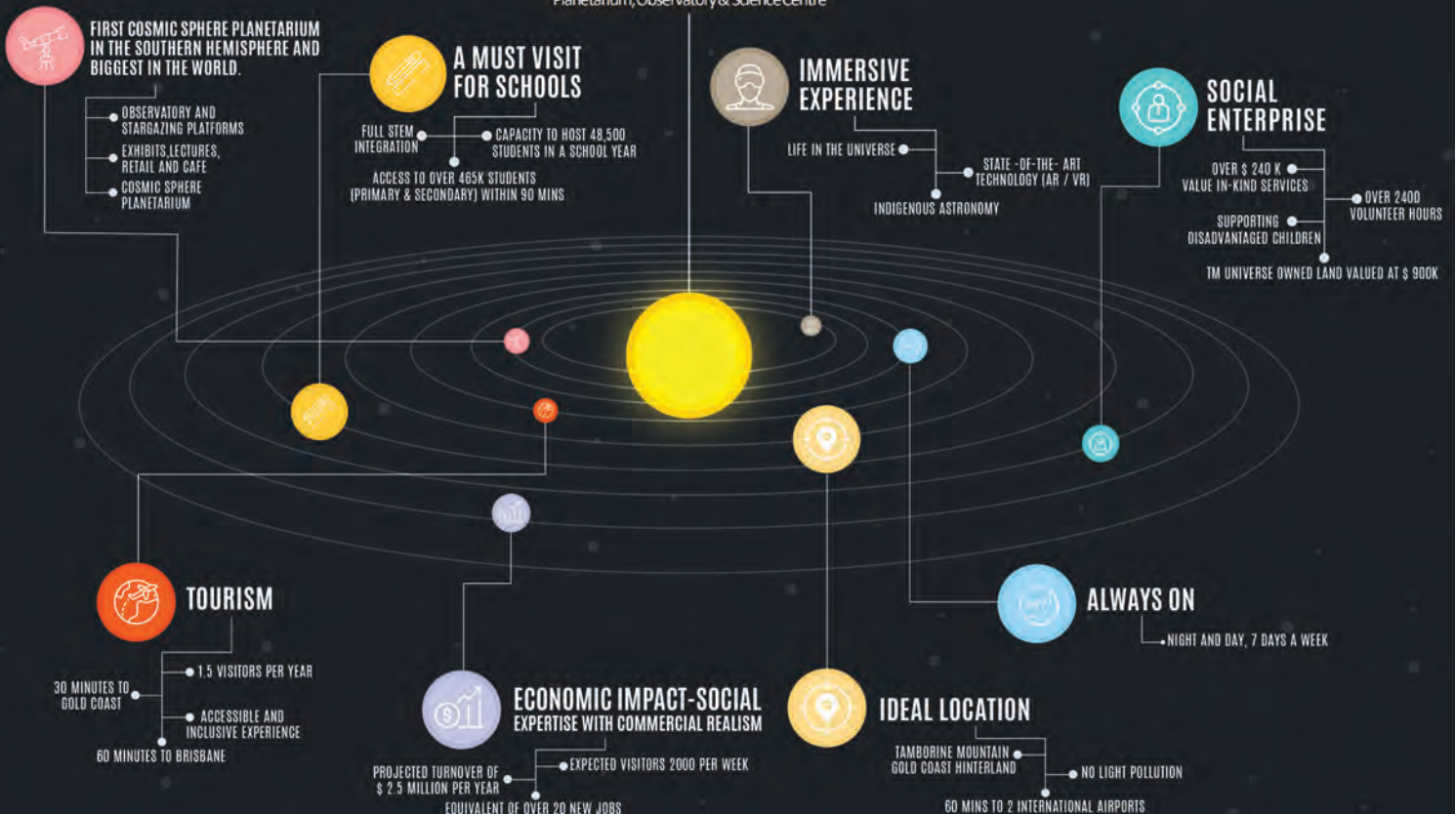


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We are delighted to introduce Malcolm, the feathered sage of the Mountain, in what we hope will be regular appearances in the Scenic News... words of (occasionally politically incorrect) wisdom as channelled to his creator, artist and illustrator Heather Dale.

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See TM Universe article on page 18

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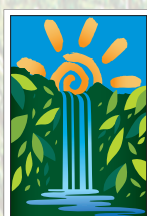
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TM UNIVERSE: A LABOUR OF LOVE

TM Universe is an ambitious, fully community-owned and run project that will leave a great legacy for future science education and also contributes to a sustainable local economy, including about 19 paid local staff.

Just a reminder of the main features of this project:

- a project that will see the first sphere-shaped planetarium in the Southern Hemisphere, to be constructed here on Tamborine Mountain.
- a state-of-the-art STEM-focused education centre with a nationwide reach.
- a Social Enterprise concept that always puts the members – the community – in charge. The profits of the future enterprise will be used to support children and schools in disadvantaged circumstances throughout the nation.

That TM Universe is a real labour of love is obvious to a range of contributors, and above all the reason for them to be involved:

- the community at large has been great. Questions have always been addressed and immediately answered, guaranteeing ongoing backing. Negative influences have never had any relevant impact. And it will be the same in the future.
- the 200 plus members who bought a block, altogether raised \$40,000, which allowed the organization to start up and continue.
- local investors contributed to something that is almost unheard of anywhere else: the purchase of a prime block of land to make sure the project will always be community-owned, not privately nor by government. Almost all the investors have only one goal: the fruition of TM Universe.

Currently, the Council is assessing the Development Application, and last week the comprehensive business plan was approved by the Board. This plan includes the infographic at right (see enlargement, page 15 in this issue).

Last but not least, TM Universe is proud to announce that a second, globally respected, scientist has become an official advisor on the Expert Panel, Dr. Bob Gough: “I am honoured to accept your invitation to join TM Universe's Expert Panel as expert on Satellite Communications and Space.” Dr. Gough worked at the European Space Agency (ESA) before establishing a business in the UK developing novel satcoms software and hardware products. Dr. Gough is also responsible for establishing a deep space ground station in Australia for Goonhilly, part of ESA's global tracking network; it is currently involved in MarsExpress, Integral, Gaia and Lunar missions. Dr. Gough has been on the Communications Systems Technical Committee (CMSTC) of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics for many years.

Dr. Gough also very much appreciates that Dr. Pascal Lee is on the panel: “Pascal is a legend for his work on furthering the exploration of Mars.”

TM Universe is and will always stay a positive, forward-looking and innovative project, which will contribute greatly to our local town.

Jaap Vogel

Relationships



INTERSECTIONS

Last week I was waiting to turn left at a T-junction when a vehicle approached, indicating that it was turning into my street. I pulled out and was startled by a blaring horn behind me. In my rear view mirror I could see an angry driver glaring at me. I was grateful I can't lip read! I wanted to communicate with the other driver and explain to them that their indicator was on, but I had no way of doing so. Meanwhile, this driver was experiencing misplaced anger which likely dissipated into embarrassment when they eventually noticed the indicator signal.

The obvious reason I couldn't communicate with the other driver was that I was in my vehicle, and they were in theirs. Just as physical vehicles can make communication with one another difficult, so can the vehicles that drive our thoughts, emotions and behaviours. In our relationships we will often encounter intersections - moments when our viewpoints cross one another. Instead of dialogue, we may sit tight in our position, trying to read one another's faulty signals. Without authentic discussion and feedback, we can easily misinterpret each others' intentions.

Misinterpretation causes us to become unnecessarily angry with someone whom we think has committed a violation against us. We get ourselves all worked up, ruminating over the incident and rehearsing in our mind how we'll confront them. Then later, once we learn the whole story, we realise how we have contributed to the misunderstanding.



It's more important than ever to be mindful of the harm that can eventuate at intersections, where two viewpoints come together. We are living in a time of uncertainty. The constant threat of disease is adding a layer of concern and stress, particularly for our most vulnerable. We are required to keep informed about ever-changing rules and restrictions. There are many voices in the public space, expressing contradictory opinions. Confusion, indecision, uncertainty is causing an increase in our general anxiety. In this environment, the likelihood of disagreement skyrockets.

I have witnessed the impact of this increased tension on families and friendships. Diverging views often have individuals heading for the driver's seat in their vehicle of belief and railroading their way through the intersection. The result of this is disconnection, hurt and, ultimately, regret. Now, more than ever, we need to be respectful of one another's opinions and concerns.

We all want to be right and to do the right thing. We also want affirmation that our opinion is right so that we feel supported in our choices. When faced with an opinion that is contrary to ours, it can make us feel uneasy and we can feel the need to shut that opinion down. Keep in mind that while your decision is right for you, someone else is making a contrary decision for legitimate reasons. Let's not divide ourselves into those who are 'right' and those who are 'wrong'. This type of black and white thinking denies the complexity of our current circumstances. Understanding and acceptance will navigate us through this pandemic.

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NATURE NOTES

with Nadia O'Carroll

Dragonflies



Dragonflies are members of the order *Odonata* (meaning "toothed one" in Greek), they are ancient and successful insects. One species of dragonfly that existed 300 million years ago is the largest insect recorded: its wingspan was 70 cm. There are approximately 6,000 species of dragonflies worldwide, and 320 in Australia.

Their appearance is characterised by small antennae, large mandibles, enormous eyes plus three small *ocelli*, tilted thorax, long slender abdomen and two pairs of veined membranous wings of similar shape and size. They have excellent sight, their compound eyes may have up to 30,000 individual lenses, and their head can rotate almost 360 degrees.

Many species have brightly coloured bodies and wings. Modern dragonflies are smaller than their ancestors, the largest species have wingspans of 19 cm and body length of 12 cm and the smallest species has a wingspan of 1.7 cm.

There are three stages in the dragonfly's life cycle. Adult dragonflies mate in the air and the female lays eggs on a water plant or in the water. The egg hatches into a nymph (larva). The nymph is a flattened chunky creature with wing pads and six legs located near its head. The nymph breathes by drawing water over its internal gills, so it is well adapted to life underwater. Growth and development occurs and the nymph has multiple moults before it climbs out of the water for a final nymphal moult and emerges as a fully developed adult. Dragonflies spend most of their life as nymphs; most species spend an average of 1-2 years as nymphs and only a few weeks to a year as adults.

Dragonflies are found in a wide range of freshwater environments and are sensitive to pollution and habitat disturbance.

Both nymphs and adults are highly effective hunters which use sophisticated locomotion. Nymphs have a hollow bladder, which is lined with tracheal gills; water is drawn in across the gills then expelled as a powerful column of water which jet propels the nymph through the water. The adult dragonfly is unable to walk but is a prodigious acrobatic flier due to independent control of each of its four wings. Maneuverability with acceleration recorded as 4g in straight lines and 9g in turns, the ability to move in any direction, hover, as well as achieving speeds of sixty kms per hour plus endurance are achieved by complex aerodynamic processes.



YOGA AND FREEDOM

Our YIN yoga classes this week were slow and introverted and as many of the poses are held for a full five minutes, this time allows me to share with my students: Yogic philosophy, Vedic teachings and poetry. This week I shared poetry from the Persian poet, Rumi, on Human Rights and Freedom.

Rumi was one of the greatest thinkers, spiritual masters and mystic poets of all time. From the 13th century to the present day, Rumi has also been a perfect source of inspiration in terms of social development and finding solutions to universal problems. His influence has crossed cultural and national boundaries. According to Rumi, people are not only earthly creatures but also spiritual beings who have special roles within the social system. Rumi viewed people as not microcosms, (small universes) but macrocosms (great universes). For, according to Rumi: God created man meticulously, blew his own soul into him and dedicated food and other useful things on earth to him. If all the world of existence is to be compared to a tree, Rumi regards the human as the fruit of this tree.

The age we live has been deemed the age of human rights, yet it is also an age of individual and massive violations of these rights at the same time. There is no longer respect for fundamental rights and freedoms, even in democratic countries. In an era of only one rhetoric (six major companies own all the media channels and carefully curate what you read and see), anyone who speaks out or has a different opinion to the norm is ridiculed, mocked, considered extreme, perhaps dangerous. Unlike the macrocosms of Rumi's world, we are encouraged to behave like little ants displaying absolute obedience and humility; bowing to strong social pressures and being rewarded for cooperation. And of course the punishments for non-cooperation ranges from social ostracism to deprivation of civil liberties.

So what has this got to do with yoga? Well freedom is one of our goals in yoga. Freedom of movement, freedom from pain, freedom from of the incessant chatter of the mind, freedom to speak your truth and freedom to step onto your path, even though that path might be different from everyone else's. One of the Sanskrit Mantras I like to share with my students is: Lokah Samastah Sukhino Bhavantu, which translates to: "May all beings everywhere be happy and free." Even 5000 years ago, happiness was equated with freedom of choice.

It's a strange time in the world. For sanity and good health, come and join us in yoga. We are a diverse group with loving hearts and open minds. Over the next couple of weeks building to Christmas we are going to practice a Sadhana using the Metta mantra: "May you be happy, healthy, peaceful and free."

Margot Wagner
Yoga Under the Bodhi Tree

(Find and like articles similar to this on my Facebook Page: [Yoga Under the Bodhi Tree](#))





TRAVELLING PLACES *with Gina*

Last week saw me heading off to a Helloworld owners' retreat for the first time in two years. Limited to Queensland owners, we didn't head off to Ho Chi Minh City, Honolulu, or Fiji as we have in previous years, but rather to the South Burnett. At the moment, anywhere is a treat and it was a great opportunity to chat with other travel agency owners. The general consensus is that travel bookings are really picking up and lots of people are booking international journeys... Albeit for the second half of 2022, 2023 and even into 2024. That is certainly our experience at Travelling Places.

If you haven't been to the South Burnett and you feel like a couple of nights away, I urge you to hop in the car and go. It really took me by surprise. We drove along the shoreline of Wivenhoe Dam and through Esk, where we stopped for coffee at Nash Gallery & Café – a restored Queenslander with covered verandahs and shady garden tables and chairs. Another time I will linger longer to potter around.

Through Toogoolawah, Blackbutt, Nanango and Murgon we commented on how familiar these names were – perhaps Jenny from ABC weather is responsible? Our destination: Goomeri – a delightful small town with a fantastic bakery (stop on your return to bring some goodies home), a delightful bookstore, and Joe's Grand Hotel that served a good country counter lunch. We stayed a couple of nights in Kingaroy – there are quite a few B&B's on local farms and around the area which looked lovely.

The weekend was a bit of a gourmet's delight. I had no idea there is so much produce in the area. The first night we went to Dusty Hill Winery for dinner – this winery has a large tasting room and a substantial restaurant, the grounds are extensive, and the vineyard goes for as far as the eye can see. Wandering around Kingaroy for an early morning



walk we passed the enormous peanut silos before we came across Hunter Gather Trader – a small boutique that served good coffee – apparently the best in town. Breakfast saw us out of town at Whipbird – a delightful converted wooden church that served yummy food. Onwards to Pottique lavender farm before pizzas for lunch at Kingsley Grove Estate.

Our second night saw us at delightful Clovelly Wines for a fabulous long table dinner under the stars between the grape vines. Catered for by Farm to Fork Collective – all the produce sourced from within 125kms of Wooroolin where they have a produce shop. Sunday morning saw us walking the Rail Trail – the old rail line has been developed into a walking/cycle track winding through farms and hamlets; the full length is 51kms – we enjoyed a 12km hike, great to be out in the open and walking off some of the wonderful food! I am happy to recommend Kingaroy and the South Burnett for a short getaway... Amazing what is within a few hours' drive of home!

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Mozambique Ham and Cheese Toastie

The classic ham and cheese toastie is one of the most common foods in Australia and I'm sure almost everyone you ask will have had one at some stage in their life. This wee, why not have a go at my Southern African take on this dish.

Most of us have a love of a good, toasted sandwich, and you only have to look at pretty much any café menu and you will find one on the list. But I can attest that there is a huge difference in how they are put together. There is a massive difference between a toastie and a toasted sandwich; for me, the cheese must be melted and pan fried. Not placed into a George Forman style grill that totally flattens the bread and destroys the integrity of this iconic dish.

Did you know? In 2004, there was a half-eaten grilled cheese sandwich with a burn pattern looking like the Virgin Mary, made by a woman in the US. She started being interviewed by Leno, Letterman, the AP press and even the BBC, and a casino in Las Vegas eventually somewhat strangely paid \$28,000 on eBay for it.

The toasted sandwich has been around for a long time. Some recipes for grilled cheese sandwiches have been around for centuries, with recipes even appearing in ancient Roman texts. The French started making their own 'croque monsieur' in the early 1900s.

A decadent toastie with béchamel on top and something I suggest you try at least once in your life.

In America things really started cooking when James L. Kraft received a patent for his pasteurisation process of cheese which allowed it to be transported without spoiling. Soon after, Otto Frederick Rohwedder, in the 1920s in Missouri, invented an automatic bread slicer that produced even slices. This made mass production available and by the time World War Two came about, cooks on navy ships were able to prepare thousands of "American Cheese Filled Sandwiches" as instructed by government-issued cookbooks. These were mostly open-faced sandwiches topped with grated cheese.

Later on, in 1949, the cheese world was changed once again by Kraft

who introduced single wrapped slices of processed cheese called "Kraft Singles". Around the same time, people started adding the second piece of bread and the modern grilled cheese sandwich was born although they were not officially called that until the 1960s. I would not recommend using the Kraft-style of cheese for this recipe though; you can make your own pizza cheese instead with a simple mix of 1/3rd cup of grated tasty cheese, 1/3rd cup of grated mozzarella, 1/4 cup shaved parmesan all mixed together.

I prefer to buy my ham from the butcher, made on-site, with bone in. This will guarantee that it will be Australian ham as it is illegal to import ham on the bone into Australia. If you are uncertain of the quality of the ham or have never tried it at your local butcher, a polite, "May I try a small taste of your ham to see if it is to my liking?" has always resulted in the butcher happily giving me a taste. As a child, when mum would take us to the butcher, he would always give us either a slice of devon, chicken roll, or a small frankfurter to nibble on and I'm sure they still do to this day.

My Shaka Zulu peri peri sauce is inspired by the Mozambique-style of cooking, with lots of roasted capsicums with chilli and some fresh lemon for zing. This is not a super-hot sauce, as I like to focus on flavour as well as heat so I rate this as a medium spice sauce. You will be amazed at how incredibly well the roasted capsicum and chilli pairs with the gooey cheese and smokey Australian ham.

CHEF DYLAN TIP: There are three things that make the perfect toastie:

1. Microwave the sandwich for approx. 30 seconds so that the cheese starts melting.
2. Cook each sandwich one by one in a small fry pan.
3. Heat on low so the bread toasts evenly.



SERVES 1
Prep time 5 mins
Cook time 5 mins

INGREDIENTS

- 2 slices thick-sliced bakery bread
- 85 grams of sliced ham off the bone
- 1/2 cup pizza cheese mix
- 1 tbs Shaka Zulu Peri Peri sauce*
- 1 tbs butter
- 1tsp oil

*Chef Dylan's Gourmet Food Co.
Shaka Zulu Peri Peri sauce

METHOD

1. Butter the bread (optional).
2. Add cheese and ham and drizzle on the Shaka Zulu sauce.
3. Place small frypan on medium heat.
4. On a plate, heat sandwich for 30 seconds in the microwave.
5. Turn the frypan down to low. Add 1 tsp butter and 1 tsp oil and melt.
6. Place sandwich into pan and gently cook (1-2 mins depending on heat) Check the degree of toasted-ness with a spatula or tongs. Once toasted nicely, carefully flip over and toast the other side.
7. When the other side is nicely toasted to golden brown, gently remove the sandwich onto a board. Let it rest for 2 minutes, as the cheese will be LAVA hot! Cut in half after the wait time is done.
8. Serve with a pickle and a nice cold beer.

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3. The 'Plough' of the night sky is known by what name in the US?
4. On The Muppet Show, what was the name of the manic drummer?
5. What is the name of the watery by-product in cheese making?
6. What kind of meat comes under the heading of 'Pollo' in Italian restaurants?
7. In the pop and rock world, who were ELP?
8. St Michael's Mount lies off the coast of which English county?
9. What are prunes made from?
10. Where would you have to travel to stand by the Marsh of Decay?

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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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