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EAGLES LADIES POWERING AHEAD



Tamborine Mountain Eagles Ladies soccer team, striving through a challenging season, recently held a successful Bake Sale to help with fundraising. (Top row) Gigi, Storm, Jess, Kristy, Linna, Laura, Alice, Zoe and (bottom row) Ducky, Emily, Darcy, Kylie.

5th-14th August 2022

Mixed media artworks
by artist in residence
Bronwyn Davies

Exhibition Launch
Friday 5th August 6-9pm

'Let's talk about Takayna /Tarkine'.
Sat 6th 2-3pm

Music Jam for the Forests
Sat 6th 6pm-9pm

Exhibition and drop in residency
10 am-4pm Sat 6th & Sun 7th August and
Thur 11th - Sun 14th August



more info/bookings

DRAWN FROM THE FOREST

The Art Post, 38 Main st North Tamborine
www.bronwyndavies.studio



Property of the week

SALE 🛏️ 5 🛁 2 🚗 10 ✂️ 1.11 ha

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AGENTS:
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Property of the week

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- Located a stroll from Gallery Walk
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- 10.30 - 11.15 4-20 Witherby Crescent
- 11 - 11.30 9 Makalu Court
- 11.30 - 12 15 Tolima Drive
- 12 - 12.30 33 Corypha Court
- 12.15 - 1 12 Magnetic Drive
- 1 - 1.30 26 Justin Aveue
- 2 - 2.30 11-15 Romana Court

OUR OPEN HOMES Sun 31st

- 10 - 10.30 89 Palomino Dr, Tamborine



SOLD

Review: Seller - U24 Capo Di Monte

From our first day with Lisa she impressed us with her enthusiasm & understanding of what we wanted to achieve. She is very proactive & her communication skills are awesome. I would be very happy to recommend Lisa to anyone wanting a dedicated & professional real estate agent. Many thanks Lisa



AGENTS: Lisa Patrick
0407 642 444



SALE 🛏️ 6 🛁 3 🚗 8 ✂️ 4,298m²

10-12 Laurina Drive, New Beith

- If you love entertaining, then this is the home for you, large deck area, swimming pool, spa, firepit and lovely lawn area
- Two separate dwellings, the second smaller home would be ideal for extended family

Contact agents

AGENTS:
Charmaine
0460 444 100



SALE 🛏️ 3 🛁 2 🚗 3 ✂️ 7.89ha

83 Bateke Road, Tamborine Mountain

- How about a lovely home hidden down a private driveway, with cathedral ceilings, large undercover deck, separate studio, excellent bore and established orchard... book an inspeciton now

\$3,000,000+

AGENTS:
Barry Chick
0418 876 191



SALE 🛏️ 4 🛁 4 🚗 8 ✂️ 63 acres

207 Barnes Road, Tamborine

- Great land, magnificent views & superb outdoor entertainment area
- Garage \ shed space
- Granny flat with separate entrance, 3 car garage, come and view this lovely home

\$1,949,000 +

AGENTS:
Linda Hogan 0414 300 558
Charmaine 0460 444 100



SHOWCASING THE BEAUTY OF THE MOUNTAIN FOR THAT SPECIAL DAY

Just a short drive from the hustle and bustle of Brisbane, nestled in the Gold Coast Hinterland is one of Australia's premier wedding destinations, Tamborine Mountain.

Tamborine Mountain is the perfect blend of breathtaking views, lush rainforest and old-world charm. The Tamborine Mountain Wedding Group, in collaboration with Shambala Estate (formerly Tamborine Gardens) are proud to present their biannual wedding expo and trail, to be held on Sunday 14th August 2022, from 10am to 3pm at 104 Beacon Road, Tamborine Mountain.

Tamborine Mountain has everything you need for your wedding day. It is the "go to" place for engaged couples to say, "I Do". This year's showcase will allow participants to travel conveniently by bus to other stunning venues and meet with their experienced wedding teams.

Covering a broad range of wedding needs, there's an array of suppliers involved, everything from stylists, florists and photographers to celebrants, musicians, DJs, and many more!

You can take the day at your own pace, enjoy a glass of bubbles on arrival, speak with chosen suppliers and see whichever venues you like.

This expo will provide participants with a memorable experience, as well as present a huge source of information on Queensland's premier "Destination Wedding" locations.



The focus of the event is to collaborate the extensive knowledge and passion of our suppliers, showcasing our beautiful slice of heaven to newly engaged couples. We ask our beautiful community to celebrate with us as we promote this wonderful experience.

Tamborine Mountain Wedding Expo & Trail

August 14th 2022



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SALVOS STORES NEEDS YOU TO DIG DEEP THIS WINTER

Salvos Stores are encouraging the public to dig deep into wardrobes and linen closets for warm items to donate to ensure their stores are kept stocked with winter woollies during the colder months.



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S T O R E S

This July, anyone who donates warm winter clothes to Salvos Stores will receive a 20% discount voucher which can be used in-store or online, meaning savings on great value products.

This comes as a result of Salvos Stores experiencing a downtick in winter stock donations this year. Maintaining strong winter stock plays a vital role in supporting the frontline work of The Salvation Army, with sales from Salvos Stores going directly to funding The Salvos programs around Australia.

“At Salvos Stores, we want to ensure that we have the right stock for our customers looking to shop pre-loved for their winter wear. This is why we are calling on the public to take a look in their wardrobe and see if they can spare a few winter items this chilly season,” said Matt Davis, CEO of Salvos Stores.

“And while you are at it, you will get a great discount in store or online from our great range of products, so you can feel good whilst getting yourself a bargain.”

Each year, Salvos Stores raises over \$39 million for The Salvation Army’s frontline work right across the country, which in turn helps over 1 million Aussies in need.

On top of this, shopping at Salvos Stores is good for the environment as they divert around 40 million items from landfill each year through the sale of goods in their store network.

With over 350 stores nationwide and an online store, Salvos Stores are providing affordable, environmentally friendly products to communities right around Australia.

“We are looking for those essential winter items, such as jumpers, jackets, beanies, and other warm clothes. So please, head into your local Salvos Store and donate your winter goods to make a difference in other people’s lives,” said Matt Davis.

To find out more about Salvos Stores Winter Stock ‘Donate for a Discount’ initiative, or to shop at Salvos Stores online, visit salvosstores.com.au. ‘Donate for a Discount’ until July 30.

Tamborine Mountain Arts Collective

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2022

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

7 for 7.30 pm

at North Shores (Picnic)

46 Main St, Tamborine Mountain

Dinner before:

5.30 for 6pm

2 course meal Cost: \$50

Bookings essential: (by Aug.31)

Cassi Ashton Thomas

0415 174 590

COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSION AND ART COMPETITION THIS SATURDAY

Are you keen to learn more about the ecology of our threatened species across South East Queensland?

Are you an artist looking to secure a paid contract whilst also helping to raise awareness of threatened species?

Then come along at 10am, Saturday, 30th July to Making Good Alliance at 6-8 Knoll Road, North Tamborine.

Natura Pacific is joining forces with Making Good Alliance to create an event that fosters conversations about the preservation of our threatened species across South East Queensland. Natura Pacific will host the presentation and screen an episode from one of their YouTube series, 'Back from the Brink' showing a special episode as featured in *Australian Geographic*.

They will also be giving away some beautiful and incredibly important rainforest plants and officially launching their artist competition in a quest to find a talented artist to illustrate up to 25 threatened flora and fauna species for use on their new 'Back from the Brink' Action Hub webpage.

The competition guidelines and prize will be discussed at the event so artists can go away inspired to prepare their submissions by the 27th of August.

So, if you are keen to compete for a formal paid contract to let your creativity flow or if you would like to learn more about



our incredible threatened species in South East Queensland in an event held on beautiful Tamborine Mountain, come along on Saturday the 30th July from 10am-12 noon to 6-8 Knoll Road, Tamborine Mountain, QLD.

The competition is open to all ages with a parent or guardian's consent.


The plant giveaway is limited to first come first served.

Bookings are essential so please RSVP to the event to mga@makinggoodalliance.com.au by the 27th of July.



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TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN DENTAL

EAGLE HEIGHTS SHOPPING VILLAGE (above FOODWORKS) 14/17 SOUTHPORT AVE, EAGLE HEIGHTS

THE TABLE'S SET FOR ARTS DINNER DISCUSSION

What the heck is 'placemaking' anyway? - that's the hot topic on the table when Scenic Rim Regional Council hosts its third Arts Dinner of 2022 on Tuesday 2 August.

Set against the backdrop of the *Life in Focus* exhibition, which includes the Scenic Rim Story Marker Trails project, the dinner explores the concept of how public art connects people with places, builds community pride and reflects the space in which it resides.

Scenic Rim Arts Reference Group Chair Cr Michael Enright invited the community to join in the free evening event at The Centre Beaudesert and perhaps share a story from their own experience of living in the Scenic Rim.

"During the evening we will be looking at how installing public artwork helps to create a sense of community and makes a place more visually interesting and enjoyable for residents and visitors alike," he said.

"The dinner discussion complements The Centre's current exhibition, which features a selection of photographs of landmark locations across the Scenic Rim, showcasing remarkable stories of places of interest and heritage sites across the region.

"Guests have an opportunity to contribute to the more than 1000 Scenic Rim stories which have already been gathered, by stepping into our recording booth and sharing something about a place, a memory or local history and, if they bring photographs, have these scanned in as a digital record of our region's heritage."

The Arts Dinner discussion, facilitated by Vast Yonder creative director Lincoln Savage, includes panellists who are nationally and internationally renowned placemakers.

Scenic Rim Cultural Officer Heritage Mark Paddick will lead guests into a deeper exploration of the Story Marker Trails project and how this has contributed to the Scenic Rim's sense of place.

Joining the dinner discussion online will be City of Darwin's Executive Manager of Community and Cultural Services, Angela O'Donnell, a Churchill Fellow who believes in the transformative power of art.

Other speakers include Courtney Guerin of the 4275 Collective, cultural producer Grace Dewar, journal editor Susan Hansen-Nuart and painter Gus Eagleton, who will be working his artistic magic on a mural, beginning from a blank board, so guests can see his creative process in action.

"Whether you are an arts aficionado or would simply like to learn more about placemaking and the role of public art, please join us for what promises to be a great evening's entertainment," Cr Enright said.

Tickets for the Arts Dinner are free, but registrations are required for catering. Visit the liveatthecentre.com.au website to book or telephone (07) 5540 5050.

The *Life in Focus* exhibition, combining the Scenic Rim Story Marker Trails Project and *When a Tree Falls* by Donna Davis, continues at The Centre from Tuesday to Friday, 10am to 4pm, until Saturday 13 August.

Supplied image: Public art, such as the mural at Vonda Youngman Community Centre, Tamborine Mountain, help to create a sense of place. (Photo – Mark Paddick)



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HELLO, FELLOW THEATREGOERS...



The reviews are in for *Private Lives*. In case you've missed the stage whispers going around town, Noel Coward's classic 1930 comedy of manners 'Private Lives' has opened at the Zamia Theatre to the delight of audiences. Full of sophistication and sarcastic wit, this fast-paced comedy may have been penned over 90 years ago at the end of the roaring 20's, but it is still considered one of the enduring successes of modern comedic theatre.

This Tamborine Mtn Little Theatre version will leave you impressed by the outstanding group of fresh young talent wearing sumptuous costumes, treading exquisite French sets and showing off their impeccable acting chops. But don't just take me at my word. Come see for yourself, with two remaining performances this Friday night (29th) and Sunday afternoon (31st). In case you need a booster shot or a gentle prod before we have to resort to the vaudeville hook to pull you in... well, we're happy to make arrangements. In the meantime, book a ticket, a table, a taxi and bring a bottle to share in the inescapable passions and jealousies that await you in our characters' *Private Lives*.

Here's the link. <http://www.trybooking.com/CACZX>

LAST CHANCE! AUSTRALIAN OF THE YEAR AWARD NOMINATIONS CLOSE MIDNIGHT 31 JULY 2022

There's just one week left to submit your nominations for the 2023 Australian of the Year Awards – nominations must be submitted by midnight 31 July 2022.

Nominating can be done online at australianoftheyear.org.au.

It only takes one nomination for someone to be considered for the awards and it's up to the Australian public to make those nominations.

There are four categories in the awards:

- Australian of the Year
- Senior Australian of the Year (aged 65 years and over)
- Young Australian of the Year (aged 16-30 years)
- Australia's Local Hero

National Australia Day Council CEO Ms Karlie Brand encouraged people to nominate those they find inspiring, whether for their achievements or their community contributions.

"You don't need to know someone personally in order to nominate them for the awards, you simply need to provide some information on what they've done or how they're making a difference," said Ms Brand.

"Help us share the stories of extraordinary Australians in all walks of life – nominate them now."

Nominations must be for:

- A living person (unfortunately posthumous awards cannot be granted)
- Australian citizens

When submitting your nomination, consider the selection criteria which includes:

- An inspirational role model for the Australian community
- Demonstrated excellence in their field
- The Local Hero award acknowledges a significant contribution at local community level

Tamborine Mountain Little Theatre Presents

PRIVATE LIVES

A COMEDY OF MANNERS

BY NOEL COWARD

DIRECTED BY THOR ANDERSEN

NEW DATES July 15, 16, 22, 23, 29 – 7:30 pm Matinees: July 17, 24, 31 – 2:30 pm

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Saturday 23rd July



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Saturday 30th July



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Saturday 6th August



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8:30AM-5PM

TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN SHOWGROUNDS

IT'S TIME TO RECONNECT THIS NATIONAL TREE DAY



National Tree Day is Australia's largest tree planting and nature care event. Credit: Planet Ark

Planet Ark is encouraging Australians to connect with nature and their local community for National Tree Day 2022 and do something positive for our future – plant a tree!

The call-to-action comes with new research showing that eight out of ten Australians agree that planting trees is an important part of creating a more sustainable future. This reflects Australians' understanding of their ability to make a difference through their own behaviour, with seven out of ten agreeing individual actions can have a positive impact on global environmental issues such as climate change.

“These results clearly show Australians want to have a positive impact on the environment and one of the simplest things we can do to support nature is to plant a tree,” said Planet Ark co-CEO Rebecca Gilling.

“With that one small action you can help cool the climate, provide homes for native wildlife, and make your community a better place to live.”

The research was conducted on behalf of Planet Ark by Pollinate as part of The Pulse survey, a bi-annual quantitative study that measures environmental, social, and economic issues and concerns. The most significant findings included:

- 81% agree spending time in nature is good for physical and psychological wellbeing
- 74% agree planting trees is an important means of learning about our environment and how to care for it
- 69% agree spending time in nature increases their desire to protect the natural environment

Unfortunately, the findings weren't all positive, with just 27% of respondents believing Australian children spend enough time playing outdoors in nature.

“Previous National Tree Day research has demonstrated the significant and varied benefits of interaction with nature for children's health, wellbeing and development, so it's

concerning to see that our younger generations are not getting the nature play they need, Gilling said.

“We see first-hand the positive impacts of time in nature through the thousands of students who get involved in Schools Tree Day each year and the joy it brings them. So many adults reflect on their childhood experiences of Tree Day, and the pride they feel as they see the results of their labours all those years ago.”

Schools Tree Day (July 29) and National Tree Day (July 31) are Australia's largest annual tree-planting and nature care events, with plantings taking place across the country on the last weekend of July. Over the last 26 years, over 26 million native trees, shrubs and grasses have been planted by over five million National Tree Day volunteers.

This week, Planet Ark is also celebrating numerous plantings taking place around the country that have been funded through The Seedling Bank program. Launched in 2019 with the goal of supplying native seedlings to schools and community groups, the program has already provided funding for almost 39,000 seedlings to 90 groups around Australia.

A number of these stories are told in this year's “*Tree Talk: Stories from The Seedling Bank*” report, including refugee students growing their own ‘living classroom’, wildlife shelters planting native flowering gums to feed rehabilitating animals, schools creating indigenous gardens where plants tell local creation stories and more.

National Tree Day is an initiative organised by Planet Ark in partnership with major sponsor Toyota Australia and its Dealer Network. This year, Planet Ark and Toyota have teamed up with the AFL to plant a tree for every point scored during rounds 17-19, an estimated 4,500 trees. The trees will be donated through Planet Ark's Seedling Bank, to grow a ‘Footy Forest’ across Australia.

For more information or to find a site near you, please visit treeday.planetark.org.

OUR NATION IS HOLDING A GIANT TREE PLANTING PARTY: 31ST JULY

Each year in the last weekend of July people right across Australia come together to plant trees to help restore the health of their local natural environments. Here on Tamborine Mountain, Landcare is once again hosting a National Tree Day planting activity. This year's event will be at Rosser Park in Mount Tamborine, a very accessible, family-friendly park.

For several years TM Landcare has been rehabilitating the degraded forest on the rim and extending it with plantings of native species. This year the aim is to plant a further 300 trees and shrubs, which will increase the biodiversity of local natives – plants, insects and animals – that call the park home. This is part of Landcare's mission to enhance the rainforest reserves and parks that help make Tamborine Mountain Queensland's top tourist destination.

Rosser Park is just one of many Landcare regeneration sites across the mountain. You can check their location at Landcare's website, www.tamborinemtlandcare.org.au Many of these sites have good walking tracks through them, making for easy access. They're well worth a visit.

Established in 1996 by Planet Ark, National Tree Day has grown into Australia's largest community tree-planting and nature care event. Each year, around 300,000 people volunteer their time to get their hands dirty, plant millions of trees and help clean up our atmosphere, since trees capture carbon from the air. Being out in our beautiful natural landscape is also good for our health and wellbeing.

At this year's tree planting event adults and kids, neighbours and visitors are most welcome to join in this feel-good, active morning of enhancing our natural environment.

- Rosser Park – opposite Siganto St, Mount Tamborine, parking available
- Sunday 31st July 9-11am
- Tools and morning tea provided
- Please wear suitable footwear, hat, gloves and bring drinking water
- Children accompanied by an adult are very welcome.

For queries please contact: Judith Roland 0429 808 206



About Planet Ark

Planet Ark Environmental Foundation is an Australian not-for-profit organisation with a vision of a world where people live in balance with nature. Established in 1992, it is one of Australia's leading environmental behaviour change organisations with a focus on working collaboratively and positively. Planet Ark promotes and creates simple, positive environmental actions – for everyone.

Key facts:

- National Tree Day is Australia's largest tree planting and nature care event
- Founded in 1996, over 26 million trees have been planted by over 5 million volunteers for National Tree Day
- Over 80% of Australians agree that planting trees is an important part of creating a more sustainable future

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At the recent TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN EAGLES LADIES SOCCER TEAM fundraising Bake Sale: From left: Emily, Alice, Gigi, Lynn, Kristy, Laura – working hard to encourage local sporting participation.



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IT MAKES ONE'S BLOOD BOIL

Mismanagement. Waste. Squander. Ineptitude. Pouring money down the drain. Talking / writing about the financial blunders of the Queensland Government can, for some people, seem a little tedious.

I get it – not everybody gets as worked up by the blunders as I do. However, this past week the LNP has brought to light yet another example of your dollars being flushed down the toilet. \$40,000,000 (\$40 million) was spent to keep just 12 people in hotel quarantine (after hotel quarantine was apparently finished, and with a \$200 million white elephant quarantine facility sitting pretty much empty near Toowoomba).

You couldn't make this up. That's \$3.3 million per person for their quarantine stay.

None of the "geniuses" in the QLD Labor Government, it seems, thought they should check to ensure that contracts with hotels could be ended or reduced in cost if there was no / very little use for the hotels. No, they just signed us all up for a massive waste of dollars.

Why should we care? All governments waste money, I hear you say. Sure, government spending can be less efficient than private spending, and that's why we in the Liberal National Party hold it as one of our basic principles that government should always aim to lower taxes and keep more money in the hands of families and businesses – who will always be more careful with their own money than the government.

But blunders and waste of this type are just such simple, basic mistakes. It comes on top of the reported \$200 million wasted on a quarantine facility that has barely been used and which Queenslanders don't even own. And the \$3,000,000,000 – \$3 billion – in blowouts on big transport projects in southeast Queensland. **These are just the ones we know about.**

I get angry about these things because I am regularly told, in letters from Ministers and bureaucrats, that there is no funding for public transport on Tamborine Mountain, no funding to improve state roads around Canungra, the Mountain and Beaudesert, no funding for more hospital services at Beaudesert and no funding for anything at all to fix the debacle of traffic and parking near Cedar Creek Falls Road in the National Park estate. No funding for improvements to Long Road sporting fields (just a fraction of the \$40 million wasted would go a long way).

No funding to plug the near \$6 billion backlog on road repairs and maintenance. You get the picture. With a long-term Government making blunders like this \$40 million mistake on a regular basis, I suppose it's not surprising.

My advocacy has seen advances on local infrastructure and services, but we as a State can – and must – do so much better. We must do better to bring the best future for everybody. We must end this era of waste and dereliction of duty by Labor in Queensland.

SCENIC RIM ELECTORATE OFFICE

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

A JOB HALF DONE?

It is difficult to fathom the logic behind recent works on some of the Mountain's worst-affected stretches of road.

After enduring weeks of bizarrely-timed peak hour bottlenecks at the junction of Main Street and Geissmann Drive and, most recently, outside the service station, residents are puzzled and angry that works seem to have no completion in sight.

A not-unreasonable expectation may have been that given at least some decent weather lately, works might have proceeded with some urgency. As it is, the junction of Main Western Road, Main Street, Griffith Street and Geissmann Drive – possibly one of the Mountain's busiest stretches of road – remains a disgrace, and with its persistent potholes and loose gravel, positively threatening to the hundreds of motorcyclists trying to negotiate the curve.

As yet, we have not received clarification from either Council or Main Roads... stay tuned.



THE “ONSENS” COURT APPEAL AGAINST SRRC’S DEEMED REFUSAL



As at 24 July 2022 none of the 350+ submitters to the development application MCU21/054 at 713-735 Main Western Rd have received a Notice of Appeal from the developer’s legal representatives. The appeal was filed on 4 July 2022.

In the absence of formal notification of the appeal – and submitters’ rights – 23 Elections to Co-respond to the appeal were filed with the court on 25 July 2022. I expect the number will increase significantly in the event Notices are ever received. If they are, submitters have 10 business days from the date of receipt of the Notice to elect to become a Co-Respondent by Election.

If you are interested in joining the appeal, this is a simple process of completing and filing a form PEC-6. To save individuals the trip into Brisbane to file, I am co-ordinating the filing of forms as a “job lot” and the consequent required notification by way of service on the appellant (developer) and respondent (council). There are no costs associated with electing to Co-respond, and you can opt out of the appeal by completing another simple form.

This is the same process followed in relation to the Eagles Retreat “disability cabins” appeal, which is ongoing (another council “deemed refusal”).

Please contact me via e-mail at frangipani1956@msn.com if you wish to discuss further or obtain a form - if you made an objection submission back in July-August 2021.

Amanda Hay

CONSIDERATION AND BALANCE NEEDED BEFORE SRRC ACTION

Earlier this year, the Council invited Public Submissions commenting on Council’s Growth Management Strategy. The latter assumed significant population and tourism increases on Tamborine Mountain. I pointed out that Council (that is, ratepayers like me) would face very large costs providing the necessary facilities. This makes the whole approach suspect.

Reaching that conclusion was not a huge mental effort but I had not expected such rapid confirmation. The Council is looking at spending \$6 million on a property containing tourism businesses and an avocado orchard. The aim is to provide additional parking space for Gallery Walk. Nothing is said about the costs of building the facility and the upgrading of roads in the vicinity, plus water supply and wastewater disposal.

Another point I raised in my submission is that we largely rely on nature for storm water management and real problems have been looming for some time. These cannot be disregarded. In the present case, I assume the avocado orchard will have to be sealed, and this will not be without impacts.

Finding those millions to provide a tourist facility probably has consequences. It may be no coincidence that our proposed \$3 million library upgrade does not appear in Council’s 10 Year Capital Works Program. However, we are not to miss out altogether in library matters, since there is provision for new floor coverings in the present library. There may also be some fittings available under general provisions.

There is mention of the just completed Community Centre renovations, plus some work with relation to the swimming pool, plus Dapsang Drive and Lions Park public toilets. However, there is no detail and they are all further down the timeline.

Council has to be careful to keep a balance and not degrade the Tamborine Mountain ambience which is the basic attraction for those wishing to live here or to just visit.

Phil Giffard

RATEPAYERS FORGOTTEN AGAIN

Value for money isn’t what we get: our bins emptied once a week, our streets like you are in the back of beyond with potholes. New footpaths in other Scenic Rim towns but not here, Library extension in the old IGA forgotten.

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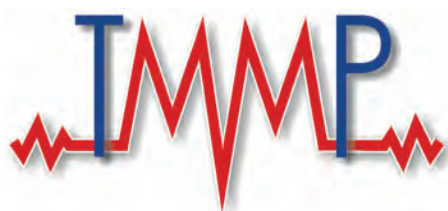
\$6 million would go a long way towards a swimming pool. We have two high schools, three primary schools and numerous kindergartens, an ageing population, and plenty of get fit millennials. Our current pool is antiquated, not always healthy and way too small, with only six carpark spaces.

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In the words of Hans Christian Andersen “To travel is to live”. What better place to reignite our passion to explore the world than his hometown, Copenhagen? We ummed and ahed about how long to linger in Denmark’s capital, opting for our longer option of 5 nights, and we are so pleased we did. There is so much to do in this historic capital.



There is little traffic in the city centre as everyone opts to walk or cycle. The museums and galleries are excellent. The National Museum currently has an extraordinary Viking exhibition, where you can follow their journey through the ages as they travelled through the Mediterranean to Egypt, west to Iceland, Greenland and parts of Canada, and also their successful raids on Britain where still today their legacy lives on.

The National Gallery is also excellent with a broad collection of Nordic art through the ages; art from the Middle Ages to the most contemporary. My favourite gallery was Ny Carlsberg Glyptotek – the extraordinary private collection of Carl Jacobsen, funded through the family’s Carlsberg brewing, is housed in a remarkable building where ancient sculptures can be found in the gardens of the Green House not far from the Tivoli. Allow several hours to explore the extensive Egyptian, Greek and Roman collections; head upstairs to the Western art collection where you will find works by Van Gogh, Monet, Renoir and Paul Gauguin. Visit the Design Centre and the Architecture Centre – both feature

the best of contemporary Nordic design. Or head into the palace to see the best of yesteryear with the gracious court rooms open to the public when the Queen isn’t in residence.

There are great restaurants to discover – just make sure to book in advance because it can be hard to secure a table. There are several Michelin-starred restaurants and we were lucky to indulge at Kokkeriet, renowned for fine dining, carefully designed with seasonal local produce. All the guidebooks mention Nyhaven and its multicoloured buildings overlooking the canal; my advice is to step around the corner from this tourist mecca into Store Strandstraede, which is where you will find the locals in the evening enjoying a glass of wine, or continue up the road to Sankt Annae where the road is divided by parkland where the children play on swings, tai chi is being practised and life is happening for residents of the area.

Head across to Christiania, where some hippies still hang out in this off-beat part of Copenhagen. Wander along cobbled streets, discover hidden squares and parks, stop in the glorious sunshine for a coffee or an Aperol Spritz and soak up the atmosphere. Isn’t this what travelling to Europe is all about?

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SCENIC RIM'S ICONIC WILDLIFE TO FEATURE IN LANDMARK ARTWORK



Wildlife for which the Scenic Rim is renowned will feature in a 44-metre long mural that will become one of the largest public artworks in the region, adding colour and vibrancy to the Boonah town centre.

Following community consultation, and on the recommendation of the Scenic Rim Arts Reference Group, Council at its recent Ordinary Meeting, approved artist Ash Taylor's concept for what will become a local landmark in Walter Street.

Inspired by the *Scenic Rim's Biodiversity Strategy (2015-2025)*, the mural features two of Queensland's threatened species, the Spotted-Tailed Quoll and the Glossy Black Cockatoo, along with the bird's sole source of food, the She-oak.

Scenic Rim Arts Reference Group Chair Cr Michael Enright said that feedback, provided through the Let's Talk Scenic Rim online community engagement platform and public comment at the Boonah Library, showed strong support for Ash Taylor's concept.

"This was one of three finalists - including Yannick Blattner's concept featuring Rainbow Lorikeets frolicking in Eucalyptus foliage, and Coleen Lavender's tribute to the horses which built our nation - selected from the 15 submissions received by Council and presented to the community for two weeks of public comment, which closed on 3 June 2022," he said.

"These three finalists were considered by the Arts Reference Group, which assessed the outcomes of the community feedback, and the concepts based on their artistic merit, success in meeting the project brief, project management and viability and technical skill, with the result that Ash Taylor's was the recommended design."

In her proposal, Ash Taylor said her concept for the Boonah mural considered contemporary design principles to engage and intrigue the audience and share facets of the Scenic Rim's identity.

The use of the common names of the species depicted in the artwork aims to encourage the residents and visitors to the region to discover more about the plants and wildlife featured in the mural.

"The design highlights the Glossy Black Cockatoo and its source of food, the She-oak, found throughout the region, and also brings attention to Spotted-Tailed Quolls as the incredible achievement of the community and Council combined confirmed their local existence after they were declared extinct," Ms Taylor said.

The \$25,000 mural project will be funded from the Scenic Rim Story Marker Project budget as part of the revitalisation of Boonah, with the artwork providing a landmark for the local community and a wayfinder for visitors to the Scenic Rim.

With a total length of 44 metres, the wall facing Walter Street represents a blank canvas that will be transformed as one of the largest public artworks in the Scenic Rim.

"On behalf of Council, and the nine community representatives who comprise the Arts Reference Group, I would like to thank everyone who took the time to provide feedback which has contributed to the choice of this spectacular public artwork," Cr Enright said.

Photo: Ash Taylor's engaging Boonah mural concept features the Spotted-Tailed Quoll and Glossy Black Cockatoo.

EKKA HOLIDAY DATE LOCKED IN FOR 2023

Scenic Rim Regional Council will nominate Monday 14 August 2023 as the region's public holiday for the Royal Queensland Show, better known as the Ekka, following community feedback.

"Monday in the first week of the Ekka has traditionally been the Scenic Rim's show holiday and this was the day preferred by most respondents to the survey," Mayor Christensen said.

The 2022 Royal Queensland Show runs from Saturday 6 August to Sunday 14 August, with the Scenic Rim's Ekka holiday set down for Monday 8 August.

"For a region whose local economy is underpinned by agriculture, the Ekka has special significance for the Scenic Rim," Mayor Christensen said.

"Many of our farmers, graziers and members of the equestrian community are involved in the show and, for many families and school children, it is a highlight of the year. The Ekka takes rural Queensland to the heart of Brisbane and the public holiday enables families to enjoy the show together."

URBAN UTILITIES SUPPORTING SCENIC RIM GROWTH WITH \$12M INVESTMENT

Urban Utilities has announced it will invest more than \$12 million in the Scenic Rim over the next year to upgrade essential infrastructure and cater for future growth.

One of the key projects will include works to renew water pipes in Beaudesert and Boonah.

Urban Utilities spokesperson Rebecca Schrauf (pictured right) said the utility managed a complex network of more than 335km of water pipes across the Scenic Rim.

“Our water network is hidden underground, but a lot of work goes on behind-the-scenes to bring fresh drinking water to our customers’ taps,” she said.

“We have a rolling water pipe renewal program in place across our region to ensure the reliability of the network now and into the future.

“Over the next 12 months we’ll invest around \$2 million dollars to renew water pipes in the Scenic Rim, extending their service life by up to 100 years.”

Ms Schrauf said Urban Utilities would also complete several upgrades to the local wastewater network as part of its ongoing capital works program.

“We’ll be using innovative trenchless technology to reline wastewater pipes underground, removing the need to dig down to access them,” she said.

“By accessing the pipes through maintenance holes, we’re able to minimise any potential impacts on the community and environment.”

Ms Schrauf said Urban Utilities would also invest more than

\$1 million dollars to enhance its wastewater treatment plants in Kalbar and Kooralbyn, and upgrade pump stations in Boonah.

“We know the region is growing and it’s important we plan well ahead for that growth,” she said.

“Our capital works upgrades will ensure we can continue to provide safe and reliable water and wastewater services to our customers as more people choose to call the Scenic Rim home.”



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APPROVED BIODIVERSITY IMPLEMENTATION PLAN PROVIDES MOMENTUM FOR BIODIVERSITY VISION IN THE SCENIC RIM

Council has approved the Biodiversity Strategy Implementation Plan 2020-2025, which will provide support and direction to achieve the community's shared vision for biodiversity for the Scenic Rim region.

Mayor Greg Christensen said the implementation plan provides a clear, detailed summary of the actions currently being delivered and those to be undertaken in future within the biodiversity sphere.

"These actions will further implement the Biodiversity Strategy 2015-2025 which is a 10-year strategy for the conservation of biodiversity in the Scenic Rim," he said.

The implementation plan was a key action from the Scenic Rim Regional Council's Operational Plan 2021-2022, which includes an Area of Focus on biodiversity. It outlines the recognition, preservation and enhancement of the region's unique environment and natural resources.

A recent mid-point review of the 10-Year Biodiversity Strategy inspired the Council to develop an implementation plan for the remaining five years, with the aim of providing a renewed direction and outlining the next steps towards achieving the region's biodiversity vision.

It identifies a detailed work plan for Council's Biodiversity and Climate Change team and provides a clear line of sight to the team's work on preserving and enhancing the region's biodiversity.

In addition, the document identifies actions delivered in partnership with other Council teams, providing insight into internal and external partnerships required as part of the implementation plan.

Division 2 Councillor and Deputy Mayor Jeff McConnell said ensuring council remains in line with the vision set out in the Biodiversity Strategy is essential.

"The implementation plan holds us accountable for protecting the Scenic Rim region, which is one of the most biodiverse areas in Australia.

"As a council, we recognise the importance of the ecological balance which is vital for the Scenic Rim's key industries of agriculture and tourism," he said.

Council recently adopted the *Scenic Rim Biodiversity Strategy 2015-2025 - Report Card 2015-2020*, which provides an update on implementation of the Strategy in its first five years, from 2015 to 2020, as well as further information about the state of biodiversity within the Scenic Rim region.

This report card is available on Council's website www.scenicrim.qld.gov.au/our-environment/biodiversity



TOP MARKS FROM STUDENTS AND TEACHERS FOR LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Council's successful Youth Leadership Program will again be offered to Scenic Rim students in Years 6 and 10 following the pilot program which saw it extended to include primary schools last year.

An update on the program was presented at Council's recent Ordinary Meeting, with Council endorsing the recommendation to continue the program in schools later in 2022.

Mayor Greg Christensen said he was excited to have been involved in the Youth Leadership Program for secondary students over many years and seeing it expanded to include primary school students.

"Each year the students who take part in this program undergo amazing personal growth and are challenged to extend themselves in ways they might never have thought possible," he said.

"Through each year of the Youth Leadership Program it has been very satisfying to see how those who have participated have flourished and learnt more about themselves and others as they have developed confidence and leadership skills."

More than 380 Year 10 students have participated in the program since its establishment in 2011.

The program was initially aimed at Year 10 students to prepare them for leadership roles in their schools and the wider community through coaching to improve self-awareness, deliver effective presentations, make informed decisions, and actively contribute within a group working environment.

In 2020 and 2021, the impacts of COVID-19 saw the program of six full-day workshops at Council venues condensed into one-day programs delivered at schools across the Scenic Rim.

"The previous Council-based program could accommodate up to 30 students each year, however the revised school-based format provided an opportunity for 86 students to participate in 2020 and 78 students in 2021," he said.

"The revised one-day format has exceeded expectations and Council has

received a great deal of positive feedback by parents and students, and principals from participating schools.

"Enabling schools to host the program has provided an opportunity for greater student participation and a more inclusive environment as previous formats meant a limit on numbers.

"The new format has also enabled schools to schedule the program to complement the school curriculum."

The Youth Leadership Program reflected Council's ongoing commitment to delivering programs and projects that meet the needs of the region's youth and provide direction for young people in the Scenic Rim.

"Regular updates on the Scenic Rim Youth Leadership Program ensure that project deliverables are being met and have meaningful outcomes that provide a lasting legacy for our region's future leaders," he said.

PHOTO: Youth Leadership Workshop presenter Selina Scoble with Year 10 Boonah State High School students.



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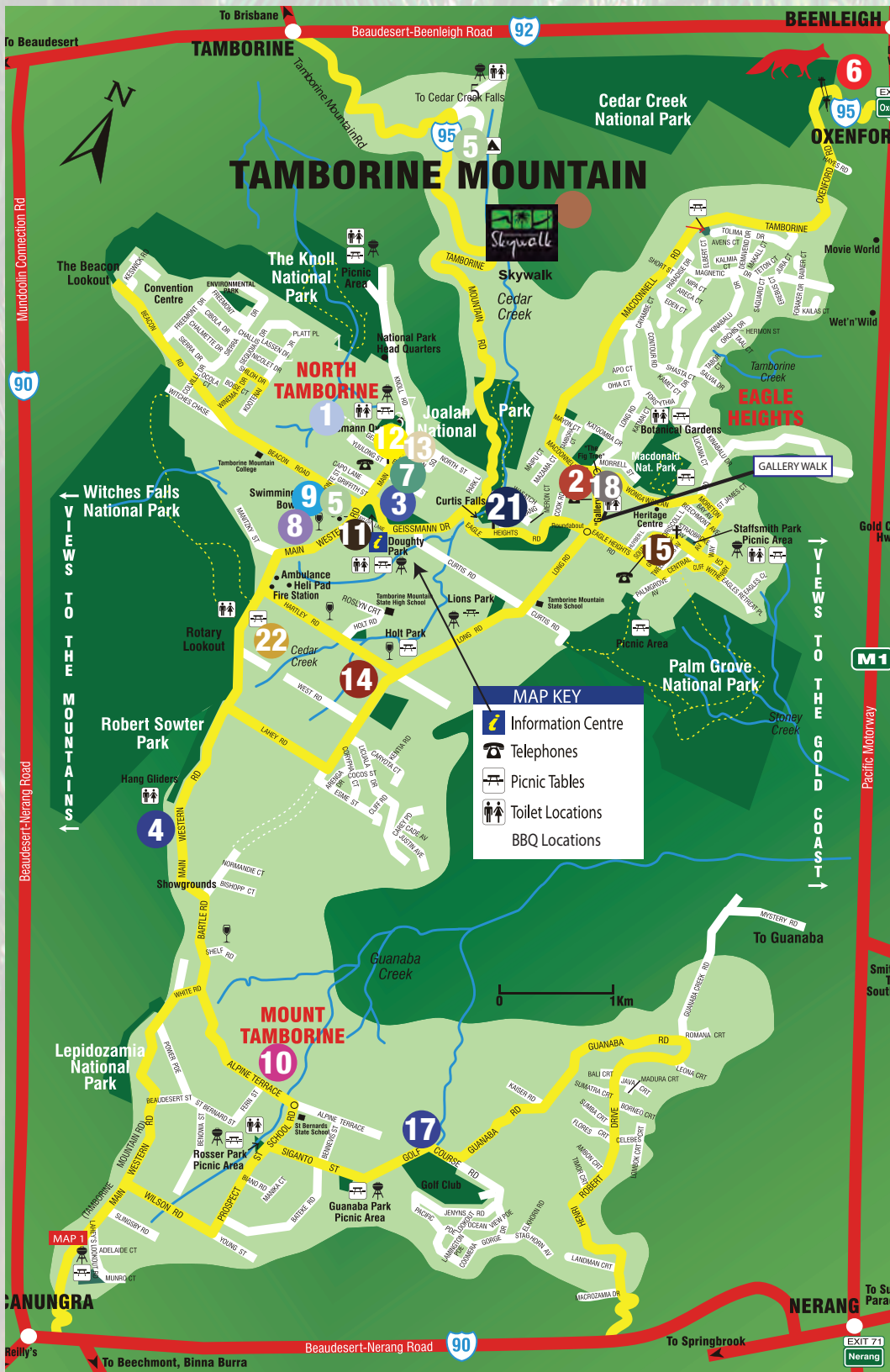
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Native Americans, the Aztecs, named this intelligent member of the dog family 'Coyotl'. They once lived primarily in open prairies and deserts, but now they roam the continent's forests and mountains. Coyotes are also referred to as prairie or bush wolf, however they are much smaller and lighter than wolves weighing around 10-23 kg yet vary in colour and size depending on where they live. They exist amongst cougars, lynx, bobcat, caribou, wolves and bears.

Humans and coyotes have always had a conflicting past due to the coyote's intelligence, cunning and predatory nature, especially when there are large numbers of farm animals. They are primarily nocturnal and incredibly territorial. Like



dingoes, they may seek to eliminate overpopulated prey in their territory, which is instinctual and part of their ecological purpose, yet farmers don't see it that way. Speed has been their greatest attribute; running at speeds of up to 46 km, which has helped to bring them back from near extinction. During the winter months, they manage to live off berries and fruits. Nightly serenades of yaps and howls echo for miles. Their territory ranges from 10-40 km, and they generally avoid humans, but they habituate to human presence in parks and cities and are found regularly in urban settings. Coyotes have been known to attack domestic pets left outside at night. occasionally larger animals, such as wolves or cougars (pumas) prey on coyotes.

Foxes, racoons and coyotes are known as mesopredators, whereas larger apex or top predators like the wolf and pumas keep these smaller populations of animals from exploding, and allow for biodiversity. It is mainly when humans interfere with these populations that problems arise.

The Trump administration reversed many bans and restrictions regarding guns, hunting and the importing of animal body parts or trophies... bans originally put into place by ex-President Obama. Trump eased gun restrictions and reversed a ban on hunting methods, like baiting bears with doughnuts, spotlights to blind then shoot hibernating black bear mothers and their cubs while in their dens, and shooting swimming caribou from motorboats. Seven US states have banned coyote killing contests. The rules are simple – shoot as many as possible in a set period of time to win prizes, awards or money. A shocking sight; ute-loads of dead and dying coyotes, a brutal example of cruelty to animals.

Pam Brandis,
Dip. Canine Prac.



IS YOUR CHILD SHY?

I love watching the assortment of birds in our backyard. It's apparent that each species is wired differently. The pale headed rosellas are the shyest of birds and will fly away if they spot the slightest sign of me watching them through the window. The king parrots are at the other end of the social spectrum. They make themselves at home on our patio furniture and land on the windowsill, chirping at me when I'm at the kitchen sink.

Anyone who has parented more than one child can confirm that we humans don't have the same uniformity as other species. We all have unique wiring thanks to the complexity of our DNA. Some children are like king parrots, gravitating toward more social behaviour while others tend to be like our pale headed rosellas, shying away from others.

Shyness or social retreating is a normal stage of child development. Before age two, most children are spontaneous. They act before they think, especially in social relations. Following this stage, children are more discriminating, becoming cautious of people they do not know and may experience stranger anxiety. Some children will be more cautious than others and be perceived as shy.

Shyness need not be considered a shortcoming if your happy and content child is a natural introvert who simply prefers more solitary pursuits. A shy child with healthy self-esteem has no difficulty in making eye contact and is polite. Some shy children are deep thinkers. They often have profound inner peace, and their shyness is a way of protecting this. These children display positive behaviours such as being attentive and doing well at school. They grow into confident adults whom people like to be around. They are generally great listeners who speak when they have something significant to say.

You can't pull a child out of shyness – the more you pull, the more your child will recoil. If you notice withdrawal behaviour, avoid labelling your child as "shy".

On hearing this, your child will feel that there is something wrong with them and it will cause them to feel more shy. The "shy" label becomes a handicap, reinforcing low self-esteem. The label can demotivate a child from developing social skills, believing that they are destined for a life of being on the outer.

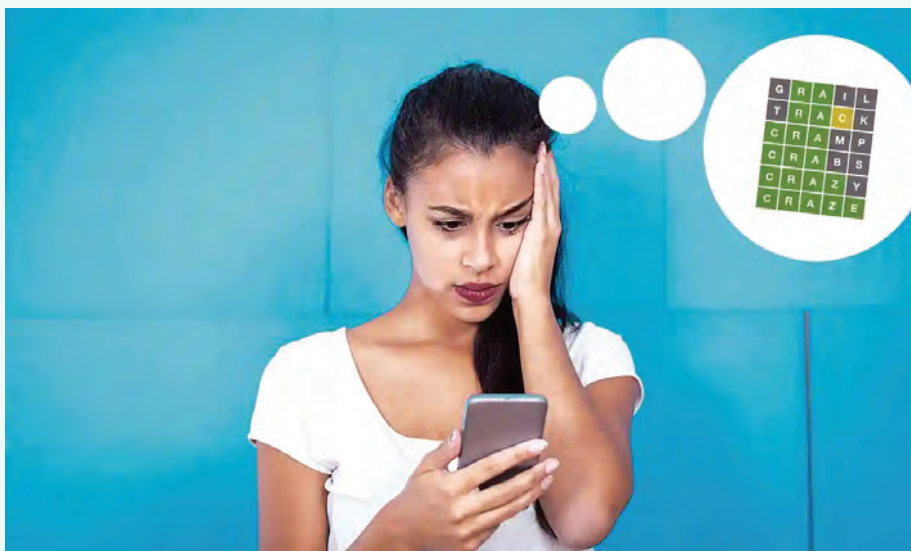
If you suspect your child's shyness is anxiety-based, initiate conversations and show an interest in their experiences. Pay attention to stories that contain a theme of rejection. Accounts such as being excluded in the school yard, not invited to parties, being last to be picked for teams. These shy children might actually detest their isolation. They may lack the social skills and self-confidence because of limited social experiences. Encourage and model common social skills that your child can develop to help them build friendships.

Some children are wired for sociability whilst others less so. Shyness need not be detrimental. Create a comfortable home environment, be generous with your encouragement, and your child's social personality will develop naturally.

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1. Which country am I in?

Each of the following words appears either in the middle or at the end of a country. For example, ACED is in Macedonia. What are the countries? If you get more than ten you are doing extremely well!

- DIVE, 2. DONE, 3. GLAD, 4. HAIL, 5. HELL, 6. LAYS, 7. NAME, 8. OVEN, 9. RAIN, 10. RUNE, 11. SCAR, 12. SWAN, 13. TENS, 14. WAND.

Tip: One is in South America, two in Europe, two in continental Africa, six in Asia and three are island nations.

2. Insert here.

If you insert the letters 'NS' in the same position in the words PAY, SUET, TOIL, DEITY and COOLED, you get five new words: PANSY, SUNSET, TONSIL, DENSITY, and CONSOLED.

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- WAY, FILE, POET, DOING, BAREST
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3. Seven cars.

Each clue below describes a 9-letter word that includes the consecutive letters CAR. Thus one of the words is CAR_____, one is _CAR_____, and so on until _____ CAR. Find the words.

- Coconut cookies
- Cornfield denizen
- Ink _____
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- Tram
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All the puzzles are written by Vincent J. Matsko, and taken from his hugely enjoyable book The Puzzle Cabaret, which is full of many innovative maths, logic and word puzzles. Vincent is a maths educator, puzzle designer and mathematical artist, and brings a cross-disciplinary creativity to his puzzles.

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CREDIT TO TMCCA SOCIAL SUPPORT GROUP ACTIVITIES FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

Tamborine Mountain Community Care recently received a letter from a client's daughter stating her joy at seeing the positive change in her mother after a few weeks of interacting with other clients who attended the Friday Friendship - Social Support Group. The names have been withheld to respect their privacy.

"I want to thank TMCCA for their excellent Social Support Group Services for senior citizens.

My mother, a client of Tamborine Mountain Community Care, attends the Tuesday Chair Yoga and the Friday Friendship Social Support Group. As her daughter, I can say that I've seen a marked improvement in her willingness to engage in social contact (as she tends to be reclusive) and actually ENJOY it. As someone who is hearing impaired, she finds social engagement difficult, but in the Friday Friendship group there are others who are similarly challenged and I think that makes a difference – she is not the only one and she can see how the others cope with varying degrees of difficulty. The cheerful spirit of the group and the people who run the program create a safe, welcoming space in which my mother is increasingly comfortable in participating. This is a joy for us to see. I think also, that it is a time for her to be her own person again, not mother or grandmother... amongst people of her own age. That has made a difference in her self-confidence.

We have seen an improvement in her cognitive awareness too – as the Friday group explores various crafts, topics and activities. She'll do her 'homework' before going to a Friday group and often, she'll be inspired to do further reading up on things she learned at the group. Then she is able to relay that information to us. This again, shows an improvement in communication and alertness. Plus, she picks up bits of information and history of the Mountain from people who have lived here a long time and I find myself saying 'Look at you, you've only been here five minutes, and you know more about the Mountain than I do!'

We are very grateful for the services that TMCCA provides and delighted to see the improvement in my mother from one week to the next.

Highly commend the efforts of all who plan and coordinate the programs.

Best regards."

Daughter of a TMCCA Client

WINE CHAT

5 TIPS FOR PICKING OUT A GREAT BOTTLE OF WINE

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Let me set the scene for you. It's Friday night and you're getting ready to go to a dinner party with friends. You're halfway out the door when you receive this text message: *SOS — wine levels dangerously low, do you think you could swing past the bottle shop on your way over?!* Ever the team player, you promptly reply that you're on the job.

Running a little late, you pull up to the bottle-o on a mission to pick out a great bottle of wine in record time. But there's just one problem — you have no idea what you're looking for. You wander back and forth between the aisles, running your eyes over a sea of wine bottles. Do you want something oaky, tannic, bright, or earthy? Do you pick based on price, description, vintage, origin, or the attractiveness of the label? With so much to consider, it's no wonder you stumble out of the shop feeling depleted. To avoid a similar experience, keep the following tips in mind next time you need to buy a bottle.

- 1. Price.** Steer clear of the ultra-cheap stuff, but don't assume that price is synonymous with quality. I've tasted some über-expensive wines that were only so-so, and more than my fair share of \$20 bottles that were mind-blowingly brilliant. With so many independent wineries popping up all the time, quality wine at an affordable price point is abundant.
- 2. Find a boutique wine shop/ importer/ seller that speaks to your taste.** While it's hard to look past the discounts and the convenience that comes with shopping at big chain stores, the experience will most likely leave you simultaneously over- and underwhelmed. Overwhelmed by the masses of product to choose from — inevitably leading to decision fatigue. And underwhelmed by the bottle of run-of-the-mill Shiraz that you will inevitably pluck from the shelves in defeat 30 minutes later. Smaller wine shops tend to cater to different niches. If you've struck gold while shopping at a particular wine-seller before — chances are they will have more gems in-stock awaiting discovery.
- 3. Look for a specific wine region on the label.** Naming a specific wine region — *Riverland, Marlborough, Napa Valley* — indicates a baseline level of quality, as it suggests the winemakers value the concepts of terroir and provenance.
- 4. Don't get hung up on a wine's age.** Popular culture has hyped up the importance of age leading many to believe that an older wine is always better than a younger wine. The truth is many wines are designed to be enjoyed young — particularly whites, rosés and lighter reds.
- 5. Take a chance on something new.** As you browse the shelves, perhaps a funky label or an interesting tasting note will catch your eye. Why not take a chance on it? Worst case scenario: you hate it, but you've learned something new about your preferences. Best case scenario — the risk pays off and you've found your new favourite wine!

**Cheers,
Alexandra Douglas
and the Witches Falls
Winery Team**



STICKY DATE PUDDING

You don't have to be an expert baker to bring this much-loved dessert into your life, because it's a very easy recipe. This warm, dark, moist sponge cake has a cloud-like texture that gently melts in the mouth while dancing on the tongue is the slightly salty, slightly sweet, smooth butterscotch sauce, finished off with a scoop of cool, creamy vanilla ice cream.

This dessert is the ultimate comfort food and what winter dreams are made of. It's the epitome of a crowd pleaser and the look on your friends' and family's faces as they delightfully devour each and every spoonful will make you feel all warm and fuzzy. It's great for a decadent afternoon tea with the girls or even as a birthday cake for those born in these cooler months. I've added a little salt to the sauce to help balance out the richness, and I have also reduced the amount of sugar in the pudding, which ensures the dish is not sickly sweet, a personal bugbear of mine in desserts.

Did you know? Sticky date pudding is the Australian version of the sticky toffee pudding from England. This dessert has been around for decades, and for good reason. Like many dishes, its origins are full of mystery, and quite a few places put their hand up as being the inventor of this quintessential British dish. Cumbria in the North of England seems to be the most logical birthplace, as it seems more than coincidence that the two most characteristic ingredients of sticky toffee pudding, that is, sugar and dates, flowed freely into Cumbria from the 17th century onwards via its port city of Whitehaven, with direct trade from the Caribbean.

Chef Dylan tip: As soon as the pudding comes out of the oven, you want to poke lots of small holes into the cake using a skewer. Then carefully pour over some hot butterscotch sauce. This takes it to the next level as it makes the pudding decadently moist and gives the pudding that classic dark colour. It also means this pudding keeps for more than a week in the fridge (if it somehow lasts that long without being eaten) and magically, when reheated in the microwave, it tastes just like it's fresh out of the oven. If you want an especially thick sauce, just make a slurry of 1 teaspoon of cornflour and 1 teaspoon of water, and add it once boiled, then bring to the boil again whilst stirring.

June 1989 Hurstville, Sydney

Sitting with my legs outstretched on my grandmother's 2-seater sofa, I share a blanket with my younger brother Ryan. An old gas heater is glowing red in the corner, doing its best to warm the small TV room. One of my favourite shows 'Astro Boy' is just finishing; suddenly feeling a shiver of cold, I yank the blanket, pulling it away from Ryan. "Ahh I'm freezing!" he protests as he tries to pull it back. A tug of war

ensues; he's surprisingly strong, but I whip it away totally now. "NAAAAAAN!" he cries out.

"What's going on in here you two?!" she inquires, striding into the room wielding a wooden spoon. "Dylan won't share the blanket" sobs Ryan. Nan takes a deep sigh "Give your brother the blanket" she demands, pointing the wooden spoon at me threateningly. I obey and he quickly wraps himself up like a butterfly larva in a cocoon and smugly pokes his tongue out. I lunge at him but quick as a flash, Nan grabs the back of my shirt, lifts me off the lounge on to my feet. "Right, that's enough! You come with me to the kitchen while I make tea and let your brother be" she says sternly whilst nudging me towards the doorway. I turn back to see Ryan with his thumb on his nose whilst wiggling his fingers in delight until the 'Banana Man' intro theme tune draws his attention back to the screen.

Once in the kitchen, Nan plonks me on the bench next to the stove. "Don't touch, they're hot" she commands speaking softer now. I see a pot simmering gently with a large piece of silverside; I sniff the steam and recoil at the vinegary smell. There are carrots, beans and peas in another pot and some bone-white potatoes bubbling in another. "You are going to help me make the pudding" she declares, pulling out a bowl and an old handheld beater from the cupboard. "Hold here and turn the handle just like this" she demonstrates, sending the two whisks spinning. Butter goes in, then some sugar then eggs and flour and suddenly it's done. All without measuring a thing. In a flash it's in the cake tin and sliding into the oven. "Here, you can lick the spoon" she says kindly. Awestruck I sit happily whilst watching my new superhero, super nan, whizz gracefully around the kitchen.

Serves 8

Prep time 15mins, Cook time 35 mins

INGREDIENTS

Pudding Ingredients:

- 280g pitted dates, roughly chopped
- 1 tsp bi-carb soda
- 250ml boiling water
- 1/4 cup brown sugar, loosely packed
- 80g butter softened
- 2 eggs, at room temperature
- 1 1/4 cups self-raising flour

Butterscotch Sauce Ingredients:

- 1 1/4 cups brown sugar, loosely packed
- 300 ml thickened cream
- 1 tsp salt



- 70g butter

Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 180°C
2. Grease and line a 20 cm square cake tin (with some greaseproof coming up over the edges)

METHOD

Dates:

1. Place dates in a bowl, sprinkle over bicarb soda.
2. Pour over boiling water. Stand 10 minutes, then smash well with a fork until it becomes a rough puree.

For the butterscotch sauce:

1. Place ingredients in a saucepan over medium heat. Once butter is melted, stir, then turn down to low and bring to simmer.
2. Simmer to thicken and bubble for 2 mins.

For the pudding:

1. Place butter and sugar in a bowl. Whisk until combined and smooth.
2. Add eggs, whisk until combined.
3. Add flour. Fold until flour is just incorporated.
4. Add dates, fold in with a spatula quickly until dates are well incorporated into the batter.
5. Pour into the cake tin, smooth and even the surface.
6. Bake for 35 minutes or until skewer inserted into the centre comes out clean.
7. While still hot, poke plenty of holes all over the surface using a skewer. Pour over 1/2 cup Butterscotch Sauce, leave to soak for 10 minutes.
8. Use overhang to pull the cake out.
9. Portion up and serve still warm with butterscotch sauce and ice cream.

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INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT ENGLISH LITERATURE



JULY BIRTHDAY

Who? (Helen) Beatrix Potter, English writer, illustrator and conservationist

When? 28 July 1866

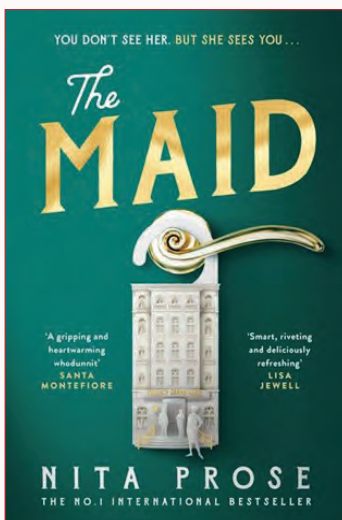
Where? Kensington, London

Why should I read her work? Her exquisitely illustrated little books fuse her love for animals and the English countryside with a sharp, observant imagination and appeal to adults as well as children.

Try: *The Tale of Peter Rabbit* (1902), *The Tale of Benjamin Bunny* (1904), *The Tale of Two Bad Mice* (1904), *The Tale of Mrs Tiggly-winkle* (1905)

Interesting fact: Potter bought a substantial amount of land in the Lake District and left it all to the National Trust in her will, thereby helping to form the Lake District National Park.

Staff Book Choice: *The Maid* by Nita Prose



Molly Gray is not like everyone else. She struggles with social skills and misreads the intentions of others. Her gran used to interpret the world for her, codifying it into simple rules that Molly could live by.

Since Gran died a few months ago, twenty-five-year-old Molly has been navigating life's complexities all by herself. No matter—she throws herself with gusto into her work as a hotel maid. Her unique character, along with her obsessive love of cleaning and proper etiquette, make her an ideal fit for the job. She delights in donning her crisp uniform each morning, stocking her cart with miniature soaps and bottles, and returning guest rooms at the Regency Grand Hotel to a state of perfection.

But Molly's orderly life is upended the day she enters the suite of the infamous and wealthy Charles Black, only to find it in a state of disarray and Mr. Black himself dead in his bed. Before she knows what's happening, Molly's unusual demeanor has the police targeting her as their lead suspect. She quickly finds herself caught in a web of deception, one she has no idea how to untangle. Fortunately for Molly, friends she never knew she had unite with her in a search for clues to what really happened to Mr. Black—but will they be able to find the real killer before it's too late?

A Clue-like, locked-room mystery and a heartwarming journey of the spirit, *The Maid* explores what it means to be the same as everyone else and yet entirely different—and reveals that all mysteries can be solved through connection to the human heart.

Genre: Mystery, Thriller, Suspense, Literary fiction

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3. *The Darkling Thrush*, *Winter Words* and *Wessex Poems* were written by which poet?
4. Which Irish poet wrote *Death of a Naturalist* and *Seeing Things*? He received the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1995.
5. Which German poet, born in 1749, wrote *Der Erlkonig* and, inspired by his journeys in Italy, *Kennst du das Land*?
6. Although prolific in her writing, the vast majority of which American poetess's works were published after her death in 1886?
7. 'If I should die, think only this of me: ...' is the opening line of *The Soldier*; by which poet?
8. *The Waste Land* is possibly the most famous work of which poet?
9. *Endymion*, the first line of which is the well-known 'A thing of beauty is a joy forever' is by which poet?
10. Which British poet and playwright was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature in 2005?
11. *Against Women Unconstant* and *The House of Fame* are poems by which 14th century English poet?
12. Which American poet wrote the poems *The Day of Wrath* and *Alone*?
13. What was the pen-name of English poet Florence Margaret Smith?
14. Charles Dodgson wrote under which pseudonym?

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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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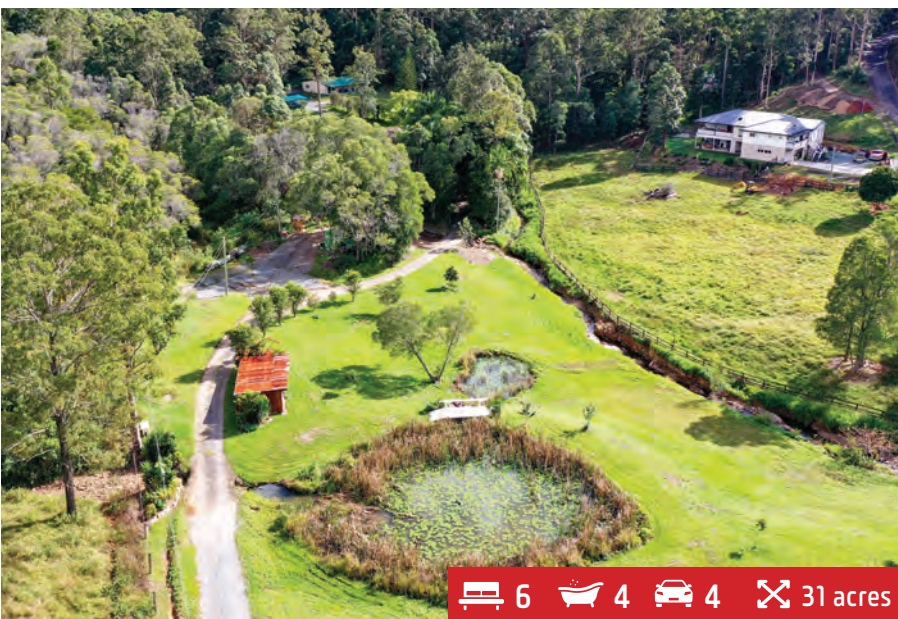
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