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# SCENIC RIM EAT LOCAL WEEK RETURNS WITH A SMORGASBORD OF FRESH LOCAL FLAVOURS

From long lunches to farm gates, degustation dinners to picnics and so much more, the highly anticipated 2022 Scenic Rim Eat Local Week program is here!

More than 160 people, including local producers, gathered at Scenic Rim Farm Shop & Café last week to celebrate the launch of ticket sales for everyone's favourite regional food festival.

Mayor Greg Christensen said he can't wait to welcome locals and visitors back for this much-loved food festival.

"Now in its 11th year, Scenic Rim Eat Local Week is back with more than 125 events to sink your teeth into from 25th June to 3rd July, including the signature Winter Harvest Festival on Saturday 2nd July" he said.

"With COVID-19 disrupting Eat Local Week events over the past two years and robbing us of our iconic Winter Harvest Festival, the event's return in 2022 is sure to be an epic celebration of our exceptional food and drink, our passionate producers and our resilient community.

"Plus, we have a special reason to celebrate this year, with Scenic Rim announced as one of the Top 10 Regions to visit in 2022 by global travel authority Lonely Planet, so there's never been a better time to visit and taste your way around the region."

Division 1 Councillor Derek Swanborough said Tamborine Mountain is set to come alive with events in celebration of its talented local producers.

"Whether you like to wine and dine, pair a relaxing picnic with spectacular views, or even learn something new in the kitchen, you'll find something for everything this Scenic Rim Eat Local Week," he said.

"Go behind the scenes and learn from the head distiller at Tamborine Mountain Distillery and Meet the Winemaker at Witches Falls Winery to be guided through a wine tasting.

"Celebrate Christmas in July at the Rainforest Restaurant, ignite all your senses for 'An Evening at the Tamborine Mountain Coffee Plantation' with a multicourse dinner or treat yourself to a Picnic Real Food Bar picnic box to enjoy wherever the Scenic Rim roads lead you."

Division 2 Councillor Jeff McConnell said Scenic Rim Eat Local Week is the perfect celebration of supporting local.

Twilight Sedation Teeth Whitening "We're fortunate to have so many incredible producers right on our doorstep and Eat Local Week is the ultimate opportunity to go beyond the farm gate, meet the growers and learn where your food really comes from," he said.

"If you want to try a little bit of everything, don't miss the fanfavourite Winter Harvest Festival in Aratula where you can stock up on produce, test your strength in the Tractor Pulling Competition and keep the whole family entertained with rides, activities and cooking demonstrations.

"No matter your taste, I guarantee there's something for you in the Scenic Rim so get in quick, book your tickets and I can't wait to see you soon."

Tamborine Mountain Distillery General Manager, Gordon Chalmers, said Scenic Rim Eat Local Week is an opportunity for locals and tourists alike to go behind the scenes of Queensland's oldest craft distillery.

"We love throwing our doors open all week and celebrating the connectivity between our business, local suppliers, the natural local botanicals in our drinks and our local environment – it's true agritourism at its best," he said.

"Scenic Rim Eat Local Week brings such a strong sense of belonging to so many local businesses, sharing in the pride of our region and acting as a gateway for visitors to explore everything the Scenic Rim has to offer.

"We'll be hosting a variety of tours throughout the week where you can get a backstage pass to the distillery, learn about our production process, and taste our range of liqueurs and spirits. Be sure to book your tickets as we can't wait to welcome you during Scenic Rim Eat Local Week."

Scenic Rim Eat Local Week is proudly supported by Tourism and Events Queensland, Brisbane Economic Development Agency, *The Courier Mail*, Urban Utilities, Kalfresh Vegetables, Moffatt Fresh Produce and Community Bank Kalbar and District.

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TM Universe will be presenting in five parts, the latest developments and the essentials of astronomy: from black holes to moon landings, and from dark matter to the Zodiac. Each session will be highly interactive, so please bring your mobile phone with you.

Members of TM Universe are asked for a gold coin donation, the cost to non-members is \$15 per session. Booking is required via the online shop (use the QR code at the bottom of the page).

### Part 1: Sat 14 May, 3-5pm

The sun's annual movement through the sky; what are the zenith and the analemma; the start of an art competition to create a 6 metre-diameter analemmatic sun dial; sun telescopes and the foreseen purchase of one.

### Part 2: Sun 12 June, 3-5pm

The sun and the stars. How does the sun operate and how are stars born? Space missions to the sun, and a tiny bit of relativity and Einstein.

### Part 3: Sun 9 July, 3-5pm

The universe, galaxies and clusters. How fast do we move through space and what is the value of the recently launched James Webb Space telescope? We discuss aspects of indigenous astronomy.

### Part 4: Sun 14 August, 3-5pm

Planets and exoplanets and the search for life in the universe... Are we alone? Has water been found? What are the results of current space missions?

### Part 5: Sun 11 September, 3-5pm

How was the moon born? What is the Artemis mission that will bring people back to the moon? And what can we observe with binoculars and small telescopes on the surface of the moon?

If you attend all five meetings, you will receive a participation certificate, and a free copy of *Green Island in the Sky* (RRP \$40). The sessions are at a level accessible to anyone with an interest in astronomy. Recommended for 12 years-old and up.

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**Peter Kuttner** 

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Tuesday 17 May | 10am-11am

### PEAK CROSSING HALL

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### KALBAR CIVIC CENTRE

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### RATHDOWNEY POST OFFICE Thursday 26 May | 10am-11am

**TAMBORINE MEMORIAL HALL** Friday 27 May | 10am-11am

### KOORALBYN MEN'S SHED

Wednesday 1 June | 10am-11am

#### ARATULA SCHOOL

Friday 3 June | 2pm-3pm

### BEECHMONT OLD SCHOOL

Wednesday 8 June | 10am-11am



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Canungra | Mondays Beaudesert | Tuesdays Boonah | Wednesdays

Tamborine Mountain | Thursdays

### STORYTIME SESSIONS AT THE LIBRARIES

Bookings are essential as space and number limits apply. **Beaudesert** | Tuesday 9.30am | Wednesday 9.30am

Boonah | Monday 10am | Friday 10am

Tamborine Mountain

Storytime for two to five-year-olds | Monday 9.15am
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Kalbar | Thursday 19 May | 9.30am

Tamborine Village | Tuesday 24 May | 9.30am

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Beechmont | Thursday 2 June | 9.30am

Canungra | Wednesday 8 June | 9.30am

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11.30 - 12.30 7-13 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

1 - 1.30 33 Justin Avenue

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### SCOTT BUCHHOLZ SEEKING FOURTH TERM



Scott Buchholz was the inaugural Member for Wright in 2010 and has held his seat in every election since then.

He is the Assistant Minister for Road Safety and Freight Transport and was one of the longestserving members of the House of Representatives Committee on Economics.

Before entering parliament, he worked as a ringer in the cattle industry and as a manager in the agri-finance business, before becoming a successful owner-operator in the transport industry.

Born in Rockhampton in 1968, Mr Buchholz has been involved in politics since the age of 18.

"I appreciate the tremendous support I have received during my four terms in Parliament and in the run-up to this election I am campaigning strongly right across our diverse electorate - from Tamborine Mountain and the Scenic Rim to the Lockyer Valley and the suburbs of Logan City and the Gold Coast," he said.

Mr Buchholz said two key priorities he outlined in his maiden speech in Parliament remained a core focus of his work today:

- creating an economic environment that puts more money in the pockets of hardworking mums and dads each week, and
- making small business more profitable by reducing government red tape.

"Despite the biggest economic shock to Australia since the Great Depression due to the coronavirus and a succession of natural disasters, the Morrison LNP Government has delivered for our country and community," said Mr Buchholz.





### JON KRAUSE MP

**State Member for Scenic Rim** 

### QUEENSLAND HEALTH CRISIS

New figures have revealed Queensland's ambulance ramping rate - 38% across the state - is the highest in Australia. Patients are suffering as a result. It means that 38% of all arrivals at Queensland hospitals wait longer than they should to be taken into hospital, and it also means that those ambulances that are stuck on ramps cannot be dispatched to help other people in need. This affects areas like the Scenic Rim so much more, because getting another ambulance (one that is not ramped) takes longer because of the distance from our towns to the major hospitals where ambulances get stuck. On both counts, this is extremely serious. I want to thank all doctors, nurses and other health professionals for the sterling job they do. They are highly skilled and diligent people. They do a terrific job in a system that is not working for anybody the way it should - a system that needs fixing.

We need – and deserve – a health system that is able to treat Queenslanders in their hour of need. Unfortunately, things are not heading in the right direction. Recent information released shows 17 hospitals across the state have recorded increases in ambulance ramping, with almost one in every two patients at the Gold Coast University Hospital being left on stretchers, in corridors and hallways for longer than 30 minutes.

On the other side of the Scenic Rim Electorate in Ipswich, LNP Leader David Crisafulli and Shadow Minister for Health and Ambulance Services Ros Bates held a 'townhall meeting' recently to hear from locals and health professionals about the health crisis. Ipswich Hospital has the worst ambulance ramping in the state, with 56% of patients who arrive in ambulances waiting longer than they should for treatment. Stories were heard from Queenslanders waiting hours for emergency treatment and from locals who have been on the surgery waiting list for years.

The Labor Government urgently needs to find a plan to fix Queensland's hospitals, because these new figures are deeply concerning. Queenslanders have seen the images of ambos and police queued up at hospitals and heard the stories from patients being forced to wait hours for care. Lives are on the line here, and the State must start listening to Queenslanders, acknowledge there is a problem and make changes to fix this issue.

### SCENIC RIM ELECTORATE OFFICE

You can contact me by phone, toll-free, on **1800 813 960**, or email **scenicrim@parliament.qld.gov.au**, so I can lobby on your behalf in Brisbane. In an electorate as large as the Scenic Rim, there are lots of issues and I appreciate your feedback that helps me do my job as well as possible.



# MEMBERS WELCOME INSIGHTFUL AND FASCINATING UPDATE



The Probus Club in April welcomed Guest Speaker Colonel Arran Hassell CSC, Assistant Commander – Training, Headquarters 11 Brigade.

Colonel Hassell was born and raised in country Victoria. He is also a member of Tamborine Mountain Returned and Services League and has previously been the Vice-President of the Tamborine Mountain Sports Association and a coach of a Tamborine Mountain junior cricket team. Colonel Hassell enjoys running, kayaking, cricket and reading; together with his wife, they enjoy travel, bushwalking and time with family.

Arran provided our members with a very interesting and informative talk about what is happening around the globe from a military perspective.

In particular, he spoke about Australia's involvement in Afghanistan, the reasons for our 20-year commitment, and our need to maintain strong connections with the USA for our future national security.

He also spoke of the conflict in Ukraine, the global response and his assessment of further Russian operations. He concluded by discussing increasing security challenges in the Indo-Pacific region with the emergence of China as a global and regional power.

We welcome any new potential members to attend our general meetings on the 3rd Wednesday of the Month, at the Vonda Youngman Community Centre from 10-12.

Contact Bob Hepple at bob.hepple@gmail.com or on 0411 776 888 for more information.

**Barry Chick** 



# Letters to the Editor

# TO ALL WHO HAVE CONCERNS FOR THE WELFARE OF OUR COMMUNITY

I am writing this open letter to address my concerns about the current housing crisis and the impact it is having in my community of Tamborine Mountain, and no doubt across the Scenic Rim.

Recently I became aware that rentals on the mountain have increased to a level no longer affordable for people on an average income, also that the shortage of stock means that potential renters are often giving a year's rent in advance in order to secure the rental.

While the focus seems to be on sustainability of the tourism sector, this skews adequate service being provided to the community, and that 'community' means all those who are living in the Scenic Rim not just businesses and ratepayers.

Too often I hear stories in this community of people living in their cars or caravans or being forced to move away from the Mountain and the Scenic Rim, as they can no longer afford to pay the rents now being asked.

As a representative of the arts community who has lived on Tamborine Mountain for over 30 years, I fear the loss of diversity, vibrancy, creative talent, community contribution and custodianship that comes with gentrification.

My experience of the rental market on Tamborine Mountain over a 20-year

period meant that I could, during that time, raise my family in a creative, community environment and continue to contribute as so many others have, to the development of a caring, creative community.

Might we consider planning for Tiny Houses, micro homes and other affordable housing solutions on the Mountain so that an area could be zoned accordingly, providing the requisite amenity and services to those who could afford to live in a tiny house? This would indeed encourage more diversity in our community, provide an entry point into our community for young people, creatives and those who are not able to buy or rent in the increasingly costly housing market.

Let us think laterally about this issue. Consider the contribution of young people in shaping the vibrancy of our region. Consider housing designed in a more environmentally sustainable manner than the surrounding house farms that plague the edges of our cities, where design leads to social problems for the future.

A housing crisis is a social crisis we all are responsible for. As an important representative for our community, I look forward to hearing from you about a meeting to discuss what might be done to mitigate the current housing crisis in our region.

**Bronwyn Davies** 



Tamborine Mountain's The Polish Place last week was host to an enthusiastic group of visitors from the Ukrainian Community Centre of Queensland (based in Brisbane), to sample the famous cuisine and hospitality, and to give thanks to the Polish community for helping to relocate Ukrainian refugees.

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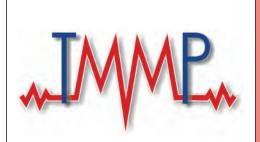
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### SANNE KREIJKAMP-KASPERS

Space, nature and sunshine were the three reasons why Sanne and her husband Jaap decided to move from The Netherlands to Australia, back in 2007. Editor Jaap Vogel asked the GP of TM Medical Practice how they ended up on Tamborine Mountain.

"I found work in Mackay, so that is where we moved first. While the work was appealing, the area was not, and in 2010 we moved with our sons to the Mountain. I could continue with my job at Bond University, and the Mountain offered good schools for the boys. They both have now enrolled at schools at the Gold Coast, so Jaap has to drive them up and down every day. But Jaap works from home, so that is also no problem.

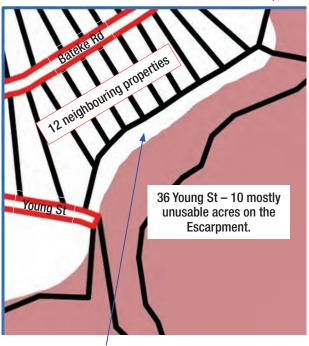
"The sun, space and nature were decisive factors to move to Australia. But it is a draining and very costly process to transfer the Dutch licence as a GP doctor to an Australian one. Since the affair with Dr Patel, and other problematic cases, the Government has been very cautious. That is understandable, but it does not help to solve the shortage of doctors.

"We all love it here in Australia and on the Mountain. No, we don't think about going home, because we are already home. Being involved in the Orchestra also helps a lot; I'm currently the President. And then there is the space: our chook-pen is  $100m^2$  – that is the same size as the house we had in The Netherlands. We love the space and the community, and of course the walks in the national parks: how good is it to have a park like Palm Grove right on your doorstep?"

### IT'S JUST A MATTER OF ENGINEERING AND COST – unless the planning department 'relaxes' the rules...

### A POOR START TO OUR GROWTH MANAGEMENT STRATEGY!

With its Growth Management Strategy causing concern for residents over loss of lifestyle amenity and our unique landscape character, the Planning Department's ongoing advocacy for overdevelopment in a current case must surely sound the alarm. The case is MCU20/077 – 10 'naturebased tourism' cabins at 36 Young St.



The 10 acre block is mostly unusable, being mainly within the high-risk landslip zone (brown shading) – leaving a thin sliver of developable land (arrow) with 12 neighbouring properties. The developer wants the maximum number of cabins which may be allowed under the Planning Scheme – the same allowance as a 10 acre 'usable' block with no existing approvals.

However, there is already substantial existing development at 36 Young St, consisting of 4 approved uses:

- A 3-bedroom dwelling
- A 3-bedroom B&B
- A 40-person function room
- An agricultural business.

The additional 10 proposed cabins will be the 5th use. Yet more additional uses are foreshadowed in the application, apparently with **Planning Department compliance** as it has included 'Future Intensification' (which may not be subject to public consultation) in its recommendation to Councillors. How much more intense can it get? See comments below re: the inadequacy of the proposed wastewater system. All this bodes ill for 'Growth Management' consistent with the natural image of Tamborine Mountain - which image has attracted worldwide attention.

# All current and proposed structures will be in an area a mere ~ 180m x 25m.

To squeeze the 10 cabins into what remains of the tiny usable area, the Developer seeks (with Planning Department support) to substantially violate the 'minimum 20m setback where involving tourism activities' stipulated in the Planning Scheme

 resulting in cars parked at neighbours' boundaries with cabins close by (conveniently near the 40-person function room). The Planning Manager advised Councillors during an 8 Feb meeting (transcript available) that the cabins could likely be built at the 20m setback (placing most of them further into the high-risk landslide zone), stating 'in nearly all cases there is a technical engineering solution to it... but sometimes the cost of doing it is higher... but it's not common that the structure itself couldn't go ahead' and that the Planning Department was avoiding the situation where 'geotech becomes too difficult and

too costly' (for the Developer).

But why are Council officers even considering reducing the *minimum* 20m setback to favour the Developer – to the conceded detriment of neighbours? Planners (should) know they cannot consider developers' costs when assessing a proposal, yet the Planning Department persists in advocating an uncompliant plan over residents' reasonable expectations that the content of the Planning Scheme will be <u>actually</u> applied.

Despite the application being lodged in 2020, planners have failed to act in respect of non-compliance with numerous other planning criteria, submitting the Developer's plans unchanged for Councillors' approval – stating that the application was 'generally compliant' at the same time acknowledging the substantial negative impacts on neighbours.

Community concern doesn't stop there. The Developer's own engineer has acknowledged that the project's small wastewater system would likely fail if its capacity was regularly exceeded. This system was included because a larger system was 'unlikely to be approved' and would trigger State Government Environmental Assessment. This inadequate system was 'justified' using the Developer's unenforceable 'business plan' based on hypothetical and reduced guest numbers instead of full occupancy figures. System failure will result in poorly treated or untreated

### sewage on the Escarpment.

Yet still the Planning Department advocates the proposal - as it did when it was advised some cabins were in the high-risk landslide zone despite 'nature-based' tourism being a prohibited use in that zone with its establishment or expansion to be avoided near that zone. In the 1981 Willmott Report, on which Council's Landslide Hazard Code is based, building is not recommended within 15 to 20 metres of the plateau edge due to inherent instability along the edge, yet the Planning Department is recommending approval of cabins positioned 'on the edge' and within the high risk landslide zone, in contradiction with the Planning Scheme and Council's stated commitment in its 2020 Fact Sheet, to a Duty of Care to protect people, property and the environment from the risk of landslide!

Alarm bells must be ringing by now for all Tamborine Mountain residents concerned about inappropriate development. The Planning Manager has scoffed at the concerns of residents and the community, stating that 200 objections to the Young Street development were 'negligible'. It appears that development trumps all other concerns including negative effects on our lifestyle and on our unique environment.

The Planning Department's prodevelopment stance also disregards the Strategic Framework 2020 - the document which prevails over and directs how the Planning Scheme is applied and which acknowledges the differences between SRRC regions when considering 'appropriate' development. For the Escarpment Protection Zone relevant to 36 Young Street, the Intent of the Scheme is clear, repetitive, and unambiguous - low intensity/density development which avoids impacts on neighbouring properties may be considered on appropriately sized blocks in accordance with community aspirations. This proposal fails all these criteria but is still recommended by the Planning Department. A case of development for its own sake? Revenue over residents?

Via its long-term advocacy of this proposal, the Planning Department has indicated its preparedness to disregard both the Strategic Framework and the unique nature of Tamborine Mountain – the reason most residents choose to live here. Given that Growth Management is a reality, a 'development regardless' Planning Department that deliberately ignores its own planning framework in favour of developers and development has the potential, unchecked, for irremediable harm.

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It's common knowledge that the yogis of old used to measure the youth of a student as to how flexible their spine was, the posture of that student and how they moved through space, the ability of that student to balance and if that that student still had all their faculties: sight, hearing, smell, taste and mind. And the key to having this youthful body and mind was a strong, supported spine. Even though we think of the spine as one of the primary supporting structures for our body, it is also the basis of our individual consciousness, as the nerve cells within the spine carry all the nerve signals that are required to sustain our waking, dreaming and sleeping states of being. Your spine is living tissue, and it rejuvenates itself by constantly breaking down and rebuilding.

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There are many things we need to do in life that are quicker and less complicated when we do them independently. Some tasks necessitate this. The ability to work independently is an essential skill. But even in our individual pursuits, behind the scenes another's input has equipped us along the way. In 1623 John Donne famously wrote "No man is an island, entire of itself; every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main". For every time an athlete achieves a faster record, there is a support system that has made this possible. The brief journey from the starting line to the finish line is completed alone but the long journey to get to that point is a combined effort. To quote Dolly and Kenny, we are islands that rely on each other.

From a career perspective, research has found that those who continue to flourish in their chosen professions refer to the important contribution of a few well-chosen colleagues. Peer support is an important facet of the helping professions where peers meet together to collaborate, support and challenge one another on their work and development. Without collaboration we cannot create generative dialogue together. This is dialogue that listens and explores in a way that generates new understanding, new knowledge and new capabilities.

We live in an increasingly complex, interconnected and interdependent world. Many of our issues and challenges lie not so much in individuals but in the connections between us. When a rupture with another person occurs, going it alone seems an easier option. It may be a quick fix solution, but in the long-term you will be limited in how far you can go. Rupture fixing is an uncomfortable process that involves confrontation, vulnerability and humility. However, it reaps long-term benefits, whether it be with a colleague, family member, neighbour or friend. At some point in your journey, you will encounter a bump in the road where you will appreciate the presence of a travel buddy who can offer a hand up, encouraging you back on track and, likewise, they will appreciate your support.

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# Physio Talk



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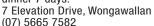


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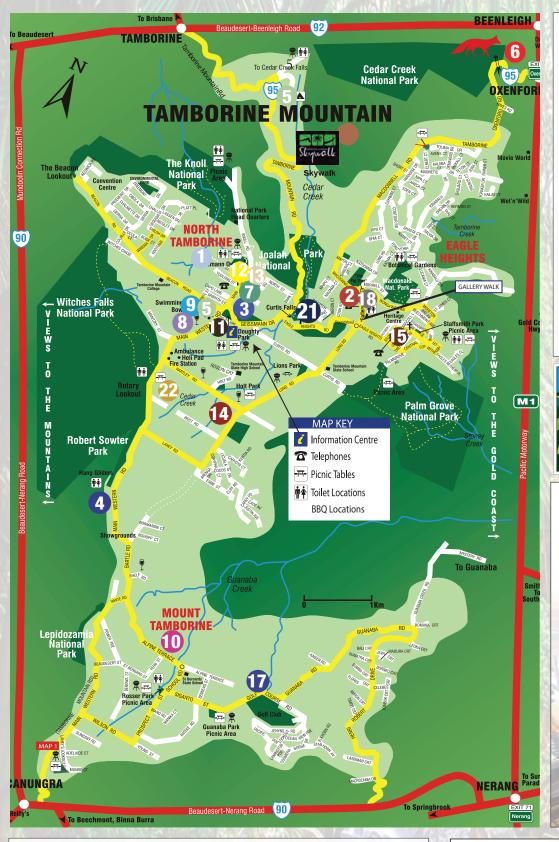
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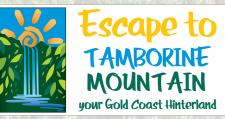
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### STRONG SHOWING FROM LOCALS A HIGHLIGHT AT ONE DAY EVENT

**Tamborine Pony Club recently hosted their annual Official** and Unofficial One Day Event which is the Club's main event of the year. There were riders from 26 clubs, with the farthest north being from Gympie, farthest west from Toowoomba and the farthest south being from Bangalow. NSW. Some riders were after the elusive Q so they could qualify for the upcoming PCQ State Championships at Maryborough, while most were improving their skills within the three disciplines and enjoying their love of the sport.

The competition was well attended, with 89 horses. It is a busy day, with riders doing the three phases of the competition: dressage, cross-country and showjumping. The use of tablets in the dressage has certainly eased the pressure of those involved in scoring. However, the 22 crosscountry stewards who recorded the results of each rider around the cross-country course used paper: it is hoped that we will be doing this electronically in the next year or two. The competition ran well, with riders presenting themselves punctually to gear check, prior to each phase. Additionally, there were no serious accidents.

The cross-country phase of eventing is meant to be the most influential phase and it delivered, with some riders having jumping and/or time faults and some, unfortunately, being eliminated. Still, that is the challenge of this discipline, and they will school their horses to improve for the next competition.

It was also good to see some younger unofficial riders competing and gaining experience and confidence. Additionally, the sight of the more experienced riders competing was a pleasure and something to aspire to.

### Results were as follows:

- 13-U26Yrs 1\*: 1st Aleisha Lorensen, Gympie; 2nd Georgia Wheatley, West Toowoomba
- 13-U26Yrs Preliminary: 1st Frederick Reeve-Johnson,
- 13-U26Yrs Introductory: 1st Georgia Gent, Greenbank; 2nd Georgia Wheatley, West Toowoomba; 3rd Sinead Stewart, Redlands; 4th Amali Trama, Yandina; 5th Georgia Cronin, Pomona
- 13-U26Yrs Pre-Introductory: 1st Leila Alexander, Greenbank; 2nd Georgia Laird, Buderim; 3rd Anika Green. Greenbank; 4th Nikita Stewart, Wynnum; 5th Lucy Young,
- 12Yrs & U Introductory: 1st Arianna Sing, Jimboomba; 2nd Jessica Burger, Moggill
- 12Yrs & U Pre-Introductory: 1st Scarlett Landman, Jimboomba; 2nd Cassidy Sullivan, Maroochy; 3rd Jasmyn Locke, Mudgeeraba; 4th Annabelle Brown, Bangalow; 5th Eleanor Gray, Redlands

- Seniors (Unofficial): 1st Teagan Barrett, Waterford; 2nd Katherine Bryant, Waterford; 3rd Suzanne Newman, Southside; 4th Jessica Whittle, Southside
- Beginners (Unofficial): 1st Priya Mohrholz, Tamborine; 2nd Estelle Synott, Fassifern; 3rd Jasmine Carmichael, Jimboomba; 4th Isla Taylor, Burpengary; 5th Matilda Winn, Tamborine.

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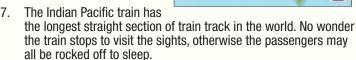
### TRAVELLING PLACES with Gina

### 10 Fun facts about Australia

Check out these fun and interesting facts about Australia. How many did you know? How many have you been to?

- 1. The Australian Alps get more snow than the Swiss Alps. If the current cold snap is a sign of things to come, then perhaps we should be booking our snow escape now!
- 90% of Australians live on the coast. No wonder we are water babies... It would take around 29 years to visit one new Aussie beach every day – there are 10,685 of them! When that cold wind blows do you head for Far North Queensland or Dark Mofo in Tasmania?
- Tasmania has the cleanest air in the world. No wonder the winters are cold and sightings of the southern Aurora Australis are magical.
- 4. The Great Barrier Reef is the largest ecosystem in the world. It is made up of nearly 3,000 individual reefs and can be seen from space. Snorkelling is fantastic and last year in one day I saw harmless white pointed reef sharks, turtles, stingrays, coral and of course wonderfully coloured fish, including Nemo! Where? Lady Musgrave in the southern Reef and fabulous Lizard Island northeast of Cairns. Enjoy a reef escape on Lady Elliott or Orpheus Island off Townsville.
- Australia has over 60 separate wine regions. Apart from our own Tamborine Mountain wineries, there are so many tempting cellar doors. I am writing from South Australia and nearby are the Adelaide Hills, The Barossa, McLaren Vale, and where we are heading: the Clare Valley.
- K'Gari or Fraser Island is the largest sand island in the world.
   This World Heritage site has fantastic forests, an inland lake that

is a remarkable translucent blue, and if the tide is right you can head up the oceanside river area and see more stingrays than you can possibly imagine, before heading to the white silicon beach for a swim.



- 8. 5 km of Uluru is underground. This extraordinary monolith in central Australia really must be visited by all of us. Don't miss nearby Kata Juta and beautiful Kings Canyon.
- The first Police Force in Australia was made up of the most wellbehaved convicts. I was recently in Sydney and took a guided walking tour around The Rocks – what fun tales Michael told while we learnt so much of Australia's early history.
- 10. Australia has 19 World Heritage Listed sites. How many have you visited?

Well, the borders are open and we are all travelling. Interestingly, according to Deloitte Economics about 40% of Australians are keen to head off overseas – and we are, international flights are busy. Most of us though are keen to stay close to home. If you are planning a trip near or far, I urge you to book sooner rather than later, I can't tell you how many people are leaving it until the last minute and finding out everything is full.

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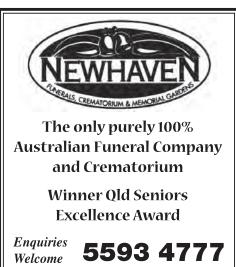


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**Did you know?** The word 'pakora' is derived from Sanskrit word 'pakvavata', a compound of root words 'pakva' meaning cooked and 'vata' meaning cooked in lumps.

Chef Dylan tips: Use a vegetable oil like canola, coconut or even avocado as they have a high smoke point. Other oils such as olive oil should not be heated in such a way and should instead be used for salad dressings or as a garnish. For perfectly crisp pakora cook over medium heat to ensure that the vegetables are well cooked. If the oil isn't hot enough, the pakora will absorb too much oil and be greasy. Alternatively, if the temperature is too high, the pakora will darken on the exterior but may not adequately cook on the inside. To check if the oil is ready for frying, add 1 to 2 small spoonfuls of batter. The batter should sizzle and come up to the surface quickly and your oil is hot enough to begin frying.

Agra, India 2013 Standing on the rooftop of our hotel, far from the crowded streets and chaos below, the cool air on my skin I feel a certain calm and peace as the twilight before darkness descends. In the distance the cloudless sky is turning a pale pink and orange after the sun creeps below a thick band of smog and dust. I gaze towards the marsh-lined foreground, and behold the jewel of Northern India, the majestic Taj Mahal. A sparkling ivory-white marble mausoleum nestled on the banks of the snaking Yamuna River.

Turning to my darling I say, "I can't wait to see you in your sari when we visit tomorrow". "Yes, I can't wait to wake up and see it up close in real life" she replies. "I still can't quite believe we're here. It seems so surreal" I say now pointing. "Just there. One of the seven wonders of the ancient world". "Marvellous, isn't it?" I

hear a voice say behind me and I turn and see Sanjib the young hotel manager smiling broadly showing off his iridescent smile. He continues "It's a declaration by the Emperor Shah Jahan to immortalise his most loved wife, Mumtaz Mahal. She died tragically during childbirth and it's a monument of his love, isn't it"? "It's an incredible story" I say impressed.

"Please follow me." he asks as he makes his way poolside, arriving with arms wide, he proudly states "Your table is ready" whilst simultaneously pulling out a chair each and gesturing for us to sit. "Will the Doctor and his wife be joining you this evening sir?" He asks. "Yes, but not for another half an hour" I reply. "No problem" says Sanjib wobbling his head from side to side in agreement. "May I suggest you start with a snack while you wait? It's one of our specialities, a plate of pakora perhaps?". "That sounds like a splendid idea Sanjib, thank you" I reply. "Can I also order two ice cold Cobras to accompany it?". "It will be my pleasure sir" as he turns to make his way back inside, head still wobbling.

Moments later he returns with the two beers and glasses, open and ready to pour at the table. "Enjoy sir, madam, I'll be back with the food in a moment, they are preparing it now" he winks and disappears. I hold up my beer and say "Cheers!". "To living the dream!" declares my sweetheart. The two glasses clink and whilst the ice-cold nectar of the gods quenches my thirst, I delight in seeing Sanjib coming towards our table. He's holding a plate of small spicy fritters accompanied by some irresistible Indian accompaniments: "You enjoy very much" he tells us.

The very best way to enjoy these pakora is fresh. I personally love them with my Shaka Zulu sauce or even tomato sauce, but any kind of chutney will add extra flavour.

Prep time 10 mins Cook time 20 mins Serves 2-4

#### Ingredients

- 1 cup besan flour
- 2 cups baby spinach leaves, chopped
- 1/2 onion, diced
- 2 tbs garam masala



- 1 tbs sesame seeds
- 1/2 cup water
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 Itr Canola oil (for deep frying)
- 2 tbsps Shaka Zulu sauce\*

\*Chef Dylan's Gourmet Food Co. Shaka Zulu peri peri sauce

### Making the batter

- Rinse the spinach leaves very well.
   Drain the excess water in a colander or strainer. Finely chop the spinach leaves.
- 2. In a bowl add the finely chopped spinach leaves and chopped onions.
- 3. Add the garam masala and the sesame seeds.
- 4. Next add besan and salt to taste.
- Mix all the ingredients very well and set aside for 5 minutes.
- First add ½ cup of water in parts.
   Remember the spinach and onions will leave water once they are mixed with salt and the spice powders. So be careful while adding water.
- 7. If the batter is still thick, then add some more water
- 8. Mix very well. Add water as required to make a medium consistency batter.

### **Frying**

- 1. Heat oil in a large pot. When the oil is medium hot, drop spoonfuls of the pakora batter in the oil (to test).
- Fry the pakora in batches until they become pale golden. Then turn over and fry the other side.
- 3. Turn over a couple of times and fry all the pakora until they are crisp and golden.
- Remove them with a slotted spoon.
   Drain them on kitchen paper towels to remove extra oil.

Serve up with a bowl of dipping sauce. Use my Shaka Zulu, an Indian chutney and yoghurt or any sauce of your choice.

## **NON-EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORT-SUBSIDY, PART 2 (of 3)**

In the previous article in this series of three information was given about accessing support for transport to medical facilities off the mountain. An overview is provided in the diagram. This week the Ambulance service and the Patient Travel Subsidy Scheme (PTSS) are explained. Information was provided by Dr. Jan Zomerdijk and the Rotary.

### **Queensland Ambulance Service**

The ambulance might be of support, thanks to a scheme called 'Patient Transport Services' (PTS). To use the Ambulance service, you have to meet at least one of the following criteria:

- 1. you need stretcher transport
- you need active management or monitoring while travelling
- you have a condition that would cause you embarrassment or be of serious concern to other people on public transport.

Examples of people who could be eligible are chemotherapy, radiotherapy or other oncology patients. Also, patients who need renal dialysis, might use this service.

Patients with physical disabilities might fit the criteria, but most of them have access to subsidised travel arrangements via NDIS or Taxi Subsidy Scheme.

In addition to these groups of patients, medical practitioners can assess that patients need this form of transport, on a case-by-case basis. The criteria are also accessible at the Ambulance website:www.ambulance.qld.gov.au/transport\_eliqibility.html

In case you are using the Ambulance service, it is advised that you are ready in time for pick up and that you don't have luggage over 10kg. For non-emergency transport, you always need to have an authorised transport request, signed by your doctor. The service is free of charge.

### Patient Travel Subsidy Scheme (PTSS).

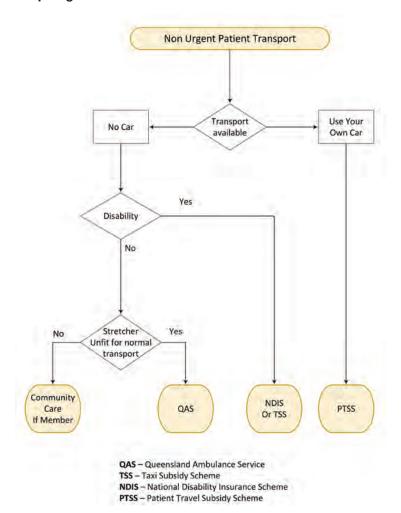
Patients from Tamborine Mountain can apply for PTSS to travel to specialist medical services not available at their local public hospital or health facility. But the process is not easy. The bad news is that the rules and regulations are so complicated that it is impossible to summarize them in a newspaper article. The good news is, on the other hand, that it is all available at the website of Queensland Health (www.qld.gov.au/health/services/travel/subsidies) and that the Beaudesert Hospital can inform you as well. The essence of the Scheme is that it assists patients with travel and accommodation costs of accessing specialist

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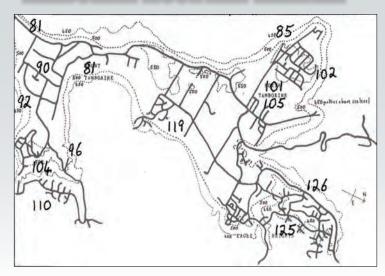
The easiest way to find out about your eligibility is to call Rachel Reeves or Pauline Wesley at the Beaudesert Hospital, even if you inquire about a service at the Gold Coast. All requests from Tamborine Mountain are processed in the Beaudesert Hospital. Email **bdhpatienttravel@health.qld. gov.au,** phone 07-5541-9218 (direct) or 5541-9111.

In the next article about Non-Emergency Medical Transport in next week's *Scenic News*, support for accommodation costs, and subsidies for the use of taxi services will be explained.

#### Jaap Vogel



### TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN RAINFALL



### **APRIL 2022**

Well, contrary to expectations and my report last month, we're still here and will be for the next couple of months.

Rainfall for April for Fern St was 89.5mm which lies between the expected of 82mm and the average of 130mm. The chart shows rather higher falls to the east and north.

Rainfalls recorded on the 8th, 9th & 10th were due to convergence between high pressure from a southern high and the low pressure off the coast being the remains of a cyclone drifting south off shore. Showery conditions continued for a week from the east. Then heavier rain fell for 4 days. It was also due to convergence but this time between the SE ridge of high pressure and the inland heat

low over the north of the continent.

Light showers continued to the end of the month probably due to the environment of SE corner of Queensland being so wet that

the environment of SE corner of Queensland being so wet that relative humidity was always only a few degrees above the dew point. Any cooling then produced cloud and rain.

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- 3. In which year did Damon Hill win the Formula One World Championship?
- 4. Morpheus was the Greek god of what?
- 5. What is the technical medical term for blood poisoning?
- 6. Lambeth Palace is the official residence of which church leader?
- 7. Which acid is secreted by certain kinds of ant?
- 8. In which country is the Plain of Sharon?
- 9. Which South American capital city's name translates as 'I see the mountain'?
- 10. What was the name of the 'wonder horse' who had a TV series in the 1950s?
- 11. Psychiatrist Carl Jung was a native of which country?

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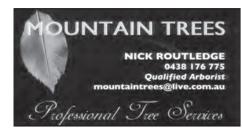
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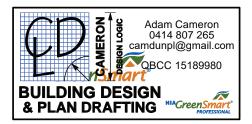
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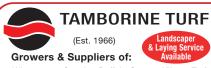
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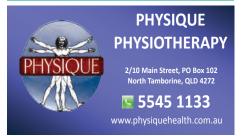
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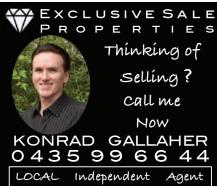
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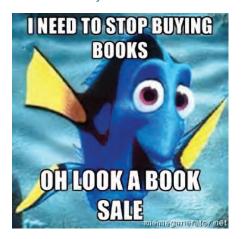


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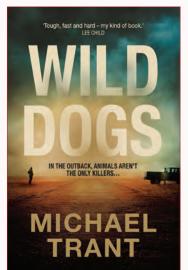
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This library was part of a larger research institution called the Mouseion, which was dedicated to the Muses, the nine goddesses of the arts during the reign of Ptolemy II Philadelphus. The Library quickly acquired many papyrus scrolls, possibly ranging from 40,000 to 400,000 at its height. The library began to decline starting with Ptolemy VIII in 145 BC, who appointed a palace guard as head librarian as a political favour. The Library, or part of its collection, may have been accidentally burned during Caesar's Civil War in 48 BC, but it is unclear how much was actually destroyed. While Plutarch relates that the entire library was destroyed, Dio Cassius says that only the storehouses along the docks containing great numbers of books were destroyed. Given numerous accounts of the library's use in the Roman period, it is likely however that the entire library was not destroyed. Casson concludes that the library was likely destroyed by Aurelian in 270 AD, during the Palmyran war, when the entire city was destroyed.

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