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THE FAST TRACK TO BOOKS AND ART

The Canungra Books and Art team is celebrating the reopening of the Goat Track! Tamborine Mountain folk are finally venturing back to Canungra, and many are surprised to find that the bookshop is much bigger, with a new extension opened earlier this year providing a beautiful space for browsing in comfort. The stunning range of art, history, Australiana and other books, including rare and collectible vintage treasures, is a drawcard for people near and far. The popular Art Calendars are now in store for 2023 – in time for posting interstate and overseas for Christmas, along with a great range of new books by local authors for adults and children, and gifts by local artisans. Photo: owner Jan McGregor

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125-131 Eagle Heights Road, Tamborine Mountain

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12.30 - 1	11 Forsythia Drive
1 - 1.45	168 Hartley Road
1.30 - 2	11-15 Romana Court
1.30 - 2	49 Landman Court
2.30 - 3	20 Bateke Road

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SALE 🛏️ 4 🛁 2 🚗 2 ✂️ 1,071m²

9 Makalu Court, Tamborine Mountain

- Neat and productive quarter acre with easy care, one level home, plantation shutters
- Freshly painted interior, air-con, covered patio and alfresco entertainment areas
- Productive fruit trees, shed for studio/office

\$799,000+

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SALE 🛏️ 5 🛁 2 🚗 3 ✂️ 1,011m²

15 Tolima Drive, Tamborine Mountain

- Open plan living/dining, woodburner fireplace, renovated bathrooms,
- Extended living area leads to private rear patio, great for entertaining, comes complete with a pool table & outdoor fire pit

\$799,000+

AGENTS:

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SALE 🛏️ 3 🛁 1 🚗 1 ✂️ 2,388m²

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TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN STATE SCHOOL STUDENTS' QUICK TOUR BEHIND THE SCENES IN CANBERRA

Tamborine Mountain State School students were able to see the best of Canberra on their study trip to the nation's capital this week.

Federal Member for Wright, Scott Buchholz (pictured below) had the chance to welcome the year six students and teachers from Tamborine Mountain State School who came to visit Parliament House in Canberra.

"I was lucky enough not only to quiz the bright students of Tamborine Mountain State School, but I was able to get them in behind security to visit my office and take a quick tour underneath the house where the gears of the building turn," Mr Buchholz said.

"I have to say the teachers are doing a fantastic job with their student's civics lessons, as not one of my questions to the students went unanswered.

"Although I'm not certain, we may have broken a record for fitting 56 students into my office to see where I work and to get a group photo.



"It was great to see how excited the students were visiting the Parliament in addition to their trip to Questacon, the Australian Institute of Sport and Tobogganing."

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SPRINGTIME ON THE MOUNTAIN

Festival of Open Gardens, Tamborine Mountain

Friday September 23 and Saturday September 24

5 lovely private gardens,

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Follow the signs and look for the flags:

- Slingsby Rd
- Caryota Ct (2 gardens)  
- Griffith St 
- Moreton Bay Ave   

Tickets and brochure online now!

Visit tamborinemountaingardenclub.org.au or eventbrite.com.au

\$20 for 5 gardens multi-visit, or \$5 cash at each garden gate (please have the correct change)


Dependent children – free entry,

NO dogs (certified assistance dogs excepted)

TM Showgrounds  – Refreshments/toilets

TM Landcare Centre, Hartley Rd – Info, picnic tables

Botanic Gardens – free entry!

8am – 2pm:  Plant sale, sausage sizzle; 

10am – 2pm: kids' activities 



Plant sales



Refreshments



Secondhand gardening books



Kids' activities



Music



OPEN GARDENS PRIMED TO ENCHANT AND ENTHUSE

Purpose is a powerful motivator. When Eagle Heights gardener Julie Weisfelt was invited to open her garden for "Springtime on the Mountain 2022", she saw much work ahead to present it at its best, but strong purpose has helped her achieve that in a relatively short time.

This dual purpose is to spark in children a little of the fulfillment plants provide, and to share the special serenity and beauty of her garden at a time when distress and hardship pervade the world that is 2022.

As well as digging, planting, pruning and mulching, Julie has prepared several activities for visiting children. She hopes a tiny takeaway plant, specially chosen for success and which they have potted themselves with help, will bloom, sowing the seed of a lifelong appreciation for gardens.

Julie's garden is one of five private gardens opening for Springtime on the Mountain 2022, to be held on Friday 23rd and Saturday 24th September. Others are in Slingsby Rd, Caryota Ct and Griffith St. Music from "Bella a Capella", "Offcuts", and "Two Lost Geordies"; Plant sales on offer in some gardens.

The Botanic Gardens will open at 8am both days for sausage sizzle and plant sales, with

children's activities from 10 -2. Showgrounds open from 9:30 for refreshments, with some stalls. Landcare Centre in Hartley Rd is open for information and free entry.

All information is at www.tamborinemountaingardenclub.org.au, or follow the street signs to your first garden and collect a brochure there. Tickets online: \$20 for all 5 gardens, **OR** \$5 cash at gate for one garden. Children free. No dogs, please.



BUSHRATS JUNIOR TRAINING HAS STARTED FOR THE NEW SEASON

The Tamborine Mountain Cricket Club has started Junior sides training at Long Road Sports Complex cricket nets. This season the Bushrats have 2 under 11s, an under 13s and a Junior Open Turf side (14-18 years old) that will play in the Gold Coast Cricket competition.

The training schedule is:

- U11s – Tuesdays 4pm
- U13s – Thursday 4pm
- Open Junior Turf – Wednesdays 4pm

The Senior Bushrats have also started training.

Contact Neil Bell on 0403 854 699 to find out more.

Just come down for a hit, and a roll your arm over and see what it is like. New players are needed, especially for our over 40s this year as we are putting in two full teams of old men who can't bowl or throw! We also need additional players for U11s and 13s in particular.





THIS WEEK IS NATIONAL ORGANIC WEEK

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Monday 12 – Sunday 18 September 2022

National Organic Week Australia (NOW) is a week of targeted media and locally-held activities designed to increase awareness of the benefits of organic products and farming production systems and accelerate the uptake of these in the wider Australian community and environment.

“As consumers, you want food you can recognise and trust. Buying organic products supports food safety, health, good nutrition and the environment. Products that carry the logo of an accredited organic certification body are guaranteed to be genuine organic.” said Costa Georgiadis, Ambassador of National Organic Week.

Celebrate everything organic during National Organic Week!

We have a number of certified organic growers and retailers on the Mountain, including at 93 Beacon Road, The Green Shed and the excellent Joseph the Greengrocer; please make a point to support these and others, in order to ensure quality food on Mountain tables in the years to come.

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NATIONAL ORGANIC WEEK 2022

Visit our online event calendar for details on organic events



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TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN BRIDGE CLUB RESULTS

MONDAY (5-SEP-22)

- NS 1. 59.62% DAVID DONALDSON - HEIKE EDRICH
- NS 2. 53.65% LAURENE HASSARD
- EDDIE HEINEMEYER
- NS 3. 48.44% LINDA BALMER - CHRISTINE YOUNGMAN
- EW 1. 58.65% MARIAN GIBBONS - LEWIS ADAMS
- EW 2. 52.33% SHEILA IRVINE-BROWN
- WENDY CHRISTIE
- EW 3. 50.83% JOHN LODGE - PETER MORRIS

WEDNESDAY (7-SEP-22)

- 1. 66.67% LINDY WILLIAMS - EDDIE HEINEMEYER
- 2. 56.55% SUE STEVENS - KAREN SCOTT
- 3. 54.17% JENNY STRACHAN - GAIL LAYER

THURSDAY (8-SEP-22)

- NS 1. 61.67% JENNY STRACHAN - EDDIE HEINEMEYER
- NS 2. 49.17% KEVIN HAMILTON-REEN - MARY SIMON
- NS 3. 48.33% DAVID DONALDSON
- GAYLE DONALDSON
- EW 1. 61.67% SUE STEVENS - KAREN SCOTT
- EW 2. 50.83% LAURENE HASSARD - LINDY WILLIAMS
- EW 3. 49.17% FIONA MCCRACKEN - CHRIS PENDER

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

WELCOME SPLASH OF COLOUR FOR MAIN STREET



Brisbane specialty signwriter and mural artist, Rick Hayward, of *Rick's Hand-painted*, putting the final touches on a new Main Street artwork.

The mural refreshes what was an uninspiring street corner, continuing the revitalisation of the Main Street business precinct and town centre.

Photos by Gerard Ellen – top: the mural nearing completion, Rick pausing to chat with Michael Wickson (of Tamborine Mountain Pizzas and Pasta)

You can check out some of Rick's work on [instagram](#) via the QR code at right



PARLIAMENT HOUSE HOST TO SEQ MAYORS

The South East Queensland Council of Mayors came to Parliament House to discuss the city deal and future funding priorities with the government last week.

I was honoured to host them and I am confident this diverse group of leaders is well placed to guide the region in a good direction.

I was also excited discuss details about the Olympics, which are to be held in South East Queensland in 2032.

The Olympics are the perfect opportunity to showcase our regions to the world and give international travellers a view into one of the best regions in the country.

Scott Buchholz MP





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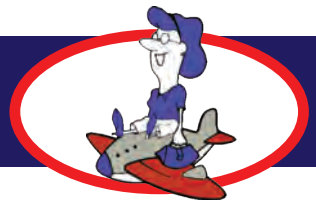


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TRAVELLING PLACES *with Gina*

I have been reflecting on the Queen this weekend – quite an extraordinary leader and one of the first female role models in modern times. Over the weekend we have learnt more about her sense of humour and her ability to relate to all people whom she came in touch with, and goodness knows how many hundreds of thousands of hands she would have shaken.

I don't know if you caught some of the vision on TV. It is a sad time, however inevitable, but it does remind me how well Britain does pomp and ceremony. Listening to the trumpet fanfare I couldn't help but marvel at the complexity of the costumes and the sense of respect, history and protocols.



Surely the Queen was one of the most travelled people the world has seen, particularly in her younger days when her entourage managed to visit every country in the Commonwealth. I remember living in London and a client wanting to visit her son in Kiribati – for all my research I was unable to find a way to reach this tiny island nation. I then remembered the Queen had visited, so I called The Palace to ask how they had arranged it. Of course: the Royal Yacht Britannia! So that wasn't much help for my client, who eventually caught a cargo ship carrying bananas from Fiji!

The shots of the British countryside have been wonderful. I always say there is nowhere more beautiful in the world than Britain on a glorious sunny day – the problem is there just aren't so many of them. The area around Balmoral in the Scottish Highlands is beautiful, with heather on the moors, and the open countryside of the Cairngorms. Further north, lochs are connected by canals built at the beginning of the industrial revolution, you can sail across the country from Inverness to Fort William and onto to Oban.

The Palaces and Castles of the royals are throughout the country and often you can be driving along and catch a glimpse down a tree-lined road of an amazing manor.

If you visit in the summer, visit Australia House (or New Zealand or Canada etc) where you can register to attend various events. I was lucky to be able to attend a garden party at Buckingham Palace and also to attend Ladies' Day at Royal Ascot. Other opportunities are to secure a seat at the Trooping of the Colour. Head out to Windsor with a picnic and watch the polo. Open to all, these events are fun and encourage us all to appreciate Britain.

Apart from the aristocratic side, there are the everyday delights. Britain has so much to offer the visitor. London has the most amazing galleries and museums, extraordinary theatres and wonderful concerts as well as events like Wimbledon. Do head out into the countryside. Walk along laneways between villages, stop on the green to watch county cricket or enjoy a pint or a Pimms at the local pub. The hardest thing is to allow yourselves enough time to explore this wonderful country.

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These are my own personal views. I do not purport to speak on behalf of Council. Decisions of Council are made only by majority vote, legislative authority or under authority delegated by Council.

Councillor's Comment

DEREK SWANBOROUGH
DIVISION 1



GEISSMANN OVAL USE COMPROMISED BY NEW EFFLUENT TRENCHES

Both Councillors Jeff McConnell and I have asked the General Manager of Infrastructure to find a solution to and rectify this new work which has been carried out, encroaching onto the main oval playing field, limiting the possible width of the field, and therefore rendering it unplayable for A grade competition.

I took some measurements last weekend. There's up to 120 metres in length possible, with a five-metre runoff, but now at the northern end, the maximum width with the bollards in place is just 50 metres of playing field, with a five-metre runoff on both sides. Most A grade sized ovals require 68 metres, plus a five-metre runoff on both sides.

The aim of various football codes is to have a full-size playing field, achievable with the current removal of the cricket practice nets, and with the lights positioned back off the oval to accommodate the full field.

Council recently upgraded the toilets and added a canteen to facilitate A grade competitions, at a cost short of \$500,000. The change rooms were retained to facilitate home and away games.

This is a repeat of the mistakes at Staffsmith Park, where the transpiration trenches, surrounded by bollards, took away nearly a third of the park's open space for active recreation.

Once again, without consulting either Cr McConnell or myself, a decision was taken to place bollard trenches encroaching on the playing field on Geissmann Oval.

The Mountain has a deficit of space for active recreation for the current population. During the years prior to 2005, when the population was just 5,500, studies were commissioned by the Beaudesert Shire Council, using ROSS planning consultants to determine the right amount of active recreation land needed for the Mountain community population and the available land that could be purchased. Taking into account all the existing recreation land at the time, which included St Bernard's Oval, Geissmann Oval and Staffsmith Park, the figure was 40 acres of land. That was the basis of purchasing the 50 acres of land, now the TMSA site. The population is now 8,500, and we cannot afford to sacrifice our existing active recreation land for other purposes when there are still other active recreation groups in search of suitable land.

Our swimming pool is recognised as being totally inadequate for our population, and land at the TMSA is set aside in a new master plan for a new aquatic centre, one additional oval, indoor sports centre and room for sports to have their own club space.



I am often reminded that not one sports code on the Mountain using the TMSA grounds has a clubhouse to call home. This is a major problem, and after nearly 14 years of the development of the site, it is a disappointment to me that this clubhouse stage of the site's development, proposed at inception as stage 2, has not been achieved. This has in my view, hindered the realisation of the ground's full potential. It's a lost opportunity for the social development of our sporting codes, the socialisation of participating families, and for our children's shared history.

We have lost St Bernard's Oval, which is now fenced off from the public, which was once the home of Australian rules and was developed with funding from the Beaudesert Shire Council, Education Queensland, (when Kevin Lingard was a Shadow Minister), and the community who did all the design and construction at cost price, including \$25,000 of rock blasting.

All of this means we are several ovals short of our required recreation infrastructure requirements based on our population increase, and we cannot afford to lose more facilities because of what has occurred at both Staffsmith Park and Geissmann Oval.

We await a response from Council as to how this is going to be rectified.

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COUNCIL RESPONSE TO QUEEN ELIZABETH'S PASSING



Scenic Rim Regional Council is saddened to hear of the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

Mayor Greg Christensen echoed the sentiments of many people within our region, across the Commonwealth and around the world upon hearing of Her Majesty's passing.

"The passing of Queen Elizabeth II has brought great shock and sorrow to many of us".

"The Queen embodied the true meaning of duty, and her commitment to public service across the Commonwealth was nothing short of extraordinary", he said.

"Her tremendous charm, wit, and sincerity won the hearts of millions of people. Her ability to connect with her community and constituents around the globe through her renowned dignity and grace was truly respected".

Queen Elizabeth II was the longest-reigning monarch of the Commonwealth, having succeeded to the throne on 6 February 1952 on the death of her father, King George VI. The Queen was crowned on 2 June 1953.

"Throughout her reign, the Queen demonstrated extreme prowess, innovation, evolution and conformity to support her constituents across the Commonwealth, which was inspirational".

As a sign of respect to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, flags at Council's facilities will be flown at half-mast from today until the day after Her Majesty's funeral, in accordance with the Commonwealth Flag network directives.

Council is currently reviewing whether there may be any interruptions to Council's civic events as a mark of respect to Her Majesty. Further details will be released in due course.

"We extend our sincerest condolences to the Royal Family and everyone who loved Her Majesty".

Queenslanders will have an opportunity to express their grief and condolences at an online condolence book, which will be available at www.qld.gov.au/condolences. This will be presented to the Royal Family.

"Her Legacy will live on forever".



Letters

THREATENED SPECIES ADVICE AT ODDS

A report from SRRC has advised that the 7th of September was 'National Threatened Species Day' and that, "Our iconic and precious koalas are one of those species."

"In February this year, the increasing threats to koalas resulted in them being listed as endangered." the report says.

Ironically, an application for a development at Harrisville is presently being considered by SRRC.

"During the development, some of the mature native trees that are scattered across the property would be felled. This includes the mapped core koala habitat in the north-western corner of the property.

Yet another large housing estate is planned for Canungra. The company proposes to subdivide a 124ha property, 100ha of which is zoned rural, into 117 residential allotments, 90 of which will range in size from 600sqm to 1,200sqm.

Small allotments of 600m² will mean that, after clearing, and building, little open space is left for the displaced wildlife to survive. Numbers have already been affected by the bushfires.

There are three large properties on Tamborine Mountain at the moment for which SRRC is considering development applications. The DAs are in conflict with the zoning and Council's own planning scheme.

All applications plan to clear land, some including core koala habitat, for cabins.

Where is Council's concern for our threatened species?

Not only are koalas at risk. Birds may live in trees but many feed on the ground. Open space is needed for our birds, mammals and marsupials to graze and to travel.

Council's report goes on to say that "Koalas need our help, so here's what you can do: control weeds around your blue gums so koalas can access them.

Council might follow its own advice. For some time now, I have been trying to raise issue of the planting of lomandra grass around the base of trees, and in open spaces on council land. This is threatening our wildlife, not only by preventing marsupials from accessing trees but also by depriving mammals, reptile and birds of the open spaces they need to graze and access their food source.

When will this council heed its own advice?

Julie Wilkinson

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My friend, I'll call her friend A, lives on the same size block of land as I do in Eagle Heights on half an acre, except she is just inside the Gold Coast Council demarcation line. Her annual rates are \$829, mine are 3.5 times higher at \$3,000.

Friend B is living on Tamborine Mountain with two acres, land which has large established trees and some native wildlife: his rates are \$4,800 annually. Friend C lives in Boyland near Canungra; she also lives on two acres, yet pays \$2,400 per year in rates, half the cost of B. We all receive the same services from the same Council. Pensioners receive a larger discount with the GC Council as well. Apparently land valuation is just one of many factors taken into account; there are 92 rating categories in QLD.

Another issue is that the Scenic Rim Council receives \$150,000 annually from the government's Environmental Grant Program, an increase of \$50,000 this year. It is given as an incentive for conservation and protection of wildlife, so WHY is there so much development on the small Tamborine Mountain plateau, and why are larger block owners penalised? Many people struggle with the excessively high rates; they should be encouraged to hold onto larger blocks of land. Council gives away two free, young trees to ratepayers, yet are okay with removing mature ones for development. The free trees sound like a 'smoke screen'.

The only logic is by the description of the Mountain as "boutique" – small, unique and sought after. Making it appealing to the wealthy who can afford the high cost of rates. Let us support the Progress Association, whose main concern is for this environment, and not profit and development.

Pam Brandis

WON'T TAKE THAT FOR AN ANSWER

In response to Nigel Waistell's reply to my letter about the need for a roundabout on the end of Main St,

I would not accept the response from Dep't of Main Roads that traffic lights would be the only alternative.

I would argue that a roundabout is cheaper to build and a lot cheaper to maintain and is all that is needed for the occasional traffic congestion for what is normally a slow flow of local traffic. How do they come up with this nonsense?

When are government departments. going to listen to the locals?

Julie Wilkinson

MISSING OUT ON GARDENS

Again, we see the Springtime Festival of Open Gardens confined to Friday and Saturday, and not available to the numerous visitors to the Mountain on the Sunday. Nor to those who must work on those two days, or who have family responsibilities, like taking children to sporting commitments etc. on a Saturday. This seems a strange decision and the Committee of the sponsoring organization – TM Garden Club – ought to provide an explanation for this decision. Did it come from the Committee, the exhibitors, or from the members generally?

So only those who are retired, or sufficiently wealthy they have plenty of free time on the exhibition days are permitted to see these magnificent landscapes, these living works of art which are created by the exhibitors through months of dedicated work.

This is a form of reverse ageism, and it must be questioned. All of us who live here, and our visitors are entitled to enjoy the depth of all creative art forms in this community, including Open Gardens.

Dr David Ives

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LOVING OUR PETS

It was a podcast that caught my attention, talking about the correlation between stressed human owners and their stressed pets.

They were interviewing an animal naturopath and pet whisperer, and one of the statements that really stood out in the podcast was when

the naturopath mentioned that it's easier for humans to care for their pets than to spend that same time and money caring for themselves. It's a fact backed by many social science studies; the natural affection we feel for animals can be compared to the affection we feel for our children. We impulsively care for them and desire to help them because they are unable to help themselves easily. We don't seem to extend this unconditional love to ourselves as readily. The podcast interviewee went on to say that the downside of this pet—human empathic relationship was how, in times of stress, many pets take on their owner's stress. The stressed pet can then exhibit behaviour issues or even illness.

Researchers proved this hypothesis by analysing the hair of dogs and their owners and assessing both dog and owner personalities through standardised personality questionnaires. Researchers measured the hormone cortisol in the hair of dogs and their owners over a year-long period.

Cortisol is a measure of physiological stress, which can be raised during mental distress. Hair cortisol is a good way of measuring long-term trends in stress levels, as hair grows slowly and absorbs circulating substances from the blood. The results showed a significant correlation between human and dog cortisol levels across the year, and for these dogs, their cortisol levels rose and fell in unison with their owners'. This correlation was not influenced by dog activity levels or dog personality but was influenced by owner personality. Owners with higher stress levels tended to have dogs with higher stress levels too. According to this naturopath, this study applies to pet cats as well.

Animals are sentient beings and they can experience both positive and negative emotions, such as pleasure, comfort, fear, and anxiety. The impact we have on our pets' stress levels goes both ways - positive and negative. If we reduce our own stress levels, it's likely we will also reduce our pets' stress levels.

So, if you find it too hard to work on decreasing your stress levels for your own sake, perhaps you will do it for your pet. Come to yoga and learn to chill out. My little dog Smudge is a yoga/meditation addict. He's always first on my yoga mat and can't get close enough to anyone meditating. He basks in that meditative energy field, instinctively knowing how good this healing energy is. And of course, try exercising in nature. That daily walk is good for you and very good for the mental health of your pet.

Margot Wagner
Yoga Under the Bodhi Tree

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PARADIGM SHIFT

A paradigm is a basic set of assumptions from which we function. They make our processing of information and responding a more streamline process. Paradigm shift occurs when we make a change in our usual way of thinking or doing, replacing it with a new and different way. We sometimes experience significant situations where we suddenly see our priorities in a different light. It could be a life-threatening crisis, a life transition such as becoming a parent, taking on a new career, beginning retirement. In these events our fundamental paradigms can change significantly.

Minor paradigm shifts, however, occur when we take the opportunity to hear another's perspective. Stephen Covey, in his book *The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People*, tells the story of a mini paradigm shift he experienced while travelling on a New York subway.

"People were sitting quietly – some reading newspapers, some lost in thought, some resting with their eyes closed. It was a calm, peaceful scene. Then suddenly, a man and his children entered the subway car. The children were so loud and rambunctious that instantly the whole climate changed.

"The man sat down next to me and closed his eyes, apparently oblivious to the situation. The children were yelling back and forth, throwing things, even grabbing people's papers. It was very disturbing. And yet, the man sitting next to me did nothing.

"It was difficult not to feel irritated. I could not believe that he could be so insensitive to let his children run wild like that and do nothing about it, taking no responsibility at all. It was easy to see that everyone else on the subway felt irritated, too. So finally, with what I felt was unusual patience and restraint, I turned to him and said, "Sir, your children are really disturbing a lot of people. I wonder if you couldn't control them a little more?"

"The man lifted his gaze as if to come to a consciousness of the situation for the first time and said softly, "Oh, you're right. I guess I should do something about it. We just came from the hospital where their mother died about an hour ago. I don't know what to think, and I guess they don't know how to handle it either."

"Can you imagine what I felt at that moment? My paradigm shifted. Suddenly I saw things differently, I felt differently, I behaved differently. My irritation vanished. I didn't have to worry about controlling my attitude or my behaviour; my heart was filled with the man's pain. Feelings of sympathy and compassion flowed freely. "Your wife just died? Oh, I'm so sorry. Can you tell me about it? What can I do to help?" Everything changed in an instant."

Perhaps you can relate to Stephen's encounter. We've all had occasions where our assumptions about a situation have proven false. In those moments we have the opportunity to listen to another's story and change our attitude and behaviour. Make sure you don't miss the opportunity!

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Physio Talk



with Neil Bell

THE BUSHRATS ARE BACK...

It's cricket season!

My favourite time of the year. I love cricket. I love watching it, I love checking the scores online and I love playing for the Tamborine Mountain Bushrats.

Cricket's a funny game though. Some of us (the sane ones) love it and some of us totally hate it. I get it. It is hard to explain why I love the game so much to someone who sees five days of people standing around doing boring stuff and a game that ends in a draw after all that time.

My son, when he was 8, once said to me as we watched the Ashes on TV "Dad, cricket is the most boring thing on TV ... But I just can't stop watching it." It has a certain magical appeal that is hard to explain to people who just don't get it.

So why do I play? In general, I love team sports. I think it is the best way to "do" sport.

Any team sport. My encouragement to everyone in our community is to get out and join in with one of the myriad team sport options we have on the Mountain. It is a sure-fire way to increase your fitness levels, lose weight, improve your mental health, gain an emotional sense of belonging, and to meet new people.

And there is actually a tremendous amount of evidence to back this up. Studies have concluded that athletes who play team sports are healthier, more satisfied with life, have increased levels of long-term happiness and have better academic results. They live longer and have a decreased risk of disease such as heart disease, Alzheimer's and dementia.

Wow. How cool. But that's not why I play.

I love the camaraderie. I love hanging out with a bunch of people who have the same passion as me and I love being around people who have my back. I enjoy the gentle ribbing that we give each other, and I love watching someone defend their teammate. And I love the time after the game.

The time where we talk about our families, our work, what's happening at school or how our kids are getting on. I love that the Bushrats have senior sides with people ranging from 16 to 56 years of age. It is unique and it is special.

This is an unashamed plug for the cricket club. If you love cricket, just give us a ring. Who knows, maybe you will get a chance to get back on the pitch again, chase that little red ball and hear the sound of willow on leather.

But more than that, this is an encouragement for all of you to get off your butt and join in some team sport in this amazing community. We have so many options for all ages. Every club on the Mountain has junior teams and senior teams, quite a few also have social as well as competitive teams. No more excuses. Find out what is out there and go and join in. If you don't know where to start, give me a ring at Physique and I'll get back to you with what options there are in this awesome community.



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ENERGEX STATE-OF-THE-ART DRONES TAKE TO THE AIR IN PREPARATION FOR SUMMER STORMS

Undoubtedly, we'll see severe weather descending on Queensland in the coming weeks and Energex have crews ready on the ground and now in the air thanks to the company's new highly advanced drone fleet.

While Energex has been using drones for a number of purposes for the past few years, the technology has advanced significantly in recent times and this summer the drones will allow crews to locate damage undetectable with the naked eye through thermal imaging cameras to installing lifesaving markers on powerlines and help keep people safe during flooding.

Energex Technology Manager Rob Ibbs said the latest drone fleet is helping the organisation prepare the power network for summer and will help crews undertake tasks much safer and quicker than ever.

"For a number of years, we've been using drones to investigate damage in hard-to-reach sections of the power network after storms, and helping to string powerlines between power poles," Mr Ibbs said.

"This week we will have specially equipped drones installing 'rotamarkers' along flood-prone waterways to make powerlines more visible for emergency service workers such as the State Emergency Service volunteers who use the waterways to ferry stranded people to safety.

"We'll also be trialling drones equipped with state-of-the-art thermal imaging cameras that provide our crews images showing damage to sections of the power network that have

traditionally been difficult to detect from the ground or through the naked eye.

"Together these new drones are helping us prepare for the upcoming severe weather in a way we've never been able to before and allowing us to do it much faster and safer than ever."

Mr Ibbs said while Energex's drone fleet is now an integral part of preparing for summer, the electricity distributor is undertaking all its traditional pre-storm season activities to ensure the network is as resilient as possible.

"Over the cooler months our crews have been extremely busy upgrading and maintaining the state's power network to ensure it is in optimum condition for when the severe weather season commences," he said.

"Where required we have been replacing powerlines, upgrading transformers and testing our network control systems so when the inevitable happens and storms hit, our crews will be ready to go at a moment's notice."

Mr Ibbs also said the coming weeks were a good time for Queenslanders to get their family and properties ready for summer.

"There are some very simple steps people can take to prepare for summer storms and a quick tidy up around the yard can save a lot of angst once wild weather hits," he said.

"During a storm, items such as outdoor furniture, toys and fallen branches can become lethal missiles which could seriously injure a family member or damage your property.



"These projectiles can also become caught in powerlines, causing outages or bringing powerlines down, so start your preparations by taking a walk around your property and securing any loose items.

"Next trim any overgrown or loose tree branches, but don't cut any trees near powerlines. If you're concerned about tree branches being too close to powerlines, contact your local tree contractor or call Energex.

"Finally, move inside the home and check that you have a storm kit with items such as a torch, battery powered radio, portable power bank to charge mobile phones, a first aid kit and fresh batteries in an easily accessible place. Make sure the whole family knows where the kit is located.

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This dish is perfect to feed a gathering such as large family group, or for a backyard BBQ party. These lovely legs are first marinated in my Creole and then baked to crispy perfection, before smothering them in lashes of my Captain Kidd spiced rum BBQ sauce. They can simply be cooked then placed on a tray for guests to delight in helping themselves. For those who don't like spicy and prefer mild flavours, simply substitute my Creole seasoning for my Gaucho, and it'll be *winner-winner, chicken dinner*.

Did you know? The humble oven was an instrumental invention in our development as a species. We used this tool in a makeshift way, to increase our mobility, and it also provided the ability for substantial nourishment for brain development, in order for us to thrive. The remnants from the earliest known ovens were found in Central Europe dating back to 29,000 BC. Inside an ancient yurt, archaeologists discovered a fire pit where hunter gatherers had wrapped mammoth meat in leaves and then cooked it buried underneath hot coals and earth. This type of cooking is remarkably efficient and is still done by indigenous peoples all around the world to this very day, particularly in the Pacific islands.

Chef Dylan tip: Be sure to turn the legs over halfway during the cooking process to ensure even cooking. If you don't have a pastry brush, simply pour a tablespoon of sauce from the bottle and carefully drizzle it over the chicken. I would recommend doubling this recipe, as these lovely legs are as delicious cold as they are hot, and an easy lunch for hungry workers who want to save some money instead of buying lunch.

Memory Lane, Temecula, California 2017

"Want to meet for some lunch?" says my newfound friend Ken, a 6-foot-6 gentle giant of a Texan who is built like 'The Rock' Dwayne Johnson. "It's a Texan BBQ-style restaurant in town". I let out a giggle as he adds lightheartedly: "Don't get me wrong the last 2 weeks at the retreat listening to Francis talk about the science of awakening

sure has been enlightening but I need to get me some meat! I'm starving!". "I've really enjoyed the vegetarian meals" I say wholeheartedly. "Well, you can have a salad then while watching me devour the house specialty: a giant platter of smoked spicy barbecue chicken drumsticks" he says excitedly. "Are you coming or what?". "Count me in buddy!" I reply enthusiastically. "Sweet, man... I'll pick you up in an hour then." he adds before hanging up the phone.

As I wait outside for my ride, I notice that most of the neighbours have in the front yard, a large American flag, gently flapping in the wind. I hear Ken before I see him come around the bend, the roar of his brand new bright yellow Ford Mustang GT comes to a halt. I open the passenger door while the massive V8 5 litre engine continues to purr like a lion. Ken puts out his giant calloused hand to greet me – "Get in and buckle up partner," he says as we take off like a jet from where I was staying. We spend the next 20 minutes winding our way through the incredible scenery of hillsides and vineyards, before finding our way into the city of Temecula.

As Ken pulls into the parking lot, I can't help but notice the place feels like we are in a movie set. "This is so surreal" I say to Ken. As we continue down the street "The buildings all look like they are straight out of a 1960's Western movie" I say in amazement. "Ya'll don't have this kind of themed set up in Australia?" asks Ken genuinely shocked. "Nah mate, this is some straight up whacky stuff, ha-ha" I joke. "Welcome to America man! The land of the free. If you build it, they will come" he says proudly as we arrive to the stylish saloon-looking restaurant. "Get ready for some serious flavour, my friend, Texas style!" says Ken as he pushes through the saloon style doors.

If you're craving a drool-worthy spring barbecue dinner, give this super easy recipe a go.

Prep Time 10 minutes

Cook Time 50 minutes plus 30 minutes

Total Time 1 hour 30 minutes

Ingredients

- 2kg Chicken drumsticks, about 12



- 6 tbs Creole seasoning*
- 4 tbs oil
- 1 cup Captain Kidd Spiced Rum BBQ sauce*

*Chef Dylan's Gourmet Food Co. range

Method

1. In a mixing bowl, add Creole and oil and combine.
2. Add drumsticks, Using your hands, generously coat the seasoning all over the drumsticks.
3. Set aside to allow the Creole seasoning to marinate the meat ~20 minutes.
4. Meanwhile preheat the oven to 180°C and line a roasting tray with baking paper for easy cleanup, if desired.
5. Transfer the chicken drumsticks to the prepared roasting tray arranging them on the wire rack with a little space in between.
6. Bake, in the middle of the oven, for 40 minutes, flipping half time.
7. When the time is up, remove from the oven and brush each chicken drumstick with BBQ sauce.
8. Return to the oven and bake for 10 minutes, then flip the drumsticks and repeat the process once again.
9. Serve immediately and enjoy with your chosen accompaniments.

Like us on Facebook for more recipes to get ready for entertaining this BBQ season.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM BEGINS WITH A BANG – A SILENT MUSIC PARTY

Scenic Rim cultural centres and libraries will become fun central during the September school holidays with free and low-cost activities for children of all ages and interests.

The holidays kick off with a free Silent Music Party on Friday 16 September, to be held simultaneously at The Centre Beaudesert, Boonah Cultural Centre and Vonda Youngman Community Centre on Tamborine Mountain from 3.30pm to 5.30pm.

For primary and high school students, this unique event features bright lights and a DJ but with 150 sets of headphones instead of loudspeakers to raise the roof. There's no need to book but adult supervision for under 12s and high school student ID is required.



Scenic Rim Arts Reference Group Chair Councillor Michael Enright said Council's school holiday program offered great value for families on a shoestring budget.

Council's libraries have a range of free hands-on activities, including mixed media artwork, cardboard robots, cardboard creatures and creative writing workshops for aspiring authors.

At just \$5, including the movie, a drink and a snack, and adults' tickets at children's prices, the Kids' Flicks from Monday 19 September to Friday 30 September are still the best school holiday value in town.

The Centre Beaudesert, Boonah Cultural Centre and Zamia Theatre Tamborine Mountain will be screening *The Bad Guys* (PG), *Sonic the Hedgehog 2* (PG), *Spies in Disguise* (PG), *Ghostbusters: Afterlife* (PG) and *The Mitchells v The Machines* (PG).

There's plenty to keep young dancers on their toes as Queensland Ballet presents a free Petite Pointers Workshop for ages 2-5 years at Boonah Cultural Centre on Thursday 22 September and at Vonda Youngman Community Centre on Friday 23 September.

On the same days, and at the same locations, Queensland Ballet will also be running Junior Dance Camps for ages 6-12 years for \$32 for Queensland Ballet members or \$35 for non-members.

A holiday highlight will be the Sound and Lighting Creativity Lab with Goat Track Theatre Company on Tuesday 20 September at the Vonda Youngman Community Centre.



In the creativity lab, art and science will make for a magical mix as children aged 8-16 learn how to create mind-blowing theatre by experimenting with sound, lighting, special effects and projection. At just \$25, places are

limited and bookings are essential.

Crafty kids can enjoy a range of workshops across the Scenic Rim, including Creative Resin Coasters on Monday 26 September at the Vonda Youngman Community Centre and Wednesday 28 September at Boonah Cultural Centre and The Centre Beaudesert.

For budding masterchefs, Council has a Kids in the Kitchen Pastry Chefs workshop at The Centre Beaudesert and Boonah Cultural Centre on Tuesday 20 September and on Thursday 22 September at the Vonda Youngman Community Centre for just \$12.

A Snacks and Sweets workshop, also for \$12, is on the menu on Thursday 22 September at The Centre Beaudesert and on Tuesday 27 September at Boonah Cultural Centre.

For full details of the school holiday program visit whatsonscenicrim.com/ or liveatthecentre.com.au/ or scenicrim.qld.gov.au/our-community/libraries (QR code at right)



Photos:

- *The Queensland Ballet's Petite Pointers workshop for ages 2-5 is one of the many free activities in Council's September school holiday program. (top)*
- *What's cooking for Scenic Rim's September school holidays - Kids in the Kitchen Pastry Chefs workshops. (bottom left)*
- *For crafty kids, Council is offering a range of hands-on workshops including Creative Resin Coasters. (right)*



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3. Near to which Sicilian city is Mount Etna?
4. In 1997, an eruption of Soufriere Hills virtually buried Plymouth, the capital of which Caribbean island?
5. Which dormant volcano is also the highest mountain in Africa?
6. Which North American volcano famously erupted in 1980 causing fallout over much of the Northern Hemisphere?
7. Which chain of islands, stretching from Alaska for about 1600 miles into the northern Pacific, are almost all volcanic?
8. Volcan Llaima, which erupted in 1994, is in which South American country?
9. Where would you have to travel to stand at the foot of the volcano Olympus Mons?
10. On which island is Grimsvotn, a volcano which erupted in 2004, causing the surrounding glacial ice to melt into raging torrents?
11. Which volcano is potentially a major threat to the city of Naples?
12. Which region of central France is famous for its many extinct volcanoes?
13. Which volcano is also the highest mountain in Japan?
14. Which volcano is also the highest mountain in Europe?
15. Mount Rainier is the highest peak of the Cascade mountains, most of which are volcanic. In which country is the Cascade range?
16. The Beerenberg volcano stands on Jan Mayen island between Greenland and Iceland. On which geographical feature does it sit?

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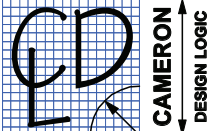
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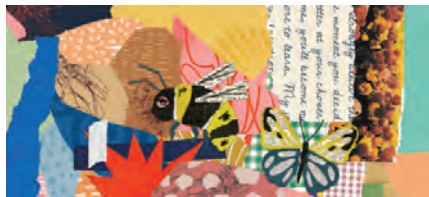
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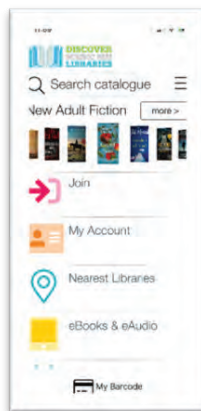
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