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- 3 - 3.30 9 Makalu Court

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**Review: Seller Tamborine**

Charmaine and Linda achieved an excellent result for the sale of my property in Tamborine which I am very pleased with. They were there for me every step of the way; I owe them my thanks and highly recommend them!



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**SALE** 🛏️ 3 🛁 1 🚗 4 🏠 1,012m<sup>2</sup>

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**SALE** 🛏️ 4 🛁 2 🚗 2 🏠 1,012m<sup>2</sup>

**51 Paradise Drive, Tamborine Mountain**

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**\$1,350,000+**

**AGENTS:**

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**SALE** 🛏️ 4 🛁 4 🚗 8 🏠 63 acres

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# ROTARY CAR SHOW A BIG HIT WITH VISITORS AND LOCALS

Last Sunday's Tamborine Mountain Car Show, held on a glorious winter's day at the Long Road Sports Centre, was a popular outing for locals and visitors, motoring enthusiasts and families, who took delight in the wide array of show vehicles, entertainment and music by the Offcuts, a variety of market stalls and food vans. Exhibitors and organisers, as well as the veritable battalion of volunteers guiding the onsite parking are owed generous congratulations and thanks for putting on a superb Mountain event!



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## ENERGEX AND FIRIES URGE EXTRA CAUTION WHEN HAZARD REDUCTION BURNING NEAR POWER ASSETS

With a very wet first half of 2022, many Queensland property owners will spend the coming months targeting excess vegetation for hazard reduction burning.

This activity has spurred a safety message from Energex/Ergon and firefighters encouraging anyone conducting hazard reduction burns to be acutely aware of electricity assets and keep any flames well away from them.

Energex Work Group Leader Chris Pell warns that any fire damage to power assets can cause a series of obvious and hidden safety issues for the property owner and wider community.

“Hazard reduction burns are great for preventing future fire issues, however, if they get out of control, particularly around power poles and other assets on the electrical network, a much more serious safety issue could ensue,” Mr Pell said.

“If a power pole is burnt down it may not only drop powerlines onto people or livestock, it could also cut power to an entire district for extended periods.

“Just as troubling is a power pole that’s only partially burnt because it will be significantly weakened and potentially snap during high winds or storm activity without warning.

“We’re also encouraging property owners with a privately owned network on their land to have a licensed electrical contractor inspect it for any safety issues before fire and storm season arrives in the coming months.”

Rural Fire Service (RFS) Assistant Commissioner John Bolger said taking precautions before carrying out hazard reduction burns could significantly minimise the risk of damaging assets and important infrastructure.

“I urge landholders to be aware of their surrounds and remain vigilant to ensure you, your family and your property are kept safe while conducting any bushfire mitigation work,” he said.

“To minimise the chances of fire damaging power poles and property, I would encourage property owners to trim or clear long grass, foliage and rubbish within a three-metre radius of any electricity infrastructure and to keep watch over controlled burns they carry out.

“If your council area is not currently drought declared, dampening the cleared three metre radius with water can also reduce the chances of accidental damage to property.

“It is important to note that it is illegal to leave any controlled burn unattended, and permits must be obtained from your local Fire Warden before you light up.

“For more information around bushfire preparedness head to [ruralfire.qld.gov.au](http://ruralfire.qld.gov.au)”. In the event of a fire always dial 000.



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# CANUNGRA THE SPOT FOR STORIES WITH A VIEW

Meet author Richard Groom and hear about his recently released book *“The View Through the Windscreen”* – Saturday 13 August.

Canungra Books and Art are delighted to be hosting a “meet the author” afternoon with Richard Groom on Saturday 13 August from 1.30pm to 3.00pm. The event will provide an opportunity to talk with Richard and hear about his life journey and the writing of his new book.

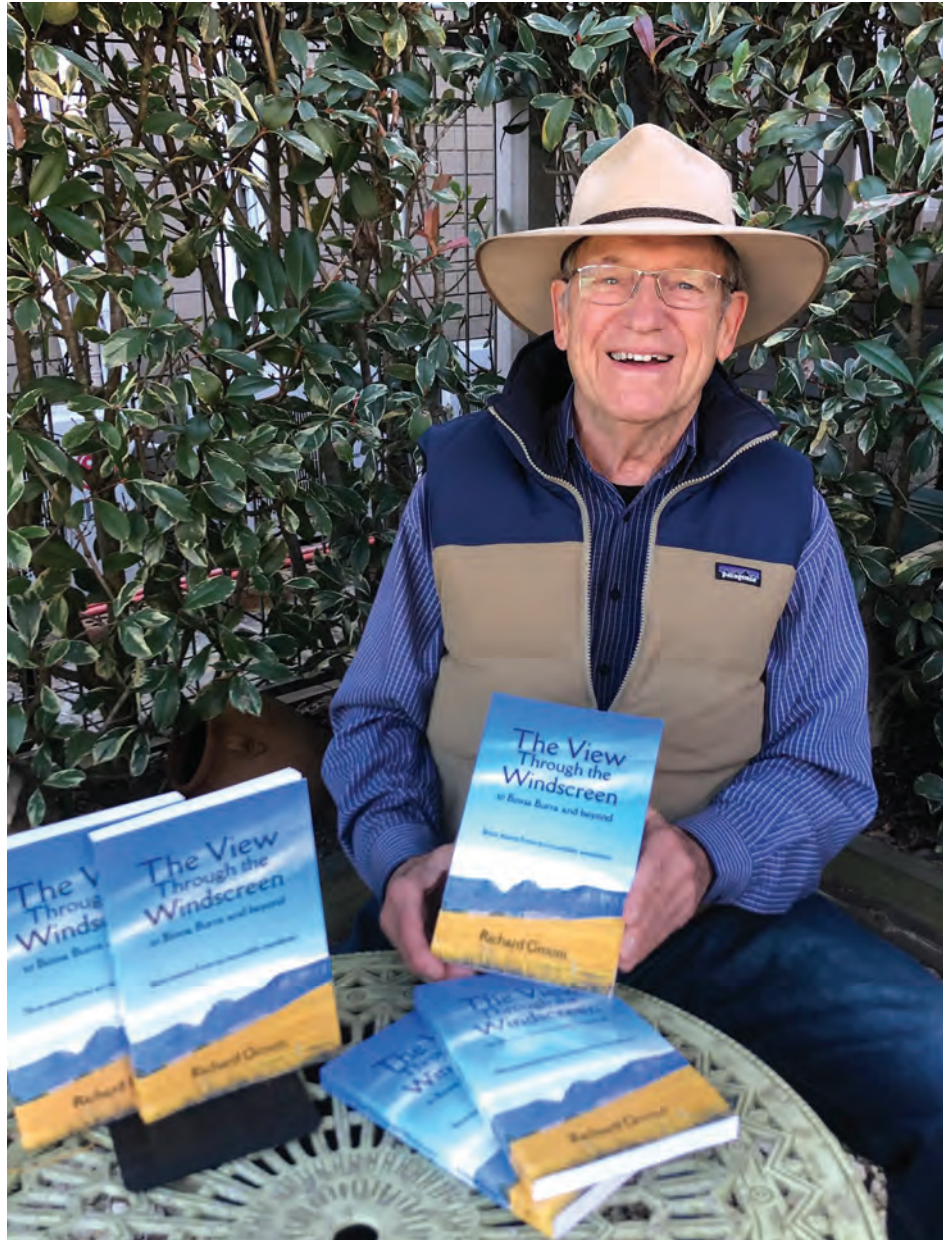
Richard is the youngest son of Arthur Groom (co-founder of Binna Burra Lodge and the National Parks Association of Queensland) and grew up at Binna Burra. *“The View Through the Windscreen”* provides a unique insight into the history of Binna Burra and the pioneering men and women who created a Lodge on the edge of Lamington National Park. It also tells Richard’s personal life story through his collection of “short stories from an incurable wanderer”, giving an insight not only into his involvement with Binna Burra but his travels far and wide in Australia and overseas.

Most of Richard’s working life was spent as a coach driver on the highways and back roads of Australia and New Zealand, while always drawn back to Binna Burra and his father’s vision to provide access for all to the wilderness.

All are welcome. From 1.30pm to 3.00pm

The event will be held indoors in the main room of the bookshop or outside in the courtyard, according to the weather. Attendees are welcome to bring a coffee or refreshment from a nearby café.

**For more information contact Canungra Books and Art on 0418 792 161**  
RSVP by text appreciated.



***They've done it! Your Professionals Serendipity Real Estate Senior Bushrats have finished the regular season as the 2022 Minor Premiers. Congratulations gentlemen!***  
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# ORCHIDS TO DELIGHT



**Beaudesert Districts Orchid and Foliage Society will be holding a "Sales and Display" event of orchids and foliage plants over the weekend of 10/11 September 2022 in the Canungra "School of Arts" hall.**

This event will run from 8.00am until 3.00pm on the Saturday and from 9.00am until 2.00pm on the Sunday. Admission is by the donation of a "Gold Coin". There will be the usual 'Lucky Door' prizes, "Giveaways" and "Spot Raffles". The event will incorporate a massed display of orchids and foliage plants on the stage, with the rest of the hall being given over to selling both orchids and foliage plants grown by commercial, part-time growers and enthusiasts who wish to divest themselves of surplus plants.

There will be orchid and foliage growing accessories on sale, as well as members present who can freely give you expert advice on the culture of these plants. Credit Facilities will be available.



**At the Ekka last Saturday, Anna Ferguson of Beaudesert, representing the South East Queensland sub-chamber, claimed the 2022 Queensland Country Life Showgirl Choice title.**

The award was a peer-voted sash for the state finalist, who was recognised for embodying all that the showgirl awards entailed.

State MP Jon Krause congratulated Anna, as well as Sarah Macginley, Beaudesert Show Society's Rural Ambassador, for her work in representing our area and for her teamwork with Anna over the past year in representing the region. The Rural Ambassador awards are still coming, so good luck Sarah!

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# ARTS MAKING POST A WINNER

What a fantastic weekend opening of my exhibition *Drawn From The Forest* and residency at The Art Post on Main Street.

Over 60 people attended the opening last Friday night and 70 the *Jam for the Forest* event on Saturday night. Lots of red dots, lots of donations for the Bob Brown Foundation and lots of good feeling among the community who came together to share a love of art, music, the environment and friendship.

I would especially like to thank Andrew Wright, who was MC for the opening, and has been my mentor through his *Artrepeneur* program over the past year. Andrew's support has been invaluable, and I thoroughly recommend the program to any artist or creative, at whatever level they may be. Rory O'Connor (Yugambah traditional owner) performed the welcome, and told a wonderful story about Wongawallen, after whom the Eagle Heights Road is named. Renee Martin and her mum Lynette have been gracious hosts, and The Art Post has been another great addition to the cultural precinct of North Tamborine. To Robert Veitch, whom I could not do this without, I salute you, as I do Margy Rose, Rose Turtle Ertler, Sarah Jane, Jane McGeough, Shenzo Gregorio, Ludek, Duane, Pete Neville for making the community gatherings so memorable and special. To my husband Michael Bunney, a million thanks for all the logistical support to make this event happen.

Lastly, to TMAC, MGA and TMSA, you the audience and community have been so supportive. The encouragement and myriad amazing conversations I have had over the weekend about housing, wellbeing, the environment, social justice and the arts affirms my conviction about our caring community.

I will be at the Art Post, 38 Main Street North Tamborine from Thursday 11th to Sunday 14th 10 am – 4pm, so drop in and say hi!



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**Bronwyn Davies**





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## Frogmouth



Frogmouths are an attractive subject both because of their striking appearance and their quirky behaviour, such as sitting in the middle of the road at night. The pair was perched on my balcony when I drew my curtain this morning (17.6.22). I took several photos as they moved their heads, culminating in this pose with open beak, which I have never previously seen. Although they look like owls and are nocturnal, frogmouths are not raptors. They lack talons and a beak capable of ripping flesh. Instead, they catch their insect prey on the wing. They are found throughout mainland Australia and Tasmania. **PS:** When I closed the curtain in the evening, the birds were still there. Next morning, they were gone. The cold winter weather is quite a contrast to the European heatwave from which I have just returned.

Peter Kuttner

## TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN CREATIVE ARTS INC.

### AGM

Wednesday

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- 1 54.17% BETTY BULL - RICHARD BULL
- 2 52.08% ERNIE ANDREWS - WENDY CHRISTIE
- 3 50.00% DAVID DONALDSON - CHERYL FINLAYSON

### WEDNESDAY (3-AUG-22)

- 1 69.79% LINDY WILLIAMS - EDDIE HEINEMEYER
- 2 61.46% DENISE MERRIN - CHERYL FINLAYSON
- 3 48.96% SUE STEVENS - KAREN SCOTT

### THURSDAY (4-AUG-22)

- NS 1 58.85% DENISE MERRIN - KATE HEAD
- NS 2 53.12% CHERYL FINLAYSON - EDDIE HEINEMEYER
- NS 3 48.96% WILHELM NATROP - COL BURNES
- EW 1 56.77% SUE STEVENS - KAREN SCOTT
- EW 2 56.25% DAVID DONALDSON - GAYLE DONALDSON
- EW 3 49.58% DI LARCOMBE - BILL LARCOMBE

*We have sessions Mon, Wed, Thu, Fri at TM Bridge Club Sports Ground, 400 Long Road. Contact Denise 0444 592 189 for info else come to Friday Social Session 1.15pm. Beginners and Visitors are welcome. [tmbridgeclub.org.au](http://tmbridgeclub.org.au)*



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## Councillor's Comment



**DEREK SWANBOROUGH**  
DIVISION 1

### **MAYOR CHRISTENSEN'S SCENIC RIM COUNCIL HAS POTENTIALLY SET A WORRYING PRECEDENT, THREATENING AMENITY AND LIVEABILITY OF LARGE RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES ON TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN**

At last week's Ordinary meeting, Council voted 4/2 in favour to support the Onsen and Cabins development on Main Western Road, and instruct Council's solicitor to not oppose the development in the Planning and Environment Court appeal.

It's hard to believe, but, just like the Eagles Retreat case, Council again missed the timeframe for a decision, and the developer took a deemed refusal and lodged an appeal to the P&E Court because of Council's failure.

The application was for a sizable commercial development in a Rural RESIDENTIAL Zone and rural RESIDENTIAL A Precinct, under the guise of "Nature-Based Tourism". This development on 713 Main Western Road has two stages, the seven Onsens in a large separate building with Beauty Room and Massage Room, four permanent staff and a 17-vehicle carpark in stage one, and five cabins and carpark for five vehicles in stage 2, each being able to operate independently of each other.

320 submitters opposed the application.

It is essentially a large-scale day spa that can operate from 9.00 am to 8.00 pm six months of the year and in the Autumn/Winter months to 6.00 pm. The development is likely to generate 80 car movements a day as opposed to a single house generating 10. The Onsens can have as many as 24 persons in the facility at any one time. The carpark will be illuminated at night.

Under the Planning Scheme, Cabins are permissible as nature-based tourism, subject to the Strategic Framework for the locality and Zone. It is believed the cabins may not comply because of the scale and Intensity being far greater than the Primary use of a dwelling house. The planning scheme says the use of a small-scale tourism activity must be subordinate to the primary use. It is hard to see that both stage one and two are subordinate to a Residential house.

With respect to the Onsens, the plan shows six beehives. The applicant

claims they will be showing clients "western views" and argues that these views should be available not just for the "ENTITLED FEW" that reside on the Tamborine Mountain plateau. The applicant also lists some nature-based discussions/seminars/activities for patrons such as honey harvesting and composting to qualify it as "Nature-Based Tourism."

I recently attended a Progress Association Meeting where all these matters were discussed with members who listened online to the three hours of Council deliberations on this planning item. The Progress Association plans to represent the co-respondents to defeat this precedent that can impact lives and destroy residential amenity.

The Onsens do not fit the definition of "Nature-based tourism". The sentiment was, Tamborine Mountain cannot allow our own Scenic Rim planners to interpret the planning scheme in a fanciful way, that favours big business that wants to put profit before residential amenity and destroy the certainty that Commercial uses will not be approved next door to you when buying or building a house in a Rural RESIDENTIAL zone.

In the Council meeting I asked the Manager Planning if this development was a Commercial development, in a residential Zone. The answer was that the Planning Scheme doesn't define a commercial Use, just a retail use.

Extraordinarily, in the Council recommendations for approval, it shows that Council has assessed headworks charges for the applicant based on the Onsens being:-

1. A COMMERCIAL RETAIL SHOP (Lodge/Reception) 171 square metres, \$28,182.60
2. COMMERCIAL RETAIL SHOP (Onsen) 202 square metres, \$33,242.00

Cr McConnell and I voted against the approval. To me personally, this approval for appeal purposes was an inexplicable and incomprehensible decision. The Association members commented that it shows compete disregard for Tamborine Mountain.

Would we fare better in Gold Coast? I, like 65% of residents, may suspect yes.

For those who remember, this decision has some of the hallmarks of the

SRRC's support for their approval of the Hyacinth Development in 2008. That development was also supported by the Brent Council for 92 single bedroom apartments on land opposite the North Tamborine State School. The Community channelled by the Progress Association funded expensive court action and won the case. The Judge wiped all approvals from the land and said the Council actions were just as I have described for this approval ... "Inexplicable and Incomprehensible". They had exceeded their powers. A Judge said that development should not have been burdened on the community.

in 2018, Hyacinth Developments relied on Council approvals and started the development. To its detriment, the company commenced legal action, claiming negligence of the Scenic Rim Council and others, for issuing the minor change approvals, and the matter was subsequently settled in its favour in mediation. See *Hyacinth Developments Pty Ltd v Scenic Rim Regional Council* - [2018] QSC 230.

Councils can and do get things wrong. That case cost Scenic Rim Ratepayers over \$200,000 to fight the Progress Association and lose.

*The Message from the Progress Association's meeting is that your help is needed to defend Tamborine Mountain's lifestyle and liveability in the Planning and Environment Court, and to send your Mayor and Council a strong message to start making planning decisions in the public interest of Mountain residents.*

**THE ASSOCIATION IS SETTING UP A GO FUND ME page** in coming weeks and are asking residents to consider donating to this cause, large or small. These cases can cost up to \$100,000 and take more than a year to run, but if the burden of donations is distributed across many households the Community can raise this money.

If funding is achieved, The Progress Association will engage a National Specialist law firm in planning matters to represent our community and the submitters who have elected to join the appeal.

More information and publicity around this will occur in coming weeks.

*(continued page 10)*



**JON KRAUSE MP**

State Member for Scenic Rim

## FIX THE QUEENSLAND HOUSING CRISIS

**A problem that has existed for many years – a shortage of public housing in Queensland – has been compounded recently by a huge tightening of the private rental market. I've had numerous residents approach me about both issues. Together with my colleagues, I have been working to hold the Government to account on these issues. In Budget Estimates last week, the LNP uncovered that only \$40 million of the government's promised \$1 billion housing fund will be spent each year to house vulnerable Queenslanders.**

It will be nearly 2050 before the \$1 billion commitment is delivered.

This is a failure and a farce, especially when the same Budget hearing showed that the social housing waitlist has again ballooned, this time by 12% to 27,430. It's a failure of those Queenslanders who desperately need a roof over their head. Meanwhile, the 1000-bed Wellcamp quarantine facility near Toowoomba that cost Queenslanders – \$238 million and rising – is gathering dust (and we don't own it either – it's in private hands, which makes it impossible to utilise in the future without the agreement of the private owner).

On Wellcamp, some may say I've recently been very political in this column in my highlighting to the community this huge cost. Regrettably, it must be highlighted. The actions of the QLD Government in wasting money on Wellcamp means there is less to spend now on public housing shortages. (Remember too, that Wellcamp was announced a few days after the Federal Government, with the agreement of the Queensland Government, announced a federal quarantine facility for the same purpose.) The wasted Wellcamp funds cannot be spent on Tamborine Mountain roads, or on new ambulance vehicles, or additional rooms at a hospital, or any other of the myriad things that need funding to fix. Bad decisions of the Government have immediate and arguably life-changing impacts on Queenslanders. As your representative, and especially as a non-Government MP, it's my job to highlight these things, and to seek better from the powers-that-be inside the Government.

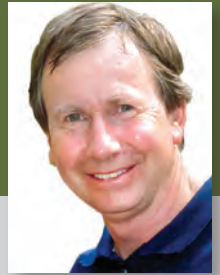
Back to housing: the LNP is urging the State to take action on the housing crisis across Queensland. We haven't built enough homes in Queensland to keep pace with our surging population. A report by the Commonwealth Productivity Commission revealed that in 2020/21, Queensland spent less on social housing per person than any other state or territory. In five years, the State has added barely 1,000 social housing bedrooms across the state, but the waiting list grew by more than 20,000 people.

There are immediate steps the State could take to address the housing crisis in Queensland – releasing land for freehold, affordable and social housing must be a priority for the State Government. The LNP also believe that government must invest more in partnerships with the Community Housing sector. These organisations are ready-made to help house the vulnerable. If we empower them, and allow them to leverage housing stock, they can help put a roof over the head of vulnerable Queenslanders.

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## Councillor's Comment



**DEREK SWANBOROUGH**  
DIVISION 1

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It is interesting to note, that even one of the Scenic Rim Regional Council Planners wrote to the developer on 1st April 2022, advising that Council would be unlikely to support the application. The letter can be found on DAP online.

### The planner concluded:

*"The proposed development effectively represents two tourism uses (Cabin accommodation and Onsen Spas), which has the potential to attract two separate clienteles to the site and could operate independently. This is not considered to be small scale tourism activity in the context of Strategic outcomes 3.5.2 (12). Furthermore, the conversion of the existing dwelling and the minor nature of the Managers residence represents development where the residential use of the land would not be the primary use.*

*"It is considered that the proposed development in its current form would result in development that is not consistent with the scale, form, and intensity of development which is envisaged for the Rural Residential A Precinct and would not accord with the reasonable expectations of residents of the Zone. Furthermore, the proposed tourism use is not considered to function as a subordinate use to the residential use of the land."*

I can only ask the question you will now be asking: "What changed to make the Council do a complete backflip from reasons to refuse the approval to the exact opposite?"

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## PLEASE HELP

**Concerns have been raised about the number of dead bowerbirds being found around the Mountain.**

It has been suggested that they may be picking up a blue snail bait. We need to get a specimen corpse to the Currumbin Wildlife Hospital for a necropsy.

If anyone finds a dead bird, could you contact me or Currumbin Wildlife Hospital. 5534 0813

I will advise them of the situation.

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## THOUGHTS ON THE BUDGET

**The budget discussions are over (held in closed session), the Budget Meeting is over and the Budget is approved (approved unanimously except for Cr Swanborough who was absent through illness) and your rate notices will soon be arriving. When the rate notice arrives, you will be able to determine your rate rise especially if your land value went up.**

It has been reported that the hip pocket pain caused by high prices of everyday goods would not ease into the RBA's target range of 2-3 percent until mid 2024.

Federal Treasurer, Jim Chalmers, has been quoted as saying "the harsh truth was households would feel the pinch until 2024, when wage rises are finally expected to be higher than inflation."

When households suffer financial stress, they review budgets and, generally, look for savings so that they can pay for essentials. Desirables must be forfeited.

Has our Council adopted this philosophy in this budget? It would appear not. Not being privy to the budget discussions, I can only judge on the Budget Meeting and the Budget Report. During the Budget Meeting, I did not hear one Councillor mention the word savings. It was all about the expenses that had to be met and the new projects which had to be funded. Were these new projects essential or desirable? Should they have been put on the back burner for this year to reduce the burden on rate payers?

It was reported that Council had carefully considered the implications of new property valuations in its budget deliberations so that it could deliver a budget that had minimal financial pressure on the community. I acknowledge that Council is continuing the averaging of valuation changes over a two year period and has also made a further change to the community infrastructure charge, applicable to each rateable property, increasing it by \$53, from \$447 to \$500 per rateable property. This will reduce slightly the burden of rates for those not on the minimum rate.

However, in this budget, there was an increase in investment in community organisations, through a boost to funding for community grants of more

than 35 per cent, to \$400,000 (up from \$295,000 in 2021-2022). This is an ideal goal but is it essential or desirable at this time?

You have to be the judge, but I would have liked to have seen an emphasis on savings rather than how can we raise the amount of revenue required to do every project, essential and desirable.

**Nigel Waistell  
Councillor, 2012 – 2020**

## COUNCIL Baffles

**I attended the Scenic Rim Council General Meeting of August 2.**

**I wished to see, firsthand, how Council would deal with particular Development Application.**

**This involves multiple cabins and Japanese bath houses (Onsens), along about two hundred meters of the southern part of Main Western Road.**

Extending to the western escarpment edge, the site is not only environmentally sensitive but is also a major contributor to the ambience of the locality. Added to that is the not insignificant factor that the proposed use is in conflict with the Planning Scheme.

The Council's review of the Application has dragged on for many months and I hear there has been a complaint to Council about multiple deficiencies in the process. Then, after all that time, they have mucked it up. They did not give a final decision in the due time and the Applicants, within their rights, have appealed against a 'deemed refusal.' So, it is once again back into court, with all that involves.

I would have thought that, with the matter already before the Court, the Council's decision now would be largely irrelevant. The discussion went on for a couple of hours and, thankfully, it was rather more free-flowing than what has been evident in recent meetings streamed online. However, it still failed to provide the reasonable opportunities necessary for reasoned discussion of significant matters such as this. Ultimately, there was a majority decision to approve in accordance with the recommendation of Council Officers. That will no doubt assist the Developers in their Appeal.

However, an attitude apparent during the debate is fundamentally disturbing. This is, that the Planning Scheme should be interpreted taking account

of the environment in which it is to be applied. For example, in tourism areas, tourism should be favoured. Compound that weirdness with the nonsensical notion that our Tamborine Mountain plateau area is centred on tourism and the outlook becomes dire. It would follow in the present case that, even though the Application is for a Commercial Tourism activity in a Rural Residential A zone, it should be approved. In the real world, our plateau township is a high value but vulnerable residential area. Tourism is a subsidiary activity which, for decades, the residents have planned to accommodate tourism at a level which does not degrade the ambience on which the attractiveness of the locality depends. That is what the Planning Scheme is all about.

This might explain some of the weird approvals.

**Phil Giffard**

## BOWER BIRDS ARE DYING

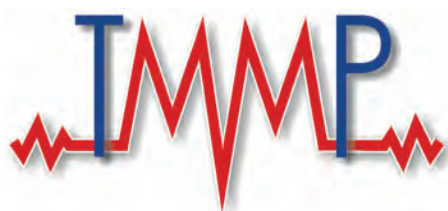
**The cause appears to be blue snail bait, just taking the pellets back to the bower could be enough to poison these uncommon birds.**

It takes 6 years for them to turn gloss black and they live for around 30 years, so please try alternative methods of snail control. It is a problem with all baits and poisons; carpet snakes and some birds die a slow and painful death from mice and rats baited with rodent poison.

Green frogs have declined, so have koalas and goannas. The small population of dingoes was wiped out years ago. Many residents are saddened by the increasing roadkill; they remove dead and injured animals off the road, checking for offspring and phoning wildlife carers.

People are legally liable for causing injury to someone and not helping – it needs to be the same with our decreasing numbers of wildlife. I have even seen and heard of drivers that hit someone's pet in their car and keep driving. I know the Mountain and hinterland has to support a growing human population, but there has to be a limit, and for those drivers who think it is the animals' fault for being on the road and you are on an urgent mission. This is a stupid and destructive attitude.

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## TRAVELLING PLACES *with Gina*



**Lots of people are asking my advice on when to book. Well, the scary price rumours are partially true. It would seem the earlier you book the better the deal. At the moment I would definitely advise not to wait for a last-minute special on flights – they just won't be offered in the foreseeable future.**

There are some reasons for this. The cost of fuel has increased dramatically – we all know this when we fill up our tanks, and aviation fuel has increased even more dramatically. All of these companies have lost money for the past 2½ years and they are all trying to recoup their losses.

The biggest impact on flight costs is the availability. There just aren't as many flights operating. Where Singapore airlines flew 4 flights a day to Brisbane there are now two or three. Where Emirates flew two A380's (the double-decker planes with around 500 passengers) they now fly one. On and on it goes. One of the biggest gaps from pre-COVID flights is the Asian airlines, especially the Chinese airlines, several flew into Brisbane and offered very competitive prices, which drove down the prices across the industry. None of these Chinese airlines have started flying to Australia yet. So, capacity has a big impact on prices. The flights that are operating are full, so the earlier you book the better the airfare. Airlines increase prices as the flight fills up.

Hotels are similarly better to book early to secure a better price. As with Australia, the world seems to be suffering from a shortage of staff in the hospitality industry (I do wonder: where they have all gone?). So, when I was in Europe recently there were issues there too. Hotels say they are full and this may well be the case or it may be that they have closed several rooms because they cannot service the hotel with the number of staff they have. This too, drives up prices.

One area where there are some specials is cruising in 2022. If you feel like a last-minute escape for a river cruise in Europe then you will probably get a 50% discount for travel this year – this will help to ease the pain with the airfares! Cruising in 2023/24 is on the market and there are some great deals – discounts, free beverages, free shore excursions etc. The offers vary between cruise lines and destinations however there are some really great offers if you are prepared to book and deposit well in advance.

We travel agents are frantically busy – travel isn't as straightforward as it once was and all the checking and rechecking, the changes to airline schedules, the last-minute changes are all taking a lot of time to ensure the best holiday for you. I apologise if we are tardy in getting back to you.

So yes, the world is back travelling, demand is exceeding supply and the prices for last-minute bookers is high. So, my advice is to book early and secure your dream holiday.

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# QUEENSLAND CHAMPIONSHIP ROWING REGATTA TO BE HELD IN THE SCENIC RIM LATER THIS YEAR



**Scenic Rim Regional Council is proud to partner with Rowing Queensland in bringing the 2022 Queensland Grade Championship Rowing Regatta to the Scenic Rim, following a funding boost to support the event.**

Council, in partnership with Rowing Queensland, were successful in receiving \$50,000 from the Regional Sports Events Fund supported by the Australian Sports Commission. The funding will contribute to assembling the regatta, which is scheduled to be held on the weekend of the 3 and 4 December 2022.

Scenic Rim Mayor Greg Christensen said Council is excited the event will be held at Lake Wyaralong, one of the many beautiful locations within the Scenic Rim, and will be delivered by Rowing Queensland.

"This is a unique opportunity for the community to reconnect and celebrate through sport," he said.

"Hosting an event of this scale is also hugely beneficial to reinvigorating our local economy after a challenging two years. Our fantastic hospitality and tourism providers will be thrilled to host the influx of visitors this event will bring.

"Lake Wyaralong has also been identified as one of the venues for the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games that will feature rowing and sprint canoeing events, demonstrating the region's potential to host world-class sporting events."

Rowing Queensland CEO Ian Holzberger says the Grade

Championship Regatta provides a fantastic participation opportunity for rowers from across Queensland.

"It allows for athletes currently coming through our performance pathways to race against those of a like ability, gaining great competition experience before moving onto Rowing Queensland's State Championship Regatta in January 2023," he said.

"Rowing Queensland has found a home in the Scenic Rim in recent years with the development of our State Rowing Centre at Lake Wyaralong, but with the announcement that Wyaralong will be the location for the 2023 Olympic Flatwater Course, it makes every event there that little bit more special.

"We look forward to continuing to work with Scenic Rim Regional Council to provide the best regatta offerings possible, and showcase to our community the best the region has to offer."

Mayor Christensen added that the Scenic Rim is conveniently located an hour south of Brisbane and an hour inland from the Gold Coast, providing easy access for the regatta.

"We look forward to welcoming visitors from near and far for this exciting event later in the year and showcasing why we have been named one of Lonely Planet's Top 10 regions in the world to visit in 2022," he said.

*Photo: Lake Wyaralong, where the 2022 Queensland Grade Championship Rowing Regatta will be held in December.*



## Letters to the Editor

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We need to keep to the speed limit and watch the road, carry some disposable gloves in your car or a couple of dog poo bags, and help or remove dead animals – before their gizzards are sickeningly spread across the road; most people drive around an animal lying on the road, which is even more dangerous.

**Pam Brandis**

### **ACCENTUATE THE POSITIVE**

**Jon Krause does admirable work representing his electorate both in and out of parliament and his support for community groups is widely acknowledged and**

**applauded. However, readers may have noticed lately that Jon's columns have become increasingly devoted to diatribes directed at our state government. Under each column Jon submits a relatively tiny paid-for advertisement, no doubt to compensate the Scenic News for the considerable space he is generously allocated for his weekly rant.**

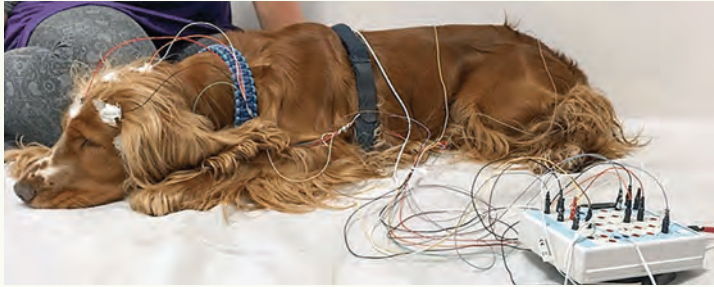
Please, Jon, concentrate once again on telling us about the good things you are doing for your constituents and restrict attempts at scoring political points to, say, a mercifully short paragraph once a month. Or you might consider limiting your tirades to the confines of your engaging little ad.

**Grahame Griffin**



# WIRED FOR US BY US

Previous research has found that dogs are capable of matching voices and sounds, canine and human, with visual expressions. When played an audio clip of a woman laughing for example, dogs will mostly look at a photo of a smiling woman when given a variety of facial expressions to look at.



This indicates that domestic dogs interpret faces and vocalisations using more than simple discriminative processes; they obtain emotionally significant semantic content from relevant audio and visual stimuli that may aid communication and social interaction. The ability of dogs to extract and integrate such information from an unfamiliar human stimulus demonstrates cognitive abilities not known to exist beyond humans, what amazing animals!

A canine neuroscientist, Anna Balint from Eotvos Lorand University in Budapest, used 17 dogs trained to accept the wiring to an EEG (electroencephalogram) device to record their brain response to certain stimuli. The dog's brains fired differently to human and dog vocalisations. But the difference in voltage between the waves triggered by human sounds and dog sounds were stark. They were processing the two types of sound in different ways: exactly how is unknown. Even primates do not demonstrate this ability and connectedness to humans.

Yet dogs are treated badly as livestock and consumed in many Asian and African countries. Various groups of people argue about what is the difference between how western nations treat livestock; is their value and sensitivity much less because their intelligence is deemed less? Because every animal follows a completely different evolutionary trajectory, intelligence ought to be measured in relative instead of absolute terms. Science is proving that farmed animals are a very different type of smart: chickens talk to one another and have 25-30 vocalisations within the growl, scream, tantrum and clucking. Pigs are amongst the fastest learners in nature, some researchers even say greater than dolphins and primates; they can open doors and guide flocks of sheep. Cows have excellent problem-solving skills that involve logic and memory, once they solve a problem, they celebrate by jumping, wagging tails and running. Sheep have gained an unfair reputation as stupid, yet researchers studying their behaviour and intelligence have uncovered considerable social and survival skills which govern their desire to stick together.

**Pam Brandis,**  
Dip. Canine Prac.



## EULOGY OR RESUMÉ?

David Brooks in his book *The Road to Character* laments that today's culture has departed from "eulogy" virtues in favour of "resumé" virtues. The resumé virtues are the ones you list on your CV - skills that contribute to external success. Eulogy virtues are what get talked about at your funeral. Things like kindness, honesty, faithfulness, and what kinds of relationships you formed over your lifetime.

We are not normally privy to our own eulogy or obituary, however, Alfred Nobel was fortunate enough to experience this. Alfred lived in the nineteenth century and was a Swedish chemist, engineer, inventor and businessman. Dynamite is among his 355 patented inventions, providing him with considerable wealth. Alfred's complex personality puzzled his contemporaries. He never married and remained a lonely recluse, prone to fits of depression. Despite inventing weapons of destruction, he was essentially a pacifist who hoped that the destructive powers of his inventions would help bring an end to war.

Alfred was 55 when his brother Ludvig died while visiting France. The French newspapers confused Ludvig with Alfred and reported that Alfred had died. It was a scathing obituary entitled "*The Merchant of Death is Dead*". The obituary began "Dr. Alfred Nobel, who became rich by finding ways to kill more people faster than ever before, died yesterday." The premature obituary distressed Alfred. It is widely believed that this was Alfred's turning point. He made a decision to rewrite his legacy. When he died just seven years later, his family were shocked to find he had secretly given away his entire fortune. Alfred had established the Nobel Peace Foundation, recognising those who have done "the most or the best work for fraternity between nations, for the abolition or reduction of standing armies and for the holding and promotion of peace congresses."

Alfred had a rare opportunity to rethink his priorities. Life in a culture that persistently encourages us to think about how to become wealthy and successful can leave us subsumed in day-to-day existence. We deprive ourselves of moments where we connect with our values and cultivate the eulogy virtues that we want to be remembered for. Those moments can be confronting, as we are faced with discrepancies between what matters to us and how we are actually spending our time. It's more comfortable to avoid auditing ourselves but in the end it leads to a much more satisfying life. The adjustments we make build a richer inner life, marked with contentment and peace.

Dr Seuss, dispenser of childhood wisdom, said: "Today I will behave as if this is the day I will be remembered." Great advice for any age! Live each day of your life with intention. Think about the difference you can make. You might not have the power to make a difference to the world, but your actions can make a world of difference to one person. Think about writing your own eulogy. How would you like your legacy to read? Live today as a microcosm of your story!

**Linda Gray**  
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# SUPER SIMBA - QUITE A STORY

One of the many challenges that handlers of Assistance Dogs face is the interactions they have with the uneducated public. When a dog is working, a distraction of another dog or people coming into its face can disrupt the dog's focus, leaving the person feeling very vulnerable. Unfortunately, most people do not know that it is really important not to engage with an Assistance Dog when it is in work mode.

Local author Trish Harrison has created a book to educate children (and their adults) about what we should do when we see an Assistance Dog in our community.

*Simba the Super Assistance Dog* is a fun children's book based on a real-life puppy and his journey to becoming an Assistance Dog. Children will love following the story of Simba and Christa. The illustrations are engaging and the story heart-warming.

Assistance Dogs bring great independence to people who have a physical or mental disability. Assistance Dogs have many tasks that they are trained to do. Here are just a few:

- pulling a wheelchair
- helping people to balance if they have walking difficulties
- turning on light switches
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- opening and closing doors, drawers and fridges
- assisting with making beds
- retrieving or picking up items like mobile phones or keys
- pushing pedestrian crossing buttons
- picking up clothing and helping take washing from a machine
- paying cashiers
- barking to alert their owners to danger
- alerting people to seizures (sometimes before they occur) or other medical issues, such as low blood sugar in a diabetic child
- finding and leading another person to the owner or affected child

Christa and Simba are available for interviews or presentations to demonstrate and explain how an Assistance Dog works.

## CHRISTA'S STORY

**As a 9-year-old, Christa had a medical procedure that went horribly wrong - but the devastating impacts were not realised until many years later.**

Despite fluctuating symptoms like vision loss and pins and needles in all four limbs, Christa became a very successful track and field athlete, graduated from university as an Exercise Physiologist and started a family.

Life went on until Christa was well into adulthood, when all her symptoms escalated. MRI's and subsequent surgeries confirmed many inoperable brain and spinal cord tumours.

For the past 24yrs Christa has been legally blind, in a

wheelchair and suffering epilepsy.

Christa relies on Assistance Dogs for her independence. Without her dog beside her she would not be able to venture out into Brisbane City on her own. Her dog picks up things that she drops and cannot see where they are, presses lift buttons for her, guides her through the busy streets of Brisbane City into shops and onto buses, puts her washing into her machine and of course provides emotional support on the days where she just needs a cuddle.

Without the help of an Assistance Dog, Christa would have to rely on full-time care, and would be totally housebound.

An Assistance Dog is not a luxury, but a necessity for people like Christa to be a valuable member in our society.

Many people with MS, traumatic brain injuries, spinal cord injury, war veterans etc. benefit from an Assistance Dog

The current waiting list to get a fully-trained service dog is five years, without any guarantee to ever get one. We would like to see this changed.



Simba came to Christa 13 months ago. He is now a fully accredited assistance dog which means that legally he is allowed to go anywhere with her, expect into surgeries or where food is being prepared. He is one of the youngest dogs to receive his accreditation - this normally happens when the dog is 18 months old.

## THE TEAM BEHIND SIMBA

- A specific puppy was chosen for Christa from the litter, and from a registered Breeder.
- Puppy Raisers were found to raise the puppy for Christa as she was not able to raise a puppy. They had Simba for 6 months and toilet trained and taught basic obedience.
- Animal Stars training worked very closely with the Puppy Raisers and took Simba for nine days when he was six months old to do intensive training boot camp.
- In the Paws of Angels, an accredited Queensland trainer, took Simba through his Public Access Test so that he could receive his public access jacket.
- Christa, the real hero here. Continued the intensive training with Simba when he was handed over to her at the age of six months.



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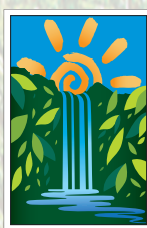
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# TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN ROAD - PROJECT UPDATE

## Road improvement works – Curtis Road to roundabout at Tamborine Mtn Shopping Square

### About the works

Road improvement works between Curtis Road and Tamborine Mountain Shopping Square roundabout commenced in late April 2022 and were expected to be completed in 6 weeks.

Due to weather impacts and unforeseen delays, works are now expected to be completed by September 2022, weather permitting.

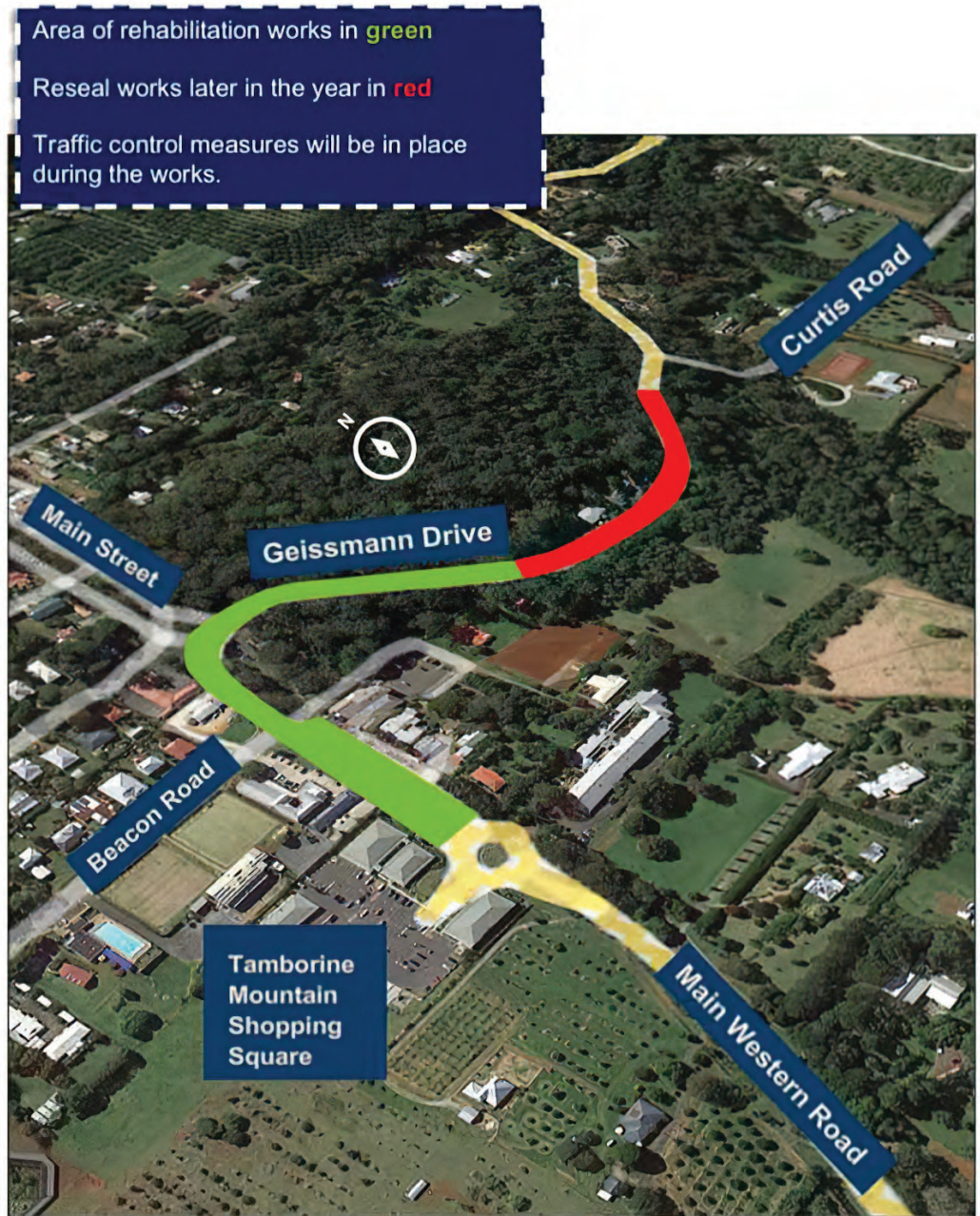
### Updated work details

- Nightworks from 6pm to 6am, Sunday to Thursday are expected to commence in August 2022, weather permitting.
- Works will be done in two sections
- rehabilitation works on Geissmann Drive, 400m from the Tamborine Mountain Shopping Square, commencing in August 2022.
- resealing works will be undertaken on Geissmann Drive for a further 280m starting from the end of these rehabilitation works, to just before Curtis Road intersection in late 2022.
- Dayworks from 6am to 6pm are almost complete. with a few days required to undertake finalisation works.

### Expected impacts

- Traffic impacts for the remainder of works are expected to be less disruptive than previously experienced by the community.
- The project team will make every effort to minimise impacts, however heavy machinery will be in use and noise should be expected.
- Restricted movements and reduced speed limits will be in place. Delays can be expected.
- Access for schools and businesses will be maintained at all times, although points of access may change temporarily.
- On-street parking within the work area will not be allowed at times.
- Advance warning signs will be in place and traffic controllers will direct traffic through the work zone.
- Reverse warning alerts and flashing right beacons on construction vehicles are a safety requirement and will be used at times during work hours.

TMR thanks the local community for your patience while these important road improvement works continue to be delivered.



Wet weather: contractor availability and site conditions may change the work schedule.

Safety First: Please drive with care through roadworks; your safety and our employees' safety is important to us!

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For more Information, please contact the project team:

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# CAN YOU SOLVE IT? THE MAN WHO CHANGED THE COURSE OF MAGIC

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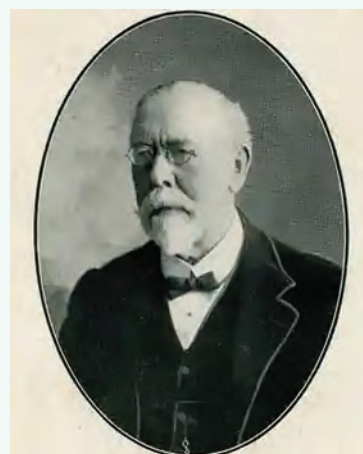
David Copperfield's *History of Magic* is a beautiful new book by the eponymous magician (coauthored with psychologist Richard Wiseman and magician David Britland), which tells the story of magic through objects in his private museum, the largest and most impressive collection of magic memorabilia in the world.

The International Museum of the Conjuring Arts is housed in a gigantic building on the outskirts of Las Vegas, the city where Copperfield, aged 65, still performs 15 shows a week. (His industriousness has helped make him the highest grossing solo entertainer of all time.)

*Prof. Hoffman Photograph at right by Homer Liwag*

Copperfield's new book has a chapter on Angelo Lewis, a Victorian barrister who wrote magic books under the pen-name Professor Hoffman. *Hoffman's Modern Magic*, which was published in 1876, "played an essential role in elevating the art of conjuring and may have acted as a catalyst for the entire golden age of magic," Copperfield writes. The museum's collection includes Hoffman's personal copy of *Modern Magic* as well as his letters and notebook.

Hoffmann was also a puzzle lover, and in 1893 published *Puzzles Old & New*, one of the definitive puzzle books of the Victorian era. Today's ten puzzles are taken verbatim from that text. Oldies, but goodies.



The questions mostly involve lateral thinking; like a magic trick, they present something seemingly impossible, easily solved once you look at it in the correct way.

1. Required, to take one from nineteen and leave twenty. How is it to be done?
2. Place three sixes together so as to make seven.
3. How would you write in figures twelve thousand twelve hundred and twelve?
4. Out of six chalk or pencil strokes—thus, ||||| to make three, without striking out or rubbing out any.
5. You undertake to show another person something which you never saw before, which he never saw before, and which, after you both have seen it, no one else will ever see again. How is it to be done?
6. You undertake to put something into a person's left hand which he cannot possibly take in his right. How is it to be done?
7. You undertake to place a lighted candle in such a position that it shall be visible to every person save one; such person not to be blindfolded, or prevented from turning about in any manner he pleases. How is it to be done?
8. A window in a certain house has recently been made twice its original size, but without increasing either its height or width. How can that be?
9. A draper, dividing a piece of cloth into yard lengths, found that he cut off one yard per second. The piece of cloth was 60 yards in length. How long did it take him to cut up the whole?
10. How many hard-boiled eggs can a hungry man eat on an empty stomach?

6	8	4	3	9	2	7	5	1
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# INSIGHTS TO STAYING HEALTHY



## What is your daily practice?

**If you are exuberant and dynamic, your chances of staying healthy are higher. But you already know that. If you don't have a daily practice, it's time to do so now, because staying healthy at this stage, is a *must*, not a topic for conversation anymore.**

How effectively we maintain our body, mind and energy systems will determine how resilient we will be toward any illness. Most of us may have sharpened our focus on staying healthy since the last year in particular and may be *following a practice* to maintain a robust a healthy body and mind.

With ageing comes a decline in mobility and difficulty with balance. Our senses may weaken and this could determine our response to the environment. The five senses are our only channels available to perceive the physical world outside; besides allowing us enjoy life, they help keep us safe. It is important to maintain them.

## Some tips:

**Plan your Food and Diet:** We all know the importance of a balanced diet for vibrant health as food is the basic building block of our human body. A balanced and wholesome diet can help avoid sensory decline. Include antioxidant vitamins and avoid junk food as it has been linked to cataracts and macular degeneratio, and of course, lethargy.

**Celebrate the sun safely:** Lifelong exposure to the sun could cause cataracts. *Wear sunglasses* when outdoors. Do eye exercises. Remember to apply sunscreen in these wintry conditions too...

**Turn down the volume:** Limit your exposure to loud music and sound. When you are around loud noises, try and get away every 15 minutes.

**Exercise your sense of smell:** Boost your sense of smell. Smell different perfumes/bouquets (such as cinnamon, cloves, roses, lemon, peppermint and eucalyptus) daily for several weeks. Some of these are great mood stabilisers as well.

**Engage in Physical Activity:** As well as keeping the heart strong and managing conditions such as arthritis, exercise and flexibility help improve sight by increasing blood flow to the eyes and keeping aches and pains at bay. Breathing consciously while walking, stretching, doing gentle exercises, Tai Chi, Yoga are some options to stay active and flexible.

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# WINE CHAT

with Witches Falls Winery

## CHEESE & WINE

Some things naturally go together. Shoes and socks, salt and pepper, fish and chips. One of the ultimate pairings is... wine and – you guessed it – cheese!



While nowadays you wouldn't think twice about busting open a nice bottle of wine to enjoy alongside a cheeseboard, were these two delicacies always enjoyed alongside one another? When exactly did cheese and wine join forces to become the dopamine-inducing duo that never fails to please even the most reluctant partygoer?

While it's hard to say whether wine and cheese have always been enjoyed together, both have been produced for thousands of years. Evidence suggests wine was being made in Persia and the Caucasus region as early as 6000 BCE. The origins of cheese are less well-known, with its invention predating most records. Legend has it that cheese was accidentally invented by a merchant who used old animal carcasses as containers to store milk. Digestive enzymes in the lining of animal organs – commonly referred to as rennet – would subsequently convert the milk into curds and whey, starting off the cheese-making process. Although the exact provenance of cheese is up for debate, what we know with certainty is that cheese was being made in Europe as early as 5500 BCE. Therefore, it's very possible that wine and cheese have been enjoyed side by side for millennia.

But why do we eat cheese and wine together?

Modern science has the answer – it's all about balancing flavours and mouthfeel. Generally speaking, the salty, fatty, creaminess of cheese provides a balance to the astringency, acidity, and alcohol in wine. Fat has been shown to act as a neutralising agent against tannins (the bitter component of many red wines). We eat cheese with wine for the same reason that we add a dash of milk to a strong cup of tea...it leads to a more pleasurable, well-balanced sensory experience.

But... not all wines will go with all cheeses. With thousands of different types of cheese and wine combinations to choose from, it can be difficult to know where to begin.

A potential starting point is to do a bit of research. In the world of food and wine, there's a saying – what grows together, goes together. Cheese and wine from the same regions have been eaten alongside one another for hundreds of years and tend to complement each other. For example, Brie cheese and Champagne have historically been produced in neighbouring regions of northern France and are considered an excellent pairing. Similarly, Sauvignon Blanc and Chevre (goat's cheese) is another tried and tested duo. Both are famously produced in France's Loire Valley.

However, in such a globalised world with so many new methods of winemaking emerging, it's hard to know whether the Sauvignon Blanc from a local winery is representative of what would be considered typical. The best advice is to follow your nose and trust your instinct – try new wines and perhaps pair them with something you're not familiar with. While you might come up against a few funky pairings, you'll find some amazing combinations and have a lot of fun along the way!

Cheers,  
Alexandra Douglas and  
the Witches Falls Winery



# FOOD FOR THOUGHT

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## ROASTED CAULIFLOWER AND TOMATO SOUP

**This delicious, hearty, home-style soup is sure to satisfy. It's a wonderful way to enjoy more vegetables in the cooler months. It has a nice, herby kick and is also jam-packed with nutrition, so it's the perfect way to boost the immune system.**

This isn't a complicated recipe and is very easy to make. It's ideal for busy people or when you're not feeling too inspired in the kitchen, as you can cook up a batch and it will store in the fridge for the next week. It's only a quick re-heat so if you work from home or have a microwave at work, it's superb for a weekday lunch. Or, you can have dinner done and on the table in a matter of minutes.

**Did you know?** Cauliflower belongs to a group of vegetables consisting of cabbage, broccoli, and Brussel sprouts, which have all branched off from a type of wild mustard, and belong to the *Brassica oleracea* family, which all originated on the Mediterranean island of Cyprus. Cauliflower is low in calories yet extremely high in vitamins. In fact, cauliflower contains some of almost every vitamin and mineral that you need to boost immunity.

We began to cultivate cauliflower all the way back in ancient Rome. Farmers simply selected mustard plants with especially big flowers and made a hybrid with them, which in the end resulted in what we now call cauliflower and broccoli. Cauliflower is historically first mentioned in the 1st century AD in a book titled *'Natural history'* written by the Roman naturalist and philosopher Pliny the Elder. Though it wasn't until the 12th and 13th centuries that cauliflower makes its way to the dining tables of Western Europe, and not until the 16th century that it really became popular as a regular food staple.

**Chef Dylan tip:** Make your life easy by simply buying a good quality vegetable stock from your trusted grocer, deli or supermarket. I've also used frozen mixed vegetables to make this recipe, as it maximises the vegetable content, and it is so convenient to simply grab from the frozen food aisle, and is arguably as nutritious as fresh veg.

### Edinburgh Scotland, June 2022

Hearing the tell-tale cry of a giant herring gull I look up as it glides gracefully overhead. I'm excited to be back in the ancient Scottish port town of Leith to see our long-time restaurateur friends. It's lunchtime and the cobble stone streets are alive with tourists snapping photos of the antique buildings that have been expertly maintained. I am always impressed with the amount of detail and thought that these imaginative historic builders lovingly put

into their work, in stark contrast to the boring modern functional style. Continuing on, we come to our destination.

We enter *'Toast'*, a funky cultured café owned by Zak, a charming gentleman whom we know from a few years back when he owned a Mediterranean-style wine bar. The place is a bustling hive of activity, with nimble waitstaff weaving their way past tightly packed tables. They confidently carry plates of brunch-style items: poached eggs, crispy bacon and fanned avocado. A waitress greets us "Table for two?" she asks with a soft-hearted smile. I nod in approval, and she leads us to our table and hands us the menus. "Would you like still or sparkling water to begin?" "Just tap water is fine, thank you" chirps in my wife. I spy Zac at the far end of the Café on a high bar table tapping away behind a laptop.

I head over, and his look of surprise is unmistakable, and a broad smile sweeps across his face "I haven't seen you guys in years" he exclaims whilst enthusiastically extending his hand and shaking mine with vigour. "Excuse the mess, I have to catch up on all this paperwork here because working from home is impossible now we've had the twins" he offers. I now notice the dark rings under his eyes. "Wow. Congratulations, how have you been?" I ask. "Good, considering, but first let me make you and your lovely wife a coffee." He says heading behind the busy bar towards the coffee machine.

As I sit back down at the table, I notice today's chef's special written on a small blackboard next to a row of beautifully baked loaves of sourdough. It reads 'Roasted cauliflower and tomato soup' in calligraphy-style handwriting. Zak delivers our coffees, and has a lengthy catch up before he is pulled away by the chef. Our waitress returns and asks politely "Are you ready to order?" "Yes, I'll have the soup of the day please" I reply. A few moments later a steaming bowl is placed down in front of me and the first thing I notice is how full of vegetables it is and how nicely the cauliflower is roasted. I delight in the aroma of the rich tomato broth. I butter the warm, freshly baked sourdough and dunk it in the bowl and take a bite. It is sensational, soft and chewy dough, encrusted with a crispy crust that has sopped up the bold flavours of the broth. I sit back smiling in my chair and look over to my love and remark "Oh how I've missed traveling!". "Well that makes two of us. This is us just getting started" she counters with a cheeky grin and a glint in her eye.

If you don't make soup often, I urge you to have a go at this as you may be pleasantly



surprised at just how much flavour this comforting meal in a bowl delivers.

### Ingredients

- 1kg head of cauliflower, leaves removed
- 3 tbs olive oil
- 4 tbs Gaucho\*
- 500ml vegetable stock
- 1 medium brown onion, diced
- 3 cloves of garlic, crushed
- 400g can diced tomato
- 700ml passata
- 400g can chickpeas, rinsed and drained
- 1 cup frozen mixed vegetables
- Salt to taste

\* Chef Dylan's Gourmet Food Co. Gaucho

### Method

1. Preheat your oven to 190° C. Take the head of cauliflower, turn it over and cut the stem out of the bottom. Set the stem aside, and break the florets apart, into large bite-sized pieces.
2. In a large bowl, coat the cauliflower with the olive oil, 2 tbs Gaucho seasoning until evenly coated. Spread evenly into an oven tray lined with some baking paper and roast for 30 minutes. Turn the florets over about halfway through.
3. While the cauliflower is roasting, place a large pot on medium heat. Add some oil and fry the onions stirring until fragrant, 3-5 minutes. Next, add garlic and another 2 tbs Gaucho and stir until fragrant, 1 min or so.
4. Add the Passata sauce, diced tomatoes, vegetable stock and the chickpeas. Turn heat down low to bring to a simmer.
5. Carefully add the frozen vegetables and the roasted cauliflower into the soup, stirring in gently. Bring back to a simmer for 5 minutes, then taste. Add some salt if needed.
6. Serve with some toasted sourdough.

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**Who?** Dorothy Parker (née Rothschild), American journalist, critic, poet and political activist



**When?**  
22 August 1893

**Where?** West End, New Jersey, USA

#### Why should I read her work?

Parker was a legendary literary figure in New York, renowned for her sharp wit, biting criticism and acerbic short stories.

**Try:** *Complete Stories, The Collected Dorothy Parker, The Penguin Dorothy Parker*

**Interesting fact:** Parker's career was launched when she deputised for PG Wodehouse as theatre critic for *Vanity Fair* in New York in 1918.



## Staff Book Choice: *Kingdomtide* by Rye Curtis



The sole survivor of a plane crash, seventy-two-year-old Cloris Waldrip finds herself lost and alone in the unforgiving wilderness of Montana's rugged Bitterroot Range, exposed to the elements with no tools beyond her wits and ingenuity. Intertwined with her story is Debra Lewis, a park ranger struggling with addiction, a recent divorce, and a new mission: to find and rescue Cloris.

As Cloris wanders mountain forests and valleys, subsisting on whatever she can find as her hold on life grows more precarious, Ranger Lewis and her motley group of oddball rescuers follow the trail of clues she's left behind. Days stretch into weeks, and hope begins to fade. But with nearly everyone else giving up, Ranger Lewis stays true until the end.

Dramatic and morally complex, *Kingdomtide* is a story of the decency and surprising resilience of ordinary people faced with extraordinary circumstances. In powerful, exquisite prose, debut novelist Rye Curtis delivers an inspiring account of two unforgettable characters whose heroism reminds us that survival is only the beginning.

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- In August 1762 the sandwich, as we know it, was created when the Earl of Sandwich requested meat between two pieces of bread.
- August was once the sixth month of the year. In the original ten-month Roman calendar, the month went by the name of Sextilis, meaning “the sixth month” in Latin. It wasn’t until around 700BC that August was rudely shoved back in the order of months when January and February were added to the beginning of the year by King Numa Pompilius.
- August has also changed its number of days multiple times. In the ten-month Roman calendar, the months all had either 30 or 31 days, totaling 304 days in the year. Not only did Pompilius add January and February to the calendar, but he also reduced the number of days in August down to 29. It wasn’t until Julius Caesar introduced the Julian calendar that it was left with 31 days, and it’s stayed the same ever since!
- Another year, another change! After so many changes you’d think the month would have had enough, but no – in 8 BC the month was named Augustus, in honor of the Roman emperor Augustus.
- August is also a little bit unique, most of the time at least. In a standard year, there is no other month that begins on the same day of the week as August. In a leap year, however, August begins on the same day of the week as February.

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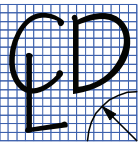
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**SCENIC RIM TOASTMASTERS** meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month, Hang Gliders Clubhouse, 82 Wagonwheel Rd Boyland. 6:45pm for a 7:00pm start time till 8:30pm. Contact Julia Schafer on 0410 585 425

**SINGING** 4-part Acappella singing for women of all ages. If you love singing, come and join us. 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month. Knoll Road, North Tamborine. Ph Dianne 0413 339 821 or email [bellaacappellatamborine@gmail.com](mailto:bellaacappellatamborine@gmail.com)

**TAI CHI** Tues mornings, Thurs evenings 110 Eagle Hts Rd, Eagle Hts. Phone Gai Wanless 5545 2409.

**TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY CARE ASSOCIATION:** Service Provider for first - level aged care. Transport to medical appointments, Domestic Assistance, Home Maintenance, Social Support Individual & Group, Podiatry and Computer classes. Open: Mon – Fri 8:30 am – 4:30 pm. Volunteers welcome. Contact – 5545 4968 Address: 42, Southport Avenue, Tamborine Mountain, Qld.

**TAMBORINE SUSTAINABLE GARDENERS SOC (TSGS),** a group of enthusiastic gardeners, meets on the last Saturday of each month. Mrs Sue Morris 5545 0102.

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

**TM ARTS COLLECTIVE:** Artists, Musicians, Performers, Artisans, Patrons - Meetings and Pot Luck Dinners held monthly. All welcome. For details contact: Guy Ritani 0477 795 734 or email [tmtnarts@gmail.com](mailto:tmtnarts@gmail.com)

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

**TM BRIDGE CLUB** meets each Monday at 5.45pm, Wednesday at 1.15pm, Thursday at 12.45pm, Friday lesson at 1pm and Friday Social Game at 1.30pm. Beginners welcome. Tamborine Mountain Sports Complex, 400 Long Road. Enquiries 0444 592 189

**TM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE:** 2nd Wed. of month. Phone 5545 0944 Email: [info@tamborinemountainchamber.com.au](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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/](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.naturalhistory.org.au).

**TM NETBALL CLUB.** Visit our website: [www.tamborine-mountain-netball.square.site](http://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](http://www.tmo.org.au); or find us on Facebook.

**TM PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH** 34 Main St, North Tamborine [www.tmpcq.org.au](http://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](mailto:dave.mugridge@tmpcq.org.au) | [www.tmpcq.org.au](http://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](mailto:TamborineMountainZumba@gmail.com)

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