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IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT YOU...

Having endured a solid week of extremely challenging weather conditions in South East Queensland (and now less than five weeks out from the shortest day of the year), it may be a good time to remind road users of their obligations - under the law, as well as to common sense - that turning on your lights in low-visibility conditions is of great importance. 'Lights on' means that you can be seen by others, and is vitally important for safety. Story page 3. Photo: G. Ellen



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Vehicle colour trends change annually but currently grey, black and white are the most popular. Problem is that many drivers are not turning on their headlights, which means that to the average driver, your car is difficult to see, even in daylight.

Qld Transport's rules for the road state: You must have your headlights, taillights, and number plate lights on when you drive at night (between sunset and sunrise), or in bad weather that causes reduced visibility (such as heavy rain and fog).

"In ideal conditions you should leave at least two seconds behind the vehicle in front of you," the Department says. "If the conditions are poor or you're towing a trailer or caravan, you should increase your following distance."

SAFETY TIPS FOR FOG AND RAIN

Always use your headlights, but never your brights. A major mistake people make while driving through fog is using the high beam. Fog is like a mist. It's made up of tiny water particles that will bounce light. Using the high beam will only make the situation worse, as light bounces far too much. However, driving without your lights turned on is just as dangerous. Your low beams will alert drivers of your presence. With your lights on, your taillights will be on for anyone behind you.

Slow down and keep your distance. You should treat fog and rain with the same care. Roads can be slippery, the loss in visibility means you will have reduced reaction time. Anything can be lurking including people, cars, and wildlife. To avoid any surprises, slow down and watch carefully for obstacles.

Pay attention to everything around you. A common trap that drivers often fall into is that they focus too much on the taillights of the car in front of them. While this can be helpful when you are following someone, you become tunnelvisioned to everything else. What if a wallaby is about to cross? Look well ahead, and scan constantly.

It's best to remember that everyone is likely having difficulty seeing. If you decide to pull over, get as far away as you

safely can. Make sure you turn on your hazards so others can spot you. Without your hazards on, the chances of a car not seeing you and hitting you is very high.

Your safety is much more important than getting to your destination on time.

Reminder: When should you put your car lights on?

Use headlights when visibility is 'seriously reduced'. Use fog lights when visibility is reduced to less than 100m by fog or spray. Use dipped beam headlights to avoid dazzling other road users when driving at night. Use full beam headlights at night when the road ahead is completely clear.

Always remember that without your lights on, drivers of other vehicles cannot see you, and that's when accidents happen - and if you are speeding as well, that's a disaster waiting to happen. Slow down, put your lights on and take care.



HANG ON TO YOUR HATS... BUT DON'T HOLD YOUR BREATH





At the risk of sounding like the proverbial squeaky wheel, the past week's unrelenting rain has opened up a multitude of potholes that are now in danger of graduating to expensive axle-breakers.

The process is simple: spot the pothole, advise Council of the road defect, then sit back and wait. Road crews may attend within any timeframe, and slosh a few shovelfuls of hotmix, stomp on it with the Blundies, and move on up the road. However... if Council crews come out in a reasonably prompt timeframe (they get to define what they consider reasonable), then anything that follows is a lottery.

According to John Pukallus, Principal Specialist Governance and Assurance at Scenic Rim Regional Council:

"It can be noted that this area had experienced significant rain events which have the potential to cause roads to deteriorate unexpectedly and rapidly. As you can appreciate, Council cannot reasonably be aware of every defect or every issue on its extensive road network and welcomes road defect notifications by members of the public. This means a higher level of vigilance is required by those who use the roads and drivers are required to drive to the conditions at all times.

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SCENIC RIM ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT AIMS TO BOOST CONFIDENCE IN THE REGION

The Scenic Rim's \$1.95 billion economy has withstood the cumulative impacts of bushfires, drought, floods and the pandemic to achieve a 4.45 percent increase in Gross Regional Product (GRP) for the year ending 30 June 2021, almost double that of Queensland's 2.31 percent overall growth.

Mayor Greg Christensen said this remarkable growth rate, outlined in the latest Scenic Rim Economic Snapshot, reflects a diverse and resilient community focused on a sustainable and prosperous economy.

"After a challenging period since the commencement of COVID-19 in March 2020, our economy is performing strongly, and we have many reasons to feel confident about our future," he said.

The Scenic Rim Regional Prosperity Strategy 2020-2025, adopted in February 2020, has provided a roadmap and set a clear direction for supporting the existing regional business community and welcoming new contributors to the Scenic Rim.

"The Regional Prosperity Strategy points to the opportunities for our region to take charge of its future and make things happen rather than waiting for things to happen."

"While we cannot control the overall economy, we can draw on collaborative directives within this future-focused approach to support and maintain economic growth in the Scenic Rim.

"On behalf of Council, I am proud to share this Economic Snapshot, which highlights specific successes we can celebrate and opportunities we can pursue within our region."

The Scenic Rim Economic Snapshot outlines key statistics for 2020-2021, highlighting regional performance, particularly in terms of jobs growth, investment (measured through value of building approvals) and GRP

Mayor Greg Christensen noted that agriculture, forestry, fishing, public administration and health care and social assistance are the region's highest GRP contributing industries.

"However, the 4.45 percent growth rate has been driven predominantly by agriculture, forestry and fishing, wholesale trade and the construction industries," he said.

Unfortunately, not all industries escaped the effects of COVID-19, with the transport, postal and warehousing, accommodation and food service sectors negatively impacted.

At 6.8 percent, the region's unemployment rate is on par with the whole of Queensland, with strong employment growth in agriculture, health care and education.

Mayor Greg Christensen said a key goal of the Regional Prosperity Strategy is to create valuable jobs for local residents.

"Council initiatives surrounding education and workforce development have focused on programs to support training and upskilling of staff, create career paths for school leavers, connect local businesses and harness funded traineeships for local residents," he said.

"The establishment of more than 100 new GST-registered businesses in the Scenic Rim since March 2020 is another reason for optimism about increasing job opportunities in the region."

Despite the pandemic and natural disasters, the region has added 1,500 local jobs during the past five years, with more than 140 net local jobs created in the year ending 30 June 2021.

Building approvals to the value of \$141.57 million put the region on target for a new construction industry milestone, second only to the peak experienced in 2016-2017.

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SCENIC RIM NAMED 50TH MOST-LOVED DESTINATION IN THE WORLD



The Scenic Rim has again been named among the world's most loved travel destinations.

The Scenic Rim has been ranked number 50 of 21,330 global destinations by the Tourism Sentiment Index, an innovative research study using cutting edge artificial intelligence technology, according to visitor sentiment.

The study examined 1.6 billion unbiased and unprompted online conversations, interactions and consumergenerated content pieces, to determine how people genuinely feel about the places they visit.

Scenic Rim Mayor Greg Christensen said this announcement is a fantastic accomplishment for the region.

"We are so proud to again be acknowledged for delivering outstanding visitor experiences that get people talking, sharing and recommending," he said.

"You can't beat word-of-mouth promotion, and our visitors are clearly loving the incredible experiences delivered so successfully by our tourism operators, businesses and communities."

Being ranked 50 in the top 100 global destinations is the latest in a string of tourism accolades for the region.

"The Scenic Rim was named by global travel authority, Lonely Planet, as one of the top 10 regions to visit in 2022, recognised especially for the authenticity of our experiences and our people," Mayor Christensen said.

"We are also proud to have four of our towns, Boonah, Canungra, Kalbar and Tamborine Mountain, currently competing as finalists in the 2022 Queensland Tourism Industry Council's Top Tourism Town Awards. I urge everyone to vote for their favorite.

"To be recognised by an ever-growing list of international tourism organisations as a world-class destination is an incredible endorsement for our region which the whole community should be proud of.

"This achievement isn't just for accommodation providers and tour operators, but everyone a visitor might interact with, from our baristas to service station staff, and our friendly locals saying hello, so I want to thank everyone in the Scenic Rim for making our region so inviting and a place that people love to talk about."

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Major infrastructure projects, such as Inland Rail and the expansion of large-scale industries, also present a wealth of opportunities for the further growth and development of the Scenic Rim.

"The region has performed extremely well despite the impact of COVID-19 on specific industry sectors and the broader economy," he said.

"We will continue to implement initiatives within our Regional Prosperity Strategy, while navigating current supply chain constraints and labour shortages affecting construction project timelines, for example.

"The Scenic Rim region is well placed to take advantage of the easing of restrictions, and people's increasing willingness to travel, and, by continuing to work closely with our business sector, Council is confident and committed to supporting economic prosperity and our Strategy's goal of creating valuable jobs for local residents."

SRRC'S RECENT APPROVED GRANTS AND SUBSIDIES TOTAL \$75 MILLION

Council has published its latest register of active grants and subsidies that includes projects totalling more than \$75 million.

The funding includes almost \$26.5 million from the Australian Government, \$19.3 million from Queensland Government, \$8.3 million joint funding of projects from the Australian and Queensland governments and \$635,650 from the Council of Mayors (SEQ), matched by \$21 million Council contribution.

Scenic Rim Mayor Greg Christensen says keeping the community informed of any active grants and subsidies remains in-line with Council's commitment to openness and transparency with its communities.

"We are happy to share information on the current funding agreements that will see Council deliver projects centred around the arts, wellbeing, infrastructure, and tourism recovery to name a few," he said.

"Council is proud of its strong track record of preparing robust and well-considered grant applications for competitive funding. It allows us to achieve infrastructure, social and economic outcomes for our residents, businesses and ratepayers.

"Along with the total funding approved per program, we also disclose Council's own contributions, and then the forecasted total program cost. Making the funding information readily available means the community have total awareness of how funding will be allocated, building greater trust and transparency between Council and community."

While there are a variety of revenue sources for Council, the three main sources are general rates, fees for services, and grant funding from the Australian and Queensland governments. These grants and subsidies support Council to provide infrastructure and services across the region that

meet the shared community goals across the three levels of Government, and minimise the burden on Council's general revenue.

"We are extremely grateful to the Australian and Queensland governments for the level of grant funding we receive that supports Council to have increased financial capacity to deliver many infrastructure and community projects, which otherwise may not be possible," Mayor Christensen said.

The community can view the most up to date register of approved grants and subsidies along with an additional register of completed grants and subsidies here: www.scenicrim.qld.gov.au/homepage/199/grants-received-by-council



COUNCIL RESOURCE FOR LOCAL SITUATIONS

An internet resource well worth bookmarking is the Scenic Rim Regional council's DISASTER DASHBOARD, located at disasterdashboard. scenicrim.qld.gov.au/

Weather warnings, flood or fire alerts, power outages and road conditions are gathered on a convenient dashboard page, which attempts both a general overview and specific information, including emergency contacts.



PUBLIC NOTICE



Public Consultation of a Major Amendment proposed to the *Scenic Rim Planning Scheme 2020*

PLANNING ACT 2016

Notice is given that Scenic Rim Regional Council proposes to make a Major Amendment to the Scenic Rim Planning Scheme 2020 in accordance with Section 18 of the Planning Act 2016 and Chapter 2, Part 4 of the Minister's Guidelines and Rules.

The purpose and general effect of this draft Major Amendment package named Major Amendment No. 3, is to make various changes to multiple parts of the planning scheme to address new policy, improve clarity and consistency, ensure the planning scheme remains contemporary and remove undue regulation.

The following amendments are proposed:

- 1. Amendment to support the development of small-scale craft breweries and distilleries
- 2. Amendment to facilitate groundwater extraction for water supply on Tamborine Mountain in the Rural Zone
- Amendment to enable subdivision of land divided by a State-controlled road in the Rural Zone where it leads to an improvement in rural land management
- Amendments to the Dual Occupancy Code and level of assessment for Dual Occupancies to improve neighbourhood amenity and character
- 5. Inclusion of Lot 2 on RP27261 at Boonah-Rathdowney Road, Maroon in the Rural Zone
- 6. Amendment to floor level requirements for non-residential buildings in the Flood Hazard Overlay Code
- 7. Amendment to Animal Keeping requirements in the Low Density Residential Zone Mountain Residential Precinct
- 8. Reduction of side and rear setbacks for lots of one hectare or less in the Rural Zone (where no precinct applies)
- $9. \ \ Amendment to include Local \ Utility \ as \ Accepted \ Development for \ Operational \ Work involving \ a \ car \ park$
- Amendment to make Animal Keeping involving Kennels an inconsistent use in the Township Zone
 Township Residential Precinct
- 11. Inclusion of an Administrative Definition for the term Mountain Community
- 12. Inclusion of a note to Domestic Outbuilding Definition
- 13. Inclusion of a new boundary realignment definition in Schedule 1
- 14. Amendment to Table of Assessment for Overlays to clarify waterway buffer triggers
- 15. Amendment to the Bushfire Hazard Overlay Code to include additional requirements for safe access
- 16. Amendment to the Table of Assessment for Tourist Parks in the Rural Zone
- Amendment to enable extensions to Dwelling Houses as accepted development in the Major Centre and Mixed Use Zones
- 18. Amendments to Industry Thresholds for industrial use definitions

19. Inclusion of a new Administrative Definition for Mobile Vendors

20. Amendments to the Strategic Framework to clarify support for tourism activities in the Township Zone

Submissions can be made to Council about any aspect of the proposed amendments from 18 May 2022 to 3 July 2022 inclusive.

For a submission to be considered *properly made* it must:

- be made in writing and, unless the submission is made electronically, be signed by each person making the submission;
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- online by visiting Let's Talk Scenic Rim
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- via post by letter addressed to:

Chief Executive Officer,

Attn: Strategic Planning,

Scenic Rim Regional Council

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A copy of the draft amendment package will be available for viewing online at Council's website **letstalk.scenicrim.qld.gov.au/planning-scheme-amendment**

and for inspection at:

Council's Customer Service and Administration Centres at Beaudesert, Boonah, and Tamborine Mountain; and Council libraries at Beaudesert, Boonah, Canungra, and Tamborine Mountain.

NOTE: Details of submissions may be published on Council's website, but submitters' names, addresses, signatures and personal contact details will be removed. The Queensland Government must also be provided with a copy of all submissions.



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FUNDING COMMITMENT FOR BEAUDESERT KINGFISHERS RL CLUBHOUSE UPGRADE

Federal Member for Wright, Scott Buchholz, said a re-elected LNP Government would invest \$1.2 million towards the Beaudesert Kingfishers Clubhouse and Facility Upgrade project at Willis Park.

He said the funding would ensure the Beaudesert Kingfishers Rugby League Football Club maintained a high-class facility for both the Junior and Senior Rugby League teams and for the many community organisations and local schools that used the grounds.

"I have been working with Beaudesert Kingfishers Rugby League over the past few years to support the great work they do in the community," said Mr Buchholz.

"This substantial funding will result in significant upgrades and ensure the grounds have many more years to produce the next crop of Rugby League legends."

Beaudesert Kingfishers Rugby League Football Club President, Scott Bannan, welcomed the funding commitment from Mr Buchholz and said the investment would be a significant one, not only in the club but also the region.

"The clubhouse and facility upgrades would include upgrades to the change facilities and particularly women's facilities, a new scoreboard, a canteen renovation, and



other club upgrades including ground works and lighting," said Mr Bannan.

"I thank Scott Buchholz for his long-term and ongoing support for the club and rugby league in the region."

Photo: From left, Grant Stephensen, Scott Buchholz, and Scott Bannan





JON KRAUSE MP

State Member for Scenic Rim

SEVERE WEATHER IMPACT ON ROADS

More heavy rainfall events – and more flooding - have highlighted again the extraordinary efforts of our SES crews, as well as other emergency service personnel. I'd like to thank them for their hard work. The rain again shows up the horrific impacts of the QLD Government's neglect of our roads, on Tamborine Mountain and all around. There is a near \$6 billion backlog on repairs and maintenance. One thing's for sure, roads that start in a bad state crumble pretty quickly when the rain and floods come.

I've mentioned before that wet weather events highlight why the Howard Creek Crossing upgrade is important. An improved crossing will keep access to/from the Mountain going for longer during large rain events. This \$10 million project is 80% funded by the Federal Government and Member for Wright, Scott Buchholz deserves credit for delivering this funding. However, all this rain impacts on progress on roadworks, including works on the Goat Track (Tamborine Mountain Road). It is a project being carried out in extremely difficult and dangerous conditions — even without rain — because of the slope and very rocky surface. Keeping all people working there safe is a major concern, and unfortunately the weather might see further delays on its completion. I have a site visit scheduled to see how works are progressing and if there's any update from Main Roads, I will provide it.

HEALTH SYSTEM STILL SICK DESPITE \$100 MILLION

Last Wednesday marked one year to the day since the QLD Government promised to fix ambulance ramping with a \$100 million package – a sad anniversary that proves they can't be trusted to fix the Queensland Health Crisis.

Since Labor's announcement, ambulance ramping in Queensland has soared to the worst in the country. Queenslanders can no longer trust this government to fix the Queensland Health Crisis. Queenslanders deserve a government that listens and has the ability to deliver good healthcare. The LNP has put forward solutions including real time data monitoring for patients and GP's, empowering local doctors and nurses to make more decisions, improving triaging and investing in more beds.

Worse, police officers are being taken off the frontline and are routinely ramped with ambulances at our hospitals. This is the harrowing next chapter of the Queensland Health Crisis. Police didn't sign up to be de facto paramedics because of a QLD Government that can't run essential services. If police are on a ramp, it means they're not responding to calls for help. It also means Queenslanders stuck in police cars aren't getting the healthcare they need.

For the admission of QLD's Health Crisis to be spelled out in an official direction is a sad indictment of the state of our health system. This isn't the fault of health workers or our police officers, this is what happens when a government fails to plan.

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AVOID TORRENTIAL RAIN-RELATED ELECTRICITY DANGERS

With heavy rains not yet entirely behind us, and the likely prospect of a wet winter, Energex/Ergon Energy Network are reminding the community to be aware of the potential electrical dangers such wild weather can cause.

Energex/Ergon Area Manager Kevin Lavender said torrential rain and flash flooding had the potential to cause serious injury or worse and everyone should be aware of electrical hazards inside and outside the home.

"When we face torrential rain, remember the lifesaving mantra that electricity and water don't mix and act accordingly to keep your family safe," Mr Lavender said.

"If your home becomes inundated by rain through the roof, walls or because of rising floodwaters stay out of any water if your power is still on, don't use electrical equipment and call our emergency line on 13 19 62.

"If any electrical appliances in your home have been affected by water, don't use them until they've been checked by a qualified technician or throw them out because a \$30 kettle is not worth risking the life of a loved one.

"If your home has been inundated and potentially damaged, we will issue a Form 3 Defect Notice for your property and before we can reconnect you must engage a licensed electrical contractor to deem it safe."

Mr Lavender also highlighted a number of safety issues torrential rain can cause outside the home that people should be aware of.

"Energex/Ergon has a lot of electrical assets in public places and people should never enter any water that's rising around this equipment," he said.

"Furthermore, if floodwaters begin rising, we urge anyone thinking of getting around in a boat to keep well away from any overhead power poles or powerlines."

1500 TOWN CRIERS JOIN TOGETHER FOR QUEEN'S JUBILEE BONFIRE CELEBRATION



In an event not to be missed, at 5pm on 2 June 2022, commemorating the Queens 70th Year on the Throne, a Platinum Jubilee Celebration containing a Signal Bonfire, will be held concurrently around the world.

Content specially prepared by Buckingham Palace will be supplied to participants globally as ceremonies play out to script in all Commonwealth Colonies.

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Syd Norman, will join the ranks of the 1500 Town Criers around the world to announce the Cry and ring the bell to commence our ceremony to be held in the grounds of the Tamborine Memorial Hall on this special evening.

Members of the Tamborine Mountain State School Choir and Bugler Alliyah Wallace will be practicing their specially provided scripts as we speak, along with Syd, in preparation for this momentous event.

In an anticipated half-hour ceremony, Town Crier Syd will begin by ringing the bell and crying the announcement, Scenic Rim Army Cadets will then escort Piper David Greenhalgh playing bagpipes, and the Tamborine Mountain Scout Group will follow to escort Bugler Alliyah to blow her call.

A specially selected and preferably Queen's Scout will light the signal bonfire under the supervision of the Tamborine Rural Fire Brigade as the assembled throng sings "God Save the Queen". All washed down with a mammoth community BBQ to follow.

Syd is rightly looking forward to this 'Once In A Lifetime Event' and hopes to see you all there!



Letters to the Editor

Readers are reminded that letters to the editor must show full name of writer for publication.

Please limit letters to 200 words. Publication is at the discretion of the editor and subject to space availability.

TINY HOUSES... OR MAJOR HEADACHES TO COME?

I read Bronwyn Davies' letter (*Scenic News*, 12 May) with some concern. She promotes Tiny Houses and Micro Homes as a means of overcoming the rental crisis on Tamborine Mountain. It also seems that she sees those in the arts community, particularly the young, as being the major beneficiaries. She sees only positives but, unfortunately, there are serious problems.

The township of Tamborine Mountain is already densely populated with a surprisingly small proportion of green space. Bounded by escarpments, there is no room for expansion. Where would Bronwyn put a Micro Home Park without alienating green space and degrading the semi-rural ambience on which the locality depends for its attractiveness? Then there is the practical problem of water supply and sewage disposal.

The alternative is to disperse such accommodation as secondary dwellings on existing blocks. That could be good for the householder, but what if they let it out as an AirBnB? There is nothing in the proposed legislation to prevent that. It gets much worse. The Minister has stated that Planning Schemes should not require an Impact Assessment when a request is made for Dual Occupancy in a Low-Density Residential Zone (when no precinct applies). This relaxation seems to cover most residential blocks on the Mountain with the aim of packing in more people. The right of residents to

enjoy their neighbourhood without incompatible impacts from surrounding properties is being taken away.

Another aspect. Some years ago, the State Government used rentals on Tamborine Mountain (cheap at the time) to provide housing for those in Brisbane in need. This failed. We simply didn't have the support services and the social and further education environments taken for granted in a city. These considerations could still apply.

Something disappoints me. Bronwyn Davies' letter first appeared in the Fassifern Guardian, the major regional newspaper for the Scenic Rim. It would be seized on with delight by those in Council, particularly the Mayor, who would prefer to see denser development on Tamborine Mountain. This is quite a different course to that determined by thoughtful residents in the bottom-up Planning Schemes since 1985.

Another reason for uneasiness. Council has already started its review of the Draft Amended Planning Scheme. However, we are still awaiting a Council response to the community's submissions re- the Draft Growth Management Strategy. These submissions are fundamentally relevant to the Planning Scheme. Council's past response record on this issue is dismal.

Phil Giffard

TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN BRIDGE CLUB RESULTS

Monday 9/05/2022

NS 1 64.69% Robert McCathie - Eddie Heinemeyer

NS 2 55.52% Alex Hood - Ashley Anderssen

NS 3 51.88% Peter Zaremba - Laurene Hassard

EW 1 60.42% Gavle Donaldson - David Donaldson

EW 2 49.27% John Lodge - Hank Van Lieshout

EW 3 47.71% Marian Gibbons - Lewis Adams

Wednesday 11/05/2022

1 68.50% Kevin Hamilton-Reen - Mary Simon

2 57.50% Ann Zaremba - Peter Zaremba

3 50.00% Lindy Williams - Eddie Heinemeyer

Thursday 12/05/2022

NS 1 59.81% Heike Edrich - Carole Cooke

NS 2 55.99% Kevin Hamilton-Reen - Mary Simon

NS 3 53.78% Patrick Rasmussen - Peter Morris

EW 1 57.44% Sue Stevens - Karen Scott

EW 2 54.76% Betty Bull - Richard Bull

EW 3 54.46% Marian Gibbons - Julie Guthrie

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DOUBLE WIN BY TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN BRIDGE PLAYERS

Great play by Kevin Hamilton-Reen and Mary Simon, who won North/South and Denise Merrin and Marian Gibbons, who won East/West, led to a decisive victory in the inter-club competition between Tamborine Mountain Bridge Club and Broadwater, Helensvale and Sanctuary Cove on Tuesday 10th May. Due to a couple of participants coming down with COVID, only eight players from Tamborine Mountain took part, but the others stepped up to pull off a great win.

The day was hosted by the Broadwater Club at Upper Coomera, with a return match planned for later in the year at the Tamborine Mountain Bridge Club.

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DYNAMIC ENVIRONMENTS THREE EXAMPLES

The renowned Melbourne architect Sean Godsell once declared, 'Good [house] design is about journey, discovery, and reward.'

This provocative statement evokes an awareness that space is not just about a series of room labels that describe a use but can be a procession of everchanging active settings.

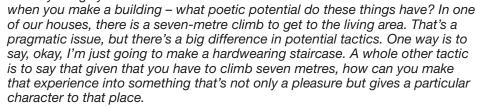
EXAMPLE 01 - In a lecture at Queensland's Bond University, Sean describes the integration of a steel plate within the floor plan of his Edward St. House.

Dean Godsell - To look at it, one could question why it's there. Aesthetically, it appears out of place amongst the polished concrete. Yet, it produces a different sound from the rest of the floor space when traversed. A melodic gesture for our musician client.

Via this detail, Sean tangibly makes possible the physical acknowledgment of arrival via the passing over of a threshold.

EXAMPLE 02 – In a Q&A with Houses Magazine, Timothy Hill, director of Partners Hill, describes the journey of navigating a threestory staircase in his 'Teneriffe House' design.

Timothy Hill - With all the cutand-dry things you have to do



Our stair itself is like a picturesque route because you get various changing views at different places as you go along. You can see the ultimate destination when you start to climb, but it's not immediately evident where you are going during the ascent.

EXAMPLE 03 - Personal Story.

Anthony Rigg – I remember growing up in the small town of Cooranbong, 20 minutes south of Newcastle, NSW. The local Sanitarium Health Food Company was half an hour's walk from the family home through the bush. At a specific time, every day, the smell of freshly-baked Weet-Bix would drift over our house working its way northwest as the afternoon south-easterly blew. When I moved out of home and would come back to visit my parents, the smell of Weet-Bix would bring with it a powerful sense of being home.

In each of us are sensitivities to specific locations from our past. Therefore, details we design into our environments have the compacity to take us somewhere.

These three examples, while different, are experiential and sensory.

As a design proposition, our homes can ground us in the immediacy of daily living, producing memory. They can act as the enabler of a life lived in the moment, present within a dynamic environment that can produce powerful feelings and associations with place.

Sean Godsell Architects. Lecture (Bond University – FSD) 'Donovan Hill in Profile,' Houses., issue 25 2001. (AA Architecture Media), 92

Photo - Edward St. House - Sean Godsell Architects

Anthony Rigg - Bleuscape



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

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PRESTIGIOUS AWARD FOR TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN ACCOMMODATION PROVIDERS

Booking.com has announced the recipients of its 10th annual Traveller Review Awards, where Tasmania has once again secured a spot in the top 10 most welcoming regions in the world, the only one in Australia, and Tamborine Mountain came in 2nd in the top 10 most welcoming towns in Australia. The number one was Maleny. This is testament to the strength of our Mountain accommodation providers and the experience their guests have when coming to the Mountain.

Why it is significant, is that Booking.com do data mining across the online reviews of their 1,261,273 accommodations registered with them worldwide. Multiply this figure by the likely number of reviews posted per property, and you can safely say tens of millions of reviews are considered. There is no better judge of the quality of customer service and experience than to analyse what customers are saying in an unbiased and objective way. It doesn't rely on an assessment by expert judges who may have subjectiveness or bias, or other influences built into their assessment.

COUNCIL TO PURCHASE LAND ON TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN FOR PARKING AND OTHER USES ON GALLERY WALK

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council last Tuesday, Council considered options for the purchase of land for Gallery Walk parking. This was done in confidential session as negotiations will now proceed. I can't comment much more than to say what I said when the vote was taken when it proceeded to a resolution in open Council. I said I supported the decision and the land purchase, but felt the methodology of what was proposed to acquire it was very high risk to all the ratepayers in Scenic Rim. That's why I couldn't vote for it.

If and when a sale is completed the value of the sale will be revealed in RP DATA to all real estate agents and will become public, and it will then be up to Council to release the basis for its decision. Presently the Council resolution is that the reports on this matter will remain confidential forever. It will require another Council resolution to change this. I suspect if and when this information is release to you, this will be very controversial, given the economic climate we are in.

PRE-POLLING IN FEDERAL ELECTION

No Federal election Pre-polling on Tamborine Mountain, but the AEC provided them in Beaudesert and Jimboomba. There is none in Boonah. I think I know the reason why this happened, but I am making further enquiries and will report back to you. Whatever the reason it is simply wrong and the decision makers or those who participated in the decision need to be called to account.

This has caused hardship to the largest population centre in the Scenic Rim. We do not have functional public transport to a larger centre and have an elderly population, and we have been treated unfairly. Many people may be disenfranchised from their right to vote if their circumstances denied them attendance at this Saturday's election.

POTHOLES ON ROADS

The quality of our roads is not satisfactory, and every year they're getting worse. We all understand the wet weather, but a good road is able to withstand wet weather. How many times are our potholes filled on a temporary basis, and the next rain event the bitumen simply bounces out, the road seal is broken again causing leakage into the subgrade and we get worse potholes. This is very evident at the moment. Perhaps a Change petition to the State and petition to Council is required for them to increase road funding for the Mountain and provide long-term fixes, not just band-aid solutions. I think it would be well supported.

Derek Swanborough Councillor. Division derek.s@scenicrim.qld.gov.au Ph 0436 351 567

MAKING SPACE FOR ARTS IN CANUNGRA

A group of more than 40 artists and makers in the Scenic Rim - calling themselves "The 4275 Collective" - is working to transform Canungra into a world-class arts community, offering consistent support for local creatives and helping build a strong cultural tourism economy.

On the 1st of July, The 4275 Collective will be opening **The Maker Space**, their first location in Canungra.

The Maker Space will offer small-batch artisan goods, jewellery, homewares, and clothing, as well as original art, all made locally by Scenic Rim artists and makers. Thanks to the generous support of patrons and members, The Maker Space will be open Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 8:00am to 2:00pm. Fully-staffed by member volunteers, The Maker Space will feature live music, mini workshops and live art.

The 4275 Collective's president, Courtney Guerin says "Canungra has an incredibly rich arts community, and The Maker Space gives us a chance to show that off. We are so

excited to have found a space with the help of our patrons and so grateful to the community for their support." For updates on the Maker Space follow The 4275 Collective on Facebook or Instagram.

facebook.com/the4275collective





FUTURE PLANNING - WILL YOU, WON'T YOU?

WILLS

A Will is a legal document that sets out how you want the things you own (your estate) to be distributed when you pass away. Even if you don't own property or a lot of money, you may want to leave valuable or sentimental items, artwork, jewellery, letters or photographs to particular people.

Making a will can be simple and need not be expensive. It must be properly signed and witnessed. It is best to have a solicitor or Public trustee make your Will for you. While there are DIY kits, it is safer to get a professional to do your Will to make sure it is done right. A Will should appoint an executor who is responsible for seeing the terms of your Will are carried out.

Solicitors' fees vary and can depend on the complexity of the Will. The Public Trustee QLD (PTQ) provides a free Will making service at their offices around Queensland, or in emergency situations can visit adults in hospital / palliative care facilities for a travel fee. The PTQ retains the original and provides you a copy. You can appoint the PTQ as your executor. Administration fees will be incurred after you pass away. Tel 1300 360 044 / **www.pt.qld.gov.au**

Your will lasts after your demise, unless you change, revoke it or get married. You should get legal advice about updating your Will, if your circumstances change.

If you don't have a Will you won't have a say about what happens to your estate. The things you own will be given to your relatives according to a formula set out by the Queensland's 'intestacy' laws. This may be very different from what you intended to happen.

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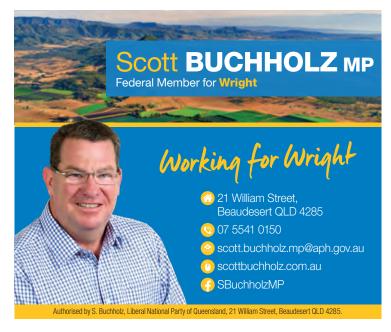
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NON-EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORT-SUBSIDY, PART 3 (of 3)

This is the last of three articles about non-emergency transport options and subsidies. The previous two were published in the last two editions of the Scenic News, and together they give a good overview of possibilities to receive transport services or, at least (some) compensation for the often significant costs.

Dr. Jan Zomerdijk (GP at TMMP) and Neil Smith (Rotary) provided most of the information.

We continue with the Patient Travel Subsidy Scheme (PTSS). Apart from travel subsidies it offers more options for chronically ill people. It's not the easiest of schemes and regulations, but the good news is that Rachel Reeves or Pauline Wesley at the Beaudesert Hospital are always available to help you out, even if you have questions about services and transport outside the Scenic Rim (for instance to Brisbane or the Gold Coast). Don't hesitate to contact them: Email bdhpatienttravel@health. qld.gov.au, phone 07 5541 9218 (direct) or 5541 9111.

Apart from contributions to travel costs, the PTSS also offers an accommodation subsidy of \$60 per night when you have to go for chemotherapy or other life threatening procedures. This subsidy has to organised and approved by the clinical facilitator of the providing Hospital. The first 4 nights are only subsidised for Concession card holders.

As always, bureaucracy galore... but don't get put off because it might really help you. To access these options three forms are relevant:'

There are 3 different PTSS forms:

- Form A: patient-registration to set up your account
- Form B: travel referral, to be signed by your GP/referring doctor
- Form C: appointment attendance forms, which need to be signed and (of course) stamped by the involved specialist.

Once again, if you preferred to be forewarned to be forearmed then you might consider informing yourself now, before the moment you really need it. Just call Beaudesert Hospital.

4. TAXI SUBSIDY SCHEME

The fourth and last topic of this overview concerns contributions to the costs of a normal taxi service. It is useful to start looking at this website, which offers all the information about taxi services in the Tamborine Mountain Canungra region: scenicrimtransport.com/index.php/ canungra-tamborine-mt

Apart from other options mentioned in this series of three articles, special subsidies exist for people with severe disabilities, such as blindness or being bound to a wheelchair.

As with all regulations, many conditions and eligibility criteria exist, far too many to cover in an article like this. But the QLD government offers a very accessible page, with a long address...

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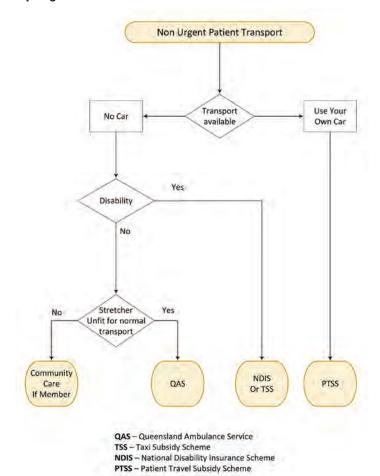
www.qld.gov.au/disability/out-and-about/subsidies-concessionspasses/taxi-subsidy

The Taxi Subsidy Scheme (TSS) subsidises taxi travel—only pays half of the total fare, up to a maximum of \$25 per trip—for people with severe disabilities, even though NDIS might cover some of these costs as well.

I'd like to thank Scenic News for allowing us to communicate this information to the community. I hope it will encourage you to look into these options, especially at a moment that you do not really need them. Or for instance, for a relative or friend who might benefit. We have provided sources you can use for more information. The last webpage I'd like to include is a list of possible questions you have, with answers:

www.qld.gov.au/health/services/travel/subsidies/faq

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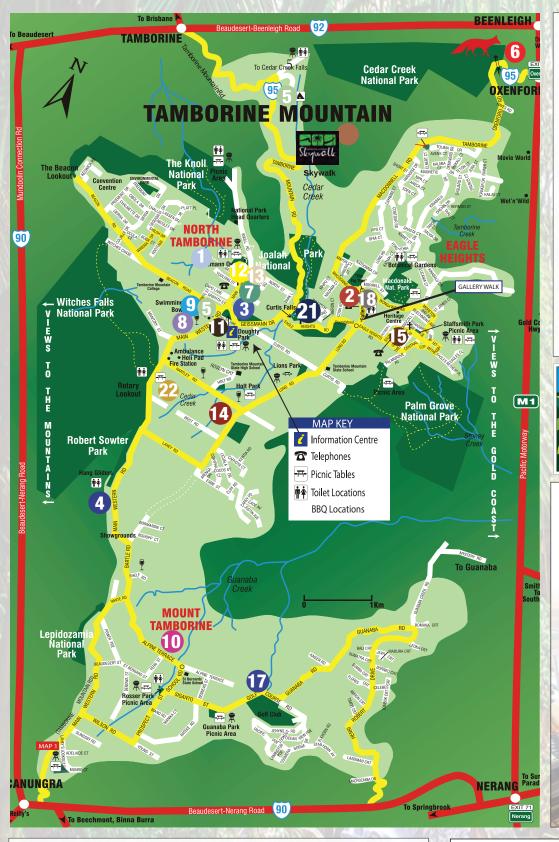
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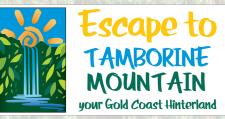
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CORTISOL IN SHELTER DOG HAIR INDICATES STRESS

It is something we all know, but despite the care shelters may provide, they are a stressful environment for dogs. Prolonged and excessive cortisol levels can impair the immune

system and lead to serious health issues in humans and animals. Research at the Utrecht University in the Netherlands compiled these results in April 2022 by measuring the amount of the hormone cortisol in



dogs before, during and after their stay in a shelter.

Researchers took daily measurements for over one year. There was no difference between the cortisol levels of dogs when they entered the shelter and the control groups of dogs living in a family home. After six weeks in the shelter, cortisol levels rose by one third (on average from 16pg/mg to 21.8pg/mg. Dog pounds are much more stressful than shelters.

Measurements were then taken at six weeks and six months after adoption. Most new owners, adopters, were willing to carefully cut samples of fur and send them to the laboratory. Cortisol levels dropped, slowly moving in the direction of the values at admission to the shelter. cortisol accumulates in hair, in humans and animals; this technique has been used extensively. By measuring levels in the hair, researchers can get an idea of the stress response and recovery over weeks and months – depending on the length of the hair or fur examined. Cortisol can also be measured in urine, which gives a short-term picture, while hair measurements show long term levels.

A surprising result is that smaller dogs generally have higher cortisol levels than larger dogs. There is no clear hypothesis about why that is, but fortunately, smaller dogs and puppies tend to be the most popular adoptees. All the examined dogs were in the same shelter and there are significant differences between shelters, nationally and internationally. The shelter in this study has a pioneering role in improving the welfare of dogs. They replaced bars with a special glass that reduced noise, played relaxing music, set up a room like a lounge room where staff and volunteers went for breaks or computer work and allowed dogs time to relax there. Just spending time with a dog reduces stress.

The number of dogs being surrendered post-Covid lockdowns has dramatically increased, many people are back at work and returning to a social life, they have no time for a dog. Before and during lockdown, shelters were empty or almost empty. Financial difficulties are also a common reason for surrenders; pet food, medications and veterinary fees are expensive, and they cannot always be the top priority in a person's or family's budget.

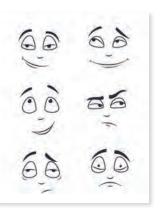
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Relationships



WATCH YOUR LANGUAGE!

I confess I am a people watcher! Not in a creepy kind of way, but in a curious desire to learn more about human interactions. I find airports fascinating places (yes, just like Hugh Grant in the intro to Love Actually!). There is often emotion associated with arrivals and departures and watching this unfold, is much more interesting than the fictional drama of a soapie. I want to qualify that



my observation doesn't extend to getting close enough to listen in. That would be creepy! But I can pick up a general idea of what's going on through observation.

When we think about communication skills, we tend to focus our attention on the words we say to one another. This is indeed important; however, we communicate in many other ways that we are sometimes not aware of. From facial expressions to body movements, what we don't say conveys volumes of information. It is thought that body language may account for 60-65% of our communication. Research has discovered that we instinctively and constantly scan one another's body language for cues that tell us whether we are in a safe, accepting relationship. Being aware of body language in others means that you can pick up on unspoken emotions and reactions. It's a valuable form of feedback.

Facial expressions are our most obvious signals. A smile is normally reassuring feedback but alternatively it could be a forced smile, a sarcastic smirk, a nervous reaction. It's essential to pay attention to other cues as a group rather than focusing on a single action. What does the person's posture tell you? Does it appear relaxed or tense, closed off with arms folded or hands on hips in readiness for conflict? Gestures such as handshakes also communicate emotions. Who could forget the handshake between John Howard and Mark Latham on the eve of the 2004 election? The overly physical and dominating greeting by Latham was a defining moment – considered menacing and aggressive – and Howard went on to win the election.

While interpreting body language can be very useful there's certainly room for miscommunication. What we perceive as 'negative' feedback from others may be related to their stress, discomfort, anxiety or anger. Misinterpretation can create a cycle of conflict where 'negative' body language incites a negative response. The best way to respond when you pick up on negative cues is to check in with the other person about how they are feeling. Making your observations explicit can help the other person recognise and verbalise what is going on for them internally. Don't assume that they have a problem with you. Likewise, when you are in a deep and meaningful conversation with a loved one, check in to make sure your body language is not relaying unintended signals. How is the person feeling during your conversation? You may be exhibiting negative nuances that you are unaware of.

Understanding and interpreting body language can help you pick up on other's unspoken feelings while adding strength to your own communication.

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ALL CLYDESDALES GREAT AND SMALL TO BE CELEBRATED



Scenic Rim Clydesdale Spectacular June 11 and 12, 2022 From tiny Shetland ponies to the towering Shire horses, all Clydesdales great and small will descend on Boonah in the Scenic Rim over the weekend of June 11 and 12 for the hugely popular Scenic Rim Clydesdale Spectacular!

The Scenic Rim Clydesdale Spectacular is the richest Clydesdale Show in the Southern Hemisphere, where the grand champions of the breed are judged, the heritage of the breed is shared, and the history of the breed in Australia is toasted. It is a breed that in 2022 is listed as 'vulnerable' internationally.

Known as the Gentle Giants of the horse world and recognised in Australia as 'the breed that built the nation', Queensland has a long history with the Clydesdale.

"The event will feature some of the top Clydesdales in the country and shouldn't be missed by anyone who has an interest in this magnificent breed, or anyone who loves horses, or for that matter anyone who wants a brilliant experience in the country where there is literally something to watch and experience at every moment!" said event organiser Greta Stanfield.

While the full schedule of Clydesdale competition takes place in the main arena, rare trades that focus around "the heavy horse" are showcased: harness making, blacksmithing, wheelwrights, horse-drawn demonstrations and driving displays, whip plaiting and more. Additional highlights include the Queensland Whip Cracking Championships, World Billy Boiling Championships, wood chopping, working dog displays, Friesian Horse Troupe performances and bush poetry.

In tribute to the Scottish descendants who moved to the region and brought with them their beloved Clydesdale, the event includes a stirring massing of Pipes and Drums, Calling of the Clans, the Clydesdale and Clan class and traditional Scottish caber tossing. There'll be haggis burgers, a whisky bar, and Scots are encouraged to attend in their clan kilts!

This year the two day spectacular has been extended this year to include even more family events, interactive demonstrations, food experiences, and of course, horses! There will be carriage rides, performances, artisan coopering, camels, the animal nursery and more.

The Boonah region's Clydesdale heritage began in the 1840s. When Australian Clydesdale numbers began to decline in the 1960s, a local family bred vigour back into the breed, promoted its value and presided over the rebirth of the Clydesdale horse in Australia. Pat and Col Ehrich and their families were instrumental in maintaining the breed when it almost disappeared from the Australian landscape.

"The Scenic Rim Clydesdale Spectacular was born from a desire by local breeders to pay respect to the history and heritage of this magnificent horse. From the beginning this event has attracted competitors, participants and spectators from across the country and overseas," said Greta.

Testament to the region's love affair with the heavy horse, famously standing bastion at the entry to Boonah is a towering 3 metre sculpture of a Clydesdale by internationally acclaimed artist Andy Scott. The statue was built in a local Butter Factory workshop and a local economic development committee raised the funds to buy it after it had been displayed at the Swell Sculpture by the Sea Festival in Sydney.

Known as "Clydebuilt" the sculpture is recognised by the Queensland National Trust, and is also the logo of the Clydesdale Spectacular, an example of how heritage and art combine to celebrate the history of a region and develop an event which brings together a community and attracts thousands to the region.

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TRAVELLING PLACES

By Gina Storey

There was a sense of fun in the air as we headed out on our flight to Adelaide – for many, their first trip in nearly two years.

Adelaide is a lovely small city, easy to explore on foot and full of good museums, art galleries and fantastic restaurants. Our first evening was at the delightful Osteria Oggi, a restaurant I have recommended to clients over the years, and one that continues to serve excellent Italian food.



The morning saw us on the move northwards to the Flinders Ranges. Stopping enroute in sleepy Crystal Brook for a picnic lunch, the Indian Pacific train slowly glided past on her way to cross the Nullarbor and onto Perth. Continuing north, the surrounding countryside grew more rugged and dry, the farmers less likely to be cropping and even the sheep populations thinning. North of Goyder's Line, you are lucky to see 250ml of rain a year — what a contrast to Tamborine Mountain! The Flinders Ranges started to loom large as we turned off the road just past Hawker and wound down through the property to the 1850's homestead, Arkaba. Once a working sheep station, this 60,000-acre property has been destocked and is being gradually returned to its original state. After a wonderful meal and comfortable night, we set off in the morning for the 3-day Arkaba Walk.

We were dropped on the far side of Wilpena Pound, day pack on our backs, trekking boots on foot and off we set. The first stop was at a lookout and from there across the Pound, I could see a ridge — our guide mentioned that was our destination, in my mind over 3 days but in reality, for a late lunch! This walk is fantastic, although more taxing than any of us had imagined. Kangaroos, emus and birds entertained us as we wandered along through the mallee scrub, the gumtree-lined creek beds and the open savannah. Dusk fell before we reached camp 17 kms down the track... I say track, but as we left Wilpena Pound we also left behind the track — it was now kangaroo trails, which for those in the know seem to be imaginary for guides to follow!

Night-time in camp was quite magical. Hot bush showers, long drop loos and a central camp with warm fires and a delicious feast. Sleeping in swags (a first for most of us) we were cosy warm when the overnight temperatures fell to near freezing. It was an effort to peel off the layers in the early morning light, the mountains aglow with orange light, the bird life singing and our small troop stirring to face another day trekking. The fauna and flora brought to life by Shane, our knowledgeable guide. Fifty-four kilometres over 3 days -no wonder my feet were sore!

Not far now! was the catch phrase, and as we scurried down our last rocky slope, it was a happy sight to see the homestead before us. A hot soak in the bath, a wonderful dinner, and tales to tell for years to come. Non-trekking options are also offered. Congratulations to all for achieving an ambition to connect with remote Australia!

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WINE CHAT

THE with Witches Falls Winery CAUCASUS REGION SPOTLIGHT ON SAPERAVI

When we think of countries and cultures associated with wine production and viticulture, a few big names often leap to mind.



France is famous for refined Bordeaux blends and tantalising Champagnes. Australia is known for its bold, brazen Shirazes. Some may go as far to say that New Zealand is the spiritual homeland of Sauvignon Blanc.

Over the years, grape cultivation and wine production has spread to every corner of the globe (fun fact—there's even a winery in Antarctica). But where did the love of winemaking begin? How many of us are familiar with the origin story of this beloved beverage?

Grape cultivation and winemaking can be traced back to ancient history—records suggest our love affair may have started as early as 6000 BCE. Where did it start? Although we can't pinpoint the exact location, the consensus among historians and archaeologists is that early winemaking started in the Middle East—more precisely—the Caucasus region.

The Caucasus region? Where's that exactly? Between the Caspian Sea and the Black Sea lies a stretch of rugged, mountainous land that makes up what is now considered modern day Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Eastern Turkey. Altogether, they make up the Caucasus region. Although we can't pinpoint exactly which country is the true birthplace of viticulture, you'll be sure to hear Armenians and Georgians alike firmly vaunting their respective nations as the true point of origin. Having said this, archaeologists discovered the oldest known winery in the caves of Areni, a small town in Armenia.

With the development of trade, winemaking moved west to the Mediterranean and beyond. Following the discovery of "the new world," winemaking spread throughout the globe to the Americas and the Antipodes. Many Asian cultures started making wine with grapes as well as rice at a similar point in history to Caucasus peoples.

As the oldest known wine-growing region in the world, the grapes cultivated in the Caucasus region are unique and diverse—having had ample opportunity for several mutations in the grape DNA to arise over the centuries. One of Georgia's most widely cultivated grape varieties goes by the name of Saperavi, which literally translates to "stain" or "dye". Its name references the grape's opulent, deep, inky-purple hue. Unlike typical "red wine" grapes that consist of red skin and white flesh, Saperavi are Teinturier grapes—a sub-group of grape varietals with dark flesh and dark skin. With higher levels of antioxidants and tannins than most red wines, Saperavi grapes create bold, gratifying, full-bodied wines.

Typically fruit-driven with an underlying earthiness and hints

of spice and smoke, Saperavi is the perfect accompaniment to those rich, hearty winter dishes... Here at Witches Falls, we've just released our first ever Wild Ferment Saperavi. Be sure to drop by the cellar door to try this delicious, unique wine!

Cheers, Alexandra Douglas and the Witches Falls Winery Team



CHICKEN UDON NOODLE SOUP

This comforting healthy Japanese noodle soup is the trifecta of the winner winner chicken dinner. It is super easy to make, bursting with flavour, and can be whipped up in under 20 minutes which means it's perfect for a mid-week dinner.

The Udon are smooth so easy to slurp down with the soup broth. They have a unique firmness and chewy texture that makes them nourishing, and the caramelised garlic, sesame and soy in my Luck Dragon sauce are the secret ingredients that bring the all-natural umami bomb to this dish. Complemented with the mint and fresh lemon juice which add the perfect balance for the flavours to dance across the palette.

This dish is full of healthy nutrients and leaves you feeling light and satisfied. It is one of those meals that will surely cheer someone up who is needing a little extra care or has been feeling a little under the weather. It keeps very well in the fridge for up to 4 days which makes it a great meal prep choice for the week. You can even make it in bulk and freeze it for those days when you are short on time and need something for dinner in a hurry.

Did you know? Legend has it that this type of noodle was brought back to Japan after the wandering travels of Kukai, a famous Japanese Buddhist monk, who travelled to mainland China 1200 years ago in the quest for ancient Chinese secret knowledge. Udon noodles are similar to soba noodles but the difference being Udon are made with wheat flour and are slightly thick and pale in colour, whereas soba noodles are made from buckwheat flour and are a little grainier in texture

Chef Dylan Tip: Be sure to let the Udon simmer in the soup so they soak up all that deliciousness. Also, slice the chicken into small pieces so it can be scooped up easily with a spoon. For convenience, a carton of store-bought chicken stock is totally acceptable for this dish.

Kota Kinabalu, Borneo 2015

The low hum of the air conditioner perched outside our hotel window is the first thing I hear as my eyes open after a hellish night of cramps, in-between small bouts of restless sleep. I sit up and reach for the bottle of water on my bedside table and take some large gulps. The feeling of the cool liquid relieves my desert-like mouth. "How are you feeling?" says my darling as she places the back of her hand on my forehead "Well your temperature feels normal". "Yeah, I feel much

better than yesterday" I reply. "I bet you won't order another chicken burger in a fast-food restaurant again" she says light heartedly. "No darling, I certainly won't" I say trying to shake the experience out of my head.

Having arrived at KK from Kuala Lumpur only the day before, she's as keen as ever to get out to explore. "Let's have a shower and get dressed because there is an amazing market I want to show you" she says clapping with excitement. I take a deep breath and sigh "Ok, let's go" as I fling the sheets off me. We leave the comfort of the air-conditioned hotel, and the humidity envelops me like a thick blanket of moisture. I instantly start to sweat, and I feel my shirt begin to stick to my back. The street is filled with honking cars slowly making their way forwards and men on scooters artfully weave through the heavy traffic. I look up and can just make out the sun trying to penetrate through the dense grey clouds looming inland from the coast.

Unfolding the tourist map I see it's a short 2 km walk to the open-air market. "Can we stop and get something to eat at that Japanese restaurant the receptionist recommended before we go to the market as I'm starving?" I ask pointing to the map "I'm pretty sure it's on the way." "Of course," says my sweetheart. Arriving at the small open-air restaurant the cooks are busy frying on the woks and stirring broth in big pots. I instantly feel better as the smell of chicken stock fills my nose. We take a seat on the small plastic stools and a cheerful looking, raven-haired waiter makes his way to our table.

He approaches with pen and notepad perfectly poised and is wearing a red Liverpool soccer jersey. Most of all it's his bright white and perfectly clean apron that impresses me most. "Ingrish?" he asks hopefully "No, I'm Australian" I reply "ahhh" he says nodding politely whilst turning expectingly to my partner who replies, "I'm from Scotland". This seems to delight him immensely. He beams "Ahhh Whi-kee" and pauses followed by "Take your order?". "Can we both have the udon noodle chicken soup please "Yes, yes and to drink?" "Two cold bottles of Coke, please" I reply. In no time flat there is a bowl of steaming noodle soup in front of me as I breathe in its alluring scent, I instantly know I've made the right choice "This is just what the doctor ordered" I declare relieved whilst slurping up the noodles and broth.

This really is one of the easiest recipes to make and believe me when I say it packs plenty of flavour. Most recently I've been told



it's a restaurant-quality dish.

Serves 2 Prep 5 mins Cook 15 mins

Ingredients

- 400g chicken breast or thigh
- 1/2 capsicum, diced 1-3mm
- 1/2 brown onion, diced 1-3mm
- 150g button mushrooms, cut into 1/4
- 100ml Luck Dragon Asian sauce*
- 400g ready cooked Udon noodles (I buy these from Aldi)
- 1 Itr chicken stock
- 4/5 fresh mint leaves sliced (optional)

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

Please note: My gourmet food co. handcrafted range is available locally at Joseph the Greengrocer's on Main Street and at Angela's Pantry on Gallery Walk.

Method

- In a large fry pan on high heat add a little oil and fry the chicken for 3-4 minutes each side until cooked.
- Remove chicken from fry pan and chop into cubes or shred then reserve in a bowl on the side.
- 3. Heat the fry pan on medium high heat then melt the butter. Add onion, capsicum and mushroom and fry for ~4 mins while stirring.
- Add cooked chicken and combine with vegetables.
- 5. Add Luck Dragon sauce and stir in. Frv for ~1 min
- Add chicken stock and bring to a simmer.
- 7. Add Udon and simmer for 7-8 mins.
- Sprinkle over the fresh mint and enjoy



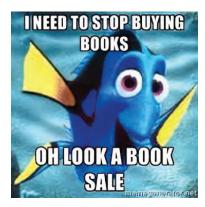
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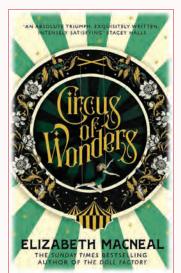
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Sting wrote the song 'Every Breath You Take' at the same desk which

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Our Book Choice: CIRCUS OF WONDERS by Elizabeth Macneal



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- 3. On which continent are the McMurdo Dry Valleys?
- 4. How are Eolian features formed in sand?
- 5. In which country is The Empty Quarter?
- 6. What kind of desert plant is a 'saguaro'?
- 7. Which desert lies in the southern part of Israel?
- 3. The highest recorded desert rainfall 44 mm in just three hours was in which desert?
- In which country is the desert region of Wadi Rum, described by T E Lawrence as "vast, echoing and God-like"?
- 10. In which US state is the Great Sand Dunes National Park?
- 11. What is 'saltation'?
- 12. What is the name of the hot dry wind which blows from the Sahara, across the Mediterranean and into Europe?
- 13. The 'thorny devil' lizard is native only to the deserts of which country?
- 14. What kind of animal is the addax, native to desert regions of central northern Africa?
- 15. What is an 'arroyo' in the deserts of North and South America?
- 16. What name is given to regions which receive between ten and twenty inches of rain a year, as opposed to less than ten inches for deserts?

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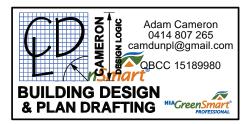
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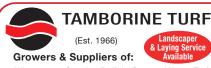
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BOTANIC GARDENS Forsythia Dr, Eagle Hts - Volunteers' working bee every Thurs morning 8-12. 0409 263 666

FILM CLUB AT THE ZAMIA. Meets every third Sunday at 5.30pm for 6pm screening. Only \$10 annual fee to join which gives automatic membership to the Tamborine Mt Little Theatre group. All movies are free with membership. Films shown range from the classics to foreign and Australian made. Cabaret seating and the old sling back chairs make it a great evening of entertainment where you can bring along your own refreshments or a take away to enjoy during the film.

FRIENDS OF TAMBORINE NATIONAL PARK: meet on the first Saturday of the month (except Jan.) To find out where we will be working contact Len on 3355 7288 or 0428 335 572.

FRIENDS OF TM LIBRARY Quarterly booksales held, other volunteering opportunities available. Contact the library for further information 5540 5473.

MARTIAL ARTS: Kyokushin Karate and Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu. Bully Busters, Self Defence, Discipline. Tamborine Mountain Showgrounds Tues & Friday 5.00pm and Saturday 9.30am Contact Cameron: 0433 633 775

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

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

TM ARTS COLLECTIVE: Meetings are usually held at 7.00 pm on the first Wednesday of the month at a designated location (call 5545 0043 for details). We always welcome visitors and enquiries from new artists and artisans. We stand for a stronger arts community on the Mountain, and continue to lobby for a local community

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

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

TM BRIDGE CLUB meets each Monday at 5.45pm, Wednesday at 1.15pm, Thursday at 12.45pm, 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

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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!

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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

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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

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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; or find us on Facebook.

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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

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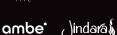


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