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Enjoying the birthday occasion at the pool are (from left) Jade Weir, Alana Todhunter, Darcie, Makenzie, Nicholas, Lauren Lee-Gourlay and James Falconer.

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COUNCIL RECOGNISES COVID-19 CONCERNS HELD IN COMMUNITY

Scenic Rim Regional Council will earnestly request the Queensland Government to ensure it has conducted a thorough risk-based assessment of the mandatory vaccination requirements in its COVID-19 public health directions to ensure local businesses are protected and community concerns are taken into account.

Division 2 Councillor Jeff McConnell tabled a notice of motion at last week's Ordinary Meeting held at Boonah which led to the discussion, and subsequent unanimous support from councillors that Council advocate as a matter of urgency to the Queensland Government the following:

- That Council acknowledge and recognise the concerns of community members that support a pro-choice COVID-19 vaccine approach; and
- That Council implore that the Queensland Government only include in COVID-19
 public health directions, mandatory requirements that demonstrate strong riskbased assessment, to avoid dividing our community by placing severe mental and
 financial hardship on our local business owners, their employees, residents, and
 members of the public.

Scenic Rim Mayor Greg Christensen said the decision demonstrated democracy in action.

"We respect that there's diversity of opinion within our community," he said.

"As reaffirmed in the resolution, like many councils in Queensland, we are concerned about the impacts of some requirements on the mental and financial wellbeing of our local businesses, their employees, residents, and members of the public.

"While Council did not adopt a pro-choice position, it did recognise and acknowledge the community concerns of those who support a pro-choice COVID-19 vaccine approach.

"Council is acutely aware of the differing perspectives held across our community and it is our role as elected members to advocate on behalf of all members of our community."

Earlier this month, Cr Christensen wrote to the Premier seeking a meeting and reassessment of all aspects of the Queensland Government's COVID-19 Roadmap Transition, more clarity around how the process was determined; and to advocate for a more balanced solution.

A gathering of people unable to attend Council meeting in-person due to COVID-19 restrictions, attended peacefully outside Council's Customer Service Centre at Boonah.

TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN BRIDGE CLUB RESULTS

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Councillor's Comment



DEREK SWANBOROUGH DIVISION 1

LET'S CELEBRATE THE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS AND ITS HERITAGE

This is the last comments for the year, and I wish everyone a safe and joyful Christmas.

Christmas is the most important celebration in the Christian calendar; it is about the miraculous birth of Jesus the Son of God and the positive teachings and example that have underpinned our laws, justice, moral codes, welfare systems and democratic principles.

Jesus taught about loving your neighbour and doing good to those who despise you. He offered hope when there was only despair and gave meaning and purpose to life itself and what happens beyond the grave into eternity. His teachings have endured and been practised by tens of millions of believers around the globe over two thousand years.

I am aware that we live in an increasingly secular world where nearly 35 per cent of the population in the census say they have no religion. Regardless of our beliefs or non-beliefs, our country is better off when we practise tolerance of others' views, and we have freedom of religious expression. History teaches us the perils of living in a world where self is at the centre of existence, discrimination is rampant and human rights and freedoms are taken away.

Let's remember at Christmas the great heritage we have and that we live in one of the best countries in the world.

I ENCOURAGE EVERYONE IN OUR COMMUNITY TO GET VACCINATED WHILE THERE IS STILL TIME

We are a tourist destination, and that means we are certain to experience COVID-19 community transmission on Tamborine Mountain when borders open. We have exposure sites already. We do face a pandemic that if unchecked would destroy our economy, health, and wellbeing, and bring untold grief and despair.

A family-in-law from America who is a nurse arrived in Australia a month ago and told me of the horror of working in a hospital in a well-to-do eastern American state. The state is running at a death rate nearly 300 persons per 100,000 population. She despaired of the health system being overrun, of the sounds of patients gasping for air, mortuary that was overflowing with bodies, stacked four high on each other because there was inadequate room, and the sounds of those crying for family support yet dying alone because no one could enter the facility.

Please take this seriously - it is real.

We can be complacent in Queensland because we have been kept Covid-free. This can quickly change.

I look forward to communicating again with you on Council affairs in the New Year.

Kind regards,

Derek Swanborough

Councillor Division 1 derek.s@scenicrim.qld.gov.au Phone 0436 351 567

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

(COVID-safe protocols apply – manual registration of attendance, or by Check-in Qld app; hand sanitation; further actions as recommended by health authorities at the time)

CHRISTMAS EVE (Friday 24 December):

- 6pm: Beaudesert (St Mary's Church)
- 8pm: Beaudesert (St Mary's Church)

6pm: Tamborine Mountain (John the Baptist Church, Beacon Road); **Carols from 5.45pm**

CHRISTMAS DAY (Saturday 25 December):

7.30am:	Tamborine Mountain (St John the
Baptist Church	Beacon Road); Carols from 7.15am
7.30am:	O'Reilly's (St Joseph's Church, Green Mountains)
9am	Canungra (St Margaret Mary's Church)
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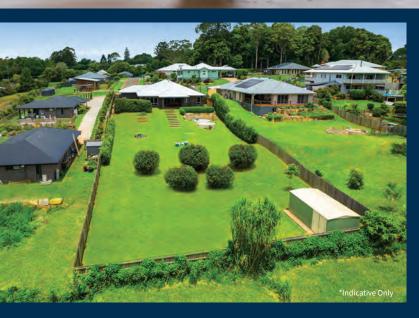


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JON KRAUSE MP State Member for Scenic Rim

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Like last year, I'm fairly sure we are all looking forward to 2022 being a better year than 2021. But don't we do that every year – hope that next year, or even the next day, is better than the last? I'm an optimist and even though there will be new challenges in 2022, as a community, state and nation we have the ability to weather them.

There will be new challenges, but also some we've seen before and which we can draw on experience to get past. As your representative, I do my best to be your advocate – on issues affecting individuals and affecting the whole community. Sometimes, there are hugely conflicting views in the community, and where advocating for a popular option may not be the right thing, in the long-term.

These past two years of COVID-19 pandemic and the politics that accompanied it have served up quite a few issues like that. Be assured I take seriously my duty to represent your views, individually and collectively, even when issues bringing conflict arise. You may not read about it all in the paper, on Facebook or in a newsletter, but between myself and the Electorate Office team we endeavour to make sure that everybody's view is put forward to the Government and to my colleagues in Parliament that form the Opposition – put "into the mix". Sometimes your view becomes part of Government policy, and sometimes it does not. That is the nature of our system of democracy.

To all in the Scenic Rim Electorate – thank you for making our part of the world one of the best to live, work and raise a family in. Merry Christmas and here's to a happy and prosperous 2022.

TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN ROADS

After the recent rain, potholes opened up in numerous places on roads across the Mountain. Every time we see significant rain in our region, we see the same problems with potholes. These potholes will be fixed, but I will keep on arguing in every meeting with Main Roads for a proper long-term fix – not just more "band-aids". This issue shows quite clearly the impact of the backlog of road repairs and maintenance that has been allowed to build up over the past 25 out of 30 years of Labor Government in Queensland. That backlog is now nearly \$6,000,000,000 – \$6 billion. An awfully big black hole.

LET'S CONTINUE TO BUY LOCAL

In the Scenic Rim we have so many small businesses run with dedication and hard work. They are the backbone of our local economy. Let's keep on supporting your locals whenever possible. Government at all levels needs to make it easier for these businesses to grow – get rid of the red tape, the costs and the regulations – so they can create more jobs.

REMINDER: Buy Local Christmas 2021 local collection points are at Charlie & Me on the Walk, Spice of Life Café, Granny Mac's Fudge, Lux & Gather, Tamborine Mountain Visitor Information Centre, Mumma Duck's Sweets & Treats, Witchscents Organics, Angela's Pantry, MountView Alpaca Farm, My Country Escape, KD Antiques, Butchery Canungra, Canungra Books & Art and the Canungra Visitor Information Centre. The boxes will be collected in early January and the winner drawn in mid-January.

If you have an issue that you think should be fixed, I encourage you to contact my office, toll-free on 1800 813 960 or email scenicrim@parliament.qld.gov.au, so I can lobby on your behalf in Brisbane.





SCOTT BUCHHOLZ

Federal Member for Wright

MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR FIRST HOME BUYERS

The Morrison Government is backing in first home owners to enter the property market sooner, with up to an extra 4651 buyers set to benefit under the Government's Home Guarantee Scheme this year.

The scheme helps first home buyers and single parent families get into their own home sooner with a deposit of as little as five per cent or two per cent respectively. The Government's Home Guarantee Scheme would reissue up to 4651 unused guarantees for first home buyers from 2020-21 who haven't had an opportunity to purchase their first home, including because of COVID disruptions.

With our support first home buyers are at their highest level in nearly 15 years. Coupled with HomeBuilder and the First Home Super Saver Scheme, more than 300,000 Australians have been helped into home ownership, including almost 60,000 Australians through the Home Guarantee Scheme.

LOWERING THE COST OF CHILDCARE



The Government is helping thousands of Australian families access more affordable childcare by removing the cap on the Child Care Subsidy. From last week, the \$10,655 cap will no longer apply, making it easier for parents from more than 18,000 families to return to work or pick up more hours.

This change will particularly support women, who represent the majority of primary carers, by reducing childcare costs and giving parents more flexibility if they choose to return to work or want to work more hours. As well as removing the cap, around 250,000 Australian families with two or more children aged under six will also benefit from an increased Child Care Subsidy from 7 March 2022.

These combined policy changes mean that a family earning \$110,000 a year with two kids in care, four days a week, will be better off by around \$100 each week.

BACKING OUR MEN'S SHEDS

More than 166 Men's Sheds across Australia will receive a share of \$500,000 in grants to purchase lifesaving defibrillators, IT equipment and provide training for their members.

There are more than 1000 Men's Sheds across the nation, and they play a vital role in preventing social isolation and mental ill health. Men's Sheds offer thousands of men of all ages a safe and friendly environment where they can work on meaningful projects and build social connection.

Since 2013, the Coalition Government has provided more than \$6.4 million to support Men's Sheds through the programme.



Letters to the Editor

SHOW THAT YOU CARE

There is no doubt that 2021 has been a tough year for most Australians and with the arrival of Omicron, things continue to look uncertain.

Our latest festive season survey has found that for many, this time of year is particularly stressful and lonely.

Australian Red Cross' annual loneliness data shows significantly more women and younger people are feeling lonelier this festive season. People reported the pandemic has changed their relationships with others and the way they see the world.

Our team of volunteers will be making calls throughout the festive period to those who are vulnerable and isolated, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank our volunteers for their work this year.

I would also encourage people to check in on your neighbours and friends to see how they are going or pick up the phone to someone you have lost touch with.

Let them know that people do care and put a smile on their faces. A simple, yet thoughtful gesture could really make their holiday.

To support our everyday work, including to build community connection, please do donate to our festive campaign.

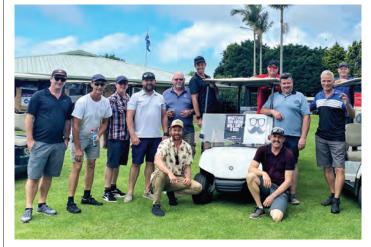
Garry Page Director Australian Red Cross, QLD.

THANK YOU TO ALL

To all our readers, columnists and contributors, our advertisers, deliverers, letter writers and critics, we all at the **Scenic News** wish you a safe and enjoyable holiday season. Look after yourselves, and each other – it's been a challenging year; we hope we have informed, enlightened and entertained you in 2021.

We look forward to your continued involvement and support in 2022.

MOUNTAIN MO FUNDRAISERS



Some of the 28 Mountain Mo Bros who not only enjoyed a great day of golf at Tamborine Mountain Golf Club but in doing so also raised \$2030 for the Movember Foundation.

The funds will help the foundation to deliver innovative, breakthrough research and support programs that enable men to live healthier, longer and happier lives.

Movember is the leading charity helping to change the face of men's health on a global scale, focussing on mental health and suicide prevention, prostate cancer and testicular cancer.

Movember began in November 2003 when two mates from Melbourne, Travis Garone and Luke Slattery, jokingly decided to bring back in fashion the moustache by convincing their friends to grow one while at the same time raising funds to help combat men's cancer. Since then, it has grown to be a world-wide fundraising program.

A host of Mountain and Gold Coast businesses donated an array of attractive competition and raffle prizes to be won on the day. They included:

Main Street Provedore Eatery and Espresso, Tamborine Mountain Bowls Club, Masala Shanti Restaurant, wine hamper donated by Aldo Raillard, Cauldron Gin Distillery, The Olive Branch Health Food Store, Mountain Brew Cafe, Spice of Life, Joseph the Greengrocer, The Manor, Whiskey Lounge Mudgeeraba, Tamborine Mountain Pizza, SOBAH Non-alcoholic Brewery, Cinnamon Bun Cafe, Granny Macs, Trophy Innovations & Engraving, Mitre 10 Tamborine, Tisch/Charlie and Me on The Walk, Tamborine Diner, Cedar Creek Estate, Drummond Golf at Biggera Waters, Eagle Heights Hotel, Hamptons Winery, Mason's Winery Restaurant, St Bernard's Hotel, Gabby's Café, and Tamborine Mountain Golf Club.

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COUNCIL FUNDING BENEFITS ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS



Funding for environmental projects an investment in region's natural values

Community groups, schools and individuals working to preserve and enhance the Scenic Rim's green spaces, waterways and native plant and animal habitats will share in funding through Scenic Rim Council's Environmental Grants Program.

At its Ordinary Meeting last week, Council approved funds totalling \$104,300 for 38 environmental projects.

Scenic Rim Mayor Greg Christensen said Council had received a record 61 applications for projects which totalled \$345,000 - some three times the budget allocation for 2021-2022.

"Once again, we have been overwhelmed by the tremendous interest and enthusiasm from local community groups, landholders and organisations," he said.

"In assessing the many grant applications, Council has aimed to provide maximum value to the community by supporting the widest range of worthwhile projects, in many cases through partial funding.

The 38 grant applications to be funded include:

- restoration of koala and rock wallaby habitats
- rehabilitation of bushfire-affected areas at Binna Burra and Kerry
- restoration of wildlife corridors, riverbeds and creek banks
- eradication of invasive weeds and cane toads, and
- restoration of some of the region's last remaining stands of brigalow scrub and giant ironwood trees.

Tamborine Mountain Landcare was a major beneficiary of the grants program, receiving partial funding for its project to regenerate vegetation corridors and reserves.

President Judith Roland welcomed the funding announcement and said Tamborine Mountain Landcare was pleased to see so many other groups share in the grants.

"Tamborine Mountain Landcare's major project over the past few years has been the Biodiversity Corridors Project, which has been developed to connect national parks with council land to provide safe passage for native wildlife, and to make sure our forests will be resilient to changes in climate, and other factors impacting the environment," she said.

Cr Christensen said that projects supported by the Environmental Grants Program complemented Council initiatives and the significant contribution of landowners in maintaining habitats for native animals on private property.

Photo: Tamborine Mountain Landcare has received \$20,000 in grants to partially fund its Corridors and Reserves Regeneration Project to maintain and extend it network of vegetation corridors which link major creeks, national parks, council reserves and other wildlife linkages. Wishing everyone a merry Christmas, prosperous New Year and all the best for 2022. Please support local small businesses and stay safe on our roads over the holidays!

MERRY

Christmas

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Council Notices

CHRISTMAS CI OSURF

Council's Customer Service Centres and Libraries will close at 4.30pm on Thursday 23 December and will reopen on 8.30am (Libraries 9am) on Tuesday 4 January 2022.

Council's Community and Culture Centres will close at 4.30pm on Thursday 23 December and will reopen at 8.30am on Tuesday 11 January 2022.

Kerbside bin collections will continue to operate as normal during the holiday season, including Christmas Day and New Years Day. Please have your bin ready for collection no later than 6am on your collection day.

Council's Waste Transfer Stations will operate as normal, with the exception of Christmas Day, when they will be closed.

Wishing Scenic Rim residents and visitors a wonderful festive season and safe and happy New Year.

PUBLIC NOTICE RENAMING OF CREEK CROSSINGS -CHRISTMAS CREEK ROAD

Following a request to rename the top three creek crossings on Christmas Creek Road, Lamington, Council is seeking public submissions in accordance with its Naming of Roads and Places Policy (available on our website).

From east to west, the crossings are proposed to be renamed: John T Buchanan Crossing: John Buchanan Crossing and Roy J Buchanan Crossing.

Please send brief rationale with your submission to the CEO via email mail@scenicrim.qld.gov.au or post to PO Box 25, Beaudesert by 14 January 2022.

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BOONAH LIBRARY

Christmas Ornaments | Wed 15 Dec | 10am Lego at the Library | Thurs 16 and 23 Dec | 10am Christmas Lanterns | Wed 22 Dec | 10am Nature Journals | Wed 5 Jan | 10am Sip and Paint for Kids | Wed 12 and 19 Jan | 10am Discovery Mission | Thurs 13 Jan | 10am Spy School | Thurs 20 Jan | 10am

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Christmas Lanterns | Tues 14 Dec | 9am Christmas Ornaments | Tues 21 Dec | 9am Lego at the Library | Thurs 6 Jan | 9am Discovery Mission | Tues 11 Jan | 9am Spy School | Tues 18 Jan | 9am

TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN LIBRARY Christmas Lanterns | Wed 15 Dec | 10am Christmas Ornaments | Wed 22 Dec | 10am Lego at the Library | Wed 5 Jan | 10.30am Discovery Mission | Wed 12 Jan | 10.30am Spy School | Wed 19 Jan | 10.30am

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KIDS FLICKS Boonah Cultural Centre | The Centre Beaudesert Tickets \$5 each

Space Jam: A New Legacy (PG) 105min Wed 12 Jan 1pm | Tue 18 Jan 1pm | Thu 20 Jan 10am Cranston Academy: Monster Zone (PG) 85min Thu 13 Jan 10am | Mon 17 Jan 10am | Wed 19 Jan 1pm

Moonbound (PG) 84min Tue 11 Jan 10am | Thu 13 Jan 1pm Tues 18 Jan 10am Thu 20 Jan 1pm Boonah Cultural Centre Peter Rabbit 2: The Runaway (G) 93min Tue 11 Jan 1pm | Fri 14 Jan 10am Mon 17 Jan 1pm Fri 21 Jan 1pm Abominable (G) 97min

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REGIONAL COUNCIL SCHOOL HOLIDAYS **CULTURAL PROGRAM - JANUARY 2022**

The Centre Beaudesert | Boonah Cultural Centre Vonda Youngman Community Centre Tamborine Mtn Children's workshops and family friendly movies - lots of fun, every time! Limited places - bookings essential.

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11 - 21 Jan Weekdays 10am - 4pm The Centre Beaudesert | Boonah Cultural Centre Tues 11 Jan | 10am - 4pm 13 and 14 Jan | 10am - 12pm Vonda Youngman Community Centre Bird mobiles and activities from Bimblebox 153 Birds project. This is a drop-in station available for families, no bookings required.

Council correspondence should be addressed to: Jon Gibbons, Chief Executive Officer, PO Box 25 | 82 Brisbane Street, Beaudesert QLD 4285 | Telephone 07 5540 5111

IT'S NOT OK, SAYS GRIEVING MUM

'It's not OK - it's not OK,' says a grieving Natalie Tsokas six months after Scenic Rim Council, without warning or compassion, removed personal, symbolic, and holy items from the gravesite of her son Oliver **Tiainen at Tamborine Mountain** cemetery, "It will never be OK."

To this devout Greek Orthodox mother, what the council did to Oliver's grave in June was the desecration of a sacred site.

To the council, its actions were simply a case of ensuring bureaucratic compliance with what it says were new cemetery regulations.

Before the new regulations came into force, items of the kind removed from Oliver's grave had been totally acceptable to the council. Wooden crosses of the kind removed from Oliver's resting place still mark two graves in the cemetery.

"It breaks my heart to see these simple wooden crosses elsewhere in the cemetery and to know that the one we had specially blessed by our priest was so callously removed and stored by Council," said Natalie who is still unable to erase from her mind the image of Oliver's cross lying in the council storage site.

"Can you imagine what it was like? It was not returned to me with any courtesy after it was removed. I had to drive to Beaudesert to identify it among all kinds of other material."

For Natalie, try as she might, it is impossible to reconcile the reality of a cemetery practice that was deemed acceptable not so long ago with one that now is mindlessly regarded as against the law.

"I am reminded of its cruelty on every occasion I come to the cemetery to spend time near Oli," she says.



and fearless



with daughters Matiya and Isla Tiainen.

"I was not given any regulations when I interred Oli at Tamborine Mountain Cemetery. I was not given any rules after either. I was asked to move items and I did what was asked. There was never any reference to removing the cross.

"Oli lived all eight years of his life on Tamborine Mountain and passed away in 2018. He considered everyone a neighbour and friend. He was a kind, gentle, fearless soul. He was an active healthy boy who suddenly fell ill and unexpectedly passed away a few months later. I have never seen anyone endure the horrific suffering that Oli did. All the while with the love of God in his heart. The council desecrated the grave and holy cross of someone that the church considers a saint."

Without making any judgments on what grieving families and friends leave on gravesites at Tamborine Mountain, it is clearly obvious that Scenic Rim Council is comfortable with the presence of full bottles and cans of whiskey and beer, some of which appear to have been there for some time and presumably acceptable under those earlier regulations which also permitted the erection of wooden crosses.

Council has a website titled: COUNCIL POLICY: COUNCIL **CONTROLLED CEMETERIES Date** Adopted: 2 February 2010 Committee Reference: Corporate and Community Services Committee Meeting; 25 January 2010; Item Number 4.3 Date Amended: Corporate and Community Services Committee Meeting; 19 November 2013; Item Number 4.3 Contact officer: Coordinator Parks, Gardens and Cemeteries Next review date: 1 August 2017 File Reference: 04/13/001:04/14.

However, there is no reference on this website to any August 2017 review having taken place and whether such a review resulted in changes to cemetery regulations.

If indeed changes to cemetery regulations were made as Council claims, bearing in mind that wooden crosses are invariably erected because grieving loved ones like Natalie are unable to readily afford a permanent monument, what is so wrong in extending to them whatever time they need to raise the funds to do so? And in the interim, what is so objectionable to continuing to allow them to erect a simple but dignified wooden cross? Is Council so bereft of human compassion and understanding that it has little or no shame in acting the way it did?

The cruelty in removing Oliver's wooden cross was grossly compounded when Council also removed the most basic of identifying objects - his grave marker. Oliver now lies in an unmarked grave.

A final word this week from Natalie: "The council removed the cross on June 2 this year and emailed me on June 3 to notify me of what they did.

"I had been advised by the council not to put a monument on the grave for the first year and that I may do so anytime after that. There was never a time limit to do so.

"I hired a mason in October when I received funds from GoFundMe for Oli's grave.

"The mason is currently waiting for materials to arrive from overseas. He said it normally takes a few months.

"All we wanted was some compassion and understanding as we tried to do our best.

"I believe every effort should be made by Council to meet the spiritual, religious, secular and emotional needs of the community in relation to their plots.

"Council workers on all levels who are involved with cemeteries should also undergo special training and education regarding all the protocols pertaining to the multicultural, religious, secular and spiritual beliefs of potential customers."

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FAMILY-OWNED FLOAT THERAPY STUDIO NEWLY OPEN ON TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN

Privately nestled within the trees overlooking the majestic westerly escarpment is the family-owned and run float studio, Float on Tamborine Mountain.

Husband and wife team Cliff and Corina Harvey first discovered floating more than five years ago. Both were dealing with numerous health concerns, and were searching for complementary ways to feel healthier – solutions that would assist where traditional treatments were lacking.

The concept of floating has been around for decades. It is essentially a way of achieving deep relaxation by spending an hour or more lying quietly in darkness, suspended in a warm solution of Epsom salts. Float tanks are also known as isolation tanks, sensory deprivation tanks and REST (Restricted Environmental Stimulation Therapy) chambers.

The float tank has a wide variety of uses/applications: deep relaxation and its associated benefits are just some of the reasons for floating.

The concept of flotation therapy is based on the theory that up to 90% of the brain's normal workload is estimated to be caused by the effects of routine environmental stimulation (gravity, temperature, touch, light, sound, etc.). We are constantly bombarded with external stimulation, as well as subject to the incessant background 'noises' and distractions that we may not even realise our minds are busily processing. Floating in the tank, senses are released from all these distractions, your body feels weightless and you become a mind floating in space, enabling your body and mind to reach deep levels of relaxation/meditation that might normally take years of practice to achieve. The float tank creates an environment where one can achieve pure sensory relaxation.

Weightlessness, combined with the benefits of Epsom salts, also creates an ideal environment for injury recovery, as well as providing relief from muscular pain and tension. For the local couple, floating proved to be the missing link in the journey back to body wellness, and brought true rest to their minds.

Their love of floating soon led them to create their dream float studio on their three acres on the Mountain.



Two years ago, when planning for the studio first started, it was important to them to honour the beauty and the unique environment of the Mountain. The environmentally-friendly studio is run on solar power and uses filtered rainwater.

Many first time floaters can be a little nervous, as were Cliff and Corina. When they first began floating, there were many questions. At the time they felt too rushed to ask, and fumbled their way through. As a small family-run business, this is where they now feel they shine. They make the time to offer a more relaxed and personalised experience that larger float businesses just can't accommodate.

So, whether you're a first time floater, a seasoned floater or whether you are just curious and want to take a tour of the studio and ask some questions, Cliff and Corina would love to hear from you. To ensure the best

experience for all, sessions are by private appointment.

Float on Tamborine Mountain is at 757 Main Western Road, and more information is available on their website. Phone 0431 620 970





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The Mountain Midwife



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For the past year and a half, I have been writing fortnightly articles for *Scenic News* on topics relating to pregnancy, birth and newborn babies from a midwifery perspective. It has been wonderful to have the opportunity to share a little information with people who may not have regular access to a midwife or who have family members expecting a baby. Unfortunately, the public system is very stretched regarding antenatal and postnatal care.

Most commonly, women will receive a booking appointment with a midwife between 20-25 weeks, and only have two more midwife appointments in their pregnancy, at 36 and 40 weeks. The rest of the appointments are provided by GPs. This means that for the first half of their pregnancy, most women will not have access to a midwife to discuss concerns, anxieties, birth plans, or practical information about birthing in the hospital. Birth plans are usually discussed with a midwife at 36 weeks, but the time given for this appointment is often not long enough; so midwife knowledge about positioning of babies, optimizing this for birth, normal labour, and pain relief options are often not covered in as much detail as they could be. Women will have up to ten antenatal appointments during their pregnancy, they should have more than three with a midwife. Postnatally, midwives have an enormous role to play particularly in breastfeeding support, and emotional support. However again, women will receive only one or two appointments postnatally in the public system.

My passion for the importance of caring for women and preparing them for birth, and then supporting them in their new role in parenting a new baby is what led me to want to provide antenatal and postnatal care to women local to the Mountain. I have had the great privilege of caring for some wonderful families up here; women and families who have let me into their homes and allowed me to share my knowledge with them. To all the families I have been involved with I really do thank you for trusting me and making these last few years so rewarding for me in the community. However, for a variety of reasons. I have decided to finish up providing this service at the end of January 2022, and this will be my final article for Scenic News. I would like to thank Gary and Andrew at Scenic News for allowing me to write my articles and for being so supportive. Also special thanks to Dr Hok-Yee Siu and Dr Marije Dalebout at Tamborine Mountain Medical Practice who have worked so readily with me in providing care for local women in their pregnancies.

Midwives have so much knowledge and information to give, and if you are pregnant I would strongly encourage you to source information to help you prepare for the birth of your baby. There are lots of resources around, but some sources to start with can include the websites www.optimalmaternalpositioning.com and www.spinningbabies.com. There are also a lot of people who provide education on Instagram, like @serenitylifedoula who posts about maternal positions during labour and exercises to prepare, and @the.mama.physio, a physiotherapist who provides exercises and education for pre and postnatal care. There are also private midwives around, a former colleague of mine can be found at @themustardseedmidwife, and she provides antenatal, birthing and postnatal care privately. You can also call the Pregnancy, Birth and Baby hotline for advice 24 hours a day on 1800 882 436. This hotline is like 13HEALTH, but with midwives and child health nurses to discuss specific pregnancy and baby related issues.

I wish you all a wonderful holiday period and happy new year. Enjoy your families, and remember that reputable sources of knowledge can make a big difference to how you feel during your birth journey.

Bree Lowing is a Registered Midwife and provides bulk-billed in-home antenatal and postnatal services through The Mountain Midwife www.themountainmidwife.com.au and 0491 750 795.

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CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS

Once again, Christmas is nearly upon us. It seems like no time since I was packing up last year's Christmas decorations. Christmas is a time to reflect on the year that has been. This year has certainly presented challenges for all of us. For many it has brought separation, isolation and even division. In the midst of all this, it's important to reflect on that which we can celebrate. The following true stories may inspire you.

Silent Night, written by historian Stanley Weintraub, is an account of one of the most unlikely and touching events in the annals of war. Christmas Eve 1914, early in World War One, soldiers laid down their arms and joined with enemies in a spontaneous Christmas celebration. The truce spread among the men who defied orders, emerging from their trenches and crossing barbed wire in order to meet in No Man's Land. Germans placed candle-lit Christmas trees on trench parapets and warring soldiers sang carols. Together they buried their dead in moving ceremonies, exchanged gifts, ate and drank and played football with improvised balls. For a brief time, a world war stopped.

Fast forward nearly one hundred years to another Christmas truce. In 2010, the Colombian government, realising that they were fighting a losing battle with terrorism, launched "Operation Christmas". Jungle trees were decorated with motion-sensored lights. Alongside each tree was a sign for any guerilla terrorist who walked by. It read "If Christmas can come to the jungle, you can come home. Demobilise. At Christmas, everything is possible ". The campaign resulted in 331 guerillas surrendering their arms and being welcomed back into society. The following Christmas, "Operation Rivers of Light," released into the jungle 7,000 purple lit plastic balls containing messages of peace and gifts for the guerillas. This also resulted in many going home. The successful campaigns led to FIFA sponsoring the drop of thousands of soccer balls signed by players, all with stickers saying "Demobilise. Let's play again." Over the past ten years since, more than 18,000 guerrilla fighters have left the jungle and re-entered society.

If you are facing something that feels like a losing battle, Christmas is a great opportunity to try something new. Think about how you can change tactics. It might require letting go of familiar weapons you've been using for a long time and taking a leap of faith into the unknown- a risk that could reap rewards.

Coming together at Christmas can be a melting pot of differing opinions, and in our current situation, anxiety is elevated. This is an occasion for a reconciliatory approach. The person whom you regard as belonging to 'the other side' is actually someone who has the same needs and desires as you. Perhaps it's time to do something tangible that initiates a truce.

Christmas is about appreciating those you celebrate with. I will certainly be doing that, as our three year dream to see our overseas son eventuates on Christmas Eve. May you all enjoy Christmas as much as our family will!

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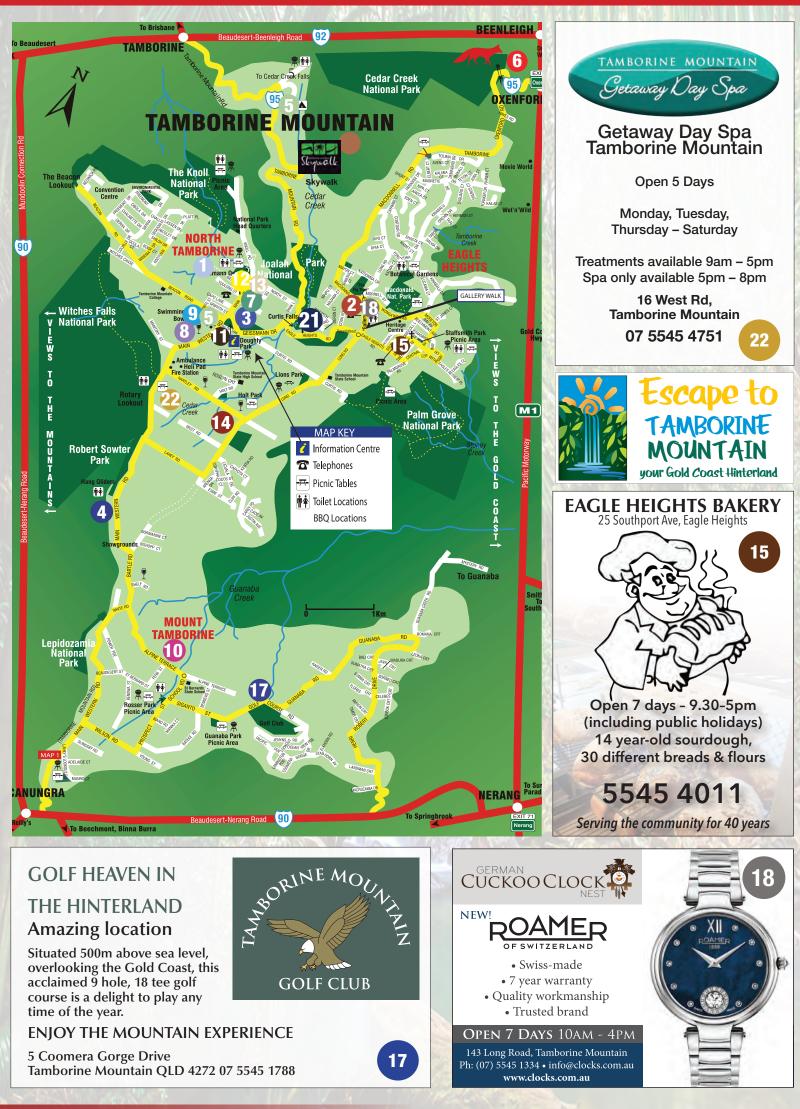
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TRAVELLING PLACES with Gina

As I write I am sailing down the coast facing starboard to the Daintree on our way from Cooktown to Magnetic Island. I thought it a bit crazy to travel to Far North Queensland in December, however the weather has been kind with calm seas, even if it is hot and humid. Boarding APT's expedition vessel, the Caledonian Sky in Cairns, we soon met our merry troupe of 80 as we headed north.

Our first port of call was Stanley Island. Our wet landing from zodiacs onto pristine sand readied us for our walk inland to ancient rock art overhangs; interestingly paintings of crocodiles and fish are accompanied by square rigged sailing ships and depictions of pearl luggers. The naturalist guides bring to life the area, introducing us to the history of the region, the varied flora and fauna.

Heading north we set foot on Cape York, strolling through the local area finding wild orchids, green ants, and mango trees laden



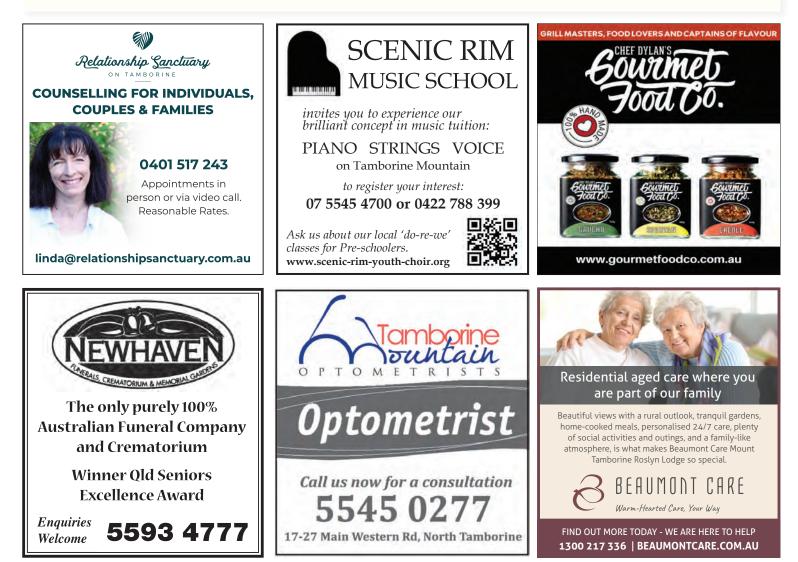
with fruit. Scrambling across the rocky shore we reach the very northern tip of Queensland for sunset. We wave at passing fishermen from the surrounding Torres Strait Islands. Travelling on this small expedition vessel provides us with the opportunity to visit remote isolated islands where we find markings in the sand of a turtle wandering to see if there is a nesting site and further down the beach the distinct markings of a crocodile – perhaps the 4 metre creature rumoured to live in the nearby mangroves? As we wander into the balmy water for a welcome swim, we see the three prominent fins of a reef shark which wanders off as we enter its territory. At one point a school of baby reef sharks scoot by – we counted eleven, each about 50cm long.

Early morning sees us anchor off Lizard Island – the fit amongst us climb Cook's Look in the cooler early hours; the second landing is for those taking the nature walk and then we all don stinger suits to snorkel in the extraordinarily clear waters. Offshore are giant clams, colourful coral, brilliant blue sea stars, sleepy sea cucumbers, graceful turtles, tiny darting neon fish, coral crunching parrot fish, bright yellow angel fish ... the list goes on. Late at night we look overboard and there drifting by in the ship's floodlights is a 4-metre grey nurse shark looking for scraps to eat.

This morning we explored Cooktown, this small township offers a rich history as Cook's landing place to repair the Endeavour. There is a small yet delightful botanical garden; the James Cook Museum full of memorabilia from yesteryear is housed in the historical nunnery. I can't imagine what the Irish nuns thought of Far North Queensland when they arrived in their habits – apparently one prayed for a cool breeze!

The delightful *Caledonian Sky* is owned by APT and is one of the few cruise ships operating in Australian waters – I can recommend these expeditions to areas less frequently travelled. In 2022 she explores South Australia, the coral coast of WA and the Kimberley.

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SUMMER FRUIT PAVLOVA

Pavlova is the quintessential Christmas showstopper. With its delicate crunchy meringue crust on the outside, gooey soft marshmallow on the inside topped with lashings of velvety cream and fresh summer fruit, this homemade pavlova will have you remembered fondly for years to come.

As usual, I have limited the sugar content and don't put any in the cream, as the meringue and the fresh fruit bring more than enough sweetness.

I bake the meringue for longer and at a lower temperature than most recipes because I found it makes the meringue more stable and makes it come out whiter. Higher temperatures can cause the pav to rise too fast and crack, which means it is way more prone to collapsing. I preheat the oven on a higher temperature to kick start the crisping of the shell to compensate for baking at a lower temperature.

Now, pavlova is like bread, though it's only got a few ingredients. It's how you combine them and treat them that makes all the difference. You can mess it up if you don't respect the process.

Did you know? The pavlova is said to be named after the famed Russian ballerina Anna Pavlova, who toured Australia and New Zealand in 1926. We Aussies and Kiwis have been fighting over who invented this dessert ever since. As the New Zealand story goes, the chef of some Wellington hotel at the time created the billowy dessert in her honour, in a flash of inspiration, from the design of her tutu. The Aussie version claims chef Herbert "Bert" Sachse created the pavlova at Perth's Esplanade Hotel in 1935, and it was named by the house manager, Harry Nairn, who remarked it was "as light as Pavlova". I'll let you, dear reader, make up your own mind on who is the real inventor.

Chef Dylan Tips:

- 1. Measure the egg whites in a jug as 4 egg whites can vary in volume depending on the size of the egg.
- 2. Older eggs make better meringue so head to the supermarket. Fat of any kind will break down the whites, so no egg yolk: not even a drop.
- 3. Bring egg whites to room temperature; they fluff up way easier.

- 4. Don't make it too high, as this invites huge cracks and invites the doom of collapse.
- 5. Use caster sugar; it's super fine, as other sugars won't dissolve as easily.
- 6. Store the cool pav in an airtight container until ready for serving. Do not refrigerate the pav it will sweat when it comes to room temperature and soften the crisp meringue shell.
- Only put the topping on just before serving – once the cream and filling is on the pav; it holds up well for around 20 to 30 minutes max.

If you have never made a pav before you should have a crack. Even if yours doesn't work out perfectly, once you add the cream and fruit no one will know. This pav beats the super sweet, mass-produced supermarket-style hands down, and believe me when I say it is well worth the effort.

INGREDIENTS

- 150ml egg whites, which will be 4 to 5 fridge-cold eggs
- 1 cup caster sugar
- 1 tbsp corn flour, sifted
- 1 tsp white vinegar

CREAM

- 400ml thickened cream
- 1 tsp vanilla extract or essence

TOPPING

Fruit of choice – raspberries, blueberries, strawberries and cherries

METHOD

- 1. Separate the whites and yolks (while eggs are cold) into a measuring jug (140-160ml is totally fine).
- 2. Let the whites come to room temperature.
- 3. Preheat oven to 150°C (fan-forced).
- 4. Add whites in a bowl and beat until soft peaks form (use a tabletop mixer or a hand beater or go old school and beat that beast.)
- 5. Sprinkle sugar 1tbsp at a time, beating as you go.
- Once all the sugar is in, continue to beat for 3 minutes until thick and glossy. Rub a little between your fingers; there should be no sugar grit
- 7. Add corn flour and vinegar and fold through with a spatula until just mixed through.



MAKING THE PAVLOVA

- Grab the base of a springform cake tin (24cm or larger) and turn it upside down. Dab a little meringue on the edge and place a piece of baking paper on top.
- 2. Gently place half the mix onto the paper. Use the cake pan as a guide to make it round Carefully scoop out the remaining mix. Now form it into a rough dome shape.
- Flatten top. Make it 4-5cm high

 not much higher. It will rise.
 Work quickly here after you stop beating, try to get it in the oven within 5 minutes max.
- Transfer to a baking tray. CAREFULLY place in the oven, GENTLY close the door and turn oven DOWN to 100°C.
- 5. Bake for one and a half hours no peeking, don't let the kids run around the kitchen or put on the washing machine.
- 6. Turn oven off, leave the door closed and leave in the oven overnight to cool.
- 7. Transfer pav to serving platter then slide cake pan out from underneath. Use butter knife if required to loosen edges from paper, then slide paper out from underneath.
- 8. Just before serving, top with cream and fruit of choice.
- 9. Serve and be an absolute star!

CREAM

Place cream and vanilla in a bowl. Beat cream until it is thickened and just holds its shape – don't overbeat; it should be silky smooth soft peaks, and not stiff like butter.



WELCOME CHRISTMAS

We've been chanting in yoga this week. A chant linking us to the cycle of life. If you struggle to quiet your mind, Japa chanting is a meditative technique where you are orally, aurally and kinaesthetically involved in your meditation, and it's quite easy to drop into

a quiet space.

You can chant a Sanskrit mantra, a beautiful hymn or a prayer. And with Christmas just around the corner, chanting is a lovely way to herald in this gorgeous celebration of life. Where people of every faith and every belief get a chance to drop the current narrative and smile at strangers, connect with family, relax and enjoy this Earth we call home.

Chanting is considered the meditative choice for the current Vedic astrological age. The Vedic astrological ages of man are called the 4 Yugas: Seasons of the Universe and they measure universal time. In contrast to the Western concept of linear time, the Vedas describe our universe as being created, destroyed, and recreated again in an unending cycle. According to the Vedic teachings, the first Yuga, called Satya, was a time of no war, famine, or conflict among the human race. It was a time of complete peace on Earth. Unfortunately over this Yuga cycle, peace and spirituality have degenerated and we are now in the 4th Yuga, that of Kali. In Kali Yuga, social order is turned on its head, religious and political leaders, instead of educating and protecting the populace, abandon virtue and became the chief criminals in society. All living beings suffer material hardships as they struggle simply to survive, being deeply afflicted by fear. So true for many societies today.

But the best thing about Vedic theory is that it factors in free will, where a person can choose to turn the situation around and live life according to their principles. One way to counteract fear and combat mass psychosis is to connect with others. Lack of societal bonding breeds fear. So chat to your neighbours, find your tribe, come to yoga and you will feel bolstered by this loving energy around you. The second condition that undermines society is people experiencing life as meaningless, with widespread anxiety and discontent. Go into nature and start practising gratitude, Mother Earth is so generous. And the climate of fear is supported when people have no connection to the Divine, whatever that might be for you.

Take inspiration from the greatest of the Christian prophets, Jesus. He went against the mass thinking and mass action and advocated compassion and forgiveness for all. He touched the unclean and healed them, he spoke to and defended women, and he protested the economic and political corruption in the temples. Jesus advocated an alternative social vision. Wishing everyone a wonderful Christmas, and we will be back in class from the 17/1/22.

Margot Wagner Yoga Under the Bodhi Tree

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with Nadia O'Carroll

NATURE'S GLITTER



Like bower birds, we humans are entranced by glittery things, which is why we treasure shiny metals, sparkly rocks and we see artificial glitter as festive and pretty. The sight of sun glitters on snow or sea is far more beautiful than artificial glitter but the origin is the same.

Light is electromagnetic waves – travelling energy in the form of vibrating electric and magnetic fields. The electromagnetic spectrum in principle is continuous and infinite but the only band we can see is the visible spectrum of light. The electromagnetic bands on either side of the visible spectrum are infrared light and ultra violet light; these bands may be visible to other species but are not to us.

It is strange to think that no object actually has any colour. Colour is merely a combination of a multitude of reflected frequencies of light waves that are reflected and absorbed by the atoms and molecules on the surface of objects. Our eyes and brain have the ability to process this complex multitude of reflected frequencies into a coherent impression of our environment.

When a stream of light photons, the elementary particles of light, hit an object, the light can be absorbed, transmitted or reflected as the atoms and molecules respond by absorbing and emitting energy. Types of atoms and molecules respond differently, but consistently, to certain light frequencies by changing energy levels.

A mirror reflects light because the angle that a light photon hits and leaves the mirror surface is the same; our eyes perceive this reflected light from one point and at one angle.

If flat snowflakes are resting on a blanket of snow, individual snowflakes at certain angles can act as mirrors which directly reflect the sun's rays; whether we see glitter depends on the changes in the angle of the sun in relation to the snowflakes' position and the location of our eye. The sun is reflected in a multitude of snowflakes, but different ones will stand out as brighter as the sun and observer change angles.

Artificial glitter is made of tiny reflective particles of aluminium and microplastic, it looks happy and sparkly but it has a dark side – it is a persistent form of pollution, particularly for waterways and oceans. The particles absorb chemicals and pollutants, making them even more toxic as they enter the food chain, where they are mistaken for food by many species.

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- 2. Prince Rama was a figure from the writings in which language?
- 3. Which serpent-headed creature was slain by Perseus?
- 4. Whom di Perseus rescue from a sea-monster and then marry?
- 5. Who killed his father and married his mother, Jocasta?
- 6. Which creatures tried to lure Odysseus and his men onto the rocks with their bewitching singing?
- 7. Which of the Titans holds up the Earth?
- 8. In the Odyssey, who was the King of Troy?
- 9. Volkh, who had an ability to assume any form, is a figure from the mythology of which people?
- 10. How many heads did the Hydra have?
- 11. Which mythical animal has a lion's body and the head and wings of an eagle?
- 12. In Greek mythology, who was the god of the north wind?

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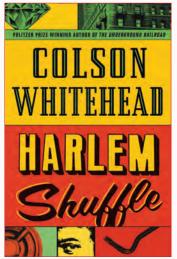
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- William Shakespeare's legacy survives not only in his many plays, but also in his contributions to the English language. Did you know these phrases originally came from Shakespeare?
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 - fair play
 - all of a sudden
 - in a pickle
 - niaht owl
 - wear your heart on your sleeve
 - star-crossed lovers
 - off with his head
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