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TWO WEEKS TO MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD



Consultation via Council's online community engagement platform, Let's Talk Scenic Rim, closes on Wednesday 26 October 2022. Image is a visualisation of the Gallery Walk design concept as viewed from the northern end. Story pages 3 and 5.



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COUNCIL SEEKS COMMUNITY INPUT ON CONCEPT PLANS FOR GALLERY WALK



Gallery Walk design concept – view from the Southern end

Members of the Scenic Rim community, business operators and visitors to the region are being invited to help shape planning for Tamborine Mountain’s Gallery Walk by providing their feedback on concept plans for the popular precinct.

Community consultation will run for a period of three weeks, with feedback invited on concept designs for the improvement of Gallery Walk marking another step towards the development of a business case for a pedestrian boulevard.

Scenic Rim Mayor Greg Christensen said the business case will be key to the revitalisation of Gallery Walk, as it will be used to seek grant funding from the Queensland and Australian governments to progress the detailed design and construction of improvements to the precinct on Tamborine Mountain’s state-controlled Long Road.

“With more than 70 bespoke shops and hospitality businesses in one block, Gallery Walk is an important destination for visitors and locals alike and, over the past 20 years, a number of improvements have been made to the precinct following consultation with members of the community and stakeholders,” he said.

“Since 2010, when Council developed the Gallery Walk Renewal Plan, the message from the community has been clear – that more parking is needed.

“The congestion along Gallery Walk in peak periods causes frustration for shoppers, business owners and residents and creates hazards for drivers and pedestrians, leading to a less pleasant experience for all.

“Community consultation in 2021 helped Council to identify the current challenges to be addressed to improve Gallery Walk and this has been incorporated into the concept designs towards the development of the pedestrian boulevard business case.”

In line with its Strategic Land Purchase Initiative, Council recently acquired a 6.17-hectare property in the heart of the Gallery Walk precinct with ample, gently sloping land providing direct vehicle and pedestrian access to Long Road.

Results of the community consultation in October will aid Council’s design of a carpark on the site that will not only alleviate current traffic issues, but also provide convenient parking for local residents and visitors well into the future.

The current round of community consultation builds on previous feedback received from the community which is available as a report on the *Let’s Talk Scenic Rim* website’s Gallery Walk project page.

As Long Road is the responsibility of the Department of Transport and Main Roads, Council has continued to advocate for additional improvements to support the Gallery Walk precinct.

In 2020, Council was allocated \$150,100 under the Queensland Government’s Building our Regions program to develop its Tamborine Mountain Gallery Walk Pedestrian Boulevard Business Case and is also contributing \$75,100 towards the project.

Division 2 Councillor and Deputy Mayor Jeff McConnell said Council knows from previous surveys and stakeholder workshops that the community wants Gallery Walk to remain a beautiful place that everyone can enjoy and be proud of, that offers a welcoming country atmosphere with arts and culture, local produce and products, and that is more connected with nature through trees and greenery.

“People want a space for activities and events for locals and visitors, that is more accessible and comfortable with improved lighting, shade and seating and is safer for pedestrians with better footpaths and more convenient for motorists with improved traffic management and parking,” he said.

“Both of the concept designs respond to this community input, with variations in landscaping, parking configurations and footpath design.”

The community consultation will focus on two key questions – what elements of the concept designs do people like and what changes would they suggest to improve the designs.

Consultation via Council’s online community engagement platform, *Let’s Talk Scenic Rim* closes on Wednesday 26

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LOCAL POTTER WINS IN SYDNEY TEAPOT SHOW

Nicci Parry-Jones, founder of PJ Pottery, recently achieved a long-held goal of winning an award in the iconic 2022 Sydney Teapot Show.

Her fantastic tea-drinking Steampunk Jabberwocky teapot (pictured) was awarded a \$500 prize sponsored by Gleebooks, and the judge loved it so much, he bought it.

Nicci has been making ceramics for almost 30 years, creating homeware, sculptures and her now well-known unique Steampunk teapots. Each is individually crafted, no two exactly the same. This art style is a fascinating mix of features from the Industrial Age, Punk, Medieval and mechanical parts, all married together into intriguing forms and designs, and has become popular in fashion, sculpture and film.

Under her brand PJ Pottery, Nicci creates full-time from her studio on Tamborine Mountain, happily dividing her time between creating and teaching ceramics.

PJ Pottery will be part of Pottery Road, Open Studio Tamborine Mountain and Valley Trail, on 12 and 13 November from 10am to 4pm, in association with the Australian Ceramics Open Studio event, along with four other local potters - Larissa Warren (Ratbag Studios), Julia Bramich (Julia Bramich Ceramics), Jo Mackenzie (Jo Mackenzie Ceramics) and Claudia De Salvo (Claudia De Salvo Makes) and including local gallery Under the Greenwood Tree's exhibition of Julie Shepherd's ceramics titled, Nature Blues.

Contact Nicci for more details hello@pjpottery.com



GET READY WEEK A TIMELY REMINDER TO BE PREPARED

With the forecast for a third consecutive summer of above average rainfall and potential flooding, *Get Ready Queensland Week* is a timely reminder for Scenic Rim residents to be prepared.

Scenic Rim Local Disaster Management Group Chair Greg Christensen has urged residents to use *Get Ready Queensland Week*, from 10 to 16 October, to prepare a 'what if' plan for extreme weather conditions which may again impact the region.

"Once again, with the current forecast for wet weather and predictions of a third La Nina weather event in a row, we are facing a season that could bring flooding to the Scenic Rim so we need to prepare now," he said.

"Whether it's the wet season, storm season or bushfire season, everyone needs to have a 'what if' plan in place to ensure their own safety and the safety of their family and friends.

"It's particularly important everyone understands the potential for flooding in areas in which they live and work and that they have a plan in place."

While many Scenic Rim residents have experienced a series of flood events

between 2017 following ex-Tropical Cyclone Debbie and earlier this year, those new to the region may be unaware of the potential dangers.

"Although we know that no two flood events are ever the same, I urge anyone who is new to the Scenic Rim to ask their neighbours which roads are prone to flooding so they can be prepared," he said.

Throughout the Scenic Rim there are more than 1000 points at which waterways intersect with Council's road network and extreme weather events can bring sudden localised flooding in many areas.

Even residents in areas which are not considered at risk of flooding should also be aware that, during extreme weather, they could become isolated by flood waters, preventing them from reaching their home, schools, local shops or workplace.

As well as preparing a household emergency plan, residents are advised to stock up on sufficient supplies to last three days and check their insurance coverage.

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GALLERY WALK PLANS – continued from page 3

October 2022.

Cr McConnell encouraged residents to take part in the community consultation that would shape the future of this important project.

"I urge community members to make the most of this opportunity to contribute to the planning of one of our region's most popular precincts, by letting us know what you think about the current concept designs," he said.

Sign up to have your say and leave your feedback on the Gallery Walk project by visiting letstalk.scenicrim.qld.gov.au/gallery-walk (or use the QR code below)



The Tamborine Mountain Gallery Walk Pedestrian Boulevard Business Case is proudly funded by the Queensland Government's Building our Regions program in association with Scenic Rim Regional Council.

Design concept visualisations:
(top right) Off-street parking
(right) Southern end of Gallery Walk



"I encourage everyone to prepare their homes now to reduce the impact of flooding by clearing gutters and downpipes, checking the condition of their roof and trimming overhanging branches close to the house," Mayor Christensen said.

"The disaster preparedness section on Council's website www.scenicrim.qld.gov.au is a great source of information with checklists and other tools to help members of the community to get ready.

"Become familiar with the Scenic Rim Regional Council Disaster Dashboard (use the QR code at right) as this provides a single source of information on weather warnings, road conditions and emergency updates.

"During a disaster or extreme weather event, be sure to log on to the

disaster dashboard and tune in to your local radio station for regular updates to ensure you and your family stay safe."

Mayor Christensen said the forecast wet weather could impact Council's scheduled roadworks as the focus shifted to emergent works which may be necessary in coming weeks.

"I share the frustration of the community that our scheduled works have been disrupted significantly in recent months and that this is likely to continue for some time given the weather forecast," he said.

"Be assured that the safety of our community and attention to the most urgent repairs will continue to be our priority."



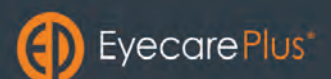
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On: Lot 1 on RP157487

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Application ref: MCU22/085

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MEETING MARY GRAHAM

by Sandra Sewell

When I first heard Mary Graham speak, she scared the proverbial out of me – which is surprising, because she is one of the least intimidating people I know.

The scare was all of my own making. As many others, I had rarely been in the same room with an Indigenous person, let alone for a day workshop. I had not moved from thinking I knew something about Indigenous culture to speaking with and listening to an actual Indigenous person.

What could I say, or not say? What was it ok to ask? Would I show my ignorance or insensitivity or, worse, unconscious racism?

I'm not saying that Mary soothed those fears but, more importantly, she changed what I thought I knew and, most importantly, started me on a path to respect Indigenous culture, to ask questions and to listen – a path I am still stumbling along decades later. Indigenous teachers, and Mary Graham in particular, have enriched my life.

As many will know, Mary is a descendant of Kombumerri woman, Jenny Graham, and grew up in Southport with her siblings. In a career of over 30 years, Mary has worked with numbers of government agencies, community organisations and universities. As now Adjunct Associate Professor in Political Science at the University of Queensland, she teaches Aboriginal politics, history and comparative philosophy. In all her work, Mary has enriched many people's lives, not just mine.

Because of COVID restrictions, Mary and her colleagues at Future Dreaming (Australian Earth Laws Alliance) have had to present their workshops online. **The Connecting to Place, Caring for Country workshop at MGA on October 22nd is a special opportunity to attend a workshop in person. (BOOKINGS via the QR code at right)**

I look forward to meeting you there.

Kind regards
Sue, Sandra and Catherine



Mary Graham



Connecting to Place Caring for Country

How human relationships with the living world can form a foundation for society

Bringing together Aboriginal philosophy and law, this workshop focuses on how ancient and emerging place-based, Earth-centred approaches can offer an effective,

practical, compassionate and sustainable future for Australia.

Saturday 22 October 2022 10am–2pm

WHERE: Making Good Alliance, 6-8 Knoll Road, North Tamborine

ENQUIRIES: onthemountain24@gmail.com
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TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN BRIDGE CLUB RESULTS

Tamborine Mountain Bridge Club was delighted to welcome nearly 20 players from other bridge clubs at Coomera, Helensvale and Sanctuary Cove for the annual interclub challenge, held on Thursday 6th October.

We had a very sociable afternoon of good company and good competitive bridge and are pleased to announce that the Mountaineers won the day over the Lowlanders.

The visitors appreciated the wonderful hospitality of Tamborine Mountain with the usual delicious baking provided for afternoon tea and wine and snacks after play.

MONDAY (3-OCT-22)

1. 57.29% LAURENE HASSARD - EDDIE HEINEMEYER
2. 56.25% HEIKE EDRICH - PAM WARRELL
3. 54.17% ALEX HOOD - ASHLEY ANDERSSON

WEDNESDAY (5-OCT-22)

- NS 1. 65.42% LINDY WILLIAMS - EDDIE HEINEMEYER
- NS 2. 51.56% BILL LARCOMBE - HANK VAN LIESHOUT
- NS 3. 48.75% SHEILA IRVINE-BROWN - MARGARET PILE

EW 1. 57.81% PETER MORRIS - SHEENA POLLOCK

EW 2. 52.60% KAREN SCOTT - SUE STEVENS

EW 3. 49.58% JENNY STRACHAN - DI LARCOMBE

THURSDAY INTERCLUB CHALLENGE (6-OCT-22)

WINNER: TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN

NS 1. 60.32% NIMAL WEERASINGHE - BILL PETERS

NS 2. 60.29% CAROLYN MCMURRAY - PAM SCARR

NS 3. 59.57% JENNY STRACHAN - EDDIE HEINEMEYER TM

EW 1. 62.89% MARY SIMON - KEVIN HAMILTON-REEN TM

EW 2. 57.27% DI LARCOMBE - BILL LARCOMBE TM

EW 3. 53.26% DAVID DONALDSON - GAYLE DONALDSON TM

If anyone is interested in joining our friendly club to learn or play bridge, please contact Sheila Irvine-Brown on 0407451 973. We have four sessions a week, some for newer players and others for the more experienced.

TMCCA 30TH AGM HELD ON 16TH SEPTEMBER 2022

Tamborine Mountain Community Care held their 30th AGM on Friday 16th September 2022. 30 years of operation within the community of Tamborine Mountain is a significant milestone for the organisation. Because of the foresight of a few individuals all those years ago, recognising the need to provide assistance to the ageing population so that they can remain living in their homes rather than prematurely enter residential aged care facilities, the organisation was incorporated in September of 1992 and has grown from strength to strength through continuous improvement of what we do and how we do it.

Funded by the Commonwealth government to provide in-home aged care services, we are extremely proud to be able to help our clients to remain living at home, to provide them with a confidence that help is available when they need it.

We rely on a knowledgeable Management Committee, all of whom are volunteers, to oversee the running of the incorporated association. Holding a position on the committee has significant responsibilities, and the inputs from each individual are appreciated.



volunteer in a number of roles including driving clients to medical appointments, administration and social support group activities (both leading and supporting staff).

Ruth Constantine – Ruth has been a volunteer at TMCCA for a period of six years. She has, and continues to volunteer in the roles of driving clients to medical appointments and providing Social Support on a one-on-one basis (assistance with shopping etc.).

Linda Garrett – Linda has been a volunteer at TMCCA for a period of 16 years. She has, and continues to volunteer driving clients to medical appointments.

Sandra Evans – Sandra has been a volunteer at TMCCA for a period of 18 years. She has, and continues to volunteer in the roles of driving clients to medical appointments and Social Support Group activities (both leading and supporting craft activities). Sandra also supplies some wonderful sweet treats for staff and clients when she helps with the social activities.

Geoff Marshall
Manager - TMCCA

PHOTOS: (left) Left to right: Nigel Waistell (President), Elizabeth Davis, Marion Baxter, Effie Anderson (Vice President), Bev Kirk (Secretary), Greg Ingold

(Treasurer), Lyndall Drennan. Absent are Keith Attwood and Gail Molson

(below) Left to Right: Sandra Evans, Rita Keeble, Linda Garrett, Ruth Constantine.



Thanks to committee members that have stood down this year, Didi Simons, Neil Smith, Ian MacAllan, Jackie Sherrard-Smith and John Clem, who has been the TMCCA secretary for a period of eight years.

All nominees for the 2022/2023 election were appointed at the AGM. Returning officers, Nigel Waistell—President, Effie Anderson—Vice President, Greg Ingold— Treasurer and Gail Molson, Elizabeth Davis and Keith Attwood, Newly appointed for the first time this year are Bev Kirk— Secretary, Marion Baxter and Lyndal Drennan.

Honorary Memberships Awarded

Under the terms of the TMCCA constitution the outgoing Management Committee are able to award honorary life membership to individuals who have made an outstanding contribution to the Association. In exercising their powers, four recipients were awarded with honorary membership at the 30th AGM.

Rita Keeble – Rita has been a volunteer at TMCCA for a period of 5 years. She has, and continues to





JON KRAUSE MP

State Member for Scenic Rim

OUR CASINOS – QUEENSLANDERS DESERVE THE TRUTH

Last week saw a damning report into Star Entertainment Group that operates the Gold Coast and Brisbane casinos. Unfortunately, it highlights again the chaos and dysfunction of the Palaszczuk Government.

The actions of Star under the watch of this government are completely unacceptable. However, this report was a missed opportunity to get to the bottom of the scandals that have come upon Star, not to mention its Queensland government regulator. This inquiry – chaired by well-respected retired Justice Robert Gotterson AO KC – was way too narrow from the start to fully examine the links between the Palaszczuk Government, Labor lobbyists, unions and the regulator. The Palaszczuk Government set these terms.

We already know that Star secretly engaged the Premier’s former Deputy Chief of Staff Evan Moorhead’s lobbying firm Anacta Strategies and hired former Labor candidate Corinne Mulholland as its in-house lobbyist, together with links to other well-known Labor and union members. Mr Gotterson’s hands were effectively tied and he was unable to investigate these matters further. Queenslanders deserve better from their government.

UKRAINE AND UNCERTAIN TIMES

At the time of writing, Monday night, missiles are impacting Ukraine as part of their ongoing conflict with Russia, and unfortunately the global outlook for peace and stability continues to worsen. These events – even though a long way away in physical terms – have the potential to cause huge disruption to Australia by destabilising the international trade we depend on, pushing the price of essentials even higher and reducing overall national income. These events reinforce the need for affordable, reliable energy and policies to support our businesses and industries at home in Queensland and Australia. While we hope for peace and prosperity, uncertainty looms large on the horizon, and we must do whatever we can to ensure the independence and sustainability of our economy and way of life into the future, even in the face of huge disruption that may come our way from over the seas.

BITUMEN SCAM WARNING

Roving bitumen traders offering driveway repairs and bitumen laying services are back, targeting the community.

This is the latest iteration of a long-running scam on unaware Queenslanders. Bitumen layers, also known as bitumen bandits, are complete scammers, and Office of Fair Trading have heard reports of them trying to scam residents.

I remind residents that door-to-door traders must generally not accept payment or commence work on a property within a 10-business day cooling-off period, and consumers can cancel any agreement within this period without penalty. Door-to-door traders must leave your premises if directed, and must not approach any residence displaying a 'do not knock' notice or sticker.

You can contact my office or the Office of Fair Trading to order a free 'do not knock' sticker. If you think you have seen these traders, contact the Office of Fair Trading on 13 QGOV (13 74 68) so they can track their movements and warn other consumers.

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SISTERS OF THE SADDLE – CHALLENGING THEMSELVES TO GO FURTHER

40 female community leaders will challenge themselves to raise \$250,000. Together, they will be cycling from the Gold Coast to Brisbane over three gruelling days, in a fully supported, professional environment to raise funds for vulnerable kids.

After a 10-week training program to physically and mentally prepare themselves, they will be riding 350km, including 2,500m in elevation over 3 days.

In 2022 **Sisters of the Saddle** are raising money for their charity partner TRACTION. Using these funds TRACTION will work in partnership with a SEQ Indigenous community to co-design a community bicycle and mentoring program for young people that meets community needs and builds strong collective ties.

TRACTION will engage directly with an Indigenous school or youth organisation, local community Elders and young people, to co-design and deliver a program that incorporates TRACTION’s holistic youth mentoring approach and culturally-safe, interconnected and sustainable initiatives that meet the unique needs of the community and its young people.

With suicide being the major contributor to teen deaths, and the issues this age group has encountered over the last few years, SOS aims to support a charity which helps reduce the likelihood of these children falling through the cracks.

NOTICE OF EVENT ON LOCAL ROADS

Friday

21 October 2022

40 cyclists raising funds for vulnerable children will pass over Tamborine Mountain.

The group will ascend Tamborine Mountain Rd between approximately 9:30am and 11:30am, stopping at Doughty Park and Rotary Lookout. Their descent will traverse Lahey Rd, Long Rd, Macdonnell Rd, Tamborine Oxenford Rd to Kriedeman Rd between 11:00 and 1:00pm.





Letters to the Editor

Please limit letters to 200 words. Publication is at the discretion of the editor and subject to space availability.

YOUR MOUNTAIN NEEDS YOU

The flyers from Tamborine Mountain Progress Association that have by now appeared in everyone's letterbox are self-explanatory. Scenic Rim Regional Council has a long history of making development application decisions contrary to community expectations. We have reached a stage where approval of commercial activity under the guise of "nature-based tourism" and "minor tourism" on residential land opens the door for Gold Coast anything-goes, rapid-mountain-character-and-lifestyle degeneration.

With a population of about 8,000, most of whom have arrived for a unique non-urban lifestyle, it is the planning scheme that is the expression of the public interest and community expectations that residents rely on. As explained in the flyer, our planning scheme (*Scenic Rim Planning Scheme 2020*) is the document which everyone looks to in order to understand Council's plan for managing growth, change and what sort of development they can expect in a local area. It gives people some certainty in where they choose to live.

Whilst we live in an environmentally attractive and scenic area which attracts millions of visitors each year, this unfortunately is a magnet for greedy developers to try their luck with increasingly larger inappropriate development applications not located in the appropriate zoning in the planning scheme. Council, in its blinkered pursuit of a one-size-fits-all promotion of the Scenic Rim brand, rather than taking care of and protecting Tamborine Mountain's character, is set to damage the lifestyles of many Mountain residents, not to mention the laid-back country experience of our masses of visitors.

If you grew up in Brisbane as I did a great many years ago, you'd remember the fabulous stretches of beaches (with no shadows) and the major small population centres of Southport, Surfers, Burleigh and Coolangatta. The Brisbane to the south coast one lane Pacific Highway was clogged each weekend, and on the trip home, the hold ups were so great you had time to hop off and collect a pie at Yatala. Over the years the inevitable

incremental creep of the developers changed the coast to what we now call Tombstone Territory.

The Gold Coast beach line had a stretch of about 40 or 50 kilometers in which to expand and fill. Tamborine Mountain is a finite plateau. If Council keeps cramming anything and everything into this area without regard to and better aligning with the strong values of its residents contained in the planning scheme, Tamborine Mountain will very soon look like the proverbial dog's breakfast.

This Gillespie/Osens appeal outlined in the letterbox flyers is a critical point which the community needs to win. It might alert narrow focused Council planners to take care in cozying up to developers without regard for community expectations. This development proposal is a gross over-development of the site and there is no planning need, especially when another appropriately zoned site may be available.

Unfortunately, development applications (large and small) which the community would perceive as inappropriate and contrary to the planning scheme are coming into Council regularly. To turn this downside in the Mountain's character around, a strong message needs to be sent to Council. This Gillespie/Osens appeal is that watershed case.

Jeanette Lockey
President, TMPA

STRATEGY MUST FACE REVIEW

I support Cr. Derek Swanborough's Notice of Motion for the next Council Meeting. It requires that, "before the Growth Management Strategy is considered by Council for adoption, and after it is updated with the latest census data and Council's responses to the public submissions, that it be put out for public review and comment for a period of 30 days." Consider our situation.

The Tamborine Mountain plateau township is the main population centre of the Scenic Rim with about 20% of the Shire's residents in 0.3% of

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CONNECTING TO OUR BIOMES

We have a yoga retreat coming up. The last week of March 31/3/23 – 2/4/23 in the exquisite mountains of Springbrook. And yes, these affairs are planned and advertised months in advance as my very

busy students need some warning to factor in this spectacular weekend.

This yoga retreat: *Move, Breathe, Love* - is all about your biome and how your biome is but a reflection of the biome of Mother Earth. And by connecting to, and nourishing the 39 trillion microbial cells including bacteria, viruses and fungi that rule us with an interconnected intelligence – influencing how we digest our food, our mental health and how conscious we really are, we will take this great leap in awareness and realise that we are all metaphors of the biome of the Earth and the consciousness of the planet. Sound farfetched? Not in the world of yoga which, philosophically, is light years ahead of the rational scientific model worshipped by the Western world. In yoga we see the world in terms of energy, of conscious exchange, of love and abundance, of self-responsibility and self-discipline.

About 40 years ago, Lovelock and Margulis developed their famous Gaia Hypothesis. From a Gaian perspective, living systems on Earth were capable of steering the planet toward conditions that were favourable to life. Expanding on this hypothesis, scientists now talk about “Earth Systems”, the strongly coupled interplay of atmosphere, hydrosphere, cryosphere, geosphere and biosphere. An evolving, synergistic, intelligent planet.

There are many examples of collective intelligence in the natural world. Colonies of social insects, like bees, show a collective and often superior intelligence than the individuals that form them. A single bee holds only a small amount of information about the world, but its colony as a whole knows and responds to the environment. Fungal networks, known as mycorrhizal networks, that share water and nutrients between individual trees in forests also reveal a form of collective intelligence. Researchers have found that fungal networks allow forests stretching hundreds of miles to recognize and respond to changing conditions.

Yogic, Buddhist, Taoist, and Sufi masters trained in the metaphysical traditions can reach and participate in wider portions of the consciousness spectrum, and, in some cases, touch the unique form of consciousness that is manifested by the Earth. Certainly, very many Native traditions, including our own First Nations peoples, talk of Mother Earth and experience the Earth as a living conscious being.

Right now, the consciousness of humanity is fragmented and divided against itself. But on yoga retreat we will quiet our minds, observe the breath, connect with our biomes and aim to connect to the consciousness of our human species that is joining with the consciousness of the Earth to form an emergent Planetary Consciousness. Because consciousness is the birthplace of change.

Margot Wagner
Yoga Under the Bodhi Tree

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The yoga studio is closed for maintenance from the 6/11/22 – 13/11/22.

Relationships



THINK WIN-WIN

This week we look at Habit 4 in Stephen Covey's *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Families*. 'Think win-win' is the fundamental paradigm of seeking mutual benefit. Our society is saturated with 'win-lose': all forms of sports, job applications, television contests, education ranking systems. All this competitiveness seeps into family life. When parents are more concerned about having their own way than in building a relationship, nobody wins.

It's easy for parents to set up a win-lose dynamic. Let's face it, as parents we are generally wiser, bigger and stronger. It's much easier to go for win-lose and have your own way. But what happens when your children become teenagers? Will they be clear-thinking adolescents empowered to make good choices on their own? Or will they be so engaged in the reactive struggle, so focused on "winning" that they fail to connect with their own inner wisdom?

Alternatively, you may default to the lose-win option, taking the path of least resistance by continually giving in to your child's demands. This ultimately becomes lose-lose as your child reaps the consequences of myopic decisions without the perspective of a parent's guidance and experience. The long-term loss is lack of respect for parents and a relationship based on manipulation rather than trust.

There are ways to cultivate a spirit of win-win in your home. Let your children win in the little things, matters of preference rather than matters of principle. Be open to your child's influence. Allow them to have some choices and take a stand only on the things that really count. Interact with them around important matters. Communicate that you have their welfare in mind. Where possible, involve them in working out a solution to the issue. Together, you may be able to create a new alternative that's better than either of your viewpoints.

Adolescents' needs and wants are often on a collision course with parents' expectations. This is an opportunity for a discussion between parties about needs and concerns with an attitude of desiring to reach a solution. Being willing to listen and understand where your teen is coming from will help you compile a list of needs and expectations from both perspectives. This paves the way for negotiation and compromises, reaching solutions that you can both live with. Drawing up a "Win-Win Agreement" provides your teenager with clear boundaries. With an agreement in place, ongoing arguments are reduced.

Covey suggests that parenting is basically a "dissatisfaction" business. As a parent you deal with all kinds of expressions of dissatisfaction from your children while the things you do to provide the underpinnings of happiness and security go unnoticed. Don't make the mistake of thinking that your children's expressions of dissatisfaction represent the quality of the job you're doing. Act on the assumption that your kids are trying their best as they see it, and this will exert a powerful influence on bringing out the best in them.

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Physio Talk



with REBECCA BELL

TRUST

After my last article discussing trauma, I had a phone call from a beautiful lady called Renae. She is the owner and operator of Creative Body Flow, and an aerial yoga instructor here on the Mountain. What an amazing background she has in helping people who

have suffered various types of trauma, among other things, and the way she is able to use her skills now to help in a physical outlet for this is incredible. She invited me to come along and try a session... which got me thinking about the matter of "Trust".

Being a busy health professional, it's not often now that I am on the flip side of receiving an intervention that I have never experienced before, or at least know a fair bit about. But this really had me thinking – what would it involve? Who was this lady? What would the practice of aerial yoga ACTUALLY include? I had seen some of those photos and spoken to other people – would she expect me to do some pretty crazy stunts or go into an inversion position? I almost started thinking perhaps I wouldn't go. I almost talked myself out of it. But... curiosity got the better of me. And I am sure glad it did.

I started thinking about all of our amazing patients who we have been incredibly lucky to help over the years. How must have they felt the first time they walked through the doors of Physique? Had they heard things about what a "physio" did before? Had they told their story to others and not been listened to? Were they really nervous about what to expect or what we would do to them, or expect them do something out of their comfort zone?

Good old Google defines Trust as *"the firm belief in the reliability, truth, or ability of someone or something"*. Well, I want to thank you for placing your trust in me, in us. For not just entrusting your physical ailments, but also for sharing your personal struggles. To the person who is struggling to walk due to pain while also caring for their husband and daughter who has cancer.

To the person who is in constant pain with migraines and still has to get up and look after their family daily. To the person who has had constant back pain and surgeries, and whose world has been turned upside down as a result. To the person who has an unexpected disorder affecting their nervous system, but still has to run the household and put their kids first. To the person who used to run marathons and now can barely walk some days due to a rare nerve condition.

There are so many more. Thank you for taking the step and being curious about whether physiotherapy could help you. Thank you for trusting us to be reliable, capable and truthful – even if that means admitting we don't always know everything but will help you take the next step. And thank you allowing us to trust you too, for teaching us a lot and holding space for us to learn from you all as result.



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TRAVELLING PLACES with Gina

What a busy time we are having in the office! Added to this, I have had computer problems for the last two weeks, so if you have emailed me or if you have been expecting me to come back to you, I thank you for your patience. Do call the office and chat to me about your travel plans.

SAVE THE DATE: Travel has returned with a rush. There is a lot of pent-up demand for people to head off and explore after being cooped up at home for such a long time. With that in mind, we are delighted to invite you to our

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its area. Calm down Beaudesert and Boonah. I see no desire by the Mountain to become the centre of administration. However, the priorities of that 20% must be respected. Regrettably, that respect has gone missing in the last few years.

The Tamborine Mountain plateau township is a local and regional asset of unique value for both residents and tourists. The critical factor is its semi-rural ambience, which has been maintained through careful planning by locals since the first Development Control Plan of 1985. The concepts were confirmed in the DCP of 1997, which ultimately resulted in what we now enjoy. The present high population density has been absorbed but there are limits. Unfortunately, this pattern is now being blown away with planning becoming top-down, rather than the bottom-up which worked so well.

A substantial factor in this success has been the planning of the town. The uncrowded residential areas are largely tucked away out of sight. The main traffic ways are in the central but rather limited low density green areas. That is what tourists and residents travelling around the township experience. The semi-rural ambience defines the character. However, densify the residential areas and further develop the green areas and that invaluable ambience will be lost. Along with it goes the unique attractiveness of the locality to residents and visitors.

Over recent months, the Council has instituted a deeply flawed sequence of planning studies on which our future will depend.

First to surface was the Growth Managed Strategy (GMS). It purports to determine how a government-mandated 11,000 additional dwellings would be accommodated in the Scenic Rim. I made a substantial submission. This centred on the plateau township, bounded as it is by escarpments and with an existing high density of population. It has minimal capability to accommodate more residents without fundamental damage to its attractiveness as a regional resource. My submission also highlighted the extreme cost to Council of upgrading the present infrastructure which, is almost non-existent. It was also relevant that the locality has already experienced a population surge.

There has been no response to the community submissions and it is the GMS in its final form which is to be presented to Councillors for adoption. Cr Swanborough is correct in asking for the opportunity for community review. Councillors may have viewed the proposal, but this would have been in one of those notorious closed Confidential Briefings. Any Councillor disclosing any of the matters discussed is subject to

severe financial penalties. This procedure is entirely in conflict with the *Local Government Act* and it is unclear how it is able to persist.

However, the whole process became utterly confused when Council released a proposal for 20 significant Amendments to the Planning Scheme. Public submissions were to be received by June's end. This was obviously a nonsense with some major amendments awaiting input from the still unpublished GMS.

In any event, one of the proposed amendments is totally objectionable in that it attempts to obliterate the Tamborine Mountain Township planning problem by removing its identity as a unique entity. It is to be included in a large area extending from the backyards of Canungra and Tamborine Village and also west to include developments accessed only from Mundoolun Connection Road. The plateau township no longer even has a name which could identify it in the Planning Scheme. To try to justify this questionable nonsense, the Amendment includes a map which is entirely devoid of any topographical information. It infers a commonality of interest and priorities which simply does not exist. It is not known when the conclusions of this study are to be published.

This far-reaching sequence of events is degenerating into a tragic farce. This is a further example of the failure of our Council organisation's failure to satisfy its responsibilities under the *Local Government Act*.

Phil Giffard

MUST BE OPPOSED

Tamborine Mountain locals are objecting to a licensed, commercial enterprise proposed in their quiet, rural/residential suburb.

The Developer has taken advantage of a weak Council which has folded on the DA, and which means it goes to Planning and Environment Court, at cost to ratepayers.

The local community members who objected, 320 in number, are planning to act as co-respondents in court to fight this application.

The Council has decided not to oppose the development, turning their back on the community, even though it is alleged the development doesn't comply with their twenty-year planning scheme.

The developer in this case is a mother of two, who claims she wants to live and raise her daughters on Tamborine Mountain.

This is an opportunity that many children would love to have.

However, if you proceed to defy the local community and act to interfere with the peaceful lifestyle of those who have been here before you, it will probably not be a hospitable outcome for you or your children.

Why not just enjoy the property you purchased and make a home that you and your family can enjoy, and allow others to continue to enjoy theirs?

Julie Wilkinson

WARMING SKEPTICISM

Thanks Wolfgang Klein, for responding to my letter on the lack of measurable evidence for human-caused global warming. You say that scientists are not working only with assumptions and models but mostly with facts. But the problem with this claim is that those "facts" are never based on the laws of physics, simply because modern science is incapable of correctly assessing the chaos that is and always has been, our weather and climate system.

You then tell me to read CSIRO and Australian Antarctica station papers but in spite of these science institutions promoting AGW they also completely fail to provide any measurable evidence.

The real evidence of their lack of evidence is the fact that their models are so wrong.

When it is so obvious that science simply can't agree on the basics because they can't agree on the physical capacity for climate forcings and feedbacks, it is not wise to claim that science has the answers. As Professor John Christie, a very experienced climate scientist has said, "Climate is so complex, our ignorance of the climate system is enormous, and the myriad models have not even agreed on a key variable, CO₂ sensitivities. Professor Christie added "The CSIRO models are running overly warm and this has been proven when comparing real data of the last 40 years with the climate model projections."

Some more interesting details from CSIRO:

- CSIRO has never said CO₂ from human activity is a danger;
- CSIRO admitted today's temperatures are NOT unprecedented;
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We should remain very skeptical, especially when we now have governments wanting to invest trillions to almost certainly fail to solve this likely non-problem.

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WANT HAPPY HAIR?

Hello friends! With the warmer weather have you been struggling with your hair? I'm a curly girl. Some days my curls play nice, some days I look like I'm wearing fairy floss.

But over time, I have managed to figure out what my hair needs, and to maximise those good hair days. I've also spent many, many hours working with hair stylists, and understanding the hair follicle and the strand to get to the bottom of what makes hair happy.

Whether you have straight, curly, wavy, oily or dry hair, your hair wants to be hydrated and healthy. Key things that many of us do from time to time is (unknowingly) damage our hair. By bleaching it, adding chemicals on a daily basis, using heated tools like straighteners etc. I get it, I am that person too sometimes. And the great thing about hair and our skin, there is always a solution and help available.

Recently I have been helping a beauty therapist with her oily scalp, and from there hoping to get her scalp happy and motivated to grow some stronger hair.

What have I done so far? I created an ACV wash (Apple Cider Vinegar). Instead of just diluting ACV in distilled water, I researched some active extracts that would maximise her efforts. I'll pop those ingredients and a basic method at the bottom so you can try it out at home. Always remember to test a patch first to ensure you do not have a reaction.

This ACV wash is a great way to give your scalp a reset. Clarify and hopefully remove all the excess oils, grit and product build up suffocating your follicles.

So, what are some other hair loving ingredients to look for? Aloe Vera is ideal for natural shine, hair growth and helps control greasy hair. Raspberry Leaf helps to repair damaged hair, Neem locks in moisture and Vitamin B12 helps produce oxygen rich red blood cells which feed hair follicles.

BEAUTY & WELLNESS



with Rebecca Mander

And lastly, if you have a regular hair stylist, they probably love your hair more than you do.... don't let them go. They know the ins, the outs, the ups and the downs of your hair and will nurture that.

Want the ingredients to my ACV wash? Here it is:

In a 250ml spray bottle add :

- Apple Cider Vinegar – 2 Tbs
- Witch Hazel – 1 Tsp
- Chamomile extract – 4 Drops
- Rose Water – 1 Tsp
- Fill with Distilled Water

This is a rinse, leave on scalp for 2-5 minutes and rinse well. Apply conditioner.

Don't forget, always test on a patch of skin first to make sure you do not have a reaction. I only use organic ingredients, please keep in mind your results may vary if you do not use organic.

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You can make fritters from just about anything. They can be sweet and made from apple, banana, peach, berries or mango or they can be savoury with cauliflower, corn, broccoli, zucchini, sweet potato, pumpkin you can even add protein like tuna, salmon, chicken, beef and pork if you so wish.

Did you know? The word 'fritter' has its roots in the Late Latin word *frictura*, meaning 'a fry'. *Frictura*, comes from the Latin verb *frigere* which meant 'to fry' or 'to roast'. Our word fry also derives from this word. Words such as *frittata* and *fricassee* also owe part of their origin to these Latin roots. The first mention of a fritter in England was in the *Diary* of Samuel Pepys, a Londoner who served as a Member of Parliament during the English Restoration period in 1665. He noted in his *Diary* that he would be enjoying some fritters before Lent.

Chef Dylan tips: Be sure to fry these on a medium heat, as they can burn easily. These fritters freeze marvellously well: just wrap them in cling wrap individually and freeze. They will stay fresh for months and when you want to use them, just defrost in the microwave for a couple of seconds and boom: you have a delicious fritter ready to go.

Memory Lane, Cronulla Sydney 2004

I hear the iconic laughter of the kookaburra song suddenly pierce through the pre-dawn mist as I head down the beachfront. I'm on my way to the morning shift at a small seaside Café named '*Surfeit*'. The long rays of the sun have just started to creep up over the vast Pacific Ocean turning the cloudless sky a deep crimson red. Large flocks of screeching rainbow lorikeets fly overhead from the towering Norfolk Island pine trees disturbed by playful swooping magpies. In the sea are keen surfers and bodyboarders in 'springies' and board shorts who take turns in expertly riding the world class waves that this morning have been sent courtesy of a tropical cyclone named Kerry. I breathe in a big gulp of the salt laden heavy summer air and realise 'Today is going to be a sticky day in the kitchen'.

Arriving, I slip through the slightly-ajar large

glass sliding French doors and as I enter, I close my eyes and savour the delightful aroma of freshly ground coffee beans that fill my nostrils. Breathing it in deeply and smiling with pleasure "You are such a freak", jokes Jenny the Kiwi front-of-house manager from behind the coffee machine.

"Takes one to know one"

I fire back in jest. "You want one then I gather?" she asks pointing to the fresh cup of coffee she now sniffs over-dramatically to tease me again. "That would be awesome, thanks but stop distracting me! I've got a super hectic morning. I've got to prep 150 corn and zucchini fritters for the function" I say as I flick on the kitchen lights.

I head to the storeroom and change into my chef's jacket. I'm feeling excited and anxious at the same time, because this is the first week I will be in charge of the kitchen. I've been given a shot at the head chef role because the previous one had one too many meltdowns. She was an excellent cook, but her management skills sadly needed a little work. Last Friday was the last straw after returning back from a 2-day bender. It all started when she asked Jack, our kitchen hand, to get a tomato from the cool room. When he then handed her a green tomato, she snapped; scowling back, she looked at him with daggers in her eyes. You could cut the air with a knife. She lashed out like a cobra, grabbing the back of his head as she rammed the tomato under his nose. "Does this look ripe to you?!! Take a bite then!" she says, screaming like a banshee from the pits of hell before proceeding to squish it all over his face. Totally enraged, next comes "Nah, I can't do this!", while taking off her apron, she shouts "You guys have pushed me over the edge! I'm done!" She slams down her apron and storms off.

In a complete state of shock, I look over to Jack, still holding the half-smashed tomato. "That was gnarly man!" He responds with a big grin, wiping the chunks of tomato from his face. Turning I hear the door fling open and Megan the owner barges on in "What the hell's happened now guys? Why has Angela run out of the kitchen again?" She demands. "Wasn't me this time", I say with my hands in the air. "Jack got a green tomato rammed in his mouth because Angela wanted a ripe one". "For the love of God" says Megan with her hands now rubbing her face. "This business is going to



send me to the loony bin! Looks like I'll have to jump in with you guys again for the rest of the shift" she says whilst tying the apron around her waist. She has a defiant sparkle in her eye and jokes "Hey Jack, listen up – vgrab me a tomato from the cool room will ya?".

Prep 10 mins Cook 15 mins Serves 4

Ingredients

- 200g broccoli, chopped into florets
- 2 garlic cloves, peeled
- 3 green shallots, chopped
- 3 tbs Gaucho*
- 150g (1 cup) frozen peas, thawed
- 400g can chickpeas, rinsed, drained
- 2 tbsp gluten-free cornflour
- 2 eggs mixed in a small bowl
- 6-8 tbs oil to fry

*Chef Dylan's Gourmet Food Co. Gaucho marinade

Method

1. Place the broccoli, Gaucho seasoning, garlic, and shallot in a food processor.
2. Process until it is all nice and finely chopped. Add peas and chickpeas. Pulse until coarsely mashed. Don't over blend you still want a few peas and chickpeas almost whole.
3. Transfer the mixture to a bowl. Pour in the cornflour and eggs. Use a spoon to stir until just combined.
4. Heat 2 tsp oil in a large non-stick frying pan over medium heat.
5. Add 1/4 cupful of batter and cook for 2-3 minutes each side or until golden and just cooked through.
6. Transfer them to a plate lined with paper towel.
7. Repeat with the remaining oil and batter.
8. Serve warm with any dipping sauce of sides of your liking.

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5. Which is the largest invertebrate animal?
6. What type of creature is a Trivia Arctica?
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10. Which metal is the best conductor?
11. The disease, murrain, affects which animals?
12. Which scent is produced from the bark of the commiphora tree?
13. What is the cause of mange in animals?
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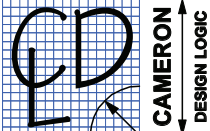
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- 3 It has no antlers,
- 4 Coelacanth, 5 Giant squid, 6 Snail, 7 Kit,
- 8 Bamboo. 9 Anaconda,
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With their 'Dancing with Celebrities' event just around the corner, Mountain Mates recently enjoyed a fabulous makeup workshop, courtesy of Jacqui South of Kibi Raw Minerals Makeup. A local resident and top professional in her field, Jacqui not only supplied the makeup, but also donated the door prize for the event, and will help the Mates with their makeup on the day.

There was much assiduous application of BB cream, foundation, powder, lipstick and mascara. Not to be outdone, Mates Keegan and Brodie joined in the fun. Both are studying filmmaking and are making their own films, so have an interest in all things related to looking good on the screen. Brodie's mum, Tracey Reeby, herself a hair and makeup professional with lengthy experience in film, ran the makeup workshop.

The Mates will certainly shine on Saturday when they join a bevy of local celebrities, and judge Simon Gallaher, to dance their socks off at a spectacular dinnerdance at the Vonda Youngman Centre.



The TM Lions Club, which auspices the Mountain Mates group, has been overwhelmed by the generosity of local people and businesses. Cash donors are Hon Jon Krause, MP; QSSS (disability service); Hartley Rd Landscaping; and several private donors. Scenic Rim Regional Council has made an in-kind donation of the venue.

Donors of raffle and auction prizes are: Angela's Pantry, Beauview Tradelink (Beaudesert), Bush Turkey Bistro, Cassi Ashton Thomas (artist), Cauldron Distillery, Brodie's Firestarters, Camelot Luxury Boutique Accommodation, Cedar Creek Winery, Chempro

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Photos:

*(TOP RIGHT) Brodie partners Barbara Proudman at a dance practice
(TOP LEFT) Tracey shows Chloe and Sarah how to get rid of 'shine'
(ABOVE RIGHT) Keegan goes for an even skin tone
(LEFT) The gang enjoyed the workshop*



PLEASE HEED THE WARNINGS - DO NOT TOUCH

West Moreton Health's Public Health Unit is reminding residents not to touch or pick up bats and flying foxes, even if they appear sick or injured.

The animals carry bacteria and viruses that can be harmful to humans, especially the Australian Bat Lyssavirus (ABLV).

ABLV is a serious and fatal virus in humans that attacks the nervous system, similar to rabies.

West Moreton Health Public Health physician Dr Penny Hutchinson said 99 per cent of bat exposures occurred when people touched or handled bats.

"The only people who should handle bats and flying foxes are trained handlers who are vaccinated and have appropriate protective equipment," Dr Hutchinson said.

"It is currently bat breeding season, so we are going to see more bats around the region.

"Over the past month, there has been an increase in the number of bat exposures reported to Queensland Health across the state."

If you find a bat stuck on a fence, in bird netting or on the ground, do not touch it. Contact the RSPCA on 1300 ANIMAL (1300 264 625) or Bat Conservation and Rescue QLD on 0488 228 134.

In the event someone is bitten or scratched by a bat, or exposed to bat saliva through the eyes, nose, or mouth, follow the steps below:

- Do not scrub the wound. Instead, wash the wound gently and thoroughly for five minutes with soap and water.
- If available, apply an antiseptic with anti-virus action such as povidone-iodine, iodine tincture, aqueous iodine solution or alcohol (ethanol).
- If bat saliva has got in the eyes, nose or mouth, flush the area thoroughly with water.
- Contact a doctor, 13HEALTH, your local Public Health Unit or the nearest hospital immediately to start post-exposure treatment.
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