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## 2022 MARATHONS PROGRAM EXPANDED



An expanded 2022 Tamborine Mountain Relays and Marathon event will be held from Saturday 22 January to Wednesday 26 January. The event has continued to grow exponentially since its humble beginnings in 2019 and is now entrenched in the South East Queensland running calendar - each year more teams are coming to join in. Story Page 6.



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**AGENTS:** Monique & Erin  
0429 004 840 / 0427 078 757



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**AGENTS:**

Linda Hogan  
0414 300 558



# SEND IN THE ADMINISTRATOR

**It's time the State Government suspended the dysfunctional Scenic Rim Regional Council and appointed an administrator.**

Surely this is the only option open to it following last week's farcical Special Meeting at which the Mayor, Cr Greg Christensen, attempted to orchestrate an outcome that would have repealed last year's council decision of November 9 to not reappoint Chief Executive Officer Jon Gibbons.

Following six hours in a session that was mostly closed to the public, Council resolved in open session that every councillor had a potential conflict of interest in deciding on the sole item on the agenda, and no vote was taken. It then moved to seek advice from the Deputy Premier and Minister for State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning, Steven Miles, regarding potential conflicts of interest relevant to the matter.



Cr Greg Christensen

It is not known who requested the Special Meeting to overturn the November 9 decision.

Incredibly, it became apparent during the meeting that Council's

decision on November 9 to not renew Mr Gibbons' contract had not been properly followed through in terms of officially advising Mr Gibbons. The carried majority vote of elected Councillors was: "1. In accordance with Clause 6.1 of the CEO's Employment Agreement, Council advise the CEO Jon Gibbons in writing that Council does not intend to renew his Employment Agreement and will advertise the position."

In a written mayoral statement issued on November 9, the Mayor thanked Mr Gibbons for his service, stated that Council did not provide a reason for its decision to not re-appoint, wished him well in his future endeavours, and stated that Council would make further announcements as it prepared to approach the market in the near future to recruit a new Chief Executive Officer.

At last week's meeting, Cr Christensen calmly and solemnly stated that he was required to advise the Chair (himself) if he reasonably believed or suspected that another councillor had a conflict, and declared "Councillors, Cr Swanborough has a declarable conflict of interest" and that he had "a personal bias". Cr Swanborough responded. From this point on, tensions ran high.

Councillor Duncan McInnes said the attempt to overturn the previous decision had eroded the public's confidence in the council.

"This whole day the reputation of Council has dived again. I think it is a



Cr Derek Swanborough

sad day for the community's view on all of us around this table how this has played out," Cr McInnes said.

"I think it has eroded the

confidence of the public. I didn't think it could get much lower, but it's got lower all the time."

Councillors took more than four hours to discuss and decide in closed session whether Cr Derek Swanborough had a conflict of interest in voting on the meeting's single item to repeal the decision on the CEO.

In a vote of three to two, the councillors decided Cr Swanborough had no conflict.

However, for reasons not explained, Cr Swanborough was asked to leave for

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CEO Jon Gibbons



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the majority of the confidential discussion on the CEO's contract.

'Legal advice' produced by Cr Christensen was an opinion on whether Cr Swanborough could vote on matters dealing with the CEO after he had made complaints about the CEO. The advice was tabled as a confidential item and no explanation was given about the context of that advice, but the document named Cr Christensen.

It begs the questions: Who called for the Special Meeting, who failed to notify the CEO in writing that his employment agreement was not to be renewed, and, most importantly, who sought the 'legal advice' and who will pay for it?

Cr Christensen has reportedly made several complaints against Cr Swanborough, prompting councillors to argue that the Mayor had a declarable conflict of interest in deciding whether Cr Swanborough could vote.

Following extensive discussion Council decided to move into confidential session.

The meeting raises concerns about the State Government's new councillor complaints system amidst a parliamentary inquiry into the functions of the Office of Independent Assessor. Did SRRC make a submission to the inquiry?

It also raises serious questions on the Mayor's intentions on having Cr Swanborough excluded from voting.

Excluding just one councillor would have resulted in an evenly split vote on the CEO's contract and the Mayor having the casting vote re:- repealing the decision to not renew the CEO's contract, which appears to have been the intent. If so, this backfired mightily.

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

Escalating rates and a failure to deliver promised works attracted criticism after Mr Gibbons took the reins as CEO. A continuous problem during his contract was a never-ending succession of Council complaints to the Office of the Independent Assessor (OIA) alleging councillor misconduct or inappropriate conduct, invariably complaints of a trivial nature.

It is widely believed that Scenic Rim Council has initiated more OIA complaints than any other individual regional council in the State.

The growing perception within the Scenic Rim community is that somehow the administrative arm of Council is setting the rules rather than the executive arm - "the tail wagging the dog".

## IGA DONATES CHRISTMAS HAMPERS



Neil Smith, representing Tamborine Mountain Rotary and Community Care, accepts Christmas hampers from Carlo's Supa IGA Manager Karen Boyd (centre) and Assistant Manager Kerry Whitford for needy recipients on Tamborine Mountain.

Carlo's Supa IGA has donated hampers in the past to those in need. This year they were able to arrange 12 big hampers for Community Care to distribute on their behalf.

Both Community Care and the Rotary Club said they were delighted to be associated with IGA and their generosity in the community.

# BUSHRATS FOCUSING ON THE FINALS



## The cricket season is now halfway through and the Tamborine Mountain Bushrats are excited with what has so far been achieved.

Before Christmas the Bushrats had former Queensland pace bowler Brendan Creevey give a bowling masterclass and ex-Tasmanian cricketer Trent Keep run a batting skills workshop. Hopefully this has resulted in some improved batting for the Third Grade side.

Just prior to the Christmas break we were successful in gaining a grant for a new heavy roller and the club has also recently passed the 100 active members mark and is continuing to grow, with more people joining the club mid-season.

Both of the Under 11s sides have progressed tremendously over the past three months and are getting very close to having their first wins. These kids are playing hard ball cricket for the first time this season. The way that their skills have developed in such a short time is testament to the hard work from their coaches Fran and Chris. We are excited to see just how much more they are going to improve this year.

The Under 12s are sitting in second place on the ladder at the halfway mark of the season. They have played exceptionally well and are having a heap of fun. The most important thing

that this group of kids do though, is that they make sure everyone is included and that everyone is looked after. We are very proud of the way they play their cricket. The top three run scorers so far are Oscar Youngman, Max Mahony and Kurtis Heather. James Dougherty has the best bowling average, followed closely by Oscar Youngman and Sebastian Youngman. Keep up the great work guys.

The Under 14s are also sitting in second place. They have played cricket at such a high standard this season already and are looking forward to seeing how they go for the rest of the year against some pretty tough competition. The top run scorers to date are Matt Pattinson, Riley Rankin and Aaron Patterson, while the top wicket takers are Riley Rankin, Bailee Prosser and Tate Della. These boys are close knit and have welcomed all the new members to their team this year with open arms. It is great to see the way they are gelling together and enjoying playing cricket and we are excited to watch the rest of the season unfold.

The Bushrats Fourth Grade side is currently sitting in fifth spot but only one win away from being on top of the ladder. It is a tight comp this year and the lads have played some very consistent cricket. So far, the top run scorers are Andrew Mahony, Rod Thorogood and Nikolas Brooks. The top

wicket takers have been Ash Williams, Amit Sareen and Thomas Mahony. This group absolutely loves playing cricket together on a Saturday arvo and I think the boys enjoy the beers after the game as well!

Our Third Grade side is also just out of the top four, but just two wins away from making the finals and after a horror start to the season, the boys have put together four wins in a row. This is a very young team and is continually improving. It is great to feel the momentum building and hopefully the team can give the finals a real crack. The top three performers with the bat have been David Mugridge, Taylor Ericson-Miller and Neil Bell. With the ball it has been the young men leading the way with Jordan Gill, Janosch Bligh, Jett Della and Max Fletcher the leading wicket takers.

The real success story this year has been our Over 40s side. This side is still undefeated for this season and has managed to win from some very bleak looking situations. The team has been together now for a few years and thoroughly enjoy spending time with each other. The winning is a nice bonus. The top batsmen so far have been Jack Bradshaw, Clive Revis and Brett Phillips. The top three wicket takers are Tim Guymer, Wave Beach and Clive Revis. Hopefully these men can continue their form right through to the finals.

We are incredibly grateful for our sponsors, Springbok Foods, Physique Physiotherapy, The Professionals and Tamborine Mountain Dental. Please support the local businesses that support the locals. We need more people like these them.

The club is an open, all-inclusive group and we welcome anyone who has just moved to the mountain or would like to give it a go. Please contact club president Neil Bell on 0403 854 699 for more information. GO THE RATS!!

**Neil Bell**

*Photo: The Third Grade team is just two wins away from making the finals.*

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## MARATHON PROGRAM EXPANDED

In 2019 the Tamborine Mountain Relays and associated Marathon introduced a new 'running team' relay format which had not been seen anywhere in the world before.

This format is now entrenched in the South East Queensland running calendar and every year more teams are coming to join in.

For 2022 the event organisers have expanded the marathons over four days to five marathons in five days from Saturday 22 January to Wednesday 26 January due to popular demand – that is, for the marathon runners to run an Olympic distance marathon on each and every one of the five days, a concept widely used overseas, but rarely in Australia.

For those who want to run only one marathon, this is also available as an option on the main day, Sunday 23 January when the relays also take place.

The relay format is the same for 2022 as in previous years - two, three or six-person teams, covering a total of 42.195km on our 7km loop and individual runners can choose how far they run, providing the team completes the required 42.195km.

Not only did this event raise over \$5000 in 2021 for the TMSA, but the early start for all of the marathons meant that the runners had to stay at least one night, in some cases four nights, which was a boost for our motels and B & Bs.

The cafés, restaurants and bars also did well.

This event continues to grow exponentially since its humble beginnings in 2019 and besides bringing people with a healthy lifestyle to our Mountain, it is bringing people with healthy wallets, a welcome boost to our supporting clubs and for our tourist-based businesses.

**Bruce Hargreaves**

# Council Notices

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### School Holiday Programs at Scenic Rim Libraries unable to proceed

Remaining School holiday activities previously advertised and scheduled at our Scenic Rim Libraries including, story times, rhyme times and story times in the park, will not be run during the month of January due to concerns over the growing number of COVID cases in Queensland.

This decision affects all school holiday programs at Beaudesert, Boonah, Canungra and Tamborine Mountain Libraries. Our libraries remain open to customers with COVID-19 restrictions in place. We look forward to re-starting our events and programs when it is safe to do so.

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## Feathered

**UNTIL 5 FEBRUARY 2022**  
Features two exhibitions:

**Bimblebox 153 Birds**, a unique installation of artist prints, poetry, prose and musicians' birdcalls by over 450 people worldwide, and **Bird Reflections**, showcasing responses from local artists Monique Quarantini and Colleen Lavender featuring birds in the Scenic Rim, and 'Gullinini Creation Story', a short film of Mununjali First Nations dance of the waterhen creation story.

**Exhibition Open Day**  
Meet the artists and Family Fun Day with Geckoes Wildlife, Penguin Bloom (PG) screening and more  
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## SCHOOL HOLIDAYS CULTURAL PROGRAM - JANUARY 2022

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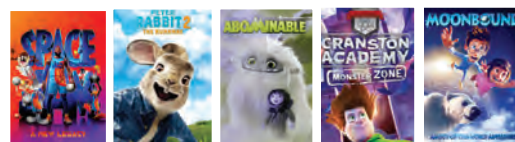


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### KIDS' FLICKS

**Boonah Cultural Centre | The Centre Beaudesert**  
Tickets \$5 each

**Cranston Academy: Monster Zone** (PG) 85min | Wed 19 Jan 1pm  
**Abominable** (G) 97min | Wed 19 Jan 10am | Fri 21 Jan 10am  
**Space Jam: A New Legacy** (PG) 105min | Thu 20 Jan 10am  
**Moonbound** (PG) 84min | Thu 20 Jan 1pm  
**Peter Rabbit 2: The Runaway** (G) 93min | Fri 21 Jan 1pm  
**Zamia Theatre, Tamborine Mountain**  
**Moonbound** (PG) | Wed 19 Jan 1pm



*These are my own personal views. I do not purport to speak on behalf of Council. Decisions of Council are made only by majority vote, legislative authority or under authority delegated by Council.*

# Councillor's Comment



**DEREK SWANBOROUGH**  
DIVISION 1

**May I wish everyone Happy New Year for 2022. Covid is really upon us, and I should advise that my wife and I are triple vaccinated. Regardless of that I am laying low and avoiding crowded events in order not to expose anyone who needs to meet with me from time to time to any unnecessary risk, and to ensure the Mountain is always able to be represented at Council meetings.**

It has become a precarious situation in that, if I am away, or any one other councillor, in a tied vote 3-3, the Mayor can use his casting vote to decide the matter. That is how Cr Michael Enright was elected Deputy Mayor, when Cr Marshall Chalk was on leave.

## **THE MAJORITY DECISION NOT TO RENEW THE CEO'S EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT FOR ANOTHER FOUR YEARS**

The first time that councillors were asked to decide this matter was in early September last year. After a lengthy process to ensure we were fully informed to make this decision, the matter was put to a vote on 9 November 2021 meeting of Council and the decision was made to not renew the contract. It was passed on a vote 4-3, with the Mayor, Cr Enright, and Cr West voting against.

The decision was made, and media informed, and the CEO was verbally advised. We learned some nine weeks later the legalities to carry out the decision had not been carried out. This omission opened the door for the Mayor to call a Special Meeting of Council for 12 January to rescind the decision of 9 November.

The Mayor opened the meeting last week, declaring I had a conflict of interest, and after a four hour debate it was resolved by a majority vote that I had no conflict of Interest. With that out of the way the meeting could commence. After another two hours of debate nothing was resolved because at the end of the meeting a declaration was made that all councillors had a conflict of Interest. The meeting was abandoned as enough uncertainty was generated, and it was voted five votes to two to refer the impasse to the Minister to resolve.

This raises a lot of issues that are yet to be unpacked. Many who listened to the meeting's audio stream are calling it a mutiny and a failure to respect the democratic process, some are saying it is an abuse of power, or a failure of

the administration or both.

## **GROWTH MANAGEMENT STUDY PROPOSES TO ALLOW MORE SUBDIVISION ON THE MOUNTAIN**

The Ordinary Meeting agenda of 18 January has an item on Council's Growth Management Study. The State Government requires this report to demonstrate how its planning scheme will cater for an extra 11,000 dwellings in the next 20 years and address its housing needs etc.

I don't agree with the report as it pertains to Tamborine Mountain.

The study suggests some subdivision should be allowed on the Mountain, when this is not the will of the majority. It is contrary to the existing scheme which says no subdivision is permitted for the Mountain.

If it is allowed, coupled with dual occupancy, building unit plan subdivisions, secondary housing, and dual occupancy, it is my assessment the population would be headed for close to 10,000 by 2041.

My views are that that our existing crumbling road infrastructure, lack of water security, lack of government services, shortage of recreation facilities, a pool not-fit-for-purpose, a single arterial road across the Mountain, increased congestion and noise from traffic, lack of footpaths and recreation trails, terrible drainage issues, habitats and wildlife degradation from tree clearing, and light pollution of our night sky from more housing are threats to our amenity that were not sufficiently considered by the consultants or Council strategic planners in preparing the report.

These are likely to be front and centre issues at the 2024 elections should we not be voting in the GCCC elections instead.

I also disagree with the accuracy of some of the figures in the

report relating to Tamborine Mountain. For instance, it has a table showing that in 2041 the Mountain will have a projected 3087 dwellings, when in fact we have over 3,500 already. I have personally delivered brochures to every dwelling a half-dozen times over many years.

The document says the current permanent population of the Mountain is 8344, Scenic Rim's largest population centre. We are land locked, whereas Beaudesert and Boonah have land to expand around their towns where we don't.

A Tamborine Mountain population increase will increase our density, and our amenity will likely decline. This is not the case in Beaudesert and Boonah where the density can stay the same or decrease as their footprint increases into available surrounding land.

The Mountain's footprint is just one third of one percent of the total footprint of the Scenic Rim's total area.

It is also noted that councillors have been advised that even without any changes to the planning scheme it is likely the Scenic Rim could reach its housing quota in 20 years without any further subdivision of the Mountain. So why is this being thrust upon us?

This "one size fits all" policy is a failure of the Scenic Rim and costly for Tamborine Mountain. It represents a dangerous turnaround and complete disregard for our values or the wishes of the people.

Please make your views known during this consultation phase and let Scenic Rim know we want our lifestyle and liveability protected. No more subdivision under any circumstances!

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## **TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN BRIDGE CLUB RESULTS**

<b>Mon 10/1</b>	<b>Howell 1 Winner: Heike Edrich - David Donaldson</b>
<b>Tue 12/1</b>	<b>Howell 1 Winner: Eddie Heinemeyer - Lindy Williams</b>
<b>Wed 13/1</b>	<b>N/S Robert McCathie - Eddie Heinemeyer</b> <b>E/W Antoinette Ihlenfeldt - Shirley Gregory</b>



## JON KRAUSE MP

State Member for Scenic Rim

### CHALLENGING YEAR AHEAD

This year will have its challenges, and the spread of COVID-19 (Omicron variant) in our communities is certainly a big start to 2022. The removal of border restrictions should bring some certainty for businesses and also those with family members across borders – a far cry from the outrageous situation in 2021 when people were locked out of their home state by arbitrary decisions made without notice or common sense.

I have been contacted by residents on Tamborine Mountain, Beaudesert and in various other parts of the Scenic Rim in relation to COVID-19 testing, especially the lack of testing centres in our region. There is no testing centre linked to Queensland Health between the Gold Coast and Warwick (east-west), a dire situation especially where the faster rapid antigen tests are in short supply. Queensland Health have completely messed up these testing arrangements, across the board, not only in our region – and their admission of not co-ordinating planning with private pathology providers until after the massive queues started is proof of this.

They had two years to work through these issues, and in more recent times it was clearly obvious from southern states how the virus would spread – but they still were not ready. While changes to guidelines about getting a pathology (swab/PCR) test mean far fewer people will require one, the fact is our region was completely left off the map for testing. If the Government is going to make these rules that pull people out of work and push them into isolation – with all the stress for families and businesses – they have a responsibility to make the system work quickly and efficiently so that if people are not sick, they can continue to work and go about their lives free of government-imposed directives to stay at home.

### ANGST ABOUT OUR ROADS

The Labor Government's backlog on repairs and maintenance is now nearly \$6 billion – the equivalent of about four Toowoomba Second Range Crossing projects (this doesn't include council roads). The backlog hasn't just arisen overnight, but over many years of underfunding and neglect. This backlog makes it harder to get any repairs done – even urgent things – because the backlog is so long. I have seen on social media a lot of comments about the state of Tamborine Mountain's roads. I know it is frustrating, and I can relate to this because there are many shocking roads in the area I live in too. When it comes to the Mountain's state-controlled roads, Main Roads is well aware of the problems – they've been told about them countless times by me and others, not just recently, but over the course of several years, including through a petition signed by hundreds of residents. I will continue to fight to get more dollars directed into our district, and a targeted package to give longer term fixes to these problems.



### SCENIC RIM ELECTORATE OFFICE

You can contact me by phone, toll-free, on 1800 813 960, or email scenicrim@parliament.qld.gov.au, so I can lobby on your behalf in Brisbane. In an electorate as large as the Scenic Rim, there are lots of issues and I appreciate your feedback that helps me do my job as well as possible.



## SCOTT BUCHHOLZ

Federal Member for Wright

### KIDS' VACCINATIONS RAMP UP

Three million vaccines are being distributed ahead of the start of the school year to enable the 2.3 million children now eligible to be vaccinated against COVID-19 to get their first vaccine.

In the first four days of the 5 to 11-year-old rollout, close to 200,000 children have had a first dose of the vaccine. Australia is one of the most vaccinated countries against COVID-19, with over 92 per cent of the eligible population now fully vaccinated and more than four million boosters administered to date. Bookings can be made via the Commonwealth's Vaccine Clinic Finder.

### CHANGES TO PANDEMIC LEAVE DISASTER PAYMENT

Changes are being made to the Pandemic Leave Disaster Payment to better align with new testing and isolation requirements agreed by National Cabinet. Firstly, from Monday 10 January, Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) results will be accepted in addition to PCR results.

People will need to have advice of a positive test from a testing clinic or health professional or evidence that they have registered a positive result from a home-administered RAT with their state health authority. Effective from 18 January, people who have lost at least a day of work because they are isolating due to being COVID-19 positive, caring for someone who is COVID-19 positive or meet the definition of a close contact may be eligible for up to \$750.

### END VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND CHILDREN

The draft National Plan to End Violence against Women and Children 2022-2032 sets out the Commonwealth, States and Territories shared commitment to ending all forms of gender-based violence in Australia built on four pillars: Prevention, Intervention, Response and Recovery. In the 2021-22 Budget, we announced a record \$1.1 billion women's safety package as a down payment on the next National Plan. This brings our investment in women's safety to over \$2 billion since 2013.

### ENHANCING THE ADF'S ARMOURED COMBAT CAPABILITY

Enhancements to the Australian Defence Force's combat capability will be delivered by the Government through the purchase of evolved Abrams tanks and combat engineering vehicles. These investments will provide critical protection and firepower for the ADF in land operations. The introduction of the new vehicles will take advantage of the existing support infrastructure, with significant investment in Australian industry continuing in the areas of sustainment, simulation and training.

### RARE CANCERS AND RARE DISEASES RESEARCH

Research into some of the world's rarest forms of cancer and disease have received a boost, with the Government announcing 27 grant recipients. These projects aim to increase clinical trial activity in Australia for rare cancers and rare disease by supporting new, high-quality research. The Coalition Government is proud to have invested almost \$2 billion in ground-breaking medical research through the Medical Research Future Fund to improve the health and wellbeing of Australians.

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# Letters to the Editor

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## OUR COUNCILLORS DESERVE SUPPORT

**This letter was written prior to that very questionable Special Meeting of Council aimed at repealing the November decision to not renew the Employment Contract of the Chief Executive Officer. The latter tactic does the council no credit and I look forward to a full report. A reminder of the background:**

In November, a majority of Councillors showed justified reluctance to continue with the present form and operation of the Administrative Arm of Council. Further, the present arrangement should not be pre-ordained as the framework in which the next Chief Executive Office is required to operate. The misguided and failed experiment inflicted on us in this term of Council must not be allowed to persist into the next term.

The proper roles of the Executive and Administrative Arms of Council are clear. The Executive Arm, including the Councillors essentially as a Board of Directors, determines policies, directions of development, work targets, budgets and local laws. In particular, development should be guided by the intent and letter of the Planning Schemes. With broad community input embodying the experience and informed aspirations of residents.

The intended function of the Administrative Arm is to implement these Executive Arm directives. To efficiently and transparently manage its responsibilities, the Administration Arm is usually structured around Departments providing specialised skill and experience. Planning, Finance and Works loom large.

However, this logical and proven structure has been replaced by amorphous, overlapping Departments of:

- People and Strategy
- Customer and Regional Prosperity
- Asset and Environmental Sustainability
- Council Sustainability.

Sit back and have a think about that. One thing becomes abundantly clear. With the cooperation of previously unaware Councillors, the Administrative Arm has awarded itself the role of Policy Maker for the Scenic Rim Regional Council. This is totally unacceptable. Councillors should now be regretting the wholesale delegation

of powers to Council Officers which has contributed to the further evils with which we are now inflicted:

- Lack of transparency with so much hidden behind opaque clouds of confidentiality,
- Lack of effective community consultation
- Multiple complaints against uncooperative Councillors.

The mayor is an obvious exception to this enlightenment. In his published praise for the departing CEO, there was applause for getting rid of the previous silo mentality. At least those silos were habitats for the expert and experienced, with clear responsibilities to the community rather than to fostering private flights of fancy.

A truly unacceptable outcome has been downing the status of the Planning Schemes. The informed conclusion of the Planners often disappears under a layer of Administrative Arm priorities which can conflict with community aspirations reflected in the Planning Schemes.

The dissident Councillors deserve support.

**Phil Giffard**

## LET'S GET BEHIND OUR LOCALS

**We've all done our bit over the past two years, from wearing masks to checking into venues and lining up for Covid-19 tests.**

Now it's time to rally together to support Queensland businesses as they face debilitating losses, in part due to mixed messaging on whether this state is in some kind of pseudo-lockdown.

We're not in a lockdown, and we have been promised that is not on the cards.

The Courier-Mail has recently revealed one in five retailers have been forced to shut their doors or restrict their services amid the current outbreak.

So if you are fully vaccinated and not considered a vulnerable person, go to your favourite restaurant for a meal, check out that retail store you've been meaning to go to, and don't stop getting your morning coffees. Because otherwise some of these businesses that are here today, won't be there tomorrow.

**(name supplied – via *The Courier Mail*)**

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# VOLUNTEERING – A WORK OF HEART

Dear Reader,

**My connection with TMCCA began as a *Volunteer* for their Social Support Groups. I was in the process of studying a Diploma of Community Services – Case Management and needed to complete a work placement in a voluntary capacity, with a community-based organisation. I am grateful to TMCCA Management and Managing Committee for providing a platform for me to complete this work placement and eventually to employ me as staff. I am also grateful for much more.**

The hands-on knowledge gained through volunteering has become very real for me – neither literature nor a professor could evoke the experience. Through volunteering, the ‘receiving in the giving’ has become authentic and vibrant. It makes sense. I would like to share some more with you.

Fundamentally, the only thing I can really give to another is ‘myself’. All that I believe I have today (my clothes, my car, my family, my friends ...) is not really mine. I can use them and enjoy them as long as I am here. Then I have to let it all go. Hence, in reality, nothing really belongs to me except ‘myself’. If I am to give something genuine to someone, I need to have it with me in reality. The only real thing I truly have and could give, is myself!

How do I give myself in the best possible way? Through time spent with those who need it most and for whom it matters. This experience lit up sometime during the course of volunteering at TMCCA. It’s been crystal clear ever since that as I give what is real for me, the person receiving it will experience it as real too!

As volunteering has been ‘real’ for me, I encourage anyone with the slightest inclination to volunteer, to give it a go. Whether it is driving someone to their medical appointments, serving a cuppa or just offering companionship, you will quickly notice how volunteering enriches your lifestyle – particularly in the present-day scenario!

It’s a good feeling for the giver and the receiver.

If you are curious to know more about how TMCCA volunteers roll, meet me at Tamborine Mountain Community Care, 42 Southport Avenue, Eagle Heights. Kindly call me on 5545 4968 before showing up – we could convene a day and time that suits us both in order to explore the real joy of volunteering.

**Patricia Arora**  
**TMCCA**  
**Volunteers & Programs Coordinator**

## LIVESTOCK BRANDS RETURNS

**State Member for Scenic Rim, Jon Krause, has reminded residents that livestock brands returns are now due.**

“If you own a registered brand or registered earmark, you must complete a brands return in January every year,” Mr Krause said. “If returns are not submitted for three consecutive years, then brands may be cancelled.”

“It only takes a couple of minutes to complete the brands return - it’s simply not worth the risk of letting the brand registration lapse.”

Mr Krause said he was happy for his office located at 91 Brisbane Street, Beaudesert to assist with the completion of brands returns and that residents would need to supply their PIC number for the online form to be completed. Returns can also be completed online at [ibrands.daf.qld.gov.au](http://ibrands.daf.qld.gov.au) or by visiting the Government Agency at 1 Telemon Street, Beaudesert. For more information, contact the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries on 13 25 23 at local call rates.



## GOOD TIMES ...

I hope everyone enjoyed their Christmas and New Year break and was able to have some downtime. The weather turned it on, that's for sure. A big shout out to the community for doing their best to stay on the road whilst dodging potholes. I'd like to thank the mini driver for parking his vehicle in the one outside the local fuel station, really helped me not get too close to the aquifer!

It's going to be great in the coming weeks to see everyone back into the routine of school despite the delayed start. This is where I ask parents and care providers to ensure education for the kids and regular reminders of the potential dangers around traffic. Everyone takes care I'm sure, but please take your time (you can only go as fast as the car in front of you) and keep a keen eye out for the random youngster that occasionally pops out from behind a tree or parked car.

### Crime:

Several recent offences have occurred at various addresses across the Mountain. A vehicle unlawfully entered, an attempt to steal a motor vehicle and a couple of break-and-enter offences to premises.

In most of these instances an unlocked door has gifted the offender an opportunity which perhaps otherwise may not exist. Let's not make it easy for these grubs. Lock it up, and please remain vigilant around suspicious activity. Record details of the suspicious people and vehicles and report this to us. Please continue to report

all activity that doesn't seem right; it is an incredible help to us and your neighbours.

### Traffic:

The roads are wet, the roads are slippery – then someone rolls their vehicle on Tamborine Mountain Road near Piano Rock again!!! Everyone can play a role in ensuring safety. I know the condition of the road in this location is notorious for being slippery when wet, as I'm often the one assisting a motorist to recover their vehicle which has ended up off the road.

One of the best ways to have things done is communicate with your local council and your Local MP. Main Roads and Council play a significant role with the roads. I have many conversations with motorists; however, if your voice is not heard by the entity responsible for your concern, then how are they to know it needs fixing?

I wish everyone a successful 2022 whatever it is you are doing. It's been an interesting, entertaining, and sometimes comical past 12 months. Stay happy, stay healthy and always take responsibility for your actions.

As always, 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.

**Sgt Mark Shields**  
North Tamborine Police



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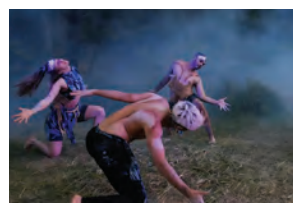
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### Exhibition Open Day

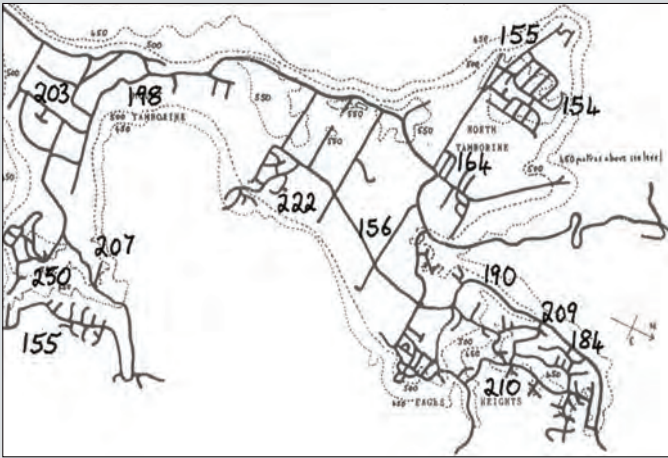
Meet the artists and Family Fun Day with Geckoes Wildlife, Penguin Bloom (PG) screening and more  
Saturday 29 January 2022 | 10.00am - 2.30pm  
The Centre Beaudesert | RSVP online or phone



Bimblebox 153 Birds is supported by Creative Partnerships Australia through the Australian Cultural Fund. This Project is also supported by The Bimblebox Alliance, Museums & Galleries Queensland and proudly sponsored by Seedhead Holistic Graphic Design and Quill Studios.



# TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN RAINFALL

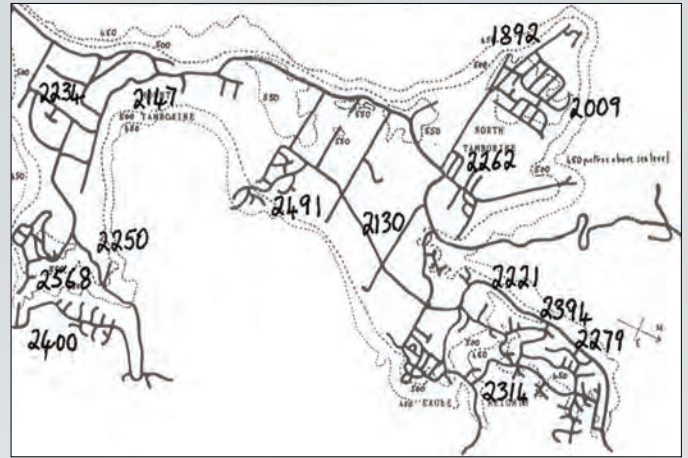


## DECEMBER 2021

The December rainfall at Fern Street was 203.2mm, compared with the long-term average of 164.7mm and expected of 139.7mm.

A trough from the NW had already brought good rain at the end of November and this extended into the first few days of December, ending in a thunderstorm as another trough moving north joined it. Another trough brought thunderstorms and rain recorded on the 9th and 10th. The north became very hot, and trade winds feeding into a heat low produced rain on the 18th. A similar situation brought smaller falls from the 26th to the end of the month.

Mike Russell 5545 3601



## TOTAL FOR 2021

The rainfall total for the year at Fern Street was 2234.3mm. With the long term expected of 1518mm and average of 1572mm, 2021 was a wet year. However, since recording began at Fern Street in 1888, there have been seven years which were wetter. This January, February, April and May each had rainfall between 135mm and 190mm but March had 790mm, thus giving a very wet start to the year. Thereafter monthly falls fell back to normal until October, which was well above average. The year ended with two above average months as a La Nina pattern of the SOI set in.

The map shows the usual pattern of totals across the Mountain with more rain on the east.

Many thanks to the rainfall recorders who consistently contribute good data to this rainfall network and to some new recorders. Anyone interested in contributing to this network please get in touch with me.

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## SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

CULTURAL PROGRAM - JANUARY 2022

The Centre Beaudesert | Boonah Cultural Centre  
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Free kids make at home activity kits connected with Feathered exhibition are available from our cultural centres. If you would like a kit mailed to you, please call 5540 5050.



Visit our website [liveatthecentre.com.au](http://liveatthecentre.com.au) for latest details of our covid-safe plans for school holiday events.

## KIDS' FLICKS

Boonah Cultural Centre | The Centre Beaudesert

Tickets \$5 each

Cranston Academy: **Monster Zone (PG)** 85min | Wed 19 Jan 1pm

Abominable (G) 97min | Wed 19 Jan 10am | Fri 21 Jan 10am

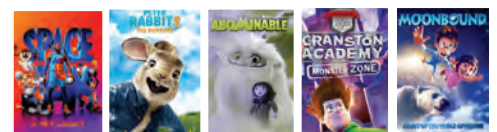
Space Jam: A New Legacy (PG) 105min | Thu 20 Jan 10am

Moonbound (PG) 84min | Thu 20 Jan 1pm

Peter Rabbit 2: The Runaway (G) 93min | Fri 21 Jan 1pm

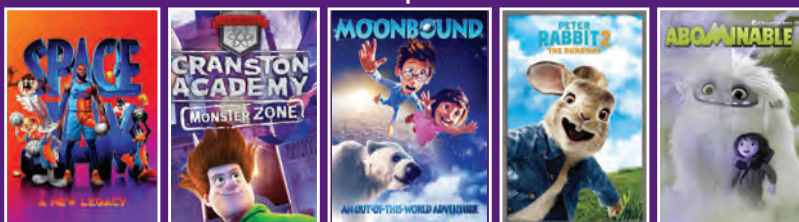
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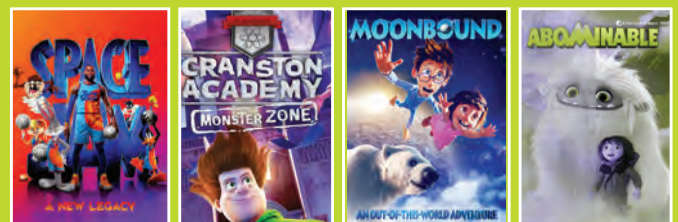
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## ANOTHER INCREDIBLE YEAR

Well, we've come to the end of another incredible year on Tamborine Mountain and begun a brand new one. We all hoped 2021 would be a little different to 2020 and it was in many ways even better. We welcomed a new Physique family member in little Abel Cvelbar, Jess and I thought our wedding was so nice we decided to do it twice and we have welcomed three new staff members this year.

We feel incredibly grateful that we are a part of this wonderful Mountain and incredibly fortunate to be able to provide a close and supportive helping hand to the members of our community. The love that our community has shown to all of us at Physique these past couple of years is one of the greatest things to emerge from the pandemic.

We are constantly reminded about how special Physique is to many people in our community and that makes us even more committed to making sure we continue to look after each and every one of you to the best of our abilities. We wouldn't be able to provide the care we do without our AMAZING team, and I'd like to thank all of them.

First of all, thank you to Neil and Bec. Physique has grown out of the hard work you two have poured into it over the past decade or so and everyone at Physique and the entire community is very, very grateful. Thanks for pushing all of us in the clinic to be the best we can be every day.

Thank you, Dave, for your unwavering joyfulness, commitment to growth and the effort you put into all your patients. You light up the clinic with your (admittedly improving) dad jokes and you're an incredible business partner.

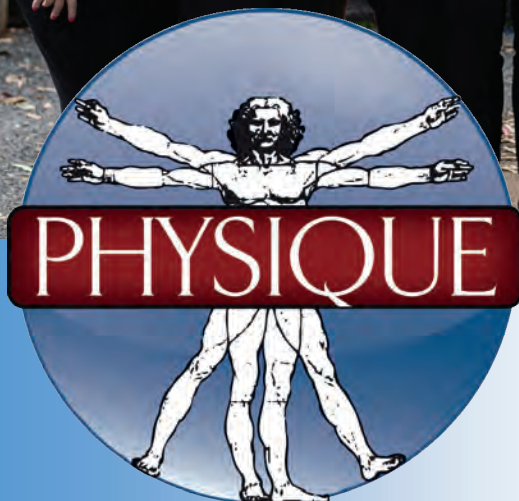
Steve, thank you for your friendship, your incredible commitment to your patients and wonderful entertainment that you have provided at our many games nights throughout the year. You're one hell of a dungeon master! You have been the rock at Physique for many years, and this community absolutely adores you. Thank you so much to Robyn; we are so grateful to have you lead our Pilates and Fit for Life services; you are an amazing asset to the community. Thanks to Matty; your first year as a physio is now finished and you have taken to it like a duck to water. You have made a huge difference to your patients' lives and to our lives.

Thank you to our amazing front desk team. Ingrid, your loyalty and trustworthiness sets you apart and the love you show to all people in this community is wonderful to see. You are a deserving winner of the Physique Champion Award for 2021. Kylee, we welcome your calmness, organisation, genuine kindness and joy. Bronie, thank you for your work ethic, creativity and innovation in everything you do.

Thank you most of all to Jess. You are the most amazing person I know. Physique (and more importantly I) would be totally lost without you.

This year make sure that those you love know that they are loved and make sure you take the time to say the things you need to say to each other. Be sure you cherish every moment you have with your loved ones and be sure you are eternally grateful that you live in this amazing community.

From the whole team at Physique, thank you for 2021. Here's looking forward to a new year full of love, happiness and memories.



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# A NEW YEAR, A NEW YOU

Happy New Year to all my wonderful students and readers. And it was a special Christmas and New Year. Some families who hadn't

seen each other for up to two years got the chance to reunite and re-establish those wonderful family bonds.

Many of us in the yoga world have been thinking about New Year's resolutions (NYR). And if the idea of another boring list of good habits sends you to sleep, have you ever thought about reframing the narrative and seeing your good habits and lifestyle choices as affecting more than yourself? Could your behaviour and lifestyle choices affect the genes of your children and descendants in future generations? It's an intriguing thought to think that something positive you adopt or master in this lifetime could potentially change the choices of future generations for the good.

This understanding belongs to the growing field of epigenetics. Epigenetics is the study of the epigene, the complex sheath of proteins that surrounds DNA; this is where various genes are switched on and off. According to researchers, taking up a healthy lifestyle habit can alter the activity of 500 genes. So according to epigenetics, positive NYRs like resolving to meditate daily, get more sleep, eat more plants and exercise regularly can have a beneficial effect all the way down to the genetic level.

These behavioral changes can be passed on to the next generation, through so-called "soft" inheritance. So even though the genes a child receives from its father and mother are fixed, events that changed the parents' epigene (either positive or negative events) can be passed on without altering the genome, only its activity. A key experiment with mice showed that a mouse who benefited from good mothering or suffered from bad mothering was likely to become a good or bad mother in turn and pass the behavior along to the next generation. Similar findings about events that affected our ancestors are beginning to crop up in human studies.

The genes you're born with remain the same throughout your lifetime, but the activity of those genes varies considerably, not just from year to year, but also minute to minute. The genetic readout of two identical twins is the same at birth but looks very different by age 70. By then, they are no closer than two siblings who aren't identical twins.

In reality, everything you say, think, or do sends a message that's received by every cell at the genetic level. Thus the old picture of genes as fixed, static things has been radically revised: your genetic material is active and highly responsive to such things as thoughts, feelings, behavior and the environment. So if you're thinking about some NYRs and you need a bit more motivation, see your positive lifestyle choice as affecting the epigene of future generations.

**Margot Wagner**  
Yoga Under the Bodhi Tree

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# Relationships



## STABILITY IN AN UNPREDICTABLE WORLD

Welcome to a new year! I'm guessing we're all a bit tentative when it comes to making plans for 2022. Our world is currently unpredictable and it's provoking an increase in general anxiety. Stability and predictability are essential ingredients for our mental wellbeing. This is particularly true for our children at this time.

One of my recent projects while spending a couple of weeks in home quarantine, was to search through old family photos in order to create a photo wall. On opening one storage box I spied a battered red cutlery box. Immediately I was transported back to my childhood; memories of school holidays spent at my grandparents' home and connections with my grandad.

My grandad was not a social person. I know nothing of his family or upbringing and I expect years in the army did him no favours. But despite his gruff exterior, he had a soft heart. We connected over ice-cream from the local van, trips to the lolly shop around the corner and the contents of the red cutlery box, dominoes, his favourite game.

My grandparents lived in a tiny one-bedroom tenement flat one floor above the street. I would join Grandad in leaning out the open lounge window, watching the world go by. He was probably lost in his thoughts, battling his demons, but I was obliviously enjoying our little ritual ... and keeping watch for the ice cream van! Time spent at my grandparents' was a predictable routine which, I only now appreciate, was an environment that made me feel secure and safe.

Every child has an acute sensory filter of the environment around them. In times of unpredictable crisis, they feel an array of sensations at an intense level. However, they lack the understanding or vocabulary to explain what they are feeling. As adults we are able to rationalise sensations in our stomach, headaches or chest tightness as signs of anxiety. However, children do not yet have access to this tool. They look to the adults in their lives for reassurance and to make sense of what is happening.

The most effective strategy for easing your child's anxiety is to address your own. Our children are little sponges, experts at absorbing the emotions of their caregivers. While it's not realistic to never be anxious in their constant presence, you can ease your child's anxiety by being mindful of how you live out the new normal.

Providing consistency, structure and routine sends a message to your child that their world is secure. Be consistent in answering your children's concerns with honesty but also in a way that alleviates their fears. They need to hear that you can be relied on regardless of what is happening outside your home. Maintain a structure that works for your family: meals together, bedtime routines, a favourite family game, habits, traditions, celebrations.

In an ever-changing world, family rituals and routines can easily fall by the wayside, but the prioritising of family activities ensures your grown-up children will cherish 'red cutlery box' memories, despite a pandemic.

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## Councillor's Comment

VIRGINIA WEST  
DIVISION 3

### HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL

Well, what a year we have left behind and I hope you are all rested and ready to face the challenges and excitement of 2022. It's got to be better than 2021 although as I write this column the new COVID-19 variant is spreading rapidly, and again our lives are needing to accommodate this. Please be assured that all council services, facilities and customer contact centres are operating under COVID-19 safe procedures which we are all familiar with, so the main message is that we all be patient and kind in our dealings with all businesses in our region.

#### EMPOWERHER HIKING PROGRAM

Bookings are open for local women and girls to explore our beautiful region at the same time as learning bushwalking skills, meeting like-minded friends, and getting active. This program, funded by the Queensland Government and Health and Wellbeing Queensland, is the first of its kind for the Scenic Rim, with a selection of guided walks in our national parks to suit all levels of fitness. Find out more and book tickets on [www.scenicrim.qld.gov.au/empowHER](http://www.scenicrim.qld.gov.au/empowHER)

#### AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

Thank you to those residents who have nominated community members that have made a difference in our communities over the past and previous years. Special congratulations to all the nominees - and especially Bren Dalby and Turning Canungra Pink from Canungra, Susan Cully and Jon Durrand from Beechmont, Susie Fenton, Janis Bailey, Sandra Evans, Barbara Proudman and Judy Roland from Tamborine Mountain. The awards ceremony has been postponed for the immediate future so watch this space for a rescheduled date.

#### REGIONAL PROSPERITY STRATEGY ANNUAL REPORT CARD

Available on the council website, this initial report is a concise snapshot of how well the region has fared and rebounded from the pandemic over the past year. It includes local and tourism expenditure, business development and attraction, COVID-19 stimulus initiatives and much more.

#### ROAD DAMAGE FROM SUMMER RAINS

Drivers will be very aware of the damage the wet weather has caused to roads throughout the Scenic Rim region, in particular Sarabah, Illinbah, and Flying Fox in our local area.

Emergency works are being completed and council crews are currently assessing the damage in order to lodge a claim for disaster funding. The message is to take it easy on the roads and with further rain predicted, "if it's flooded forget it".

#### SPECIAL MEETING OUTCOME

This was a particularly challenging meeting from a number of aspects but especially the legislative requirements around declarable conflicts of interest. However, in my mind it is about complying with the legislation and ensuring due process is adhered to in all council decisions.

#### CONTACT ME

I am always available to talk with residents on 5540 5403 or 0407 630 052 or email [virginia.w@scenicrim.qld.gov.au](mailto:virginia.w@scenicrim.qld.gov.au). I am at the Canungra Library on the second Saturday of each month from 9am until 11am, the next Saturday being February 12.

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## Red Flowering Gum



Red Flowering Gum – *Corymbia ficifolia*, roadside, Eagle Heights

This small tree is endemic to the south-west of Western Australia. The tree has flower buds in groups of seven bright red, pink or orange flowers. It is one of the most commonly planted ornamental eucalypts.

This tree was attractive to native and European honeybees and ants. It typically grows to a height of 10 metres, though this tree was much smaller. With Covid more present than ever in Australia, it is worth repeating that the pandemic hasn't dimmed the natural world's glory hereabouts.

Peter Kuttner



## Give life. Give blood in Mount Tamborine.

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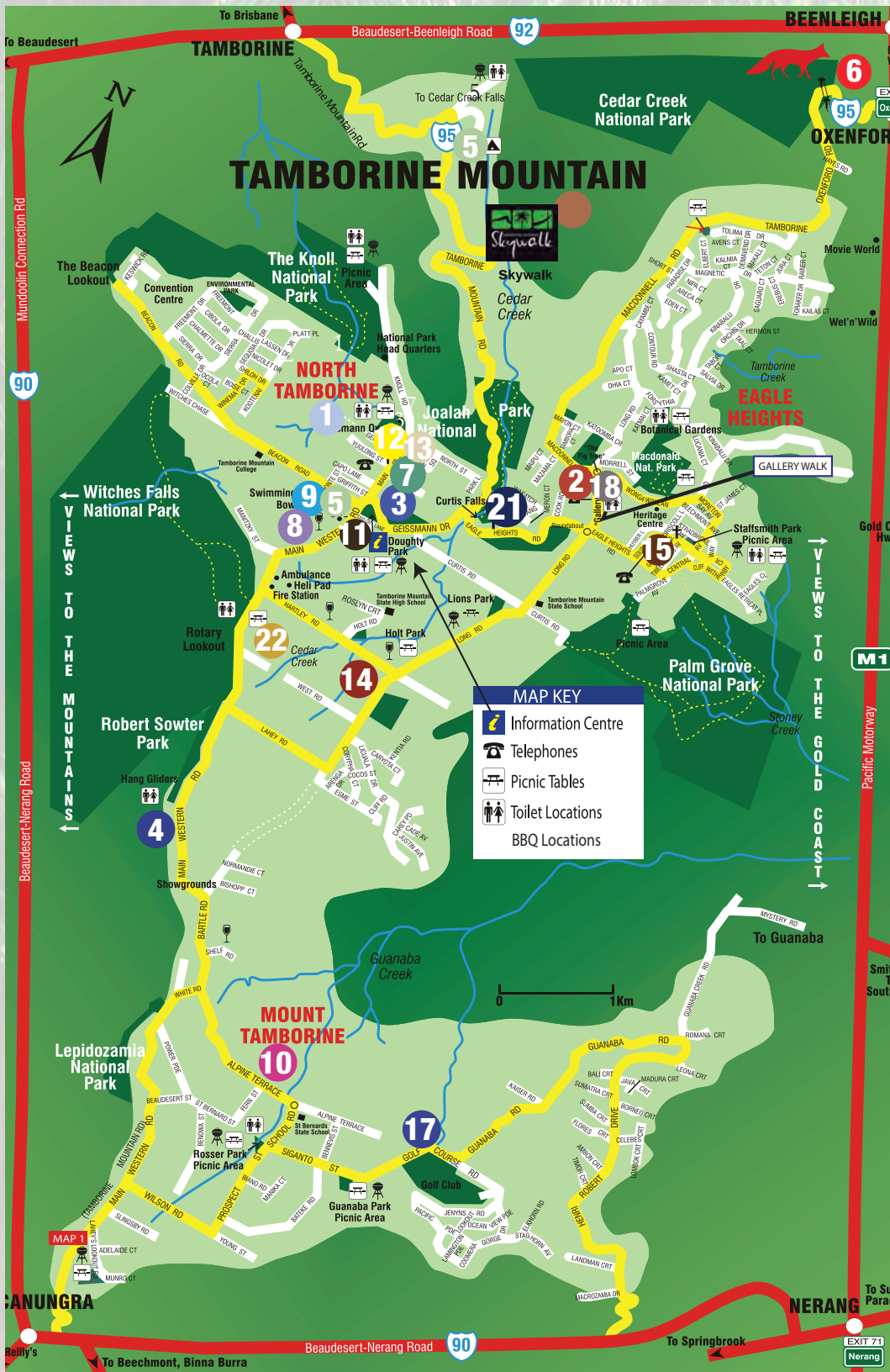
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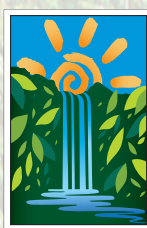
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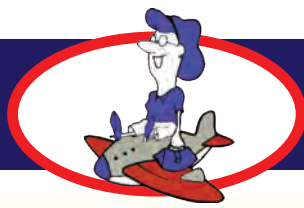
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# TRAVELLING PLACES *with Gina*

One of the wonderful elements of travel is to immerse ourselves in the local culture – to find the area that locals frequent and to find an area off the beaten track. March 2020 saw me in Barcelona – a wonderful city to linger, and just as delightful in winter as summer.

In some ways, Barcelona is a collection of small towns netted together in the nineteenth century after the construction of the Eixample, a half kilometre-wide grid of streets radiating from the medieval Old City.

To the north there's La Vila de Gràcia (the village of Gràcia), with its narrow streets, squares that double as playgrounds, and small specialty shops selling everything from dried beans to vintage handbags. Mass tourism has wrought substantial change on parts of Barcelona over the past decade, but remarkably, Gràcia has managed to retain its distinct identity, strong Catalan pride, and small-town atmosphere.

Gràcia's balance of feeling global and decisively local is what keeps locals coming back week after week. Shoppers stock their larders with goods from the 131-year-old Libertat food market, while families gather at the marble counters in the Quimet and Lo Pinyol bodegas for a pre-lunch vermouth on

Saturdays.

For all its tradition, Gràcia is a little new wave too: It's home to Cines Verdi and Verdi Park, the city's best "original version" cinemas; restaurants such as Somodó, which offers a Japanese chef's creative take on Mediterranean cuisine; and the gorgeous café SlowMov that roasts its own coffee beans.

Often overlooked are the ancient Roman Ruins – spend a few hours roaming through the historic Gothic Quarter. Find the 2000-year-old Temple of Augustus; most of the temple was ransacked and the stones used for other buildings; however, three columns remained, and another has been reconstructed – all of this juxtaposed with the surrounding buildings.

Spend an afternoon in the beautiful Horta Labyrinth – these centuries old gardens are home to a fascinating hedge maze laid out in the 18th century. If you make it to the centre, there is an exquisite sculpture of Eros the Greek God of Love. Discover the hidden gems of this extensive park as you meander.

During the Spanish Civil War (1936 to 1939), Barcelona was under fierce attack; glimpses of battle scars can be seen on buildings, particularly the Church of Saint Philip Neri. Locals took refuge in hidden underground bunkers and tunnels and although most of



these are now blocked, you can visit Refugi 307 in the El Poble-sec neighbourhood where up to 2000 people would hide.

Barcelona is world renowned as one of THE cities in the world to discover and rightly so. Famous for the extraordinary Sagrada Familia and the other amazing Gaudi buildings. Fabulous restaurants are found all over the city including the lunch bars in Las Ramblas. Take the train up to Montserrat and marvel at the centuries old monastery clinging to the mountain side. Make sure to allow several days to connect with this fascinating Spanish city, a centre for Catalan culture.

  
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## Zulu Croque Madame

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I hope you, dear reader, had a nice relaxing Christmas and New Year and are ready to make 2022 a year full of fun, friends and family and of course delicious food. This dish is a perfect way to use up any leftover Christmas ham. If you gave my ham and cheese toastie a go and nailed it then why not up your game and try this classic French dish with an African twist. Trust me, if you nail this recipe and whip it out for guests on a rainy Summer's day you will forever be remembered as an absolute legend of a human.

Did you know? A Croque Madame is just a Croque Monsieur with a poached or fried egg on top. The subtle difference between the two iconic sandwiches is simply how the egg is incorporated into the dish. In a Croque Monsieur, the bread is dipped into the beaten egg before it's cooked like French toast. In a Croque Madame, however, you omit the soaking in egg and instead the egg is either fried or poached and then placed on top of the grilled sandwich. Croque pronounced "croc" is French for "to bite or crunch" and Madame is pretty self explanatory.

The first time I had this dish was in a café in Paris. I had just come from visiting the enormous tomb of the emperor Napoleon and had worked up quite an appetite; this being my third time to Paris I knew not to head to an overpriced tourist cafe as I had been disappointed in the past with the lack of attention to detail of the food and had paid heavily for the privilege. Surprisingly, Paris has quite a lot of rubbish as the French tend to just throw it on the streets rather than go to the trouble of putting it in the bin which, to be fair, can be quite hard to find. This is often the sure sign of a local district different from the polished tourist locations.

The smell of fresh roasted coffee and cigarettes and the presence of locals sitting at the few tables lined along the footpath drew me in. A light drizzle has just begun and as I enter, I am greeted by a burly Frenchman with dark bags under his bright green eyes. He is leaning on the taps for beer that is iconic of a local Parisian café and on his thick forearms is a large anchor tattoo that reminds me of Popeye the sailor. He is garbed in a perfectly clean white T-shirt and quips in French "Talk to me". "A table for one, please" I reply slowly in my very bad

French. His demeanor changes instantly and nods his head in approval at my attempt at French, then proceeds to come round from the bar and wipes a table down vigorously, exposing an impressive triceps.

Immediately he starts up a conversation. "Where you from?" he asks. "Australia" I reply. He smiles for the first time, revealing a perfectly straight set of pearly whites and with childlike delight says "Kangaroo! My dream is to sail there in my boat." "Where are you from?" I ask. "Saint Jean-de-Luz, a small port city in the south near the border with Spain. I'm working three jobs to save enough for repairs before I sail to Sardinia in a few months for the summer." "Super cool," I reply. "Can I get you a menu?" he says. "Do you have "Croque Madame?" "Best in Paris," he declares. "And to drink?" "A Kro please," I say (which is slang for Kronenbourg). "1164 or 1664?" he replies. "1164," I say much to his approval. With that he heads out the back and returns with a steaming hot Croque Madame with a perfectly fried egg on top and a cold glass of Kronenbourg 1164. "Bon appétit," he proclaims with pride.

This famous French dish is a staple of French cuisine. I believe it's been around for more than 100 years for a reason, so why not be brave and impress your friends and family.

**Chef Dylan Tip:** Heat the milk when making the béchamel and don't overcook the roux. It should smell like cookies.

**Serves 4**

### INGREDIENTS

- 5 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 3 tablespoons plain flour
- 2 cups hot milk
- 8 tbs Shaka Zulu peri peri sauce\*
- 1 cup grated Gruyère cheese
- 8 slices white bread
- 250g sliced ham
- 4 large eggs

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

### METHOD

#### To make Béchamel sauce:

Melt 3 tbs butter in a small saucepan over low heat, add flour and stir constantly.

Cook roux for 2-3 minutes.



Whisk in milk and bring to a boil, whisking constantly.

Reduce heat and add 1/3 cup cheese. Stir until cheese is melted.

#### To make Croque Madame sandwiches:

1. Drizzle 2 tbs of Shaka Zulu Peri Peri sauce evenly over each of 4 slices of bread, then sprinkle with remaining cheese. Top with ham, then close sandwich.
2. Lightly oil a 15 by 10 inch shallow baking pan.
3. Melt 1 tablespoon butter in a non-stick fry pan on low heat then cook sandwiches, turning over once, until golden (3 to 4 minutes total). Remove from heat and transfer sandwiches to baking pan, then wipe out frypan with paper towel.
4. Pre-heat grill.
5. Top each sandwich with 1/3 cup sauce, spreading evenly. Grill sandwiches until sauce is bubbling and golden in spots, 2 to 3 minutes. Turn off grill and transfer pan to lower third of oven to keep sandwiches warm.
6. Heat remaining tablespoon of butter in fry pan over medium heat until foam subsides, then crack eggs into frypan and season with salt and pepper. Fry eggs, covered with lid, until whites are just set and yolks are still runny (about 3 minutes). Top each sandwich with a fried egg and serve immediately. Et voilà!

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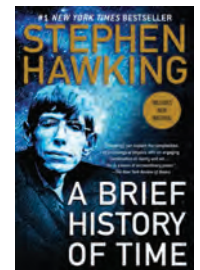
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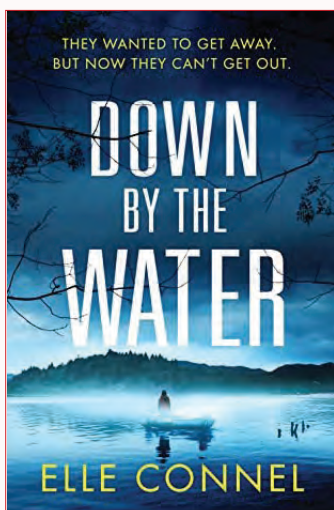
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5. Islamabad is now the capital of which country?
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# HERITAGE SCOUT DEN NEARLY READY

**We have been working very hard to have our Heritage Scout Den up and running following its relocation from Geissmann Oval to Hartley Road in June last year.**

After nearly five years of obtaining suitable land, sorting leases, obtaining council approvals and road permits it is almost ready to use.

We are still in need of some extra funding to allow us to start this year, but we are very close to making it and hope to have a grand opening event in the near future.

Over the last five years Tamborine Mountain Scout Group has been growing and now consists of more than 80 members.

We have nine Joeys (aged 5 to 8), 22 Cubs (8 to 11), 22 Scouts (11 to 15) and 11 Venturers (5 to 18) as well as 21 volunteer leaders, committee and helpers. We also have 40 junior members and leaders waiting to come on board once we have a central meeting place and more space.

We have applied for many grants and have received more than \$80,000 in funding, as well as raising \$27,000 ourselves. Unfortunately, the Covid pandemic has curtailed our efforts to some extent, but we keep trying with our fundraising endeavours.

We have been meeting in different locations, with Scouts and Venturers in the shed at the back of the sports grounds and Cubs and Joeys meeting at a local church hall.

It will be wonderful to have a place to call 'home' after all these years and not have to take all our weekly needs along each week for meetings.

We wish to establish a safe and nurturing environment to enhance the wellbeing and development of our youth within



our own community to allow them to be taught the principles of scouting, which include acting in consideration of others and developing and using their abilities for the betterment of the community, themselves and their families.

The adult members and committee are volunteers from within the community and have the privilege of helping young members grow and become young adults to be proud of.

**Fay Schulz**  
**Tamborine Mountain Scout Group**

# TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN OPEN TENNIS FINALS

**The 2021 Tamborine Mountain Open Tennis Championships were conducted under a slightly different format, with round robins in each event leading to finals.**

In a see-sawing ladies' singles final, Julia Cossins led Karen Chalmers by a set and 3-0 but Karen eventually won the second set on a tiebreak and then the final set to win the match 3-6 7-6 6-3.



In the men's singles, the wily experience of Scott Wilbow was just enough to overcome the youth and pace of Josh Jack to win the final 4-6 6-3 6-4.

Tournament organiser Denis McKeown said: "This is Scott's second year as champion and there is now a challenge out there for young (and not-so-young) up-and-coming players to have a crack at him in next year's open championships."

There was double triumph in the championships for the Wilbow family as Scott's son Jackson beat Dallas Walsh 6-4 6-4 in the men's B Grade singles final.

In the men's doubles final, played in perfect morning conditions, Rob Campbell and Josh Jack beat Ben Torenbeek and Hayden Winch 2-6 6-3 6-4.

In the mixed doubles final Jan O'Neill and Dallas Walsh beat Helen Staffsmith and Neil Fisher in another three-set thriller, 6-4 1-6 7-5.

We still eagerly await the result of the women's doubles final between the pairings of Kathy Day and Jan O'Neill and Karen Chalmers and Marian Gibbons.

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*Photos: (above) Karen Chalmers  
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