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# News

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## WORKING BEE HAS SPORTS GROUND LOOKING THE GOODS

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The Tamborine Mountain Sports Association held a working bee last Sunday at the Long Road Sports Centre to tidy up the grounds in readiness for what will be a busy autumn and winter season. Story page 8 Photo: Mick Angus



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**Stylish optional dual living on half acre \$987,000+**  
25 Winema Drive, Tamborine Mountain

- This home is split into two sections giving two livable dwellings, the second has proposed area for kitchenette
- Freshly painted, both have outdoor living areas
- Double lockup garage with storage cabinets
- Private, located in desirable area of Forest Park

**AGENTS:**

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Property of the week

**SALE** 🛏️ 3 🛁 2 🚗 2 ✂️ 534 m<sup>2</sup>

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11 - 12	25 Winema Drive
12.30 - 1.15	73-75 Alpine Terrace
3 - 3.45	1 Natures Cl, Currumbin Valley

**OPEN HOME Sun 27<sup>th</sup>**

3 - 3.45	58 Myall Tce, Chambers Flat
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**OPEN HOME Wed 30<sup>th</sup>**

5 - 5.45	58 Myall Tce, Chambers Flat
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**Review: Vendor - 60-64 Benowa Street**

Di left her business card in our letterbox, this was a great help as we had not idea who to call on the Mountain. The biggest surprise was she sold our house in 6 days, & we didn't know where we wanted to downsize to. Di kept in touch suggesting properties, she went above & beyond helping us with anything we asked of her. She is one of the most professional agents and highly recommend her for selling or buying

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**AGENT: Diane Pihl**  
**0424 653 316**



**SALE** 🛏️ 3 🛁 2 🚗 1 ✂️ 1,900m<sup>2</sup>

**9-11 Lombok Court, Tamborine Mountain**

- Quiet cul-de-sac, private with few neighbours
- Open plan living area, kitchen and dining
- Modern bathrooms, neutral colour scheme
- Great investment opportunity or first home
- Presently tenanted so income in place

**\$750,000+**

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**SALE** 🛏️ 6 🛁 4 🚗 5 ✂️ 8,094m<sup>2</sup>

**73-75 Alpine Tce, Tamborine Mountain**

- So much on offer with this prestigious home
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**\$2,200,000+**

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**SALE** 🛏️ 3 🛁 2 🚗 2 ✂️ 2,000m<sup>2</sup>

**1-3 Licuala Drive, Tamborine Mountain**

- Sadly buyer's loss is your gain!
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## Councillor's Comment

DEREK SWANBOROUGH  
DIVISION 1



# MOVE TO GOLD COAST CITY COUNCIL

I thought it time to provide you with an update on the progress of this matter.

An important task this month has been to write the detailed application to the Minister for Local Government, setting out the case for a referral to the Change Commission to commence a formal process of examining the proposal, having consultation between the Councils, and considering the merits of the case based on the criteria outlined in *Local Government Regulation 2012* Chapter 2 Part 2 Division 1. The report is progressing well, and I am happy with the data my team has put together supporting the case.

### CASE TO MOVE TO GCCC STRENGTHENED

The case was somewhat strengthened this week when I received a letter from the Office of Independent Assessor (OIA), advising that they had investigated a complaint of misconduct against me and decided to take no further action (NFA).

It was alleged that in statements to the *Fassifern Guardian and Tribune*, published on the 19th of May 2021, that I unfairly denigrated two Mayors and other councillors from the last eight years of the Scenic Rim Council, and misled the public by saying:

- Successive Mayors and Councillors have ignored, humiliated, and punished our (Divisional) Councillors over the last eight years.
- They gave us less than 4% of the \$60 million dollar plus annual capital budget.

The OIA conducted an investigation and considered: -

1. SRRC Capital Expenditure Asset ledgers for Division 1 and the Scenic Rim Local Government Area as a whole for the years 2013/4 to 2020/21.
2. Councillor and Executive workshop meetings, where draft budget meetings occurred
3. Ordinary meeting agendas and minutes for 2020 and 2021, where council budget has been considered.
4. Summaries and other budget information provided by Council regarding budget processes
5. The 10-year Capital Works Program
6. Asset Management Strategy, Plans and policy for the Scenic Rim Council.

7. Information submitted by me in relation to the complaint.
8. Relevant provisions of the Act
9. The *Queensland Human Rights Act*.

The OIA said that the statements made by me were examined from the perspective of exploring whether sufficient evidence was reasonably obtainable to show that they were false and or misleading, and made knowingly or recklessly, to reach the threshold of misconduct defined by section 150L 1 (b) (i) of the *Local Government Act*.

This is an excerpt from their finding:

*"The OIA considered your assertion that Division 1 had been given less than 4% of the annual budget along with the sentiment implicit in the statement that this 4% represents an underfunding of Division 1. The OIA took into account the geographic, demographic existing assets and asset classes that exist between the divisions that would make the implicit sentiment in this statement inaccurate.*

*Given the complexity of budgetary processes and decisions, the statement is an oversimplification of the facts and circumstances involved. (although on this I disagree as it isn't from my knowledge of Local Government)*

***This statement IS NOT DEMONSTRABLY FALSE IN ITS OWN RIGHT, GIVEN AVERAGE FUNDING OF DIVISION 1 AVERAGED OVER 8 YEARS..... WAS 4.08% "***

Given that my statements to the *Fassifern Guardian* did not just refer to Division 1 but the whole of Tamborine Mountain, which includes part of Division 2 also, the capital expenditure is likely even less than the OIA's analysis. I hope many more residents on the Mountain now understand my strong stand for the Mountain to be treated fairly, to increase the transparency of Council, and my decision to seek to move to the Gold Coast City Council, where the rates for residential occupied dwellings would be almost half of what we pay now, and there would be likely more equity in capital funding given their 1.6-billion-dollar budget and economies of scale.

Gold Coast is where our Community of Interest lies, by any measure.

## SEQ CITY DEAL PAVES THE WAY FOR SAFER, BETTER CONNECTED ROADS FOR SCENIC RIM

**Safer roads and more efficient freight connections across the Scenic Rim will result from the South East Queensland (SEQ) City Deal, announced earlier this week.**

More than \$7.76 million in funding will kickstart planning for priority transport, economic and liveability projects across Scenic Rim, plus the Region will have access to more than \$400 million in regional funding pools through the SEQ City Deal announced on Monday 21 March 2022.

The SEQ City Deal is a 20-year partnership between the Australian Government, Queensland Government and 11 Councils which make up the Council of Mayors (SEQ) which provides a shared commitment to transform SEQ and deliver region-shaping infrastructure. It will deliver a significant

foundation investment of more than \$1.8 billion that will generate thousands of local jobs, boost digital and transport connectivity, enhance liveability and support one of the fastest growing regions in the country.

Scenic Rim Regional Council Mayor Christensen said the Deal investment highlighted the important role the Scenic Rim and the south-east would play in the future prosperity of Queensland and Australia.

"The Deal recognises the huge potential of the Scenic Rim, not just as a great place to live and play but also to work with \$5 million investment aimed at unlocking the Bromelton State Development Area," Mayor Christensen said.

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“The Deal includes \$2.1 million to improve transport and freight route planning and to identify priorities for infrastructure investment to improve service reliability and safety along critical routes like the Mt Lindsay Highway.

“Enhancing our region’s liveability is also a Deal priority with a \$2.76 million investment for community infrastructure that could include sporting facilities that will help provide our region’s youngest residents a running start to 2032.”

Cr Christensen said the region would also benefit from more than \$400 million in funding aimed at creating new jobs, supporting emerging industries, enhancing local environment and boosting innovation and connectivity across the South East.

“We know growth is a huge issue and the Deal will invest \$5 million to jointly identify the infrastructure and land use planning needed to keep pace with our extraordinary population growth. This will enable better investment by all tiers of government and industry towards things like transport and services,” he said.

“It also includes more than \$105 million to improve the region’s waste infrastructure, building on the Council of Mayors (SEQ) Waste Management Plan and furthering the south-east’s transformation towards a cleaner, more sustainable region.

“Our local rivers, waterways and bay will also receive a needed boost with an additional \$40 million over the next 5 years towards delivering priority, on-ground works to improve their overall health and resilience through the Council of Mayors (SEQ) Resilient Rivers Initiative.”

Council of Mayors (SEQ) Chair and Lord Mayor of Brisbane Adrian Schinnerer said the deal is a critical step towards ensuring the south-east corner can cater for a booming population and is ready when the world’s biggest sporting event arrives in just over a decades’ time.

“This deal demonstrates what great things can be achieved when all levels of government work together,” Cr Schinnerer said.

“There might not have been a time in our region’s history when such co-operation has been so critically important. SEQ is experiencing significant population growth as more and more Australians discover our unmatched lifestyle and want to call our region home.

“We’re also a decade away from the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games which presents a unique chance to showcase our region to the world while establishing a legacy that can continue to deliver for the generations to come.

“This City Deal puts us on a path to manage population growth, deliver the best-ever Games and, importantly, improve the lives of all of our residents through ongoing co-operation.

“We look forward to continuing to work closely with industry and the other levels of government to empower the SEQ City Deal to deliver the needs of our rapidly growing region.”

City Deals are an approach to bring together the three levels of government, the community and the private sector. This partnership focuses on aligning planning, investment and governance to accelerate growth and job creation, stimulate urban renewal and drive economic reforms to secure the future prosperity and liveability of our region.

For more information on the SEQ City Deal visit [www.seqmayors.qld.gov.au](http://www.seqmayors.qld.gov.au)



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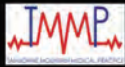
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Tickets are \$10 for adults and children are free, and are available through [www.ticketebo.com.au/tmo](http://www.ticketebo.com.au/tmo).

The TMO greatly appreciates the assistance of TMSHS, and the principal Mrs Brose, for the use of their wonderful auditorium for our concerts and rehearsals. We also thank our sponsors: Cauldron Distillery, Leaf Japanese Restaurant, Tamborine Mountain Medical Practice, and the generous support of the Scenic Rim Regional Council.



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The Tamborine Mountain Sports Association held a working bee last Sunday at the Long Road Sports Centre to tidy up the grounds in readiness for what will be a busy autumn and winter season.

TMSA would like to thank everyone who turned up to help at the working bee at the Sports Ground. A big "Thank you" to Marty, Abel, Louis, Ben, Michael, Bruce, Martie, Sarah, John, Bron, Ian, Terry, Lochie, Kerry, Tony, Rob, Mick, Jim, Charlie, Ivy, Trevor and Vin.



# Live at The Centre

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\$12 per child. Bookings essential as places are limited. Children 7-12 years



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with Goat Track Theatre Company  
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Bookings essential as places are limited. Ages 8-16 years



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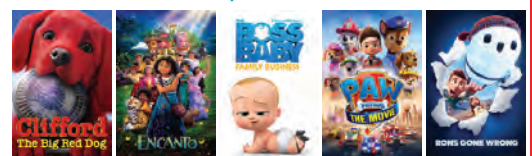
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## JON KRAUSE MP

State Member for Scenic Rim

### RAMIFICATIONS OF THE FLOODS

I had the opportunity to speak in Parliament last week about the recent rain events that brought devastation to a large part of southeast Queensland and New South Wales. Here is a summary of that address: 'Krause, we dodged a bullet,' is how a local farmer described the flood to me on the morning of the peak, looking at it from a farming perspective. On the night of Sunday, 27 February I was watching the Bureau of Meteorology radar and saw the rain systems sitting off the coast. If those systems had come in and dumped a whole lot of rain into the headwaters of the Albert and Logan Rivers and into the Teviot Creek and Warrill Creek catchments, things could have been a lot worse. All the way from Calvert in the west, near Rosewood, through Harrisville, around Boonah, in the Logan basin south of Beaudesert and over to Canungra and Tamborine, there was a lot of damage across the land.

Sadly, around Beaudesert, Tamborine and Cedar Grove we had homes with water in them, and more sheds with resulting loss of equipment and damage. A bridge was washed away on Flying Fox Creek at the back of Canungra, cutting off the population there. When that happened, the ingenuity and community support was great. Ironically, a flying fox was set up across Flying Fox Creek to get supplies into that community because the road was cut for quite a few days until the council was able to mobilise equipment to put in a temporary road access. No doubt there were some businesses affected by loss of stock and lost trade. The huge amount of damage to local roads, parks and other public assets will take a long time to repair.

I want to thank all members of the community for supporting each other through the event. In particular, I thank the SES, police and other emergency service workers at the council for their work. That includes the rural firefighters who have taken it upon themselves to assist with the clean-up of houses, not only in our area but also further afield in southeast Queensland and northern New South Wales.

### 10 YEARS ON FROM THE 2012 STATE ELECTION

Thursday 24 March 2022 will be 10 years on from 2012 Queensland State Election when I was first elected, as the (then) Member for Beaudesert. A lot has changed since 2012, including a name change and boundary changes for the State electorate. Back then, Yarrabilba was still a pine forest! Many of the matters I was working for right from the start remain on the go today – including getting viable public transport options, better police resources, health services that work for all Queenslanders (although getting maternity and other surgery back to Beaudesert Hospital in 2014 under the LNP was a massive win), sensible planning for residential growth on Tamborine Mountain and the never-ending battle for better investment in roads around Tamborine Mountain.

I'm pleased to see that the moratorium on new water bores on the Mountain has been renewed, and I'll keep advocating for a better system to ensure water for local residents is available, in rainy spells and dry ones too. It is an honour to be your advocate at the Queensland level and I thank you for the privilege.

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## SCOTT BUCHHOLZ

Federal Member for Wright

### HUGE BOOST FOR SOUTH EAST QUEENSLAND

A joint commitment by the Australian Government, Queensland Government and the Council of Mayors South East Queensland is set to deliver \$1.8 billion worth of infrastructure that will transform the region.

The SEQ City Deal will deliver a significant package of investments that will generate thousands of jobs, boost digital and transport connectivity, enhance liveability and support one of the fastest growing regions in the country.

A key project will be the Gabba Brisbane Metro Station which will ensure enhanced transport connections to support the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

The City Deal will receive \$667.77 million in investment from the Australian Government, \$618.78 million from the Queensland Government, and \$501.62 million from the SEQ Council of Mayors, as well as \$72 million from industry.

The economic impact of this investment will be substantial, and the electorate of Wright will be a beneficiary.

### SUPPORT FOR TRAVEL AGENTS

The Morrison Government is providing an additional \$75.5 million in targeted support for travel agents and tour arrangement service providers.

The funds will help eligible travel agents and tour arrangement providers to support consumers to rebook their travel using existing Covid-related travel credits.

Australia's tourism industry is bouncing back, with international and state borders now open and a date set for cruising to re-commence.

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### ADDITIONAL HELP FOR UKRAINE

Because we stand in solidarity with Ukraine and support its territorial integrity and sovereignty, the Government is now extending its support through further defensive military equipment and emergency humanitarian aid.

An additional \$21 million in military support will bring Australia's total military assistance so far to \$91 million.

Our effort in protecting women, children, the elderly and disabled has been boosted by an additional \$30 million in emergency humanitarian assistance, taking the total we have so far committed to \$65 million.

### BUDGET WEEK

The 2022 Federal Budget will be delivered in Parliament next Tuesday (March 29) by Treasurer Josh Frydenberg.

Since last year's Budget, the Morrison Government's fiscal strategy has delivered on its objective, with full employment in sight and the unemployment rate at 4 per cent – the equal lowest in 48 years.

Following the delivery of the 2022 Budget, the Government will move to the next phase of its fiscal strategy which will see it sticking to its economic plan, investing in a stronger future, creating more jobs and guaranteeing the essential services that Australians rely on.



# Letters to the Editor

## TOURISTS AND LOCALS

In your 17 March edition, the conundrum of balancing the needs of locals and tourists was highlighted in two pieces. Phil Giffard, with Main Street for locals and Gallery Walk for tourists, and then Gina with "Food is one of the joys of travel, giving you a chance to interact with locals and to pick up on the feel of the region you are travelling through."

Tourists can help support our local businesses, and this is good for both the tourists and the locals.

Separation, with areas for tourists and others for locals, is not necessarily the answer. With some creativity, an integration that works should be possible.

Bob Minnikin

## GRATEFUL

My family and I wanted to extend our appreciation to the Tamborine Mountain Show Society for a fantastic day of entertainment and fun last Saturday.



This group have clearly gone to a lot of effort to ensure a fabulous day was had by all, even securing wonderful prizes from generous local businesses for the many and varied competitions. I strongly encourage everyone to think about entering one of the competitions next year, there is something for everyone to enjoy at the show. Thank you for your hard work.

Katie Hooper

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## PROPOSAL TO UPGRADE EXISTING OPTUS MOBILE PHONE BASE STATION IN BINNA BURRA WITH 5G

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The proposal involves:

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- The installation of three (3) new Optus 4G panel antennas
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- The installation of ancillary equipment to ensure the proper function of the proposed facility.

Optus regards the proposed installation as a Low-impact Facilities under the Telecommunications (Low-impact Facilities) Determination 2018 ("The Determination") based on the description above. The proposed infrastructures will be in compliance with the ACMA EMR regulatory arrangements.

In accordance with Section 7 of C564:2020 Mobile Phone Base Station Deployment Code, we invite you to provide feedback about the proposal. Further information requests and/or comments should be directed to Kordia Solutions:

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## TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN DENTAL

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## Bronwyn Davies

**“We should learn to live with, instead of against nature”. Many locals will remember Bronwyn Davies from 16 years back, when she regularly organised artistic events for Club Zamia. Those times were over when she became Council’s Cultural coordinator. Editor Jaap Vogel inquired how she sees life, now she is retiring from that job.**

“I don’t see myself as being in retirement, I am just focussing on my own arts practice and other projects I want to work on. Before working for Council, I ran a world music venue, directed festivals, worked with community organisations and worked as an artist in my own studio on Tamborine Mountain. Now my plan is to spend more time back in the studio working as an independent artist. I use poetry and a variety of mixed media to create artworks to express my love for nature, concern for the planet and our lack of compassion towards each other and more than human world. I believe in the power of the arts for transformation.”

“Divorce, dislocation, disease and death were factors defining my youth, but after moving to Tamborine Mountain in 1991 I felt I had found my home, I happily raised my three daughters here and built a life.”

After the tragic drowning after a heart attack of her then partner Dallas in 2012, Bronwyn continued living on the mountain and working in the arts. She then met her soulmate Michael Bunney in 2014 and remarried in 2017.

“My current work, art and poetry reflect my need to express my connection to place, and my responses to being a female creative thinker in a world increasingly ruled by economic rationalism. I am working on several projects including the importance of the littoral zone: the mangroves and the coral reefs, both under threat of climate change. Other investigations include a collaborative project on significant Australian trees; more works looking at the flora and fauna of Tamborine Mountain and also what it is to be Australian... whatever that means. I’m planning some research trips and will exhibit finished works here on the mountain. In the end it’s finding different ways to tell important stories... It is all



Bronwyn Davies

about storytelling.”

“From a global perspective we seem committed to perpetual growth and short-term political advantages rather than having a sense of privileged custodianship of the place we get to live in. We may have advanced to a point where we can fly to Mars but haven’t evolved our capacity to care for the planet and each other and live in harmony. I will continue to raise my voice for art, the environment and community. That will continue to be my real passion in life.”

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Tania Edmunds is Opera Eagle’s Nest’s Musical Director and Principal Soprano. Classically trained, her experience ranges from opera through to popular classics and music theatre in Australia and overseas.

Terri Watters’ extensive music theatre experience includes lead roles in *Hello Dolly!*, *Funny Girl*, *Oliver!*, *The Pirates of Penzance*, *Crazy for You*, *My Fair Lady* and *South Pacific*, in Australia, UK, Hong Kong and SE Asia, and an Oscars Tribute show at the Sydney Opera House.

Popular Opera Nest performers pianist John Woods and violinist Chen Yang make a welcome return to the Mountain. John’s CV reads like the Who’s Who of opera, having accompanied such opera greats as Dame Joan Sutherland, and personal friend Luciano Pavarotti.

*Broadway to Bocelli* – one show only at St. George’s Anglican Church, Dapsang Drive on Sunday 3rd April at 2pm April.



Tickets are available on [www.trybooking.com/BXSMR](http://www.trybooking.com/BXSMR). For more information, please contact Howard Edmunds [ht.edmunds@bigpond.com](mailto:ht.edmunds@bigpond.com) or Ph 0439 452 541. Photo: of ‘Les Misérables tribute (Left to Right Howard Edmunds, Jenny Wilson, Tania Edmunds, Terri Watters, Glenn Lorimer seated).

# FLOOD RECOVERY – MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY RALLIES TO HELP

Impossible as it seems right now, imagine YOU could be devastatingly affected by fire, flood, or storm.

Imagine you may have been cut off from loved ones or the outside world, with no communications or access to food, power or water for a week or more.

Imagine all you have is the shirt on your back, no home, no transport, no possessions... but still have all the debt.

Imagine all your personal belongings gone; hurriedly put on the footpath so a tractor can pile them into a truck and take them away for looming hygiene reasons.

Gone... all of it. All of what makes your house a home, what's special and dear to you, the history of your life. Imagine the loss... the helplessness... the numbness.

Insurance, if you have it, will take months perhaps years. Relief money from the government is great but it's not today nor will it be enough.

How do you live or merely survive until then with nothing?

Now STOP reading and ponder for a minute. Where do you start?

Our community has banded together through these extraordinary times of natural disaster to provide much needed support to the all but forgotten flood affected areas of Wardell, Woodburn and Broadwater. The positive impact of all those who donated time, effort or goods to these much forgotten regional towns has been all but momentary as the mammoth task of rebuilding lays out a 5 year road to recovery.



We have been overwhelmed by the support from many local families, donating camping goods, epi-pens, mobile phones, tinned food, buckets, pie ovens, BBQ's, cleaning goods to everything in between. Donations from the Tamborine Mountain State School, St Bernards Primary School, Eagle Heights and Tamborine Mountain Bakeries, Mitre-10, Good Start Learning Centre and Tambo Water.

To assure our community response to the flood recovery was coordinated and well planned, our team were in constant conversations through the week with regional volunteer coordinator Bec



Luxton. Bec was overseeing the setup of the first temporary food collection point at Bath St, Wardell, as the local sport and recreation centre was cleared for usage. Bec was also coordinating what limited SES and Army personnel were in region to respond to support families who had not taken a day off since the flood waters ripped through the region.

Each and every family we spoke to knew it was day ten since the flood water subsided, day ten of the clean up, and honestly, given the sheer volume of destruction, mud and silt you wouldn't be wrong thinking they were still to pick up the tools. The tenth day of no reprieve, contaminated water supply and a stench that sits with you well after leaving the region.

Our convoy of three cars (Robin, Adam and Linda), one van (Forbes) jammed to the brim with donations headed down the M1, across the border and into Wardell to deliver much needed supplies to a community that seemed to have been forgotten within the flood recovery plans. Bringing up the rear was Jason and his flatbed truck, loaded with



a pallet of 1.5lt water bottles and 200lt of unleaded fuel.

From the M1 in Northern New South Wales the destruction is hard to notice, if you take the time to peer over the guardrail only a small amount of water can be seen. Any destruction is hard to spot at a glance. Exiting the off ramp to enter into Wardell, it's a completely different scenario. First you experience the stench of contaminated water, followed by the piles upon piles of household goods and building supplies, followed by the tired and dejected faces and body language of families within the community that is coming to grips of the destruction that has changed existence as we know it.

Our time saw our small team navigate from Bath St, Wardell where we set up a new gazebo after the overnight rains destroyed two of the fifteen gazebos that were set up as the temporary collection centre. Jodi and her team were ecstatic at the pie warmer that heated the pies and sausage rolls that were donated by Tamborine Mountain Bakery. Our team moved from Bath St onto the Rotary Club's community BBQ, where to the delight of the volunteers, delivered the surplus warmed baked goods, along with a tonne of bread from



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After speaking with the regional commander from the Regional Fire Service, their suggestion was for the team to head onto Broadwater, a further 15 minutes South of Wardell. The small town of 640 people had just had the town communications restored several hours earlier, the first time since the floods cut the town.

Broadwater was something from an "end of days" movie, with the Military rushing from place to place, barricaded streets stopping residents from entering, with the similar type of destruction we had witnessed in Wardell wherever we turned our head. Driving into town as you edge closer to the Richmond River, the caravan park to the left of the main road had only a handful of vans that sat above the height of the flood. For the majority of tenants, their homes were ripped and thrown from their original site.

The Broadwater community was well coordinated and a pretty jovial lot, considering what their town had experienced. The 200lt of fuel donated by Tambo Water was happily unloaded by the stationed Military presence. We spent a good three hours in Broadwater, unloading and sorting the goods in their makeshift community grocery shop at the local community hall.

The last stop before leaving the Wardell region was to the East of the Richmond River, to East Wardell and Empire Vale. We sat and enjoyed a beer with



locals Kev and Julia who have lived in the community for over 30 years. Julia's father, 91 year old Herb, lives in the caravan that had suffered water damage through the floods. Kev and Julia's home sit on what would be considered high ground on the river flats. Kev and Julia's modest brick was mostly destroyed by the rapid rising water.

Kev recalls receiving the SMS alert to "get ready to leave" at 2am. From 2am, every 20 minutes he would be up checking the phone and the lights of the other houses on their road to see if they had lost power. He contacted the neighbour from the adjacent house to get his take on what was happening and if they should leave. His response was "we'll be fine". By 6am the SMS to leave the community was too late.



The whole area was completely shut off. Kev recalls speaking to another lady from further up the road who tried to escape at 1:30am, 30 minutes prior to the warning alert.

"The flood waters were already over the road and I shouldn't have driven through and risked my life" This part of the region was cut off before the "Get ready" text was received. A sobering account of what has been heard right across the region. Kev recalls SES boats approaching survivors who had escaped to the roofs of their homes, only to be told there is no help from SES unless you call "000". This response truly destroyed hope for many people, as they thought the river would swallow them whole. As we now know, throughout the floods, 000 was inundated and unable to handle the volume of calls.





Their concern from days 1- 6 were looters stealing the outboard on his tinny. Looters still remain active in the area.

As the sun set, we headed south along the Richmond River to Wardell, to hit the M1 and return to Tamborine Mountain. The slow drive out gave us a chance to just observe the tired homeowners on their porches with a beer in hand, sitting quietly, staring into nothing. You quickly get the feeling this is the way each and every day ends. The people are so busy cleaning and clearing they have not had a chance to sit and process the enormity of what has transpired. The region is physically exhausted without the capability to commence unpacking the emotional trauma that needs to heal. This is the scene for nearly every house along the river.

It's day twenty now and reports coming out of Wardell are still the same. There is limited support as the responsibility sits with volunteers to help as the towns clean up process continues. The local Jali people of Cabbage Tree Island and its 200 residents have been moved to life in the evacuation centre. Their homes, school, community hall and sheds have all been destroyed with no date to return being provided by authorities. There are suggestions that parts of the region are now contaminated by e coli.

It's not unrealistic to think this may well happen to you and your community in the not too distant future.

Authorities and emergency services can do their best, but they are stretched to cope with such large, dynamic, and recurring events. 2017 floods-cyclone, 2019 fires, 2022 floods.

Most large companies don't seem to reflect community spirit to match their market share, with everyday relief responses often coming from local small businesses and volunteers that aren't in the affected zone.

Community is all we have... each other regardless of our differences... each other regardless of our location.

I hope these events never come to my community and I know we will pull together in the immediate days thereafter if they ever do. However, I would also hope other communities around us pull together and help out when needed. There are no shops in the disaster zone.

Get involved and you will feel better for it.

Please keep an eye out on what goods need to be donated as we aim to deliver consistent support to this much forgotten community.

**VERY SPECIAL THANKS**

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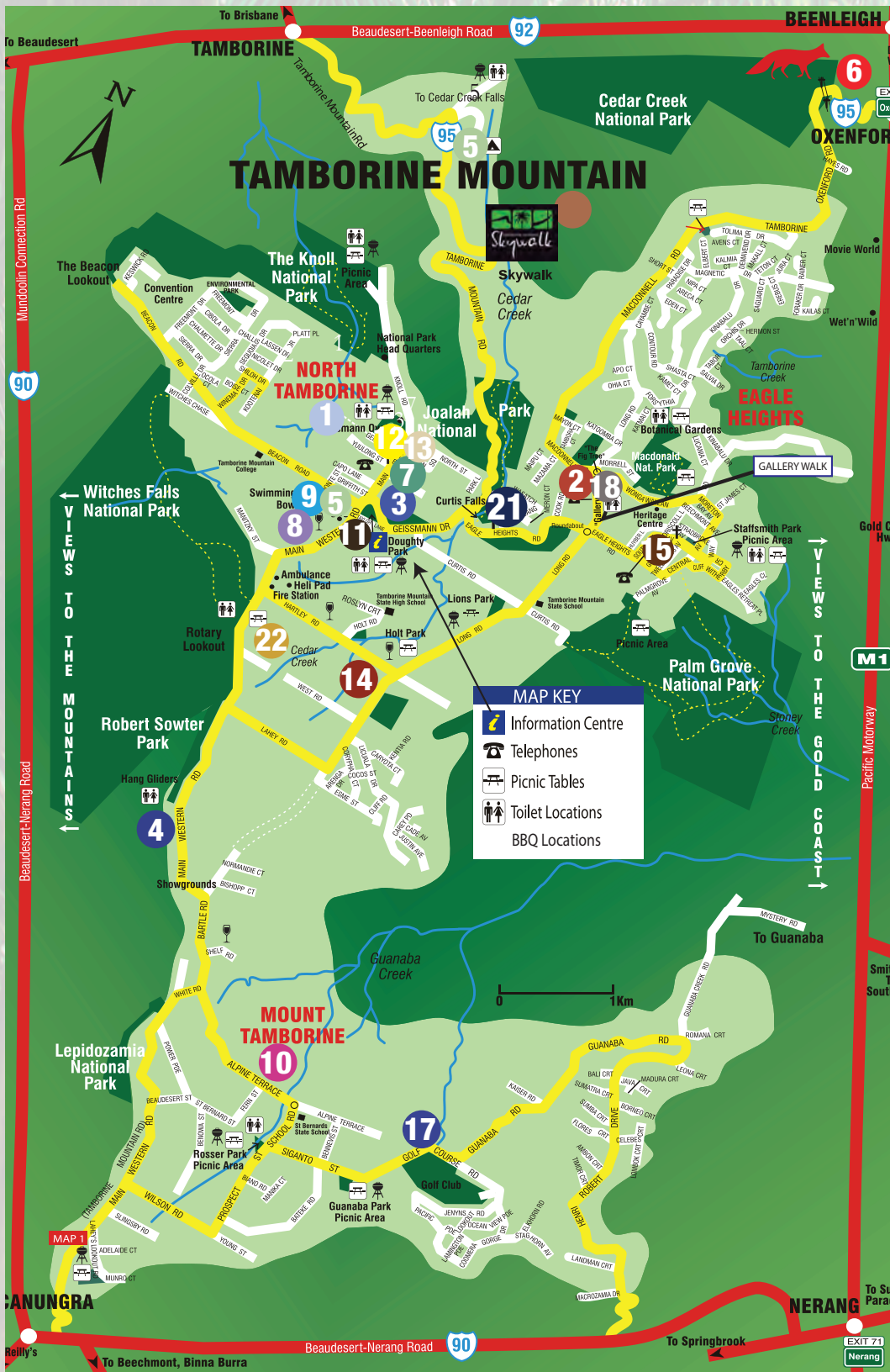


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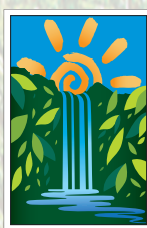
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## OF MASKS AND MEMORIES

A group of sixteen TMCCA consumers farewelled mask-wearing, on 4th March 2022 by way of creating their own masks, embellished with fabric (supplied by Jennifer Lynch and Anna Mangold, residents on TM). Regular surgical masks, worn by the majority of us during the pandemic, were decorated with colourful fabric by attendees. A big thank you to Rita Keeble, Sandra Evans and Jane Cox for your assistance to the group. The Covid mask has been honoured and will hopefully remain purely a memory, suspended somewhere in the house.



Speaking of masks and memories, talk of the Venetian mask emerged around the time the Covid mask was to be phased out of our lives and the Carnival of Venice was to end.

Jennifer Lynch, a lady of many colours and wearer of diverse masks offered to speak about the Venetian mask as well as donate special fabric for clients to use for their activity. Apart from being a Vocational Educational Lecturer, International Travel Advisor and Specialist in Legal Compliance for Business and Work Health & Safety, Jennifer, the proud owner of a vibrant collection of Venetian masks, was more than happy to display them and speak at this social group event.

After a morning tea of Savoirdi and seasonal fruit, Jennifer presented 'The History of Mask Making in Venice'. She captivated her audience with her costume, masks, presence and anecdotes on the Venetians and their Carnival, by donning varied, vibrant masks displayed for viewing. She built up her collection of original Venetian masks while travelling across Venice. Masks ranged from the Bauta, the Colombina, The Moretta, the Volto and the Medico della Peste, the latter being the mask with a bird-like beak that was created by French Physician Charles de Lorme in the 17th century. This mask was worn by plague doctors to protect them from airborne diseases.

Mention must be made that our local peacock Percy contributed to one of the attractive feathered masks made by Jennifer herself.

Jennifer explained that the tradition of wearing masks originated in the 13th century in Venice during the Carnival (season between the 26 December and Shrove Tuesday), to enable people from all social backgrounds mingle freely together regardless of class distinctions.



Bridging a link from the Venetian mask to the Covid mask, group members marked the end of the Covid Mask wearing (which was to end at 6 pm that very day) with the approximate end of the Venetian Carnival. Historic synchronicity!

**Patricia Arora**  
(TMCCA)

*PHOTOS: (top) Jennifer Lynch presenting to the Friday Friendship Group, (bottom) Masks made by Friday Friendship Group members*

## Relationships



## CHOOSING A PARTNER

Choosing whom we will share our life with is likely the most crucial decision we will make. How do we go about making such an important decision? Karl Pillemer is a professor of gerontology - the study of ageing. He posed this question to couples in enduring relationships. The participants in his survey had a combined total of more than 25,000 years of relationship experience. Based on their answers, he formulated the top three things you absolutely, positively need in a mate.

Forget physical attraction, the most commonly identified partner quality espoused by those who have made the journey, is a willingness to talk. It's not possible to be happily together for decades if your partner won't talk. We are not talking about a personality trait. Not everyone is blessed with the 'gift of the gab'. Even those who are introverted or reserved need to be able to communicate with their partner in order to have a satisfying relationship. Put simply, communication skills prevent miscommunication.

Everyone inevitably experiences tough times. In a relationship, we shouldn't endure tough times alone and unsupported. When personal challenges are not communicated with each other, distance grows. Communication allows partners to be there for one another. Not only does it provide the benefit of a shoulder to lean on, but it builds a closer bond between partners who are sharing the burden. The communication of happiness and appreciation is also equally important. Expressing happiness creates an echo chamber. It sets a joyful mood that generates more of the same, keeping the spark alive in any relationship. Choose a mate who willingly communicates in the good times as well as the tough times.

The second piece of advice offered in Pillemer's study was to choose someone with whom you are happy with as they are. Treating your potential spouse as a do-it-yourself project is a recipe for failure. When it comes to sharing your life with someone, there will always be things that annoy you. Let's face it, none of us are perfect. List your partner's personality characteristics or behaviours and honestly ask yourself, "Can I live with them for a lifetime if they never change? What are my non-negotiables?" You have the choice to accept them for who they are or move on.

The third recommendation from elderly wisdom is: when selecting a mate, add rational common sense to your heart-pounding passion. Yes, believe in love but don't be blind to practicalities. In the heat of romantic love, finances are often the last thing on your mind. However, couples' financial lives are inextricably entwined. Since break-ups often occur due to financial problems, money management is diagnostic for a relationship's future. Choose someone who shares a similar attitude to work and finances. What are their spending habits like? Do you find them reassuring or are they a warning sign? It's an important consideration.

Communication, acceptance and common-sense: the ingredients of a match-making recipe gleaned from elderly wisdom. It might just be the most important recipe in grandma's cookbook!

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## UKRAINIANS LEAVE WITH THEIR PETS

Those dogs that are left to struggle alone have only one thing to say in this photo:

Heart-warming stories of people in the Ukraine escaping with their pets. Staff in rescue centres staying behind to care for the animals; two young people doing this have lost their lives.

Ukrainian people show a remarkable display of love and loyalty for their animal companions.

There are many stories; one man carries a fish tank and a cat carrier through Kyiv after his apartment was damaged by shelling. A woman at the train station with her rabbit. Some evacuees have even ditched their suitcases in favour of carrying their dogs and cats to safety in neighbouring countries. Poland, Romania, Hungary and Slovakia have relaxed their requirements for entry, including not requiring proof of vaccinations, microchips or blood tests (for animals). Depending on the situation, the animals may have to quarantine for a few weeks, yet they will be cared for.

Sandra Ischenko runs a pet care centre in Kyiv called 'Dog City'. She has decided to stay and has offered to care for people's pets who are leaving Kyiv. It is mostly dogs that are brought to her, but she also has birds and cats. The pet owners give what money they can, and they hope the animals will be safe, and hope to be reunited when they return.

There are a few organisations helping those escaping war in the Ukraine. One of the biggest animal welfare organisations is PETA (People For The Ethical Treatment Of Animals), they have sent teams to the Polish border to provide on-site assistance. PETA in Germany is coordinating a delivery of nearly two tons of animal food and blankets to shelters in Ukraine. IFAW (International Fund For Animal Welfare) is providing emergency aid to Ukrainian shelters Pit, which is home to 800 dogs and Holivka shelter, which houses 300 dogs.

HSI (Humane Society International) is planning to send support groups into Poland and Romania with supplies for zoo animals and wildlife. Kyiv zoo is closed, and around fifty staff including veterinarians are staying in underground areas day and night. The bombing attacks are causing the animals great stress as their natural instinct is to flee. There is enough food for another ten days, according to the latest reports.

Australia is dealing with a lot of devastation from natural disasters, but if people wish to donate some money towards these charities, just look online for the above mentioned well-known and trusted ones.

**Pam Brandis,**  
**Dip.Canine.Prac.**



## BE ON THE ALERT FOR MOSSIES IN YOUR BACKYARD



**Scenic Rim Regional Council has reminded residents cleaning up this weekend to continue to be aware of increased mosquito activity following the recent severe rain event and to ensure they are protected.**

Mayor Greg Christensen said due to the nature of the region, temporary pooling of water on rural properties can be difficult to manage and often goes unchecked, contributing to mosquito breeding.

"Council urges residents to be vigilant where they can by clearing their properties of old tyres, barrels, pot plants and other items that can retain water," he said.

"If everybody does their part to control mosquitoes it helps to keep our community safe. If people see potential breeding sites on public land, please contact Council on 5540 5111 so we can remedy.

"There are some diseases such as Ross River Virus which are spread by the bite of infected mosquitoes and prevention relies on avoiding mosquito bites."

Council has provided the following tips to avoid mosquitoes:

- Wearing loose-fitting long trousers and shirts
- Staying indoors at dusk and dawn, the time when most mosquito activity occurs
- Applying DEET or Picaridin based insect repellent to both exposed skin and clothing in accordance with directions
- Removing leaf litter and other debris from gutters
- Fill holes that could hold water (large holes may need planning approval)
- Filling pot plant saucers with sand to absorb moisture
- Ensuring doors and windows have insect screens in good repair
- Keeping swimming pools clean and chlorinated
- Placing fish that eat mosquito larvae into decorative ponds, dams and other permanent waters
- Use insect coils or plug-in devices at home
- Check water tanks to ensure that they are fitted with mosquito proof screens and flap valves

For more information about mosquitoes visit Queensland Health (scan QR code).





## TRAVELLING PLACES By Gina Storey

Two wonderful pieces of news in the travel industry this week. Firstly, New Zealand is to open her doors to Australians from mid-April. So, for all of us who have family and friends to catch up with, now is the time to organise your travel plans. For all of you looking for a ski holiday, head to Queenstown and the Southern Alps. I would urge you to secure your arrangements soon, because there will be a flood of bookings, and that generally leads to one thing: price increases!



The second announcement is that cruising is back; the ban has been lifted, and cruise ships will be allowed to re-enter Australian waters from 17th April. Over the last two years, there have been a very few Australian-owned expedition vessels allowed to operate: Coral Expeditions and APT. Now the federal government has opened the doors, and the states are all following suit. It takes some time to bring ships back from where they have been marking time and to make them ready for passengers to board, so I anticipate several announcements in coming days.

P&O cruises plan to commence in May, and Princess in June – these will include ships based in Brisbane, so drive up the road and hop on! Silversea Explorer and Ponant hope to be operating from June along the Kimberley coast. By the time Spring comes around we should have a full complement of cruise lines in Australia. Here is the list: Norwegian Cruise Lines, Royal Caribbean, Carnival, Holland America, Celebrity, Viking, Oceania, Cunard, Seabourn and Regent Seven Seas. What a wonderful array of cruise lines to choose from. What the different lines offer and what will suit you, is critical to you enjoying your holiday. Travelling Places has lots of knowledge and experience about different cruises, and we access exclusive deals through our affiliation with Helloworld and Virtuoso, so contact us to find out more.

Several people have been asking for advice about booking travel and airfares, whether to hold off or to arrange trips now. It all comes down to personal preference. You need to feel comfortable about travelling and the processes that you are now required to go through, although these requirements are changing daily and on the whole are relaxing rather than becoming more arduous. One thing is certain, prices will go up with time. As travellers become more confident with their plans and more people book, so the airlines, cruise lines, hotels, car hire companies and other travel suppliers will increase their pricing. Apart from everything else, they are trying to recover from two years of very difficult trading. The other factor is fuel prices. Last week we quoted a fare to Europe on Wednesday, and on Thursday the airline increased the price by \$200 – a new fuel surcharge! Once you secure your price with a deposit or full payment, these increases will not affect you because the increases are not retrospective.

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# WINE CHAT

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## WARM CLIMATE & COOL CLIMATE WINES— WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

There are vineyards all over the globe. While some are under the impression that only a handful of nations are blessed with the right conditions for grape growing, there are in fact over 70 countries worldwide that produce grapes for wine production.



There is a “Goldilocks” zone for grape production in terms of climate, terroir, and topography. As a general rule, grape crops perform best when planted at a latitude somewhere between 30-50° either side of the equator. This zone includes most of Europe, select regions in both North and South America, northern China, Australia, and New Zealand—just to name a few. Grape crops can't survive climatic extremes. This means deserts, arctic tundra, and tropical islands are all off the cards.

However, with the advent of climate change, many wine experts are predicting optimal conditions for grape growing will gradually shift further north in the northern hemisphere and further south in the southern hemisphere. The upshot of this is that places like the UK and Scandinavia—regions not traditionally associated with a bustling viticulture trade—may become the epicentre of the wine world in generations to come. In anticipation, big names like Taittinger have already invested in land throughout parts of Kent, while others are buying up land in Sussex, Cornwall, and Dorset.

This all goes to show that climate is a big deal in the wine world. The environment in which a grape is cultivated (its terroir) can have a huge impact on how a finished wine will taste and feel and smell. This is most evident when we compare wines from different climatic regions. Wines are often classified into one of two categories—cool-climate and warm-climate. Let's say you have two bottles of wine. They are both made from Shiraz grapes. They were both produced in 2018. The winemakers used identical methods to process, store, and age the wine. How different can they be?

One is from the Barossa Valley (warm-climate), and one is from the Granite Belt (cool-climate). These two wines may bear no resemblance to one another. Environmental factors will not only alter a wine's flavour profile, but may also influence its texture, body, and ABV.

A lot of this is related to the rate at which grapes grow and ripen in different conditions. In warm climates, temperatures are fairly consistent year-round, with perhaps a small drop in temperature come wintertime. This means grapes will ripen faster, often giving the wine a lush, juicy, fruit-driven palate. Riper fruit also means higher sugar content. This often translates into higher ABV once fermentation is complete.

Conversely, cool climates may have hot summers, but freezing winters. The pronounced drop in temperature as harvest nears means grapes are slower to ripen. They retain more acidity, and sometimes have lower sugar levels. The result is a wine that is often bright, lean, herbaceous, and elegant. Don't believe us? Try this wine-tasting experiment for yourself! With wines from all over the world readily available to us here in Australia, you can experience the heat of the Napa Valley or the bracing winters of Burgundy from the comfort of your own home. Happy tasting!

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## ASIAN-STYLE PAN FRIED DUMPLINGS

**These little pockets of joy are my go-to whenever I want to impress guests without having to go to too much effort. Filled with delicately spiced pork and wrapped in soft pastry that is first crisped up in the pan and then steamed, and in my humble opinion this is quite simply the best way to enjoy dumplings.**

You can buy the dumpling wrappers from any good Asian grocery, and they are really versatile, as they can be filled with all sorts of imaginative fillings like vegetarian shitake and cabbage, minced scallops and prawns or lemongrass beef; the list goes on and on. I serve them with a generous side of my small batch Luck Dragon Asian dipping sauce as the roasted garlic, premium Japanese soy sauce, sesame oil and the hint of ripe Queensland chili pairs perfectly with any filling.

**Did you know?** According to ancient Chinese folklore dumplings were invented during the Eastern Han Dynasty 1,800 years ago by the medical saint Zhang Zhongjing. Legend has it that there lived a master physician of Traditional Chinese Medicine who finally returned to his ancestral village after a long period of absence. During the bitter cold winter, a febrile disease was turning quickly into disaster. Many of his fellow citizens, especially the poor, succumbed terribly to the unrelenting cold, and because of the lack of warm clothes and sufficient food many suffered frostbite, mainly around their ears. Seeing their condition, Zhang was determined to do something to help rid them of the frostbite. He cooked lamb, black peppers and a few medicinal herbs, shredded them and wrapped it in a thin dough skin. He shaped the pastry pockets like ears and boiled them. Everyone who was ill were given two 'ears' along with a bowl of warm soup. After a few days, the frostbite was magically gone, much to the relief and delight of the villagers.

**Chef Dylan tip.** Don't try to be too fancy with the design of the dumpling ear or crescent shape when you first have a go, the main thing is to simply make sure you pinch the pastry closed. The more you practice the better you will get. Be sure not to overfill the pastry because they will pop open if you do. Less is more in this case.

Some of the best dumplings I've ever eaten were when I visited my sister and her partner Troy, when they rented in the inner Sydney suburb of Ashmore. We've just returned to Australia from overseas and arrive huffing and puffing from the climb up the many stairs, as my sister turns the handle of her front door apartment she announces,

"Welcome to our humble home guys!" As we enter, we walk past the small kitchenette, and thump our heavy bags down in the lounge room. "Troy will be home in about 20 minutes, and we're going to take you to our favourite dumpling place. You've got just enough time to take a shower and I've placed towels in the bathroom for you guys".

Feeling refreshed after our long journey, we head down the stairs and into the bustling main street. In only a few short minutes, we are standing in front of a small modest restaurant called 'New Shanghai'. A delicately framed girl, no more than sixteen, with deep chestnut eyes and raven coloured silky straight hair, guides us to our table. It's a long table full of smiling patrons talking loudly in-between slurps of wonton soup and mouthfuls of fried rice and shredded roasted chicken. It's like a banquet royal gala dinner, the atmosphere is electric. We each pull out our small green plastic stools, and sit down to join in without anyone seeming to notice. Surrounded by the aroma of delicious food, we're keen to order.

"Let's get the pan-fried pork dumplings" says Troy. "They are the best around by far. You can see the ladies through that glass window making them now, super fresh and proper authentic." He turns to point and shows me where three kind-looking older ladies are expertly rolling out pastry. They take each disc into the palm of their hands then add the filling, and with nimble movements close the dumplings with expert folds all the while making it look ridiculously effortless. As we wait to order, people come and go from the table, as if playing a giant game of musical chairs. A waiter carrying our plates of dumplings arrives and as he places them on the table "Some chili and soy please" I ask. He elicits a small micro-nod of acknowledgement and turns away.

I'm immediately ravenous. "They look mouthwateringly delicious and crisped up to perfection" I declare. "Don't dive in too fast" quips my sister. "I've learnt the hard way, because last time we were here I didn't wait, and the juices inside exploded and burnt the back of my throat!". The soy and chili arrive, and I dip the dumpling in and take a bite. "WOW" I instantly think. What a flavour explosion. Noticing my delight, "Told ya!" says Troy winking, as he pops one into his mouth.

Have a go at these easy dumplings: you will be shocked at how simple these are to assemble and cook. You'll soon be basking in



the praise of everyone lucky enough to have had them cooked for them.

**Prep time 15 mins**

**Cook time 10 mins**

**Serves 4**

### Ingredients

#### Dumpling filling

- 240g minced pork
- 1/4 bunch of chives, cut into thick strips
- thumb nail size bit of ginger (2cm cube), minced
- 3 tbs Luck Dragon Asian sauce\*
- 1 spring onion, finely sliced
- Pinch of sea salt
- 20 dumpling wrappers
- Small bowl of water

\*Chef Dylan's Gourmet Food Co. Luck Dragon Asian sauce

### Method

#### To prepare

1. In a medium sized bowl add all the ingredients for the dumpling fillings together and mix until well combined.
2. Place a wrapper into the palm of your hand and spoon a tablespoon of filling onto the centre.
3. With your finger moisten the edges of the wrapper with some water.
4. Fold the dumpling into a half-moon shape. Crimp the edges and pinch it together to seal it tightly.
5. Place your dumplings on a plate lined with baking paper.

#### To cook & serve

1. Get your fry pan to medium heat, add 2 tbs oil and then fry dumplings for 2-3 minutes, until the bottom turns a light brown.
2. Then in the same pan, turn up to high heat and add a 25ml shot glass of water. Cover the frypan with a sauce pan lid and steam for 3-4 minutes until water has completely evaporated.
3. Plate up and serve with a condiment bowl of my Luck Dragon Asian dipping sauce.

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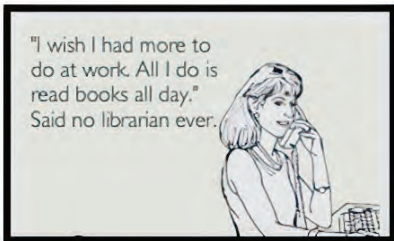


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Fredrik Backman was a blogger before *A Man Called Ove* became a bestseller sleeper hit.

**Agatha Christie** disappeared for nearly two weeks in 1926, after her first husband told her he wanted a divorce. Her car was found abandoned, 15,000 volunteers undertook a manhunt, and **Sir Arthur Conan Doyle** consulted a psychic. She was found in a hotel under an assumed name (borrowed from her husband's mistress), and never offered any explanation, not even in her autobiography.

When Stephen Hawking turned in his first draft of *A Brief History Of Time*, his publisher gave him some advice. They said that book sales would be halved for every mathematical equation that he included in the manuscript. Hawking went away and removed all equations bar one ( $E=MC^2$ ). The book went on to sell over 25 million copies.

**Aldous Huxley** and C.S. Lewis died on the same day, 22 November 1963. Unfortunately, their deaths were overshadowed by the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

## Our Book Choice: *Love* by Roddy Doyle



Two old friends reconnect in Dublin for a dramatic, revealing evening of drinking and storytelling in this winning new novel from the author of the Booker Prize winning *Paddy Clarke Ha Ha Ha* and *Joe* were drinking pals back in their Dublin youth.

Davy rarely sees Joe for a pint anymore--maybe one or two when Davy comes over from England to check on his elderly father. But tonight Davy's father is dying in the hospice, and Joe has a secret that will lead the two on a bender back to the haunts of their youth. Joe had left his wife and family a year earlier for another woman, Jessica. Davy knows her too, or should--she was the girl of their dreams four decades earlier, the girl with the cello in George's pub. As Joe's story unfolds across Dublin--pint after pint, pub after pub--so too do the memories of what eventually drove Davy from Ireland: the upheaval that Faye, his feisty, profane wife, would bring into his life; his father's somber disapproval; the pained spaces left behind when a parent dies.

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# TRIVIA

## Insects



1. Is the venom of the black widow spider normally fatal to a healthy adult human being?
2. Which species of insect has life cycles of 13 and 17 years?
3. Devil's Arrow is an alternative name for which flying insect?
4. What type of insect is a grayling?
5. Approximately half of all the world's insects are to be found in what type of terrain?
6. Approximately what percentage of the world's crops are consumed by insects?
7. What type of insect is ant-like in shape, greyish white in colour and has two main species named 'ground' and 'drywood'?
8. Which type of African fly causes serious anaemia and sleeping sickness?
9. Why should you beware of ***Pulex irritans***?
10. Which type of insects are of the order ***Coleoptera***?
11. What kind of insect is a Garden Tiger?
12. Which flying insect is a smaller, more slender relative of the dragonfly?
13. What is a nickname for the crane-fly?
14. How many species of mosquito can be found in Britain?
15. Which insect can fly the fastest?
16. What kind of insect is a Devil's Coach-horse?

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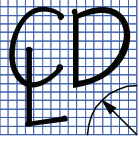
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**FILM CLUB AT THE ZAMIA.** Meets every third Sunday at 5.30pm for 6pm screening. Only \$10 annual fee to join which gives automatic membership to the Tamborine Mt Little Theatre group. All movies are free with membership. Films shown range from the 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

**MEDITATION:** Tuesdays 7pm – New Thought, New Life Centre 5545 3700.

**MEDITATION:** Tuesdays 9.30am. St Georges Anglican Church, cnr Dapsang Dr & Eagle Heights Rd. VAll faiths welcome. Contact Barbara 0497 016 178.

**MOVIES ON THE MOUNTAIN:** Regular screenings of latest releases at the Zamia Theatre. Ph 5545 3517.

**RELAXED MIND TAI CHI:** Mindfulness in motion, Mondays & Fridays 9.30am, Botanic Gardens. Bookings essential. Phone 0420 349 744.

**ROTARY ON TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN** meets every Wednesday night at 6.30pm for 7.00pm start at the Eagle Heights Hotel. New members and visitors welcome. For information, call David on 0419 743 275

**SINGING** 4-part Acappella singing for women of all ages. If you love singing, come and join us. 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month. Knoll Road, North Tamborine. Ph Dianne 0413 339 821 or email bellaacappellatamborine@gmail.com

**TAI CHI** Tues mornings, Thurs evenings 110 Eagle Hts Rd, Eagle Hts. Phone Gai Wanless 5545 2409.

**TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY CARE ASSOCIATION:** Service Provider for first - level aged care. Transport to medical appointments, Domestic Assistance, Home Maintenance, Social Support Individual & Group, Podiatry and Computer classes. Open: Mon – Fri 8:30 am – 4:30 pm. Volunteers welcome. Contact – 5545 4968 Address: 42, Southport Avenue, Tamborine Mountain, Qld.

**TAMBORINE SUSTAINABLE GARDENERS SOC (TSGS),** a group of enthusiastic gardeners, meets on the last Saturday of each month. Mrs Sue Morris 5545 0102.

**TANGO CLASSES:** Tango and salsa classes: every Monday night at the Zamia theatre. Salsa for beginners from 6.30-7.30pm and tango for experienced from 7.30-8.30pm. Cost is \$30 per couple or \$20 pp. Contact Alejandro at 0413 595 275.

**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

**TM GOLF CLUB** is open 7 days a week for golf. Ladies play on Tuesdays, Veterans play on Wednesdays and the main competition is on Saturday. Happy hour social event on Friday evenings from 5 pm. Coaching is available by Andrew Revie the club professional. Contact 5545 1788. Happy golfing!

**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](http://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

Tamborine. Contact 3273 3313.

**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](http://www.tmmensshed.com)

**TM NATURAL HISTORY ASSOCIATION:**

Birdwatchers – For further information call 5545 0995.

**TM BUSHWALKERS,** find out about us on the TM Natural History Association website. New members welcome. Enquiries: 0439 869 125 or 0478 414 892. [www.naturalhistory.org.au](http://www.naturalhistory.org.au).

**TM NETBALL CLUB.** Contact Tracey 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](http://www.tmo.org.au); or find us on Facebook.

**TM PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH** 34 Main St, North Tamborine [www.tmpcq.org.au](http://www.tmpcq.org.au) Sunday Morning Service 9am (including kids church) and Evening Service 5pm (including kids church). Playgroup: Tuesdays 9.30am for 0-5 years. Youth Group: Fridays 4-6 pm for Years 7 – 12. Enquiries: [dave.mugridge@tmpcq.org.au](mailto:dave.mugridge@tmpcq.org.au) | [www.tmpcq.org.au](http://www.tmpcq.org.au) BARGAIN CENTRE: Tuesday to Saturday opens 8am – 12 noon (rear of the Presbyterian Church).

**TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN COMBINED PROBUS CLUB:** Enjoy the company of retired and semi retired women and men at our social club meetings for fun, friendship & fellowship at Club Tamborine Sports Club, 6-12 Beacon Road, North Tamborine on the second Wednesday of the month at 9.15 for 9.30 start. Lyndal Drennan, President 0450 907 670

**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

**TM WRITERS GROUP:** Meets every 1st & 3rd Mon of month, 1.30–3.30pm at Creative Arts Centre, Eagle Heights. Call Patricia on 5545 3403 for details.

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**YOGA:** For beginners to advanced students: Hatha, Tantra and Nada Yoga. Tues 9.30am, Sat 9am at the Zamia and Wed 6pm Creative Arts Centre. Margot Wagner 0428 137 391

**ZUMBA GOLD:** Zumba Gold: dance fitness classes for deconditioned participants and active older adults. Mondays and Thursdays 9.30am at the Zamia. Petra Hunter 0414 505 014 – [TamborineMountainZumba@gmail.com](mailto:TamborineMountainZumba@gmail.com)

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