



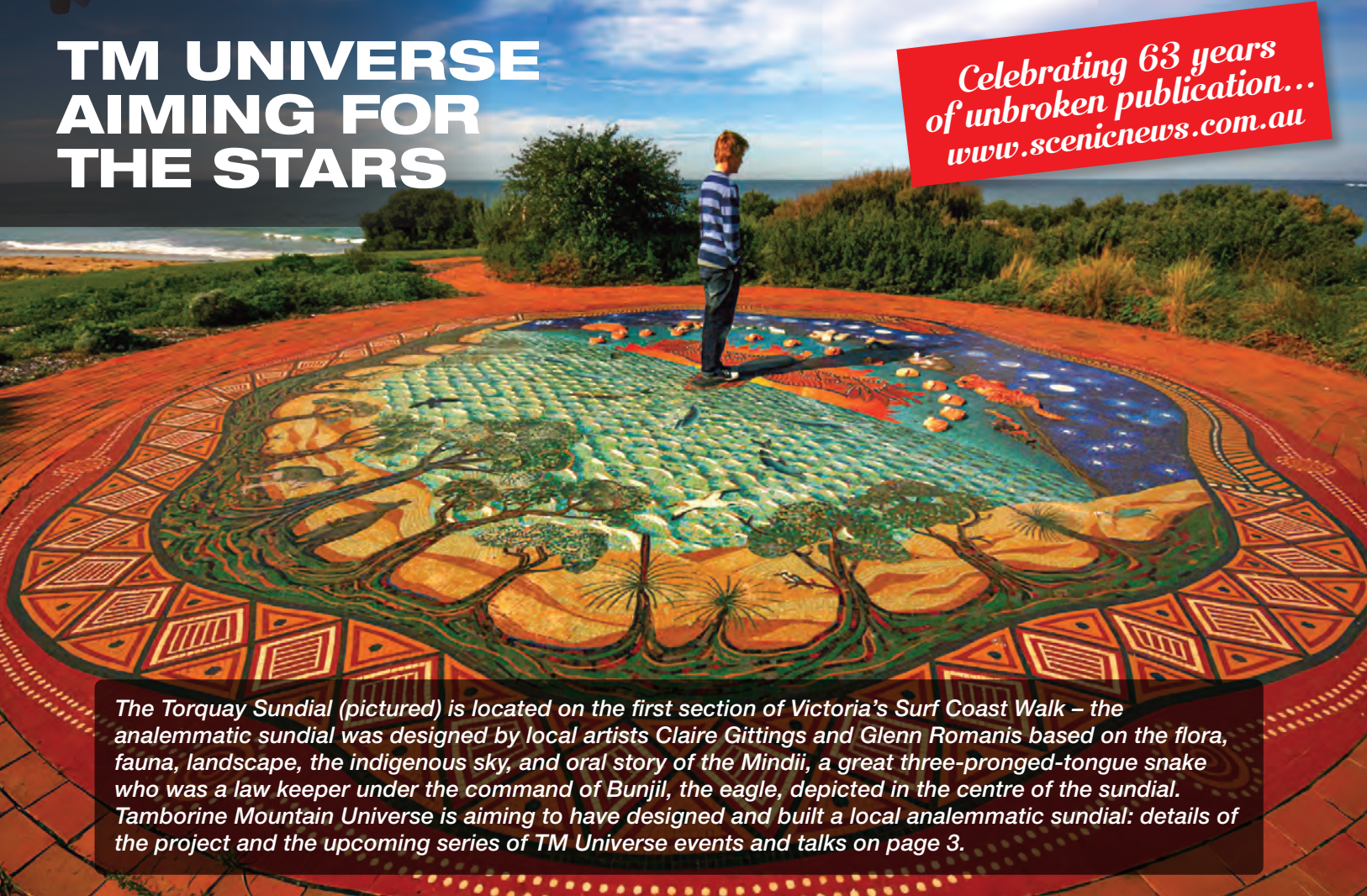
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# News

Tamborine Mountain, Canungra, Tamborine, Beechmont, Beaudesert, Cedar Creek, Boyland

## TM UNIVERSE AIMING FOR THE STARS

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The Torquay Sundial (pictured) is located on the first section of Victoria's Surf Coast Walk – the analematic sundial was designed by local artists Claire Gittings and Glenn Romanis based on the flora, fauna, landscape, the indigenous sky, and oral story of the Mindii, a great three-pronged-tongue snake who was a law keeper under the command of Bunjil, the eagle, depicted in the centre of the sundial. Tamborine Mountain Universe is aiming to have designed and built a local analematic sundial: details of the project and the upcoming series of TM Universe events and talks on page 3.



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**SALE** 🛏️ 5 🚿 2 🚗 3 ✂️ 1,011 m<sup>2</sup>

**Perfect location!** \$ 799,000+

**15 Tolima Drive, Tamborine Mountain**

- Perfect for a cold winter's night
- This single level, brick & tile home is a must see, open plan living
- Private back yard with large undercover entertainment area
- HSTP enviro-cycle system, concrete water tank
- 6x6 shed with shelving and work benches

**AGENTS:**

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Property of the week

**SALE** 🛏️ 4 🚿 2 🚗 2 ✂️ 1,071 m<sup>2</sup>

**Tropical oasis** \$ 845,000+

**9 Makalu Court, Tamborine Mountain**

- Mountain living with lush green, pretty gardens
- Solid low maintenance brick home, flat grassed yard & orchard
- Plantation shutters, gas fireplace in living area
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- 11.30 - 12 15 Tolima Drive
- 11.30-12.30 7-12 Hartley Road
- 12 - 12.30 4-6 Demavend Drive
- 12 - 12.30 u24/27-29 Capo Lane
- 12.15 - 1 12 Magnetic Drive
- 1 - 1.30 9 Makalu Court
- 2.15 - 2.45 96-100 Kilmore Dr, Tamborine
- 3 - 3.45 1 Natures Cl, Currumbin Valley

**OPEN HOMES Sun 8th**

- 11 - 11.30 10 Laurina Dr, New Beith
- 2.30 - 3 38 Boomerang Rd, Tamborine



**Review: seller- 89 Kinabalu Drive**

We are so happy that we chose Linda as our agent. She was recommended to us. The process of selling our house was stress free. She communicated with us regularly on how our listing was doing. We were incredibly happy with the price she achieved. I would highly recommend her to anyone, selling or buying. Thanks so much Linda.



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**SALE** 🛏️ 2 🚿 2 🚗 1 ✂️ 149m<sup>2</sup>

**Unit 24 Capo Di Monte, Tamborine Mountain**

- These opportunities don't come along often
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**SALE** 🛏️ 4 🚿 2 🚗 4 ✂️ 1.51 ha

**96-100 Kilmore Drive, Tamborine**

- Family area combining kitchen, living, dining
- Air-conditioning and ceiling fans
- 3-bay shed/storage plus double carport
- Undercover deck overlooking pool
- Fruit trees, lovely grassed area for the kids

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Charmaine 0460 444 100



**SALE** 🛏️ 3 🚿 1 🚗 1 ✂️ 1,012m<sup>2</sup>

**54 Wongawallan Road, Tamborine Mountain**

- Once part of Mountain history, extended in 1980
- Located in sought-after Olde Eagle Heights
- Juliette balcony off upstairs bedrooms
- Close to Gallery Walk & National Parks with a peaceful outlook over rainforest to the North

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# TM UNIVERSE OFFERING A SERIES OF *AIMING FOR THE STARS* : PARTS 1-5

Join TM Universe at the Zamia Theatre on Saturday 14th May from 3-5pm for an outline of the project – the first in the series, and to learn about the rest of the series to come.

TMU is offering a series of talks/lectures in five parts in *Aiming for the Stars*. The first is to be held on the 14th, and which will touch on an analemma, as well as on sun-viewing. The series of talks and events will take place over the next four months.

Entry is by 'gold coin' donation for TMU members, and \$15 for non-members. You can register, find out more and become a member via [www.tmuniverse.com.au](http://www.tmuniverse.com.au). Please bring your mobile phone for an interactive experience. Attend all five talks and receive a certificate and free copy of *Green Island in the Sky* (RRP \$40).

TM Universe is seeking local artists to help design the sundial – for a prize. For further information, email [president@tmuniverse.com.au](mailto:president@tmuniverse.com.au), or call Jaap on 0473 818 908.



## FREE EVENTS:

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# Embrace

with Jaap Vogel



## DAVID GUSTAFSSON

**If you've ever wondered why our local framing business changed its name five years ago, then please keep reading. The current owner, David Gustafsson, gives the answer. He explains to editor Jaap Vogel how a business like his can be successful in a relatively small rural town like the Mountain.**

"When my then-boss, Rod Schulte, decided to retire from his business, *Fine Art and Framing*, I was due to lose my job. Instead of that, I took over the business and continued my work as owner of *Viking Framing*. I chose that name because of my Swedish heritage."

"It was a steep learning curve. I'm a picture framer by trade and have become a very experienced professional (nearly 30 years' experience). That's the interesting and joyful part of the work, and something I really enjoy. The hardest part is the bureaucracy I now have to deal with as a business owner, like accounting and tax. The back end is the hardest part of business: you never realise how difficult and important it is"

"Over the past five years I've included more services in the business. We invested in quality printers and scanners to reproduce art works at a high standard; we work with artists to create their exhibitions in galleries. We also recently started holding exhibitions here in our own gallery. Almost all the exhibited work is made by local artists. I love our arts community, especially because the Mountain is very blessed, having many diverse artists as residents, even though I have to admit that I am at times puzzled by the 'politics' in the field.

"My work comes from the surrounding area: the Gold Coast and Brisbane. It's pretty easy to serve those markets from Tamborine Mountain. I cannot even think about moving the business to the Coast. The Mountain is a great place for a business like mine. Its community and feel suits bespoke cottage industries like mine."



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To me, when I was a kid.

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Yet find time to be a playmate,  
I just can't comprehend.

I see now it was love, Mum  
That made you come whenever I'd call  
Your inexhaustible love, Mum  
And I thank you for it all.  
..Joanna Fuchs



# BEAUDESERT SHOW SOCIETY REPRESENTATIVES TAKE OUT TITLES FOR THE SECOND YEAR

Beaudesert Show Society Showgirl, Miss Anna Ferguson and the Beaudesert Show Society Rural Ambassador, Miss Sarah MacGinley, have both been crowned as this year's South East Sub Chamber Showgirl and Rural Ambassador, respectively.

Miss Ferguson and Miss MacGinley have both represented the Scenic Rim as the *Beaudesert Show Society Showgirl* and *Rural Ambassador* since June last year, and received their South East Sub Chamber titles on 23 April at Beenleigh Showgrounds.

The ladies underwent a rigorous interview process with a panel of three judges who selected both Beaudesert Show Society representatives to reign as the south-east representatives for the next 12 months.

Ms Ferguson said the opportunity to be involved in the local community and gain an understanding and insight into the agricultural shows industry has been an amazing experience. "I have had the pleasure of meeting, networking, and working with an array of people from Beaudesert and the Scenic Rim, which is something I wouldn't have had the chance to do on my own."

Miss MacGinley said "It's a great opportunity to get involved throughout our beautiful community and represent it with

pride. Over my years of participating in the show girl and rural ambassador programs I have had the privilege of meeting amazing people, hearing of their struggles but also their suggestions on how we can give back to our community. I have also grown in confidence, made lifelong friends and made a thousand fun memories along the way."

The determined ladies now have their eyes set on competing for the title of *Queensland Country Life Miss Showgirl* and the *Queensland Rural Ambassador Awards* at the Ekka in August.

**PHOTO:** Beaudesert Show Society Showgirl Anna Ferguson and Beaudesert Show Society Rural Ambassador Sarah MacGinley



## MEALS ON WHEELS ROSTER – MAY 2022

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# IF IT FEELS RIGHT, TAKE THE LEAP OF FAITH

We all have certain experiences we gravitate towards to recharge our mind, body, and soul. For some, this might be having an unlimited choice of quality restaurants to enjoy with friends or family. Others may prefer more adventurous activities or a peaceful hike through the lush Queensland national parks. The pandemic has challenged us to dig deep and identify what makes us happy and which areas of our lives we want to focus our energy on. Have you found your passion and place?



Can you imagine drinking your first cuppa overlooking the Gold Coast from a 70-storey skyscraper, the fresh ocean breeze gently blowing over your face? Or can you see yourself surrounded by the natural beauty of the Hinterland, stretching your hands deep into the soil and creating something that will in turn provide for you? Our regions offer a breathtaking range of unique experiences to feed the soul.

I am forever grateful to have experienced many types of places and shelters around the world. I remember running through farm fields, with cow manure squished between my toes, and having to boil our drinking water. I've also experienced life in great cities like Cape Town, New York, London, Dublin, and Melbourne, where everything you might need is just around the corner. I believe that the right place always comes to you at the right time of your life. This diversity helps us grow and refines our understanding of the experiences that nourish us physically, spiritually, and intellectually.

What has this to do with where we live? I believe that over time, understanding what nourishes us will help us build stronger communities, where people will come together to share similar values and interests. Of course, when deciding where you want to live, this is only half the story. Trying to time the property market can be frustrating as both personal circumstances and property cycles are constantly changing. The unexpected boom that we experienced in 2021 is neither sustainable nor healthy for a growing world population. However, with careful planning and foresight, the possibility of owning your dream home can be a reality. One thing you can bet on is that with the growing scarcity of land, getting your hands on something physical will be one of the safest long-term investments you will ever make.

We have just experienced a property cycle where we had too many buyers and not enough properties, which led to skyrocketing prices. At other times, factors that can affect house prices also include inflation, cost of living, bank rates, consumer sentiment, debt levels, conflict, etc. This was good for some but not for others. When making a decision about purchasing property, always remember to plan your long-term goals so that you too can benefit.

Wherever you may be in your life journey there is something to look forward to. If you would like some advice on property cycles, real estate options, home valuations, or simply someone to talk to, please get in touch.

And for the record, standing in cow poo does not make you taller.

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# HAVE YOU EVER, EVER FELT LIKE THIS?

Hello everyone and wow, what a busy time it has been! School Holidays, Easter has come and gone, Rock'n the Rainforest echoed across the Mountain, and Mother's Day is just around the corner, how to keep up?

We have had a lot to do recently, with many and various requests from the community on a range of issues. I know how frustrating it can be when trying to deal with some of these matters because the responsible entity fails to take responsibility! (Trust me I get that same feeling; you know the one 😊) I will try to cover what I can in this short passage and implore you to take the time to read it:

**Parking issues:** Police can enforce Transport Legislation for a parking offence should an actual offence be committed. However, it is the responsibility of the Local Council and/or Qld Transport and Main Roads (depending on the road) when it comes to approving and placing of signage or implementing local by-laws to address same. I implore you to lobby them to have matters rectified should you feel aggrieved by a parking issue which I cannot solve. Some of these matters have genuine credit and I have supported the community in the past so please liaise with the proper authority.

**Neighbour Disputes** (think fences and trees): Please read the *Neighbourhood Disputes (Dividing Fences and Trees) Act 2011*. If you have an issue involving trees and fences with a neighbour, you have the option for it to be dealt with through QCAT; this is not a Police matter.

**Disputes between Parties:** Police DO NOT "take out an AVO" on someone because you don't like them or have some sort of dispute going on with them. We deal with domestic settings – but if your dispute is with someone else, then have a look at the *Peace and Good Behaviour Act 1982*. You can apply to the Magistrates Court (not the Police) for protection. If in doubt,

I am happy to answer that question.

## Crime and Traffic

Don't say I didn't warn you because I did... We have been very proactive in recent weeks around both Crime and Traffic. It seems some people are robbing some village of an idiot, or they don't heed the advice. I'll let you be the judge.

- A 33-year-old male was charged with multiple counts of supplying a dangerous drug, possession of a dangerous drug and associated matters following a protracted investigation.
- A 23-year-old male was charged with Deprivation of Liberty, Threatening violence and drug offences following an incident over the Easter weekend.
- A total of five drink drivers will appear in Court, including a 40-year-old female who will appear in Court charged with a reading of 0.240%. YES – that's nearly five times the legal limit.
- A further six persons will be appearing in Court having been charged with Drug Driving offences.

It's not rocket science here – but to be clear again – we will be out in force, we will have Police from other areas of the State here, and we will be targeting those who think it is a joke or otherwise to put others' lives at risk, be it in the community or on the roads.

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**  
Officer in Charge  
North Tamborine Police

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## FRIDAY FLICKS

Boonah Cultural Centre 10am | 1pm | 7pm

Tickets \$10 or Concession \$7.50

Friday 6 May | King Richard (M) | 145 mins

See Will Smith in his Academy Award-winning role as Richard Williams, whose daughters Venus and Serena became tennis legends.



Friday 13 May | The Eyes of Tammy Faye (M) | 126 mins

The story of Tammy Faye and Jim Bakker, who rose from humble beginnings to create the world's largest religious broadcasting network and a theme park.



## ON STAGE

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## WORKSHOPS AND GRANTS

### REGENERATION: CREATIVE BUSHFIRE RECOVERY PROJECT

Saturday 21 May | 11am | The Centre Beaudesert | Free. Registration required

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## JON KRAUSE MP

State Member for Scenic Rim

# MAY IS SMALL BUSINESS MONTH

In May each year we celebrate our small businesses as we support them through small business month. The contributions made by small businesses help grow the foundations of thriving Queensland towns and communities. In the Scenic Rim we have many small businesses run by passionate – and very hard-working - individuals and families. Although it is important to buy local all year round (and I encourage you to do this where possible), this month is a time for us to celebrate and support the local economy and business owners. When you shop locally, your money stays local, with one dollar spent at a local business returning up to five times that amount through employee wages, rates and the purchase of materials and supplies. Representing over 90% of the economy in our region, they also employ many people locally, from school students starting their first job, to those working part-time into retirement.

Local businesses need our support, not only for the jobs they provide but for the contribution that so many give back to our community through sponsorships and support for great causes. Times have been tough over the past years, so let's support those that support us.

### GOAT TRACK UPDATE

A few weeks back, Main Roads provided an update on Goat Track repair works which I shared on social media. One thing it did not mention was a new expected time for completion and re-opening. I followed up on this when I met with the Main Roads District Director (South Coast Region) in late April, and was told they expect completion in the "third quarter" of 2022. Obviously, this provides a wide timeframe, and as is normal with these types of works, it depends on the rain staying away most of the time and there being no other mishaps. I will inform the community if I become aware of any change here.

### FIRE SAFETY THIS WINTER

Did you know that winter is the peak season for housefires? We're not quite in the winter season yet, but it is starting to cool down. Most fires are caused by everyday items such as cooking equipment, faulty or poorly maintained appliances, and flammable materials placed too close to heat sources. When heat and toxic smoke start to fill your home, your best chance of survival will be working, interconnected, photoelectric smoke alarms and a well-practised fire escape plan. Take five minutes now to get out alive. Young children and the elderly are the most at risk, so it's especially important to consider how they will escape safely. Make it a priority this winter to draw up an escape plan with multiple exits based on the location of the fire and practice it regularly with your family.

As your State representative I am always urging the National Parks Department to do more when it comes to hazard reduction burns in order to ensure that State land does not cause unnecessary danger to residents. Controlled burns around mid-year, with the aim of reducing fuel loads before the hotter, drier conditions return towards spring, are sensible, practical ways to reduce bushfire risk. I encourage residents to have a talk to the local Rural Fire Brigade if you have any questions or concerns about bushfire risks or prevention measures.

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## SCOTT BUCHHOLZ

Federal Member for Wright

# COST OF LIVING HELP FOR OLDER AUSTRALIANS

**A further 50,000 older Australians will have access to more affordable health care and medications to help ease cost of living pressures under changes to the Commonwealth Seniors Health Card.**

A re-elected Morrison Government will increase the singles income test threshold from \$57,761 to around \$90,000 from July 1 this year, to give more Senior Australians access to the concession card. The couple's threshold will also increase from \$92,416 to \$144,000.

At the Commonwealth level, all card holders are eligible for cheaper medications and health care, and they may also be eligible for state, territory and local government savings such as discounted rates, electricity and gas bills, ambulance, dental, eye care, recreation and public transport.

The Coalition will invest more than \$70 million over four years to expand eligibility, helping an extra 50,000 senior Australians this year.

This means more Senior Australians could save hundreds of dollars, including up to \$428 a year for access to a monthly script for vital medicines and a refund for medical costs if they reach the Medicare Safety Net.

Currently, more than 436,000 Australians aged over 67 years who are not already receiving a pension or benefit have a Seniors Health Card. The income threshold change will mean more than 486,000 would be eligible, an 11 per cent increase.

### PBS MEDICINES PRICES TO BE SLASHED

Millions of Australians taking common medications for blood pressure, high cholesterol, pain relief, depression, diabetes and more will save \$10 on scripts with a reduction in the price of Government-subsidised medications.

A re-elected Morrison Government will cut the price of medications listed on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) from January 1 next year.

The \$10 cut per script means the maximum price Australians will pay for PBS medicines drops from \$42.50 down to \$32.50, a 24 per cent saving.

Since 2013, the Coalition Government has approved more than 2900 new or amended listings on the PBS at an overall investment of \$16.5 billion.

All scripts currently counting towards a patient's safety net will continue to do so.

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# Letters to the Editor

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## EVERY RIGHT TO BE WORRIED...

**The attractiveness of the town of Tamborine Mountain is ultimately dependent on its semi-rural ambience. This is achieved despite it being a surprisingly dense urban development. It accommodates 20% of the Scenic Rim's residents within 0.3% of the Shire's area. Quite a trick, particularly since we can't expand beyond the escarpments! How does it do it? Very simply, the town is turned inside out, compared to the norm.**

For visitors, the ambience of a small-ish town is normally established as they drive through the adjacent semi-rural areas, then through the residential parts and ending up in the town centre. Most residents don't see much of the semi-rural.

On Tamborine Mountain, the housing development is predominantly on the edges, and we have retained a semi-rural core. What really makes it work is that our main traffic ways generally avoid going through the major residential areas. We take it for granted, but a visitor doesn't necessarily see many houses. Gallery Walk has its own priorities but, on the other hand, Main Street is on a side road. Complementing this is housing subdivision which gives plenty of room for trees and gardens, with locals taking full advantage. Planning Schemes over the decades with plenty of bottom-up involvement have achieved this happy result.

Now, our 'island in the sky' is threatened with change. The State Government has required local governments to develop strategies to accommodate a population growth of 11% over the next few years. To make matters worse, there is also a shift to top-down planning schemes, with local

experience and knowledge given little weight.

Unfortunately, our present Mayor seems blind to the special values and limitations of Tamborine Mountain. He outspokenly supports a one-size-fits-all approach. This includes Tamborine Mountain having to accommodate the same 11% increase in population as do the other parts of the Shire. The result would be damaging crowding of our 0.3% of the Shire. In the remaining, much less densely populated 99.7%, an 11% increase would actually be welcome. The Mayor's approach entirely overlooks some inconvenient facts:

- We are surrounded by escarpments and cannot expand
- We have recently had a period of major population growth
- We have limited semi-rural space and depend on our green core for ambience.
- Who would drive up a Mountain to reach just another urban subdivision?

Ominously, the Mayor has already foreshadowed more smaller block subdivision and multiple residences per block. He also foresees consequent revision of the Planning Scheme. With such revision tending to ignore local input, the outlook is not good. Our population growth must be thoughtfully managed and not in response to a simple quota.

Remember what happened to the goose that laid the golden eggs...

**Phil Giffard**

## LAZINESS OR CARELESSNESS? WE'RE OVER IT

**As delighted as we are that a local business has succeeded in attracting an extremely healthy weekend trade, locals are totally over the dangerous parking practices of a few dozen patrons – every weekend – of the Tamborine Mountain Coffee Plantation, who don't find convenient parking in the (generous in number) allotted spaces provided by the café on their premises.**

The line of offenders often snakes up towards the Birchgrove Nursery, and cascades down as far as the entrance to the Tamborine Mountain Motel.

Given how unrelenting the traffic flow along Alpine Terrace

tends to be most weekends, it's amazing how reckless these patrons are with regards to the safety of other road users. It's certainly not the café's fault...

We don't want more signs everywhere, blighting the landscape, but something needs to be done. Time for a parking offence blitz? Seems to have cleared up the serial offenders who used to abuse the bus zone outside the Showgrounds.

**Not Happy, Jan  
(name supplied)**



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

## Councillor's Comment



DEREK SWANBOROUGH  
DIVISION 1

# GROWTH MANAGEMENT STRATEGY CONSULTATION

The results are in, and Council will soon be publishing them. The Mountain has answered the call and responded in a show of force. I want to thank everyone who lodged a submission. The sheer relative weight of responses to the consultation simply says how much we care for, and value our Mountain.

I can't share the detailed results yet, but my observation is that the common messages to Council are unequivocal. It will be a test now to see what comes out of the process, and what weight the Mountain's views are given. From my perspective, having lived here for 36 years, and been at the centre of the business of multiple elected Councils during this time, I can say categorically that the values and aspirations of the Mountain have been consistent for decades, and are evidenced in more recent times in many Community Plans and Blueprint consultations. I don't expect they will ever change in the coming decades unless we let our guard down.

It is a very strong argument that most of the Mountain's community of interest is with Gold Coast. This inevitably leads to a mismatch of aspirations and needs with those who govern us. The one-size-fits-all policy objective of the Scenic Rim has a heavy downside for the Mountain. We are profoundly different to the rest of the region in so many ways.

Let's hope that the Mountain's strong views that there should be no more policies, mechanisms or planning scheme amendments to increase our population, which is contrary to the SRRC'S views expressed in the Growth Management Study, is listened to, and acted upon.

### FOOD TOURISM

Did you know that in Southeast Queensland we have scores of food trails? The question that is hardest to answer is what Council area in SEQ doesn't have any. If you are interested in this type of Tourism experience, you should visit the Council of Mayors' website, where you will find 51 trails listed, involving 490 businesses. See South East Queensland Food Trails - Home ([seqfoodtrails.com.au](http://seqfoodtrails.com.au)). You will find details

there and on Council's own website of Scenic Rim's *Eat Local Week*.

### VALUATION OF LAND

Everyone by now will have received their new land valuation in the mail which was dated as of 1st October 2021. Land values have increased for different categories and locations across the region. Tamborine Mountain's has gone up around 20%. This does not necessarily mean the General rate will go up by this amount. Setting the rate works in a backwards process. The defined amount of income desired is identified first in a budget, then the rate in the dollar is calculated to achieve this when calculated across all new valuations for all rateable properties. The largest impact is if the valuations in one area change relative to other areas. This could well see increases on Tamborine Mountain if any such increases are not compensated for by increasing the flat separate charge infrastructure for each property. Council still has other methods to delay the initial impacts of big swings in valuations by capping rates or averaging valuations.

### COUNCIL MEETINGS

It is hoped that the media and public will soon be let back into the public gallery to observe and scrutinise in Council decision making, after the lifting of restrictions. There should be some announcements around this in coming weeks. It is a pillar of our democracy that Local Government decision making is open and transparent.

Like everyone, I am looking forward to some bright sunny days after several weeks of persistent nuisance rain. With the lifting of Covid restrictions, I am preparing to return to some Saturday morning face to face opportunities to meet with you in Main Street opposite the bakery. I'll keep you posted.

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## TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN BRIDGE CLUB RESULTS

Monday 25/04/2022	1	63.43%	Derek Merrin - Denise Merrin
Monday 25/04/2022	2	58.33%	Lindy Williams - Eddie Heinemeyer
Monday 25/04/2022	3	56.94%	Joanne Evans - Tony Hall
Wednesday 27/04/2022 NS	1	56.25%	Carla Ferro - Joanne Evans
Wednesday 27/04/2022 NS	2	55.00%	Wendy Christie - Gail Layer
Wednesday 27/04/2022 NS	3	54.58%	Margaret Goldsmith - Eddie Heinemeyer
Wednesday 27/04/2022 EW	1	57.50%	Laurene Hassard - Stan Bradshaw
Wednesday 27/04/2022 EW	2	57.08%	Peter Zarembo - Roger Bell
Wednesday 27/04/2022 EW	3	51.67%	Fiona McCracken - Shirley Gregory
Thursday 28/04/2022 NS	1	57.08%	Peter Zarembo - Ann Zarembo
Thursday 28/04/2022 NS	2	53.33%	Marian Gibbons - Julie Guthrie
Thursday 28/04/2022 NS	3	50.00%	Joanne Evans - Laurene Hassard
Thursday 28/04/2022 EW	1	63.75%	Eddie Heinemeyer - Robert McCathie
Thursday 28/04/2022 EW	2	56.25%	Shirley Gregory - Antoinette Ihlenfeldt
Thursday 28/04/2022 EW	3	47.92%	Jenny Strachan - Stan Bradshaw

There was a lot of laughter and fun at the Tamborine Mountain Bridge Club last Wednesday when we held a 'jumbled pairs' session. Players were matched with a different partner, according to their level (more experienced players with less experienced players) and it proved to be a great success. Newer players learnt a lot from their partners who were willing to share their expertise. The event was followed by wine and cheese and we're all very grateful that we can finally get back to our normal social gatherings.

Any bridge players new to the Mountain would be welcomed to come and play with us.

**Sheila Irvine-Brown**  
President  
Tamborine Mountain Bridge Club  
[tmbridgeclub.org.au](http://tmbridgeclub.org.au)

We have sessions Mon, Wed, Thu, Fri at TM Bridge Club Sports Ground, 400 Long Road. If you would like to know more or to learn, contact Denise 0444 592 189, or else come to Friday Social Session 1.15pm. Beginners and Visitors are welcome.  
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## CORE STRENGTH COULD HELP DOGS AVOID KNEE INJURIES



Agility and flyball dogs have proven to be more susceptible to cranial cruciate ligament rupture, according to Washington State University, in a study conducted earlier this year. This injury is similar to an ACL tear in humans. For 1,260 agility dogs studied, 260 tore the ligament, and 1,000 did not. Dogs training or competing in flyball were found to be in the highest risk of all activities: nearly 12% of dogs reported to play flyball ruptured a ligament.

The survey also confirmed some long-standing and well-accepted risk factors. In particular, female canines spayed before the age of one were almost twice as likely to rupture a ligament compared to dogs that were spayed after their first birthday – which places on the dog owner extra caution and responsibility ensuring there are no accidental pregnancies, yet it is important to develop strong ligaments in young animals.

It is speculated that the shape of a dog – and perhaps its tail – have some relevance when looking at knee injuries in dogs. Breeds like the Australian Shepherd and Labrador retrievers were more than twice as likely to rupture a ligament, while Rottweilers and Australian cattle dogs were more than four times as likely to tear a ligament. As with humans, being somewhat unfit then running over uneven surfaces, with stops and turns from time to time, present the greatest risk factors. Many of the dogs with cruciate ligament injuries in this survey were new to the sports and lacked core strength and general fitness. Surprisingly, dogs that competed more frequently at agility and flyball events were less likely to rupture a ligament.

### What are some core strengthening exercises for dogs?

- Balance air cushions, large or small (just look online for dog fitness equipment).
- Plank walking, stepping backwards, side stepping, turning in a circle – left and right.
- Roll overs, from side to side and crawling.

There are probably more core strengthening exercises, but guiding your dog with treats and doing some or all of these regularly, and your dog will soon become proficient and stronger, reducing the risk of knee ligament injuries.

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



## CURLY AND ME



My husband and I decided to take advantage of a recent long weekend, taking off for a couple of days to explore our beautiful Scenic Rim. We had an awesome time visiting farms, climbing mountains and checking out overflowing dams. One of our stops was at a camel farm. The camels all had their own names, and each had a unique personality. We had the opportunity to go on a ride.

I was partnered with a curious camel by the name of Curly. The ride was at a very slow pace but even so, as Curly took off, I was unprepared for the rocking motion. I struggled to find my balance and hung on tight to the saddle. I admit feeling initial pangs of regret and wondered if I'd be able to hang on for the whole ride. I hoped I wouldn't be the first farm visitor to fall off, becoming a trampled heap on the ground! Of course, it didn't take long to adjust to the rocking, and a few minutes later it had morphed into a relaxing rhythm that was over all too soon.

Most of the new experiences we have in life can be similar to my camel ride with Curly. We start something new with a burst of enthusiasm. However, more often than not, it proves to be very different to our expectations. Doubts creep in and we wonder if we have made the right choice. We wonder if we should call it quits before we get in too deep. "I'm sorry Curly, it's all over. We're just not compatible - you're too much of a swinger for me!"

You may well laugh, but the serious side to this is that many relationships fail because of people's fear that they can't hold on. They cannot endure the turbulence that comes with the merging of lives and baggage. Of course, the exception being any form of violence, which should not be tolerated in any relationship. Most of our turbulences come because we are out of rhythm with one another and sometimes out of rhythm within ourselves. A close relationship guarantees to expose our insecurities.

Every couple relationship is made up of two individuals who are scathed by life's experiences. Attempts at journeying together, like Curly and me, tend to get rocky. We can choose one of three options. The first is to abandon ship - there's plenty of camels out there, right? Alternatively, we can add to the turbulence and bounce around in our own camel race, repeatedly steering in perpetual circles. The best option, however, is to ask: "What is this turbulence about?" If partners are willing to be vulnerable with one another and create an environment where they feel safe to share their anxieties and longings, together they can explore the source of the turbulence. Relationships like this shine light on our blind spots, providing opportunity for personal growth. You can then find your unique rhythm and enjoy the ride together.

**Linda Gray**  
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# VOLUNTEERING AT TM COMMUNITY CARE

Tamborine Mountain Community Care Association (TMCAA) is a non-government, not-for-profit organisation run by an elected Management Committee of volunteers, which aims to promote collaborative working relationships with the federal government and members of the local and wider community. Our vision is to provide and advocate for services to enable senior residents who are frail, aged or with disabilities to continue to live independently and with dignity in their homes on Tamborine Mountain.

## WHY VOLUNTEER?

Volunteering is a rewarding way in which an eligible person can participate in the activities of their community while enriching their life experiences as well as those of others. Many of our programs rely on committed volunteers to provide seamless services. Volunteering can help one develop personally, extend social networks, work in an area of personal interest, gain a range of experiences in order to improve employment prospects, enrich and expand personal life experiences, acquire, enhance or extend personal knowledge and skills and be productive in the community. As a volunteer, you offer your time, skills and experience to benefit the community at large and in return, will receive a sense of fulfilment that arises from serving others.

## VOLUNTEERING ROLES

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Staff: Jacqui Skelton and Patricia Arora

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**Contact: Patricia – 5545 4968**  
**volunteerscoordinator@tmcca.com.au**  
**42 Southport Avenue, Eagle Heights**



# NON-EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORT-SUBSIDY PART 1 (OF 3)

**Last year, Tamborine Mountain Rotary started an initiative to get public transport to the Mountain. The steering committee report has been lodged with the Department of Transport, and discussions between Rotary and the Department continue.**

As part of that initiative, Rotary also investigated the transport options for patients on the Mountain who need to go and seek a medical service on the Gold Coast or in Brisbane. The results of this investigation are presented in this article, and in two consecutive articles in upcoming editions of the *Scenic News*.

Information was provided by Dr. Jan Zomerdijk and Neil Smith, Rotary.

Patients on Tamborine Mountain have essentially four subsidised options for travel to a medical facility or hospital on the Gold Coast:

1. If the patient does not have access to private transport, then they can ask their treating doctor to arrange transport via Queensland Ambulance services (QAS) for Patient Transport services (PTS).
2. If the patient can drive him or herself, or has someone to do that, then the PTSS (Patient Travel Subsidy Scheme) can contribute for a limited number of medical specialties at the Gold Coast, PA or Brisbane Hospitals.

3. Community Care can bring their members to medical appointments, mostly to the Gold Coast.
4. People with a disability may use an NDIS subsidy or the Taxi Subsidy Scheme (TSS). The Queensland Ambulance Service (QAS) might also be available for PTS for patients who require transport to or from medical appointments in a health care facility.

In general, the patient has to be assessed by their medical practitioner to assess whether or not the patient is eligible for any of these support systems.

In the next two editions of the *Scenic News* details will be provided about the aforementioned services and schemes.

**Jaap Vogel**



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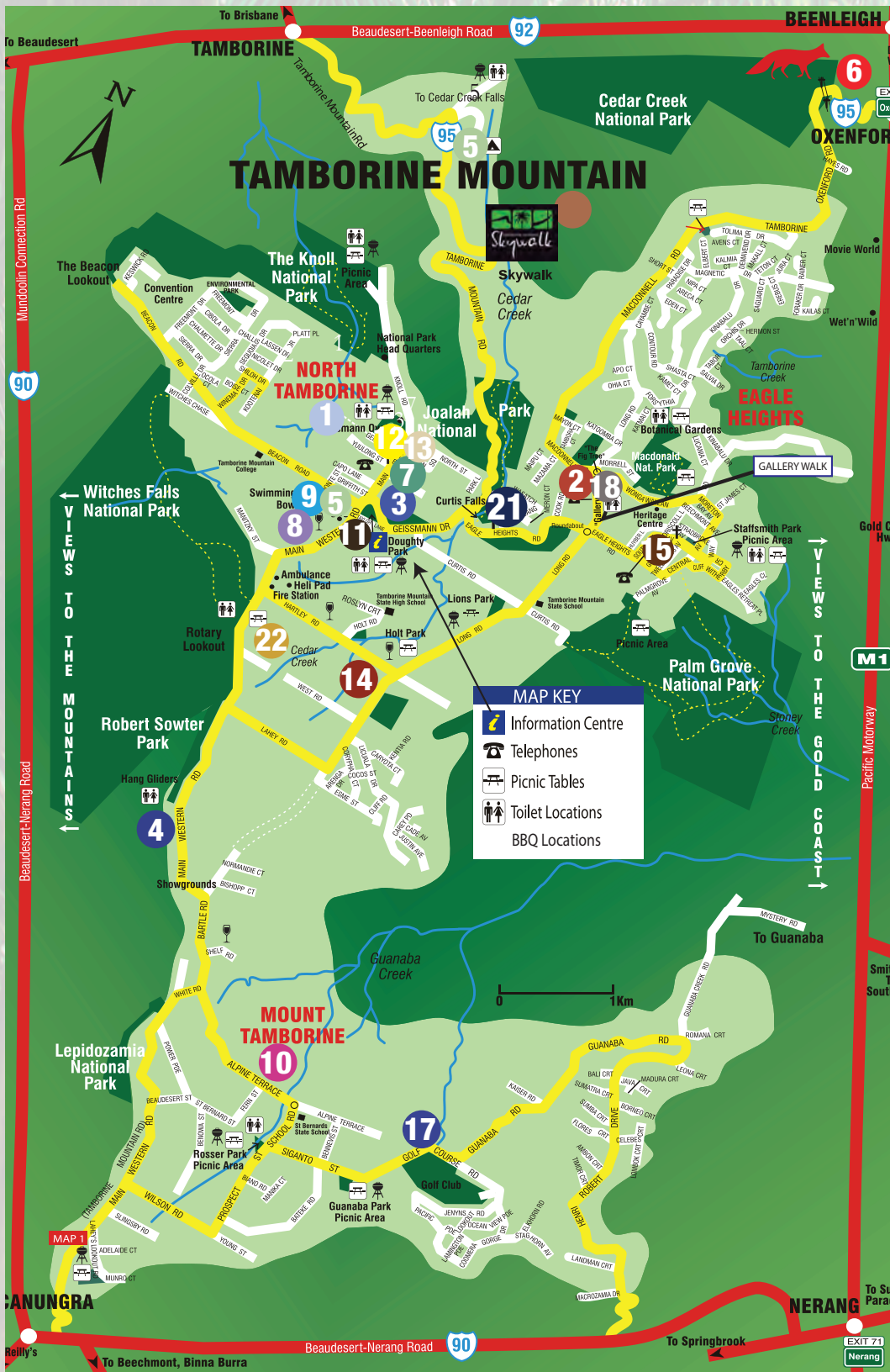


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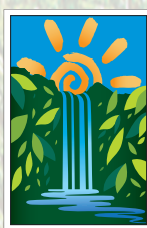
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# DISTINGUISHED GENTLEMAN'S RIDE IS COMING TO TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN, SUNDAY 22ND MAY

The 2022 Distinguished Gentleman's Ride on Sunday, May 22nd is coming to Tamborine Mountain. Up to fifty riders, all dressed dapper on classic motorcycles, will be riding on the mountain. Registrations to take part in the ride are now open on the DGR website: [www.gentlemansride.com](http://www.gentlemansride.com)

DGR is focused on bringing people together, encouraging folks to connect with their fellow gentlefolk and ride together. Community and social connections are vital for mental health, so this year will look to bring its global community together in over 700 cities and 100 countries in celebration of style, motorcycles, and men's health. Together with Movember, The Distinguished Gentleman's Ride is dedicated to bringing communities together to raise awareness of prostate cancer and helping folks around the world make stronger and more meaningful connections.

Glenn Harrison, Tracey Harrison-Hill and Ali Saoirse are excited to co-host the Tamborine Mountain DGR in its second year. The Tamborine Mountain ride is proudly sponsored by Cinnamon Bun on Gallery Walk, Gold Coast Motor Museum, The Bearded Dragon, Rebel FM and Sunstate Motorcycles. For safety reasons, you need to be registered to take part in the ride.

**More details please contact Ali Saoirse, [rippleali@gmail.com](mailto:rippleali@gmail.com).**

Founder of The Distinguished Gentleman's Ride, Mark Hawwa, says: "2022 marks an amazing year for The Distinguished Gentleman's Ride. It marks the first year of a new decade for us, and there's no better way to celebrate than by announcing a further 5 years with both Triumph and Movember. These partnerships allow us to continue to raise awareness and funds and implement them into life-changing projects and research in mental health and prostate cancer.

"The event this year is looking to bring this wonderful community together again, and in full force. We've heard from our riders, they want to connect, and feel connected. So this year, we have worked to ensure we have more rides operating around the world, so that we can celebrate this new decade of The Distinguished Gentleman's Ride on Sunday, May 22nd, 2022.

"If this year couldn't get more exciting, we have been proud to receive the 1959 Legends custom collaboration between our global partner, Triumph Motorcycles, and iconic guitar company, Gibson, to use as prizes during the 2022 campaign. We are entering 2022 with the hopes of it being our biggest year yet, with distinguished gentlefolk around the world riding together for men's health."

The DGR has taken many shapes over the last two years, so in 2022, the campaign looks to bring the focus back to group riding, while reminding people of the



importance of maintaining quality wellbeing and educating its participants about the important facts of prostate cancer.

## ABOUT THE DISTINGUISHED GENTLEMAN'S RIDE

The Distinguished Gentleman's Ride unites classic and vintage style motorcycle riders all over the world to raise funds and awareness for prostate cancer research and men's mental health. The Distinguished Gentleman's Ride was founded in Sydney, Australia in 2012 by Mark Hawwa. After inspiration from a photograph featuring classic suits and vintage motorcycles, Mark decided a themed ride would be a great way to combat the often-negative stereotype of motorcyclists and connect the global motorcycling community and to raise funds for a cause important to every rider.

Michelle Terry, CEO of Movember, said: "Over the last decade, we have watched The Distinguished Gentleman's Ride grow from strength to strength and Movember has been privileged to be the event's official charity partner since 2016.

"This year, as we celebrate the continuation of our partnership with The Distinguished Gentleman's Ride for another five years, we're excited about being able to ride together once again and re-establish social connections that may have drifted during lockdowns.

"We're also excited about being able to implement programs generously funded by our DGR community and aimed at improving the health and wellbeing of men around the world.

"Movember is working towards a world where men of all ages understand what mental health is, what they need to do to manage their wellbeing and feel comfortable asking for support when they need it. The support of our DGR community will help us to further develop digital tools such as Movember Conversations

and Movember's Family Man, which help support men during key stages of their lives.

"Our Global Cancer Real World Evidence Network will fast track efforts to improve the treatment and care of men living with prostate cancer, which, in turn, enables them to enjoy healthier, happier, longer lives."

Delivering some of the most unique and thrilling prizes seen in a motorcycling event, The Distinguished Gentleman's Ride, together with Triumph Motorcycles, has revealed a special custom collaboration with Gibson Guitars to provide the 1959 Legends custom edition Les Paul Standard Reissue and Bonneville T120 to the event's fundraisers.

The 1959 Legends guitar and motorcycle will be offered to the highest fundraisers of The Distinguished Gentleman's Ride 2022, with three additional 1959 Legends custom edition Les Paul Standard Reissue guitars being made available for prizes throughout the event. One of which will be gifted to the runner up of the Gentlefolk Competition, with the lead prize being a brand-new Triumph Motorcycle from the Modern Classic range. In addition to these wonderful prizes, Hedon Helmets will return with their trademark annual DGR helmet designs available to the top 50 fundraisers in The Distinguished Gentleman's Ride, and finally, ELF Lubricants will be providing legendary top fundraiser prizes and a unique Moto GP experience to the top fundraiser of their official team.

The Distinguished Gentleman's Ride for 2022 is here, with the goal of getting the global community back on the road and connecting again. For more information, to register, or to host your own ride; head to [www.gentlemansride.com](http://www.gentlemansride.com).

**Photo: Glenn Harrison and Tracey Harrison-Hill, dressed dapper with their classic motorcycles from last year's ride.**



# TRAVELLING PLACES *with Gina*

This morning I have been sorting a few things out at home... one of these is a table lamp that I bought in Spain many years ago; this I carried on my lap back home and have had ever since, and it reminds me of a wonderful holiday in Basque country.

Are you a souvenir shopper? I have friends who collect from all over the world. My mother collected beautiful glass paperweights. I am more of a collector of fairly substantial items! Although I do have a collection of hair clips from all over... Murano glass from Venice and Mdina glass from Malta probably vie for my most favourite.

As a young twenty-year-old travelling overland to Europe, my one purchase was a handmade rug in India – about 3m x 2m, and beautifully woven. Packaged up by the shop and posted to my address in London seemed sensible, rather than carrying it for months. The issue was that it didn't show up until two years after my trip to India, when I received notification of a parcel to collect. You can imagine my excitement... when I collected it, the rug had somehow shrunk to prayer mat size!

I was in the antique markets in Cairo and came across a chandelier I couldn't resist. From the Art Deco period and made of Lalique glass, the French colonial past of Egypt was reflected in this piece – to be honest it was something you instantly loved or hated. Made of wrought iron arms shaped as ivy leaves, with yellow glass trumpet flowers, it emanated a gentle light above my dining table.

As you walk through the back streets of Kathmandu, the carpet shop owners call to you; in I went sitting on the floor with a glass of Chai, as they rolled out carpet after carpet – when they flicked one carpet out, you can imagine my shock when two rats ran out!

Waiting for the ferry at Saint Malo in Northern France, I came across an optometrist with unique glasses frames – how could I not be tempted?

My most recent purchase was in Azerbaijan in 2019, as yet again I was tempted. In Baku, wander the cobblestoned streets of the old town until you come across the Flying Carpet Shop under the tower. A treasure trove of beautiful



hand-woven carpets, made from hand-dyed wools from the regional villages, the craftsmanship is exquisite. Expertly folded into a cube, I was lucky to have my son Hamish with me to carry my latest purchase!

In a remote village in PNG the villagers were weaving bags from handmade rope... I purchased a couple as a donation to the community. Australian customs wouldn't allow them into the country – apparently little mites and nasties live in the fabric.

On the other hand, herbs and spices from the markets in Avignon were OK to bring into Australia, and I still use them today when I cook. It is odd what is and isn't allowed, but I always happily declare anything I purchase as I return home.

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# WINE CHAT

## THE HISTORY OF *PHYLLOXERA*: “THE GREAT FRENCH WINE BLIGHT”

with Witches Falls Winery



There’s nothing quite like a global pandemic to get people thinking about the science and history of disease. Over the last two years, we’ve all had to educate ourselves on everything from infection control to the basics of virology and epidemiology. Once upon a time these topics would have seemed niche—unimportant to your average Joe. But once COVID-19 became front and centre in our lives—affecting where we could go, who we could see, how we could spend our days—our thirst for information regarding the virus quickly became unquenchable. Cognisant of the fact that the COVID-19 pandemic will go down in the history books as one of the largest, most far-reaching pandemics in human history, it’s interesting to compare our experiences of the COVID-19 pandemic with accounts of other plagues throughout history.

For winemakers, one particular plague has had a colossal impact on the shape of the modern wine industry—*Phylloxera*.

Although not posing a threat to humans, *Phylloxera* is a formidable foe when it comes up against *vitis vinifera*—aka the wine grape. Unlike COVID-19, *Phylloxera* isn’t a virus, but rather a microscopic insect that feasts on the roots of grapevines. In the 19th century, this bug singlehandedly obliterated the majority of vineyards across Europe, causing a worldwide wine shortage and destroying the livelihoods of thousands of winemakers.

These tiny creatures secrete poison into the plant’s roots and leaves, resulting in deformity and cutting grapes off from their water supply and other vital nutrients. To this day there is still no cure—most *Phylloxera* afflicted vines will eventually shrivel and die.

Indigenous to the Americas, *Phylloxera* was introduced to Europe in the mid 19th-century. While native American grapevine species have a level of immunity to *Phylloxera*, European species are highly susceptible. Once these tiny creatures landed on European soil, they spread through the continent like wildfire. Some estimate *Phylloxera* wiped out between 40-70% of all European vineyards within the span of a few decades, with France being particularly hard hit.

Mysteriously, a handful of vineyards were left untouched by the *Phylloxera* epidemic. Wines produced from these pure ancient grapes are still highly sought-after today, and come with a hefty price tag. Some argue that wine created from “self-rooted” vines taste better than those from grafted roots, although there is little evidence to back up this theory.

After “The Great French Wine Blight”, most viticulturalists had to start over from scratch. Many grafted European grapevines onto American rootstock in an attempt to develop some resistance against the bug. This strategy worked for the most part, although there are still outbreaks of *Phylloxera* cropping up here and there.

Having said this, some isolated wine-growing regions have managed to completely avoid contact with *Phylloxera*. Chile, as well as isolated parts of Australia (Tasmania and Western Australia) thanks to strict biosecurity and quarantine restrictions. An interesting consequence of the *Phylloxera* epidemic is that some of the world’s oldest vines still producing grapes are right here in Australia, as opposed to their old-world homelands... who would have thought?

**Cheers,  
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## AUTHENTIC LOUISIANA CHORIZO AND PRAWN GUMBO

**This slightly spicy, hearty dish, with plump ocean prawns and smokey chorizo, is surprisingly simple to make and will have everyone at the table saying ‘mmmmm, yum’ whilst slurping it up in large spoonfuls.**

This is a perfect dish to prepare at this time of year as the cooler nights creep in, because although it is wonderfully warming and rich, it will leave you feeling light and heartily refreshed. No need to go to the effort of making chicken stock for this recipe, as these days a high-quality store-bought variety is a perfectly good substitute, or if needs be, you can even use a chicken stock cube.

**Did you know?** Gumbo is a thick dark stew or soup said to have derived from the word ‘*ki ngombo*’, which translates to ‘okra’ in many West African languages. The earliest recorded recipes for the dish include okra as a main ingredient, as okra and rice stews were common food staples of the early settlers to Louisiana. Devotees of okra-based gumbo love that sticky mouthfeel, as it thickens the gumbo and gives the stew body. This iconic dish has had many contributions from Native American, French, Spanish, and Caribbean people and has led to a fusion of culinary creativity that has all landed in one massive pot. The dish we know and love today is a source of culinary pride in Louisiana enjoyed by everyone.

**Chef Dylan Tip:** Do go to the effort of sourcing good quality prawns and chorizo, as doing so will make the dish a real stand out. Make sure to use risotto rice to give it the classic creamy mouthfeel of the okra. If you wanted to use normal rice, you could also thicken it with a classic roux of 30g butter and 30g flour.

### Downtown, Los Angeles 2018

“A cup of gumbo please” I request from the white haired African American lady who is looking at me with gentle, deep, chestnut-coloured eyes. Without a word, she opens the lid of her cart and expertly ladles me a portion into a large Styrofoam cup and then places a plastic spoon on top of the cup, held in place with a small, delicate, time-ravaged finger. Whilst passing it to me she says “T-ree dollars” with a thick Jamaican accent “Wud-ja like a lid?” she asks. “No thank you” I reply, taking the cup and spoon with one hand whilst handing over three crisp one-dollar notes into her outstretched hand. She takes them warily, seemingly suspicious as to why they look so new and fresh. “I just got them from the foreign

exchange” I stammer, somehow trying to convey genuinely that they are not counterfeit.

She quickly puts one to her nose and sniffs it; the scent seems to satisfy her, and she nods slightly, folds them over and places them in her jacket whilst simultaneously letting go of the cup. “Thank you”, I say and turn, relieved to be now looking for the Union Station exit... a grand old iconic Los Angeles landmark, and a vibrant symbol of downtown’s renaissance architecture. It’s also a dynamic destination for the arts, entertainment and culture. Union Station seems way more than a hustling, bustling transportation hub in the heart of the city – it’s as if it’s a gateway to culture.

Suddenly seeing a group of police walking towards me, dressed exactly like you see in the movies, with their sharp blue suits and special hat, I quip “Excuse me officers, I’m looking for the nearest exit. Can you point me in the right direction?” Obviously heading somewhere in a hurry, they simply ignore me and walk straight past me. I’m left standing there a little shocked and bemused but with steam still rising from the cup, I decide to turn left and then miraculously see the exit sign. I pass by huge glass windows like that of a church, and above me lurch large, exposed criss-crossed wooden beams showcasing the exquisite craftsmanship of the original builders, before finally strolling through the giant mosaic-tiled arched exit.

Upon exiting I come upon beautiful gardens, edged by towering Californian palm trees, slowly swaying in the foreground of a vast blue sky. I see the Californian flag blazed with a big brown bear, flapping in the gentle breeze. I spy some seating and instantly decide that here is the perfect place to enjoy one of my favourite pastimes, simply watching people go about their lives. I sit quietly sipping my now perfectly warm gumbo, awed by the fact I’m really here in LA. I pinch myself, the pain reminding me: no, this is not some fantastical dream.

This really is a simple and delicious way to add a little culture to your weekend meals, so go on, give it a go.

**Serves 2-4**  
**Prep Time 10mins**  
**Cook Time 15 mins**



### Ingredients

- 1 carrot, chopped into cubes
- 1 red onion, chopped 2cm cubes
- 4 garlic cloves, diced finely
- 1 green capsicum, chopped into 2 cm cubes
- 2 sprigs fresh thyme leaves
- Few sprigs of parsley, stalks and leaves separated
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 chorizo, halved & sliced 2cm cubes
- 50g butter
- 3 tablespoons Creole\*
- 1L chicken stock/broth
- 2 cups water
- 2/3 cup risotto rice
- 12 fresh banana prawns, peeled and deveined

\*Chef Dylan’s Gourmet Food Co. Creole marinade

### Method

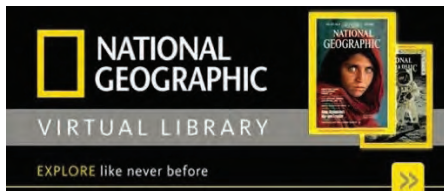
1. Heat oil in saucepan over high heat. Cook chorizo for 3 mins stirring.
2. Turn heat to medium add butter, veggies and gently fry for ~7 minutes.
3. Add Creole seasoning, cook for 1 minute, stirring.
4. Add stock and water. Cover with lid and bring to boil.
5. Turn heat to low, add rice to saucepan and stir to combine.
6. Cover with a lid and simmer for 10 minutes until rice is almost tender, stirring occasionally.
7. Add prawns. Cook for 3/4 minutes until just cooked.

### To serve

Ladle gumbo into serving bowls and garnish with chopped parsley and thyme leaves.



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*James Patterson, the author of Alex Cross and Women's Murder Club series, was the first-ever writer to exceed one million sales in ebooks.*

James Patterson achieved the one million mark in July 2010. Later that month, Amazon announced that Patterson's competitor – Stieg Larsson – has also sold over one million digital copies in his *Millennium* trilogy, making him the first one to sell more than 1 million paid Kindle books and enter Amazon's exclusive Kindle Million Club.

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Lily's daughter, Pauline, has been pushed to her limits by her demanding job, as well as the needs of her mother, husband, daughter and grandchildren. And now her mother is begging to die. Nurse aide Donna, still recovering from a dysfunctional childhood and the demise of her marriage, finds comfort in Lily's kindness and down to earth wisdom. As Lily fades, she asks Donna, too, to help her end her life.

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2. If you place an egg in water and it sinks to the bottom, what does it signify?
3. What percentage of a lightbulb's energy is wasted as heat?
4. What is the strange condition known as synaesthesia which affects some humans?
5. What kind of insect is a Small Postman?
6. What kind of optical device was invented by Roger Bacon in 1250?
7. Which aquatic creature makes the loudest sound of any living thing?
8. Due to their diet, which race of people has the lowest incidence of heart disease?
9. Dalmatian dogs tend to suffer from which congenital fault?
10. What is the speed required for a rocket to escape the Earth's gravity?
11. Where in the body is the cochlea?
12. Which of the senses is missing if you suffer from anosmia?
13. By how much does obesity increase your chances of developing some form of cancer?
14. What is the average resting heart beat rate in men?
15. What forerunner of a computer related instrument was invented by Douglas Engelbart in 1963?
16. What percentage of human blood is water?

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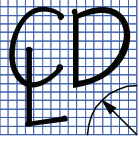
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gallery and arts hub. The Collective benefits from our association with the Brisbane Visual Arts Community (BVAC) and members participate in Brisbane and local arts events.

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

**TM BRIDGE CLUB** meets each Monday at 5.45pm, Wednesday at 1.15pm, Thursday at 12.45pm, Friday lesson at 1pm and Friday Social Game at 1.30pm. Beginners welcome. Tamborine Mountain Sports Complex, 400 Long Road. Enquiries 0444 592 189

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**TM LITTLE THEATRE:** Meetings held 1st Tuesday of month at 7.30pm at the Zamia Theatre. Regular plays, play readings & social events, movie club events. New members

welcome. Cath Buckley President [www.tmlt.com.au](http://www.tmlt.com.au).

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

**TM MASONIC LODGE:** Meets first Thursday each month, except December. Masonic Centre, 10 Knoll Road, North Tamborine. Contact 3273 3313.

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

**TM NATURAL HISTORY ASSOCIATION:** Birdwatchers – For further information call 5545 0995. **TM BUSHWALKERS,** find out about us on the TM Natural History Association website. New members welcome. Enquiries: 0439 869 125 or 0478 414 892. [www.naturalhistory.org.au](http://www.naturalhistory.org.au).

**TM NETBALL CLUB.** Contact Tracey 0438 575 662.

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

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

**TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN COMBINED PROBUS CLUB:** Meetings on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, 9.15 for a 9.30 start, starting on 15th June at the new Venue: Bridge Club, Sports Centre on Long Road. Please contact: President Christine Stewart – 0448 877 585

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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