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TOP PICK TO HOST PRESTIGIOUS EVENT



Club Tamborine – Tamborine Mountain Bowls Club was selected over all other bowls clubs in Australia to host the 2022 Trans-Tasman event in June. Left to right: Natasha Van Eldik – Open Squad athlete, Damian Bartlett – greenskeeper, Gary Willis – Bowls Australia, Garrett Rooney – Club Tamborine Manager, Barrie Lester – Open Squad athlete Photo: Lachlan Williams/Bowls Australia. Story page 4.

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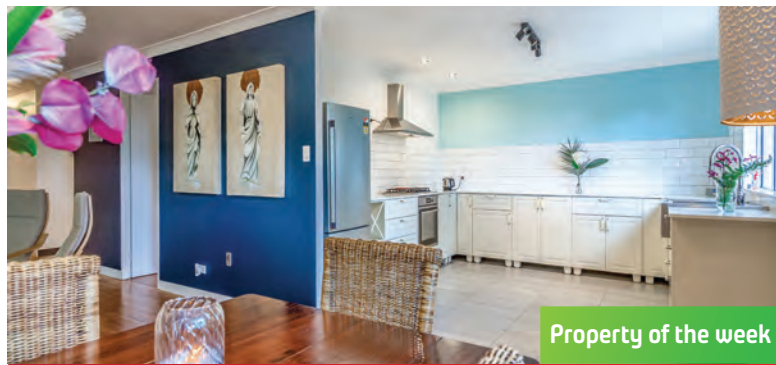
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- 2 - 2.30 1-3 Licuala Drive
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Review: Vendor - 926 Beaudesert-Beenleigh

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Review submitted by Sandra & David



AGENT: Team Monique & Erin
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WHY YOU NEED TO GET YOUR COVID-19 BOOSTER

Sometimes we look around and make judgements based on what we see in our immediate vicinity: my friend had COVID, and they were fine; Aunty Maud had it and had no problems; everyone I know has recovered; my brother had the booster and still got COVID. The conclusion being that COVID is like a mild flu, and I don't need to worry about getting that booster, or the vaccine does not work. In the Middle Ages, people believed that the sun rotated around the Earth, based on what they saw. They were wrong, just as assumptions that the pandemic is over, is not a threat, or that the vaccine does not work – are wrong.

In January, at the height of the recent Omicron wave, the Gold Coast Hospital Service had eight wards full of very sick COVID-19 patients, and had to build demountable wards in the carpark. Queensland is now again recording over 10,000 cases per day. Multiple people are still dying of COVID on a daily basis in Queensland, even though it is no longer on the news. Since the beginning of the pandemic, the case fatality rate for COVID-19 has come down due to our growing knowledge of the condition, higher vaccination rates and improved treatments, but still the fatality rate is at least five times that of flu, and a greater number of younger people die of COVID-19 than flu. The Omicron variant is half as dangerous as the Delta variant, but remember that the Delta variant was twice as dangerous as the original Wuhan variant.

As doctors, we are still identifying plenty of cases on the Mountain and are now starting to see cases of "Long COVID", where patients get longer lasting chronic fatigue, brain fog, cough, and shortness of breath. We have no cure for this. Because COVID is not just infecting your respiratory tree, but also your heart and brain, it is possible that the "mild" infection you have now may be the silent trigger of the heart attack you will have in 3 months' time, or the Parkinson's disease or dementia you will be diagnosed with in ten or twenty years' time. What you see now, is not necessarily all you get.

Why are there people who have had the vaccine and still got COVID? Consider a village of 100 people, 90 of whom are vaccinated and 10 who unvaccinated, and COVID-19

comes to town. Eight people become seriously unwell: four vaccinated and four unvaccinated. On the surface, it looks like the number of people getting sick is the same whether you are vaccinated or unvaccinated, but in fact only 4.4% (4 out of 90) of the vaccinated get sick, but 40% (4 out of 10) of the unvaccinated. The unvaccinated are getting sick at ten times the rate of vaccinated. The vaccine is protecting most people.

The vaccine was developed based on the original Wuhan variant of COVID-19. It was highly effective against the Delta variant. In the NSW Delta wave in late 2021, the rate of death, hospitalisation and ICU admission was 1000% (10-fold) higher in the unvaccinated versus the double vaccinated, and no-one double vaccinated under the age of 70 died. Unfortunately, the Omicron variant has 36 mutations compared with the original variant, so the vaccine is not a perfect match, and you need a much higher level of vaccine-induced antibodies to be effective, which is only achieved with a booster vaccine. It is still possible to get a breakthrough infection, but if you do, it will be milder and still be more than 90% protective against hospitalisation and death. The data shows that for vaccinated + boosted patients, the fatality rate is lower than for flu.

The USA has just passed its millionth recorded COVID death, with more deaths in the Omicron wave than in previous waves. Worldwide, the official recorded death toll is six million, but the true death toll of COVID, based on excess deaths over and above the usual number of deaths, is more than 20 million worldwide. We are all frustrated with the day-to-day impact of the virus: the masks, the border closures, travel restrictions, loss of business income – but how did we become so blasé about this scale of loss of life? Copernicus, in the Middle Ages used science, data, maths and reason to deduce that it is the Earth that rotates around the sun, not the other way around. We, too should use data, science, and reason in our decisions to vaccinate. Winter is coming and with it another wave of COVID-19. Get your booster! Please!

Dr Leeann Carr-Brown
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CLUB TAMBORINE IS TOP PICK FOR TRANS TASMAN

Tamborine Mountain Bowls Club was selected over all other bowls clubs in Australia to host the 2022 Trans-Tasman event in June and which will be televised worldwide.

During the beginning of March, Club Tamborine hosted the National Commonwealth Games Team Trials for the Para Athletes and Open Squad Athletes. The Club is thankful for this opportunity from Bowls Australia. Bowls Australia wanted to thank and congratulate the management team, staff and volunteers for the very professional way in which the event in March was run. They were in admiration of how the greens and the venue were presented, the quality of food provided and the friendly and helpful way in which they were all treated during their time at Club Tamborine.

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DOWDY PLUME MOTH

– *Stenoptilia zophodactylus*, garage, Central Ave.



The moth looks like 3 conjoined rolled umbrellas. It is found in many parts of the world and in every Australian state and territory. I filmed a specimen at the same location in November 2012 and photographed this one in February 2022. Wingspan is up to 2.3 cm. There are over 500 images in my Moths Album. A single species can appear between two and, occasionally, four times, although the majority appear only once. So, having a common name, however obscure and whether widely used or not, is always welcome because the alternative is to repeatedly label an image with the family name.

Peter Kuttner

OBITUARY

Carole Tilling-Rekort, a member of our Tamborine Community for twelve years, born 17th December 1936 in Hull, Yorkshire, UK, has passed away quietly aged 85.



She arrived in Australia in 1949 as a 13-year-old child and proceeded to become a teacher, acquired a Masters' degree in Education and finished her career in a senior position in the TAFE system. Carole had chosen to take control of her end-of-life by opting for Voluntary Assisted Dying (VAD) in Switzerland. She was a remarkable woman, a true trailblazer in many areas of her eventful life, and this decision was one of them. She will be remembered by many for her enormously entertaining courses "*Composers and their Music*", presented through the University of the Third Age (U3A). She will be sadly missed by her family and those who knew her.

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B0925 – O'Reillys Plateau: On the existing monopole telecommunications facility at **1 Plan 107553 LAMINGTON NATIONAL PARK RD, BINNA BURRA QLD 4211**

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- The removal of Three (3) antennas
- The installation of three (3) new Optus 4G panel antennas
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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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W: www.rfnsa.com.au/4275001

We will accept comments on the proposed upgrade until
5pm Thursday, 7th April 2022.

Council Notices

CURRENT TENDERS

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Only electronic submissions uploaded to VendorPanel will be considered. Submissions made after the closing time will not be accepted.

Tenders close 2pm on Wednesday, 6 April 2022.

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Last Thursday Book Club | Last Thursday of the month | 2pm
Storytime | Baby Rhyme Time 2-5 year olds | Monday 9.15am
Babies to two-year-olds | Friday 9.15am

OUTREACH - STORYTIME IN THE PARK

Beechmont | Thursday 7 April | 9.30am
Beaudesert | Thursday 14 April | 10am
Beaudesert Unyah Jarjun Mununjali | Tuesday 19 April | 10am
Rathdowney | Wednesday 20 April | 9.30am
Kalbar | Thursday 21 April | 9.30am
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Canungra | Wednesday 11 May | 9.30am

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Boonah Cultural Centre | 10am | 1pm | 7pm
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FILM NIGHT FOR CAMPAIGN LAUNCH AT ZAMIA

Queensland Greens candidate for Wright, Nicole Thompson marked her official campaign launch last Sunday at the Zamia Theatre with a screening of "Into Dust", a documentary about water theft in Karachi, Pakistan.

Nicole chose the film because while we have many privileges that Karachi locals don't, the film does show parallels with water mining on the Mountain (where Coca Cola Amatil currently has virtually unlimited licence to draw water and repackage as bottled water).

"The fact that Coca Cola can make money selling our water, even during local water shortages is a perfect example of why we need more Greens in Parliament.

"The Greens believe everyone should have access to publicly owned essential resources, services and infrastructure.

"I wanted to screen this movie because it shows what's happening on Tamborine Mountain is more than just a local issue – it's emblematic of the dangers of privatising and commercialising essential services and resources.

"I'm also really concerned about the growing influence of big corporations over politicians, and Coca Cola Amatil has donated hundreds of thousands of dollars to the Labor and Liberal parties.

"The Greens don't take corporate donations, and our Senator Larissa Waters has been fighting for a national corruption watchdog and a \$1,000 cap on all donations, with real-time public disclosure. We just need a 1.5% swing in May to elect another senator for Queensland, Penny Allman-Payne, who'd work alongside Larissa to strengthen our democracy."

About 70 people attended the Zamia, and it was a full night of entertainment.

The evening began with canapés and people mingling with a lot of excited chat about when the election might be called,



getting more Greens into government and hopefully, some real action on climate change.

Nicole started the evening with a speech, followed by Scenic Rim Greens campaign manager, Steven Everson giving an outline on Greens campaign goals over the next few weeks. "The goal is to have a lot of visibility out in the electorate so people know we are here, we care and we're raring to go for a new government."

Then followed the film *Into Dust* – set in Karachi, Pakistan. "It is a true story of Perween Rahman, a social activist who stood up to the water mafia and politicians protecting the illegal taking of water from the city's system. The movie highlighted the fact that water will probably be the petroleum of the future that wars will be fought over."

After the movie the lead senate candidate for the Greens, Penny Allman-Payne skyped in to say hello to the attendees and to encourage everyone to spread the word that the Greens have a plan for improving cost of living and real climate change action.

The evening finished with two community members, Alicia Hyland and Bronwyn Davies, speaking about their passion and current projects.



Photos: (top) Nicole Thompson with Sally Williams, Scenic Rim Greens Convener, (left) some of the enthusiastic crowd at the Zamia and (above) Nicole giving her speech.

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JON KRAUSE MP

State Member for Scenic Rim

PROGRESS ON GOAT TRACK

Last week I received an update from the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) about the reconstruction of Tamborine Mountain Road, locally known as the Goat Track. Extensive reconstruction works have been undertaken to repair the considerable damage caused by a landslide in late 2020 and significant slope stabilisation works have been completed since the reconstruction process began in July 2021.

A large catch fence is currently being installed on the slope, making the project site safe to commence work to repair the road.

Other recent project updates include:

- scaling of the upslope and cliff face
- removing loose debris on the upslope and downslope
- anchoring large rocks
- installing rockfall controls

Upcoming project works will include:

- road restoration works to the section of Tamborine Mountain Road that is currently closed

The site received over 812mm of rain in February 2022 – 723mm between 23 and 28 February alone. TMR advised that thorough assessments were conducted after the rain and all considering, the site held up well. There was a minor slip on the rockface to an area that was under surveillance. Tamborine Mountain Road sustained pavement damage between the main site and Lahey Lookout, which impacted access to the worksite.

The Goat Track will remain closed until reconstruction works are complete and the road is safe to be reopened to traffic. I asked TMR for advice on when scheduled reopening would be, once I receive an update, I will be sure to let you know in this column and on my Facebook page.

YOU DESERVE BETTER FROM OUR HEALTH SYSTEM

These are the latest stats on the Queensland Health Crisis that show a system that's hit breaking point.

Across Queensland ambulance ramping rates are at 38%. In places like Logan, Redlands and Ipswich, it's at 50% or above. This means Queenslanders who arrive in ambulances sit on stretchers for longer than 30 minutes. When Labor was elected in 2015, ambulance ramping in Queensland was at 15%. It's more than doubled in seven years.

There are problems once Queenslanders get into the ED too. More than a quarter of Queenslanders aren't being seen on time when they enter emergency departments.

244,438 Queenslanders are now on the waitlist for the waitlist. This is the list just to get an appointment with a specialist. Once patients have done that, they're sent to the back of the elective surgery queue and forced to wait again to undergo the procedure. These are Queenslanders like mothers waiting for a cancer screening, grandfathers with chronic hip pain, kids who need their vision fixed, fathers needing to see a psychiatrist. The list goes on.

Our hardworking health staff are doing all they can to hold our hospitals together. They need more support. They want to take back control on the frontline. They want better resources. They want data shared in real time. They want to drive cultural change, so an ambulance doesn't have to wait on the end of a ramp. These are just some of the solutions the LNP have put forward to heal the Queensland Health Crisis. Rather than making excuses, the Premier must start listening and take some action.

These statistics must change. The LNP is going to keep highlighting them until all Queenslanders have a health system they can depend on.

If I can be of assistance for a state government matter you're concerned about, do not hesitate to contact me by phone (toll-free) 1800 813 960, by email scenicrim@parliament.qld.gov.au or by mail at PO Box 656 Beaudesert QLD 4285.



SCOTT BUCHHOLZ

Federal Member for Wright

RECORD FUNDING FOR ENDOMETRIOSIS

As *Scenic News* went to press on Tuesday night Treasurer Josh Frydenberg was delivering the 2022 Australian Budget in Federal Parliament.

It is a Budget that provides responsible and practical help for households to ease cost of living pressures across a host of issues, and one that has a clear plan for a stronger future for Australia.

As residents of Wright this week take on board the full detail of the Budget and what it means for them, it is not possible, of course, for me to comment in my weekly column on all the issues I would like to.

There are, however, several wonderful initiatives close to my heart that I feel especially proud to mention.

The first is that the Morrison Government will invest record funding of \$58 million to support the more than 800,000 women in our nation who suffer with endometriosis.

One in nine women endure the debilitating and painful effects of endometriosis.

Funding will be used to establish specialist endometriosis and pelvic pain clinics in every state to improve diagnosis, care and treatment.

The clinics will include GPs specialising in women's health and pain management, as well as nurses, allied health services and education.

EASIER ACCESS TO GENETIC TESTING

Australians planning a pregnancy will now have easier access to genetic testing for cystic fibrosis, spinal muscular atrophy and Fragile X syndrome.

These are the most common inheritable genetic disorders, resulting in substantially reduced life expectancy.

A Budget allocation of \$81.2 million will provide free universal testing for all three of these disorders as a new Medicare item. Testing identifies if a person is a carrier of the gene, prior to pregnancy.

In an associated development, Australians with cystic fibrosis will soon have access to a new treatment, following the listing of Trikafta on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme.

One in 2500 babies is born with cystic fibrosis, and there is currently no cure.

Without PBS subsidy, around 1900 Australians would have to pay more than \$250,000 a year for access to Trikafta.

It is a treatment that was out of reach for most Australians, and now that it will be available on the PBS, patients will only pay a maximum of \$42.50 per script, or as little as \$6.80 with a concession card.

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Letters to the Editor

WHAT ARE THE PLANNING OFFICERS UP TO NOW?

MCU20/077 Cabins at 36 Young Street

On the 7th of March, the Scenic Rim Councillors, accompanied by Town Planning staff and a consultant (temporary labour hire) planner, inspected the proposed development site and some neighbouring properties, where the slope of the proposed development with the **High Landslide Hazard** was viewed and numerous planning and amenity impact issues concerning the development were voiced and considered. The visit made a significant impact in some quarters, as next day the developer put a **'Stop'** on the decision process.

Shortly afterwards, in communications with Town Planners, the developer proposed **geotechnical testing** to ascertain the stability of the site. Residents and the local Councillor have insisted it be done at the **Scheme minimum 20m setback, rather than at the reduced setbacks dictated by the Developer since day 1 – some 18 months ago.**

It is uncertain what the developer and Town Planners hope to achieve from the geotech test, as this will only provide data on the stability in the area where the testing is carried out. It will provide **no guarantee of stability in the steep slope below**, where any slippage could lead to instability of upper sections of the High Landslide Hazard area, thus presenting a danger to any proposed cabins situated in the immediate vicinity.

A **High Landslide Hazard** overlay produced over the site has shown the proposed cabins **on the edge, overlying, and within the High Landslide Hazard Area** even with the Developer's desired 'relaxed' setback of 15-16m. If the regulation setback - minimum 20m for tourism activities - is applied, ALL proposed cabins will likely be overlying, or within the High Landslide Hazard Area.

At this point, the **Town Planners really need to refer to the Scenic Rim Planning Scheme Code.**

8.2.7 Landslide Hazard and Steep Slope Overlay Code, for further clarity on High Landslide Hazard.

Consider:

8.2.7.2 Purpose and Overall Outcomes

1. The purpose of the Code is to ensure development on land containing unstable slopes or steep Slopes, protects people, property and the environment from landslide hazards,

(h) Development AVOIDS involving the establishment or intensification of vulnerable uses (including Nature-based Tourism) WITHIN or NEAR areas

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SOCIAL GROUP SUPPORTS #SAVE SOIL MOVEMENT FOR A CONSCIOUS PLANET

According to the UN Food & Agriculture Organisation (FAO), our SOIL is facing extinction. 90% of earth's soil could be degraded by 2050, unless we act now. The United States has lost 50% of its topsoil. 62% of India's soil has less than 0.5% organic content. In European agricultural nations, 75-85% of soil has less than 2% organic matter. Loss of organic content in soil turns it into sand. The solution is to increase this organic content in soil to a minimum of 3% by bringing agricultural land under vegetation and shade and by enriching the soil through plant litter and animal waste.



We have only 60 years of harvests from soil left, as 52% of the world's agricultural soil is already degraded. The World Economic Forum estimates that food production could fall by 40% in 20 years if soil extinction is not prevented and soil is not regenerated. 12 million hectares of topsoil are lost every year across the world. That's almost the size of the entire nation of Greece.

This is not to paint a 'dark' picture: it is intended to awaken us to fulfil a generational

responsibility to the 'unborn children'. Soil is a living entity. We received the legacy of a living soil from our ancestors – we need to pass it to future generations in its living condition.

As a generation we could turn around an imminent food shortage crisis, if we act now! This movement will consequently lead to climate change being reversed and waterways being revitalised – it's a 'carbon cycle' connection.

Friday Friendship group met on 25th March 2022 at Tamborine Mountain Community Care, to enhance their awareness and support the 'Save Soil Movement' by becoming an *Earth Buddy*. An *Earth Buddy* passes a two-word message "SAVE SOIL", on to family and friends, with a purpose to raise awareness and reach 'influencers' to advocate for Global Policy Change towards agricultural soil restoration. *Earth Buddies* may use word-of-mouth or social media platforms (FaceBook, Instagram, WhatsApp, etc.) to communicate in their individual capacity in order to garner the support of 3.5 billion people in 100 days (21 March – 27 June 2022). Creative messages, hashtag posts, song/dance/speaking videos are all welcome to spread this message. An *Earth Buddy* may even repost messages from the #savesoil.org portal.



SAVE SOIL is a unique global movement, launched by Sadhguru (Indian Mystic, Yogi and Visionary) to save soil from extinction, and enshrine the necessary policies across 192 countries, to address the catastrophic issue facing humanity.



Towards this, on March 21st, Sadhguru started an arduous 30,000 km journey as a lone motorcyclist, traversing 25 destinations, from London to Southern India, meeting with global leaders, influencers, citizens and their elected representatives to raise awareness of the issue of Soil Health, and to activate people's support for the Save Soil movement.

This movement is supported by global personalities including

Marc Benioff (CEO of Salesforce), Dame Jane Goodall, His Holiness the Dalai Lama, Will.i.am, Deepak Chopra, Tony Robbins, Jesse Williams, Tom Brady, Machel Montano and institutions such as the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification, UN Food and Agricultural Organisation and the World Economic Forum.



Sadhguru, known over the last four decades for his colossal initiatives to foster human well-being and global harmony, has implemented large-scale projects for environmental restoration through mass tree planting and river revitalisation. According to the UN, this (Project GreenHands) is the largest environmental movement in the world, where until now 162 million people (farmers and volunteers) are engaged in planting millions of trees in Southern India and revitalising 13 rivers (Rally for Rivers) – a living and ongoing sample guideline for any country to follow.

Sadhguru established ISHA Foundation in India (1992): an international, not-for-profit organization that teaches and practices the Art of Inner Engineering (transformational yoga and meditation programs that have touched the lives of millions). His YouTube channel received over 2.5 billion views in 2021. He is a New York Times bestselling author and a speaker at institutions such as the United Nations, World Economic Forum, Google, London Business School, Harvard Medical School, and more.

Speak about # Save Soil and # Conscious Planet to at least one person (family/friend/work mate) for a few minutes a day, from 21 March 2022 till 27 June 2022 to unite as one voice, to reach 3.5 billion people globally and create awareness of soil extinction to advocate for Policy Change!

Jennifer Lynch, Tamborine Mountain resident, shared some of her experience with Australian Certified Organic (ACO) soil and seeds and



explained how the health of our soil determines our personal health and well-being. Jennifer distributed organic seeds to clients for planting in their yards and highlighted the importance of using ACO soil and seeds for the benefit of our health and the health of Mother Earth.

Gail Molson, Tamborine Mountain resident, shared her story on how she learned that the salt deficiency in her body matched with the same salt deficiency in her backyard soil (produce).

Gail consumes her home grown produce and drew a logical conclusion – we are what we eat.

Janice Lowe and her daughter Jade assisted some seniors to plant basil and tomatoes in the TMCCA vegepod, as a somewhat symbolic gesture in support of the save soil movement.

Last but not least, **Wayne**, our very own Tamborine Mountain scarecrow (who lives at Joseph Greengrocer), virtually joined in on his motorbike, to extend his support riding with Sadhguru on the rest of his journey to SAVE SOIL! Go Wayne!



Let's Make It Happen! Share your message using these hashtags...

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Photos: Planting at the TMCCA vegepod (top left), Jennifer Lynch (far left), Patricia Arora (top), Gail Molson (middle right) and Wayne – 'Let's Ride!' (pic Linda Galbraith) above right.

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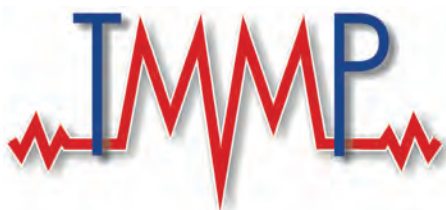


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that are subject to risk of landslide.

This leads to some pertinent questions for the Town Planners and Council:

- “How much nearer to the High Landslide Hazard Area do the cabins have to be, for the Town Planners to accept that this proposed development contravenes the Planning Scheme Code in relation to Landslide Hazard Constraints?”
- “Why is the Town Planning Department continuing to support this proposal when it is so clearly in breach of the Planning Scheme?”

Bruce Kirk

AMBIENCE AT RISK?

IN LAST WEEK'S *Scenic News*, Bob Minnikin differed from my observation that we were fortunate to have the separation of tourist facilities on Gallery Walk and resident facilities in Main Street. Incidentally, that is what I wrote, not separation of tourists and residents as Bob apparently interpreted it. Of course, residents would be welcome in Gallery Walk, although I rarely find reason to go there. It is also relevant that Eagle Heights has its own separate Resident Service Area.

The Main Street situation is rather more sensitive. Its area and parking are limited, but it plays a very important role in the coherence of the local community. That includes

the minority with some involvement in tourism. Think of the facilities in Main Street that service the local community and do not exist elsewhere on the Mountain. These include the Community Centre, Police Station, Car and Tyre Service, Hardware, Post Office with NAB Agency, Suncorp, Library, Vet, Car Spares, Travel Agent and Zamia Hall.

Also, of critical importance are the coffee and food shops which cater predominantly to locals. To be able to wander in with some assurance of meeting others with shared interests helps the character of our community survive. Losing that can be a major problem in smallish towns with a thriving tourism component. Of course, visitors are welcome if they are willing to fit in. It is often evident that they prefer the resident ambience to the tourism version.

What would put that preferred situation at risk is the establishment of unnecessary, incompatible tourist attractions in Main Street. With its limited space and parking, the precious Tamborine Mountain ambience could be lost to residents. Where would we meet up in our own environment. I suppose we could go to IGA or the Medical Centres, but that is really not the same thing. Tamborine Mountain as a whole would be the loser. It would seem to be in the interests of local tourism to prevent this happening. The 1997 Development Control Plan was certainly far-sighted.

Phil Giffard

SCENIC RIM SHOWCASES LIVE MUSIC IN MAGNIFICENT SETTING

The Scenic Rim will roar to life with The Long Sunset, a radiant new boutique live music destination event taking place on 30 April 2022.

Elysian Fields is tucked away in the heart of Canungra, home of the Wangerriburra people, in the lush, picturesque surroundings of the Scenic Rim region, **The Long Sunset** is a brand new live music and camping experience, just a short hour's drive from the hustle and bustle of Surfers Paradise, Byron Bay and Brisbane.

In its inaugural year, **The Long Sunset** - the latest event from Queensland Music Trails - welcomes Australian indie-folk duo and event headliners Angus & Julia Stone, who will perform together in Queensland for the first time since their sold-out performance in Brisbane back in 2018. The brother-sister duo's performance at **The Long Sunset** will also mark the first opportunity for Queenslanders to experience the band's latest record, *'Life Is Strange'*, live and in person.

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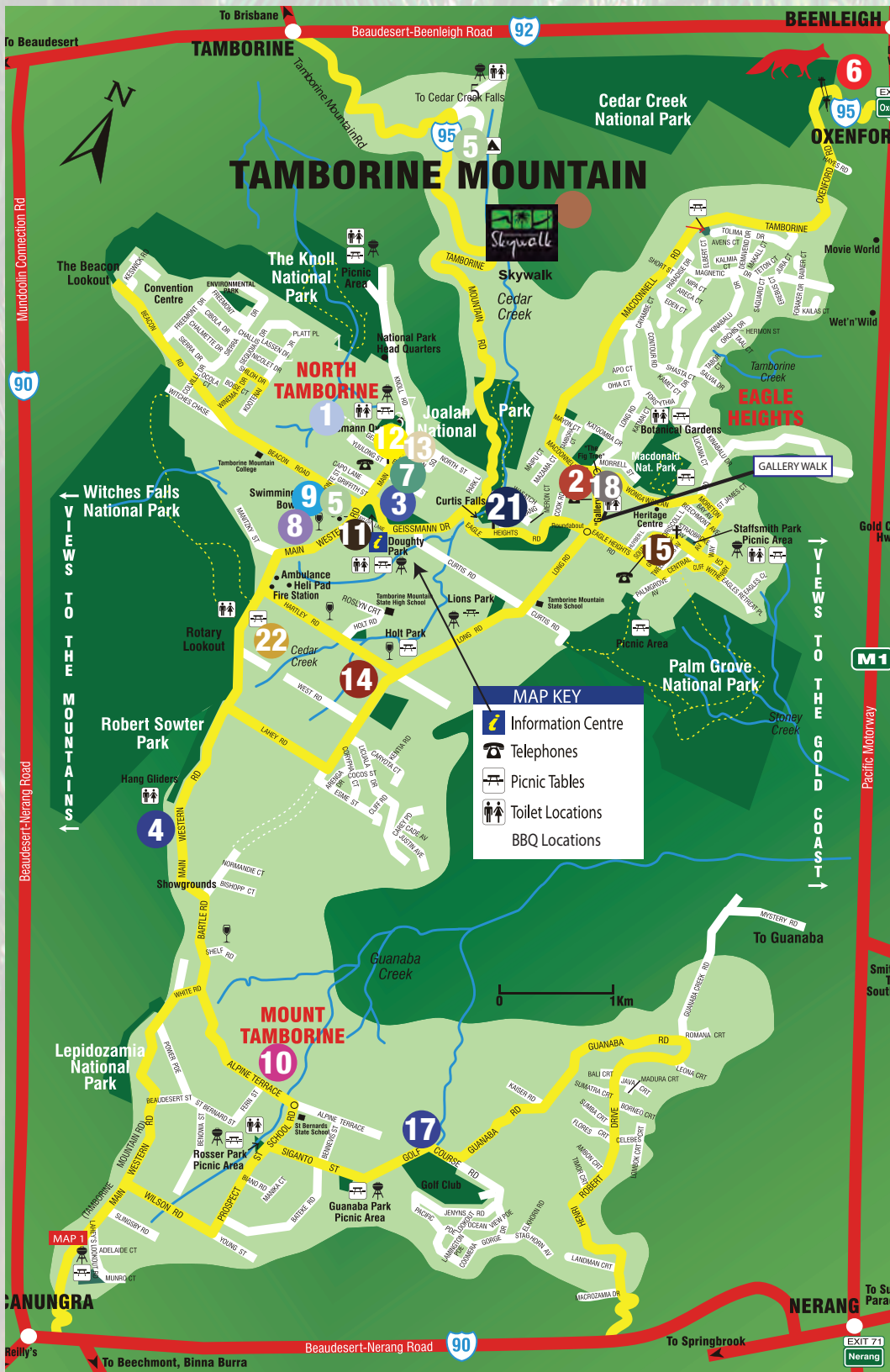
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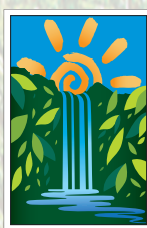
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SOUND HEALING

We've just enjoyed our annual yoga retreat in Springbrook. Springbrook is famous for its old growth forest and has a very special energy, perfect to enjoy transformational events like yoga retreats. It was a jam-packed weekend of

yoga, meditation, laughter, ritual, good food and fun. And one of the highlights of the weekend were two sessions of sound healing. The practice of sound healing is the practice of being deeply immersed in sounds and vibrations that have the power to cleanse and heal. Sound healing promotes self-discovery through deep relaxation and meditation.

Hearing is the first sense we acquire as a foetus. Our experience in the womb is one of both audible and inaudible vibration. Perhaps this is why we respond so readily to sound vibration. While growing within our mother's womb, we hear and feel the rhythm of her heartbeat, the various pulses as the blood moves through her veins, and the sound of her digestive system swishing and gurgling. During the dying process, the sense of hearing is the last one to disappear. That is why in various spiritual traditions around the world when someone is dying, scriptures are read, and sacred mantras are chanted. This brings peace to the dying person.

Many cultures use sound to invoke a healing response in the body. From Tibetan bowls, tuning forks, Aboriginal didgeridoos, crystal singing bowls, shamanic drums, gongs, rattles and chimes, together with chants and mantras, a sound healing session intentionally creates waves of harmonic sound which envelop and surround the body. According to quantum physics, every cell is made up of small pieces of vibrating matter joined together by magnetic forces. It is believed that during illness or disease the vibration in the cells is less effective or there is a reduction in the frequency of the vibration. Alternative health practitioners theorise that when your body is exposed to healing sounds, the sound vibration helps to raise the frequency of your body, which brings it back into vibrational balance. Used regularly, together with other healthy lifestyle practices, sound therapy is believed to help you achieve an optimal vibration.

Different sound bath instruments serve different purposes. Crystal and singing bowls help to keep you grounded, resonate with your chakras and allow you to attain a meditative state. Bells and gongs help to remove deeply stuck energy. Chimes balance the air element, and drumming, particularly the heartbeat drum, invokes a very primitive response in the body.

From human DNA to bacteria and worms, from the Earth to solar systems and distant galaxies, and from the newborn stars to the black holes, everything has its own sound and vibration. The whole universe hums with its own rhythm and frequency. And when we can hum with the frequency of the universe, we become one with it, and are moved into optimal resonance.

Margot Wagner
Yoga Under the Bodhi Tree

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Relationships



THE THIN WHITE LINE

I was recently driving down the Tamborine-Oxenford Rd after it had been resurfaced. Descending down the steep section, two cars side by side were approaching on their way up the mountain. I started to question if I was far enough to the left and if the road was wide enough for us to all pass safely. A strange reaction from someone who has confidently driven for four decades. What was the source of my anxiety? The absence of a thin, white line delineating one side of the road from another.

It's amazing to think that the presence of a white line which goes virtually unnoticed in our day-to-day driving, is responsible for keeping everyone calm and secure. It provides a clear boundary that enables us to drive with certainty, knowing we are keeping within our allocated zone. Only when it's taken away, do we realise the importance of a seemingly insignificant painted line.

Boundaries in relationships are very much like the thin white line that drivers rely on. When boundaries are healthy and functioning, we barely notice them. Clear demarcation exists between where one person ends and the other begins. Boundaries help people define their individuality and what they will or will not hold themselves responsible for. This means taking responsibility for your own actions and emotions while NOT taking responsibility for the actions or emotions of others. You recognise that you are not responsible for another's mood. However, you are responsible to ensure that you do not violate their boundary, which has the potential to be a source of pain.

Clear communication about our specific needs will avoid the uncertainty that comes with murky boundaries. For example, you might have an aversion to raised voices while your partner is accustomed to high-spirited debate and considers increased volume as a sign of enthusiasm. Instead of avoidance, communicate clearly that you're not okay with raised voices during clashes of opinions. Also, be clear about what the consequence will be if your boundary is not respected. For example, I'll be taking a walk if your volume increases. It is imperative that you follow through on the consequences of any boundary violation. Not following through shows your partner that you don't respect your own boundaries – and if you don't respect your boundaries, why should they?

We all have some boundaries that are solid, non-negotiable lines, while other boundaries are more like the broken lines that allow a driver to cross over when overtaking or changing direction. These boundaries have flexibility and may be negotiated with consent. They may change over time so it's important to keep one another updated on changes in your perspective and position on matters.

Clearly marked roads offer a safe zone to drivers, reducing the possible occurrence of accidents, damage to property and potential harm to people. Likewise, clearly communicated personal boundaries that are mutually respected help both partners feel safe in a relationship, they avoid unnecessary havoc and keep relationships strong.

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Physio Talk



CAN YOU GROW UP TOO FAST?



One of the biggest lessons I have learned, and I believe can only come through experience, is that sometimes the best way to hold on is to let go. Let me explain.

One of the first things that seasoned parents said to me when our son was born was “They grow up too fast! Treasure this time because it doesn’t last long.”

This advice has certainly encouraged me to cherish priceless moments. Like when he gives a huge hug and a cuddle after getting a fright from a bolt of lightning. Or an enormous open-mouth kiss on my face when I’m barely awake at 4.32am. Or the pure joy on his face and in his eyes when he put his mum’s shorts on his head, because he thinks that is what adults do.

However, there is a problem with holding on too tightly when he gives a cuddle. It is so frustrating! If I try to force a hug, he wants to hug me less, but if I wait, and am being present when he wants to snuggle up for a big cuddle, then I get what I would not have had if I tried to force him to cuddle me.

You cannot force someone’s affection, especially your child’s.

Our natural tendency is to try to control what we love the most. And this is certainly

a temptation I face when watching my son grow. It would be so easy to fall into this trap. Especially when he goes from sitting, to standing, to walking, to squatting down to pick up his dummy to offer it to me, in a matter of weeks!

My little man is growing faster than the grass in our backyard!

The part that has surprised me most is that I know he won’t stop growing. Not even close! Not after he turns one, not even in five or ten years. One day I will be the father of a teenage son, who might not want to hug me at all, and who will no longer need a cuddle when he hears thunder.

It reminds me of a 15-year-old boy with rapidly worsening scoliosis whom I treated last year.

He was just beginning a rapid growth spurt and had pain in a couple of joints where the bones had lengthened quickly, and the muscles had not been able to keep up.

I saw him once a month for a few months. By the end of his treatment, he was towering over me, after I had been towering over him only six months earlier! Through his exercise program he now has better posture, and this 15-year-old boy is suddenly in a man-sized body.

His grateful Mum said to me, “Enjoy your son while he’s so little. How I just wish I could hold my boy in my arms the way you can with yours. Now my baby is a big smelly teenager who thinks it’s awkward

to hug his Mum!”

Growing up too fast can cause all kinds of issues for kids and parents. For our kids, growing up too fast can cause pain at the growth plates of bones, it can cause them to look a bit strange when they play sport, they aren’t as graceful in their rapidly changing bodies as they were last year, and postural issues can become big problems if they aren’t dealt with quickly.

For us parents, the pain can be a longing for the chance to show our affection for our children the way we used to be able to, and regretting not being present with them when they were so small and dependent.

What a challenge and a privilege it is to raise a child.

Dave Cvelbar
Physiotherapist and Director

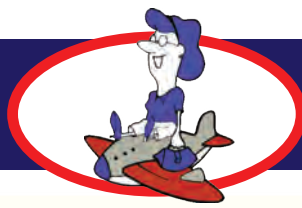


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Still today we can see remnants of this period and its influence on Britain. The early 18th century was a time of great wealth in Britain, and fabulous country houses were built to showcase the elegant set. Capability Brown designed more than 170 landscapes throughout the country and many of these grand estates can be visited today.

Blenheim Palace outside Oxford is a prime example of a glorious country estate. Walk through the extensive grounds and find a garden folly, often replicating ancient Roman structures. Enter the grand house of the Dukes of Marlborough and discover the opulent lifestyle of the wealthy families; still today this house is owned by the Churchill family and is not always open to the public. Nearby Cliveden has been converted into a Country House hotel where you can stay and experience this other world.



Bath township is renowned as a pinnacle of the Regency period. This elegant town was named after the Roman baths that have been located here

for centuries – in recent years this complex showcasing naturally occurring springs has been refurbished to its elegant origins and today you can ‘take the waters’ in the spa – make sure to book in advance! Wander the cobblestoned heart of town, with its delightful period buildings, shops and afternoon tea houses. If you happen to be there around Christmas don’t miss Carols in the Abbey. A sanctuary of tranquillity is the Royal Crescent Hotel; this elegant hotel stands proudly on the rise overlooking the town and its occupying original sandstone townhouses.

Brighton is famously a Regency town – the Brighton Pavilion reflecting the opulence of the Regent and his influence on society. Visit architect Charles Busby’s Regency Townhouse, a Grade I listed building. Walk along the esplanade looking over the English Channel – the pebble beach might not be to your liking, however a wander around ‘the lanes’, an area of cobblestoned streets and alleys and it’s fun to explore antique shops and tucked away restaurants.

Of course, there are two sides to the Regency period – the grand, wealthy families and the rest! In London this contrast is easily found with the elegant homes around Mayfair to the west of the city and the working districts of East London. Today these dockland areas have become inner city trendy places to live and now boast some of the most expensive real estate in the world.

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This easy to prepare meal is perfect for anyone short on time, as it only takes 20 minutes to prepare, and once served up looks like a healthy work of art. What's more, it's a complete meal with protein, carbohydrates, healthy fats and jam-packed with vitamins and minerals.

This recipe is really simple, and it's a great way to use up leftover rice. It's also really good value for money, and trust me, it tastes as good as it looks. To make a vegetarian version, you can simply leave out the chicken and add the *Creole spice mix to the beans, or if the kids don't like spice, just separate some of the chicken and keep it plain and you will have a winner, winner, chicken dinner for everyone.

Did you know? It's suggested that as early as 10,000 BC, Mesoamerican cultures living in the region of what is now Central America and Mexico were using corn tortillas to wrap their traditional foods, before the arrival of Europeans to the Americas. According to legend, the burrito as we know it today was invented by a man named Juan Méndez, a street vendor in Chihuahua, Mexico. During the Mexican Revolution in the 1910s, Méndez needed a way to keep his food warm whilst transporting it on his small donkey from his home to the market. So, he decided to wrap his street food in a giant flour tortilla and cover it with aluminium foil. His customers loved it and the rest as they say is history.

Chef Dylan Tip: Please don't overcook the chicken until its dry and tough, remember the residual heat from the pan will keep cooking the chicken once you take it off the heat. Juicy tender chicken is what you're aiming for. So, make sure the pan is nice and hot before you add the chicken and try to spread out the chunks so that they are all not in just one part of the pan.

Whilst traveling with my brother Mitchell up the east coast in our old 1980s beat up van, affectionally named *Hermia* from Shakespeare's play 'A Midsummer Night's Dream', we crossed paths with a young, short 5-foot 6-inch indigenous Mexican named Luis Antonio. He was also travelling the east coast on a gap year before he was to return home to begin medical school back in Mexico City. We got on so well, he decided to join us as we embarked on our next intrepid adventure a four-day trek across Fraser Island.

The next day we organised to go shopping for all the food we would need for our trip. Whilst walking down one the aisles in the supermarket, Luis in his thick Mexican accent, suddenly declared "Tonight boys I'm going to make for you the best Mexican burrito bowl



you have ever had in your whole life". "It will be the first burrito bowl I've ever had!" quipped Mitchell "Noooooo!!!" moaned Luis rubbing his eyes in disbelief. "You can't be serious? You never had Mexican food or what?" he said with a gobsmeared look on his face. Always the larrikin, with a smirk, Mitchell replied, "Had nachos at the RSL once". Much to my amusement, quick as a flash Luis suddenly had his arm around Mitchell's neck in a headlock whilst rubbing his hair vigorously and joked "You insult my culture you little rat, you think that's Mexican?". "Alright! Alright!" cried Mitchell "I'm sorry!" Luis let go and we all laughed at the state of Mitchell's now roughed up hair. Luis puffed up his chest and proudly stated "You are in for a treat tonight boys... you are going to eat real authentic Mexican food made by a real authentic Mexican!"

For a family feast, or if you are having a party, you can make a giant version of this dish and place it in the middle of the table. Add accompaniments like some tortilla chips, a big bowl of guacamole and some flat breads for everyone to help themselves and that'd be a Mexican-inspired feast that would make even Luis Antonio proud.

Serves 2
Preparation time 15 mins
Cooking time 5 mins

Ingredients

- 300g chicken breast, sliced into 2 cm chunks
- 2 tbs Creole*
- 1 tbs olive oil
- 2 cups cooked rice
- 1 spring onion, sliced
- 1x 125g canned corn kernels, drained

- 1x 400g red kidney beans, drained
- 1/4 bunch coriander leaves, chopped
- *Chef Dylan's Gourmet Food Co. Creole marinade

Salsa

- 2x tbs olive oil
- 1 tbs white wine vinegar
- 1x ripe tomato diced
- 1/2 small red onion, diced
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- Handful of baby spinach, finely sliced
- 50g cheddar, grated
- 2 tbs sour cream

Method

1. Mix Creole with olive oil in a bowl and coat chicken pieces. Marinate for 20mins MAX.
2. Get a medium sized frypan to a high heat, add some oil and fry chicken for 2 mins then toss and fry until crispy and cooked through.
3. To make the salsa in a small bowl, mix the tomato, red onion and garlic and sliced baby spinach then add 2 tbs olive oil and vinegar to coat.

Assemble the Mexican burrito bowl

1. Get 2 serving bowls ready.
2. Warm rice in a heatproof bowl in microwave for 30 seconds and mix into the rice the sliced spring onion and coriander.
3. Warm kidney beans in microwave for 1 min.
4. Place warm rice into serving bowl, followed by chicken pieces, then warm kidney beans, add corn then the salsa mix on top.
5. Place sour cream into the middle and sprinkle on the shredded cheese. Garnish with coriander and tuck in.

Guy Ritani

“Variety is the very spice of life, that gives it all its flavour.” If anything applies to our local community then it is this famous poetry line by William Cowper. A few months ago, Guy Ritani (24) was elected as president of the Tamborine Mountain Arts Collective (TMAC). Editor Jaap Vogel spoke with Guy about his love for our Mountain.

“I was born in New Zealand, moved to Melbourne and started a life drawing business, a dance school and a bar. In addition, I worked in customer relations at the head office at Funlab, a leading company in hospitality-driven entertainment. In Funlab, we combined science and magic to create extraordinary experiences that reveal whole new worlds of fun. During the pandemic, I co-founded another company, Permaqueer, where we facilitate access to permaculture design for LGBTQIA & bipoc communities. We know in permaculture that we need a vast diversity of organisms interacting in a rich ecosystem. This is the same in social spheres. I’m very much driven by the quest for ecological and social justice, including social aspects of Climate Change. Art is a wonderful platform for communicating these challenges and solutions. Wonderful because it touches the souls of people.”

“When Covid hit Melbourne, many companies struggled and my partner Toad Dell and I decided to move to Tamborine Mountain, to be closer to Toad’s mother, the artist Gaye Dell. It also gave us an opportunity for a fresh start. We intended to stay a limited time, but the unique rainforest environment, the pleasant climate – certainly in comparison to Melbourne – and the local arts community convinced us to stay.”



Guy Ritani

In spring 2021, Guy was elected as president of TMAC. “I hope to establish a new vision with this community group and to explore new opportunities. An example is the Long Sunset Festival that will take place in Canungra on 30 April. We are involved in the organisation of the Artisan Alley of that. We also work together with the Centre of Regenerative Art at Knoll Road. Promoting sustainability, ecologically and socially, is much more natural in a place like Tamborine Mountain, then in a suburb of Melbourne. On top of that, Tamborine Mountain feeds my environmental activism.”

FUN AND FRIVOLITY, FIERCE COMPETITION – ALL IN A GOOD CAUSE

The Tamborine Mountain Bushrats, The Queensland Cricketers Club, The Boonies Sparkles side from Bendigo, and the Lucky Stars Transplant Cricket team will battle it out with much fun and frivolity for the Chris Wills Trophy and the Leah Barker Cup. This year, they are playing on the 2nd and 3rd of April on the Chris Wills Oval at the Tamborine Mountain Sports Grounds.

The aim is to promote organ donation awareness, and players fly in from around Australia to contest what is usually a keen competition. Kidney, pancreas, bone marrow, heart, cornea, liver and lung donations are always in high demand. Each year, four sides come to the Mountain to play at the Chris Wills Oval in Long Road to raise funds for fuel vouchers for families with kids in hospital, and also to raise awareness of the impact and importance of organ donation.

The Great Southern Bank Queensland Transplant Bash on the Mountain will be played on Saturday April 2nd for the Chris Wills Shield, and Sunday April 3rd for the Leah Barker Memorial Cup.

Lucky Stars Secretary Steve Hollingsworth (Steve “Boonie” Sparkle) will be present. Steve waited 5 years for an organ transplant, with successful donations only occurring 1-2% of the time.

We are being urged to give the gift of life and sign up to the organ donor register.

The event is supported by Great Southern Bank, Gabba Sports, Albion Sports, Tamborine Mountain Bowls Club, Tamborine Mountain Motel, SBF, Physique Physiotherapy, GSB Construction, Scenic News And Channel 7.



Tamborine Mountain Bushrats (above), Steve “Boonie” Sparkle (below left), Steve Hargreaves (left) with the Chris Wills Shield



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6. What is the name for the making and fitting of artificial limbs?
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8. Who wrote A Town Like Alice?
9. In which cathedral was Thomas a Becket assassinated?
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11. What is a baldric?
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13. Which metal is derived from sphalerite?
14. In Russia, what is the approximate equivalent of the British SAS?
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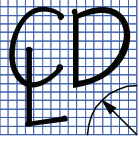
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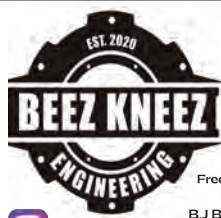
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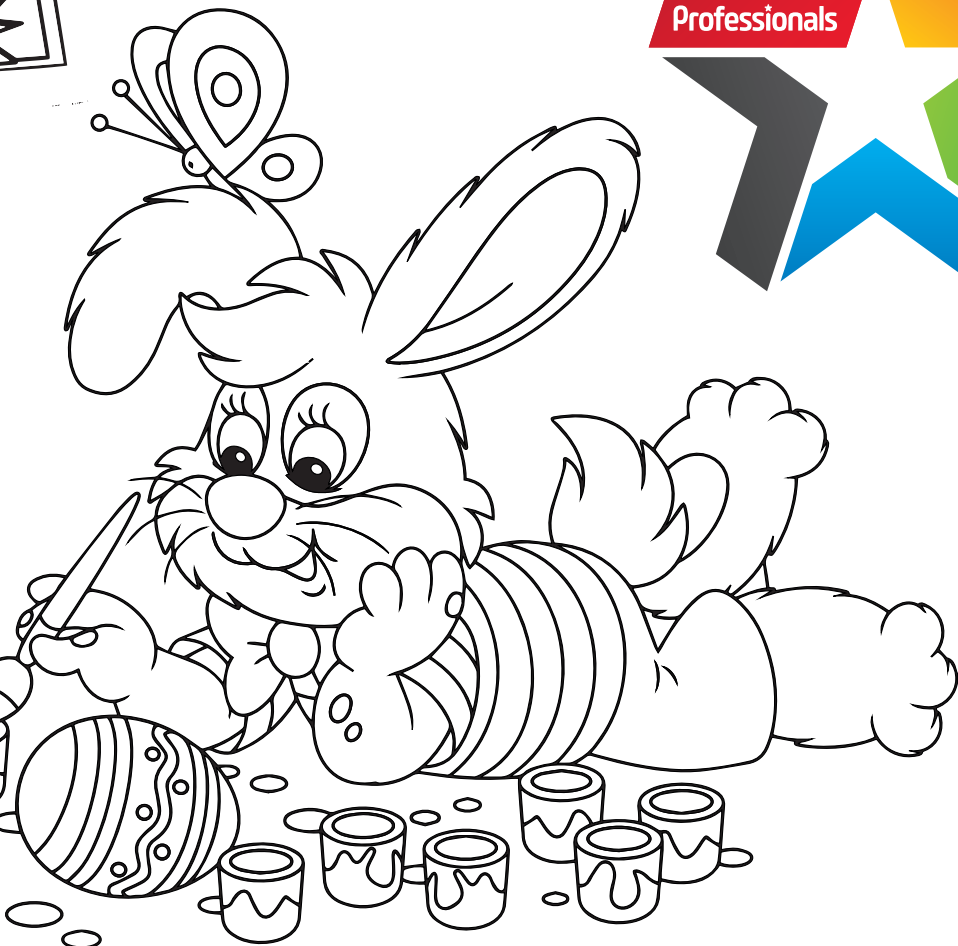
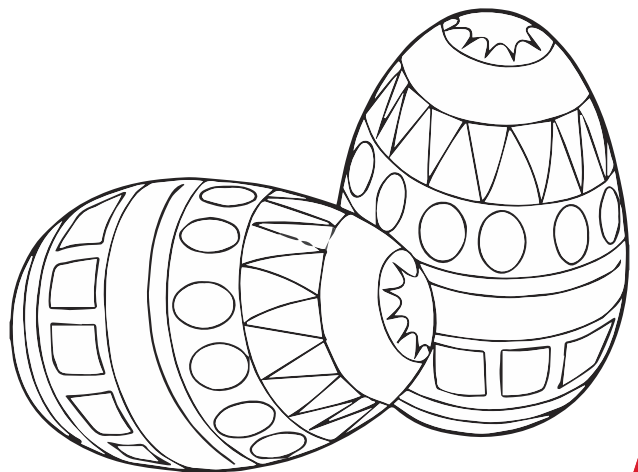
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