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SALE 🛏️ 4 🚿 2 🚗 4 ✂️ 3.75 acres

96-100 Kilmore Dr, Tamborine Mountain

- Open plan kitchen, dining, family with fireplace
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10-YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS – GIVING THANKS

It's not often that we get the chance to stop, reflect and celebrate. We had a great opportunity to do just this with the 10-year anniversary celebrations at Physique in April. On Friday evening, April 22, we had a carpark BBQ as a chance to get together with the clients who have been a part of Physique over the past 10 years. Thank you so much to those who came along and braved the fickle mountain weather. Like Neil said on the evening, a major driver of Physique and our mission is love. So, thank you for the love you showed us, not only at the event but also over the past 10 years. Thank you for taking each and every one of us in and making us proud members of the community.

On Saturday evening we had a celebration dinner with current and past staff and family and friends at The Manor. What a fun night! We competed in Physique trivia, devoured delicious cake and topped the evening off with speeches from those with a special place in their hearts for Physique.

As mentioned before, the 10-year anniversary was a chance for us to reflect, celebrate and reset. We are more motivated than ever to continue to provide services to the Tamborine Mountain Community. Special thanks to Laurie at the Eagle Heights Butchery for providing the sausages for the sizzle and to Shay, Kristine, Denise and Dennis at The Manor, for being so generous and making it a night to remember.

The Team at Physique

Photos: (R) Neil and Rebecca Bell, (below) Steven Schamburg with Neil Bell, (below right) carpark BBQ



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TM UNIVERSE: AIMING FOR THE STARS

Our local astronomy and education project is gaining traction. The development application has been submitted, and activities will increase over the next year. If you have any questions about the project, the goals, or the finances, send me an email and we will arrange to meet or chat. TM Universe is a membership organisation and we are committed to full transparency.

The team at TM Universe will be presenting the latest developments and the essentials of astronomy in a series of special sessions. The topics include black holes, dark matter, the Zodiac, Australia's involvement in upcoming Artemis-missions to the Moon, the crucial role of our country in the operations of the James Webb Space Telescope, and the essentials of the Sun and research into life in the universe. And lots more.

Each session last about 90 minutes, and includes real-time, active involvement of the audience in the presentations, using their mobile phones.

The first session took place on the 14th of May at the Zamia and was well attended. The focus was on the so called 'analemma', and a special sundial project currently in preparation by the TM Universe team.

Session 2 (Sun 12 June 3-5pm, Zamia Theatre) addresses 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 - Einstein.

The third session on Saturday 9 July (Zamia Theatre, 3-5pm) focuses on the universe at large: galaxies, star clusters, dark matter and energy, black holes and the James Webb Telescope. Also, some aspects of indigenous astronomy will be presented.

Life in the Universe will be a major subject for the future education precinct, and takes centre stage during the **fourth session, Saturday 13 August, 3-5pm at the Zamia**. Are we alone, and how far are we in finding water elsewhere in the universe? What are planets exactly, and what is causing the enthusiasm about exoplanets? Also, the latest results of current space missions will be highlighted.

The fifth gathering, on Sunday 11 September (3-5pm Zamia) will be used to give insights on the Moon. How did our Moon come about, and why are we going back? This session is also a preparation for the next two events: 1 October NASA Observe the Moon day, and 8 November: a full lunar eclipse event (both at the Cauldron Distillery).

If you attend at least 4 of the 5 sessions you will receive a participation certificate as well as 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.

Members of TM Universe are asked for a gold coin donation, non-members pay \$15 per session. Bookings via the TMUniverse.com.au website.

Questions? Please call Jaap Vogel, president of the Association 0473 818 908, or president@tmuniverse.com.au

AIN'T NO SUNSHINE

South East Queensland is officially in a sunshine drought, with a "woeful" statistic putting the region on par with Denmark and Argentina, having averaged just 3.1 hours of sunshine a day for the entire month of May, a figure the Bureau of Meteorology has labelled "woefully inadequate".

On average, the southeast usually experiences 7.7 hours a day for the month.

The lack of sunshine is comparable with Tórshavn in Denmark, which on average only gets four hours of sun a day, and Ushuaia in Argentina, which averages 3.4 hours.

Though this pales in comparison to Barrow in Alaska, which gets an average of 1.2 hours and Dikson in Russia, which gets less than an hour.

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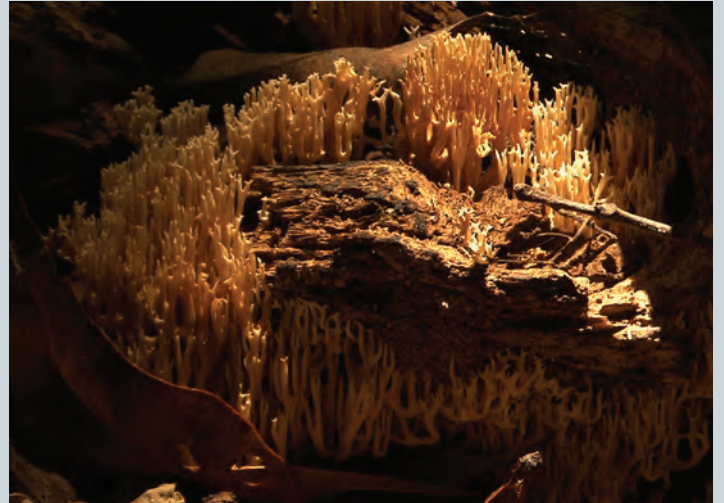
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– *ramaria stricta*, MacDonald National Park



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Peter Kuttner

Council Notices

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PLANNING SCHEME PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Council is proposing to make changes to multiple parts of the *Scenic Rim Planning Scheme 2020*. To view the amendments and make a submission, go to letstalk.scenicrim.qld.gov.au/planning-scheme-amendment

Submissions close at midnight on Sunday 3 July 2022.



CUPPA IN THE COMMUNI-TEA

Drop in for a casual cuppa and a friendly chat at our Cuppa in the Communi-tea sessions. We'll have free tea, coffee, biscuits and giveaways. Scenic Rim's library outreach service and representatives of local community organisations will be on hand. Join us at these locations:

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

KALBAR CIVIC CENTRE
Thursday 16 June | 10am-11am

HARRISVILLE MEMORIAL PARK
Tuesday 21 June | 10am-11am

PEAK CROSSING PARK
Tuesday 21 June | 2pm-3pm



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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
Baby Rhyme Time for babies to two-year-olds | Friday 9.15am

OUTREACH STORYTIME IN THE PARK

Peak Crossing | Thursday 26 May | 9.30am
Rathdowney | Wednesday 1 June | 9.30am
Beechmont | Thursday 2 June | 9.30am
Canungra | Wednesday 8 June | 9.30am
Beaudesert Unyah Jarjun Mununjali | Tuesday 7 June | 10am
Beaudesert | Thursday 9 June | 9.30am
Tamborine Village | Tuesday 14 June | 9.30am
Kalbar | Thursday 16 June | 9.30am

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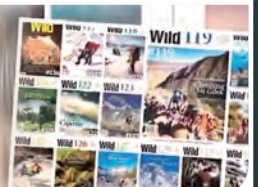
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7pm with guest speaker

Saturday 28 May

10am 1pm and 7pm

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FINALLY: 'GOAT TRACK' REOPENING UPDATE

Officials have finally given a timeframe for reopening the Goat Track on Tamborine Mountain, a year and a half after it was shut due to a massive landslide during a December 2020 storm.

The cliff face on Tamborine Mountain Road has now been secured, allowing reconstruction work to repair significant damage along the actual road to get underway.

“The complex nature of the work zone and the incredibly steep terrain, on top of heavy rain periods, has meant reconstruction has taken longer than initially anticipated, but we are pleased to see significant progress being made,” Transport and Main Roads Acting South Coast Regional Director Andrew Wheeler said.

“The project team has successfully anchored large, unstable rocks and installed steel mesh on the cliff-face to stabilise the steep slope and restore safety.”

The works are expected to be finished within months, with the road to reopen to traffic by September 2022.

“This has been a massive effort, with most of the work completed by workers hanging on ropes secured to the rock face,” Mr Wheeler said.

“A large catch-fence has been installed on the upslope to reduce the risk of rock falls and ensure it is safe to work on the road below.

“We thank the local community and motorists for being patient as we work towards re-opening,” he said.

“We know this project has impacted residents and businesses, but safety has always been our number one priority.”



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FINE BREAK FOR TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN 2022 LAW WALK

The Tamborine Mountain 2022 Law Walk: Thanks for the fine day! Tuesday 17th May saw the dawn rise... beautifully backlit by fog... and no rain! Yay! Those who were up and about at 7am would have noticed a group of folks walking along Beacon Road, out to the lookout... looking very happy indeed that the torrential rain over the past few days had stopped, and they could enjoy the excellent walking conditions.

Who were they and what on earth were they doing at such an hour? As it turns out, they were a bunch of local lawyers known as the “Tamborine Toddlers” – taking part in the 2022 Tamborine Mountain “Law Walk”. The purpose of the walk is to raise awareness and funds for LAWRIGHT (an organisation that provides a wide range of services seeking to increase access to justice for Queenslanders. It also has a particular focus to assist those clients with worthy claims in the public good (pro bono) but who would not otherwise be able to afford legal assistance - See RED QR CODE). Our local lawyers joined in with over 900 other Queensland lawyers and supporters who were also walking at the same time and with like purpose in Brisbane, Cairns, Townsville, the North and South Coasts and Toowoomba.

Just before the walk, over \$110,000.00 had been raised ... LAWRIGHT needs \$200,000.00 to continue to maintain its Magistrates Court and Financial Counselling Services... so let's hope that this target is achieved.

The desperately needed reinvigorating breakfast and fellowship at Elevation Café after the walk (joined by some of our partners) was thoroughly enjoyed by all... our thanks to the Elevation Team! So, feel free to support LAWRIGHT by making a donation via The Tamborine Toddlers: BLUE GREEN QR CODE or via the GREEN QR CODE.

The walk is open to all who wish to support LAWRIGHT and its pro bono efforts. So, if you are wanting to join in next year or learn more, contact Randal Dennings via randaldennings@gmail.com or Ian MacAllan via ian@ianmacallan.com.au.



The Local “Law Walkers” (ABOVE) were, from left to right Charlotte Stubbs, Randal Dennings, Ian MacAllan and (front) Candice Bent.



 Queensland Legal Walk



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EVERYONE'S INVITED TO THE PARTY AS SCENIC RIM CELEBRATES QUEENSLAND'S BIRTHDAY



Queensland Day celebrations will be a triple treat for the Scenic Rim, with Council staging three free events across the region in June to mark the State's birthday and the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

The Queensland Day Family Fun Day at Beaudesert on Sunday 5 June will be the centrepiece of Scenic Rim Regional Council's Queensland Day celebrations, honouring the region's Australia Day Awards winners and nominees and welcoming its new Australian citizens.

The celebrations will continue at Tamborine Mountain on Tuesday 7 June and Boonah on Thursday 9 June with free morning teas and prizes to be won in royalty-themed games.

Scenic Rim Mayor Greg Christensen said Council was pleased to host the events which are part of the 2022 Queensland Government's Queensland Day celebrations.

"With three events across the Scenic Rim, there's something for everyone as we celebrate all things Queensland and our special place in the sunshine state," he said.

"We're inviting everyone to join the festivities, as on 6 June, Queensland marks 163 years as a separate colony from New South Wales."

The free family fun day in Beaudesert on Sunday 5 June runs from 10am to 1pm in Jubilee Park and will have all the fun of the fair with games, face painting, live music, animals, jumping castles and stalls.

Highlights will be the presentation of Council's 2022 Australia Day Awards and a citizenship ceremony to welcome the region's newest Australians.

"With the lifting of COVID restrictions, our Queensland Day event at Beaudesert will be the long-anticipated celebration of our Australia Day Awards nominees and winners," Mayor Christensen said.

"Given the recent recognition the region has received on the international stage, all of our Queensland Day events are a great opportunity for our communities to come together to celebrate being part of Queensland, as well as the jewel of the south-east."

Council will also host free morning teas from 10am to 11am at Tamborine Mountain Library on Tuesday 7 June and the Boonah Forecourt in High Street on Thursday 9 June.

"Come and join the party as we have much to celebrate," Mayor Christensen said.

Queensland Day Family Fun Day is part of the 2022 Queensland Government's Queensland Day celebrations.



SCOTT BUCHHOLZ IS RETURNED IN WRIGHT



WITH two-thirds of last Saturday's votes counted as Scenic News went to press, winning MP Scott Buchholz prepared to represent the Scenic Rim under a newly-elected Labor government.

Mr Buchholz said he was "humbled" by voters returning him to a fifth term and vowed to hold new Prime Minister Anthony Albanese to his campaign promises.

"Whilst I'm disappointed that LNP hasn't been returned to office, the Australian public has spoken," he said.

"Democracy has reared its head once again, maybe not in favour of what I would have liked to see, but I can say that the challenges ahead for an Albanese government are significant and the economy is fragile.

"We will continue to keep reminding everyone in the electorate of Wright and Australia of the commitments Mr Albanese made during the campaign that everyone's getting a 5.1 per cent payrise."

Mr Buchholz claimed another term after voters across the Scenic Rim gave him their nearly 43% of the primary vote in the seat of Wright.

"I'm incredibly humbled by the people of Wright asking me to be their voice in Canberra for a fifth term," he said.

"There is more work to be done closer to home.

"We've had a very wet winter. Just last week we had Australian Defence Force personnel over in Laidley help clean out homes and businesses.

"I'm fearful that we haven't seen the end of having to call upon those assets. The weather forecasts are telling us that we've got this La Niña through for the rest of winter and into spring.

"I'm fearful of what devastation that brings with it."

Mr Buchholz was strongly favoured throughout the campaign to retain his seat.

Labor's Pam McCreddie captured ~22% of the primary vote, while Tamborine Mountain's Greens candidate Nicole Thompson had the support of a little over 11% of voters.



Letters to the Editor

WATCH OUT FOR THE FINE PRINT...

The Scenic Rim Council is well known for being poor at communicating with residents. However, they have tried with the Public Notice occupying almost half of Page 6 of the 18 May issue of the *Scenic News*.

The problem is that the Notice uses a very small, low contrast font which makes it so difficult to read that most people simply won't even try. This was the case with the potential readers I queried. Most unfortunate, since the Notice identifies for comment, twenty proposed amendments to the Scenic Rim Planning Scheme. Some of these are of real significance for the Tamborine Mountain community. Incidentally, the problem can't be blamed on the *News* since the *Fassifern Guardian* and *Beaudesert Times* show essentially identical deficiencies. This defeats effective community consultation.

I printed out a blown-up version to find out what it was all about and am very glad I did. It doesn't tell you the whole story, with that needing reference to the Council's Amendment document which I have not yet seen and which I understand is about 40 pages long. These are serious Amendments, the details of which I have not yet seen.



A couple of points can be made: one is that, to be considered, submissions must be made from 18 May to 3 July. This excludes previous submissions re:- the Growth Management Strategy, which could be particularly relevant. There is then the related matter of the issue of the draft Planning Scheme Amendments before Council's response to Growth Management Strategy submissions. Clarification is needed.

However, I must mention Item 4: "Amendment to the Dual Occupancy Code and level of assessment for Dual Occupancy to improve neighbourhood amenity and character." This was an aspect about which I was very critical in my Letter to the Editor in the 19 May edition due to relaxed control over Dual Occupancy in our Residential Low-Density Zone. However, due to lack of correct information, my observations were unfounded in this respect. For this I apologise. I am now surprised to find that Tamborine Mountain is specifically excluded from the proposed amendment! This is very good news if it indicates acceptance that one size does not necessarily fit all.

Phil Giffard

SERVICE SEEMS A BIT... RUBBISH

I would like to ask the Scenic Rim mayor, Cr Greg Christensen, why Tamborine Mountain (population approaching 8,000 and the highest rated area in the Shire) has fewer rubbish disposal and recycling services than Beaudesert, whose population, together with Kooralbyn, is only some 900 more?

Furthermore, Tamborine Mountain has fewer such services than Boonah, population 2,484, or Canungra, population 1,229, or fewer even than Rathdowney, population 308! Tamborine Mountain has similar such facilities as Peaks Crossing, population less than 1,000.

The only locality that is worse off in this regard is Kalbar, whose population is just over 1,000. Cr Christensen, does this sound fair to you? It certainly does not to the residents here who have to take paint tins, other drums or concrete waste to either Canungra (the long way round) or to the central collection centre at Bromelton. Just one more reason a big percentage of Mountain residents favour becoming part of the Gold Coast Council.

Roland Lindenmayer

SERVO... FORGOTTEN ALL ABOUT US?

Early November, 2021: Then-business manager of the Mountain's single servo said that he greatly appreciated the patience and understanding of the local community during the servo's enforced 3-week shutdown after a truck had damaged its awning.

"A new awning is currently being fabricated in Brisbane and it will be erected in around two months." *Scenic News* believes the Council had approved the plans. It is now nearly June, 2022. Tamborine Mountain has 'enjoyed' over two metres of rain to date in 2022. And yet we continue to fill up in foul weather... at record prices, no less.

What gives?

the Editor

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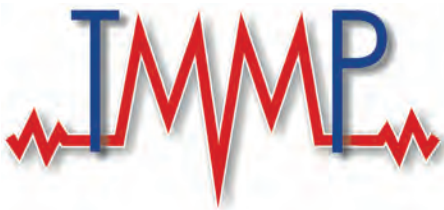
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SALVOS SOUND THE WARNING



More Queenslanders struggling with housing, food, utilities, and health care – can't meet basic living expenses. Salvation Army research finds 96 per cent of Queensland's most vulnerable struggling below the poverty line.

Research conducted by The Salvation Army has highlighted that the most vulnerable in our society are struggling to make ends meet, with 90% of those surveyed finding it a challenge to meet basic living expenses, including housing, utilities, food, and health care, in the past 12 months.

The new Salvation Army research report, released as part of the annual Red Shield Appeal, surveyed over 200 people who have been assisted by the Salvos in Queensland over the past 12 months.

The research found that after paying for housing costs, 96% of respondents were living below the poverty line, with 74% saying that managing financial stress was one of their greatest challenges, 72% needing to ask for financial help from family and friends and 56% not being able to afford medical or dental treatment when they need it.

"Sadly, almost half of those surveyed have been forced to go without meals due to shortage of money, 48% can't afford medicines prescribed to them and 36% can't pay their rent or mortgage on time," Simon Gregory, Qld Public Relations Secretary, The Salvation Army, said.

"Over recent years, Queenslanders have faced unprecedented economic stress and uncertainty due to the COVID-19 pandemic, inflation and rising costs of living. In addition, we've faced fires, drought and most recently floods, putting even more financial pressure on the most vulnerable."

"Both housing stress and the risk of homelessness is high amongst those who participated in our research, with 78% in housing stress, paying 30% or more of their household income on housing, and 47% in extreme housing stress, paying 50% or more of their household income on housing."

After paying for housing costs, many households were left with little disposable income – respondents in paid employment were left with just \$28 a day to live on after paying for housing, and those on government support payments were left with only \$22 a day.

"Our research has shown that the situation is particularly dire for those who are living on government support payments. These people are struggling to afford their basic needs, with 93% finding it difficult to meet their necessary living expenses and 98% living below the poverty line," Mr Gregory said.

The Salvation Army research has also shown that for those living on government support payments:

- 68% said not affording enough food is one of their greatest challenges
- 57% can't afford medical or dental treatment when they need it
- 61% are going without meals

"It is abundantly clear that many of those living on government benefits are facing extreme financial pressure, finding it hard to keep a roof over their head and food on the table – the necessities of life.

"We're calling on the next elected Federal Government to focus on the most vulnerable in society. Being able to meet basic living expenses should be the norm for all in an advanced economy like Australia, and not something we are still discussing in 2022," Mr Gregory said.

Over the past 12 months, The Salvation Army has seen a significant increase in people who are turning to them for support, and they are calling on Queenslanders to get

behind them to help the Salvos keep up with demand and leave no one in need.

The research reflects The Salvation Army's Social Justice Stocktake released last month, which reveals housing affordability is the second most issue of concern in the community after mental health.

"The Salvation Army has walked alongside Queenslanders in crisis for more than 140 years and our services form an important part of more than 80 local communities across Queensland, serving and responding to local needs every day," Mr Gregory said. "This includes family welfare assistance, refuge for women and children in crisis, support people experiencing homelessness, youth drop-in centres, emergency and disaster relief, drug and alcohol rehabilitation and employment training.

Now in its 58th year, The Red Shield Appeal is The Salvos' flagship fundraising appeal. This year the aim is to raise \$5.4 million in Queensland to fund more than 400 centres and services across the state, with the Red Shield Appeal Weekend taking place on 28 and 29 May.

In the last year The Salvos across Australia*:

- Provided more than \$70 million in financial assistance
- Assisted one person every 17 seconds.
- Supported 5,800 women and children experiencing family and domestic violence.
- Provided 887,500 crisis beds for those experiencing homelessness.
- Supported around 35,000 people with alcohol, drug, or gambling addictions.

"We live and breathe our mission in our work with individuals and families experiencing hardship and crisis every single day, but we need the entire community's support to achieve this. As Salvos, when we see someone in need, we can also see the potential of what they can achieve with our support, so please give generously," Mr Gregory said.

To donate to The Salvation Army's Red Shield Appeal, or if you need support from The Salvos, visit salvationarmy.org.au or call 13 SALVOS (13 72 58). You can also donate at any Salvos Store.

WINNERS ARE GRINNERS AT SCENIC RIM TOASTMASTERS



We might be a small Toastmasters Club out in "the sticks" in Boyland but we pack a punch with experienced and award-winning Toastmasters to help our newest members improve their public speaking and leadership skills.

Last fortnight's meeting we welcomed back two of our team, President Christine Lennon and member Ally Hannon from the District Speech Competition in Cairns. These two ladies competed at Club Level and came first, then at Area Level and came first and then onto Division Level and finally District Level which encompasses over 160 Clubs and, you guessed it, they came FIRST!

Christine brought along her First Place Trophy for her humorous speech about putting the F back into FUN and Ally also placed First in the Table Topics competition which is a 2-3 minute totally impromptu speech! We are so proud of both of them and look forward to seeing some of our new members taking the opportunity to grow in confidence by participating in next year's competitions.

So far in the last month, five out of our seven new members have given their first ever prepared speech, called the Ice Breaker, in front of the rest of the club. They were all given feedback by their respective evaluators as to what they did really well and recommendations as to what they may like to work on to further enhance their speeches next time. All were met with standing ovations!

If you suffer from glossophobia (the fear of public speaking), or have a job opportunity that requires you to do group training or speak at meetings or even if you have a special occasion coming up that you would like to be able to speak at, come along as our GUEST to Scenic Rim Toastmasters Club in Boyland and see what we can do to help you grow as a Public Speaker and Leader. **Contact Julia on 0410 585 425 or via email on jkschafer01@gmail.com.**

TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN BRIDGE CLUB RESULTS

Monday 16/05/2022

EW	1	61.56%	Marian Gibbons - Sheila Irvine-Brown
NS	1	56.67%	Lindy Williams - Eddie Heinemeyer
NS	2	56.25%	David Donaldson - Heike Edrich
NS	3	54.58%	Alex Hood - Ashley Anderssen
EW	1	63.57%	Christine Youngman - Julie Guthrie
EW	2	59.64%	Laurene Hassard - Peter Zaremba
EW	3	46.79%	Gayle Donaldson - Pam Warrell

Wednesday 18/05/2022

NS	1	65.42%	Lindy Williams - Eddie Heinemeyer
NS	2	62.81%	Kevin Hamilton-Reen - Mary Simon
NS	3	53.33%	Hank Van Lieshout - Jenny Strachan

Thursday 19/05/2022

1	61.57%	Denise Merrin - Sheena Pollock
2	60.19%	Margaret Goldsmith - Eddie Heinemeyer
3	56.94%	Marian Gibbons - Julie Guthrie

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THE TRUTH BEHIND THE HYPE

It's been a fun couple of weeks in yoga class. We are

doing an 8-week course using yoga to explore how this whole-body modality can make us stronger, calmer and more joyous. Really interesting for me to dig up slightly different asanas, pranayama and different meditations that complement our goal. And feel free to join us any time, the loveliest thing about yoga is that it's perfect for everyone at every stage of their life, health and fitness.

Outside our yoga world, we have had the very exciting Election Day. If you do watch TV, you would have been inundated with the media hype and slating of political parties through catchy ads and photos of the opposition in compromised, ugly portraits. And no one ever makes anything clear, just lots of obscure promises and references to issues the parties think we all know and care about. A nice pie chart showing where the money is spent perhaps, or a graph explaining why we are suddenly looming on the edge of a recession might help the stressed, time-poor voters make a decent decision. Even better if we compared that same pie chart to previous promises to gauge how those promises were ever fulfilled – that would be interesting. But what has this got to do with yoga?

Lots. If you listen behind the hype and have bit of time to do some investigation, you'll realise that there are lots of lies. Now, lying is a very interesting phenomenon in the world of yoga: yoga teachers, kinesiologists and energy healers maintain that those who lie regularly eventually pay a terrible price with their bodies. And we won't go into their spiritual futures, that's between the liar and God. No, if we stick to the physical body: a life of lies, untruths and slimy intentions (not white lies, we all have to be kind) eventually plays out in your body.

So, what does lying do to your body? Researchers proved that telling major lies regularly creates lots of internal stress, which then manifests as a whole host of medical problems: headaches, sore throats, tenseness and anxiety. With regards to your brain, imaging studies show that lying activates the limbic system in the brain, the 'fight or flight' response. When people are being honest, this area of the brain shows minimal activity, but when telling a lie, it lights up like a fireworks display – a dishonest brain is frantic. Sociopaths lack empathy and therefore do not exhibit a typical physiological response when lying.

Truth enhances our body, mind and soul and makes us strong. Lying challenges the electrical and muscular balance of your body and it becomes weaker. As Buddha stated: "Three things cannot be long hidden: the sun, the moon, and the truth."

Margot Wagner
Yoga Under the Bodhi Tree

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Relationships



COMM-UNITY

I read a recent political commentary discussing how our federal election has been particularly negative and critical of opposing parties rather than the promotion of policies. The reason given was that research revealed that voters today are far more likely to be motivated by fear rather than hope when casting a vote. People no longer trust political promises and votes are determined by which party is perceived to cause the least harm. What an indictment of our society!

Is it possible for a fragmented and distrusting society to transform itself into hopeful communities? The solution might not be in politics but in grassroots movements. Recently published *Stories of Hope* is an account of personal stories gathered from Ulster citizens of all ages sharing their experience of the conflict in Northern Ireland. It is a sequel to a previous publication *Conflict to Peace- Our Community Transformation*. A quote from the editor: "We often forget that the transformation that has occurred in Northern Ireland over the past 25 years is not just about politics, but it is also about people and their impact on communities. Our peace is far from perfect but the journey we have been on is marked by thousands of footsteps of people who have sought to move this place forward and away from the dark days of the past".

Are the people of Northern Ireland still struggling with a complexity of divergent opinions? Absolutely, particularly at the moment as their political system is in danger of collapse. The change that has occurred is not about changing people's opinions, it is about changing attitudes. Fear of those 'on the other side' has been replaced with hope that it is possible to live together respectfully and that our humanity gives us more in common than the differences between us.

Hope goes beyond passive wishful thinking. According to one author, realistic hope is defined as the attempt to understand the concrete conditions of reality, to see one's own role in it realistically, and to engage in such efforts of thoughtful action as might be expected to bring about the hoped-for change.

Much happens in our beautiful community to generate hope: all types of volunteerism; neighbours who look out for one another; every week there is a plethora of activities where locals come together to have fun, learn, serve, work, work out, problem-solve, advocate, celebrate. I am always encouraged when I read community Facebook posts and see people helping one another with providing transport, searching for lost pets, giving away needed items and many other acts of kindness.

You don't have to travel far from your front door to encounter a diversity of opinions but let's keep our focus on those things that unite us as a comm-unity! Studies have found that as anxiety increases, our desire to affiliate with others decreases. Let's not allow fear or distrust of difference isolate or divide us. Isolated by fear or united by hope... may we all choose hope!

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Physio Talk



HELPING OUR YOUNGEST COMMUNITY MEMBERS

While completing my Physiotherapy degree at Griffith University I learnt heaps. My brain was continually exploding with new knowledge as every single day we had a lecture about something different.

The lecturers and tutors you have at university form a lasting impression on you throughout your career. It's no surprise that I can still hear some of them talking about the topics that they were passionate about:

- "There's no such thing as lactic acid – only lactate and hydrogen!"
- "Physio's easy – if it's tight you have to loosen it, and if it's loose, you have to tighten it."
- "If you hear hoofs, think horses not zebras."
... and my personal favourite:
- "Kids are NOT little versions of adults!"

I am passionate about treating children because we can make an incredibly large impact on their lives. Rebecca "Jack of All Trades" Bell and myself have undergone training in paediatric physiotherapy because we believe it is very important to help this population. The bottom line is this: if we can address problems in children before they become adults, it saves a heck of a lot of issues later on.

My lecturers were right – children aren't little adults. The physiology of a child is mind-blowingly different to an adult – there is so much growth and adaptation occurring every second of every day. This gives us an incredible opportunity to make long-lasting effective changes quite quickly.

Children have so many different challenges to deal with than adults – the most common things that I see as a paediatric physio are things that adults just don't have to think about. The most common thing that I treat and manage in the clinic is Growth Plate problems – essentially bones growing faster than the muscles can keep up with! This is called "apophysitis" and most commonly occurs at the knee and heel.

I am also passionate about helping children on the NDIS – I see a wide and varied population of children with an array of

disabilities. Helping these children is a hugely important job that can really have a massive impact on their lives moving forward. Physiotherapists have a lot to offer to help children as babies all the way through to adulthood. Babies will often develop torticollis and flat spots on their skull, toddlers can fall behind their developmental milestones and need some help to achieve them. These are things I see regularly and love to help with.

with Hayden Buckman

In fact, I love it so much I have opened a pilot clinic in Jimboomba to best help our neighbouring communities too. I have teamed up with a fantastic multi-disciplinary clinic – "LS Health Services" - which is also staffed by speech therapists, occupational therapists, child psychologists and much more.

It's an immense privilege to help out our youngest community members and be a small part of their lives. If you would like more information about how physiotherapy may be able to help your child, please don't hesitate to get in contact.



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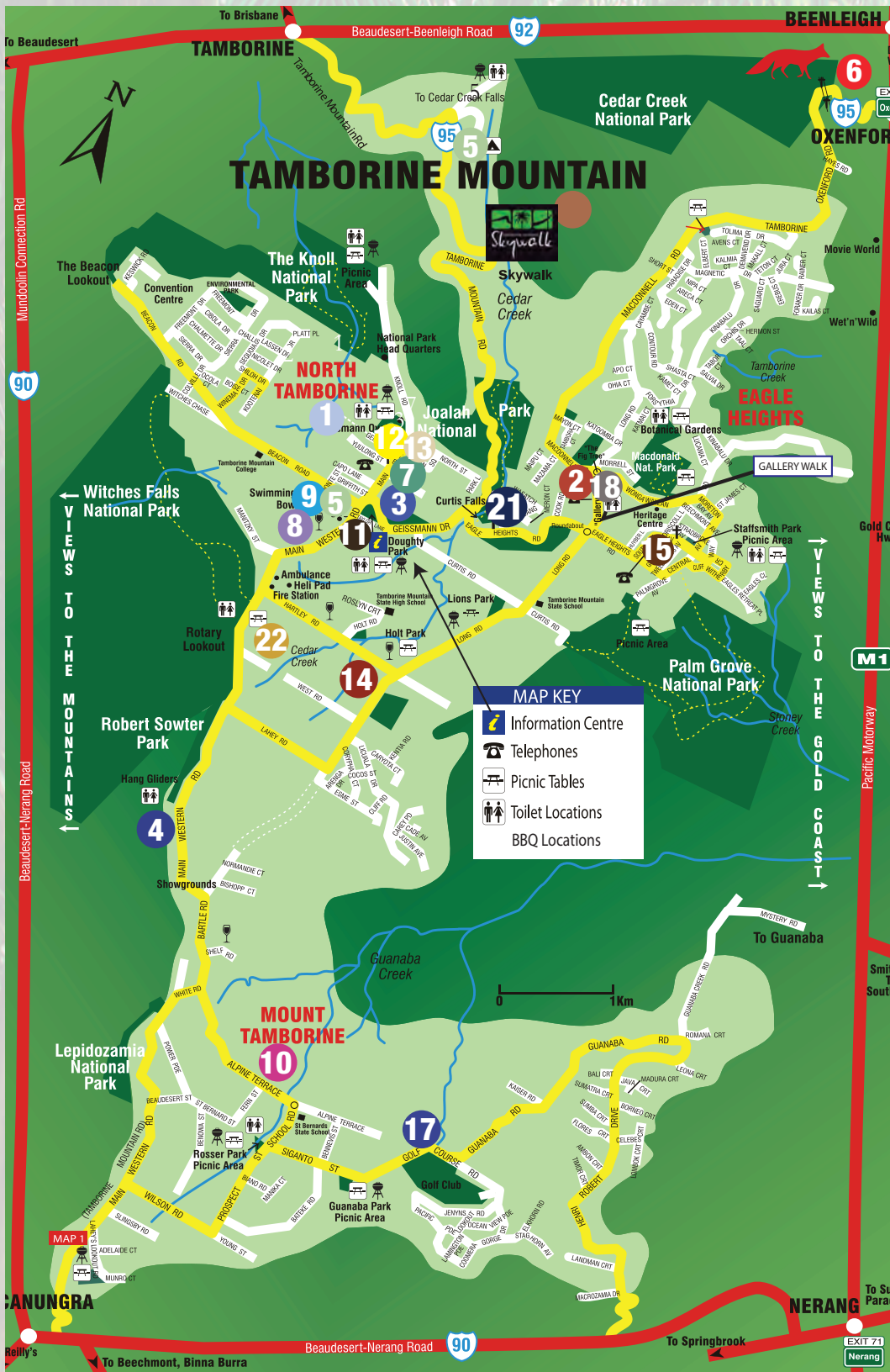
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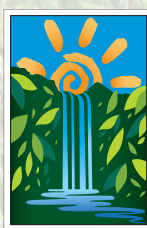
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CARERS QUEENSLAND WELCOMES EARLY CHILDHOOD FAMILIES WHO ARE CONTINUING THEIR NDIS JOURNEY

Carers Queensland is making sure children turning seven years-old and their families feel welcome and ready as they transition from their Early Childhood Approach (ECA) partner to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) Local Area Coordination (LAC) program.

As the biggest LAC partner in Queensland, Carers Queensland will support more than 3000 children and their families through this change in 2022, ensuring they have the information they need to feel prepared and excited about the next stage of their NDIS journey.

Children with developmental delays or disability work with their ECA partner on common goals and developmental milestones until the age of seven.

Once a child turns seven, they may require more support for longer, and will be supported in their transition to the full scheme of the NDIS by their LAC Partner in the Community (PITC), Carers Queensland.

Carers Queensland's ECA Transition Specialist, Jenny Dodd, said "The NDIS is a lifelong approach and Carers Queensland's welcome for children and families was an important step in helping them feel empowered as well as acknowledging their individual requirements."

"Carers Queensland wants families to feel supported and informed as we begin this journey together; that's why we are here – to provide relevant information, events and support," Jenny said.

Carers Queensland and a child's ECA provider work together to ensure a smooth transition for future communication and plan reviews for transitioning children and their families.

"One difference we prepare families for is the focus on short-term and long-term goals: short-term goals can usually be



completed in less than 12 months, with long-term goals potentially taking several years to achieve," Jenny explained.

"The role of a child's Local Area Coordinator (LAC) is to support them to develop a plan and connect them with services and supports that best suit their needs."

The team of experienced LACs can help families understand the plan, what it means and link them with community and mainstream options.

For more information about the transitioning to Carers Queensland LAC program from your Early Childhood partner, visit the QR code (at right).



You can also contact Carers Queensland on 1300 999 636, or cq.enquiries@ndis.gov.au

PUBLIC FORUM - COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT ON NATIONAL PARKS – EXPLOITATION OR BENEFICIAL?

Commercial development on national parks in Queensland, and in other States, is very controversial and needs to be opened up to public scrutiny according to Gecko Environment Council.

This issue will be discussed at a public forum on Saturday 4th June at 12.30pm at Robina Community Centre and will feature 5 speakers and opportunities for the audience to interact with the speakers and each other.

Lois Levy, Convenor of the Forum said, "The existing and proposed private development of commercial tourism resorts, cabins and other infrastructure inside of our national parks is seen by many as contrary to the spirit and letter of the laws that protect our natural environment. Others view it as an opportunity to showcase our national parks and bring revenue to government."

This year's forum is a follow-on from the successful event held last year that examined the need for more protected areas in Queensland. At present, the protected areas constitute 8.24% of Queensland's land area and the Government has promised to increase that to the international standard of 17% by 2030. In contrast, South Australia has already set aside 30% and Tasmania 42%. The question for debate is "should this small, protected area be available for private development?"

National Parks in Queensland are over 100 years old and were established because people of vision realised that the exceptional flora and fauna of Queensland needed protection from development of all types. Like today, the establishment of national parks was controversial, but today's generations are reaping the rewards of these efforts. This has been evident during the Covid pandemic with higher than usual visitation to national parks.

However, public enjoyment of national parks to walk, relax and learn about nature is completely different to allowing private enterprise to take over parts of this public estate for their own profits. The forum will

explore impacts as well as benefits that are promised.

The speakers lined up to present their views on commercial development in national parks are:

Justine Dillon, Kombumerri and Quandamooka woman and Project Coordinator for Ngarang-Wal Gold Coast Aboriginal Association Incorporated & Guanaba Indigenous Protected Area. Justine is passionate about the cultural importance of national parks.

Peter Ogilvie, State President of the Wildlife Preservation Society of Queensland and has had 46 years of direct involvement in the management and administration of national park, wildlife and World Heritage properties in Queensland, much of it in director/manager roles with Statewide responsibilities.

Sonya Underdahl, Researcher Environmental Sociology - Ecotourism examining the current initiative by the government for commercial developments in national parks. Sonya is a tour guide on the Gold Coast servicing the World Heritage Areas and national parks.

Ronda Green BSc (Hons) PhD is an adjunct research fellow at Griffith University, lecturing in conservation biology, nature tourism, wildlife tourism, and adult education courses in Wildlife of Southeast Queensland and Bird Behaviour. She is Chair of Wildlife Tourism Australia and chair of the Scenic Rim branch of the Wildlife Preservation Society of Queensland,

Dan Broun is a wilderness photographer, filmmaker and conservationist from Tasmania. He is the campaign Manager for the group Fishers & Walkers Tasmania who fight against inappropriate development in National Parks, most notably against helicopter tourism at Lake Malbena and the construction of luxury lodges along the South Coast Track.

Tickets can be purchased <https://events.humanitix.com/commercial-tourism-in-national-parks-forum>



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Sudoku - Medium



Here's a well-worn puzzle:

A bat and a ball cost \$1.10. The bat costs \$1 more than the ball. How much does the ball cost?

The puzzle is well-known because people often get it wrong, even though the arithmetic involved is very simple. The 'instant' answer that comes to mind is that the ball costs 10c. In fact, after a moment's reflection, the answer is clearly 5c. (And thus the bat costs \$1.05.)

Today's six puzzles are in a similar vein. One answer suggests itself immediately. Yet often that answer is incorrect. Before you get too cocky, however, one of the questions below was given to 185 students at Harvard University, and they all got it wrong.

1. If it takes five elves five minutes to wrap five presents, how long would it take fifty elves to wrap fifty presents?
2. A mother and daughter are fifty years old in total. The mother is 20 years older than the daughter. How old is the daughter?
3. How many people is three trios of triplets thrice?
4. If you flip a coin 3 times, what is the probability of flipping at least 2 Heads?
5. This morning 100kg of marrows were put in the sun. They were 99% water, but through the day they lost moisture to evaporation and now they are only 98% water. How much do they weigh now?
6. If I gave you \$100 today and you paid me back \$10 every month for a year, what is the annual interest rate on your loan?

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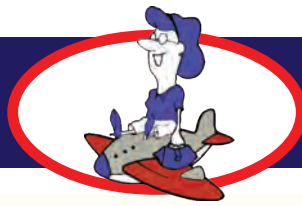
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AUSSIE TRIVIA

1. Where would you find Eggs and Bacon Bay, Milkshake Hills, Trousers Point, Granny's Gut, Satan's Lair, Lovely Bottom and Stinkhole?
2. In 1953 David Warren of the Aeronautical Research Laboratories of Melbourne invented what?
3. When and where was the world's first surf lifesaving club founded?
4. Where does the statue of AC/DC frontman Bon Scott stand?
5. Where was classic Aussie film Storm Boy filmed?
6. Green Grocers, Blue Moons, Yellow Mondays and Razor Grinders are all what?
7. Name as many as you can - the first Aussie locations of these famous takeaways: McDonalds, Dominos Pizza, Hungry Jacks, Kentucky Fried Chicken, Subway.
8. Why are Tim Tams called Tim Tams?
9. The famous Aussie train known as the Ghan was once known as ...?
10. Name the only five countries bigger than Australia.

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Answers on page 23



TRAVELLING PLACES *with Gina*

After hiking through the Flinders Ranges, our merry team headed to Clare; what a delightful township this is! Further out of Adelaide than many of the other wine growing districts, Clare has a rural feel that caters to many types of enterprises, including cropping and sheep farming (the shearers still make their annual pilgrimage to this part of the world), along with hills planted with mainly Riesling grapes. Staying in town was fun, walking down the Main Street in the evening to one of the wonderful restaurants for dinner. The locals were friendly and welcoming – dare I say there was a feel of the Mountain about this town?

We visited Bungaroo Station, which has been handed down through the family since settlement. The hand-cut sandstone buildings made up quite a community, and in its day there was a police station, school, staff quarters, stables, their own church, a gracious house with beautiful gardens, and one of Australia's busiest shearing sheds. At its prime, they were running 60,000 head (some reports claim up to 80,000!). Imagine all the mouths to feed, all the staff to house and all the work. The family today is diversifying into tourism, with several of these buildings open to the public, and they are in the process of converting some of the cottages into accommodation.

We also visited historical Martindale Hall; this Georgian sandstone, elegant house was virtually imported from Britain by the family in the early 19th century. In its prime, house parties included polo in the grounds, garden parties and dinners in the William Morris-wallpapered dining room, with billiards for the men afterwards. Bequeathed to the state, it is interesting to wander around and feel a taste of yesteryear.

The Jesuits built a school for boys and filled a good wine cellar from the farm's produce. Mary McKillop had connections to the church here, and pilgrims make their way to hear about her life story. Wander into the crypts to see where the priests are interred. Wine is still produced here, so linger awhile for a wine tasting: their 'stickys' are delicious, and reminiscent of altar wine!



Nearby Burra was the site of one of Australia's largest copper mines; there are many grim tales of miners living in dugouts set in the river. There are so many sandstone cottages in need of restoration here, it would be a doer-upper's paradise!

Wine tasting and long lunches are a must, many overlooking wide open valleys and others tucked into small historical buildings. The history of the region is fascinating and we could all have spent more time wandering between the townships. We ran out of time to ride or walk the Riesling trail – you always need to leave something to entice you to return!

South Australia rightly has a reputation as one of the foodie centres of Australia, there are many fine restaurants and local eateries. Back in Adelaide we had a fun-filled final evening enjoying a progressive dinner in the Adelaide market, meeting stall holders and sampling different produce. An excellent way to finish a wonderful trip!

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My mother would often have a soup in the fridge and heat it up for us as an after-school snack, dipping the toast soldiers into the soup on a rainy afternoon is what dreams are made of, especially in the cooler months.

Did you know? Sweet potato and pumpkin are high in vitamin C which can help the immune system fight off colds and flu, and the potassium is great for helping blood flow and blood pressure. Throw in all the known benefits of chicken stock, and you have a simple meal that is not only healing, but also tastes heavenly.

Chef Dylan tips: Don't try to blend this soup when it's hot in a bench top blender as the heat will cause the lid to pop off and you will have soup splattered all over the kitchen. If you don't have a stick blender you can simply smash the veg up with a potato masher. I often do it this way when I want to create a more hearty dish with a rustic mouthfeel.

Hollywood, LA 2018

I reach down to press the worn red button which triggers an orange light to shine behind the slightly hunched over African American bus driver. I fling my backpack on and slowly make my way down the aisle towards the front. "Next stop Hollywood Boulevard" he imparts cheerfully. Holding onto the yellow railing I exclaim "You have exceptional driving skills mate, that was some ride." Breaking harder now, the bus slows to a halt. He turns to me and responds, "Thanks man, I've been dodging LA traffic for 25 years now." He reaches down and activates the doors. I hear the hissing sound of the doors opening and while I make my way down the steps the distinctive smell of hot brakes fills my nose. "Have a great day!" says the driver "You too, thanks!" I reply.

Stepping down onto the sidewalk, the doors close behind me and the bus disappears behind a thick cloud of diesel smoke bellowing from the exhaust. It's a cold, windy autumn morning I turn my gaze upward towards the high grey clouds that blanket the sky, hoping the rain will hold off. Looking down now at the dark-coloured pavement flecked with white paint, I spy what I came here for, the paradigmatic example of Hollywood success, your very own rose-coloured star embedded in the ground. The first one I see has the name 'Tim Allen' emblazoned in

golden block letters and beneath is an old-style icon of a video camera encased in a circle. Making my way up the street, the stars continue, and I pass countless names of people I've never heard of like Michael Ansara, Anthony Anderson and Rick Baker while others I recognise like Drew Barrymore and Pierce Brosnan.

My stomach starts to rumble, I pull the sleeve away from my wrist and glance down at my watch, shocked its already 11 am. Suddenly I realise the last food I had was on the plane 7 hours ago. I decide a nice bowl of soup will warm me up. I come across a posh burger-style restaurant named '25 degrees' located on the first floor of the historic Hollywood Roosevelt hotel. As I enter, I'm greeted by a smiley waitress "Table for one, sir?" she asks. "Yes please" I nod. "Follow me" she says turning and I'm led past an impressive 1900's style bar flooded with natural light from the huge glass windows opposite. My giant backpack slightly bumps one of the maroon padded stools dotted beneath the elegant hardwood bar. I'm directed to sit at a small table with plush burgundy leather bench seating.

"Can I get you a drink, sir?". "Just some tap water to start, please" I glance down at the menu and see the large variety of burgers on offer, yet my eyes light up when I discover what I'm really after. The 'Soup and Sandwich meal' for a moderately priced \$10. The waitress returns with a large glass of iced water balanced on a heavy black tray. She leans over and places it on the table. "Ready to order?" "Yes, can I ask what the soup is today?" "Oh gosh" she stammers seemingly flustered. "So sorry about that, I'm supposed to tell you that. Today is only my second shift here, but the soup is a Southern spiced pumpkin soup". "Is it really spicy?" I ask "No, it's a mild Cajun style" she reassures me. "Ok that sounds delicious! I'll have one of those please". "You want the 3 cheese or the vegetarian sandwich to go with that?". "The 3 cheese please" I say decidedly. "And is that all?" she finishes "Yes, thank you." As she retreats, I pull out my journal and begin to jot down some of the wonderful things I've experienced, already very impressed with what America has to offer so far.

If you are not familiar with making soups, then this is a very easy way to start you off on your journey. Most of the cooking is done in the oven and on the stove top which means it's very little work for the cook. It freezes remarkably well for up to 3 months and will keep in the fridge for up to 7 days.



Serves 4 as a main or 8 as an entrée
Prep 10 mins
Cook 40 mins

Ingredients

- 2 tbs Creole marinade*
- 4 tbs Olive oil
- 300g Jap pumpkin, cut into 5cm chunks
- 300g Sweet potato, cut into 5cm chunks
- 1 Small brown onion, sliced
- 4 Cloves garlic, diced
- 1 Ltr chicken stock
- 4 tbs Sour cream (optional)

Method

1. Pre heat oven to 200°C.
2. Place pumpkin and sweet potato into a large bowl.
3. Add oil and my Creole seasoning and toss to coat.
4. Place pumpkin and sweet potato onto a roasting tray and roast in oven for 20-25 minutes.
5. Remove from oven and set aside
6. In a large pot on medium heat add some oil and fry onion and garlic until fragrant stirring often.
7. Add in the roasted sweet potato and pumpkin and chicken stock.
8. Cook on medium for 15minutes stirring every now and then.
9. Blitz soup with a hand blender until nice and smooth or simply smash the veg.

To Serve

Ladle into soup bowls and add sour cream. Serve with buttered toast or a melted cheese toastie.

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answers from p19



1. Tasmania
2. The ingenious device now installed in every international plane, the black box flight data recorder
3. Bondi Beach
4. Fremantle, WA. It overlooks the harbour where 'Bon' (real name Ronald) worked as a teenage crayfisherman. There is also an AC/DC Lane in the Melbourne CBD.
5. In the Coorong lagoons south of Adelaide. The real names of the pelicans Mr Ponder, Mr Proud and Mr Percival were Sandwich, Carpenter and Dum Dum. They were raised from chicks and trained for the film by dolphin whisperer Gordon Noble ('pelican trainers' didn't then exist).
6. Australian cicadas
7. McDonalds: Yagoona NSW (1971), Dominos Pizza: Springwood QLD (1981), Hungry Jacks: Innaloo WA (1971), Kentucky Fried Chicken: Guildford NSW (1968), Subway: Perth WA (1988).
8. In 1958, Ross Arnott of Arnott's Biscuits attended the Kentucky Derby. The name of the winning horse was ... Tim Tam.
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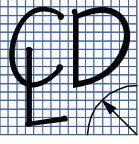
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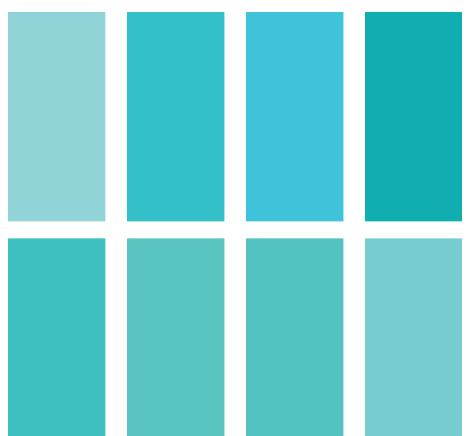
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