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## MILES OF SMILES ON THE SCARECROW TRAIL

Finally! A festival year in which the weather gods turned on some idyllic weather for the thousands of visitors who came to witness the creative output of Mountain scarecrow makers. Congratulations to all who took part, and to the tireless efforts of organisers who brought it all together. Pictured is DINO-STRAW-US, awarded Best in Show. More photos page 18.



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- High ceilings, separate large living and dining areas, polished timber floors and newly renovated kitchen and bathrooms
- Large outdoor entertainment area plus wrap around veranda
- 3-bay open front shed, extra height
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Property of the week

**SALE** 🛏️ - 🚿 - 🚗 - 🏠 4,279m<sup>2</sup>

**Turn your dream into a reality** New Price \$995,000  
53 Parkside Parade, Wongawallan

- Great block of land in the established estate of "Timberview"
- North facing block at end of cul-de-sac,
- Gentle slope with views of Wongawallan Valley
- Some historic buildings still exist, repurpose or renov
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11 - 11.30	11 Forsythia Drive
11 - 11.45	51 Wongawallan Road
11.15 - 11.45	25-31 Justin Avenue
12 - 12.30	89 Palomino Dr, Tamborine
12 - 12.30	164c Wongawallan Road
12.15 - 12.45	5-7 Winema Drive
1 - 1.30	185 Wongawallan Road
1 - 1.30	33 Corypha Court
1 - 1.45	168-170 Hartley Road
1.30 - 2	60-64 Benowa Street

**OPEN HOMES Sun 6th**

11 - 11.30	151 Cedar Creek Rd, Cedar Cr
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## REVIEW: Your Property Managers

**Shanelle** has been a pleasure to deal with she's also very professional and proactive. Streamline rental process we are very happy. - Kerrie  
**Sarah** has been nothing but awesome in helping us with our new house. Would highly recommend Sarah and the team at the Professionals! - Jo  
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**SALE** 🛏️ 4 🚿 2 🚗 3 🏠 8,094m<sup>2</sup>

**60-64 Benowa Street, Tamborine Mountain**

- Completely renovated, neutral & stylish
- User friendly u-shaped modern kitchen
- Dining opens out to enclosed sun-room
- This home is completely move in ready, just unpack and enjoy

**\$1,795,000 new price**

**AGENTS:**  
Diane Pihl  
0424 653 316



**SALE** 🛏️ - 🚿 - 🚗 - 🏠 4,052m<sup>2</sup>

**260-262 Guanaba Road, Tamborine Mtn**

- Filtered views to the Gold Coast across to Guanaba Gorge to the West
- Elevated 1-acre block where you will enjoy the sunrise, or sit on a back deck to enjoy the sunset, what more could you ask for!

**\$500,000**

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**SALE** 🛏️ 4 🚿 3 🚗 9 🏠 1.49 ha

**This could be for you!**

- Tastefully renovated home on picturesque acreage, verandas on 2 sides, 2-bay carport
- New bathroom, dining/study,
- Plus 1-bed self-contained unit with kitchen, air-con, fans, deck & independently fenced

**\$949,000 price guide**

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# BLUEPRINT FOR REGION'S FUTURE MADE AVAILABLE FOR FINAL REVIEW

The Scenic Rim Growth Management Strategy 2041 will be available for final public review before being considered for endorsement by Council next month.

The first region-wide strategy to manage the future growth of the region, it aims to protect the region's outstanding natural and environmental features and strong agricultural base, while providing significant tourism, recreation and employment opportunities and was recently updated to reflect 2021 census data.

Scenic Rim Mayor Greg Christensen said the Scenic Rim Growth Management Strategy 2041, which was a Queensland Government Ministerial Condition of approval for the Scenic Rim Planning Scheme 2020, provided an evidence-based approach to managing the region's anticipated growth during the next 20 years, while balancing opportunities, impacts and competing priorities.

"With more than 23,000 new residents expected to call the Scenic Rim home in the next 20 years, the Scenic Rim's population is projected to exceed 67,000 by 2041," he said.

"The strategy for managing that growth has been framed in the context of the Queensland Government's Shaping SEQ South East Queensland Regional Plan, which requires Council to plan for 11,000 additional dwellings and at least 7,609 new jobs between 2016 and 2041.

"It identifies preferred growth areas, where land will need to accommodate more dwellings in addition to those already provided through the current Scenic Rim Planning Scheme 2020, as well as opportunities for a greater variety of residential land options and housing styles to meet the lifestyle needs of residents of all ages and stages of life.

"The Scenic Rim region is well positioned to accommodate future housing and employment growth while maintaining the relaxed living and a rural lifestyle that sets it apart from much of South East Queensland."

The strategy prioritises the Scenic Rim's natural environment, with initiatives focused on continuing to protect the region's natural assets and identifying important biodiversity linkages.

It also supports the continued promotion of the region's



strong agricultural and rural production industries, including opportunities for agritourism as a key generator of employment for the Scenic Rim.

For almost two years, the Strategy's development has included extensive consultation with the Scenic Rim community and Queensland Government, Urban Utilities, and other key stakeholders.

In total, 527 submissions were received during the community consultation on the draft Growth Management Strategy between 2 February and 27 March 2022.

"Community consultation on the draft Growth Management Strategy has been invaluable in gaining an understanding of concerns which helped in refining the proposed growth strategies and their implementation," Mayor Christensen said.

As key concerns related to the impact of growth on neighbourhood character and the environment and a lack of infrastructure to support planned growth in all areas, the strategy identifies the importance of greater alignment between Council and Queensland Government-led infrastructure planning, including the need to review the Local Government Infrastructure Plan and develop a Transport Strategy.

"Council is grateful to everyone who has participated in consultation, which has been vital in shaping the direction of the growth for our region and welcomes the feedback of the community during this final period of public review," Mayor Christensen said.

The updated final draft Growth Management Strategy 2041 and the community consultation report can be accessed via Council's Let's Talk online community engagement platform, [letstalk.scenicrim.qld.gov.au/](https://letstalk.scenicrim.qld.gov.au/) Feedback can be provided directly to the Division Councillors ahead of the Ordinary Meeting to be held on 22 November 2022 that will consider the final draft, or by emailing [mail@scenicrim.qld.gov.au](mailto:mail@scenicrim.qld.gov.au)



Residents who provided feedback on the draft Growth Management Strategy will receive correspondence with a unique reference number to identify how their submissions have been addressed in the consultation report.



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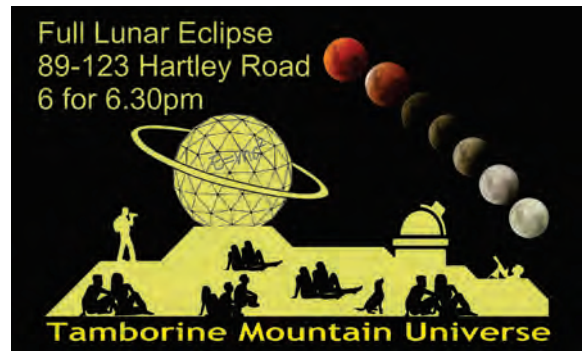
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# 8 NOVEMBER: LET'S GET READY FOR THE ECLIPSE

Of course, you can see the lunar eclipse from home, or anywhere on the Mountain in the evening of November 8. But, if you join the TM Universe event at Cauldron Distillery from 6pm for a 6.30 start, it will mean much more than just a darkening moon. You will learn about the ins-and-outs of this wonderful natural phenomenon.



Our team will explain what an eclipse is, with slides and videos, suitable for every 'kid' from 8 to 80 and over. It will include yet another edition of our interactive "TM Universe Trivia", the interactive quiz to test your own knowledge using your mobile phone. This presentation is part of the series "Aiming for the Stars".

For instance: do you know what the eclipse looks like if you were to watch it from London instead of Tamborine Mountain? And what would be happening if you were walking on the moon during the eclipse? Is the eclipse also visible on the side of the moon we normally can't see from Earth? When is the next lunar eclipse, and which special event will happen in July 2028?

Of course, you will be updated on the next moon missions (Artemis), and Australia's involvement. If the weather is good, with clear skies, then the presentation will take place outdoors; watch the eclipse and the 'show' at the same time (please bring seats or a blanket). And, in case it's overcast, we will all be indoors and enjoying an even longer presentation.

Lots of reasons to come to the Cauldron Distillery on the corner of Long Road and Hartley Road. Please bring your kid(s) and even your dog if you like. And of course a camera, binoculars and a tripod. Our team will give some tips on taking good photos of the moon.

Book via [www.tmuniverse.com.au](http://www.tmuniverse.com.au), because the number of visitors is limited to one hundred. Entrance fee is \$10pp, members get a 50% discount.

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## Councillor's Comment

**DEREK SWANBOROUGH**  
DIVISION 1



### Letter to the Editor

**I refer to Bronwyn Davies' Letter to the Editor in *Scenic News* of 20<sup>th</sup> October 2022, titled "Importance of Arts".**

My comments of the 6th October were not about the 'Importance of Arts', but argued that our infrastructure, especially on Tamborine Mountain, was falling behind and we could not sustain future subdivision and population growth.

My article mentioned amongst other things, the need for Scenic Rim Regional Council to review its priorities and the level of funding on consultants, legal fees, self-promotion, food tourism, economic development, and arts and culture.

I did not criticise any Council staff or team, I did not argue that Arts and Culture are unimportant, I did not argue that budgets in Bronwyn's former section at Scenic Rim Council were increasing, I did not argue that anyone was not working hard. I'm sure they are.

Council sets the priorities and strategies, not the staff. Councillors have little to do with the administrative side of Council; we don't direct staff, and were not authorised to speak to staff on operational matters below a certain level. Councillors are there for adopting budgets and operational plans, determining the organisational structure, being responsible to ratepayers for its performance, and advocating for our region and constituents, to name a few responsibilities.

What I did argue for in my article was to reconsider program priorities, to cut wasteful spending and a return to basics.

We all see the world through our different lenses.

When our basic infrastructure (including Arts Infrastructure) is not being replaced as quickly as it depreciates over the

next 10 years, and is likely to be 30-40% worse off than it is now, we have a big problem.

Our Tamborine Mountain rates are right up there with the highest in Queensland for a community of our size. Elderly people are hurting, with pension increases swallowed up by rate increases; our children and grandchildren will likely never enjoy basic sports facilities such as clubhouses and indoor stadiums and aquatic centres; we don't have infrastructure for water security, we have Council approving commercial uses in residential areas impacting our roads and destroying liveability. I see massive drainage problems where house foundations are being undermined, and living areas flooded almost yearly, with little response from Council, and budget reductions in this area.

No, I'm not anti-"arts and culture", I'm pro-"realistic" for the times, and have to take a broader, more holistic view.

Bronwyn has an impressive resumé, and can speak authoritatively on this subject, but I too appreciate the Arts as much as anyone. I was responsible for the Beaudesert Community "Centre", for 16 years, and headed the Community Services Departments in three large Councils over 20 years. In previous career positions, I have been responsible for Queensland's largest Regional Art Gallery and a very large Regional Entertainment Centre. I was a Director of Arts Northern Rivers for nearly three years. I can agree on the importance of arts and culture just as much as anyone, but that was not the point of my article.

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### STORM WARNING: QUEENSLANDERS URGED TO REPORT FALLEN POWERLINES

**After an early taste of storm season in some areas, Energex needs Queenslanders to be prepared for power outages and to report fallen powerlines.**

Executive General Manager Operations Paul Jordon said recent severe weather events were a sharp reminder of what to expect from a third La Nina.

"We are again facing a higher risk of severe thunderstorms, flooding and cyclones, which can cause major damage to the electricity network; both overhead and underground.

"Please report fallen powerlines, sparking pillar boxes and any network damage you see to Energex (13 19 62) or call emergency services (000).

"Always stay well away from any grounded wires and faulty equipment because these may be life-threatening electrical hazards.

"Don't assume we know about it or that somebody else has reported it. The more detailed information we have from the community, the better we can respond, make the area safe, and get your lights back on," Mr Jordon said.

Where the ground is already saturated, there's a greater chance of large trees toppling and bringing down powerlines.

"We have a robust vegetation management program to reduce the risk of damage from trees, and we also appreciate members of the public spotting and reporting any branches growing too close to powerlines. We can then assess the risk and respond appropriately.

"But please don't attempt to trim trees near lines yourself - it's a high-risk job that should be left to professional arborists trained to

work near overhead powerlines," Mr Jordon said.

Although 1 November marks the official start of cyclone season, now is the time to get your house in order if you haven't already.

"Restock your storm kit, clean up your yard, and check the condition of your generator before you need to use it.

"We've been doing network maintenance, including tree trimming near powerlines, and stocking up on essential network hardware at our main warehouses so we are in the best position to support our communities this storm season.

"It's also essential that all Queenslanders be prepared for the possibility of prolonged power outages because it takes time for weather conditions to ease, damage to be assessed across a wide area and extensive network repairs to be completed.

"Our crews will access work sites and commence repairs when it's safe to do so, but that can mean waiting for floodwaters to recede or cyclonic winds to pass.

"If wild weather plays havoc, we will safely restore your power, but it often can't happen overnight. The best thing you can do is ensure your household or business is prepared for the worst-case scenario," Mr Jordon said.

There is more information on how to prepare and stay safe in severe weather at [www.energex.com.au](http://www.energex.com.au).





## BLAME IT ON THE BOOGIE...

**What an interesting couple of weeks we have had. The weather has changed, we got some rain, and we got some sunshine – it all adds up to a fresh mowing season!**

There has been a lot going on, and I believe the school term is going to come to an end quite rapidly, with Grade 12 through to the juniors sporadically ending over the next 6 weeks. For the seniors – speeding, drink (or drug) driving, seatbelts, fatigue and distractions (think mobile phones) can all contribute to a serious injury or death on our roads. Don't let end of school be the end of the line. There will be a full campaign targeting these offences, and there is zero tolerance around this type of offending. Remember, your actions on our roads will reflect not only on yourself...

**Lock it up, please don't be an easy target for criminals.** We recently had a 34-year-old male, a 27-year-old female and a 21-year-old male charged with a string of burglary and associated offences across the Mountain. Grubs! A huge 'thank you' to our vigilant community ringing in the details of these societal leeches and their whereabouts, which resulted in swift action to apprehend them.

Remember, if you are going away, ensure you secure your valuables. If you have trusted friends or family around, consider them in your plans and have a contact number

for any emergencies. Keep an eye out for scum wanting to take your possessions. For anyone looking suspicious, or things that don't seem right, then record number plates, descriptions of people and take a photo or video if possible.

Halloween Night was quickly upon us, which meant Kids and the Boogie Man; ongoing, parents need to make sure the little ones have some street sense about them. Stop, Look and Listen is something that resonates well, and kids get distracted easily... come to think of it, many adults do too, (think bright shiny things!).

Whilst we will always have crime, drugs and traffic issues which can affect us in different ways, I will say this for everyone – above all else, enjoy life. There are many good people in this community who contribute greatly and make the place what it is, a welcoming destination for people from across the globe. Existing in this world looking over your shoulder because you constantly do wrong must really be tiring; try doing some good, I'll be watching...

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

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## TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN BRIDGE CLUB RESULTS

### MONDAY (24-OCT-22)

- 62.50% DAVID DONALDSON - HEIKE EDRICH
- 56.94% GAYLE DONALDSON - PAM WARRELL
- 53.47% WENDY CHRISTIE - JOANNE EVANS

### WEDNESDAY (26-OCT-22)

- 63.29% JENNY STRACHAN - EDDIE HEINEMEYER
- 62.70% PETER MORRIS - SHEENA POLLOCK
- 59.52% DENISE MERRIN - CHERYL FINLAYSON

### THURSDAY (27-OCT-22)

- NS 1. 61.01% KEVIN HAMILTON-REEN - MARY SIMON
- NS 2. 52.38% WILHELM NATROP - COL BURNES
- NS 3. 51.49% GAIL LAYER - GILLIAN WHYMAN
- EW 1. 56.85% DENISE MERRIN - SHEENA POLLOCK
- EW 2. 55.95% DAVID DONALDSON - GAYLE DONALDSON
- EW 3. 51.19% JOHN LODGE - KATE HEAD

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**SOLD** 4 2 2 503m<sup>2</sup>

**2 Vantage Lane, Yarrabilba**

Our seller has just achieved a **RECORD SALE** for her stunning property which was previously a display home, Congratulations Karin!

Karin is pictured in her high vis 'moving outfit' with agents Linda and Charmaine and her two furry friends. Karin and pooches are downsizing to something more manageable.

We welcome the new owners Nyanasegar & Periachi from Tasmania who need a large house to accommodate their frequent international visitors.

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**AGENTS:**

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**Premium Property**

**51 Wongawallan Road, Tamborine Mtn**

**A secluded sanctuary in 'Olde Eagle Heights'**

This lovely property is set back from a leafy tree lined avenue, and tucked behind a graceful curving drive of established trees and gardens

- Beautifully landscaped gardens with water features, on over an acre of sunny, rich flat land
- Large glass windows and doors allow the natural light to filtrate through the rooms
- Freshly painted throughout, well designed kitchen with quality appliances and breakfast bar
- Private outdoor entertainment patio
- Air-conditioning and ceiling fans
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- Bore pump with 8 taps for garden
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4 3 2 4,390m<sup>2</sup>



**CONTACT AGENT:**  
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## TRAVELLING PLACES with Gina

Wandering around the Mountain this weekend I was thinking about the origins of Scarecrow Festivals. I thought there were bound to be gatherings of yesteryear stretching back for hundreds of years, if not millennia; pagan rituals came to mind. Actual scarecrows date back to ancient Egyptian times, however surprisingly the first recorded Scarecrow Festival was in 1964 in England. These are still held, usually in May or June and the date varies depending upon the village. No doubt they are held in other parts of the world too, and they certainly bring an atmosphere of fun to the Mountain. Our local festival has been operating since 2008.



The travel industry has picked up and is now very busy, all of the pent-up demand post lockdown!

If you are considering a trip for 2023, I would urge you to make plans soon. Whether you are planning a close to home trip or something further afield, you would be best to lock in at least the outline of your trip. Prices will just keep creeping up, so if you book and deposit now you will secure the early booking deals and most companies lock in the Australian dollar rate. We already have clients booking for 2024!

If you haven't met **Sienna** in our office yet, do pop in and say hello. Sienna has been with us since April as a trainee travel consultant and is undertaking a 12-month travel course, along with on the job training. Sienna brings a delightful happy atmosphere to the office and I am sure you will enjoy dealing with her. This week we welcome Jodie to the team as our administration person. After 2 years of winging the admin side of the business, I welcome all the help that Jodie will bring to us. That brings us back up to pre-lockdown times and a busy office once again.

#### Don't forget our Travel Expo, this Friday from 2pm

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# Leading Queensland Group takes LJ Hooker up the mountain

LJ Hooker Solutions Gold Coast has expanded its footprint in the city's north, taking the brand to the hinterland lifestyle market of Tamborine Mountain.

LJ Hooker Coomera | Ormeau purchased the rent roll of First National Tamborine Mountain with agent couple Blake and Fleur Wallis also joining LJ Hooker in the acquisition.

The expansion was the culmination of a 20-year relationship between LJ Hooker Solutions Gold Coast Director Shane Colquhoun and former First National Principal Kate Wallis.

"I'd known Kate from my time at First National 20 years ago," said Mr Colquhoun.

"Kate had been looking to wind down from work and she had confidence that the business she'd built-up – which includes her son Blake and Fleur – would continue to thrive within the LJ Hooker Solutions Gold Coast network."

The new office will specifically join the Group's northern offices, creating the LJ Hooker Ormeau | Coomera | Tamborine Mountain team, led by Director Nicole Hintz and General Manager Scott Hughes.

Tamborine Mountain is part of the 'green behind the gold' of the Gold Coast. It boasts cafés, galleries and a tourism industry that celebrates its rainforests and national parks, while still only being a 45-minute drive from Gold Coast beaches.

Large allotments are strewn through its quiet streets with rural lifestyle properties dotted throughout the mountain and its foothills.

Its popularity has soared in the wake of COVID-19, with its proximity to the Gold Coast, Logan and Brisbane proving popular amongst buyers who have secured flexible work arrangements.

According to CoreLogic, the median house price for Tamborine Mountain rose to \$900,000 at the end of July, representing a 29.1% increase over the last 12 months, and 57.9% over the last three years.

Mr Wallis said he was excited to offer local sellers the increased opportunities of LJ Hooker Solutions Gold Coast.

"My mum first started the business two decades ago and since then we've sold homes in every street on Tamborine – multiple times over," he said.

"LJ Hooker has always been a brand I've liked. It has strong recognition and family values – which we've always been about in our business – and the Tamborine Mountain market will respond to that.

"On Tamborine Mountain, the real estate market is made up of small teams. Myself and Fleur will still offer clients our local knowledge, strategies and connections, but we'll now be able to tap into the greater resources of a seven-office network. We'll have greater support and opportunities to cross-sell our sellers' properties across a wider network."

LJ Hooker General Manager - Network Stephen Mutton said the commitment by Mr Colquhoun and Mrs Hintz reaffirmed the brand the leader in the arc between the Gold Coast's western and northern corridors.

"Tamborine Mountain has always been a sought-after lifestyle market, but it's come into even sharper focus amongst buyers over the last two years," said Mr Mutton.

"With the support of LJ Hooker Solutions Gold Coast, Tamborine Mountain's sellers and landlords will be treated to a greater level of service and results through Shane's and Nicole's commitment."

The office's 100-strong rent roll will be managed by the LJ Hooker Solutions Gold Coast's award-winning property management division.

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## JON KRAUSE MP

State Member for Scenic Rim

### MAJOR DEVELOPMENT IN THE QUEENSLAND HEALTH CRISIS

The PA Hospital, Queensland's biggest hospital, has been forced to scale back surgeries as it remains at risk of losing its Anaesthetic Training Accreditation. The Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists raised several concerns after visiting the Princess Alexandra Hospital in Brisbane and identified issues involving inadequate supervision, excessive roster changes, inadequate clinical support time and staffing numbers that do not meet guidelines.

The hospital has been left with no choice but to slash the number of patients being operated on to levels less than before the COVID wave in a bid to keep its accreditation. Many people waiting for elective surgery have endured enough already – some have had their surgeries cancelled a number of times. If the PA loses its accreditation to train anaesthetists, Queensland hospitals could be at risk of not having enough of these specialists. If that happens it won't just affect one hospital; it'll affect the entire state.

At a time when the elective surgery waitlist has soared, even more Queenslanders now face longer delays. An email leaked from Queensland Health states that 1,300 patients have already fallen through the cracks at the PA Hospital, waiting longer than clinically recommended for surgery. This is another sad and sorry chapter of the Queensland Health Crisis.

Locally, I continue to regularly receive worrying accounts about residents requiring an ambulance who are not attended to in good time. Ambulance ramping is a massive, ongoing issue for Gold Coast University and Logan Hospitals, and I do not shy away from raising this issue, because its impacts on our region – especially when ambulances get taken out of region for a long time – are huge. We in the LNP are putting our suggestions on the table. We all in Queensland deserve better than the problem-plagued health system this Government is presiding over.

#### TWO YEARS UNTIL THE NEXT STATE ELECTION

October 26 officially marked two years until the next state election. For me, it is the greatest honour to work for you all in the community, taking the issues that need addressing up to the Government and using the Parliament to hold them to account. Families, farmers and small businesses are the heart and soul of our region. We need to unlock the potential of our entire region, and also get the services and investment we need – public transport options, safe roads, more police services, affordable energy prices, and support for local issues.

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## Letters to the Editor

### RESPONSE TO REVISED DRAFT REPORT ON GROWTH MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

Below is the submission which I have made as a result of the revised draft report on the Growth Management Strategy:

Dear Council and Councillors,

*Ref: Comment on revised draft report on the Growth Management Strategy.*

I was very disappointed with the report submitted to Councillors for Item 10.6 on 25 October in that it did not correctly report the feelings of the Tamborine Mountain residents. In fact, it was very dismissive of the thoughts quite clearly given by the residents, as was the consultant's report.

Tamborine Mountain residents submitted 445 submissions, with the next highest being Beaudesert, at 29. The majority of the Mountain's submissions said 'no' to any further subdivision, but this view was ignored and not reported in the report of 25 October.

Why do residents not want any more subdivision? Simply put, we have enough population up here now.

- We do not have the infrastructure, being water and sewerage, and this will never be provided, and neither is it wanted.
- The population density per sq km is already higher than any other area in the Scenic Rim.

The Council does have to plan for a population growth, however, why does that plan need to include Tamborine Mountain? There is enough vacant land within the Scenic Rim excluding Tamborine Mountain to achieve the desired population growth.

Council is having a meeting on 22 November to make a final decision. I request that the following questions be answered at that meeting:

1. What is deemed to be the current population of Tamborine Mountain?
2. What is deemed to be the current population density per sq km of Tamborine Mountain compared to other areas of the Scenic Rim?
3. What is deemed to be the current population growth of Tamborine Mountain using current vacant land, dual occupancy and secondary dwellings? (Note the consultant's report stated on page 58 that the GMS has accounted for the current potential to develop vacant land, dual occupancy and secondary dwellings on Tamborine Mountain as part of the analysis which supports the GMS)
4. What is deemed to be the eventual population of Tamborine Mountain, should further subdivision be approved?
5. Why does Tamborine Mountain have to be used to achieve the future growth of Tamborine Mountain when there is enough spare land in the remaining parts of the Scenic Rim?

**Nigel Waistell**  
Cr Div. 1  
2012 - 2020

## GROWTH STRATEGY

**We have a situation that has to be considered very seriously indeed. The future of our Tamborine Mountain community as we know it depends on the Scenic Rim Growth Management Strategy that Council is now considering for adoption. One nine-page section deals specifically with Tamborine Mountain.**

Firstly, I strongly commend the authors of the GMS on their sensitive recognition of the value of the locality centred on Tamborine Mountain township. They see it as a regional residential and tourism resource, vulnerable to over-development and with very limited capability to accommodate significant population growth. However, it is the strategies proposed in the GMS that we have limited time to think about.

Being a 'Strategy', the GMS does not have the up-front clout of a Planning Scheme in day-to-day decision making. However, it remains a very significant document indeed, since it can have a fundamental influence on what subsequently appears in Planning Schemes.

But there is a further basic problem lurking. It might also be easy to assume that it is sufficient for a GMS to be a wish list of general principles. The catch then is that there is no certainty as to how those general principles will be interpreted by the authors of the Planning Schemes.

A GMS must not be taken lightly. This short time is the only opportunity we have for input before the Council makes the decision whether or not to accept the Draft put before it on 22 November. It matters not only to residents, but also to all those who value what we have as a region's resource.

The Draft Amendments to the Planning Scheme currently being considered within Council are an excellent example of how things can be interwoven, leaving great uncertainties. The Draft GMS recognises the possible justification for Dual Occupancy of blocks. However, the final implementation detail appears in a Draft Amendment to the Planning Schemes. I, for one, do not like some of the things I see in the Draft Amendment, even though they do not necessarily conflict with the GMS. There must be care taken that the GMS leaves no loopholes. However, in this case, the sequence of events really became very odd, with the Council producing Draft Amendments before the GMS is finalised.

While I believe much of the Draft GMS for Tamborine Mountain is excellent, there is one area in which a significant

upgrade is highly desirable – the lonely A4 Map. A document such as the GMS must not depend on local knowledge of the area for the document's significant aspects to be understood. In particular, the map is inadequate because it is devoid of topographical information. The escarpments, which play such a major role in optimising forward Strategies and Planning, are missing. There has been a significant upgrade since the original Draft but more is needed.

You can download those critical nine pages from the Council website directly or via Council Meeting Minutes. Also, the local Council desk in the library should be able to help. Make sure you get the latest draft which indicates the upgrades to the original.

**Phil Giffard**

## SPORTSGROUND DESERVES RESPECT

**As I start to write this article, I am not yet sure whether it is going to be a rant or a plea for help, maybe both. I am talking about the state of our much loved sports complex on Long Road. Many locals use this facility on a daily basis, to walk their dog, to run, walk, learn to drive, play bridge, children road testing two wheel bikes and scooters and, don't forget, sport is actually played on a regular basis.**

When the cricket oval was first formed, duly encircled with the white fencing, it looked the real deal, and we locals could be justifiably proud. I was informed by one of the ground staff that our cricket pitch is bigger than the Gabba. However, children discovered they could take the triangle-shaped tops off the fence. Just throwing them on the ground to be trodden on, smashed or mowed over. On my regular walks around the boundary, I would replace many of these tops, only to have to repeat the same job in ensuing days. Having spoken to other walkers, they tell me they have done the same. I have spoken to some of the groundsmen who spend hours keeping the cricket pitch neat and ready for use. Recently, there was yet another spate of vandalism, with 50+ tops just thrown carelessly onto the pitch. These had to be cleared by ground staff before the mowing could be done.

How can we fight back and preserve our sportsground? We will shortly be having first grade cricket teams playing here; do we hang our head in shame at the state of the fence? The pitch was named in honour of well-known local Chris Wills, who died at the grounds having just completed his turn at the

crease. Chris spent much time helping to organise and create the oval.

It's one thing to grizzle and grumble about stuff, but let's think of ways we can assist in looking after the sports complex. How about a group of youngsters get together and perhaps call themselves the "Fence Fixers" or a better name if you can think of one? This group patrols the fence on a regular basis, replacing the tops and, if feeling very patriotic, clean the posts; maybe each member could be allocated a number of sections. If this happened, these young people would feel empowered and protective of their patch, and woe betide anyone caught desecrating it. Groups such as the nearby scouts, or children from senior schools could get together and earn the respect of each other and the Mountain in general. Summer holidays are looming: this could be a way to alleviate boredom! Since this photo was taken I have personally replaced around 40 fence tops to their original position; I am sure I am not alone in doing that.

Another problem for the staff is the fact they have to spend valuable time tidying up after those who insist on leaving their litter behind, along with stainless steel drink bottles, empty chip packets and other such debris, footballs, expensive school uniforms, including jackets, trousers, jumpers and shoes. You may be aware that the Smith Family are always advertising for help to get "Annie" or "Johnny" the school uniform they need in order to fit in with their classmates, and which their single or poor parent is unable to fund. Maybe 'Johnny' or 'Annie' just left them at the sportsground.

I notice the word "Respect" is pasted around school premises. Let's show some respect for our sportsground.

**Elizabeth Jobson**





## Tamborine Mountain Garden Club

Next Meeting:

**Tuesday  
November 8,  
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9:30 am start  
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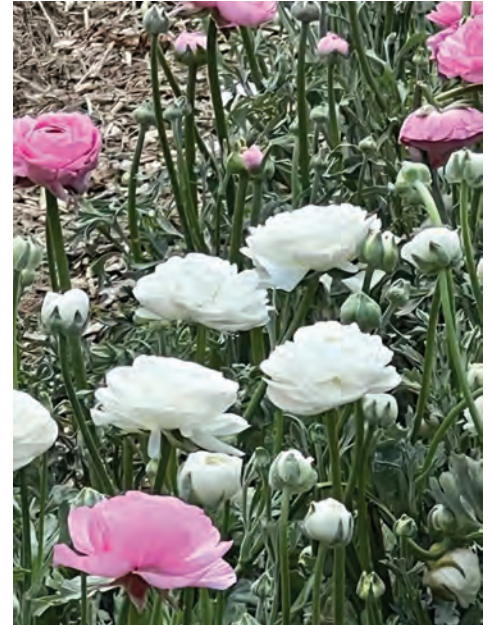
The organising committee and members of Tamborine Mountain Garden Club are glowing with pride after another successful year.

The Club's major event, the Springtime on the Mountain Festival, has just been completed. Despite 200 mm of rain on the first morning of the two-day event, perfect conditions on the second day meant it was still a success, both financially and to the enjoyment of all involved.

In early October, the first bus trip (post-COVID) ventured into the farm gate gardens of the Scenic Rim and was very well supported. Members now look forward to another entertaining speaker at the monthly social meeting on Tuesday Nov 8.

As this year winds up, new members are most welcome. Meetings are held at the Vonda Youngman Centre on the second Tuesday of each month, except in January.

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# FUNDING BOOSTS INVESTMENT IN SCENIC RIM'S NATURAL ASSETS

A record number of projects to enhance habitat for rare and threatened species and improve the quality of Scenic Rim waterways have been funded through a 50 per cent increase in Council's budget for its Environmental Grants Program in 2022-2023.

Council approved the allocation of more than \$156,380 for 51 projects by community groups and individual landowners that will help to preserve and enhance the Scenic Rim's natural environment.

Projects which have received full or partial funding aim to improve habitat for endangered species such as koalas and greater gliders, the near-threatened Albert's lyrebirds, vulnerable brush tailed rock wallabies, Richmond birdwing butterflies and glossy black-cockatoos, as well as microbats and barn owls.

The program has also provided for projects as diverse as wild pig and weed control, the planting of Brigalow seedlings and the preservation of one of the Scenic Rim's last remaining stands of giant ironwood trees.

Waterways will benefit from projects to stabilise creek banks and increase populations of the endangered Mary River cod, which help to reduce the numbers of invasive pest fish such as carp and tilapia.

Scenic Rim Mayor Greg Christensen said that maintaining habitat for a wide range of native plant and animal species in one of the most biodiverse areas in Australia was very much a partnership between Council and the wider community.

"Although the Scenic Rim is home to many large national parks - including the first ever established in Queensland - much of the remaining native habitat in our region is found on private property," he said.

"This means the conservation of native plants and wildlife is a community effort and Council is proud to partner with schools, local environmental groups and landowners by supporting projects that represent an investment in the Scenic Rim's natural values."

Council's 2022-2023 budget included a 50 per cent increase in funding for the Environmental Grants Program, allocating a total of \$155,875 for projects which encourage community involvement and deliver region-wide benefits.


After reviewing 52 applications, the assessment panel recommended that 10 receive full funding and 41 receive partial funding to support the highest number of worthwhile projects across the region. One application was deemed ineligible for funding.



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# TURTLE TRIBE FOUNDER NED ANNOUNCED AS 2022 AUSTRALIAN TEEN ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR

Ned Heaton, 15 year-old founder of The Turtle Tribe was last week crowned as Australia's Teen Entrepreneur of the Year for his mission to save the oceans from plastic pollution.

Founding his business at the age of 11, Ned had grown up witnessing the problem of ocean plastics first hand during his annual family camping trips on Mulgumpin (Moreton Island), and decided to do something about it.

"I'm honoured to receive this award", says Ned, "and hope it shines a light on the issue of ocean plastics, and the urgent need for us all to reduce our plastic waste."


"Scientists predict that by 2050 there'll be more plastic in the ocean than fish, and we can't let that happen. We have to change. We have to use less plastic."

"Plastic toothbrushes last for several hundred years in the marine environment, and every one you've ever used is still in the world somewhere. The crazy thing is, there's no need to make them out of plastic. Bamboo toothbrushes work just the same but biodegrade when you've finished with them."

Ned credits his success to his many supporters, including Ocean Crusaders, Sea Shepherd, University of Queensland, Brisbane Sustainability Agency, Dolphin Research Australia, Regis Aged Care, Youth in Business and more.

Forging inter-generational partnerships with some of Australia's largest aged care providers has seen The Turtle Tribe grow quickly into one of Australia's largest suppliers of bamboo toothbrushes.

The Teens in Business Awards received hundreds of entries from around the country, and finalists were invited to pitch their business ideas in front of their peers and a panel of



judges during the online event, as part of Spark Festival 2022.

The judges were blown away with the calibre of entries this year, and noted Ned's "impressive business model, providing a tangible solution to a major world problem", also recognising him with the Most Impactful Teen Business Award.

The Teens in Business Awards is a joint initiative between Young Change Agents and BOP Industries, the 2022 Teens in Business Awards celebrates and amplifies the creativity, passion, and interests of young people as they try to create positive change in their communities. The awards acknowledge young people and give them a platform to expand their impact.

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Born in 1941 in the UK he has spent time in many different countries around the world before ending up here in 1998.

To say he has had a very interesting career, particularly with 40 years in the military, (UK and Australia) is an understatement, however his presentation to our members was about his role as an Admiralty Marshall after retiring from Army life.

Originally instituted by Henry VIII and now an instrument of the Australian Federal Court, Gordon has authority to board any maritime vessel from a massive bulk ore carrier to a luxury yacht and advise the master/captain/owner that the vessel is under arrest. Not the person or persons involved, just the vessel.

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In days gone by, he held a mace as a symbol of his status and authority.

The number of questions from the members is indicative of the amount of interest generated by Gordon's presentation, and we thank him for a very informative and sometimes humorous talk.

If you are retired or semi-retired and looking for some mental stimulation and the company of a very eclectic bunch of mature age gentlemen, contact our membership secretary Bob Hepple on 0411 776 888 to see which special interest groups may be of interest to you.

Barry Chick



# SKATE PARK EXCURSION TO SPARK DESIGN IMAGINATIONS

Last Friday, approximately 85 Year 3 students, teachers and parents walked from Tamborine Mountain State School to the skate park at Geissmann Oval as part of their Design-Tec unit, which is focused on designing their very own skate park. This year, students from the high school were invited to perform for the juniors – and talked to the year 3s on ways to improve the skate park, as well as giving some safety tips on skateboarding. It became very clear that leaf matter is a huge problem at the skate park, making it dangerous and virtually impossible to skate there. The surface is also a problem, as it is quite rough compared to other skate parks.

The excursion, organised by Mr Steven Langley, provided a good opportunity for the TMSS students to highlight the need for an updated skate park. At the least, it was agreed the skate park is well overdue a resurface.



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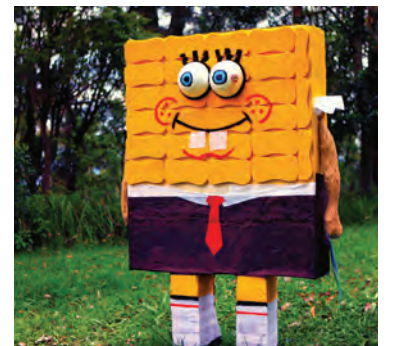
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At right is the rare merle or dapple dachshund and the length of her legs is how the original breed was designed;

the body is not as long as today's show bred lines, seen below. These changes have created back and knee problems for this breed. Commonly called wieners or sausage dogs they come in two sizes: standard and miniature, and they are very popular pets in Australia and worldwide. Dachshunds are still among the top hunting and tracking dogs, being low to the ground and able to enter small places has an advantage. Despite their small size, dachshunds are brave and fierce; attacking anything that squeaks is a part of their nature.



Originating in Germany, the breed can be traced back to the 15th century, but breed development began in the 17th century. *Dach* means badger; the original purpose of the breed was to hunt badgers and rabbits by entering tunnels and burrows. Badgers belong to the mustelid family, which consists of about 55 species, including ferrets, otters, minks, wolverines and the weasel family. Badgers were considered vermin 500 years ago, but are mostly protected today. They can cause a lot of damage to not only farmland, but buildings, roads, dams and irrigation. They have long powerful claws, strong jaws and teeth for tearing apart flesh. A badger hole can be up to 2.8 metres deep and 60 cm wide.

The dachshund dog is still used in Europe and other parts of the world for this purpose. Hunters often use a transmitter collar to keep track of the dog while they are underground. These dogs have a large lung capacity relative to their size, they not only have strong track scenting, but are able to hear and feel ground vibration (reverberating sense). They are also good diggers and have loud barks. Hunters usually use these dogs in small-packs because badgers, like these dogs, can be fierce and savage fighters. Dachshunds can be very protective of family members. Socialisation is very important so that they do not become super protective and lash out at strange people or other dogs. This breed comes in three different types of coats; the smooth, the wirehaired and the long coat. Their lifespan is from 12-16 years.

**Pam Brandis,**  
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## SHARPEN THE AXE

Over the past seven weeks we have been considering the late Stephen Covey's *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Families*. We have learnt what it means to: be proactive; begin with the end in mind; put the first things first; think win-win; seek first to understand; synergise. The series ends this week with the final habit - 'sharpen the axe'.

Two woodcutters in a forest competed to see who could produce the most chopped wood in a day. After an hour, the older man took a break while the younger man kept chopping. The younger man decided his opponent was already tiring. He felt confident of a victory. The breaks continued every hour throughout the day while the younger cutter relentlessly kept going. At the end of the day the younger man was shocked to see the other cutter's pile of wood was double the size of his. "How is that possible?" he asked. "It's simple," the wise cutter replied. "Every time I took a break I was sharpening my axe."

Sharpening your axe means taking time to regularly and consistently renew yourself. Covey suggests that this is necessary in four domains: physical, social, mental and spiritual. Physically, we can eat well, increase our activities and find ways to reduce our stress. Mentally, we can learn new skills and develop our talents. Socially, we can invest in our friendships and create opportunities to deepen them. Spiritually, we can renew our commitment to whatever gives our life meaning and purpose. While you can do these things independently, you can also sharpen the axe together as a family. Renewal activities done together builds family relationships. There is power in interdependent renewal.

Anything that is not attended to and renewed will break down, become disordered and deteriorate. Nothing neglected will remain as it was. Anyone who has a garden on the Mountain, will attest to that. In physics, the term is entropy which means that anything left to itself will eventually disintegrate until it reaches its most elemental form. All things need watching, working at and caring for. This also applies to our relationships, especially the family bonds which we often take for granted. In order to keep them at a consistent state we have to attend to them, or they will deteriorate over time.

The majority of couples who come for counselling are experiencing the effects of entropy. Like the young woodcutter, they have been working hard, directing their effort into necessary and legitimate activities. However, they failed to make time to stop and sharpen their axe - a process of renewing themselves and their relationship. Recognising the power of renewal within a couple relationship and within a family opens the door to all kinds of interaction and activities. These are the things that bond and unify a family while bringing renewal physically, socially, mentally and spiritually. Take time this week to consider how you can sharpen your blunt axe and ask your family members how you can help with sharpening theirs.

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# WINE CHAT

with Witches Falls Winery

## A WINE LOVER'S GUIDE TO TRAVEL: THE TOP 5 COUNTRIES TO VISIT

At the height of COVID-19—when we were barely permitted to leave the suburb let alone the country—keen travellers had to find alternative means of fulfilling their wanderlust. They harnessed the power of their senses to transport themselves to another reality unplugged by lockdowns, case-numbers, and border passes. We'd use our eyes to read stories of exotic far-away lands and watch films set in glamorous cities. With our ears we'd listen to music from another corner of the world—perhaps some American blues, 60s French pop, or some Brazilian bossa nova. For the gang here at Witches Falls, tasting wines from across the globe was our form of travel. We'd often share a drink together at the end of the workday. One afternoon we'd be sipping a Tuscan-style Sangiovese, fantasising about exploring the Italian countryside—the next day we'd be in the Napa Valley sipping on a bold and buttery Chardonnay. If nothing else, wine tasting proved a more-budget friendly way of seeing the world. But now—coming up to almost three years since the pandemic hit and changed our lives forever— it seems some sense of reality has finally returned.

Post-pandemic, when and where to travel has become a divisive issue. There are those who have been chomping at the bit to get on the first plane out of the country—they've had their bags packed since mid-2021, their passports at-hand, ready to fly away at a moment's notice. There are those who love the idea of getting out there again but seem a little wary of doing so in a post-COVID climate. And finally, there are those who now have little interest in making large trips and prefer to keep it local. No matter which camp you fall into... if you love wine, there is no shortage of destinations (both near and far) to enjoy!

**Without further ado... here are our top 5 destinations!**

**#1 Australia.** For those who like to keep it local, you're in luck! Some of the very best wine in the world is produced right here in our own backyard. Barring the NT, every state and territory in the country makes wine. Tassie is known for its sparkling and Pinot, while SA's Barossa Valley is the home of classic Aussie Shiraz.

**#2 Italy.** Beautiful wine. Delicious food. Rich History. Mesmerising art and culture... need I say more?

**#3 USA.** When people think about wine and America, they

instantly think of California. While it's true that the "Golden State" produces upwards of 85% of the country's vino, you'll find wineries in all 50 states—including some scrumptious ice wine in Alaska and a beautiful Tempranillo in Texas.

**#4 Portugal.** This country is home to some of the world's most famous wine growing regions—The Douro Valley, Porto, Madeira. Not only will you find a delicious wine made from native varietals, but the scenery is equally astonishing.

**#5 France.** A list of this nature would hardly be complete without the inclusion of the country whose wine is arguably the most famous and revered on the planet. If you're after classic, traditional wines, old-world charm, cobbled streets and magnificent châteaux...

**Cheers and Happy Travels,  
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## CREOLE CORN RIBS

**This creative spin on the classic corn on the cob has sweet roasted corn, sprinkled with a smoky, spicy, garlicky, Louisianan seasoning finished with a coating of melted butter, finely grated parmesan and fresh chives. Trust me, these bad boys will be the talking point of the night.**

These make for the perfect after-school snack for the kids, or you can add this dish as a sensational side to your next BBQ feast or as an interesting conversation starter for the next time you have a dinner party, served as an entrée. As always, if you don't like spice, you can substitute the Creole for my Gaucho seasoning instead, and they will be just as delicious, or do a tray of each to make sure no one misses out.

**Did you know?** Recently, an adorable kid has become a worldwide sensation due to his love of corn. The way his eyes light up when he talks about corn really is heartwarming, and he has become a wonderful ambassador for kids enjoying vegetables. You may have even heard teenagers singing the now famous song created from the interview. One line I definitely agree with is when he remarks "then I tried it with butter, and everything changed!"

This recipe isn't difficult – the only tricky part is getting through the hard core of the cob. Cutting the cobs of corn lengthwise is what gives them the look of a 'rib'. For anyone who has tried to cut a piece of corn the 'normal' way will know they are not the easiest thing to cut through. And cutting them lengthwise can be even more of a challenge.

**Chef Dylan's tips:** 1. Before you attempt to slice through your corn cobs, ensure you have a sharp chef's knife and a stable flat surface. 2. Stand the corn cob vertically, with the wider end sitting flat on your cutting surface. 3. Keep your fingers on the back the knife well away from the blade. 4. Slicing the corn cobs vertically also ensures you don't smash and destroy your corn kernels on the way through. 5. I use a rolling pin to tap on the back of the knife to slowly edge my way down through the thickest part at the bottom. The easiest and safest way to see how to do it is to head to YouTube for a quick tutorial.

**Memory Lane – somewhere inland from Bundaberg QLD 2006**

"Wow, look over there!" Says my brother Mitchell, pointing to the lilac-coloured sky from the driver's seat. I turn my head to follow his direction and glimpse a beautiful bone-coloured full moon which has begun to

sneak its head over the hill. "Whoa nah look at that too!" he says excitedly. I can see the silhouette of an old barn. "It's an omen!" declares Mitchell. "I'm pulling over – I've got to go check it out" he says, flicking on the blinker, he abruptly pulls onto a dirt-covered verge and we skid to a halt.

As the wind blows the dust away from Hermia's wheels, I see we have stopped next to a stall selling fresh corn. '50c a cob' says the hand-painted sign. I'll get a few for dinner, I think to myself as Mitchell pulls up the hand brake and switches off the engine. "Remember that old witch said to look for refuge on a hill under the full moon?" Mitchell asks. "Yeah, but she seemed crazy" I retort. "All the best people are", he quips, raising his eyebrows up and down. "It looks like it's falling apart" I protest feebly. "Stop being a sissy – everything in the universe is falling apart, we are literally beings ground back to dust by the forces of time, and something tells me there is a clue up there to my destiny" he says, flinging open the door. "And I'm not going to die wondering!" he adds.

"Come on!" he says jumping over the barbed wire fence like a kangaroo, his enthusiasm for life and adventure convinces the more rational part of my mind. "Alright, alright", I say, "Hold the fence wire open for me, will ya, I'm not as tall as you". As we make our way through the long straw-coloured grass, the sky starts to darken to a shade of deep purple, with Venus shining brightly. We are at the barn in no time. It smells of oil and hay. Looking around, it's clearly abandoned and there is an old tractor decaying gracefully in its final resting place. "How cool is it that! The moon is perfectly shining through the hole in the roof?!" says Mitchell. "That's it! That's why we are here!" he declares excitedly. "This is going to me a memory we will never forget! I'm going to turn it into a painting! I'm climbing up onto the roof to get a better view" he exclaims, as he begins to walk up the stairs leading to the loft. Here we go, I think to myself.

**Serves 6 – Prep time 20 mins, Cook time 30 mins**

### Ingredients

- 6 fresh corn cobs



- 4 tbsp olive oil
- 3 tbs Creole seasoning\*
- 3 cloves garlic, crushed
- 150g salted butter, melted
- 1/3 cup fresh parmesan cheese, finely grated
- 1/3 bunch chives, chopped

*\*Chef Dylan's Gourmet Food Co. Creole seasoning*

### Method

1. Preheat oven to 180°C.
2. Remove husk from corn.
3. Using a very sharp knife, and a hard and steady surface, carefully split each corn cob into quarters lengthways.
4. Place the oil, Creole or Gaucho seasoning and crushed garlic into a small bowl and stir to combine.
5. Place corn in a large mixing bowl and coat evenly with the spice mix.
6. Line a large baking tray with greaseproof paper and add the corn ribs.
7. Bake for approximately 30 minutes, or until the edges are starting to brown and the corn is soft and juicy.
8. Add cooked corn back into the large bowl and drizzle over the butter and toss to coat.
9. To serve, place corn ribs on a serving platter.
10. Garnish with a sprinkle of parmesan cheese, chives and a little more Creole for colour.

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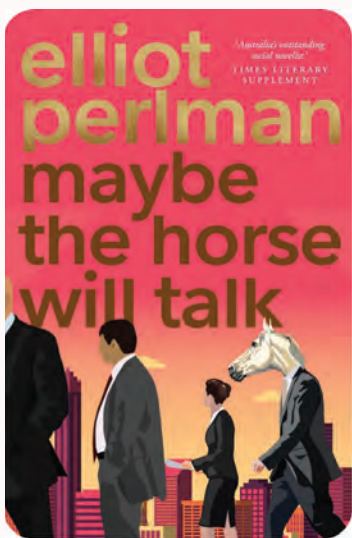
27th October: Dylan Thomas



Dylan Thomas was a Welsh writer and poet, who was also born in October. His most famous poem is 'Do not go gentle into the night'. Some of his works such as 'A Child's Christmas in Wales' and the 'Portrait of the Artist as a Young Dog' have been produced as radio broadcasts. Thomas' writings are sensitive; they contain the plethora of human emotion in small words. His writings convey the unspoken in ways people wish they could. His writings are well worth a read.

If you want to curl up with some beautiful poetry, then Dylan Thomas is definitely one to read.

## Our Book Choice: **MAYBE THE HORSE WILL TALK** by Elliot Perlman



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Warm, dramatic, and at times laugh-out-loud funny, with the narrative pull of a thriller, *Maybe the Horse Will Talk* is a love story, a reflection on contemporary marriage, and on friendship. It is also an unflinching examination of sexual harassment in the workplace and an exposé of corporate corruption that taps directly into the pulse of our times.

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2. Christopher Cockerell is known as the inventor of what type of vehicle?
3. Which two international companies between them invented the compact disc?
4. Which British mathematician invented a type of computer in 1835?
5. Who invented the vulcanisation of rubber process?
6. Whitcomb L Judson is credited with inventing which kind of fastener?
7. Percy Shaw is known as the inventor of which device, an aid to drivers?
8. Who was the inventor of quick-frozen food in 1930?
9. What was invented by Isaac Pitman in 1837?
10. Who invented the first sound recording machine in 1877?
11. What was Emile Berliner's famous invention of 1887?
12. Who is credited with conceiving the idea of underground passenger railways in 1846?
13. The invention of radar is credited to various sources but who gave the first UK practical demonstration of radar in 1935?
14. Who invented the electric vacuum cleaner in 1901?
15. What was patented by Dr W Leigh Burton in 1869?
16. Which civilisation invented concrete?

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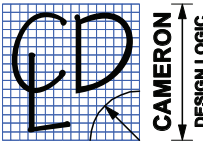
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**TM ARTS COLLECTIVE:** Artists, Musicians, Performers, Artisans, Patrons - Meetings and Pot Luck Dinners held monthly. All welcome. For details contact: Guy Ritani 0477 795 734 or email [tmtnants@gmail.com](mailto:tmtnants@gmail.com)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**TMLETS:** Join at Community Exchange System [www.ces.org.za](http://www.ces.org.za) . Enq. 5545 3776.

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

**TM LITTLE THEATRE:** Meetings held 1st Tuesday of month at 7.30pm at the Zamia Theatre. Regular plays, play readings & social events, movie club events. New members

welcome. Cath Buckley President [www.tmlt.com.au](http://www.tmlt.com.au).

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

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

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

**TM NETBALL CLUB.** Visit our website: [www.tamborine-mountain-netball.square.site](http://www.tamborine-mountain-netball.square.site)

**TM ORCHESTRA** rehearses from 7pm to 9 pm every Wednesday during school term time. The venue is Tamborine Mountain State High School at Holt Rd. New players always welcome. For more information, phone Danielle on 0423 210 949. Check us out on our website [www.tmo.org.au](http://www.tmo.org.au); or find us on Facebook.

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

**TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN COMBINED PROBUS CLUB INC.** meets third Wednesday each month at 9.15 for 9.30 start The TM Combined Probus Club invites semi-retired and retired men and women to join our social club for fun, fellowship, and friendship. Meetings are at the Bridge Club, Sports Centre, 400 Long Road Mt Tamborine. President: Pauline 0414 349 264

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

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

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

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

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

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

**UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE (U3A).** An association for retirees and those preparing for retirement. Learn, teach, socialise. For more info please access our website [www.u3atamborinemountain.com](http://www.u3atamborinemountain.com)

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

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

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