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KEEGAN PURSUES HIS LOVE TO HELP OTHERS

Aspiring film director Keegan Jones is using his newfound confidence to produce promotional videos for local community groups and businesses, and to volunteer as a DJ and teach dance routines.

The 24-year-old from Tamborine Mountain, who is on the autism spectrum, is using his National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) funding to access support workers who are empowering him to pursue his love of film and television, and to run his own YouTube channel.

Keegan's mother, Leisa, said before being connected with support workers, Silvan and Ryan, her son shied away from social gatherings and would refuse to try anything new, answering with a solid 'no' when someone suggested it.

But thanks to NDIS support, he's now an active member of the social inclusion group Mountain Mates, where he runs DJ sessions during social events and teaches group dance routines.

Keegan is also fully immersed in the world of multimedia, with support worker Ryan teaching him how to film, use editing software and run his own YouTube channel.

"When I met Keegan, it was his goal to become a director. He has had a lifelong interest in film and television and has an incredible memory when it comes to facts associated with TV shows, and directors and awards," Ryan said.

"Keegan immediately began to demonstrate an incredible ability to learn new things and retain information when it was a topic he was interested in.

"Within the framework of filming and directing, Keegan has progressed in reaching his personal goals such as community engagement, social skills and having the tools to express and share his creativity and passion."

Before receiving support, Ryan said Keegan was shy and would not engage with anyone. Now he introduces himself as Keegan Jones, "the host of the Keegan Jones Show".

Connection with community has also been a major facet of Keegan's development and he's been supported to complete

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video projects for Landcare, The Men's Shed and Mountain Mates. He's even helped film a talk given by local Aboriginal Elder, Aunty Ruby.

The budding director was also given the chance to film the 'behind-the-scenes' for a professional film production called

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KOALAS IN OUR BACKYARD

(Friday, April 29, Vonda Youngman Community Centre)

Koalas share this mountain with us, wherever there are eucalypts, but how often do we see them and how much do we know about them? And do we realise how much of a risk increasing urbanisation in this region is affecting their survival?



On Friday, April 29 Dr. Cathryn Dexter, Koala Conservation Program Officer for the Redland City Council will give a presentation to U3A members entitled:

Saving an Aussie icon – securing a future for koalas

Dr. Dexter is an internationally recognised ecologist and conservation biologist, with over 17 years' experience as a koala researcher and project manager in urban ecology research, and a particular emphasis on koala and wildlife movement solutions across fragmented landscapes. Her



work is featured in the TV documentaries "Slow Life in the Fast Lane": (have a look at this on YouTube, it's very entertaining), and Koala Land.

Her current role with Redland City Council is focused on the stabilisation of the Redland Coast koala population by 2027. This will be achieved through a series of strategic conservation activities that include landscape scale habitat planning and robust monitoring of the koala populations to measure fine scale change.

Dr. Dexter sits on the local government working group

for the implementation of the State's SEQ Koala Conservation Strategy and has been an active participant in many conservation working groups. She is also a founding member and current committee member for the Australasian Network for Ecology and Transportation conferences.

She tells us that her talk will be about the efforts to conserve koalas and its challenges but will also include some fun facts about our fluffy, bulbous nosed marsupial icon. Venue is the Vonda Youngman Centre in North Tamborine; finger food, tea and coffee are included in the \$25 price. If you want to attend this very interesting talk, please contact **Vesna McCathie** at **0448 230 500, email: vmccathie@gmail.com.**



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'Sunshine' – an inclusive film project, which opened the door for him to study filmmaking.

Keegan is also involved in Bus Stop Films, an inclusive training provider, making films with, for and about people from diverse backgrounds and disabilities.

"His transformation has been quite a beautiful thing to reflect on," Ryan said.

"My message to anyone who has yet to embark on the NDIS journey is that when the support is there, anything is possible, and it's one of the strengths of the NDIS – the ability to match a support with a participant."

Keegan said the best part of being supported by the NDIS is having a support worker who helps him to make videos, do camera work, edit and more.

"We do green screen videos; we use different cameras, lenses and different backgrounds. We edit videos, we make new projects, and we make behind-the-scenes videos as well," Keegan said.

Leisa said the positive impacts Keegan's support workers have had on her family were

"almost immeasurable" and her son's newfound confidence has made him happier within himself.

"We have always just wanted what is best for Keegan. Now we know every day they work with him they are engaging him in meaningful and purposeful activities," she said.

"Keegan is also contributing to his community, socialising with new people, experiencing positive social interactions, developing social skills, and engaged in meaningful activities.

"We are so grateful to the NDIS for the support given to Keegan through us being able to engage these incredible support workers for him. Every day he has a purpose," Leisa said.

"Our family life is happy, and we know he is living an amazing, meaningful and purposeful life."

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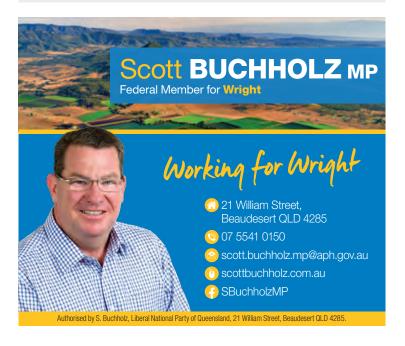
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ROTARY REVVING UP FOR A SECOND BIG CAR SHOW

Following the inaugural Rotary Tamborine Mountain Car Show in May last year, planning is now under way for the next big event to be held on August 7.

Despite the less-than-perfect May weather, last year's car show was a great success, with more than 2000 visitors appreciating the 200 vehicles on display and enjoying the associated stalls and food vans.

This year's car show is shaping up to be one of the most popular automobile attractions in South-East Queensland.

"We have chosen August 7 for this year's event in the hope we will be a bit luckier with the weather," said Rotary spokesperson Dave Power.

"We hope it will attract many locals and other visitors from South-East Queensland for the day or the weekend as the weather is normally great that time of year."

The event will have several distinct categories on display: Antique, Vintage, Classic, Custom and Muscle Cars, as well as Bikes. A new Electric cars category has also been added for this year.

The grounds at the Sports Centre have an asphalt hardstand for most of the display cars and will open at 6.30am for show cars and bikes.

There will also be market stall holders present, as well as food and coffee vans that will be set up prior to the public's access from 8am. The car show is expected to wrap up just

after the award presentations at 1pm.

Organisers have been able to increase the total prize money for this year's display cars to \$2500. Awards will be given for the following categories: People's choice, Antique/Vintage, Custom/Muscle, Bike, and Electric.

To register display cars and bikes, simply complete a registration form online by using the QR code in the advertisement at right (page 9).

Display car and bike entrance fee is only \$5 per vehicle which also includes the driver or rider.

The number of display car parks available is limited to around 280. Several South-East Queensland car clubs are keen to participate, so get in early if you are a local resident.

Public entry is \$10 per adult, with children 16 years and younger free. Pay cash or EFTPOS on entry on the day. Public car parking will be available on the grounds.

Rotary as a charity will direct funds raised from this event directly back into the community, supporting schools and youth development, sports clubs, and other community groups

The event is being supported by major sponsor Eagle Heights Mountain Resort, as well as sponsors Tamborine Mountain Auto Clinic, Carlo's IGA, Scenic Rim Council and Skywalk.

For additional information, contact Dave Power on **0419 743 275** or email **dpo90748@bigpond.net.au**

TROPHIES FOR MOUNTAIN TENNIS CHAMPIONS

Karen Chalmers has continued her reign as Tamborine Mountain Ladies' Singles tennis champion. Brave runner-up was Julia Cossins, who pushed Karen to within a point or two of victory for the second year running. The score in the final was 3-6 7-6 6-3.

Karen also triumphed in the Ladies' Doubles final in partnership with Marian Gibbons. They beat Kathy Day and Jan O'Neill 7-6 7-5 in the final. Karen said after the match "Marian is so excited ... it's her first win in a final ... you can't wipe the smile off her face!".

Also sharing a trophy were Jan O'Neill and Dallas Walsh, who had prevailed over Helen Staffsmith and Neil Fisher 6-4 1-6 7-5 in the Mixed Doubles final.

Henry Rich

PHOTOS – Right: Ladies' Singles Champion Karen Chalmers, Below: Mixed Doubles Champions Jan O'Neill and Dallas Walsh, Below right: Ladies' Doubles champions Marian Gibbons and Karen Chalmers









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BUDGET A GOOD START

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HOTEL QUARANTINE COVER UP

Last week in Queensland Parliament, the LNP asked the Palaszczuk Government why Queensland taxpayers are still coughing up millions of dollars for hotel rooms to sit completely empty. This Government has horribly misled Queenslanders. The Wellcamp facility – specifically built for quarantine purposes by the Palaszczuk Government – was supposed to see the end of the hotel quarantine program. They said it was over. However, last week, the Deputy Premier was forced to admit that since the 5th of February, QLD taxpayers have forked out more than \$26 million on a secret hotel quarantine program. Shockingly, it's been revealed most of these hotel rooms are empty.

This eye-watering amount of taxpayers' money is being wasted at a time the Wellcamp facility remains largely unused. This is costing \$500,000 a day. We could be buying an extra two ambulances every day with this money. Queenslanders have been blatantly misled by a government that cares more about how things look than how things really are. We still don't know how much the Palaszczuk Government spent on the Wellcamp facility and now we learn hotel quarantine never ended!

The Palaszczuk Government is now increasingly quarantining the truth and treating taxpayers' money as a plaything. Queenslanders deserve so much better than this.

RESTRICTIONS AND COMMON-SENSE

I spoke in Parliament last week about the Government's latest extension to its powers, an extension we in the Opposition voted against because the Government refused to include common-sense accountability and transparency mechanisms. Here's an excerpt:

"We need to see some common-sense restored when it comes to some of the restrictions imposed. I talk specifically about restrictions imposed on show societies and showgrounds where volunteers for show societies are subject to restrictions but people who go there for another purpose may not be. That just does not make sense. When it comes to shows, the costs put on show societies to police restrictions create an enormous burden and it does not seem to stack up when one considers the restrictions placed on similar large events. The restrictions on small businesses, especially cafés, pubs and other hospitality businesses, do not make sense. When there is a situation where café seating in a shopping centre is subject to restrictions but common seating two or three metres away is not, cost and angst go with regulating those restrictions for cafe owners - and for what? It just does not make sense, and it does not stack up.

"It was pleasing to see that the CHO, Dr Gerrard, said that a lot of these restrictions were under active consideration. In respect to show societies I asked him to get on with the job pretty quickly because people need certainty when they are making decisions about whether or not to hold their local shows this week. Other groups in our community have been severely affected by these restrictions. They need transparency around the reasons for them. They need to know whether there is a light at the end of the tunnel when it comes to these restrictions."

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

CHEAPER FUEL AS EXCISE SLASHED

A 50 per cent reduction in fuel excise for the next six months is one of the most important measures to come out of the Federal Budget.

Global uncertainty caused by the war in Ukraine has pushed fuel prices to unprecedented levels, causing financial pain for all Queensland residents and businesses.

Clearly, something had to be done to address this problem and I'm delighted to say that an LNP Government in Canberra has taken the action it has.

The excise on petrol and diesel will be cut from 44.2 cents per litre to 22.1 cents per litre and will be reflected at the bowsers as retailers replenish their stocks. Fuel is now going to cost everyone less.

Wright is a big and diverse electorate, with many rural homeowners having to travel greater distances in their daily lives than their city cousins, so they will particularly welcome the benefits of the cut in fuel excise.

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Whether you're dropping the kids at school, driving to and from work, or visiting family and friends, fuel is going to be cheaper.

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PROPOSAL TO REVIEW SPEED LIMITS FOR ALL THE ROADS ON TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN

There has been much discussion lately in our local social media about our roads on Tamborine Mountain, much of it to do with potholes and even road slides. I'm sure it's difficult to effect repairs when it keeps on raining!

Tamborine Mountain is both a prized residential area, ideal for raising a family, and a popular tourist destination – a quick getaway from our neighbouring cities, especially during the pandemic.

Put bluntly, many of our roads are an accident waiting to happen!

I have personally sought to direct attention to the two dangerous 'childrencrossings' on Curtis Road, sadly without response. There must be other dangerous hotspots: Beacon Road and Long Road to name just two more.

For many years, residents have sought to have the speed limit reduced in their local thoroughfare, all to no avail. Yet the traffic density keeps increasing!

Applications have been lodged to have the speed limit on Knoll Road reduced from 50 km/h to 40 km/h, again without success. This would be

an extension of the 40 km/h zone on Main Street down to the recycling station. Many residents and visitors walk along Knoll Road. It has three 'Give Way' signs, one at the entrance to the Knoll National Park and two, where the road narrows preventing two vehicles from passing safely. Many drivers either don't see, or don't observe the latter 'Give Way' signs. Accidents waiting to happen!

I have had the bureaucratic process of reviewing speed limits explained to me. I can't say that I understood all that was shared. I do understand that residents (electors) are not at all certain just who is responsible for our roads, our Scenic Rim Regional Council or our Queensland State Government. Apparently, a review of speed limits must be undertaken by a committee comprising members from both. Little wonder nothing is done. Why call such a committee to consider an application to lower the speed limit in just one thoroughfare? I believe the cost for an engineering review is considerably prohibitive.

Starting at the top, I am calling on our State Government to have an engineering review of all roads on Tamborine Mountain, to consider: speed limits, pedestrian crossings, even traffic lights.

I am asking all residents (electors) on Tamborine Mountain to please support this proposal.

I trust our local state member of parliament will be behind such a proposal.

Please sign this petition:

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Michael O'Leary



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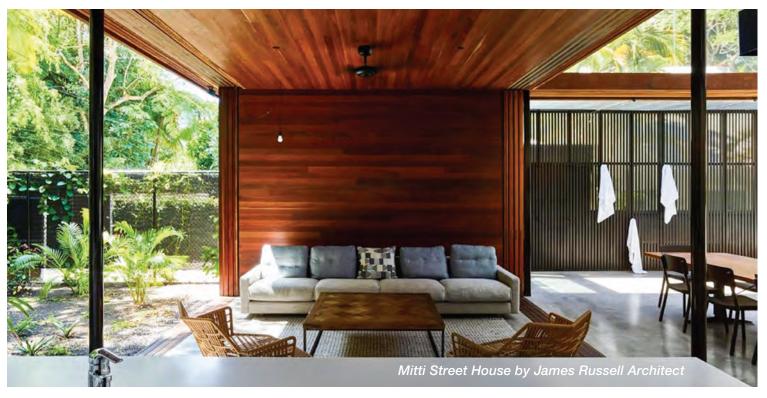
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SPACE, TIME, AND DESIGN



When approaching a new build, whether it be a new home or the renovation of an existing one, have you ever considered, as the client, you are placing an ungodly amount of trust and money into the hands of someone who barely knows you?

This statement is something I've pondered for some time.

Typical Scenario

- Client researches designer.
- Makes contact and organises an initial meeting.
- Designer gathers information and presents his or her initial ideas.

What is wrong with this picture?

Whether they be an industry leader or an emerging firm, whoever you choose to work on your home, all are subject to the limitations associated with time.

When I refer to 'time,' I refer to the timeframes needed to understand the client implicitly.

This is a genuine issue!

The ever-present pressures aligned with delivering a 'client design brief' within a short series of meetings are at best shallow. The result being a set of loose parameters that are more about room labels than anything beyond.



Herein lies the problem.

Almost every design professional will default to his or her own spatial and materialistic bias due to the lack of really knowing the client and their circumstances.

I am NOT saying that this is the fault of the client nor the designer but rather a flaw in the system directly connected with the nature of home procurement. I have personally faced this problem many times. When putting pen to paper, I have often felt that I am designing based on what I would like to live in rather than from a position of really knowing who I am preparing for. It is not because this is a conscious choice; I simply don't know the client.

Due to the timeframes linked with this situation, it would be arrogant to think that I could ever deliver something intrinsically relevant based on a lifetime of memories, habits, and quirks that I have not been privy to.

I feel this is why we see architects and designers across the board producing bodies of work that reflect 'brand.' Their efforts manifest as a series of built buildings based on their precedent of past work.

The nature of brand places an onus on the consistency of things. There is an emphasis on developing ubiquitous similarities that produce a recognisable product.

I believe that when a brand becomes identifiable in a body of work, the homes, and buildings that result become more about the designer's notion of relevance rather than a reflection of the client's sense of individuality.

The issue is time itself.

What if coming up with an appropriate design brief is not the issue? What if our buildings could educate us about optimal living without compromising liveability?

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Much of what we live in relies solely on mechanical means to achieve comfort levels. Yet, when we go on holiday, we will often gravitate to places and spaces that allow the natural environment to impact our senses. i.e., the ocean or the bush.

Wouldn't it be amazing if, when it comes time to sell, the value of a property was not determined by room labels but rather the quality of imparted spatial wisdom gained by the seller over their time in the home? Wouldn't that be something!

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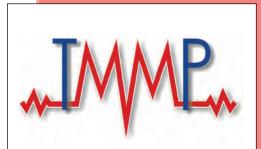
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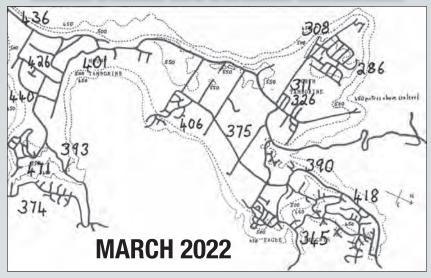
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TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN RAINFALL



March was yet another wet month, and caps a very wet six months. Our wet season is, in essence, from October to March. The records from Fern St. since 1888 show that the accumulated falls for the 2021/22 period were 2212mm, which was exceeded only once - in 1973/74, when it was 3123mm. That was the year of the big flood, when the Mountain was cut off for a week.

Throughout March, the interior of the continent was hot and characterised by a horseshoe of low pressure. This rising air constantly sucked in moisture from the warm east coast current. In consequence a series of coastal lows, often with upper atmosphere lows embedded in them, brought rain, often with thunderstorms, at the beginning of the month, and again on three occasions until the heavens opened on the night of the 28th and caused the serious floods on the already saturated SE corner of Queensland and NE corner of NSW.

At Fern St. the March rainfall total was 426.4mm. The map shows a lot more rain in Mount Tamborine than in North Tamborine and Eagle Heights.

We are leaving the Mountain, after 28 years here, for medical reasons and going to Redcliffe. The rainfall recording network has been of use and interest to Mountain residents through the pages of TM News, and more recently Scenic News, since 1996 thanks to careful and consistent recording by all of us, some of you since the start. Ian Shephard has been in touch with Dr Lucy Reading of Q.U.T. (known to us from the Groundwater Investigation survey) who might be prepared to take over the task of managing the network provided a) that none of the TM recorders are prepared to take over the job and provided b) that she can receive recordings by email monthly. Would you please let me know if you would like the job, or if you don't want to send your rainfall by email to Lucy if she does takes over.

The network database will be housed at the Heritage Centre by the TM Historical Society who will make it available as a computer display for visitors to the museum.

Mike Russell 5545 3601

EASTER SERVICE TIMES REGIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCHES

Thu 14th April 6pm: Mass of the Last Supper: John the Baptist Church, Beacon Rd Tamborine Mtn.

Thu 14th April 7pm: Mass of the Last Supper: St Mary's Church, Beaudesert.

Thu 14th April 7pm: Mass of the Last Supper: Marian Valley, Beechmont Rd, via Canungra.

Good Fri 3pm: Passion of Christ Liturgy: John the Baptist Church, Beacon Rd Tamborine Mtn.

Good Fri 3pm: Passion of Christ Liturgy: St Mary's Church Beaudesert.

Good Fri 2pm: Stations of the Cross. Marian Valley, Beechmont Rd, via Canungra.

Good Fri 3pm: Passion of Christ Liturgy: Marian Valley, Beechmont

Rd, via Canungra. Sat 16th April 6pm: Easter Vigil Mass: Marian Valley, Beechmont Rd, via Canungra.

Sat 16th April 7pm: Easter Vigil Mass: John the Baptist Church, Beacon Rd Tamborine Mtn.

Sat 16th April 7pm: Easter Vigil Mass: St Mary's Church, Beaudesert Sun 17th April 7am: Easter Sunday Mass: St. Joseph's, (O'Reilly's -Green Mountains).

Sun 17th April 7.30am: Easter Sunday Mass:St John the Baptist Church, Beacon Rd Tamborine Mtn

Sun 17th April 9.00am: Easter Sunday Mass: St Margaret Mary's Church, Canungra.

Sun 17th April 9.30am: Easter Sunday Mass: St Mary's church, Beaudesert.

Sun 17th April 11am and 4pm: Easter Sunday Mass: Marian Valley, Beechmont Rd, via Canungra.

LOOK AROUND...

Hello everyone and hopefully you have dried out somewhat from the latest round of offerings from the Rain Gods. I found most of Main Western Rd and Geissmann Drive at the bottom of Cedar Creek Falls, so thanks to you all for pointing out our loss of road surface yet again.

With much highlighted in the media of late surrounding domestic-related matters, it is timely to put this out there, because first and foremost the Mountain is not immune from this. Don't ever forget that at one time you may have loved the person you find yourself in conflict with. This is important - your emotions are going to need healing. Anger, abuse and violence towards the one you formerly loved will not solve this. Seek independent counselling. Social media, friends and family are **not** counsellors. They can be a support for you, but seek an independent counsellor for the real help.

Remember the kids – take note that you are always going to be Mum and Dad in their eyes. Please don't rob them of this because you are hurting; have a good look at yourself. Unless a child has been subject to real abuse at the hands of a parent, you should work towards a plan for both of you to be involved – you both will always have that connection.

Elder abuse, family abuse, carer abuse... emotional, physical, economic, control... It comes in many forms, and if you see the signs, then help should be sought.

Reporting Domestic Violence – If we don't know, we can't help: Remember, you can call 000 in an emergency, otherwise consider Policelink 131 444, North Tamborine

Police 5545 3473 or CrimeStoppers 1800 333 000.

Help exists out there. If you are seeking advice, contact details exist:

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WINTER CHILLS

The cold is coming. Remember to put an open fire out when finished, so embers don't spark an uncontrolled fire. Ensure your flue is clean and clear for internal combustion. Don't put items on heaters: this can potentially cause a fire. Ensure smoke alarms are operational and working. These are just a few tips from us, for ensuring a safe winter season for all. The local Auxiliary Firefighters will be proactive and are great for advice in this arena, because they couldn't make it into the QPS.

My staff and I will be out and about during this impending holiday period, so stay safe, lock up your valuables and take care of your health.

As always, report matters that might seem suspicious – your information is just a phone call away, and may help save someone's life or protect their property; you never know.

Sergeant Mark Shields OIC North Tamborine

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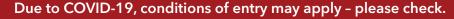
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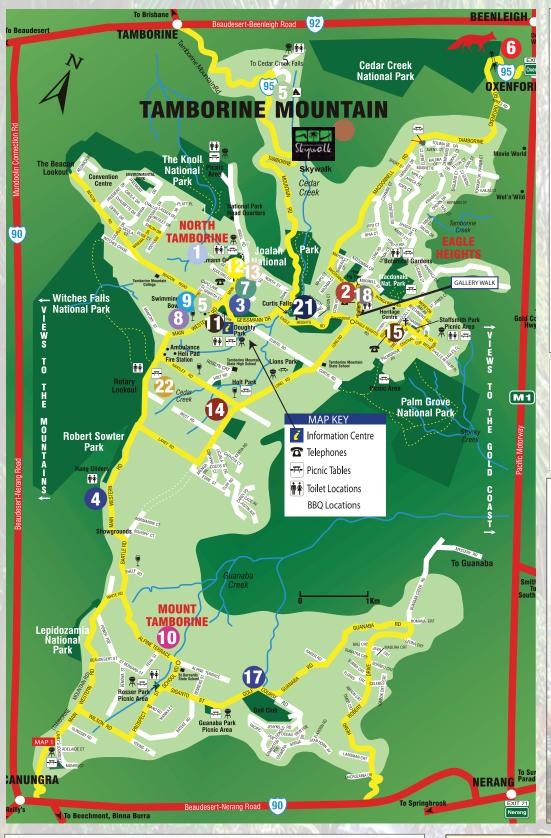








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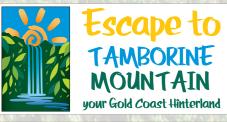
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THE ANIMAL JUSTICE PARTY NEEDS A PLACE IN QLD PARLIAMENT

The AJP of NSW now has three Parliamentary Members in the Legislative Council. Their role is to represent the people by scrutinising government legislation and holding the government to account as defenders of animals, saving wildlife and protection of the environment.

Historically, achieving better legal protection for animals has been an uphill battle, but in 2021 there have been a number of victories in NSW, these include:

• Tougher penalties for animal cruelty • Victim survivors of domestic violence, including companion animals will have greater protection • The commercial breeding and importing of dolphins and other marine mammals are being phased out • Property owners and body corporate bodies have been prohibited from including blanket bans for companion animals • Legislation is being put forward to halt the growing number of puppy farms in NSW due to weak state laws. Puppy farming itself is not considered an illegal practice in Australia, only the poor conditions.



Most dog farms are hidden because dogs imprisoned are often held in barren cages, treated as breeding machines only, and deprived of care and affection. Many pups born into this industry suffer from disease, stress and trauma. They are sold to pet shops and online trading websites. Victoria and WA are introducing legislation to increase regulation of puppy farming and to stop the oversupply of dogs.

A recent animal law conference in Sydney brought together eminent animal protection lawyers from all over Australia to examine how legal protection for animals can be improved. A big step forward is for animals to be recognised as 'sentient beings', meaning they have the capacity to suffer and feel pain.

That animals have emotions and are social beings. Other areas of concern are serious climate action, protecting habitats like the Barrier Reef, reverse land clearing, live animal exports, factory farming for livestock, the racing industries, and the cruel 1080 bait poisons.

Pam Brandis, Dip.Canine.Prac.

Relationships



COGNITIVE SPACE

You are making your morning cuppa, and as you remove the top off the milk carton, your phone rings. In order to have a hot cuppa at the end of your call, according to the law of evaporation, do you add the milk before or after your call?

Believe it or not, this scenario is the ONLY piece of knowledge I can recall from two years of studying senior chemistry! No doubt I was taught other interesting and valuable information, however, none of it seemed relevant to me at the time so my brain discarded the content in order to keep space for knowledge that may serve me better.

Selective retention is something that our brain does on a daily basis. Despite this, a whole lot of useless information finds its way into the filing cabinet in our heads, which can be handy if you're a game show contestant or a regular at Trivia Night at the bowls club (Thursday, by the way).

Since our brain has limited storage capacity it makes sense that we prioritise information that is relevant to us and will be useful to how we want to live. We can easily clutter our minds with the contents of every post on social media or multiple series of our favourite Netflix show; but what might we be sacrificing by storing this subject matter in our neurones? Huge advances in technology means that our world today is very different from times past. Our brain was never designed to absorb and store the massive amounts of information that we are now exposed to.

When we downsized our home recently, I continually had to ask myself: Do I really need this? Can I justify the valuable space needed for this item? The same audit could be done on what we feed our brains. What knowledge do you want to want to learn that you can use to improve your life? It might be knowledge that will help you reach unfulfilled goals, enhance your career, open the door to an enjoyable pastime or even enrich your relationships.

Storing information on another person's world is a fundamental component of friendship. Remembering someone's birthday, enquiring after her sick relative, baking his favourite cake; these thoughtful gestures tell a person that knowing their world is important to you. We make room in our mind for those we care about. We remember their important dates, their likes, their challenges. Such knowledge strengthens our connection. We are all wired with a longing to be known by another person. The deeper the knowledge, the closer the connection.

What do you want to store in your brain? Do you need a declutter process in order to retain and access more important content that is relevant to your life? Thanks to senior chemistry, I can access knowledge that tells me the rate of cooling evaporation will be slowed down by adding milk to my cuppa before I answer the phone. That might be the most useful information you retain today!

Linda Gray linda@relationshipsanctuary.com.au 0401 517 243



Councillor's Comment

VIRGINIA WEST DIVISION 3

ILLINBAH FLOOD EVENT

A huge 'thank you' to all those Canungra community members and businesses who rallied around to assist the residents stranded at Illinbah and Flying Fox when the side track washed away.

Those stranded were amazing in that they constructed a flying fox to transport food and other supplies across the flooded creek. The contractors on-site assisted where they could and left a safe area for this to continue until the new side track was completed. To the residents up those valleys, you were amazing and resilient through all this of which you had no control over, and showed incredible community support for each other. Thank you all.

LET'S TALK SCENIC RIM

I encourage residents to sign up to this new community portal which will enable you to have your say on a number of issues and emerging projects from the comfort of your home. Community feedback is vital for Council decision making and your feedback is very important. After the initial registration process, you will be informed when any new projects come online for consultation. Join on letstalk. scenicrim.qld.gov.au

ROAD REPAIRS

There has been significant damage to the road network with this recent flooding event, and crews have been working tirelessly to complete emergent works to make the roads safe and trafficable. In order to obtain funding from other levels of government submissions need to be compiled and assessed by the QRA, which does take some time.

AGRIBUSINESS AND AGRITOURISM 10 YEAR ROADMAP

The draft of this inaugural plan for our region is now on LET'S TALK SCENIC RIM for community feedback. These are important industries across the region and community feedback on the strategic 10-year Roadmap and 3-year action plan are vital to ensure consistent outcomes. I urge interested residents to sign up to the consultation portal and share their views on this important strategy. Join on **letstalk. scenicrim.qld.gov.au.**

PODCAST BY CREATIVE RESPONDERS FOLLOWING BUSHFIRE RECOVERY

If you haven't had an opportunity to listen to the Creative Responders podcast entitled *A Story of Renewal* from the Beechmont Community which was initiated by Jessica Brown from The Little Pocket following the 2019 Black Summer bushfires, it will make you proud. The podcast talks about the huge success of a community-led response to this devastating event, in conjunction with local government partners and how an arts-based project has become the vehicle for social cohesion and empowerment amongst the affected community. Thank you to all who have been part of this project which has been highlighted by not only the Queensland Local Government Association but Australian Local Government Association in their newsletters. It can be streamed directly from Creative Responders on Spotify or via their website https://lnkd.in/gtqcfEEp

CONTACT ME

I am always available to talk with residents on 5540 5403 or 0407 630 052 or email **virginia.w@scenicrim.qld.gov.au.** I am at the Canungra Library on the second Saturday of each month from 9am until 11am to talk with residents. The next Saturday is Saturday 9th April.

DO YOU SEE YOURSELF AS A VOLUNTEER WITH YOUR LOCAL SES GROUP?

Your local team of volunteers from the SES Tamborine Mountain group has been busy over the past 12 months, putting into action just about everything they train to do. There is every chance you will have seen them around during, and after the recent storms. These volunteers from Queensland State Emergency Service (SES) are commonly and proudly known as the Orange Family.

Your local team has been involved in supporting the community during and after storms and floods, undertaking searches for missing persons, and assisting injured persons back to safe locations and medical assistance. We regularly work alongside Police, Ambulance and Paramedics, Fire & Rescue and the Rural Fire



Service, assisting in emergency situations.

No doubt you will have seen SES volunteers also assist other community groups with car parking and traffic management.

We readily accept that not all of our volunteers will be available for every emergency. Our approach is simply this: family commitments come first, work second and then SES third. As such, we welcome new volunteers, recognising that the more trained members we have, the more members we can call upon in times of emergency.

So, if you are active, adventurous, enthusiastic, fit, and willing to give back to your community, then joining the Tamborine Mountain SES Group may be right for you. Our group of volunteers has a diverse background, including volunteers who are currently university students, others being full-time or part-time employed, to those who are retired.

By joining SES, you will make a life-changing commitment through actively contributing during disasters and emergencies. You will receive free training in a range of disciplines, providing you with real life skills which are used during emergencies, and knowledge that stays with you throughout your life.

Training and education is ongoing for SES volunteers, and over time you can expect to develop your skills in the following areas:

- First aid
- Land search techniques
- How to operate a two-way radio
- Storm damage response including Working Safely at Heights and also the use of Chainsaws
- Basic rescue and casualty handling
- Rescue from heights and depths
- Flood boat rescue
- Map reading and navigation
- Emergency operations management
- Leadership and team-building
- Instructional techniques (training others)

Your Tamborine Mountain SES group will be having an **Information evening on 12th April 2022** for people who would like to learn more about the possibility of joining SES. For details and/or to register your interest, please contact our Scenic Rim Unit Training Officer, Paul Hinchcliffe on **0478 723 194.**

Alternatively, you can find out more by referring to the following:

- 1. Facebook Scenic Rim SES Unit | Facebook
- 2. SES Volunteer Website https://www.qfes.qld.gov.au/careersand-volunteering/volunteering/state-emergency-servicevolunteer
- 3. Send a request for information to your preferred Scenic Rim Group using this QR code
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TRAVELLING PLACES

By Gina Storey

Listening to the distinctive South African accents over dinner last night brought back so many wonderful memories of my times in Africa. I started my life in Nigeria, West Africa and a very different world to Southern Africa, however my adult travels in Africa have been from ancient Egypt in the north, through Kenya – the birthplace of mankind and Great Rift Valley – and further south to Zambia, Zimbabwe, Botswana and South Africa. All of these countries are unique, and all offer the traveller a different experience.

Cape Town is one of the world's most amazing cities, along with Rio, London, New York and Sydney. Perched on the southern-most tip of Africa, Table Mountain rising majestically behind, it would seem that from every angle you can glimpse the ocean. This cosmopolitan city has been on the crossroads of ancient trade routes for centuries, and its cultural heritage reflects these historical influences. Blessed with a Mediterranean climate, nearby Stellenbosch, Constantia and the Western Cape are home to wonderful wineries. Travel to the tip of the continent to see where the Indian and Atlantic oceans collide, be brave to enter these notoriously bracing waters.

Wildlife is the focus for most people who venture to Africa, and when I visited Kruger National Park in the east of South Africa sharing a border with Mozambique, I was not disappointed. We certainly saw The Big



Five (elephant, lion, leopard, buffalo, and rhinoceros) and a highlight was an early morning walking safari with a young guide, gun at the ready (for protection of course) and a wily old tracker. While the young gun was telling us how wonderful he was and that we wouldn't see any real wildlife in this part of the park, the tracker was intent and watching like a hawk; suddenly his eyes widened and he encouraged us all to still ourselves and be quiet - as we peeped around the corner of a large bush there was a pride of lions, warming themselves in the early morning light, content with full tummies from the morning catch. We saw leopard dragging antelope up into the high thorny branches of acacia trees, hippos wallowing in the riverbeds, giraffe craning their necks to nibble at the youngest leaves, and a dazzle of zebra skittish from the sound of predators.

The rhythm of life while staying at these wonderful game lodges mimics that of the wildlife. You are woken as dawn is breaking with hot tea, before heading out on safari; your expert guides and trackers attune to the ways of the wild, their keen eyes spotting the most camouflaged of creatures blending into the landscape. Return for a leisurely day around camp, perhaps a swim in the pool or immerse yourself in a good book. Late afternoon, the activity ramps up again with the sunset game drive. It is easy to spend day after day seemingly repeating your activities, yet every day is as exciting as the last.

The warning I give to first time travellers to the African continent is beware it is addictive!

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WINE CHAT

with Witches Falls Winery

POSTCARDS FROM SICILY: SPOTLIGHT ON NERO D'AVOLA



An in-depth look into the Italian grape varietal taking the Australian wine scene by storm.

Literally translated, "Nero d'Avola" means "the black grape of Avola" - a nod to its hometown in Sicily. This Italian grape varietal is thriving in vineyards throughout Australia right now, and here at Witches Falls, we've just released our 2021 Wild Ferment Nero d'Avola! To celebrate its launch, today's *Wine Chat* is going to take a deep dive into the grape's origins and classic features.

Never heard of Nero d'Avola? Indigenous to the Noto region of southern Sicily, wine made from Nero d'Avola grapes had been produced throughout Italy for hundreds of years before grapevine cuttings were approved for use in Australia in 2001. Since its introduction, cultivation has been slowly and steadily growing, with wine made from Nero d'Avola grapes popping up in cellar doors and wine lists all over the country. Twenty years on, there are now over 55 vineyards across Australia that plant the varietal.

But what makes Nero d'Avola stand out from an already oversaturated market? What makes it special?

One thing this grape has going for it is how well it's suited to the Aussie climate. Hailing from the sunny Mediterranean, Nero d'Avola can withstand harsh heat without spoiling or losing brightness. Areas such as McLaren Vale, the Riverland, and the Barossa Valley are just a few of the wine-growing regions taking advantage of Nero's durability. Its capacity to cope well with drought also means complex, energy-consuming irrigation systems aren't always necessary. The upshot of all this means we're moving towards more sustainable and energy efficient viticulture practices. Long story short: it's a grape for the eco-conscious wine lover!

In terms of its flavour profile - how does Nero d'Avola measure up? Another reason for Nero's recent popularity is its versatility. Many traditional Italian styles will produce a punchy, tannic, full-bodied, Shiraz-esque palate. In contrast, some Australian-produced Nero d'Avola tends towards a soft, plummy, juicy, medium-bodied red wine that is layered, easy-drinking, and fruit-forward. The latter style provides a welcome contrast to many of the wines available on the market today and is great for everyday drinking. Many styles also display a range of aromatic notes - anything from mint, cocoa, and dried herbs to fresh strawberries and plum sauce. Sounds enticing, no?

Lastly, what dishes should one pair with Nero d'Avola? The obvious answer is Italian food. More specifically - tomato-based dishes. Think Margarita pizza, pasta alla vodka, lamb and rosemary lasagne. Burgers and BBQ meats go well, as do gamey & umami-driven

meat dishes. If your bottle of Nero has more robust earthy undertones, meals with mushrooms and legumes will highlight these notes beautifully; contrastingly, a soft & fruity style will make for a great predinner drink to enjoy alongside antipasto and charcuterie.

Cheers.

Alexandra Douglas and the Witches Falls Winery Team





FOOD FOR THOUGHT

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WHOLESOME LENTIL AND POTATO CURRY

This mildly spiced vegetarian curry has a tantalisingly rich flavour. It's super quick to prepare and in my experience is a real crowd-pleaser to satisfy even the most hungry hordes. I've used lentils in this curry, and the soft potato brings an almost velvety mouthfeel, finished with some baby spinach for extra nutrition. In fact, this dish provides all the protein, carbs and vitamins needed to keep you healthy. Plus, it's extremely cost efficient, coming in at under \$3 per portion. With all that said it's a great vegetarian dish to add to your repertoire.

Did you know? Lentils were one of the very first domesticated crops ever planted by our Neolithic ancestors dating back to ~13.000 years ago. This is largely due to the fact they are packed full of protein and carbohydrates. The humble lentil, a distant cousin of the pea. is also a great source of calcium, phosphorus, iron and B vitamins. Lentils eventually spread with agriculture during the Neolithic era to the ancient Greeks, who very much enjoyed and devoured them in all sorts of their traditional fare, but especially in soups. The comic play writer Aristophanes, of ancient Athens, blasted a critic of the lentil and notoriously said "You, who dare insult lentil soup, sweetest of delicacies".

Chef Dylan tip: Make sure you boil the potatoes until soft, and I mean fall apart perfectly soft. Also please don't rush the caramelising of the onion and garlic as this helps bring the rich flavour to the dish.

India is one of the most breathtaking places I've ever visited, and I had this somewhat unassuming dish in Jaipur also affectionally named 'the Blue City' because of the astounding number of blue-painted buildings there. We went to India on a pilgrimage of sorts to visit the ancestral village of my father-in-law, who is of Indian descent.

We exit the hotel, and the hustle and bustle of India hits you like a slap in the face. Instantly, your personal space evaporates, and we are suddenly shoulder to shoulder with the locals. We slowly make our way down the street to the theatre where we have booked tickets to see the latest Bollywood blockbuster, a love story of epic proportions, vibrantly displayed on every billboard in the city. On our way we stumble across a small restaurant of just ten seats and decide to enter.

We are greeted by the owner's wife and are shown to a table, and as we are seated,

she tells us what we are eating, that is, the only thing they have on the menu, which she explains is a spiced potato, lentil and spinach curry. As it comes out in small metal dishes, I am relieved to find it is surprisingly mild and I find it absolutely delicious. It's quickly devoured by all except for me, who is savouring

every mouthful. "Can you get a move on please Dylan?" says Rane my wife's father "We need to get going, the movie is set to start in 30 minutes and we've a bit of a walk". Reluctantly I scoff the last remaining mouthfuls whilst Rane is now giving the owner a generous tip. This elicits proclamations of gratitude and a large toothless grin.

When we arrive at the theatre, we are the only Westerners in sight, much to the delight of everyone else. There are loud whispers from everyone who surrounds us. "Look" I hear someone say. "Can we get a photo? A photo together would be very nice. Thank you." a young man asks. "Ok, ok" I say, secretly enjoying the assumed fame. We take our seats, and the movie starts immediately with loud music. From the get-go it is a totally immersive experience, with the audience totally euphoric throughout. There's constant noise, with booing and cheering in unison as the lead blunders his way to the girl of his dreams. There are roars of laughter when the lead makes a joke, and the dancing is electric, but most of all the crowd is enamoured whenever there is so much of a hint of affection or romance.

Hours pass, and we are as much captivated by the audience as the movie. In the end like any good romance, he gets the girl, and they ride off into the sunset on his motorbike and the whole theatre erupts in a standing ovation. I have a smile from ear to ear and turn to Rane and say, "Indians sure know how to enjoy the movies don't they?". "Don't you know that's why they produce and sell so many Bollywood movies all over India" he says proudly.

Seriously, give this dish a go. If you're a vegetarian add this to your arsenal of epic dishes to impress anyone who thinks every meal should have meat in it and watch their face when they take their first mouthful. I dare



say if they enjoy flavour, they shouldn't miss the meat.

Serves 4 Prep time 10 mins Cooking 30 mins

Ingredients

- 2 tbs oil
- 1x small onion, diced
- 3 x cloves garlic, diced
- 8 x small, washed potatoes, peeled and diced into quarters
- 1 x 400g can cooked lentils
- 2 x ripe tomato diced
- 1x 400g can coconut cream
- 200g baby spinach
- 3 ½ teaspoons mild curry powder
- 1 ½ teaspoons salt
- ¼ teaspoon pepper
- 2 ½ teaspoons garam masala
- 3 cups cooked rice

Method

Boil the kettle, and in a small sauce pan cover and boil potatoes on medium heat.

- In a medium sized frypan on medium heat, add oil and fry onion and garlic until caramelised and fragrant.
- 2. Add curry powder, salt, pepper and garam masala and fry stirring for 10 seconds.
- 3. Add diced tomato and turn to low and cook for 5 mins.
- 4. Add coconut cream and lentils.
- Cook on low for 20 mins stirring occasionally.
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- 8. Serve with cooked rice.



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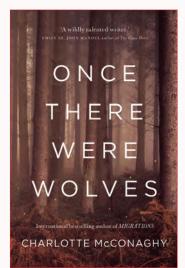
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- 5. Robert Louis Stevenson deliberately left out the definite article ("the") from his title of *Strange Case of Doctor Jekyll & Mr Hyde*. Most editions now include it, to make the title grammatically correct.

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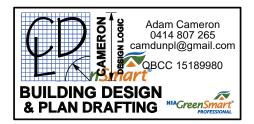
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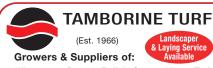
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