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CURTAIN TO FALL ON COUNCIL CEO DRAMA

During a special session convened on February 17, after more than six hours of deliberation, Scenic Rim Regional Council resolved not to renew CEO Jon Gibbons' contract. This was the same decision as made last November.

Much of the special session was devoted to try resolve supposed conflicts of interest involving several councillors, including Tamborine Mountain Councillor Derek Swanborough and Mayor Greg Christensen.

With those matters resolved, Council then spent considerable time in closed discussion. In the following open session, there were two motions tabled: that Council repeal the November 2021 decision to not renew CEO Gibbons' contract, and to maintain confidentiality.

Councillor Swanborough argued against the repeal of the original decision, commenting on both the length of the process and emphasising that finally resolving the CEO contract matter was very much in the public interest.

"I don't believe there is any necessary change required. This has been going on for six months now," he said.

"I believe that it's in the best interest of the Council and the residents and ratepayers that we make this decision... we were supposed to make this decision six months ago."

Councillor Virginia West spoke in favour of the repeal motion, citing her concerns regarding Cr Swanborough's declared conflict of interest.

"I believe there was a matter back in November, a conflict of interest, which should have been declared but was not, so that's why I believe that we need to repeal this decision," Cr West said.

Councillors Swanborough, McConnell, Chalk and McInnes

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formed the majority vote, and the repeal motion was defeated, while the second motion on confidentiality was carried unanimously.

Cr Jeff McConnell tabled a motion that the Council delegate to Mayor Christensen the responsibility to give Mr Gibbons appropriate written notice of the Council's decision to not renew his contract by Monday, February 21.

Councillors Swanborough, McConnell, Chalk and McInnes again formed the majority vote, with Councillors West and Enright dissenting, and the motion was carried.

Another closed discussion followed, with resulting unanimous agreement to request an extension to Mr Gibbons' contract, keeping Mr Gibbons in the CEO role beyond the original contract's June expiry date, and into August. This was deemed to constitute an appropriate notice period for the outgoing CEO.

Photo: Mayor Greg Christensen (left) with Jon Gibbons, whose contract is to be extended to August



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BOONAH CULTURAL CENTRE IS SET TO PLAY A CAMEO ROLE AS A COVID-19 VACCINATION CLINIC LATER THIS MONTH

In response to a request from West Moreton Health, Scenic Rim Regional Council will make the centre available as a clinic on the weekend of 26 to 27 February and waive the venue hire and associated fees.

Scenic Rim Mayor Greg Christensen said Council was pleased to be able to assist in the continuing rollout of COVID-19 vaccinations across the region.

"I am delighted Queensland Health has supported our community in improving ease of access to COVID-19 vaccines through their pop-up clinics." he said.

"We still have a way to go to reach the full 80 per cent vaccination coverage for the region so it's important everyone plays a part and gets vaccinated to keep our community safe and our economy open.

Cr Christensen said Boonah Cultural Centre's use as a vaccination clinic was one of many measures by Council to reduce the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Since 2020, Council has allocated \$1 million for a range of measures in its economic stimulus packages to support the community and businesses impacted by COVID-19.

In late 2021, Council also communicated with the office of Queensland Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk about the impacts of COVID-19 restrictions on the community. The responses to the letters, which were read by Cr Christensen at Council's Ordinary Meeting of 8 February can be viewed here

"Council regards the waiving of fees for Boonah Cultural Centre's use as a vaccination clinic as yet another investment in supporting the health and well-being of our community and local economy during this pandemic," Division 5 Councillor Marshall Chalk said.

"I encourage members of the community who have not been vaccinated, or are eligible to receive a booster, to take advantage of the free clinic at Boonah this month."

TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN BRIDGE CLUB RESULTS

Mon 14th N/S John Youngman - Cheryl Finlayson

E/W Eddie Heinemeyer - Robert McCathie

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BUSHRATS OVER 40s FINISH THE SEASON UNDEFEATED

The Bushrats Over 40s cricket side have continued their remarkable year and, on the weekend, completed the regular season with a perfect record of eight wins from eight games. This group of men love playing cricket with each other, and it shows on the field. Whether it is having a joke between themselves or gently making fun of a dropped catch or celebrating a wicket together, a smile is never far from their faces. They soundly beat Helensvale last weekend, after a solid batting performance led by Ian Youngman (51 retired off 39 balls) resulted in a total of 210 off the 40 overs. In reply, Helensvale could only manage 173, with Tim Guymer again picking up three wickets. Tim, the team's captain, finished the regular season as the leading wicket taker in the whole Gold Coast competition. Congratulations Tim on an amazing season - hopefully there are more wickets to come in the finals.

Last week, our 4th grade side had a very impressive win over the side sitting at the top of the ladder. Beating Palm Beach has moved our boys firmly into a finals position. It should also give this group of talented cricketers belief that they have what it takes to win the competition. It was an incredible win, considering they were in trouble at 5/48, before a batting masterclass by Will Mahony (108 not out off 78 balls) rescued the side. At the end of the day the boys won by 10 runs, and are now looking forward to the final three weeks before the finals start.

Our 3rd grade side have had a couple of losses in a row and are now sitting in the middle of the ladder. David Mugridge and Barry Gill have both batted well, scoring 45 and 46 not out respectively. Unfortunately, we just haven't scored enough runs consistently so far this year, and as a result we are not winning the close games. The 3rd grade bowling has been boosted by the inclusion of Tim Hill and last week he picked up three wickets. Not bad for only his third bowling effort in 18 months.

Both the under 11s sides continue to progress, and are now starting to bring all of their skills together. These kids are all very young, and are playing hard ball cricket for the first time this season. It is exciting to see their progress and we can't wait to keep them going.

The under 12s are still in the top four, with two games remaining in the season. It is a very congested table, and



whether they play in the finals will come down to what happens in the next few weeks. The most pleasing aspect of watching these kids play is seeing how they encourage and look after each other. It has been quite remarkable over the past few games to see their progress in batting as well. The Bushrats have batted out their full 50 overs now two games in a row. Notably last weekend, Oscar Youngman scored a quickfire 50, almost hitting his sister on the sidelines when he hit his final ball for a huge six over square leg! But Ava Heather, Ned Shelton, Olly Young and Sarah Bell have all batted for longer than 50 balls each! This is a great achievement, and really shows that our team are enjoying spending their time out in the middle.

The Under 14s continue in second place on a very tight table and, once again, what happens in the next two games will determine if they play finals or not. Last weekend the boys lost in a very tight game. It was a great effort with Matthew Pattinson (27) and Tate Della (26) top scoring. This team has got what it takes, and I am excited to see them step up to the challenge over the coming weeks.

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 guys.

The club is an open, all-inclusive club 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

GCBF \$100,000 SUPER ROUND FOR 2022 OPEN AND ROUND 112 SUCCESS FOR TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN

In Round 112, community groups in the Scenic Rim Electorate will share in over \$220,000 of grant funding awarded through the Gambling Community Benefit Fund (GCBF).

Over 25 million dollars has now been allocated to community groups in the Scenic Rim Electorate through various grants since State Member, Jon Krause, was elected in 2012.

Two groups on Tamborine Mountain will share in \$65,000 in funding and Mr Krause said the money would make a huge difference to the successful local groups.

"This terrific outcome would not have occurred without many hardworking volunteers giving their time and energy to complete the grant application process. It is wonderful to see that these community groups will be able to install and upgrade facilities to help them maintain their services."

"I commend these groups for the wonderful work they do and encourage other community groups to apply for super round 113 of the GCBF. Not-for-profit groups can apply for grants from \$500 to \$35,000 – applications open on 21 February 2022 and close midnight 31 March 2022.," Mr Krause said.

Commencing in 2022, there will be changes to the GCBF funding program. There will be 4 funding rounds each year, with 3 of these rounds having funding available up to \$35,000

and 1 super round (GCBF Round 113) with up to \$100,000 of funding available.

If your organisation plans to apply in the super round, you should carefully consider the 1-round exclusion period - if your organisation's applications are successful in either Round 111 or Round 112, the organisation may be ineligible to apply in the super round.

To apply for the program visit: www.justice.qld.gov.au/grants or for more information contact Jon Krause's office via email scenicrim@parliament.qld.gov.au or phone (07) 5515 1100.

Local organisations to receive funding in Round 112 were:

Organisation	Amount	Purpose
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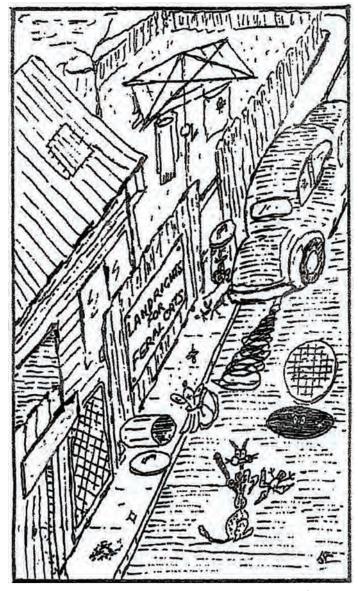
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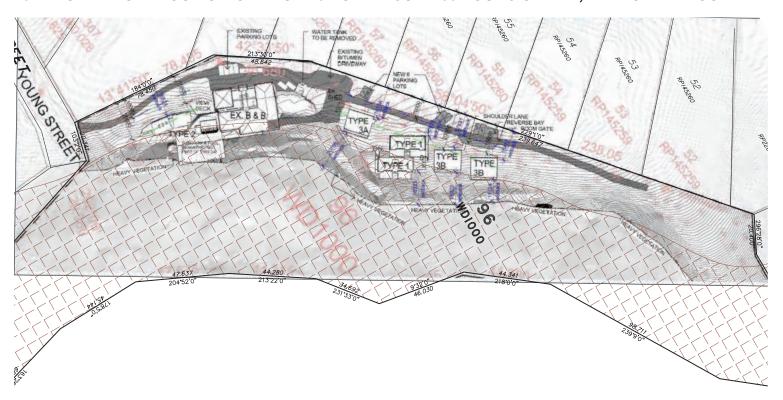
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SHOULD COUNCILLORS FEEL ON EDGE?

10 NATURE-BASED TOURISM CABINS IN 6 BUILDINGS AT 36 YOUNG STREET, TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN



The SRRC Planning Department has been working overtime to get this development approved and had recommended its approval at the Council meeting of 8th February, 2022.

Unfortunately, no-one had bothered to run the basic safety template, the *Planning Scheme OM-07-B.2 Landslide Hazard Overlay*, over the site – even though the application was lodged in August, 2020.

Instead, the Planning Officers relied on erroneous information provided by the developer's advocate, without conducting a simple but vitally important check on the veracity of information provided. As a result of this failure, the Planning Officers' advice to Council in recommending approval of this DA, stated that the land was Medium Risk, when in fact it is combined Medium and High Risk Landslide Hazard.

Concerned neighbours adjoining the site engaged professionals to conduct the necessary investigations to prepare the *High Risk Landslide Hazard Overlay* (shown above) to highlight the extent of Council's error. A 20m setback is required by the Scheme to protect the liveability of residents whose properties border a tourism development. The overlay shows that even with the relaxation of the 20m setback, which all neighbours categorically reject due to the degradation of their amenity, 4 of the 6 planned buildings overlie the High Risk Landslide Zone. Without the relaxation, all 6 would be substantially within the High Risk Zone.

Under the SRRC Planning Scheme 8.2.7.3.2 Landslide Hazard and Steep Slope Overlay Code, Nature Based Tourism is a Vulnerable Use and is NOT to be established or expanded in areas designated as High Risk Landslide Hazard!

As Winston Churchill may have once said, "You can fool some of the people some of the time, but you can't fool all of the people all of the time". Hopefully, some wisdom will prevail in this matter, and the proposed DA will be rejected for failing to meet the *SRRC Planning Scheme*, as outlined in the critical area above.

Concerned and potentially seriously impacted residents of Bateke Road and Young St held a third

meeting on 21 February 2022 to further discuss the proposed development's many and significant apparent inconsistencies with the *Planning Scheme*. Residents are appreciative of Councillors' recognition that a site visit to both the development site and the properties of affected residents was considered a requirement prior to a vote being taken, and that visit is to occur on 7th March 2022. The developer has also granted Council a 30-business day extension to the decision-making period, which should ensure the application can be back on an Ordinary Meeting agenda prior to the expiry of that period.

Residents are concerned that the onus of proof that the development is inappropriate has fallen on them, rather than the developer proving that the cabins can be built without contravening *Planning Scheme* requirements. Given the overlays applicable to the proposed site, a correct geotechnical report should surely have formed part of the application. The report provided did not relate to the sites of the cabins. The plans submitted clearly indicate the likelihood of further future intensification of business activities, as a sunroom, pool and deck are proposed but do not form part of the current application.

The recommendation to approve the development contained in the agenda for Council's meeting of 8 February, 2022 highlighted that on a property of less than 20ha, no more than 6 tourist accommodation sites are permitted, yet the recommendation is to approve 10, even though the development requires a boundary setback to reduce the minimum 20m requirement. Council planners acknowledged that through consideration of submissions (200 against) the community expect that the proposal will adversely impact on the privacy and amenity of the surrounding area, yet persevered in recommending approval. At what point are residents' rights and expectations enshrined in the *Planning Scheme* secondary to the desires of developers?

Next week: the *Defence Land Buffer Area Overlay* will show that one of the two cabins not in the High Risk Landslide area is precluded by the defence overlay – leaving only one of the 10 proposed cabins still viable – and not even one cabin, if neighbours' amenity is respected and the 20m setback applied!

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JON KRAUSE MP

State Member for Scenic Rim

INTEGRITY MATTERS

Every step the Palaszczuk Government has taken throughout the integrity crisis that has blown up in Queensland has been an attempt to relieve pressure and avoid the genuine scrutiny of a Royal Commission. For weeks a chorus of Queenslanders – including current and former public servants who are speaking out – have been calling for a genuine inquiry into the government. For weeks, the Premier has stonewalled.

I support calls for a wide-ranging inquiry into the state of government in Queensland. The findings made by the committee I chair in Parliament about the Crime and Corruption Commission – that it failed to always act independently and impartially, among others – were, to put it mildly, very serious, and diminish public confidence in that organisation. It is now subject to a Royal Commission, and the claims aired bravely by other public servants about the conduct of the QLD Government should be examined in a similar way.

Another "review" conducted by a person who donated to the Labor Party ahead of the last election (as announced by the Premier last week) is not the Royal Commission we need.

STATE GOVERNMENT MUST LISTEN TO HEALTH SOLUTIONS

The LNP is urging the QLD Government to introduce immediate and genuine solutions to the fix the Queensland Health crisis. For more than a year, we have been putting forward positive solutions to fix the Queensland Health Crisis including real time data in our hospitals, improving triaging, an investment in more beds, and empowering front line clinicians to make local decisions to ensure hospitals run smoothly.

The health system has been in decline for the past seven years and the QLD Government isn't keeping up with population growth and demand. Under this government, ambulance ramping has soared, ED department wait times are through the roof and the surgery waiting lists have ballooned – all of this was happening before COVID. The Gold Coast – the region into which Tamborine Mountain fits from a hospital perspective – is short 420 beds, and this shortage will rise to 731 beds by 2031 unless action is taken. The LNP has been pressuring the Government about the need for a new hospital on the northern Gold Coast (in addition to my constant lobbying for better services at Beaudesert Hospital). This region only has 1.87 beds per 1000 population, which is well behind the national rate of 2.5 beds per 1000 people.

Our dedicated doctors, nurses, paramedics and allied health professionals are the ones holding our hospitals together while the State Government fails to properly resource them. The LNP will not stop fighting for better patient care and properly resourcing our hospitals.

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





SCOTT BUCHHOLZ Federal Member for Wright

80TH ANNIVERSARY OF DARWIN BOMBING

Recently we commemorated the 80th anniversary of the bombing of Darwin, the largest single attack ever mounted by a foreign power on Australia during the Second World War. The two Japanese raids which devastated the city on 19 February 1942, took the lives of more than 250 Australian and Allied service personnel and civilians.

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Just two weeks later, Japanese fighters attacked Broome without warning. Twenty-four Allied aircraft were destroyed, and dozens of people were killed. Over almost two years, northern Australia would be raided close to 100 times, with 64 of these attacks falling on Darwin. We remember those who lost their lives, those who served and the sacrifices they made in the defence of Australia.

Lest we forget.

HOSPITAL FUNDING

I have had a few questions about hospital funding and how it works. The State Government is responsible for managing hospitals and health systems.

The Federal Government provides considerable funding support to our public hospitals and health system through a significant funding contribution to assist states and territories with the costs of delivering public hospital services.

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Since taking office in 2013, the Liberals and Nationals Federal Government has provided more funding for public hospital services in Queensland.

It has grown substantially by 109 per cent. Over the same time, the Queensland Labor Government has only increased hospital funding by 55 per cent. Can you imagine if the state governments did some more heavy lifting in the health system they are responsible for?

There is nothing stopping the states and territories matching the Australian Government investment in public hospitals and if they did, hospitals would be better positioned to assist sick patients, reduce wait times, and get surgeries done sooner.

Hospitals are the responsibility of the State Government. While the Federal Liberals and Nationals will continue to invest in our public health system, the State Government must do the same.

CONSTRUCTION PROGRESSES ON UPGRADE OF HOWARD CREEK CAUSEWAY

Upgrades are underway despite delays, on the Howard Creek Causeway on Tamborine-Oxenford Road, Wongawallan. Despite bad weather, construction is progressing on the \$10 million project.

The Liberal and Nationals Government is funding 80 per cent or \$8 million of this upgrade, with the Queensland Government contributing the remaining \$2 million.



Letters to the Editor

WHERE HAS TRUST GONE?

There was a time when we just trusted our elected government and councils to listen to their constituents, and act accordingly.

The climate debate has abated; now it is the Scenic Rim Council's time. I think people in this shire were happier with the smaller Beaudesert Council. I have lived here for 34 years, and the population cap does keep changing, but there has to be a definite limit.

Not long after a koala habitat was destroyed for a tennis court (there have been a few similar cases) the Federal minister for Wright announced the Federal Government's \$50 million funding for large habitats, health and protection for koalas.

Then, following community outrage about many acres of land being cleared, the same Federal Minister announced tree planting for the Queen's Jubilee; this is like a merrygo-round. Yes, trees help counteract climate change; it's a shame we are clearing mature trees – it is counter-productive.

Australia is a huge country: why does this small, unique plateau, recognised (for now) by *Lonely Planet*, need to remove more rainforest and bushland? Rainforests take at least fifty years to regrow, gum trees can live for 700-900 years, the soil is rich and volcanic, the heart of all this lushness, wildlife is disappearing because Council is allowing destruction of bushland for a picket fence and lawn? The only logic behind this is money.

Like many, I struggle paying the rates; my friends on the Gold Coast, with sewerage and water, pay much less, as do even those in Tamborine Village. Then there are the potholes, caused by frequent heavy trucks for clearing and building; a fully-loaded tractor trailer weighs 36,287 kilograms, twenty times more than a typical passenger car; with heavy rain new potholes appear. Our roads are not designed for frequent heavy traffic.

I may be a bit paranoid, but it seems like an oligarchy; I hope people's submissions are not deleted or shredded.

Pam Brandis

THE CALANTHE COLLECTIVE PRIZE

Calanthe Collective is delighted to announce the inaugural Calanthe Collective Prize for Unpublished Poetry. The prize was initiated by Brisbane-based

poet Jena Woodhouse and is sponsored by her this year, in association with the Calanthe Collective.



This competition is

designed to encourage aspiring and current poets in two categories: Under 18, restricted to high school aged people; and an Open category, which is restricted to poets who are yet to have a book or chapbook published by April 4 2022. Calanthe Collective is looking for exceptional poems in both categories.

The winning poem in the Under 18 category will receive \$200, and in the Open category \$500. The winners in each category, together with Highly Commended entrants, will have their poems published on the Calanthe Press website.

Submissions are open from February 18 to April 4, 2022 and winners will be advised by June 13. Announcement of the Winner in each category, and the Highly Commended poems will be on June 19 at the Calanthe Collective Winter Garden Party on Tamborine Mountain, with Jena Woodhouse and Jock MacLeod presenting the awards, and the poets presenting their winning poems. Special guest at the event will be David Malouf.

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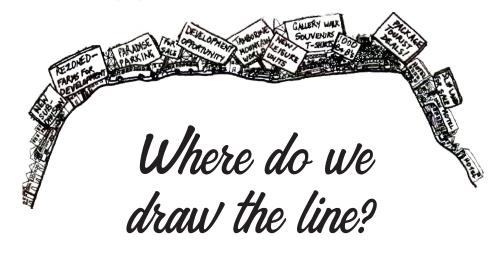
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A self explanatory pro-forma in response to SRRC's Growth Management on page 11 (opposite) lists serious concerns you may wish to convey to Council.

This can be handed into the library, posted, or emailed.

It needs to be in by March 6th.

J. Lockey, President, Tamborine Mountain Progress Assn. Chief Executive Officer,
Attn: Strategic Planning,
Scenic Rim Regional Council,
P.O. Box 25,
BEAUDESERT, Qld. 4285

Dear Sir,

Name

Draft Scenic Rim Growth Management Strategy 2041

There should be no more subdivision on Tamborine Mountain for the following reasons:

- It is contrary to the existing Planning Scheme which says no more subdivision is permitted on Tamborine Mountain.
- Tamborine Mountain has limited infrastructure net works (storm water, water supply, sewer, electricity & telecom/NBN (page 45 of Draft).
- Population growth is already available through occupation of vacant land, dual occupancy and secondary dwellings.
- There has been no review to determine what population growth is currently available through these options in the Planning Scheme.
- No study has been done of the large numbers of cabins, B & B's, Air B & B's etc. and their impact on Tamborine Mountain's current and future density.
- Scenic Rim Regional Council does not need Tamborine Mountain to take up the required growth.
- There is enough vacant land within Scenic Rim, excluding Tamborine Mountain, for extra growth.
- Massive population growth on Tamborine Mountain has already occurred in the past decade unmatched anywhere else in the shire.
- No infrastructure has been put in place to match this growth.
- Any density increase on Tamborine Mountain will lower the amenity for residents. Beaudesert & Boonah do not have this problem as they can expand.
- Located on a plateau, Tamborine Mountain's population of 8344 is vastly greater than Beaudesert or Boonah, so there is no reason to expand here.
- Tamborine Mountain is one third of one per cent of the total footprint of Scenic Rim's total area. There are many
 opportunities elsewhere.

Ample opportunities exist elsewhere in the shire without further damaging the unique character of Tamborine Mountain.

- Tamborine Mountain does not require more population to remain sustainable.
- With no reticulated water, sewerage & minimal infrastructure, a more crowded population will lower the living standards.

Further comments:______

Signature_

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TAKE A LEAF OUT OF OUR HANDY WASTE GUIDE

Scenic Rim residents are being encouraged to turn over a new leaf, with Council's handy new 40-page guide to reducing waste.

How to Reduce Waste, Your Handy Guide, has been produced to help residents make choices that will improve their world as well as the environment by avoiding waste and maximising opportunities to reuse and recycle while saving money.

Scenic Rim Mayor Greg Christensen said the booklet aimed to encourage residents to see that small changes could make a big difference.

"A little bit of thought when we shop and about how we dispose of waste can not only help the environment and save money, it can also help create jobs within a circular economy and keep others safe, particularly by ensuring that hazardous materials are disposed of correctly," he said.

"Reducing the volume of waste going to landfill is not simply about recycling, it begins with shoppers making informed decisions about their purchases and asking themselves whether there are alternatives.

"For example, buying in bulk will often save on packaging, as will buying locally, as local businesses use less packaging because they don't need to protect their products from damage during long-distance transport."

Choosing fresh produce, rather than processed foods, is a healthy option that will also help reduce waste generated by packaging.

This will also help the environment by reducing the consumption of energy and water in the manufacture of packing that quickly becomes hard-to-manage litter.

How to Reduce Waste, Your Handy Guide includes environmentally friendly and money saving tips for the kitchen, bathroom, laundry and garden.

"If we consider that food waste accounts for 40 per cent of landfill, this equates to one in every five bags of groceries going straight into the bin," Cr Christensen said.

"While this comes at a cost to the environment, this can also cost individual households more than \$2000 a year, which is a waste of money that could be avoided by shopping more carefully.

"Each year, more than 20,000 tonnes of waste goes to landfill in the Scenic Rim, so we need to look at ways to reduce, reuse or recycle as much of that waste as possible."

The guide helps Scenic Rim residents to maximise their recycling

by detailing which items can be disposed of in recycling bins and how to dispose of hazardous items which can injure others or cause fires or explosions.

"We know Scenic Rim residents value our region's spectacular scenery and natural environment and making small changes to the way we shop and manage waste are easy ways we can all work together to keep the Scenic Rim spectacular," Cr Christensen said.

"This handy new guide not only supports Council's Waste Management and Resource Recovery Strategy 2021-2026 but also Queensland's vision to progress towards a zerowaste society where waste is avoided, reused and recycled to the greatest possible extent."

How to Reduce Waste, Your Handy Guide is available online via Council's website at scenicrim.qld.gov.au/council-services/waste-services with limited copies available at Council's Customer Service Centres, Libraries and Waste Transfer Stations.



THE SLEEPING BEAUTY REAWAKENS FOR AUDIENCES AT HOTA

The classic story audiences know and love will return in 2022 when Queensland Ballet presents *The Sleeping Beauty* for a limited season at Gold Coast's Home of the Arts (HOTA).

After last year's box-office record-breaking season, this blockbuster ballet will delight audiences with the magic of a fairytale where evil tries but fails. The story of the princess doomed to eternal slumber only to be awoken by her true love's kiss, where cats creep, fairies flit and beautiful bluebirds herald the triumph of good. As the Princess awakes, she touches the heart of every living creature.

Queensland Ballet Artistic Director, Li Cunxin AO said he is looking forward to bringing the iconic production to Gold Coast.

"The Sleeping Beauty returns to the stage with all the enchantment of classical ballet, captivating audiences with exquisite Renaissance-inspired costumes, spectacular choreography and elaborate stage sets. All under the spell of Tchaikovsky's dramatic musical score," Mr Li said.

"After such a positive reception from our *Giselle* season, QB and HOTA have harnessed our chemistry, and I am beyond excited to announce that both seasons at HOTA in 2022 will be exclusive to the Gold Coast. *The Sleeping Beauty* in February and then *Moonlight Ballet* in November," said Mr Li.

The official partnership will see HOTA present two QB seasons in 2022, with plans for 2023 and beyond already in play.

HOTA CEO Criena Gehrke said she was delighted to welcome QB to its home away from home on the Gold Coast.



"The partnership between Queensland Ballet and HOTA is an alignment of our values as two leading organisations in southeast Queensland. We are both deeply committed to supporting, nurturing, celebrating and showcasing artists, and have a rich belief in the impact art has on its community," said Ms Gehrke.

"The exclusive season of *The Sleeping Beauty* at HOTA is a moment of celebration of the partnership that we get to share with audiences, and I am delighted they're returning to the Gold Coast to perform at the end of the month."

The Sleeping Beauty runs from 25-26 February 2022 at Gold Coast's HOTA Theatre. For more info visit www.queenslandballet.com.au/2022/the-sleeping-beauty

The production is proudly presented by Sealy Posturepedic.



NEW FOR 2022 - UKULELE SING-A-LONG AT CAFÉ



Julie Lake, Tamborine Mountain resident with a youthful voice will be leading an hour of ukulele playing and singa-long at TMCCA every second and fourth Monday of the month, from 10 am till 11 am. Julie was the student of Margie Rose and Linda Simister before she continued to master her own ukulele skills.

It doesn't matter if you sing 'a Capella' or 'in the shower'... all you need is your voice and your ukulele. If you don't possess a ukulele yet, there may be one available to try till you decide to buy or make your own. Jim Craggs has made his own ukulele at The Men's Shed, and is now learning how to play it under Julie's expert guidance.

Julie will guide you through the steps that will make you and your ukulele sing! Word sheets are available. Should you have any special requests from rock and roll to folk, country or simple ballads, Julie would be more than happy to pluck, strum and sing them for all!

The first ukulele workshop was held on Monday 14 February 2022 in which participants learned chords to You are my Sunshine and other old favourites, and sang together on a lovely Valentine's Day morning!

Julie encourages anyone interested to take up the ukulele as she did and will offer basic instructions for practice.

You will learn a few easy warm up exercises for your finger flexibility and your vocal chords. You and your uke will spread happiness wherever you go!

Call TMCCA - 5545 4968 for more information.

The Repair Café is open every Wednesday and Friday (except Public Holidays) between 9:30 am and 12:30 pm at the TMCCA Garage, 42 Southport Ave, Tamborine Mountain.

Patricia Arora

Photo: Jim Craggs (seated), Rita Keeble, Julie Lake, Pradeep Arora

ANYONE FOR PAINTING? **'MONDAY PAINTERS' AT CREATIVE ARTS MAY BE** JUST RIGHT FOR YOU!



Monday Painters is just one of the groups on offer at Creative Arts. We meet between 1 and 4pm, and it now seems timely at the beginning of a new year to invite you - new residents to the Mountain or those who have recently retired, or for whatever reason you now have the time - to come along to meet us on a Monday afternoon.

Our tutor Stephen Buntrock from the Gold Coast Art School has been an integral part of our group for many years. He is there to guide you and to help build your skill base while you pursue whatever your current project may

Besides painting in your favourite medium, or trying something new, we have a lot of fun as well. It is an opportunity to socialise and make new friends.

If you would like to join our group, you will need to join Creative Arts after three visits. This membership gives you the opportunity to join up in any of the weekly groups, which include Pottery, Sewing and Crafts, Wearable Arts and more, much more.

The Monday Painters also pay Stephen a fee for each session - a very generous three hours.

But we can give you all the details when you call in. You can find us at 53 Wongawallan Road. So, come along and say hello!

Contact Helen Griffin on 5545 0043 or 0478 414 892 if you have any queries.

Photo: Stephen Buntrock with some tips for Colleen Smith

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THE LABRADOR DOG

A medium sized, sturdy, solid dog, square in appearance and Australia's most favoured breed, and any wonder, they are extremely companionable. The Labrador dog bonds with all family members, including children and babies. They also socialise well with other dogs and humans. Highly intelligent and trainable, it is their eagerness to bond and please people that makes this breed suitable as service dogs and for people with a disability.



HISTORY – the Saint John's water dog was bred from the Newfoundland breed and a small water dog, dating back to at least the 1500's in Labrador, Canada. The British bred the Saint John's dogs with British hunting dogs to create the Labrador retriever around the 1830's. The breed varies somewhat in physical formation and character in different countries. But they all should have a short, dense waterproof coat, webbed paws and their head ought to be broad, with ears close to the head. Eyes are kind and expressive.

PERSONALITY – Their character is known to be very eventempered, fun-loving and playful; they can be boisterous when young. Some lines may be particularly energetic and agile, capable of competing in sports such as flyball and agility. Labradors are powerful swimmers, and they are able to tolerate very cold water; in Italy they are used as canine lifeguards. They are not suitable as guard dogs, but many will bark or alert a household about a possible intruder. This breed is often used by police and customs as sniffer dogs for drugs, cash and just about anything or scent that they are trained to detect. My family had Labradors when I was young, one of them was a super guard dog, the other would let a person onto the property, but they were unable to leave until a family member arrived home: we found the dog had that person cornered and bluffed.

HEALTH – Like many large or solid dogs, the Labrador is prone to hip and elbow dysplasia. Keeping the dog trim and lean can help prevent this problem. Ear infections: it is important to dry the inside of their ears after swimming, and inspect them from time to time. Labradors have the highest levels of obesity of all dogs, many are obsessed with food. Some of these dogs become fat because they have a deletion of a gene within their brain; the POMC gene, it is also a rare cause of childhood obesity. Chocolate coloured Labs are often more prone to skin diseases and ear problems, and their life span is decreased compared to black, yellow and white labs. This is because the chocolate colour is a recessive gene, so both parents need to be this colour to produce a chocolate litter. A likely reason, say scientists, is a tightening genetic bottleneck caused by consumer demand, yet another reason why breeders need to be inspected and approved. The average lifespan of Labradors is about 12 years.

Pam Brandis, Dip.Canine.Prac.

Relationships



REBUILDING TRUST

I was recently driving behind a vehicle that made a sudden swerve to the left. I followed the same path, thinking that there was something to be avoided on the road. The road was clear. Seconds later, the car

veered to the left yet again. It didn't take long to work out the pattern; it occurred every time a car approached from the opposite direction. I began thinking about the driver and what they had perhaps been through to trigger this response. Possibly they were experiencing post-trauma from a serious collision in which a car had crossed into their



path. This could explain why they seemed to lack trust in other drivers to keep to their side of the road.

We typically begin our relationships with a level of assumed trust, just as a learner driver takes to the road and trusts that other drivers will keep to their lane. We make a judgement about a person and if they seem trustworthy to us, we begin to invest into the relationship. We cruise along, enjoying the ride and the pleasure that comes with connection. We feel safe with this person. Life is good.

Inevitably, every relationship will hit a bump in the road. For some, it is a minor altercation resulting in repairable damage. Our trust in the person may suffer in the short term but it is soon restored. Some of the couples who present to my office have experienced a major incident. A betrayal can be like a wrecking ball that smashes to pieces any trust. The injured partner questions every belief prior to the incident. They feel disorientated, confused and have little to no hope for the relationship.

The emotional injury requires care and time to heal. If the relationship is to survive, trust needs to be rebuilt. Instead of assumed trust, the relationship now relies on earned trust. This requires total transparency and accountability. It is normal for the injured partner to be hyper-vigilant, becoming anxious if her partner is a few minutes late home or is delayed in responding to a text. Some couples give up at this point because the involved partner feels that the injured partner will never trust them again.

Recovering from a betrayal is similar to the post-traumatic stress associated with a car accident. Once we are well enough to drive, we get behind the wheel and our trust tank is running on empty. We don't trust other drivers to keep to their lane and our driving can be erratic as a result. As we persist in driving and witnessing other drivers doing the right thing, our anxiety decreases, and our confidence is re-established. Recovery from betrayal is possible if the couple is committed to the process. It requires from the involved partner remorse, patience, openness and a willingness to sit with their partner's pain. The injured partner needs to give themself time to heal, surround themselves with those who will support their decisions and reassure themselves that they will make a full recovery.

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Embrace

Mark Dela Paz

What made this 35-year-old, highly experienced chef decide to continue his career on the Mountain as "The Wolf of the Three Little Pigs"? Editor Jaap Vogel figured it out.

"For eight months now, my wife Anthea and I have a little boy, Christian. Having a family now was a main reason to reconsider my career, especially the total time spent at work. Living in Upper Coomera, the Mountain is around the corner and, as an enthusiastic motorbike rider, I have always enjoyed Tamborine Mountain's atmosphere. I admire the ambience of this place, with its calming energy.

"As the chef at Three Little Pigs, I am not only responsible for the menu, but also for managing the kitchen staff. With 16 years of experience, including 12 years as chef, I really understand how to do the job. And I still have a very strong drive to create the best possible dishes, and to test new opportunities. Three Little Pigs is giving me that opportunity."

Mark explains that before he even applied for a job, he visited the restaurant as an 'ordinary' customer: "It is important to know how the restaurant is run, what the atmosphere is, how the customers are served. I was very impressed by Three Little Pigs. Because there is currently a shortage of chefs, I had several options for a job, but this restaurant is a very positive and conscious choice."

What is Mark's vision for the menu? "As a restaurant in a small town like Tamborine Mountain, I can use a lot of



local produce. The menu is beautiful, but it is not only the variety that matters: each dish should be done very well. This restaurant offers me the opportunity to achieve that. It is also the philosophy of Michael Hopkins, the owner. I will certainly bring my own skills to improve the menu even more, within the context of this specific restaurant, which already has a very good name and gets top reviews. I'm happy to contribute to maintaining that, if not further improve it."

In three weeks' time, Three Little Pigs will present their new menu, designed by Mark.

GORDIAN WORMS INSTIGATE SUICIDES

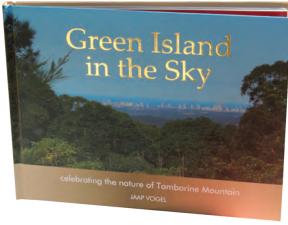
The Gordian worm is a very rare sighting. On a night walk in Joalah in 2016, I discovered this curling and twisting six-inch-long creature near Curtis Falls, on the track.

This one had made a mistake, because mature Gordian worms only live in the water. So, how did this happen? Gordian worms hatch from eggs that are released by the adult female in the water (10 million at a time). The hatchlings can hardly move and wait to be eaten by any sort of water creature. Inside the host the hatchling flourishes, eating and growing in a protective cyst it has created around itself. The host itself can of course be eaten as well, by a bigger water creature. When this happens, the worm stays alive, moving from host to host in its cyst. The real issue for the worm is to end up inside a host that will leave the water and will be eaten by a cricket or katydid. A mosquito is great for that purpose. If all of this happens, then the worm, still in its cyst, will, once inside the cricket, leave the cyst and manipulate the brain of the cricket in such a way that the cricket will commit suicide by running into the water. When water-bound, the worm will - now matured inside the cricket - eat its way outside the kamikaze cricket and end up as a mature Gordian worm in the water. Then it will seek a partner of the opposite sex and mate (a process that makes the couple really look like a gordian knot). Then the female will lay the eggs, completing the circle, and both worms will die.

The moral of the story and this photo: this worm should be in the water, not on the land. Probably it did not manage to get the host cricket to jump into the water, or left it before reaching water.

The Gordian Worm and hundreds of other plants and species can all be found in the book "Green Island in the Sky", for sale now at **www.greenislandinthesky.com.au** for \$24.95, or at the Visitor Information Centre and post offices.





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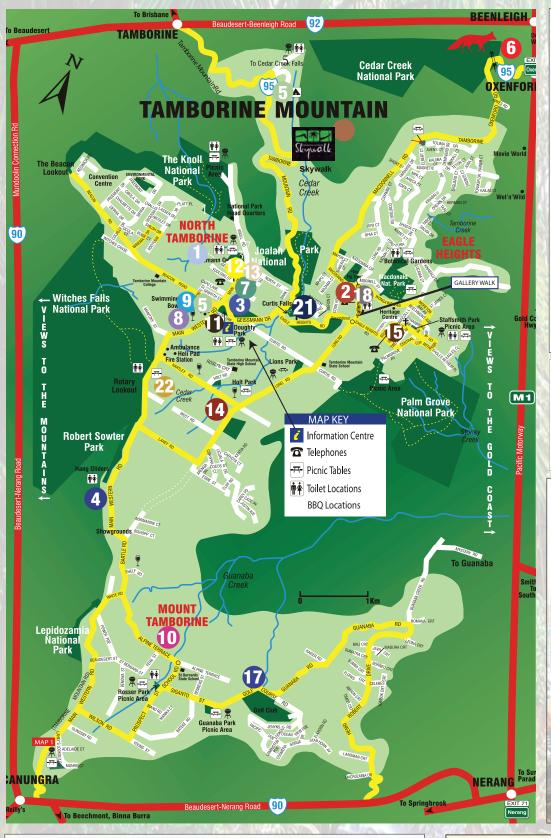
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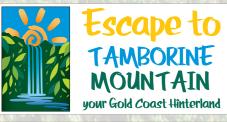
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CONTINUING TO SUPPORT LOCAL RECOVERY WITH FURTHER FUNDING FOR THE SCENIC RIM

Federal Member for Wright, Scott Buchholz has announced significant funding to deliver 13 projects, focused on supporting the Scenic Rim community to recovery and be better prepared to deal with bushfires.

Mr Buchholz said he was pleased the Government was delivering \$9,104,758 in funding for community projects in the Scenic Rim under the Australian Government's Black Summer Bushfire Recovery Grants Program (BSBRGP).

"I have advocated night and day for our region, and I am thrilled for the community that we have secured this funding. I see the hard work communities are undertaking towards their own recovery, and this is another way we are in lock step with them on the recovery journey," Mr Buchholz said.

Mr Buchholz said the grants program was about giving the community the capacity to design and deliver projects that they desired and that would deliver a long-term legacy for residents.

"This funding is an investment in the Scenic Rim, from Aratula to Beechmont, and it will support every element of our ongoing recovery.

I am particularly pleased to see funding for the Boonah Showgrounds multipurpose facility, a site that was critical to the emergency response during the fires.

"This community has dealt with disaster before, the people, the businesses, the farmers – they have pulled together and got through it. We know that recovery is a long, hard haul and communities are best placed to decide on what the local area needs.

"The Federal Government has worked hand-in-glove with the community to support the recovery, to make sure the funding is spent where it is desired and to have a locally led recovery," Mr Buchholz said.

Project Co-ordinator of the Scenic Rim Multi-Purpose Arena, Phil Gutzke thanked Scott Buchholz for his strong advocacy and support throughout the process and said that the project would deliver a facility which will activate significant social and economic benefits for the local community.

"We worked very hard on this project, bringing many stakeholders together and it was great to have the support of our federal member, Scott Buchholz. This funding is critical to the success of the project and will mean a lot to our community.

"The bushfires, floods, drought, hailstorms and COVID-19 have hit us hard across the Scenic Rim and the Boonah Showgrounds precinct played a critical role. Being able to deliver this project will support the recovery and growth of our economy, community and bring people together," Mr Gutzke said.

Chairman of Binna Burra Lodge, Steve Noakes said the Binna Burra community in Queensland, across Australia and overseas are greatly appreciative of this very significant bushfire recovery support from the Australian Government.

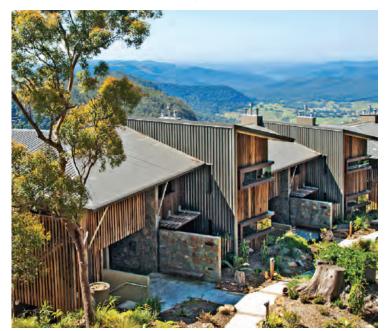
"In particular, we wish to express our thanks to our local member of the Australian Parliament Scott Buchholz, for his ongoing support to the recovery efforts of Binna Burra Lodge.

"We also thank the team at the National Recovery and Resilience Agency for their encouragement throughout the submission process.

"Disaster recovery is not a short-term project. To achieve what we have managed to achieve at Binna Burra Lodge since our reopening in September 2020 would not have been possible with what I call PALs – our Partnerships, Alliances and Linkages. The Australian Government, the National Recovery and Resilience Agency and Scott Buchholz are all certainly PALs of Binna Burra Lodge.

"With our remaining assets after the 2019 bushfires, the Binna Burra Cultural Landscape is open to all Australian and now with the international borders reopening, to visitors from overseas," Mr Noakes said.

Mr Buchholz said the funded projects were community driven.



"While these funds are not designed to replace the significant loss of property, or raise the horrific memories of the fires, these funds are designed to build resilience and rebuild our community.

"I thank all those who made an application to the fund on behalf of the community," Mr Buchholz.

Under the grants, the Scenic Rim local government area received funding for 13 projects, including:

- Aratula Community Sports Centre Inc \$32,300 Installation of a cold room at the sports centre.
- 2. Boonah Show Society Inc \$3,850,000 Construction of a multipurpose arena to deliver a new sports and recreation facility and disaster hub.
- Canungra and District Agricultural Horticultural and Industrial Society Inc. \$544,134 – Rebuild the Fine Arts pavilion, affectionally known as the 'Possum Hut'.
- 4. Griffith University \$249,446 Deliver a bushfire response program to support the Scenic Rim tourism sector through capacity building initiatives.
- Mckenzie-Carter Pty Ltd / Providence Farm Hall \$454,184 – Upgrades of the hall to be a purpose designed recovery centre.
- Moriarty Park Community Sporting Centre Inc \$302,704

 Build change rooms at Moriarty Park, including showers, toilets and secure facilities to support sport and recreation.
- QCWA Branch Beechmountain \$129,650 Community events to support the region, create connection and improved economy.
- 8. Queensland University of Technology \$290,140 This project will undertake pre-bushfire assessments of buildings, understand why they were damaged, investigate their resilience in future bushfires and propose evidence-based retrofitting solutions.
- Rathdowney and District Memorial Grounds Association Incorporated - \$591,000 – Construct a flexible-use community resource centre to support residents during disasters.
- Protecting the Tamborine Mountain Community from the impact of Bushfire - \$361,200 – Constructions of new fire trails to support fire resilience and hazard reduction on Tamborine Mountain.
- 11. ESCAPE in the Scenic Rim \$100,000 Deliver a festival, attract visitors, and market the region to support eco-tourism and small businesses
- The Long Sunset \$200,000 Large outdoor music event to support the ongoing economic and social recovery.
- 13. Binna Burra Lodge \$2,000,000 Building a new Lodge to drive local economic growth and create jobs for the local community.

TABRAGALBA ROAD SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS COMPLETE



Upgrade works along Beaudesert-Nerang Road, south of Tabragalba, are now complete.

The \$12 million project was jointly funded by the Australian and Queensland governments.

Funding for the Beaudesert-Nerang Road upgrade, from the Beaudesert-Beenleigh Road intersection to Boylands Drive intersection, included \$6 million from the Australian and Queensland governments' \$415 million infrastructure investment response to COVID-19, and \$6 million from the Queensland Government.

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development Barnaby Joyce said the Australian Government was investing a record \$110 billion in infrastructure projects across the nation.

"The Australian Government's funding injection has delivered lasting infrastructure that Queenslanders need and deserve," the Deputy Prime Minister said.

"Projects such as this one support local jobs and businesses, while helping the state to bounce back from the COVID-19 pandemic."

Queensland Minister for Transport and Main Roads Mark Bailey said the state had contributed \$6 million towards the works, as part of the Palaszczuk Government's \$27.5 billion road and transport plan over the next four years.

"We are committed to keeping Queensland roads safe and reliable through important upgrades, like this one at Tabragalba," Mr Bailey said.

"The surface of Beaudesert-Nerang Road was deeply rutted and cracked, but has now been rebuilt to be smoother, stronger and wider while also having improved flood immunity through upgraded roadside culverts.

"This adds to the over \$4.8 billion in road and transport infrastructure we are delivering in the South Coast region, covering the Logan, Scenic Rim and Gold Coast areas.

"Of this, over \$114 million will be delivered in the Scenic Rim alone on projects like the reconstruction of the Cunningham Highway and Tamborine Mountain Road.

"Just last week we saw also traffic move onto the new Norris Creek bridge as part of the \$75 million Mount Lindesay

Highway, which will provide one-in-100-year flood immunity at Norris Creek.

"And to the east, we are continuing to deliver a suite of upgrades on the M1 to cut travel times for locals in the rapidly growing South-East.

"Road safety is front of mind when undertaking any upgrade on Queensland roads, and I'm proud to see this infrastructure upgrade now complete for the benefit of locals and tourists alike.

"As more and more people choose to call Queensland home, we will deliver the critical infrastructure Queenslanders expect while creating 24,000 jobs over the next four years."

Assistant Minister for Road Safety and Freight Transport and Federal Member for Wright Scott Buchholz said the project complements other road investments currently underway in the region.

"Since 2013 the Australian Government has committed to delivering more than \$14 billion in regional road improvements across Queensland, supporting more than 30,000 jobs and boosting the economy," Mr Buchholz said.

"We've already delivered the over \$1 billion Toowoomba Bypass and funded 50 per cent of the Stoney Camp Road and Chambers Flat Road duplication of the Mount Lindesay Highway at Munruben, with an additional \$53 million joint investment to follow for works between Johanna Street and South Street in Jimboomba.

"This builds on our previous investment of \$16 million for Mount Lindesay Highway upgrades in North Maclean, and we are also jointly investing \$150 million in various critical upgrades to the Cunningham Highway.

"These investments are all about reducing travel times, delivering safer roads, and supporting local jobs.

"The Australian Government will continue to invest in and deliver the road infrastructure projects that matter to locals, tourists, businesses and freight operators."

More information on the Australian Government's infrastructure investment response to COVID-19 is available a tinvestment.infrastructure.gov.au/about/national-initiatives/response-to-covid-19.aspx.

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By Gina Storey

How exciting to see lots of people embracing the idea to travel again, both domestically and internationally.

There are lots of things to consider:

 Check your passport – most countries require you to have a minimum 6 months' validity on your passport from your planned return date. There is a back log of passport applications to be processed because understandably

everyone has waited until the time has come that we can travel to renew.



I understand quite a few of the credit card companies have also stopped covering travel. Travelling Places has agreements in place with Cover More and NIB, so ask us for a quote and also for details of what they cover.

- 3. To travel virtually anywhere (including domestically) you are required to be fully vaccinated. Just about all countries have a requirement that you have a PCR test immediately before travel. Some countries are relaxing this rule to allow rapid antigen tests. PCR tests for international travel have to be taken at specific test sites where they will provide you with a certificate of clearance for travel and these cost around \$150 per person, although there is a test site at Brisbane International airport that charges under \$100 and gives you the results in under 2 hours.
- 4. The Australian government currently requires you to have a PCR test before you return to Australia this regulation may change as time goes on.
- The government website www.smarttraveller.gov.au
 is a source of information both on the requirements to
 enter Australia but also to research the requirements
 to enter other countries. Beware: requirements
 change almost daily.
- Masks to the ready. Everywhere has a requirement for mask wearing – from arrival in an airport, and while on the plane. Carry your own, because you can't rely on places to hand out free masks, as happens in Australia.
- 7. Interestingly, the pandemic has accelerated technologies that specialise in contactless environments. Think airports and self-check-in, QR codes to access restaurant menus, or digital check in for hotels. Life has become more difficult without a smart phone ...
- 8. Cleaning protocols have been ramped up in all areas. From your aircraft, cruise ship and hotel, the enhanced hygiene regimes make us all feel more comfortable.
- 9. To keep distance, a lot of places have restricted access limiting visitor numbers. Ensure you prebook the must-see places on your next trip to avoid disappointment!

So where are people travelling to? Domestic travel is still on the list for everyone ... it's easy and we feel comfortable about travelling at home. With this in mind book early – I was researching Port Douglas for a family over the June/July holidays, and it was virtually impossible to secure accommodation. So pre-planning is a good option. However, the last two weeks has seen Travelling Places book more international travel than local... Europe and North America are the hot destinations, with a few to Antarctica too! Contact Travelling Places on

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WINE CHAT

with Witches Falls Winery

SPOTLIGHT WINE: TOURIGA

Within the species of plant we know as the common grape vine (vitis



vinifera for all the wine nerds out there) there are thousands upon thousands of different varieties used to make wine. You could be forgiven for thinking that there only exists a handful of varietals that winemakers use. If put on the spot, most people would be able to put forward names like Merlot, Shiraz, Sauvignon Blanc, and Chardonnay. These varieties, among others, are so widespread and universal that they have become deep-rooted in the consciousness of the wine-world. They're the "classics". The wine equivalent of William Shakespeare or Jane Austen.

But just as there are so many great works of literature outside those that are considered "classic"— there are so many grape varieties that can be used to make superb, delicious, wines! Here at Witches Falls, one of the things we love about winemaking is experimenting with new grape varieties and sharing the results with our community. It's for this reason that we use both well-known as well as more obscure grape varieties. We make "old favourites" as well as wines that fall into the "different and exciting" category.

The latest addition to our cellar door range is our 2021 Wild Ferment Touriga. But what exactly is Touriga? What does it taste like? What is it similar to? Read on for all this information and so much more...

Touriga, often called *Touriga Nacional* in its native Portugal, is a grape varietal that typically creates a juicy, full-bodied red wine. Historically, Touriga has been used in the creation of fortified wines, but modern winemakers have increasingly been using the grape to create complex, delicious table reds too - similar in style to Malbec and Cabernet Sauvignon. As a variety that thrives in a warm climate, Touriga is well-suited to the terroir of many Aussie wine-growing regions. In Australia, it is grown throughout the Riverland, Langhorne Creek, as well as select pockets of Victoria and Tasmania.

The flavour profile of Touriga is varied and complex. A foundation of lush, juicy fruits such as sweet and sour cherries, plums, and blueberries mingle with a myriad of secondary flavours. Touriga can display subtle earthy and floral notes. You may pick up on hints of mint, violet, bergamot, vanilla, or nutmeg. A generous oaking will also add depth, woodiness, and smokiness to the palate.

Expect a fairly robust tannin structure from a Touriga. This particular grape varietal has a high skin-to-pulp ratio. What this means is that there's a higher proportion of phenolics in the wine, resulting in a textured mouthfeel, and a deep, rich, purple colour. Touriga can be enjoyed on its own, but also pairs beautifully with food. We suggest a roast lamb stew with garlic and rosemary. The heartiness of the meat will balance the wine's weight and texture, while the

rosemary and garlic will highlight Touriga's earthy, herbaceous undertones.

To experience a taste of Touriga and some other new and exciting varieties such as Negroamaro and Nero d'Avola, book in for a wine tasting with us - we're open daily from 10am.

Cheers,

Alexandra Douglas and the Witches Falls Winery Team





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SPICY ROASTED DRUMSTICKS

These juicy roasted chicken drumsticks leave a lovely tingle on the lips, and are so easy to prepare that once you try them, they will instantly become an arrow in your cooking quiver. The spicy nature of my *peri peri* sauce warms the mouth due to the sun-ripened Queensland chillies which are hand picked off the vines by me to ensure the highest quality of produce. I believe it is the perfect balance between heat and flavour, and is absolutely exceptional on chicken.

The wonderful thing about this recipe — besides its absolute simplicity, is the many, many ways you can use them, as they taste delicious both hot and cold. These lovely legs work fantastically as a lunch for hard-working tradies, whom I've seen easily demolish eight of these during their mid-morning 'smoko'. You can also shred the meat off the bone while still warm, and you now have a way to jazz up a simple green salad, cooked rice, potato salad, sandwiches — the list goes on and on.

While doing the experiments for my Shaka Zulu *peri peri* sauce I knew I wanted to create a medium spiced sauce that was warm enough for those who like a kick of chilli, but it was important to me to make sure the sauce was full of natural flavour not just mouth-burning, fire-breathing heat. Which is why 40% of this sauce is made from vine ripened red capsicums grown here in South East Queensland, more specifically out in the Granite Belt.

While talking to some of the local farmers I was shocked to discover that they are often forced to throw away beautifully ripe capsicums, simply because they don't last long enough in the cold storage during transportation, which the major supermarkets demand. Tasting one of these so called 'rejects' was like biting into a sweet fuji apple. Due to all the natural sugars being developed by the warm golden Queensland rays of sunlight made me think, it's an absolute travesty to see such wonderful local produce go to landfill. It got me thinking how can I stop them from going to waste.

I contacted a number of capsicum producers to hear their thoughts, and had a good ol' yarn with one of them. "You just need to roast them up within a few days of picking them" he assumed. That's not such an easy or logistical task though. Is it?" he declared. Unperturbed I cried "It's well worth a try isn't it. Let's make it happen!" So 'with a little help from my friends'

as the song goes, we made a plan and much to the surprise of all our doubters I've befriended a handful of farmers and made it into a reality. The result is my authentic Shaka Zulu peri peri sauce, which has no added sugar except that which mother nature gives to the capsicums

and chilli. Sweetened by mother nature, ovenroasted to perfection by me, I like to think.

Did you know? The African bird's eye chilli (which is the main chilli originally used by the Africans to make *peri peri*) is a close cousin of the American Tabasco chilli, and a distant relative of the bird's eye chillies loved in Thai cooking; all have a common ancestor native to South America. You see, chilli has been eaten by indigenous peoples since at least 7500 BC and evidence suggests chillies were among the oldest domesticated foods in the southern hemisphere. There is archaeological evidence at sites located in a tropical lowland area of southwestern Ecuador that shows that chilli plants were domesticated more than 6000 years ago.

As one of the first cultivated crops in Central and South America, they must have been very important to the culture as a food source. Diego Álvarez Chanca, a physician on Columbus' second voyage to the West Indies in 1493, brought the first chilies to Spain. Upon their introduction to Europe chillies were originally grown as botanical curiosities in the gardens of Spanish and Portuguese monasteries and it was the monks who first experimented with eating them. They quickly discovered chillies culinary potential and their pungency offered a substitute for black peppercorns, which at the time were so costly that they were used as legal currency in some countries!

The humble chilli pepper spread across most of the then known world within 50 years of its discovery. For it to reach Africa it was the Portuguese who, aided by local traders following long-established trade routes, spread the plants though the Old World with almost unbelievable rapidity. The fiery new spice was readily accepted by Africans who in turn created *peri peri* with the addition of vinegar and lemon also brought by the Portuguese to the new African colony of Mozambique. Hence why the origins of *peri peri* are attributed to Mozambique.



Go on, try this very simple recipe and be amazed at how something so easy can taste so good!

Chef Dylan Tips: Make a few slashes into the drumsticks to speed up the cooking process and to make it easier to remove the flesh if necessary. Be sure to baste the legs during the cooking process to get a nice bark and char on the outside.

Serves 2 Prep time 5 mins Cook time 40 mins

Ingredients

- 1 kg chicken drumsticks
- 1 tbs Creole marinade*
- 5 tbs of Shaka Zulu peri peri sauce**
 - *Chef Dylan's Gourmet Food Co. Creole Marinade
 - **Chef Dylan's Gourmet Food Co. Shaka Zulu *Peri Peri* Sauce

Method

- 1. Preheat oven to 200°C and line a baking tray with baking paper.
- With a sharp knife, make a few slashes into the drumsticks cutting down to the bone.
- 3. Place the drumsticks in a single layer on the tray.
- 4. In a small bowl mix the Creole and Shaka Zulu sauce until combined.
- 5. Using a pastry brush or your hands, coat the chicken pieces with the Shaka Zulu and Creole marinade.
- 6. Bake the drumsticks uncovered until cooked through (the internal temperature reaches 65°C) about 40-45 minutes.
- 7. Baste the drumsticks with the remaining pan juices using a clean pastry brush.
- 8. Serve immediately with accompaniments of your choice.



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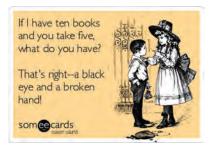
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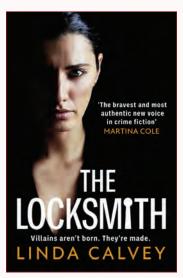
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- 12. Which Asian capital was called Batavia under Dutch rule?
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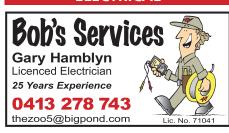


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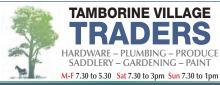
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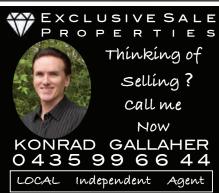




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FILM CLUB AT THE ZAMIA. Meets every third Sunday at 5.30pm for 6pm screening. Only \$10 annual fee to join which gives automatic membership to the Tamborine Mt Little Theatre group. All movies are free with membership. Films shown range from the classics to foreign and Australian made. Cabaret seating and the old sling back chairs make it a great evening of entertainment where you can bring along your own refreshments or a take away to enjoy during the film.

FRIENDS OF TAMBORINE NATIONAL PARK: meet on the first Saturday of the month (except Jan.) To find out where we will be working contact Len on 3355 7288 or 0428 335 572.

FRIENDS OF TM LIBRARY Quarterly booksales held, other volunteering opportunities available. Contact the library for further information 5540 5473.

MARTIAL ARTS: Kyokushin Karate and Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu. Bully Busters, Self Defence, Discipline. Tamborine Mountain Showgrounds Tues & Friday 5.00pm and Saturday 9.30am Contact Cameron: 0433 633 775

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TM ARTS COLLECTIVE: Meetings are usually held at 7.00 pm on the first Wednesday of the month at a designated location (call 5545 0043 for details). We always welcome visitors and enquiries from new artists and artisans. We stand for a stronger arts community on the Mountain, and continue to lobby for a local community gallery and arts hub. The Collective benefits from our association with the Brisbane Visual Arts Community (BVAC) and members participate in Brisbane and local arts events.

TM BOWLS CLUB - Friday social 1pm winter & 2pm summer; Sunday Scroungers 10.00am-12.00 noon; barefoot bowls & otherwise by arrangement. Competitions for members as notified. Free coaching, new members always welcome. Enquiries: 5545 1308.

TM BRIDGE CLUB meets each Monday at 5.45pm, Wednesday at 1.15pm, Thursday at 12.45pm and in an Assisted Play session on Friday at 12.45pm for those wishing to learn more in a social environment at the Tamborine Mountain Sports Complex, 400 Long Road.

TM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: 2nd Wed. of month. Phone 5545 0944 Email: info@tamborinemountainchamber.com.au

TM COMMUNITY KINDERGARTEN ASSOC meets 2nd Wednesday of the month at the kindergarten 23 Coleman Square, North Tamborine at 7.15pm.

TM CREATIVE ARTS: Schedule of Activities MONDAY 9.00am-12.00 noon Patchwork, Quilting, Mahjong. 1.00pm-4.00pm Painting (Tutor fee) 1.15pm-4.15pm Creative Writing (1st,3rd,5th Monday of Month) 6.00pm-9.00pm Mens' Group 7.00pm-9.00pm Sculpture & Pottery TUESDAY 9.00am-12.00 noon General Craft, Sculpture & Pottery 9.30am-12.30pm Life Drawing (Model fee) WEDNESDAY 9.00am-12.00 noon General Craft, Bridge - 12.30pm - 4.30pm, Sculpture & Pottery, Spinning & Weaving, Embroidery (1st Wed of Month), Machine Sewing (last Wed of Month). **THURSDAY** 9.00am-12.00 noon Sculpture & Pottery, Botanical Drawing 9.00am-1.00pm Weaving (1st & 5th Thursday of month) 1.00pm-4.00pm Wearable Art, (Felting Dyeing etc) FRIDAY 9.00am-12.00 noon Wood Artisans, Sculpture & Pottery, 1.00pm-4.00pm Mahjong SATURDAY 1.00pm-4.00pm Yarners

TM CROQUET CLUB: Monday and Thursday mornings 8.30 on our green at Club Tamborine. Free coaching, new members always welcome to join us. Ph: Heidi 0488 440 296

TM FAMILY HISTORY GROUP Meetings held 1st Sunday each month (excl. January) at TM Historical Soc, Wongawallan Rd, Eagle Heights, 3-5 pm approx. Please contact Sharon on 0401 830 358

TM GARDEN CLUB: Vonda Youngman Community Centre, Main Street, North Tamborine. Feb - Nov, 2nd Tuesday 9.30. BYO morning tea. Enjoy: Guest speaker, plant sales, borrowing library books, raffle, plant problem solving and meeting fellow gardeners. New members and visitors most welcome. email: tamborinemtngc@gmail.com mobile: 0417 623 023

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TM HISTORICAL SOCIETY - Member working bee & morning tea every Tuesday mornings. New members always welcome. Please contact Phil Paley 5545 4962 or Muriel Shephard 5545 0481 for further details.

TM LANDCARE: Volunteering opportunities:Forest Regeneration Work: Judith Roland - 0429 808 206 for details; Helping at the Piccabeen Bookshop - 0403 783 757 during office hours

TMLETS: Join at Community Exchange System www.ces.org.za . Enq. 5545 3776.

TM LIONS CLUB Admin meeting held on the 2nd Tuesday and dinner meeting on the 4th Tuesday of the month. For more information please phone 5545 2120 or visit website tamborinemountain.qld. lions.org.au/

TM LITTLE THEATRE: Meetings held 1st Tuesday of month at 7.30pm at the Zamia Theatre. Regular plays, play readings & social events, movie club events. New members welcome. Cath Buckley President www.tmlt.com.au.

TM LOCAL PRODUCERS ASSOC. (The Green Shed) sells local produce, plants & flowers every Sunday, 6.30-11am at 378 Main Western Rd (next to TM Showgrounds)

TM MASONIC LODGE: Meets first Thursday each month, except December. Masonic Centre, 10 Knoll Road, North SCENIC NEWS VOL. 1615 – 24 February 2022 – 31

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TM MEN'S SHED: Our workshop at 88 Beacon Rd (behind the tennis courts) is open each Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. New members welcome. To find out more, drop in for morning tea and a chat or call our President on 5606 8367 or check out our web page at www.tmmensshed.com

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TM NETBALL CLUB. Contact Tracev 0438 575 662.

TM ORCHESTRA rehearses from 7pm to 9 pm every Wednesday during school term time. The venue is Tamborine Mountain State High School at Holt Rd. New players always welcome. For more information, phone Danielle on 0423 210 949. Check us out on our website www.tmo.org.au; or find us on Facebook.

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TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN PROBUS CLUB INC (MEN'S CLUB): Join like-minded retired and semi-retired men for fun activities at Vonda Youngman Community Centre, 2-4 Knoll Road, North Tamborine on 3rd Wednesday of the month at 10am. Contact Bob Hepple on 0411 776 888 for details of next meeting.

TM PROGRESS ASSOCIATION: 1st Tuesday in month. 7.30pm Heritage Centre Wongawallan Rd

TM RSL Sub Branch meets at the RSL rooms underneath the Bowls Club; details are available by phoning President Phil Hunter 0419 662 961.

TM RUGBY: Training Monday and Thursday 3.45pm-5pm at TMSA, Long Road. Please call John Knight 0400 554 555 or Adam Clarke 0413 214 066 - Facebook: Tamborine Mountain Rugby

TM TENNIS CLUB: Social tennis from 6.30pm Mon, 7.00am Tue, 6.30pm Wed and 3.00pm Sun. Ladies from 7.00am Fri. Fit Hit (cardio) 6.30pm Tue. For all sessions, no need to book, just turn up. 88 Beacon Rd North Tamborine. Contact Henry Rich 0477 775 671

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