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## VALE JOY DRESCHER



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*The sudden passing of former Beaudesert Mayor and larger-than-life character, Joy Drescher, has shocked and saddened the Scenic Rim community. Story Page 3. Photo: Susie Cunningham*



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# PASSING OF JOY DRESCHER

The sudden passing of former Beaudesert Mayor and larger-than-life character, Joy Drescher, has shocked and saddened the Scenic Rim community.

It is believed Ms Drescher, who was battling breast cancer, passed away on Sunday night. Only that day she had attended the anti-coronavirus mandate forum in Beaudesert.

Hers was a life devoted to community service in many forms – public office, voluntary organisations like Rotary and Beaudesert Bush Bards, and local correspondent for the *Beaudesert Times* community pages.

Blessed with a profound sense of humour, she was a much loved and respected character, having contested 11 Beaudesert and Scenic Rim local government elections, winning three as councillor and two as mayor.

Scenic Rim MP Jon Krause described Ms Drescher as a Beaudesert legend, the last Mayor of Beaudesert Shire, Rotarian, raconteur, wearer of great hats and having the most identifiable and infectious laugh going around.

"The entire district should be grateful for her years of service to council and the community.

"Thank you Joy for your years of service to the community, and also to the LNP. You will be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with Doug and all of Joy's family."

Councillor Virginia West said Ms Drescher could hold her own in any political situation and would fight fiercely for her people.

"I worked with Joy when I was a first-time councillor in 2004," Cr West said.

"She was such a community person and as Mayor she went to everything.

"This is a huge loss for the community. She was amazing and always called a spade a spade. I've been in so many situations with Joy where she just said it as it was; you always knew where you stood with her."

Scenic Rim Mayor, Greg Christensen, said he was shocked and saddened by the news of Ms Drescher's passing.

"I share the pain of our community at the loss of someone who has been a larger-than-life part of that community," he said.

"While her service to the community through Council is well known and well recognised, her ongoing service of



both character, colour and good humour have provided an ongoing legacy to be treasured."

Federal Member for Wright, Scott Buchholz, said: "I will remember Joy Drescher fondly as a leader, servant of our community and proud Beaudesert resident.

"The gift that Joy gave to our community was to live life to the fullest and not take yourself too seriously.

"There is no doubt Joy was a colourful figure, who had no problem in expressing her opinion, or eclectic wardrobe.

"A personality that you were instantly drawn toward, like a moth to a light, even if it were just to hear her unique laughter. Joy's enthusiasm for life and community was infectious.

"My thoughts are with her husband, family, friends and all who knew her well. Beaudesert is in mourning today.

"Joy may have been the last Mayor of Beaudesert, but her community service did not cease when she left the council chamber one last time.

"A committed member of Rotary, Joy served our local community to the very end.

"She was a fierce advocate for our region, for our people and for doing the right thing by your fellow Australian.

"I will remember her fondly as a leader, servant of our community and proud Beaudesert resident."

*Photo: Beaudesert Times*



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*Buy Local Christmas 2019 draw (from left): Jon Krause MP, winner Bev Link, Jo Sellens (owner of Backroads), Cr Michael Enright, and Scott Buchholz MP.*

**Scenic Rim residents are being encouraged to spread the festive cheer to local businesses during the Buy Local Christmas 2021 campaign – and give themselves a chance to win \$1000.**

Simply make a purchase at a local Scenic Rim business, write your name and phone number on the back of a receipt, and drop it in one of the Buy Local Christmas 2021 boxes set up in various shops around the community to go in the draw to win \$1000. The boxes will be collected in early January and the draw will be made mid-January.

Federal Member for Wright, Scott Buchholz and State Member for Scenic Rim, Jon Krause, have initiated the Buy Local Christmas 2021 campaign in conjunction with various Chambers of Commerce in the Scenic Rim.

The campaign follows the success of a similar initiative in 2019. It is encouraging residents to buy local and provide a boost to the region following a few tough years of drought, bushfires, floods, and COVID-19.

“This Christmas what we need is for local people to support local businesses – buy the locally made candle, a voucher to stay at one of our many fantastic accommodation venues, visit an eco-tourism park, dine locally and eat the array of locally grown produce,” said Mr Buchholz.

“Doing all of this supports local businesses, local jobs and the local economy – and that makes our community stronger.”

Mr Krause said that local businesses needed support, not only for the jobs they provided but for the contribution that so many give back to the community through sponsorships and support for great causes.

**MEALS ON WHEELS**

**ROSTER FOR DECEMBER**

<b>Fri 3rd</b>	Clive & Lyn TURNER, Hillel WEINTRAUB
<b>Fri 10th</b>	Athol & James MCDONALD, Glenys KELLY
<b>Fri 17th</b>	Harry O’NEILL, Lenore THEILEM David JEFFREY
<b>Wed 22nd</b>	Tanya JOHNSTON-HIRD, Stephen NUSKE, Jodi MEYNELL
<b>Fri 31st</b>	NO DELIVERIES



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# Councillor's Comment



**DEREK SWANBOROUGH**  
DIVISION 1

## COUNCIL MEETING 23 NOVEMBER HIGHLIGHTS MAYORAL MINUTE QUEENSLAND COVID-19 ROADMAP

The first hour of the council meeting of November 23 was centred around discussion of a Mayoral minute concerning vaccination and vaccination mandates. It was very lengthy, and I don't have the space to repeat it. It will be in the Council minutes online. In a nutshell it authorises the Mayor to make representations to the State to reassess several issues around the mandates that are concerning the community.

I successfully moved an amendment to the motion to also reinforce the most important message Council could send to the community, and that is to get vaccinated ASAP. The mayoral minute and amendment were supported unanimously.

## APEAL SETTLED TO APPROVE HEALTH CENTRE WITH SIX CABINS, CORNER LAHEY AND MAIN WESTERN ROADS

The previous council knocked this application back and the developer took it to court. After negotiating changes to conditions, Council has decided to approve it. This is a very concerning outcome for Tamborine Mountain and I believe Council should have maintained its position and followed through and defended its refusal.

It wasn't so reticent to spend money going to court challenging the Heritage Council's decision to list the pig and calf saleyards in Beaudesert, and my guess is that will cost much more than it may have cost to go to court to protect Tamborine Mountain from an inappropriate development.

What is also of great concern to me is that this decision was taken in closed session and so the debate on this issue and the reasons will be hidden from the public. I can't tell you anything about it and the media can't report on it. Last year the *Local Government Act* was amended so that planning issues could not be discussed in closed session. It does allow closure of meetings to hear legal opinion. Council heard the legal opinion weeks prior to the council meeting but by repeating the legal advice in the planning report on this matter (when I considered it could have easily been excluded from the report) denied the public its right to know how and why this planning decision was made and how they were represented by their councillors.

We have a real issue of transparency here and the way this was structured gets around the requirement that deliberation of planning issues can't be hidden from the public and is

untenable in my view. The public and those who are affected by planning decisions have a right to know how decisions are made. Of course, the other downfall of transparency is excessively delegating planning issues to council officers to decide. Councillor McConnell and I voted against the motion to settle the appeal.

## ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SCENIC RIM REGIONAL PROSPERITY LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE

My understanding is that this is a new super economic development and growth advisory committee that has a huge cast of members from Government departments, agencies and organisations, business and not-for-profit organisations formed out of other existing committees, to represent the interests and needs of the future growth and development of the Scenic Rim. All the details are included in council agenda item 10.5. The Mayor will be the chair for the first 12 months and Deborah Howe, General Manager Customer and Regional Prosperity, will be the permanent Executive Officer. Its roles and functions are in the report and notes the drivers of economic growth as:

- Agri Business
- Tourism – (Includes Agri Tourism)
- Creative industries and business development services
- Health and wellbeing
- Waste to value
- Transport and logistics
- Large scale industry. Bromelton State Development area (large scale, high impact and difficult locate industries)
- Education and Workforce Development.

Not all members will have voting rights.

There are a lot of risks for such a large all-encompassing committee. Resourcing, grant funding and focus must be a big one. Will there be sectors that are winners and losers? In order that some transparency exists I successfully requested an amendment to see that all councillors could attend these meetings, which will be held four times per year.

## ARE MINOR AND OTHER CHANGE VARIATIONS CIRCUMVENTING OUR PLANNING DECISIONS?

Council's abolition of a planning committee in mid-2020 is proving problematic. It was always the danger there would be issues when the majority of development decision making is delegated to unelected council officers or left to them giving

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verbal briefings to councillors in closed workshops, on a question-and-answer basis.

The problems now seem to have escalated to a more serious level. Once a planning decision is made, council officers can and are signing off on "change" and "minor change" applications, that may disregard or fail to understand the impacts and implications of such changes on submitters and others impacted by the development. In short, it gets around the Planning Scheme. In a case in the Planning and Environment Court recently a judge was scathingly critical of the use of Minor Change applications because she said in this case it "circumvented" the planning scheme. I have seen many examples of this locally and the problem needs addressing.

I remember a decade ago the very first Scenic Rim Council officers used their delegations to approve a series of "minor change" applications to advance an inappropriate development that would have been a disaster for the Mountain. It was called the Hyacinth case. Of course, it really was not minor at all, but Council stuck to their guns, went to court to try to defeat the Progress Association's action to stop it. The council spent hundreds of thousands of dollars in legal costs and still claimed it was minor and lawful till the end. The result was a complete loss for the council with the judge dismissing all approval decisions made on the land and saying the council's actions were "reprehensible and incomprehensible".

I have lodged a NOTICE OF MOTION for next week's Ordinary Meeting to address the issue of how changes to already approved developments occur. I believe that all these change delegations should be reviewed, and the decision-making given back to the elected councillors to decide in meetings open to the public and media. How else in a democracy do you achieve the best outcomes, protect the rights of individuals and persons impacted by development decisions and guard against corruption and undue influence?

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Bookings are essential. Space limits apply.

**BEAUDESERT** Tuesday 9.30am | Wednesday 9.30am

**BOONAH** Monday 10am | Friday 10am

**TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN** Monday 9.15am | 2-5 yrs  
Friday 9.15am | Baby Rhyme Time 0-2 yrs

### DIGITAL DAYS

Tech help sessions. Bookings are required.

**BEAUDESERT** | Tuesdays **BOONAH** | Wednesdays

**CANUNGRA** | Mondays

**TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN** | Thursdays

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

**BEAUDESERT** 7 December

**CANUNGRA** 8 December

**TAMBORINE VILLAGE** 14 December

**KALBAR** 16 December

**PEAK CROSSING** 23 December

### BEAUDESERT LIBRARY

**Yak & Yarn** Tuesdays | 9.30am - 11.30am

**Kids Space** Thursdays | 4pm - 5pm

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3 December

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10 December

In The Heights (M)

17 December

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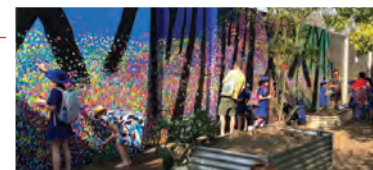
## WORKSHOPS AND TALKS

### ARTS DINNER - 2021 THAT'S A WRAP

Tuesday 7 December | The Centre Beaudesert

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## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### SCENIC RIM WRITERS GROUP

7 December | 10am - 2pm | The Centre Beaudesert

## SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

### COMING SOON: SCHOOL HOLIDAYS CULTURAL PROGRAM - JANUARY 2022

The Centre Beaudesert | Boonah Cultural Centre

Vonda Youngman Community Centre

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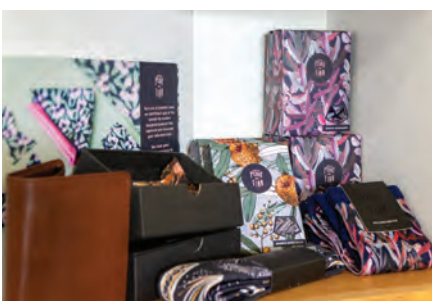
Just landed in-store are some gorgeous handmade Christmas pottery decorations for anyone who would love something handmade and totally unique for the tree.

To help create the festive mood, there is a fantastic range of candles, but one of our favourites this year is the Aromatherapy Co. Xmas Pud candle, which embraces timeless holiday traditions... this candle smells so good, with hints of citrus, nutmeg, cinnamon and cloves. It smells to me like Christmas in a candle!

We also have a range of Organic Merchant tea, which is soooo good; there is hot and cold tea to choose from, and if you cannot decide, there are some gorgeous sampler packs: a great Christmas gift for the person who has everything.

So, if you are still stuck for an idea, come in and let us help you, we have plenty to choose from, and we add new stock daily. Body products, lotions and potions, stationery, cushions, prints, homewares, books, sunglasses, hats, bags, jewellery, and so much more. And as we know, wrapping can be the hardest part... let us take that stress away as well.

This is our second Christmas, and we are as excited as ever to help make your Christmas as easy as possible. So, from the team at Lux and Gather - Janelle, Michele, Ally, Nicky, Nadine and Michelle D - from our family to yours, have a very Merry Christmas and a safe and wonderful New Year!



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Closed 24th, 25th, 27th, 28th December – Open 30th, 31st 9-3pm  
Closed 1st, 2nd, 3rd 4th January – Open normal hours from 5th Jan





## JON KRAUSE MP

State Member for Scenic Rim

### GEAR UP FOR SUMMER

It's important to stay cool during hot weather, and for many of us in the Scenic Rim this may mean visiting one of the dams in the region, swimming in the pool, or even taking a trip to the coast (when it's not raining). It's vital that children are supervised at all times when they're in the water and it's also vital for kids to learn the basics in swimming to prevent drownings. Adults also need to be safe around water by wearing a life jacket while boating or kayaking. Remembering to keep safe around the water is especially important as we head into the Christmas period when most of us are on holidays and the weather is warm.

Warm weather can also bring summer storms – I urge you not to wait until you are caught in the middle of a storm to wish that you were better prepared. As well as ensuring that loose objects are secured, make sure plans are made to protect your pets and livestock during a disaster, and that your insurance information is up to date. It is also important that all those with health problems ensure they will be able to access their medication in the event of a disaster, and each family member needs to know what to do in the case of a severe storm event. I believe that getting to know your neighbours and familiarising yourself with storm warnings and action plans is vital for the safety of our community. If you are not sure where to begin in your storm preparations, visit the Get Ready Queensland website at: [www.getready.qld.gov.au](http://www.getready.qld.gov.au)

The annual warning about storms also means that it's the time of year that school starts to wind down. I want to take this opportunity to say a big congratulations to our students from all year levels and to all our teachers – 2021 has been another unpredictable year and your ability to adapt to the constantly changing teaching and learning environments should not go unnoticed. There are still a few days left of school for this year, so please remember that the standard operating times for most school zones in Queensland are between 7–9am and 2–4pm. Children can be hard to see and may not be concentrating on vehicle movements before or after school, so it's important that we take extra care at these times.

#### 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 Scott Buchholz MP 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.

#### 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. We can also 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

### SUPPORTING THE SOLOMON ISLANDS

Solomon Islands is part of our Pacific family and is among our closest neighbours. We have been watching the ongoing protests in Honiara with concern and continue to call for calm and for an end to any further violence. Australia has agreed to provide assistance to Solomon Islands in line with our Treaty arrangement.

A Royal Australian Air Force plane departed Canberra last week with members of the Australian Federal Police and officials of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade in support of the Australian Government response to the request for assistance. This deployment expands upon our longstanding bilateral security relationship, underpinned by strong cooperation between police, border and defence agencies in Australia and Solomon Islands.

#### KEEPING US SAFE FROM HIGH-RISK TERRORIST OFFENDERS

The Morrison Government last week secured passage in the Parliament of legislation to continue to protect the Australian community from the evolving threat posed by convicted terrorist offenders. The legislation establishes an extended supervision order scheme to ensure that terrorist offenders who are released into the community at the end of their custodial sentences are subject to tailored close supervision, based on the level of risk they pose to community safety. The new extended supervision order scheme will keep Australians safe from terrorist offenders who remained a high-risk at the conclusion of their sentence.

#### FURTHER STEPS TO REOPEN AUSTRALIA AND SECURE OUR ECONOMIC RECOVERY

Australia continues to take further steps to safely reopen to the world, with additional changes to our international border arrangements coming into effect on 1 December. Consistent with the national plan to safely reopen Australia, these changes will ensure we continue to protect the health of Australians, while reuniting families and securing our economic recovery by opening our border to skilled and student visa holders.

From 1 December fully vaccinated eligible visa holders can come to Australia without needing to apply for a travel exemption. Eligible visa holders include skilled and student cohorts, as well as humanitarian, working holiday maker and provisional family visa holders. From 1 December, Australia will also welcome back fully vaccinated citizens from Japan and the Republic of Korea.

#### PBS LISTING HELPS THOSE WITH RARE GENETIC CONDITION

From 1 December Australians with a rare and potentially deadly condition, hereditary angioedema, will be able to obtain potentially life changing medication through the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme. The Morrison Government is listing Takhzyro® (lanadelumab) on the PBS for the first time for patients with hereditary angioedema. Hereditary angioedema is a rare, chronic genetic condition occurring in around one in 50,000 people. From 1 December, they'll pay \$41.30 per script or \$6.60 with a concession card.

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# Letters to the Editor

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## DEVELOPMENT BY STEALTH

**I am writing to express my concern at yet another SRRRC planning scheme systems failure.**

In mid-2018, a "Material Change of Use" application was lodged with Council for a wedding venue at 108 – 118 Alpine Terrace.

This application was only put in place AFTER the works had begun; these works included such things as driveways, formal gardens, carparks and a toilet block. Once the application (MCU12/555) was made and it became common knowledge of what was going on, there was a huge amount of push-back from the community, in particular those at the southern end of the Mountain. The two local councillors voted against it, and there were nearly three times as many letters "against" as there were "for".

And yet, it still gets voted in by those councillors off the Mountain; the Mayor actually had the deciding vote, and he voted "yes"... thanks for that, Mr Christensen.

A hefty report was compiled and some restrictions were put in place as to how this business could operate, i.e. numbers of people, operating hours etc. – acknowledgement that there were serious concerns about noise, traffic and the environment.

So it's more than disappointing to see that the owners have now put forward a "minor change application" to the Planning Department asking that operating hours be extended from 7pm to 10pm, as well as other additions. The irony is that this application does not need to go to Council: the Planning Department can just approve this application. This effectively wipes out all the reporting, community concerns, restrictions and debates/discussions that took place in 2018.

The owners got what they wanted; now they want more, and this broken planning scheme allows it all to happen.

This "build it now and we'll deal with the consequences later" mentality has to stop.

I urge anyone who has concerns about these changes and any others to write an email to all of the following email addresses:

[mail@scenicrim.qld.gov.au](mailto:mail@scenicrim.qld.gov.au), [CEO@scenicrim.qld.gov.au](mailto:CEO@scenicrim.qld.gov.au), [mark.l@scenicrim.qld.gov.au](mailto:mark.l@scenicrim.qld.gov.au). Please CC all councillors.

I have also written a letter of complaint to the Crime and Corruption Commission (CCC), as I believe there are further questions regarding cronyism and nepotism that need to be investigated.

**Frederick Beel**

## WHY CREATE DIVISION NOW?

**I am saddened to read a media report of accusations against the directors of TM Universe.**

The complainant has left the directors no opportunity to reply, as the accuser has initiated legal action against them. However, the complainant has also published their side of the story widely on social media, where they have invited open discussion.

Why, if this accusation has substance, not allow the courts to decide? Why make publicly damaging accusations against the directors of a project which the complainant is so keen to be a part of?

This project is in the final straight, and has overcome the substantial initial hurdles of acquiring land and investors. Why seek to create division now?

I can only say that I have the utmost admiration for Jaap Vogel and the co-founders whose dream it is to create a world class observatory on Tamborine Mountain.

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## Councillor's Comment

*These are my own personal views. I do not purport to speak on behalf of Council.*

**JEFF McCONNELL**  
DIVISION 2

### 2021 – JUST HOW QUICKLY DID IT GO?

**Well, how quick did 2021 go? It's December already. This has now been my second year as a councillor, and I can say I have found my feet. I am also happy with most responses by Council to issues that I have raised to be actioned. It's not always easy when we have such a large area with a small number of staff. However, they do a great job with limited resources.**

The councillors decided that we would not renew the CEO's contract and would put the position back out to market. This was not an easy decision, but I believe it is for the best long-term benefit to the Council. I wish the CEO, Mr Jon Gibbons, all the best in the future.

2022/23 Budget discussions are about to start, and there's always a great debate within the councillors' chamber. It's not easy trying to manage such a small budget (approximately \$100 million) but a large area. I will always try and keep rates increases as low as possible.

COVID and the economy are still the biggest issues that I can see. Lockdowns due to COVID have severely impacted some of our small businesses, especially the hospitality sector. The hypocrisy in the lockdown restrictions has been obvious, with big business allowed to operate and small businesses being forced to shut their doors. I hope next year after opening the borders, that small businesses can still operate but with suitable restrictions.

If you listen to the council meeting of 23 November, we discussed the coming Queensland State Government vaccine mandates. I oppose any mandate that restricts or removes the rights of any citizens to move freely or attend any business purely because you have not been vaccinated. This is a basic human right and is non-negotiable in my values. We agreed to request that the State Government take urgent action to reassess the impacts and burdens this mandate places on the community and businesses.

I am encouraging all residents, before the State Government opens the border, to start with a healthy living/eating lifestyle that includes a good diet with lots of vitamins and minerals, and please consult your doctor for more information.

Lastly, I hope everyone has a safe and prosperous Christmas and New Year.

**Quote of the day:** *What is the difference between a conspiracy theory and the truth? – about 6-12 months in today's news cycle.*

**Scott BUCHHOLZ MP**  
Federal Member for **Wright**

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# UNDER THE GREENWOOD TREE CELEBRATES

Under the Greenwood Tree, Independent Bookshop and Art Gallery will celebrate its sixth Christmas this year. From a sparsely-filled space in 2016, the bookshop is now literally packed to the rafters with a huge range of new books and one-off artworks by local and Queensland artists.

The 'tiny-house' gallery has changed exhibitions every six weeks, with wonderful exhibitions by local and Queensland artists. There have been author talks, painting demonstrations and lots of celebrations, creating great memories and bringing together like-minded patrons from near and afar.

Janene Gardner's and Alison Johnson's love of books and art is infectious. Conversations evolve around favourite genres, authors, characters, questions of art, philosophy and science, the natural world and travel – then move on to

the current exhibition and its artworks and influences. Books and the creative arts are celebrated at 'Under The Greenwood Tree' as a vital part of every life, bringing pleasure, insight, solace and a path to the imagination.

This weekend, Saturday December 4th will be the start of the Annual Small Works Christmas Exhibition. With solo exhibitions by artists throughout the year, the annual exhibition of small works by gallery artists provides



a wonderful opportunity both to view and enjoy a wide range of work and find some inspiration for those Christmas gifts. There are beautiful new landscapes by Tamborine Mountain artists Sam Suttie and Diana Coulter, and ceramics by Nicci Parry-Jones, Monte Lupo Sculptures, Julie Shepherd Gratitude Bowls and lots of jewellery – literally something for everyone.



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# ENERGEX: TAKE CARE WHEN YOU INSTALL XMAS LIGHTS

With a flurry of neighbourhood Christmas light installations traditionally occurring at this time of the year, Energex is urging everyone to ensure it is done with electrical safety in mind.

Energex Area Manager, Trevor King, said Christmas lights were essentially an electrical appliance and should be treated with the same level of caution as other powered devices in the home.

“What people should remember when setting up Christmas lights and other mains-powered decorations is they are working with electricity and it can be dangerous if the appliance is faulty or care isn’t taken,” Mr King said.

“We’re urging the community to check their decorations for faults or frayed cords before plugging them in and if they have any concerns to have them checked by a qualified electrician or throw them away.

“When buying new lights or electronic decorations ensure they meet Australian safety standards which should be displayed on the packaging. Quality lights are only marginally more expensive but can help prevent electrical hazards and other issues such as house fires.

“We’re also asking people to ensure that if they’re using powered decorations outside, they are rated for outdoor use because if indoor only rated lights get wet, they can cause serious electrical issues.”

Mr King also said that in the past crews had observed people placing decorations, including lights, on Energex’s equipment which could not only endanger those installing them, but also crews who had to work on them.

“Each Christmas we’ve seen everything from Christmas lights to inflatable Santas tied to our powerpoles, padmount transformers and other equipment,” he said.

“Our crews love Christmas decorations as much as the next



person but those placing them on our network may not only inadvertently place themselves at risk, but our crews who need to access our equipment when responding to already dangerous situations such as storms and other severe weather.”



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**Hello to everyone. The progressive end of school has already commenced so expect to see school kids wandering around and enjoying the break. Parents, please pay attention and take note of what your kids are up to. Have a contact plan and communicate.**

This time of year, we see the commencement of our annual Christmas road safety campaign: speeding, drink (or drug) driving, seatbelts, fatigue and distractions (think mobile phones). The fatal five is known to contribute to a serious injury or death on our roads, and it would be a tragedy should someone from this community, let alone any other, to become a statistic.

There is zero tolerance around this type of offending – it's no secret. As I always say, it's all voluntary: your decision will be the difference between a fine or not, and possibly worse.



We continue to have traffic crashes here, and I can only encourage everyone to be patient on the roads. We have huge volumes of traffic daily and not everyone is familiar with these surroundings, so expect the unexpected.

Speaking of traffic and driving – we thank all the fantastic supporters of our

Driver Training Initiative. A recent anonymous donation of \$800 from a member of this community is testament to the support our young members of the community receive. As a reminder, a learner driver from this community can attend the station and obtain a voucher for a driving lesson from an accredited driving instructor. It's invaluable and I encourage everyone in that position to take advantage.

There have been a couple of instances this month of motor vehicles being stolen. It's a fact of life that opportunistic thieves exist no matter where we are these days, not just Tamborine Mountain. If you are going away, look to secure your valuables. If you have a trusted friend or family around, you may think to let them know of your plans and have an available contact number for any emergencies. Don't give someone the opportunity to thief from you.

Above all else though, enjoy life. Who cares what others are doing, you can't change what you can't control! Unless it's unlawful: then give me a call, or make an anonymous call to Crimestoppers on **1800 333 000**.

As I always say, report matters that might seem suspicious; your information is just a phone call away and may help save someone's life or protect their property; you never know.

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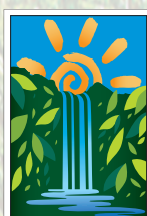
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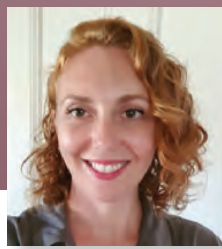
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## WATER BIRTH

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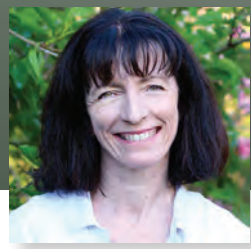
When you first start to have contractions, you will be encouraged to stay home until they are in a regular pattern. Often people come into hospital thinking they are in labour when contractions are spaced out, irregular, or not strong enough to be classed as labour. For midwives, labour is when you are having regular, strong contractions, every 2-3 minutes, lasting 45-60 seconds each, and you are between 4 and 6cm dilated. If your contractions are not regular, you are unlikely to be in established labour. That doesn't mean that your cervix isn't changing, it just means it's too soon to be in labour and the contractions may stop and give you a break for half a day or so before starting again. One of the suggestions for pain relief during this early period may be to have a bath at home or a shower, as the water can be soothing, and staying in a warm, small private space will help your body to be relaxed and allow those contractions to do their job more effectively.

Once you are in labour, you may wish to get in the birthing pool. There are a few instances where this is contraindicated in the guidelines and not recommended. If you are having an oxytocin drip to make you have contractions, if you have a fever or any signs of infection, if the baby has passed meconium (their first poo) while inside, if there is any concern about baby's heart rate, or if you are less than 37 weeks. You will also be encouraged not to get in the pool yet if you have only just got into established labour. This is because when you get in the pool the contractions can ease off, which is not what you want when you're in established labour, as this can lead to increased intervention. The birthing pool can only be used with a midwife who has done some extra training to perform pool births (although most have). At GCUH there is a pool in every birthing room except 3 (these are the high-risk rooms for women with complex pregnancies), however, sometimes with acuity, we only have those rooms available, in which case there is no pool. This is rare, but something to be aware of.

When you are in the pool, there are several instances when you will be requested to exit the pool and it is very important to follow this for the safety of you and your baby. You will be asked to exit if you develop any of the contraindications listed above, and also to get out every 2-3 hours to pass urine, for vaginal exams, if when the baby's shoulders get stuck while the body is being born, and after birth to deliver the placenta.

If you have any questions about waterbirth, speak to your midwife about your own personal circumstances and any questions you have. You can go in the pool for labour but get out for birth if you wish, and sometimes people think they will love the pool but get in and hate it and want to get out. Like with all things labour, it is best to have a broad idea of things you'd like to try, and then just see how you feel on the day.

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## FAMILY TREES

After my dad passed away some years ago, his cousin sent me details of his family tree going back ten generations. It piqued my interest. Dad had once told me that his mother claimed that they had descended from royalty. It seemed a strange claim given that his dad was a coal miner and the family with four children lived in a tiny one bedroom miner's cottage. I decided in honour of dad that I would follow his ancestor trail further back in history. I didn't have far to search. Surprisingly, the grandfather of the last person on his cousin's list turned out to be an earl. Following his line took me to an impressive list of kings and queens in Scotland, England and all around Europe. My dad's humble roots were not so humble after all!

Our family tree is an indelible legacy in shaping who we are. We carry the genes of our forebears and the baseline values and lessons of our upbringing. Depending on your experience, your family roots may be regarded as a blessing or a curse. Boris Milat, the only sibling to publicly denounce his brother Ivan, was embarrassed by his family and chose to change his name to Millar. In contrast, Australia has influential family dynasties with success in spheres such as media, sport, art, mining, pastoralism, that we may harbour a wish we could be grafted into.

Whether your upbringing was one of privilege or lack, closeness or distance, function or dysfunction: your early experiences do not determine who you are nor the path you carve for yourself as an adult. You are not simply a product of your environment, nor are you defined by it. Your background does not have to be your accepted norm. I have met many people who have endured childhood abuse, neglect and rejection. Despite this, they made a choice to choose a divergent path. Yes, they carry scars that may never totally heal, but their scars motivate them toward a better future.



If you are a parent, you are the architect of your family's culture. Rather than falling into unintended patterns, be purposeful in the culture you create. Reflect on what is important to you. Discuss with your partner the values, priorities, habits and experiences you want to create for your family. Have a clear vision of what you are trying to achieve. What aspects of your family of origin do you wish to emulate and which do you want to avoid? Determine not to repeat the mistakes of the past.

Regardless of how you began life, the way you live and the person you become is determined by you. Don't put limits on yourself; seek out new opportunities and try new things. Perhaps you grew up with a 'coal miner's daughter' mentality, with a belief that people from your side of the tracks aren't influential. It's possible you carry the genes of people who ruled the world! Don't underestimate your latent potential!

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# NATURE NOTES

with Nadia O'Carroll

## THE SURF



**Most ocean waves are created by wind, as a breeze blows over water, the surface tension breaks and ripples are created, the wind pushes the back of the ripples and eddies form at the front. Friction between the air and the water transfers energy from the wind into the ocean and pushes the particles of water into a circular, orbital movement that creates the shape of a wave. Ocean waves appear to be movements of water, but they are actually transmission of kinetic energy through seawater. Although ocean waves can travel great distances, there is very little forward movement of the water particles themselves. Energy transfers between the water molecules but the molecules mainly bob up and down in place.**

**Surf** is a breaking wave and it is created when a wave makes contact with the seabed and friction slows the velocity of the wave base, but the top of the wave continues to move at the same speed. Eventually this speed difference causes the wave to tip forward, break apart and release its energy.

**Breaking waves** exist in highly variable environments influenced by wind, tides and currents but it is basically the profile of the seabed which creates different types of breaking waves. These have been classified into different types based on changes to the wave surface profile during the breaking process.

**Surging waves** are found in deep water, they are stable and may not actually break.

**Spilling waves** are found where there is a sloping or gentle gradient of seabed, the crest of the wave crumbles at the top and spills down the front of the wave, dissipating energy uniformly.

**Plunging or dumping waves** occur where the seabed is steep or shallow, and the base of the wave is slowed abruptly, the crest of the wave curls forward and plunges over the front of the wave, releasing energy suddenly.

**A surf break** is an area with characteristics that cause waves to break - beach breaks, point breaks, reef breaks, river/estuary breaks and ledge breaks.

The fluid dynamics of broken waves are complex, but obviously the mass of water released by the waves must quickly return seawards to maintain the water level, and this movement creates a rip current.

Although we still do not fully understand the complex mechanics of the surf zone, it remains a source of enjoyment, excitement, relaxation and inspiration.



## YOUR BODY DOESN'T LIE

**A Tantra yoga class this week. An energetic practice targeting our endocrine systems and guaranteed to increase the flow of pranic energy in the body with the classic side effect of joy! Yes, Tantra practised just before Christmas is a good way to crank up the joy. And Tantric yoga is honest. As that joy bubbles up and overflows into your body, you will respond to that joy in truth. Because your body doesn't lie.**

In yoga, I am always talking about speaking your truth, the pursuit of truth and the courage to step onto a path of truth. If you are in touch with your body, you will already know the physical and mental price you pay for not telling the truth. Telling lies is exhausting and can exacerbate neck, throat, ear, voice and thyroid issues. And dishonesty is a slippery slope. That first lie often leads to bigger and bigger lies. Initially we often feel bad about the lies we tell but over time, as we lie again and again, the brain, for survival, adapts to make the remorse less intense and we are able to increase the magnitude of our lies.

In a society where truth is so muddled, who knows what's true and what's not true anymore? How confused does everyone get when you are subjected to yet another rambling explanation of X, where the speaker – obfuscating, repeating and using jargon – never makes any sense. We are left in a recycling state of depression, anxiety or anger because deep down we know there is something real in this world.



Look to the body. Bodies don't lie. 90% of human communication is non-verbal and these non-verbal cues reveal the truth. Look at the speaker's eyes: liars often don't make eye contact or look away, although compulsive liars are aware of this sign and will hold your gaze for far too long. Observe the nose touch. When a person lies, histamines are released in the body that causes the blood vessels in the nose to swell and itch. Bill Clinton provided a good example of this during the Monica Lewinsky case. And liars often neck scratch and shake their head excessively when they speak.

There is a hitch. We are all liars, and the only way to know what is true is to unmask your own lies. So start with you. Look at all those lies you tell every day and see how you feel when you slowly and diplomatically start telling the truth. Look for those non-verbal cues in others and you will be able to reconcile the uneasiness you feel in your body with what they are saying, it might be a lie. Listening to your body on this lifelong pursuit of truth will help you know when you are lying or being lied to.

**Margot Wagner**

**Yoga Under the Bodhi Tree**

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# TRAVELLING PLACES *with Gina*

Saturday morning sees me on a flight to Adelaide - this really has become one of my favourite destinations. Not only is my son living there, but I love the cultural attractions of South Australia. There are always great restaurants and wineries to experience and each time I visit, there are new places to discover. This trip is a long weekend for Hamish's graduation.

Next May I am returning with a small group (maximum 10) to not only visit Adelaide but to travel further afield. Driving north we will head to the Flinders Ranges to stay at Arkaba Homestead. Originally a cattle station, Arkaba has been converted by its current owners into a private conservancy; think privately-owned national park.

Over the years this massive property has been returned to its original flora and fauna and the homestead has been converted into a small country house hotel. After a night in the homestead, we head out to a more remote area to enjoy the Arkaba Walk, taking us through the extraordinary landscape of Wilpena Pound.

Walking around 10 kilometres a day with a day pack for water and lunch, we arrive in camp each afternoon where we will find our private glamping site. After a hot shower, our dinner will be served alfresco around the campfire before retiring to sleep under the stars or in our purpose-built tents. Our guides will share their knowledge of the traditional owners, the landscape we are wandering through and its ancient history. This is a 'luxury walk of Australia' with everything catered for. After two nights in the wilderness, we return to the homestead for a night



before heading off to the Clare Valley.

Staying in the Clare for three nights, we will experience the history of European settlement and the cultural influences of the area. This is also a major produce and wine growing district of South Australia. Our local guide will fill our days with visits to country houses, art galleries, and produce markets. What would a visit to the Clare Valley be without visiting a winery and enjoying lunch amongst the vines? Famous for crisp dry Riesling, I am sure we will enjoy our wine tasting experience.

Arriving back in Adelaide we have an exclusive farewell dinner at the famous Adelaide Markets – I think the best produce markets in Australia. Escorted by a local foodie, we will meet some of the stall holders before enjoying a wonderful dinner.

If you would like to join us on this wonderful trip, there are only two spots left, so contact Travelling Places to secure your place.

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# FOOD FOR THOUGHT

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## GRILLED SALMON RICE BOWL

**I'm all about real food which tastes great but is also nutritious. This is one of those recipes that may take a little practice to get the timing right, but persevere and you will have in your repertoire a dish that will wow even the most dedicated of health enthusiasts.**

You see, there is a misconception that healthy food must be boring and bland. In my opinion that's simply not true, and if you don't believe me, give this dish a go, as you might get a pleasant surprise at how flavoursome my healthy salmon dish is.

When coming up with recipes to put on my menus, nutrition has always been a vital part of my creation process. The reason is simple. Cooking with fresh seasonal produce sourced locally is full of health benefits and food shouldn't be so processed that it has lost all its nutrition. Sadly, this idea gets lost in many fine dining menus and the dishes become more about the bells and whistles and less about the nutritional value of the meal. This is the reason I never pursued a career in super high end fine dining or Michelin-starred restaurants long term, as it just doesn't feel right to me.

Did you know this recipe is perfect for meal prep? Here's how: Multiply the recipe by the number of meals you want. Cook the rice and cool. Blanch the vegetables (i.e., boil and then stop the cooking process with iced water.) Cook the salmon and cool. When you want to prepare dinner simply assemble in a bowl and heat in the microwave for two minutes. That's dinner done in less than five minutes! This dish also tastes great cold if you are a tradie or for anyone who takes their lunch to work for that matter, looking for something a little different.

I love catching fresh fish, and whilst living on a yacht in Thailand nearly a decade ago I had the opportunity to do exactly that. I was part of a crew of 10 people who had been invited to travel around the islands off the coast of Thailand for three months aboard a large yacht. Each of us had a role to play in exchange for board and lodging and mine was, you guessed it, the cook. Even in such an intimate group of seafaring vagabonds there were two vegetarians, a pescatarian and one vegan.

Early one morning, as the sun began to rise slowly over the horizon, transforming the sky and clouds into a wonderful shade of lilac and pink, I began to get my cast net ready. My plan was to start with some small bait fish then slowly work my way up the food chain until I reached the red emperor - a fish I absolutely love. I position myself on the stern

and threw my first cast. In a matter of seconds, I pulled in my haul with about 20 to 30 small whitebait. They bounced and squirmed as I began to scoop them up into my bucket. I was about to throw the net again when I heard the distraught sound of sobbing and I turned to see my vegan friend in tears. "Am I upsetting you?" I asked. "Yes, it's very traumatic to see the helpless fish being murdered," she sobbed.

How can I turn this into a 'win-win' scenario, I began to think to myself, when it hit me? "I understand how you feel," I replied. "So why don't we do it this way. I'll put the fish onto the back of the boat and you can try to free as many back into the water as you can, before I can scoop them up?" She wiped her now snotty nose and said with a renewed vigour, "You are on!" The absolute delight on her face made my heart warm as she darted around the boat freeing all the tiny fish. She was good. I got some but you should have seen her. She freed at least 80 per cent of each net cast. A win-win for everyone.

**Chef Dylan tip:** Don't try to cook short grain brown rice using the absorption method, as it doesn't work. Boil and drain first timers or, if using a new type (or brand) of rice, always check the rice very early in the cooking process to see if it is cooked. Rice has a tendency to go from soft to overcooked in mere minutes, and not all rice is created equal. It goes without saying, source your salmon from the local seafood guy. Skip the supermarket stuff.

**Serves 2**  
**Prep and Cooking Time 45 mins**

### INGREDIENTS

- 1 cup brown rice
- 2 litres water
- 1/2 head broccoli, cut into florets
- 20 x green beans top and tail removed
- 1/2 bunch kale, roughly torn into chunks
- 1.5 litres water
- 2 tbs Spartan\*
- 1 tbs oil
- 2 x 200g salmon fillets with skin
- 1/4 cup toasted salted cashews
- 1/2 lemon, sliced

\*Chef Dylan's Spartan Marinade

### METHOD

#### Boil the rice

1. Bring water to a boil in a kettle then add to a small pot or large saucepan over high heat.
2. Add rice, then boil rice for 30 minutes until just cooked. Taste a grain; it should be a tiny bit firmer than you want as it



will continue to soften during the resting stage.

3. Drain the cooked rice in a colander, shaking the pot well to remove as much water as you can, and shaking the colander to remove excess water from the rice. Pot should steam dry from residual heat.
4. Return rice to now-dry pot. Put lid on and put it back on the turned-off stove. Leave for 10 minutes to finish cooking; while that's happening it's time to BBQ the salmon.

#### Grilled salmon

1. Mix oil and Spartan in a small bowl and coat salmon with marinade.
2. Heat BBQ on high then turn down to medium.
3. Cook the salmon for 4 mins flesh side down then carefully flip to skin side down and cook for another 3 mins.
4. Remove and rest for 2 minutes.

#### Cook the vegetables

1. Bring water to a boil in a kettle then in a small pot or large saucepan boil on high heat.
2. Add broccoli, beans and kale and cook on high for 2-3 minutes depending on size.
3. Strain the vegetables in a colander.

#### To serve

For each serving place 1/2 cup cooked rice into the base of a bowl. Add warm vegetables, top with flaked salmon. Sprinkle on the toasted cashews and finish with a fresh squeeze of lemon juice.



# KINDRED SPIRITS STAY TOGETHER AT ROSLYN LODGE



*Beaumont Care Mount Tamborine Roslyn Lodge residents Ria and Jaapie like that they have been able to stay together.*

**When Ria was looking for a new home to give her the extra care and support she needed, taking her 11 year old Persian cat Jaapie with her was not negotiable.**

“Jaapie, which is Dutch for Jacob and named after Jacob in the Bible, is my baby. He is my life and means the world to me,” said Ria.

“I was not moving anywhere without him.”

Just over three months ago Ria and Jaapie found their new aged care home at Beaumont Care Mount Tamborine’s Roslyn Lodge, and they haven’t looked back.

“The staff are beautiful here, and the care is wonderful. Not everyone is the same or likes the same things. Their job is not always easy, but the staff do it well and cater for the needs of each person. The food is very good and Jaapie has settled in well,” said Ria.

Ria has also embraced the social activities on offer and continues to maintain her social connections in the community.

“I really enjoy singing along to The Beatles and Elvis on Thursday afternoons and then we have a glass of wine afterwards.

“There are church services here and my friend visits every Saturday and takes me out to the shops for lunch. I also enjoy going on bus trips out to coffee shops.”

Beaumont Care owner, Linda Beaumont, said that small pets are an important part of the family at Beaumont Care.

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“The thought of moving was quite difficult at first, but it ended up being a change for the best. This home is wonderful and best of all, Jaapie and I have been able to stay together,” said Ria.

**For more information about our residential aged care community at Beaumont Care Mount Tamborine or to book an inspection, please call 1300 217 336 or email [enquiries@beaumontcare.com.au](mailto:enquiries@beaumontcare.com.au).**



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4. Adolf Hitler was born in Germany.
5. The New Zealand flag has five stars on it.
6. An A4 sheet of paper folded in half across its width becomes A3 size.
7. The regulation minimum length of a soccer field in international matches is 100 metres.
8. Elvis Presley's first UK No. 1 hit was Jailhouse rock.
9. No bird can fly backwards.
10. Copper is extracted from bauxite.
11. The Sun is not perfectly spherical.
12. Mars has one moon.
13. Vinegar is an essential ingredient in bread making.
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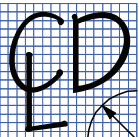
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