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SOLUTION... OR SPECULATION?

At the recently held SRRC full Budget meeting, Council confirmed plans to purchase the Tamborine Mountain Vineyard and Winery for a figure "around \$6 million", with the aim of using part of the 6-hectare property to alleviate Gallery Walk's parking problems. Story page 3. Photo (cover and page 3 – G. Ellen)



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Property of the week

SALE 🛏️ 6 🛁 2 🚗 10 🚧 5 acres

A true family home

\$1,600,000+

89- 95 Palomino Road, Tamborine

- The hub of the home is the kitchen
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- Media room/rumpus, covered deck with TV jack, fans, power
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- Fully fenced, remote controlled entrance gates

AGENTS:

Linda Hogan 0414 300 558
Charmaine Wigglesworth 0460 444 100



Property of the week

SALE 🛏️ 4 🛁 2 🚗 5 🚧 2,291m²

Gardener's delight

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40 Sierra Drive, Tamborine Mountain

- Practical layout with separate living areas, lounge room plus TV family room opening to fabulous enclosed patio, a 2nd enclosed patio opens from dining area
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Review: Buyer - 81 Greensward Road

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AGENTS: Charmaine Wigglesworth 0460 444 100



SALE 🛏️ 4 🛁 1 🚗 5 🚧 9.91acres

189 Larch Road, Tamborine

- 9.91 completely usable, flood-free acres with a dam and 2nd buiding envelope
- Farmhouse with open plan living/dining
- Covered back verandah
- 2 bay shed/garage, & large double carport

Contact agents

AGENTS:

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SALE 🛏️ 5 🛁 2 🚗 3 🚧 1,011m²

15 Tolima Drive, Tamborine Mountain

- Room for the kids to play both undercover & on the flat back lawn
- Master with renovated ensuite & walk-in robe
- Ducted air-con throughout plus a woodburner
- Very tidy, modern and well presented home

\$799,000+

AGENTS:

Diane Pihl
0424 653 316



SALE 🛏️ 5 🛁 2 🚗 10 🚧 2.7 acres

76 Racecourse Place, Tamborine

- Flat usable land, quiet cul-de-sac location
- Expansive outdoor living
- Massive separate shed, park up the boys toys
- House yard dog proof fenced plus perimeter fencing of the entire property

\$1,195,000

AGENTS:

Diane Pihl
0424 653 316



SCENIC RIM COUNCIL'S CONTENTIOUS PLAY TO EASE PARKING HEADACHES



At the recently held SRRC full Budget meeting, Council confirmed plans to purchase the Tamborine Mountain Vineyard and Winery for a figure “around \$6 million”. The exact figure offered for the purchase has not been made clear, and Councillors later voted to keep the Council officer’s report and documents relevant to the purchase confidential and never to be released to the public.

The property is a 6.17ha block at 122-128 Long Road – Gallery Walk – and has been family-owned and operated for the past 20 years. During the Budget meeting it was revealed that Council plans to use a portion of the property as a carpark, supposedly to alleviate parking problems which have plagued the shopping precinct for decades.

Councillors voted to borrow \$3.075 million, with the remainder of the purchase price expected to come from Council’s general account. The term of the loan repayment is two years, within which time SRRC General Manager Asset and Environmental Sustainability, Chris Gray revealed Council’s intention of selling off a portion of the block with the aim of recouping the loan part of the purchase funding.

Tamborine Mountain Vineyard and Winery had been on the market since 2021, and expressions of interest closed in late January this year. A closed discussion in the May 10 General Meeting of Council revealed that Council was “considering options for land purchase for parking as part of the Gallery Walk project on Tamborine Mountain”.

When the meeting re-opened for a vote, Tamborine Mountain Councillor Derek Swanborough affirmed his support for the decision to purchase the land, but expressed concern that the purchase was “high risk” to ratepayers in the Scenic Rim, and voted against it.

“I just want to say that the intent of the recommendation overall is good, but to me, the risks are too high, and I have to think of the impact for all ratepayers across the whole of

the region, and that’s the only reason why I’m voting against it,” Cr Swanborough said.

After the meeting, Cr Swanborough also cast doubt on justification of the purchase price. Buying at essentially the top of the market, with a relatively quick two-year attempted sell-off of the Gallery Walk street-front buildings into a difficult market gives pause for thought.

“If and when a sale is completed, the value of the sale will be revealed via 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,” he said.

It was also agreed to dispose by public tender of any property surplus to Council’s requirements, as well as to look at options for a lease-back (on a temporary basis) of part of the property to the TM Winery vendor, as part of the conditions of sale.

Cr Swanborough believes that as far as he knows, no designs or estimates of the construction costs have been considered by Council. There had also been no community consultation canvassing the intended purchase.



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POLICE NEWS

BUSINESS IS BOOMING

The best part of the year on the Mountain is right now, I reckon. Clear skies, cool evenings, and a bit of sunshine occasionally thrown in.

The crew has been busy, and we have dealt with a variety of matters on the Mountain during the past 28 days which included the school holiday period. We have had drug offenders, unlicensed drivers, traffic crashes, domestic issues and the occasional tourist forgetting their driving skills! So yes, it's not a sleepy hollow up here, and there is always something going on.

I hope everyone enjoyed seeing their kids back off to school for the second half of the year. Please keep an eye out for them, as they pop up on the road before you know it. You may have seen a few different faces amongst the crew up here. It's been great to have new faces with a fresh perspective on policing; you may have met them. Having said that, it's back to business for the team. We have a full complement of staff on board, and they are only too willing to help those in need and deal with those who can't help themselves. Let's face it, we also deal with those who should really get out of their own way sometimes, seriously...

Moving forward, we have the markets appearing to make a very healthy recovery, and Gallery Walk quite busy amongst the huge variety of places for people to visit. Every possible parking spot is taken, but we will issue infringements for rule breakers; it creates an unsafe environment for people and vehicles, so bear that in mind.

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

Sgt Mark Shields
OIC North Tamborine Police

U3A LOOKING FOR IDEAS FOR 2023



Tamborine Mountain U3A is always ready to welcome new members to our courses, which range from the intellectually stimulating (e.g., Graham Griffin's course on Homer, Jaap Vogel on astronomy, Wolfgang Klein on the origins of the universe), to the artistic (Gretel Butler's locally renowned ballet presentations) to physical activities such as the very popular line dancing.

The organisation is always looking for ideas for new courses – and for the tutors/facilitators to run them. The course program for 2023 is now being compiled, so if you are interested in presenting a course please contact President Grahame Griffin, Vice President Nigel Waistell, Course Co-ordinator Susan Elliott, Secretary Bev Kirk or any other TM U3A committee member.

The organisation currently has more than 200 members and plays an important role in keeping Tamborine Mountain's older citizens physically and intellectually active. You can join by going to the website at u3atamborinemountain.com, where you will also find contact details for committee members.

Besides courses, TM U3A also has guest speakers who are hosted at either lunches or morning/afternoon teas. In August, there will be a luncheon with guest speaker Dr. Kristina Klein, an emergency physician who will be talking about her work on the LifeFlight rescue helicopter. In September there will be a wine tasting at Witches Falls Winery and in October Julie Lake will be speaking about early Tamborine Mountain naturalist/photographer Hilda Geissmann-Curtis.

COUNCIL ATTEMPTS TO MITIGATE BUDGET RATE RISES

Scenic Rim ratepayers are looking at a 4 percent rise, as revealed in Council's recent \$103.2 million Budget.

The 4 percent rise means a minimum increase of \$63.45 a year for the average principal place of residence and \$68.20 for rural residences.

There is added a \$53 increase to the community infrastructure fee, up from \$447 to \$500 a year.

Increases to fees and charges put in place this June included waste services rising \$36 for a domestic wheelie bin service, to \$442 a year and other fees rising approximately 3 percent.

Mayor Greg Christensen labelled the four percent increase as modest compared to the current inflation rate, and in foreshadowing a year where both materials and services costs to Council were rising steeply.

"We believe that the rates increase in this Budget is a fair amount for Council to continue providing quality services to the community, particularly at a time when inflationary pressures on Council's costs are at high levels," he said.

"It allows for pertinent and important service delivery, significant support initiatives and a strong forward-focused infrastructure program that will support ongoing economic and sustainable growth, drive prosperity and generate employment so that our communities can move forward strongly, and together."

Cr Christensen said expenditure increased by \$1.3 million from the previous year, which brings the Budget back in line with previous years.

He said the Budget has been shaped by a number of challenges for the region, most urgently the need for extensive repairs to the road network after repeated flooding and the ongoing impacts of COVID-19 on Council operations.

"Council understands that many people were probably fearful of rates going up significantly in line with the new valuations," he said.

"Our rural landowners saw their property valuations increase by 33.2 per cent, while non-rural property valuations increased in value by 18.42 per cent.

"We considered the implications of these new valuations throughout the budget deliberations so we could deliver a budget that has minimal financial pressure on our community."

"Scenic Rim was not the only Council to face challenges in the current environment as we secure the revenue needed to service our growing community and aging infrastructure whilst minimising the impact on our ratepayers.

"As a region that is highly reliant on its own source of revenue through rates and charges, satisfying these expectations whilst fulfilling our legislative, asset and financial sustainability obligations will continue to be challenging.

"We believe \$1.22 a week for a property on minimum rates is a fair amount for Council to continue providing quality services to the community, particularly at a time where inflationary pressures on Council's costs are at high levels."

The community infrastructure charge supports the delivery of Council's road and bridge maintenance and upgrade program.

"The increase in the charge this year is a result of Council's prioritisation of funding towards maintaining our extensive network of roads and bridges, in line with community expectations," Mayor Christensen said.

Landscape maintenance, upkeep of parks and gardens, and capital expenditure on a broad array of projects have been allocated \$4.01 million.

Funding increases to \$400,000 (up by 35 percent) for community grants to help groups offset reduced fundraising

opportunities due to COVID restrictions over the past two years.

Funding for Council's Environmental Grants Program rises from \$100,000 to \$150,000.

"These important environmental grants help preserve and enhance the region's natural values, and in prior years have helped members of our community to enhance habitat, restore buffers to creeks, revegetate, develop corridors for wildlife and control environmental weeds," Cr Christensen said.

RESIDENTS' THUMBS DOWN ON COUNCIL SERVICES

A recent Customer Satisfaction Survey run on Council's new Let's Talk Scenic Rim website attracted less than 100 respondents, and the performance of Scenic Rim Regional Council was found lacking, with the condition of roads, opaque planning decisions, and paucity of communication being major sore points.

Residents expressed a need to improve both quantity and quality of communication provided, and felt Council programs could be better advertised.

Lack of transparency from Council due to a lack of information provided was a serious issue.

Nearly half of the respondents said they were not happy with the council's communication; and over a quarter did not answer the question.

A mere third were satisfied with Council's response to their inquiries or requests.

Nearly two-thirds of respondents said they were dissatisfied with roads and footpaths; nearly half of those said they were "very dissatisfied".

Footpaths and bicycle paths were raised as issues.

Planning and development services incurred the dissatisfaction of half the respondents – residents wanted information that was easier to understand.

Tamborine Mountain respondents expressed a wish for less development on the Mountain, but others were willing to see more tourism development.

Most residents were content with waste services (46 percent saying they were satisfied with the service).

A total of 76 percent of respondents were satisfied with their wastebbin service; nearly two-thirds with recycling and waste stations.

Residents expressed a wish for improved disability access to parks and for toilet facilities at parks. They also wanted more playgrounds across the region, as well as upgrades to existing playgrounds.



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SATURDAY 30 JULY: 11 am – 1 pm

A gold coin donation morning tea and a stage demonstration of
'The Silk Rags Project Host at Home Kit'.
Featuring members of the Tamborine Mountain Little Theatre.

Venue: Zamia Theatre, 22 Main St, Tamborine Mountain

11:00 am: Fundraising morning tea with home-baked cakes and savouries

11:30 am: Stage demonstration of The Silk Rags Project Host at Home Kit

12:15 pm: Raffle draw

Fundraising event for the launch of this Tamborine Mountain award-winning initiative which can be read at home, in a community setting or as part of a staged theatrical production.



www.thesilkragproject.com

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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

Kalbar | Thursday 21 July | 9.30am Tamborine Village | Tuesday 26 July | 9.30am
Peak Crossing | Monday 28 July | 9.30am
Beaudesert Unyah Jarjun Mununjali | Tuesday 2 August | 10am
Rathdowney | Wednesday 3 August | 9.30am Beechmont | Wednesday 4 August | 9.30am
Canungra | Wednesday 10 August | 9.30am Beaudesert | Thursday 11 August | 9.30am

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Beaudesert | Youth Book Club | Last Tuesday of month | 4pm
Beaudesert | Beaudesert Book Club | Last Thursday of month | 10am
Boonah | U3A | First Wednesday of the month | The Boonah Community Centre | 4pm
Boonah | Boonah Book Club | First Thursday of the month | Sandie Lee's Coffee Shop | 12pm
Boonah Library | Cover To Cover | Last Tuesday of the month | 2pm
Boonah Library | Book Lovers | Last Tuesday of the month | 3.30pm
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Tamborine Mountain Library | Wednesday Edition | Third Wednesday of the month | 2pm
Tamborine Mountain Library | Gilt Edges Book Club | Last Wednesday of the month | 9.30am
Tamborine Mountain Library | Last Thursday Book Club | Last Thursday of the month | 2pm
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Free, registration required for catering

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Councillor's Comment



DEREK SWANBOROUGH
DIVISION 1

COUNCIL BUDGET 2022

If I had to describe the budget this year it could be titled the GOOD, the BAD, and the UGLY.

The budget process was crammed into a very short timeframe – to its detriment; I believe Council could have done better.

To make things worse, I got COVID and missed some budget meetings. I didn't get any help in advising me what was decided in the days I missed. After recovering, I felt I had contacted COVID again after suffering the same symptoms. Subsequent PCR tests however, were all negative for COVID and influenza (thank you vaccines). It turned out to be a sinus infection which quickly cleared up with a course of antibiotics, but I was ordered to isolate and missed the budget meeting.

So, let's do a selected helicopter view of the budget within my word limit, as it affects you, and from my best recollection.

The GOOD

- The increase in the flat Infrastructure charge will reduce the general rates, have the effect of smoothing downwards the impact of high valuations on Tamborine Mountain, and large rural blocks across the region, and very low valuations in the towns of Boonah and Beaudesert.
- The budget announced the purchase of land for Gallery Walk parking and will solve the pump out costs of the Gallery Walk toilets. But there is a steep downside to this, which I put under the UGLY heading.
- There is a \$750,000 allocation for sport and recreation, but the details of how this will be used are still rather sketchy.
- I like the increase in allocations for environmental grants, community grants and grants to our museums.
- I like that a new DAP (Development Assessment Planning) online may solve its many shortcomings, but let's wait and see how it works.
- We are promised new IT solutions to allow customers to lodge customer requests online using Tech One, our enterprise system. This is long overdue.
- Money has been provided to implement the new Open Council Committee meetings from January 2023.

The BAD

1. The rates are still extraordinarily too high on Tamborine Mountain, and the premium we pay is not matched in terms of a fair share of infrastructure, nor in the quality of that infrastructure when it is provided.

Just look at the two new toilet blocks in Staffs Smith Park and Geissmann Oval. The unlined tin roofs, above ground tanks, a basic design with little pizzazz. It detracts from what is expected in areas surrounded by expensive homes, in the Top Tourism Town (category population greater than 5000) in Queensland. It's great to get the projects, but SRRC should lift its game a long way in meeting the needs of our community and standard of infrastructure. Neither of the Tamborine Mountain Councillors were consulted on any aspect of these toilets' design.

What also worries me is that the budget announcement for the value of Tamborine Mountain infrastructure has in the past often been hugely overstated. When it is built, the massive underspend is often transferred to other jobs somewhere else, but not on the Mountain. Why is that?

You also must look at the 2.5 metre footpaths and bicycle ways in Beaudesert compared to 1.5 metre ones recently constructed on Tamborine Mountain. We often get lectured on the need for one size fits all policies, but not when it comes to infrastructure for Beaudesert. Need I mention the proposed Beaudesert Library and Parkland, proposed to cost in excess of \$20 million.

2. Drainage funds for Tamborine have been cut back and/or not provided, when we have so many drainage works that require attention.
3. Council long-term financial plans show its assets sustainability ratio declining, meaning our existing assets are not being maintained at the same rate they are deteriorating. As an example, unless Council does major work on the Judith Wright Boardwalk in Eagle Heights Road, that asset's dilapidated condition means it could be lost, and the only way to restore it is to build a new one.
4. More effort must be given to reducing operating costs and administration initiatives instead of always increasing revenue to balance the budget.
5. The overspend in the SRRC adventure into Industrial land property development in Beaudesert has gone amiss with bad weather, cost overruns and now a falling property market and likely economic downturn. Ratepayers have contributed approximately \$6 million plus to the development. The expected revenue from land sales is in doubt, and I have seen history repeat itself over the last 30 years, with losses from declining valuations in the Beaudesert Industrial Estate in the early stages.
6. I've asked Council for a report on all works in the budget pertaining to Tamborine Mountain and haven't got an answer yet. It appears that no funds have been provided for the promised upgrade of the outside toilets next to the new Library, which is scheduled to be finished in five months' time, although that appears unlikely at this time.
7. No funds have been set aside in this budget to implement the Gallery Walk Master Plan. The plan may end up like all the others and sit on a shelf and go out of date. It keeps some people happy for a short time and offers hope, but soon turns to disappointment. There is seemingly always money for a report, but none for implementation. It is likely that grant money from State and Federal Governments will become much scarcer, as deficits have to be reined in.
8. No funds have been set aside for a new Aquatic Centre; our pool is past its use-by date, and not fit for a population of 8,500.
9. No funds have been set aside for the much-needed Long Road extension.

GAMBLING COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND SCENIC RIM SUPER ROUND RECIPIENTS

In Super Round 113, community groups in the Scenic Rim Electorate will share in over \$450,000 of grant funding awarded through the Gambling Community Benefit Fund (GCBF).

Over 25 million dollars has now been allocated to community groups in the Scenic Rim Electorate through various grants since State Member, Jon Krause, was elected in 2012.

Thirteen groups in the Scenic Rim will share in \$454,775.21 in funding and Mr Krause said the money would make a huge difference to the successful local groups.

“This terrific outcome would not have occurred without many hardworking volunteers giving their time and energy

to complete the grant application process. It is wonderful to see that these community groups will be able to install and upgrade facilities to help them maintain their services.”

“I commend these groups for the wonderful work they do and encourage other community groups to apply for the next round of the GCBF,” Mr Krause said.

Commencing in 2022, there will be changes to the GCBF funding program. There will be 4 funding rounds each year, with 3 of these rounds having funding available up to \$35,000 and 1 super round (GCBF Round 113) with up to \$100,000 of funding available. An additional \$100,000 super round opened this year for Disaster Recovery. Applications not related to disaster recovery projects are welcome, however funding is limited to \$35,000 – applications close 15 July 2022.

If your organisation plans to apply in the super round, you should carefully consider the 1-round exclusion period.

To apply for the program visit: www.justice.qld.gov.au/grants or for more information contact Jon Krause’s office via email scenicrim@parliament.qld.gov.au or phone (07) 5515 1100.

Local organisations to receive funding in Super Round 113 were:



Organisation	Amount	Reason
Beaudesert Community Arts & Information Centre	\$10,421.20	Upgrade flooring in gallery
Beaudesert Pickleball	\$15,312.00	Purchase Pickleball and medical equipment
Beaudesert RSL Sub Branch	\$51,000.00	Purchase bus
Beaudesert Show Society	\$100,000.00	Construct undercover bar pavilion, dining area and shade structure
Kooralbyn Valley MTB Club	\$32,500.00	Expand trail and purchase portable amenities
Tamborine & District Riding Club	\$8,134.00	Host training events
Tamborine Village Lions Club	\$20,000.00	Construct mezzanine floor and stairs
Tamborine Mountain Scouts Group	\$80,704.91	Upgrade facility
Boonah Aviation Club	\$31,845.00	Purchase ride on mower
Boonah Hospital Auxiliary	\$19,288.00	Install bench seats and purchase support aide equipment
Fassifern Bushrangers	\$17,270.00	Purchase mower
Lions Club of Fassifern	\$29,425.00	Install shade structure
Ipswich City Dirt Kart Club	\$38,875.10	Repair dirt kart track
TOTAL	\$454,775.21	

TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN BRIDGE CLUB RESULTS

Monday (11-Jul-22)

- NS 1 66.25% Chris Pender - Eddie Heinemeyer
- NS 2 48.75% Alex Hood - Ashley Anderssen
- NS 3 46.25% John Youngman - Cheryl Finlayson
- EW 1 64.58% Marian Gibbons - Wendy Christie
- EW 2 56.25% Gayle Donaldson - Pam Warrell
- EW 3 51.67% Heike Edrich - David Donaldson

Wednesday (13-Jul-22)

- 1 73.61% Bill Larcombe - Di Larcombe
- 2 61.81% Lawrence Beutel - Eddie Heinemeyer
- 3 59.03% Chris Pender - Ernie Andrews

Thursday (14-Jul-22)

- NS 1 55.75% Wilhelm Natrop - Col Burnes
- NS 2 52.38% Laurene Hassard - Eddie Heinemeyer
- NS 3 51.88% Keith Bowman - Peter Zaremba
- EW 1 65.62% Mary Simon - Kevin Hamilton-Reen
- EW 2 62.20% Ian Cameron - Jeff Conroy
- EW 3 50.60% Christine Youngman - Pam Warrell

We have sessions Mon, Wed, Thu, Fri at TM Bridge Club Sports Ground, 400 Long Road. Contact Denise 0444 592189 for info else come to Friday Social Session 1. 1.15pm. Beginners and Visitors are welcome. tmbridgeclub.org.au

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THE UGLY

If ever Council had said they had the \$6 million dollars or so to spend on Tamborine Mountain, Gallery Walk parking, (as reported in the *Fassifern Guardian* newspaper last week), I'm sure that if asked, the Community might offer different suggestions on how that would better service the community, and other more cost-effective solutions to solving Gallery Walk parking and other issues.

Nonetheless, you can only take what the majority decides. I voted against it for many reasons, but mainly because purchasing the land at the top of market, with the intention of selling off the section with buildings fronting Gallery Walk for an estimated three million dollars, in a two-year time frame is fraught with risk and, already I believe, significant money has been lost, as valuations and economic activity are on a downward trajectory.

This was totally foreseeable when the land was purchased, in what I consider to be a panic purchase decision for the fear someone else might buy it instead. I believed none of this panic was necessary and just the portion needed could have been secured by compulsorily acquisition. This would have reduced the risk almost to zero.

There were other options which were of equal merit and if the compulsory acquisition proposal was followed, it would have left substantive funds to deliver a working carpark and/or even to purchase two rather than one suitable block. As far as I know, no designs or estimates of the construction costs have been considered by Council.

HOW can the "UGLY" be made "LESS UGLY"?

My future budget suggestion to Council is to relocate the Tamborine Mountain Information Centre to the newly purchased Gallery Walk land, utilising the beautiful old timber winery building built by Keith Smith for the pioneering Rosser Family when it first opened as the "Original Avocado" attraction.

The benefits are enormous, and completely complementary to Queensland's Top Tourism Town in 2022. Rear parking for buses and cars, close to the public toilet, room to display and sell Scenic Rim produce, active displays of our artisans at work, and sale of locally made products. Visitation would likely triple from around 30,000/year on average in Doherty Park to 100,000/year in Gallery Walk. The Doherty Park centre is well past its use-by date. Council is soon to consider a consultant's report on Information Centres that is likely to add considerable weight to this suggestion.

Food for thought.

There is much more to discuss but I've exceeded my word limit.

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SRRC PROMISING BETTER FOOTPATHS ON THE WAY

Scenic Rim Regional Council will spend more than half a million dollars in its 2022-2023 Budget on new and upgraded footpaths in Boonah and Tamborine Mountain.

Scenic Rim Mayor Greg Christensen said footpaths provided important connections for residents in their neighbourhoods.

"Footpaths are often underestimated and providing safe access for residents, including those in wheelchairs and

who have prams while walking, is a high priority," he said.

"The projects we're delivering this year are important links in our footpath network with upgrades scheduled to roll-out across the region, from Boonah to Tamborine Mountain."

Division 5 Councillor Marshall Chalk said he welcomed the projects in Boonah, including a \$357,000 footpath reconstruction planned on Church Street, between Macquarie Street and McDonald Street.



"\$248,000 is allocated for the upgrade of the existing footpath along Church Street, from McDonald Street intersection to the Teviot Brook."

Division 1 Councillor Derek Swanborough said it is great to see the second stage of the footpath reconstruction worth \$180,000, scheduled for School Road on Tamborine Mountain.

These works are proposed to start at the north-west corner of Siganto Street and the School Road intersection to join with the existing footpath north of Rosser Park.

Division 4 Councillor Michael Enright said he was pleased to see a \$250,000 allocation is also dedicated to investigation into alternative construction to augment and accelerate the extension of the region's footpath network.

Photo: Scenic Rim Regional Council employees complete a footpath reconstruction in Beaudesert.

USER-FRIENDLY PLANNING SCHEME PLATFORM TO GO ONLINE

Scenic Rim Regional Council's investment in an online planning platform will pay dividends for Council and the community through time and cost savings from early 2023.

Council's 2022-2023 Budget includes \$70,000 for the *Scenic Rim Planning Scheme 2020 e-Plan Project* to streamline town planning enquiries.

Scenic Rim Mayor Greg Christensen said the new e-Plan will combine mapping and planning scheme documents in a single, user-friendly platform providing enhanced service delivery in line with current community and industry expectations.

"Council continues to strive to provide a high level of customer service and this project is another significant business improvement initiative," he said.

Division 1 Councillor Derek Swanborough said while the *Scenic Rim Planning Scheme 2020* is currently available on Council's website as a series of un-linked PDF documents supported by interactive mapping, the new e-Plan will deliver a user-friendly format combining mapping and planning scheme documents in a single platform which includes a property enquiry function and the ability to extract information to support development applications.

"This will greatly assist with user enquiries, preparation of development applications and enable customers to engage with the Planning Scheme in their own time," he said.

Mayor Christensen said the current appetite for building and development across the region had seen a marked increase in the number of enquiries received by Council about the Planning Scheme.

"Many of the enquiries received by Council's planning team - almost 3,000 telephone enquiries and several hundred emails between February 2021 and January

2022 - could have been answered simply through access to an e-Plan," he said.

"Improved access to information required for the completion of accompanying reports will also help to streamline the development application process, both for Council and the community.

"The introduction of the e-Plan represents another milestone in the region's journey following the adoption of the Scenic Rim's first ever unified Planning Scheme in 2020.

"This online platform will play a valuable role in the growth of our region as the Scenic Rim continues to power ahead, with some 10,000 additional dwellings and essential infrastructure needed to meet the projected population growth between now and 2041."

The *Scenic Rim Planning Scheme 2020* is expected to be delivered in an e-planning format by December 2022 and accessible on Council's website by February 2023.

Below: The new online planning scheme platform aims to play a valuable role in the growth of the Scenic Rim.



PLANNING - AN EXPENSIVE FARCE

Wow! Council has handed down its \$103.2m budget for 2022-23 in a 132-page document. "Transparency" is mentioned three times. Legal fees/expenses are nowhere to be found.

Our rates are increasing by 4% but just be glad they are not going up at the same rate that council's Planning section competency is decreasing. Council has missed yet another decision deadline in relation to a highly contentious development application – MCU21/054 – the "Onsen" and cabin development at 713-735 Main Western Rd, which attracted over 350 submissions. Consequently, the developer has filed an appeal with the Planning & Environment Court against council's "deemed refusal" on 04 July 2022, in which it states the decision due date was 24 June 2022. Asleep at the wheel... or worse?

Sadly, council's General Manager Customer and Regional Prosperity (everyone has a five-word title these days) has stated in response to questions submitted by a ratepayer "I can advise that Council's Development Assessment team had intended on presenting the development application MCU21/054 to the Council Ordinary meeting of 19 July 2022 for consideration, however the applicant exercised their right for a 'deemed refusal' through the Courts." The GM fails to state that the right to commence an appeal against a "deemed refusal" only arises if council failed to make a decision within the permitted timeframe. It was not stated if council's recommendation would have been to refuse or approve the DA, or if council had provided draft conditions of approval prior to the anticipated vote, as has happened in other subsequently refused DAs.

The GM also stated, "Council unfortunately cannot constrain an applicant nor a submitter from lodging an appeal." ... and thank God for that small mercy. If submitters were "constrained" from lodging an appeal, ratepayers would be in a very poor position. Good to know that "submitters" are considered problematic. Also good to know is that the 350+ submitters are entitled to join the appeal as co-respondents by election. Submitters will receive notification of the appeal, the service period for which is 10 business days i.e., by 18 July 2022. Hopefully council will engage a top-notch legal firm such as Corrs Chambers Westgarth to oppose the developer's push for court approval of its DA.

The time frames for each of the five parts of the assessment process are outlined in the *Development Assessment Rules*. Unfortunately, council's Planning section appears either unable to meet or, as some are suggesting, deliberately missing deadlines, effectively passing the buck to the court system. At present, council's DAP Online record for this DA is showing that Part 1 Application stage was completed on 16 June 2021. Unfortunately, Part 2 Referral, Part 3 Information Request, Part 4 Public Notification and Part 5 Decision stages are all recorded as "Commenced" on various dates in 2021. The mismanagement of this DA clearly indicates defective administration.

Is the latest "deemed refusal" based on incompetence or something more nefarious – remembering that council (plus 45 local co-respondents by election) is currently engaged in an appeal filed on 02 August 2021 in respect of another "deemed refusal" arising from a similar set of circumstances? All the more reason to re-instate a Planning Committee at council – sooner rather than later.

Ratepayers are not able to ascertain how much council has spent on the numerous court cases brought against it (I've tried), nor for the appeal it filed against the heritage listing of the Pig and Calf Saleyards. Council changed its method of reporting of *Accumulative Payments of \$200,000 or more* from a truly accumulative reporting over an entire financial year to one in which payments only "accumulate" for 3 months and then the counting process reverts to zero for the next quarter. The previous method enabled ratepayers to see who was being paid what in a financial year; the new and improved method provides no transparency but plenty of obfuscation, including how much has been paid to council's various solicitors.

Ratepayers expect, and are entitled to, value for money for the rates we pay. A Planning section which cannot meet legislated deadlines hardly fulfils that expectation. Time for change.

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TRAVELLING PLACES *with Gina*



Last week I wrote as I took off from Brisbane, heading to the Arctic Circle – looking forward to searching for polar bears and arctic foxes. What a difference a week can make. The first whiff of my plans being upended was on arrival in Dubai where a text alerted me to my flight into Oslo being cancelled due to a pilots' strike! Two hours later my tickets had been reissued via Milan to arrive at 3am into Oslo! After a brief rest, I was back at the airport for my flight to Longyearbyen, only for that to be cancelled. Now what? The airline was saying we would be lucky to head to Svalbard within the week, by which stage my expedition ship would be long gone.

Heading into town, we decided to explore some of Norway. A couple of days in delightful Oslo – what a great mixture of traditional architecture and ultra-modern redevelopment down by the waterfront. It is always a delight to me to search out a local restaurant serving exquisitely prepared local produce, and *Hos Theo* didn't let us down. Wandering along cobblestone streets and through city parks was delightful.

The next few days was a trip called *Norway in a Nutshell*. Heading out of Oslo by train we weaved our way through paddocks of lush green grass, we passed crystal clear streams and lakes before heading into the more mountainous area near Flam. The high mountain tops with lingering snow give way to waterfalls cascading down the hillsides. Meadow flowers and bright green summer growth bring this area to life. The Flam historical railway weaves its way down the steep mountain slopes to the base of the valley and the small village perched on the water's edge. Now quite touristy, we escaped the village, hiking up the valley to the quaint 600-year-old wooden church and up a pathway beside a gushing waterfall for fabulous views. A high-speed boat took us for a two-hour exploration up the world's second longest fjord, stopping to see local villages and spectacular waterfalls, even calling into a small village still actively making goat's cheese.

Travelling onwards by coach and train we arrived at the port city of Bergen. Historical colourful townhouses line the waterfront, and cobblestone streets are home to museums that reflect the history of this relatively wealthy port. We ventured to the outskirts of town to visit Edvard Grieg's summer house. Not only are the gardens lovely with pathways leading to the water's edge, the house is quaint and you have a sense of the natural inspiration that led to Grieg's masterpieces. They have built a small concert hall where we enjoyed a lunchtime piano recital.

One thing this experience has really brought home is that planning your holiday as you travel is time consuming. Hours of valuable time are spent researching and locking in the next few days ... and then only to find some of the experiences we would enjoy are full for late comers! We are having a wonderful time and we are now off to Denmark for a few days!

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Mr Smith said, "We purchased this bus to offer affordable hire for local and surrounding area residents for large gatherings, charters to visit local attractions and hospitality venues, as well as to reduce the cost of travel for school families for their children to attend excursions and camps. The bus is a 24-seater (and driver), seat-belted vehicle, with PA facilities, radio, tow ball with signal and brake light fitting and reverse cycle air conditioning. Our hire cost is \$240 (including GST) for a 24-hour period and includes all insurances, roadside assistance as well as unlimited kilometres travel. We also have a box trailer which can be hired for \$100 a day or pro-rata to transport large items or luggage. Hirer must have a minimum LR licence and will return the vehicle clean and with a full tank of petrol. Pick up and drop off points are from either school site. Proceeds raised are directed to both

school and community projects to support youth engagement in local events and activities."

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GOVERNMENT WIRELESS NETWORK COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM TO AID IN DISASTER RESPONSES

Scenic Rim Council will invest in Government Wireless Network (GWN) hardware to enable reliable communications during disaster responses.

The GWN provides approximately 99% coverage of Southeast Queensland, and brings public safety agencies, including Queensland Police Service, Queensland Fire and Emergency Services, Queensland Ambulance Service and the SES into the same radio communications platform and frequency group to allow effective communications between multiple agencies.

The purchase of 30 handheld radios, 30 single unit chargers and two fixed station terminals will enable coverage across the Scenic Rim region for Council personnel and will replace antiquated radio systems currently in place.

Scenic Rim Mayor Greg Christensen said it is a timely technical upgrade.

"The GWN will achieve vastly improved radio communications for Council operations and the one-off cost of hardware allocated in the 2022-2023 budget will provide ongoing benefits for improved efficiencies for internal communications across the region," he said.

"Annual operating costs for the system, including training, will be allocated from Council's existing budget and are anticipated to be less than the current budget allocation for maintenance of the current two-way radio system used by Council."

Trials of GWN devices have addressed concerns about black spot coverage and identified options to use Council-owned communications aerials and to deploy mobile radio transmission sites to further extend GWN coverage if required.

The GWN is a fully managed service provided by an external telecommunications provider in conjunction with a major subcontractor who install all equipment and provide technical support and maintenance 24 hours per day, 365 days a year.

Photo:
(L to R) Scenic Rim Regional Council CEO Jon Gibbons; Shannon Voyce - Telstra Local Relationship Manager, Caley Pearce - Telstra Regional Engagement Manager Southern Queensland and May Boisen - Telstra Regional General Manager; Scenic Rim Mayor Greg Christensen.





DEALING WITH A PERMACRISIS

I was cruising the internet for a bit of inspiration and came upon a fabulous new word. It was in an article called *“Broken Britain”* all about how since COVID, Britain and its government departments and

infrastructure and all the good stuff people expect to be there in their lives because they pay tax, had fallen into a shambles.

Now this is someone’s opinion and I wasn’t that interested as to how accurate this opinion was by examining statistics and data on this post-COVID chaos. But the word was exciting – a Permacrisis. Which can be described as a relentless series of catastrophes, seamlessly blending into each other, resulting in chaos to normal routines and expectations. From not being able to get a passport timeously, waiting forever for a medical referral, flights cancelled last minute, to the cost-of-living crisis - a Permacrisis seems to be a worldwide trend, fuelling anxiety and crisis exhaustion for ordinary people.

The same article talked about various tools people could use to detach from the hysteria and regain some internal control. And yes, meditation was up there with all these fabulous tools and suggestions helping people find calm in the chaos. A regular meditative practice will reduce anxiety, lighten the heart from depression, enhance stillness of the mind, deepen awareness of self and others, improve concentration, and imbue a deeper sense of peace and calm to support you during periods of overwhelm and stress.

Other tools you can use to manage uncertainty would be to focus on gratitude. Being grateful for the life you have, often a much nicer life than the global events playing out around you, is certainly a powerful reminder that life is not so bad. As you look for the good, you realise that throughout history, life does return to normal after catastrophes. Avoid the doomsday dwellers, just turn off the news. It’s either childishy patronising or so fixated on the negative, mainstream media could dishearten even the most positive of people. Someone will fill you in on what’s going on. Breathe. This will ground you in the present and break the fear cycle. Prioritise self-care by taking time out for yourself each day to stop, relax and reflect. Do something you love, or anything that helps shift your energy and mood. And finally, ask for help. For thousands of years, we have been social creatures, hunter gatherer societies or under agriculture, living in small villages and communities, connected to one another for safety, food, love and support. The toll of COVID isolation has really strained many families and these communal ties were severed. So, reach out to friends, family, support groups or a therapist.

As Buddha stated: “No one saves us but ourselves. No one can and no one may. We ourselves must walk the path.”

Margot Wagner
Yoga Under the Bodhi Tree

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Relationships



LOVE LANGUAGES

Learning a new language is difficult! Our son has lived in Germany for five years. He knows the basics of the German language to survive - enough to order a meal or ask where the toilets are - but he is not fluent in the language. However, some people are blessed with the ability of being multilingual. Often, they have grown up in a multilingual culture and their brain has developed in this area from an early age.

We all grow up in a unique family culture that speaks its own language. Not a unique verbal language but a language of expectations, rituals, communication patterns, ways of relating. Gary Chapman, author of *The Five Love Languages*, identifies the different languages we use to experience and express love. They include: words of affirmation, physical touch, quality time, acts of service and gift giving. Chapman suggests we all have a primary language which is the most important to us. Unless we reflect on what our unique language is, we may not realise what our own needs are when it comes to feeling loved.

We tend to unconsciously give love in the way we prefer to receive love. In typical relationships there are two people who speak differing love languages. Problems develop when we keep expressing love our way and fail to express love in the other person’s love language. This can result in unmet expectations and disappointment. We miss loving gestures expressed by the other person because they are not on our radar. Likewise, our gestures do not feel acknowledged or appreciated, which results in resentment.

A clash of languages is not an irreconcilable difference. Both partners can learn to become bilingual. Analyse what your partner complains about most often and what they request from you. To discover your partner’s love language, you must begin to observe the way they express love to others. Do they put a lot of effort into gift-giving, coming up with thoughtful gifts that show how well they know the person? Do they encourage and praise often? Do they go out of their way to do tasks for others? Do they enjoy physical closeness? Do they clear their diary and devote chunks of time to those they care about? Better communication can be accomplished when you demonstrate caring to the other person in the love language the recipient speaks and understands.

Another way couples can cope with having contrasting love languages is by speaking up for their needs. If you like to receive love through quality time, then let your partner know that you want scheduled time to spend exclusively with them. It’s normal to have different languages, but the key is to be clear about what you need versus assuming that the other person should know without being told.

Learning one another’s love language provides a road map to a satisfying relationship. Over the years, your love languages will tend to blend together forming a unique expression of bond between the two of you.

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with Neil Bell

THE TIMES HAVE CHANGED

My family just recently returned from a fantastic road trip. At the start of the school holidays, we packed the car, headed south, and started the Eye Spy games. Our eventual destination was the ski fields of Perisher Valley. This would be the kids' first-time seeing snow and the first time Bec and I had been back in a pair of ski boots since 2004.

I was actually pretty apprehensive about the trip because two years ago I had injured my knee in a significant way. The orthopaedic surgeon would have had a fit if he knew I was contemplating hitting the slopes.

Especially, if he knew what kind of skier I had been in the past!

You see, when Bec and I had travelled the world, I had a desire to get from the top of the ski lift to the bottom of the mountain in the fastest way possible.

Unfortunately, my skill level did not match my need for speed. There were many poor Frenchmen and Frenchwomen who had to dive for cover as I hurtled down Alpe D'Huez, mildly out of control. Fortunately, though, Bec and I had previously spent a month learning French in a French immersion course in Toulouse so I could scream a few profanities to alert the better skiers below me of my pending arrival.

And so, it was with a certain amount of apprehension that I clicked my skis in at the bottom of the baby slopes at Perisher.

But guess what? The times had changed. No longer did I feel the need to hurtle down the slopes. I was in control; I was safe, and I was upright. I enjoyed it tremendously. I was challenged but was always within my ability level, and that familiar feeling of burning in my quads at the bottom of the run was still there.

I was surprised. But I guess I shouldn't have been.

I had worked hard on my fitness, my strength and losing weight in the past 12 months and I was seeing the benefits of this hard work. I also recognised that my mindset around not only skiing, but exercise in general, had changed.

I am no longer young. I reckon you could even start to call me middle aged. I have only recently understood that the way I approached exercise in the past is now resulting in injuries for me. My body just simply can't do what it could do in the past.

So, I have changed what I do. And it has been amazing. I walk every day, where I used to run a couple of times a week. I do regular resistance sessions with small weights or even just bodyweight, where I previously lifted big weights. I get regular maintenance physiotherapy treatment. And I do Pilates – the single most amazing hour of my week.

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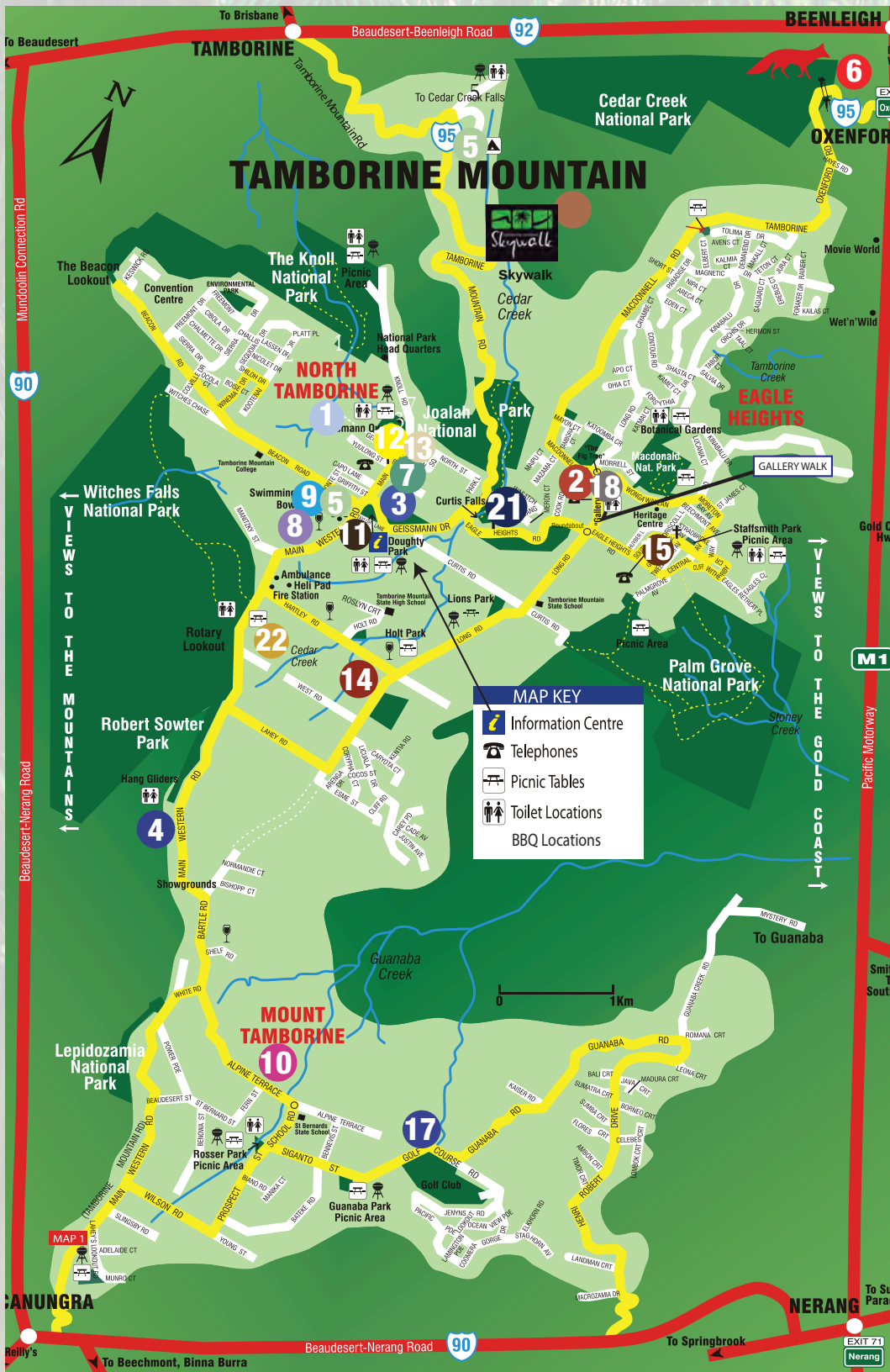
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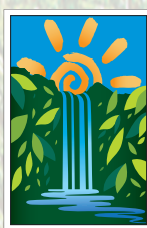
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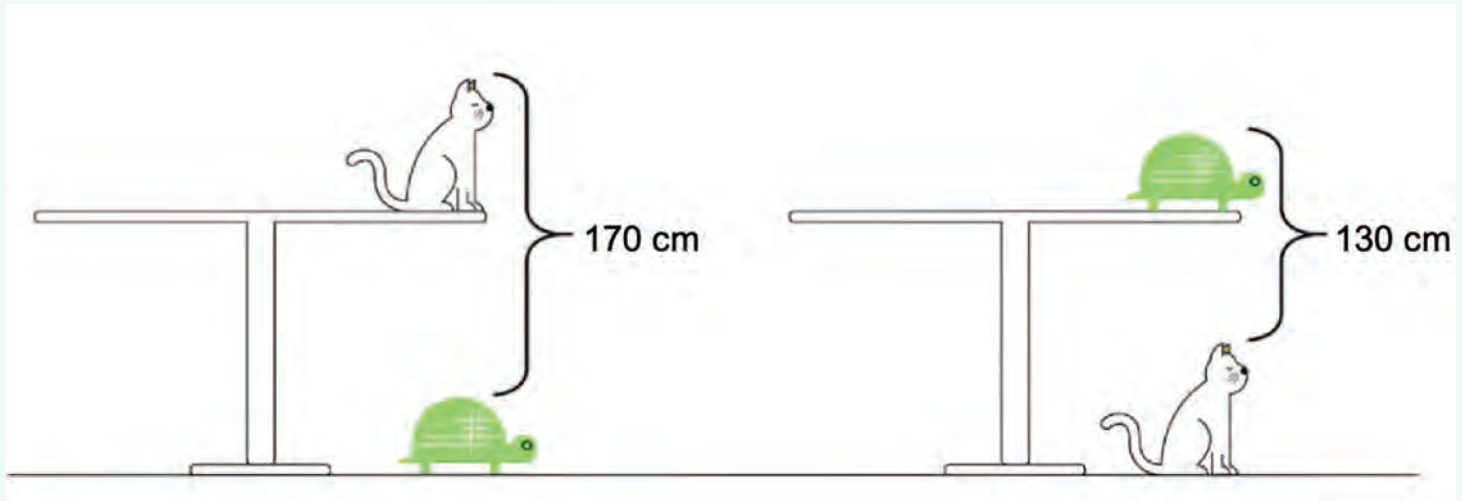
Sudoku - Medium

REASONING? IT'S JUST LOGICAL...

1. Circular thinking

Frankie is running around a circular track at a constant speed. At two of the points on the track are two yellow marks. When he started his run, Frankie was closer to the first yellow mark for 2 minutes, then he was closer to the second yellow mark for 3 minutes, and then he was closer to the first yellow mark again.

How long does it take Frankie to run one full circle?



2. Pet swap

A cat is sitting on the table and a tortoise is crawling on the floor directly beneath it. The distance from the cat's ears to the top of the tortoise's shell is 170 cm. Penny switched her pets around. Now the distance from the cat's ears to the top of the tortoise's shell is 130 cm. What is the height of the table?

3. Path of glory

Jenny must walk through the 3x3 grid below left, moving either horizontally or vertically from cell to cell, and not entering any cell more than once. Below right shows one possible path. If Jenny writes down the digits she passes in order during this path, she would get the number 84937561.

What is the largest number it is possible for Jenny to write down during a path through the grid?

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EmpowHER INITIATIVE HIKES INTO NATIONAL INNOVATION AWARD



The Scenic Rim's EmpowHER hiking program has been nationally recognised, taking out the Programs and Activities Award at the 2022 Australian Sport, Recreation and Play Innovation Awards, held in Melbourne last week.

The annual awards, hosted by the National Sports and Physical Activity Convention 2022, recognise innovative projects that encourage the community to be more active.

The EmpowHER Hiking program empowers women and girls to explore the spectacular Scenic Rim whilst building confidence, fitness and participation through hiking. The program aims to increase the physical activity of women and girls by reducing barriers to participation, including affordability, time flexibility, transport and self-motivation.

Seventy-five guided walks, 80 per cent of which sold before the program commenced, and catering for a range of abilities, were hosted between February and June 2022, with 390 women between the ages of 10 and 76 years lacing up their hiking boots to participate.

Scenic Rim Mayor Greg Christensen said the EmpowHER Hiking Program is the only program in Queensland, and possibly even in Australia, involving multiple operators with a specific focus on women and girls, and set in an enriching region like the Scenic Rim.

"The EmpowHER Hiking Program is about empowering women and girls to get out into nature, to build confidence, stay fit and healthy and make personal connections while discovering the spectacular natural surrounds of the Scenic Rim," he said.



The innovative program offered guided hikes at a subsidised price for participants in an initiative jointly funded by the Queensland Government's ActiveKIT program in partnership with Health and Wellbeing Queensland and Scenic Rim Regional Council.

"Our delivery partners ParkTours, O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat and Mount Barney Lodge, who are locally based tourism operators with a passion for sharing the wonders of our magnificent natural environment, have been integral to the success of EmpowHER," Mayor Christensen said.

"I am thrilled that this initiative has been recognised on a national level and celebrated and applauded by industry peers at the Awards Ceremony, for innovation in how to grow participation."

Scenic Rim Regional Council Community Development team members Kathy Forrest and Lisa Caruana proudly accepted the award on behalf of Council's EmpowHER team and participating tourism operators.

Program participant Deb McDowell said she had enjoyed tackling two guided hikes during the EmpowHER program and expressed deep gratitude for Council's initiative in supporting a fantastic program.

"It was so wonderful to meet other like-minded women and to have the opportunity to learn so much about beautiful Binna Burra from our guides. Their knowledge and passion for the natural world was inspiring," she said.

"I hope to participate in many more hiking adventures with the EmpowHER program."

Five hikes are still on offer during July for EmpowHERed women and girls who would like to participate in the program. For more information and to book please visit EmpowHER Hiking Program – Scenic Rim Regional Council.

LEFT: Principal Specialist Community Development Kathy Forrest and Community Development Officer Lisa Caruana from Scenic Rim Regional Council accepting the National Programs and Activities award.

TOP: EmpowHER hikers on Mount Maroon.

BUDGET BOOST AIMS TO GRANT MORE COMMUNITY WISHES

Scenic Rim Regional Council will increase its investment in community organisations by boosting funding for Community Grants by more than 35 per cent in its 2022-2023 Budget.

Council's budget allocation for its Community Grants Program has increased to \$400,000 in the coming year, from \$295,000 in 2021-2022, to continue supporting the vital role that community groups play in the Scenic Rim region.

Scenic Rim Mayor Greg Christensen said the grant funding increase acknowledged the value of supporting grassroots community and not-for-profit groups, as well as not-for-profit sporting and recreational organisations that contribute significantly to the lifestyle and liveability enjoyed in the Scenic Rim.

"Our community grants represent an investment in events and organisations which help to achieve the shared Community Plan vision for healthy, engaged and resourceful communities in the Scenic Rim," he said.

Division 2 Councillor and Deputy Mayor Jeff McConnell said that the region's various community and not-for-profit groups are essential to support a growing population.

"Local organisations, which rely heavily on volunteers, provide a wide range of programs and activities that enrich the cultural life of our region, contribute to the health and well-being of our community and make the Scenic Rim a great place to live.

"These groups are the heart and soul of our towns and villages, and their volunteers continually go the extra mile to help make a positive difference to community life."

In 2020, Council streamlined its grants program by consolidating grants for community organisations and sporting and active recreational groups under the umbrella of one Community Grants Program to deliver greater benefits to the region.



Recognising that community and sporting groups often share the same facilities and have common goals, the Community Grants Program has enabled Council's support of a wider range of community initiatives and projects.

"This consolidated and flexible format, which has been welcomed by the community will continue, with groups able to apply for Minor Grants up to \$5,000 to offset costs associated with delivering community-led projects or Major Grants up to \$20,000 for maintenance or improvement to community facilities," Mayor Christensen said.

In addition to direct funding through its Community Grants Program, Council also provides in-kind support to local not-for-profit organisations, for subsidised use of Council's Community and Cultural Centres and waste bins for local community events.

"These groups bring our communities together through events and activities that celebrate our identity, culture and diversity and are well worthy of our support," Mayor Christensen said.

Round 1 of the 2022-2023 Community Grants Program will open on Monday 18 July 2022.

PHOTO: Community groups add vibrancy to the Scenic Rim Region.


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CHICKEN ALFREDO PASTA

This one-pan weeknight whip-up with peppery chicken, aromatic lemon and a silky cream sauce is a perfect winter warmer. Alfredo sauce is a simple Italian pasta sauce and the foundation to a variety of different pasta dishes, which means getting good at this sauce is a must for any pasta lover.

The traditional Alfredo recipe uses only a few simple ingredients: parmesan cheese, butter, salt and pepper – and while this traditional style is great, I've added my own Chef Dylan twist. Indeed, I find using my Spartan seasoning brings an extra boost of flavour. The roasted garlic adds a delicate caramelised flavour, and the pepper adds a slight warmth to the palette, while the zing from the lemon zest cuts through the richness of the sauce, with the parsley adding a touch of colour. I like to use spaghetti noodles instead of fettuccine from the traditional recipe, as I love the way the sauce clings to the pasta, but by all means feel free to use whatever pasta you like or have to hand in your pantry.

For this recipe you cook the chicken, sauce and pasta all in the same pan, which makes the washing up a breeze. What's more, the aroma created by this dish will have everyone in the house salivating and eagerly awaiting dinner time to dig in.

Did You know? Alfredo sauce was named after its inventor Alfredo di Lelio a Roman restaurateur. But how did it become quite so popular? Well, legend says that while working in his family restaurant in Rome in 1908. He raced home to check on his heavily pregnant wife to see what she would like to eat for supper "I'm sick of all the pastas on the menu" she complained. "They are too rich". "Can you please just make something very simple?" she requested. Being a dutiful loving husband, he kissed her on the forehead and whispered, "Of course my dear".

Back in the kitchen, turning up the heat in a frypan on the stove he simply melted some butter, generously cracked in black pepper, then tossed in some fettuccine and finished it off with a few grates of parmesan. His wife enjoyed the meal so much she insisted that it needed to be added to the restaurant menu. He called the new dish 'fettuccine Alfredo' after himself, and his locals loved it. It became a standard item unique to his menu, before one day in 1920, the famous Hollywood stars Douglas Fairbanks and Mary Pickford, who were on their honeymoon in Rome, found themselves sitting in the now very popular restaurant.

The house specialty 'fettuccine Alfredo' caught their attention and after devouring the dish and falling in love with its simplicity, they asked Alfredo for the recipe. Being the kind and generous man that he was, he gave it to them. To express their gratitude, the couple gave him a set of golden silverware engraved with the words "To Alfredo, the king of the noodles." The couple returned to Hollywood, where they couldn't stop raving about this wonderful meal they had had in Rome. Word spread like wildfire, and variants of 'fettuccine Alfredo' started to pop up on menus all across America.

Back in Rome, the dish gained more fame. Alfredo's restaurant became the place to eat for international movie stars and directors. Everyone from Sophia Loren to Frank Sinatra and Brigitte Bardot descended upon 'Alfredo Alla Scrofa' to taste the famous 'fettuccine Alfredo' that everyone was talking about in Hollywood. Thereafter, 'fettuccine Alfredo' exploded in popularity across the western world, namely America, along with its now multiple variations. Somewhat strangely however, the dish never took off in the rest of Italy and no restaurants in Italy actually serve it. I guess the saying "no prophet is accepted in his own country" rings true. In fact, you'll only find the original "fettuccine Alfredo" at two restaurants, 'Alfredo alla Scrofa', the original restaurant that Alfredo di Lelio owned which he later sold to a new owner in 1943 and 'Il Vero Alfredo' the restaurant that Alfredo and his son Armando subsequently opened in 1950.

Rather amazingly, both restaurants are still open and continue to happily serve their customers 'fettuccine Alfredo' to this very day. If you're a pasta fan, you should try this one!

Chef Dylan Tip: If you're missing a bit of crunch, simply mix a cup of panko breadcrumbs with 4 tbs of melted butter on a tray and toast it up in the oven at 200°C for 5 mins and then sprinkle "Salt Bae" style over the finished pasta. This tip works for any pasta you make and believe me the added texture really takes it to the next level. Also, if you prefer a little heat, just replace my Spartan seasoning with my Creole, which instead of lemon, will add some warmth from the smoked paprika and fiery cayenne.

Prep Time: 5 mins Cooking Time: 30 mins Serves: 4

Ingredients

- 3 tbs oil
- 2 300g skinless chicken breasts



- 3 tbs Spartan* seasoning
- 1 1/2 cup milk
- 1 1/2 cup chicken stock (store bought is fine)
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 200g spaghetti or fettuccine
- 1/2 cup thickened cream
- 1 cup freshly grated parmesan
- Panko crumbs and butter (optional) for garnish

** Chef Dylan's Gourmet Food Co. Spartan marinade*

Method

1. In a bowl mix 2 tablespoons of Spartan with 1 tablespoon of oil. Add chicken breast and coat with seasoning. Set to one side to marinate.
2. In a large frypan over medium-high heat, heat 2 tablespoons of oil. Add Spartan marinated chicken and fry until golden and cooked through, about 8 minutes per side. Turn pan to low and transfer chicken to a plate, cover with foil and let rest 10 minutes.
3. Meanwhile add garlic to fry pan and stir frying it until fragrant. Add 1 tablespoon Spartan, milk and chicken stock. Turn up heat to medium and bring to a simmer.
4. Add spaghetti, stirring frequently with tongs for about 3 minutes to stop spaghetti sticking together.
5. Let cook until al dente, 8 minutes or so.
6. Slice chicken ready to serve.
7. Stir in heavy cream and parmesan cheese until combined. Simmer until sauce thickens.
8. Remove from heat and stir in sliced chicken.

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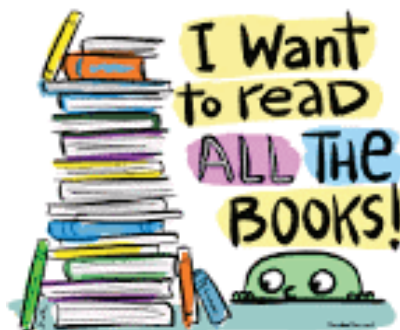


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Up in the Morning Early

Cauld blaws the wind frae east to west,

The drift is driving sairly;
Sae loud and shrill's I hear the blast,
I'm sure it's winter fairly.

CHORUS : Up in the morning's no for me,

Up in the morning early;
When a' the hills are cover'd wi' snaw,
I'm sure it's winter fairly.

The birds sit chittering in the thorn,

A' day they fare but sparely;
And lang's the night frae e'en to morn,
I'm sure it's winter fairly.

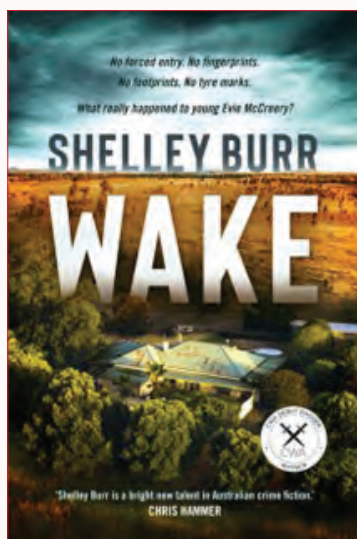
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Robert Burns

Our Book Choice: *Wake* by Shelley Burr



Evelyn simply vanished. The small town on Nannine lies in the harsh red interior of new South Wales. Once a thriving outback centre, years of punishing drought have whittled it down to no more than a couple of pubs and a police station. And its one sinister claim to fame: the still-unsolved disappearance of Evelyn McCreery nineteen years ago from the bedroom she shared with her twin sister.

Mina McCreery's life has been defined by the intense and ongoing public interest in her sister's case. Now an anxious and reclusive adult, Mina lives alone on their family's sunbaked destocked sheep farm. The million-dollar reward her mother established to solve the disappearance has never been paid out. Enter Lane Holland, a private investigator who dropped out of the police academy to earn a living cracking cold cases. Lane has his eye on the unclaimed money, but he also has darker motivations for wanting to solve the case.

Compulsively readable, with an unforgettable setting and cast of characters, WAKE is a powerful, unsparing story of how trauma ripples outward when people's private tragedies become public property, and how it's never too late for the truth to set things right.

Genre: *Mystery*

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4. Texas is America's largest state.
5. France is more than twice as large as the UK.
6. Mars is smaller than Mercury.
7. The Black Forest lies wholly within Germany.
8. Rod Stewart is older than Mick Jagger.
9. Franz Schubert outlived Beethoven.
10. The 1960 Olympics were held in Tokyo.
11. The Seychelles are in the Pacific Ocean.
12. A hoopoe is a bird.
13. The Concorde was faster than the Eurofighter.

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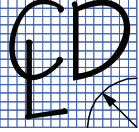
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TM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: 2nd Wed. of month. Phone 5545 0944 Email: info@tamborinemountainchamber.com.au

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

TM LITTLE THEATRE: Meetings held 1st Tuesday of month at 7.30pm at the Zamia Theatre. Regular plays, play readings & social events, movie club events. New members welcome. Cath Buckley President www.tmlt.com.au.

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

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

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

TM NATURAL HISTORY ASSOCIATION:

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

TM NETBALL CLUB. Visit our website: www.tamborine-mountain-netball.square.site

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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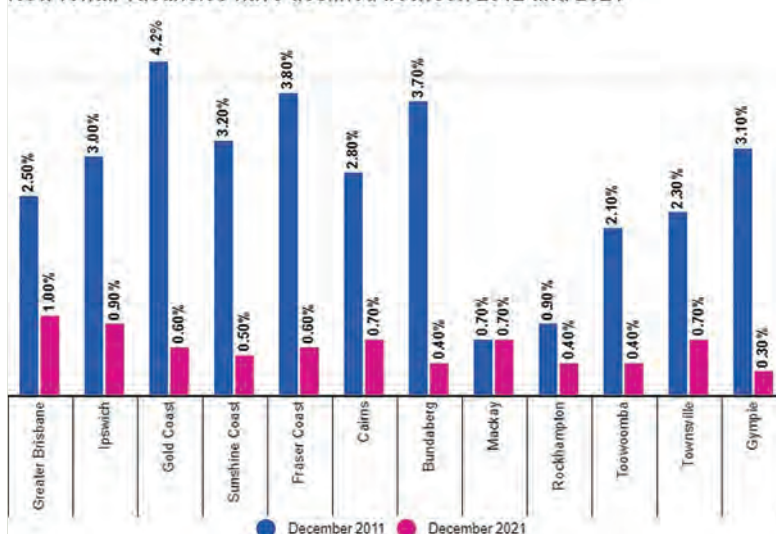
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