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MEDALS KEEP ROLLING IN FOR FIT MUM OF 8

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FoodWorks' Mountain mum of eight, Brenda Ashley (pictured with newest arrival Christopher – left, and Madilyn – above) proudly and successfully competed at the recent PanPac Masters and Queensland Masters Athletics. Photos and story page 15





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Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am years old.
This year, I have been good all of the time good some of the time naughty (but nice!)
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and
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Merry Christmas, Santa!
Love,
P.S. Please Say "Hi" to for me!

Family's email address

AGM OF TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN UNIVERSE INC IS AIMING FOR THE STARS

The Annual General Meeting of the Tamborine Mountain Universe Association was held at St. Bernards Hotel on Wednesday 30 November. The members elected a new management committee (board), and were congratulated and wished much success. The outgoing President Jaap Vogel gave an overview of the past 12 months.

Jaap explained that it has been a difficult year for both the TMU Property Trust and the Association due to an investor in the trust dragging on a court case for almost a year, and that the plaintiffs ended up withdrawing all claims against the trust. Jaap thanked the trust/investors for staying the course and believing in the project.

The time and energy that this lawsuit demanded from the leadership of both entities was very substantial. This is one of the reasons that four of the management committee members stepped down from the association board, remaining on the trust, as this will separate the leadership of both entities.



As a result, an almost entirely new Management Committee had to be elected.

- Deborah Sykes President
- Cheryl Wistow Secretary
- Paul Talbot Treasurer
- Stephen Thrum will continue as Director Education, and Rosemarie Talbot, Lynn Judd and Julie were elected as members. Richard will be looking after membership and Jaap will stay on as Vice-President for three more months to help with the transition of information to the new committee.

The Tamborine Mountain Universe Association will continue organising events related to celestial occurrences such as lunar eclipses, and a partial solar eclipse on 20 April next year, and the NASA *Observe the Moon* night and the annual Christmas party. The successful series of presentations about the Universe under the title *Aiming for the Stars* will also continue.

A major new activity is foreseen to commence early next year. The TMU Trust is looking into establishing a Space Base on the land at 379 Long Road, to accommodate activities organised by the trust and association such as Sun viewing, stargazing, virtual reality presentations and educational, interactive Mars Rover activities. Members of Tamborine Mountain Universe Association will always be encouraged to participate and lend a hand when needed. The focus will be to involve locals, children and students to better understand the Earth and Universe, as shown by astronomy and space research.

The association will keep members up-to-date via regular newsletters, and articles in the press.

The meeting closed with a 'thank you' for the generous donation of \$1,000 raised by the TM College students, and a reminder of the artistic, inspirational and networking contributions made by Vanessa Stanley, a lifelong member of Tamborine Mountain Universe Inc who passed away in July 2022. Her legacy will always be present in this project.

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FRIENDS COME TOGETHER FOR COMMUNITY — AND BOOKS

Friends of Tamborine Mountain Library (FOTML – or "Friends" for short) incorporated as a not-for-profit, community organisation on the 18th December, 2001, and has, since that time, been supporting Council's Tamborine Mountain Library at least at two locations, and in many, many ways.

In addition to funding the purchase of specific publications like "Country Life", "History Today", "Good Reading", "Delicious" and "Writers Forum", over the last two decades (yes, Happy 21st to us!) our little group has provided furniture like children's chairs, cupboards, café settings and signage, and most recently an interactive computer for local content. We have organised and sponsored guest author visits, creative writing competitions, literature prizes and educational toys. We have also supported literacy programs for Indigenous youth, and schools in Papua New Guinea, and installed and managed a "Little Free Library" at Eagle Heights.

Together with other Mountain organisations, and with grant funding from RADF, we successfully held the Five Senses Festival here on the Mountain in 2021, promoting all things literary, musical and artistic, and hosted Australian author Jackie French with sessions at the Vonda Youngman Centre.

Our Executive Committees have been vibrant and active – often putting in countless hours to bring off local events and to ensure there all those little extras at the Library to make it the wonderful social hub that it is. With the support of our valued members, we do all of these things from the proceeds of our regular Book Sales along the covered patio of the Library precinct. True, the last few years have been difficult to be sure – but when the library had to be closed due to COVID restrictions, we still managed to provide trollies of reading material outside the library doors for our community.

We have been thrilled as a group to be included in consultations with the planning department regarding the relocation of our beloved library into the old IGA building at Yuulong Street, and we fully intend to contribute financially and physically as the refurbishment exercise proceeds. With the air conditioning complete and the electrical work continuing at a fine pace, it won't be long till we can begin to assist with the layout and décor. We love doing this sort of thing for our community, but sadly our membership is not as robust as it used to be. Our executives average in their 70s, and our membership numbers are dwindling.

We will be holding our last **Book Sale** of the year outside the Library on **Saturday the 10th December,** to be followed by Christmas Festivities and a 21st Birthday Cake. Membership to the "Friends" is only \$10 for a single and \$15 for a family. It doesn't involve much – just some active help with the set up and break-down of the quarterly book sales and some occasional sorting of donated books. The benefits – well, apart from the feel-good sensation of helping your community in promoting literacy – your membership entitles you to two "Member" events a year (could be a movie night, or an evening locked in the new library!)

Please consider this valuable community service organisation. We're a great bunch, with the commonality of loving books and reading. Come join us!

Yours bookishly Arne, Polly and Kathy

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES 2022

REGIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCHES

Christmas Eve Vigil Mass (Sat 24 December):

- 4.30pm: Tamborine Village (St Patrick's Church)
- 6.00pm: Beaudesert (St Mary's Church).
- 8.00pm: Beaudesert (St Mary's Church).

Christmas Day (Sun 25 December):

- 7.00am: O'Reilly's (St Joseph's Church, Green Mountains).
- 7.30am: Tamborine Mountain (St John the Baptist Church,
 - Beacon Rd). (Carols from 7.15am)
- 9.00am Canungra (St Margaret Mary's Church).
- 9.30am: Beaudesert (St Mary's Church).

PUPPIES AS CHRISTMAS GIFTS? GOOD INTENTION, BAD IDEA

If you're thinking about giving your loved one a puppy as a gift this Christmas, Dogs Australia urges you to "think twice".

"Puppies can't be exchanged, returned or put in the cupboard if the Christmas present isn't the right fit," says Hugh Gent, OAM, President of Dogs Australia, which promotes responsible dog ownership. "And sadly, many impulsively bought gift puppies will end up in shelters.

"There's a huge misconception that pets make great Christmas gifts when, in fact, they don't. Sure, it's exciting to see someone's face when they first see their 'gift' but once the novelty wears off and the reality of owning a dog sinks in, it's often a different story. Owning a dog is a big responsibility.

"Remember, you're gifting an obligation – and you need to be confident the recipient will be able to provide for the dog beyond puppyhood and for many years to come. Dogs require commitment: they depend on us 24/7 for their care and they need a lot of exercise and attention."

It's also crucial to ensure a good fit between dogs and their people, which is why Hugh says it's best to have someone choose their own dog – if they want one – rather than selecting one you think will be a good fit.

"Dogs have personalities just like we do, so it's important to research the right breed that best suits

your personality, your family and lifestyle.
At Dogs Australia we promote responsible dog ownership – and Animal shelters are already packed with homeless animals – and sadly, since the pandemic

more dogs have been surrendered because people can't cope with them, don't have time to look after them, can't afford them, or have just lost interest. Never surprise someone with a puppy – it could backfire spectacularly."

6 reasons why you shouldn't give a puppy as a Christmas present:

- 1. Dogs are a long-term commitment Owning a dog is more of a responsibility than a gift. Not only do they need a lot of care and training, but they also come with a lot of expenses. It takes time and commitment to own a dog. On average, dogs can live up to 13 years or more.
- 2. Dog ownership is time intensive A dog's not an ornament to be left in the backyard or a toy you can play with until you get bored. They need attention, love, training and exercise.
- 3. Owning a dog can be expensive A dog requires food, toys, trips to the vet, medicine, pet insurance, training, holiday boarding, grooming and more. That can amount to thousands of dollars each year.
- 4. Are you sure they want a dog? They might be allergic to dogs, not have the time or patience to care for a dog, can't afford to care for a dog, do a lot of traveling, and they might not even like dogs!
- 5. You might accidentally end up buying from a puppy farm If you are excited by the idea of buying a puppy as a Christmas gift, you might accidentally end up buying from an illegal puppy farm rather than a legitimate, reputable breeder. "Puppy farms tend to have more readily available puppies due to the sheer number they breed but this comes at a price," says Hugh. "Often these pups are poorly socialised and more at risk of health problems. Their parents are housed in poor conditions and the 'business' owners aren't focused on the welfare of their dogs. A puppy should be purchased from a registered breeder."
- 6. Returning the dog could jeopardise its life If your loved one doesn't want a puppy, they might end up surrendering it to a pet shelter, and this could potentially put the animal's life in danger. If no new owner adopts the dog, it might then be euthanised.

Mount Tamborine flat-fare taxi changes

We've added new trips to Helensvale station.

At Helensvale you can connect with other Translink services to travel toward the Gold Coast or Brisbane. Anyone from **Mount Tamborine**, **North Tamborine** or **Eagle Heights** can use the service.

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		Helensvale	Beenleigh	
One-way fares	Adult	\$10	\$12	
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Monday to Friday (to Mount Tamborine)								
	am	pm						
Helensvale station	10:00	12:00	2:30	-	6:30			
Beenleigh station	-	-	-	6:20	-			
Mount Tamborine	11:00	1:00	3:30	7:30	7:30			

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Find out more: visit translink.com.au/mt-tamborine









one small place on earth

FLOODED GUM - Eucalyptus Grandis, with 'green man', roadside, Eagle Heights



The tree is ubiquitous up here – some of the mightiest specimens attaining great heights in our national parks. The species occurs on coastal areas and sub-coastal ranges from much of New South Wales to Far North Queensland. I noticed the apparition in the tree in my photograph, shortly after the conclusion of the Scarecrow Festival. I find it an inspired creation, Tamborine Mountain's version of the green man, incorporating strips of bark instead of green leaves.

My book, One small place on earth, makes a unique and beautiful **Christmas present from Tamborine Mountain** – with **over 300** images of its flora and fauna, \$39.95 hard cover. Stocked by Under the Greenwood Tree, The Piccabeen Bookshop, the TM Skywalk, The North Tamborine and Eagle Heights Post Offices and Canungra Books & Art.

Peter Kuttner

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GROUP A 🤚 🚒

- Opposite 60-70 Jenyns Road
- at 3.30pm
- Rosser Park (School Road)
- at 4.00pm
- Hang Gliders Lookout
- at 4.30pm
- Sports Grounds (Long Road)
- at 5.10pm

GROUP B 🤚 🚒



- @ 36-38 Freemont Drive at 3:30pm
- Australia Post Car Park,
- Main Street at 4.00pm
- Staffsmith Park
- (Stradbroke Avenue) at 4.30pm
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MONDAY (28-NOV-22)

NS 1. 55.42% JOHN YOUNGMAN -**CHERYL FINLAYSON**

NS 2. 50.00% PETER ZAREMBA - JOANNE EVANS

NS 3. 48.75% SHEENA POLLOCK -SHEILA IRVINE-BROWN

EW 1. 58.33% DAVID DONALDSON - HEIKE EDRICH

EW 2. 54.58% GAYLE DONALDSON - PAM WARRELL

EW 3. 52.92% CHRISTINE YOUNGMAN -JULIE GUTHRIE

WEDNESDAY (30-NOV-22)

1. 62.50% CHERYL FINLAYSON - JULIE GUTHRIE

2. 54.17% SHEILA IRVINE-BROWN - MARIAN GIBBONS

3. 50.00% JUDY PALMER - ANDREW PALMER

THURSDAY (1-DEC-22)

NS 1. 66.67% HEIKE EDRICH - CAROLE COOKE

NS 2, 53,27% ALEX HOOD - ANDREW DAVIDSON

NS 3. 51.49% PETER ZAREMBA - ANN ZAREMBA

EW 1. 60.42% ANDREW PALMER - JUDY PALMER

EW 2. 58.33% SHEILA IRVINE-BROWN -CHERYL FINLAYSON

EW 3. 54.17% ANTOINETTE IHLENFELDT - GAIL LAYER

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Property of the week

OPEN HOMES Sat 10th

10 - 10.30 92 Riemore Ccrt, Tamborine

10 - 10.30 5-7 Winema Drive

11 - 11.30 20 Paradise Drive

11.15 - 11.45 60 Benowa Street

12 - 12.30 164c Wongawallan Road

12 - 12.30 5-7 Boise Court

15 Tolima Drive 12.30 - 1

1 - 1.30 16 Capo Lane

1.45 - 2.15 20 Bateke Road





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TRAVELLING PLACES with Gina

This week I joined with others to enjoy the 30-year celebration of Regent Seven Seas. This wonderful cruise line has a fleet of five luxury cruise ships and will be launching the sixth, Seven Seas Grandeur, in 2023. Chatting to happy past passengers it reminded me of why we travel and the joy that it brings to us all.

Regent Seven Seas cruises are a delight, you are pampered from the moment you board these beautifully designed ships, you will discover understated elegance with an air of sophistication. Every cabin is spacious with a walk-in wardrobe, spacious bathroom, sitting area, veranda and a bed you wished you had at home! All the amenities are in your cabin - they stock your fridge with your favourite tipple and your bathroom with lovely toiletries, they even do your laundry!

These all-inclusive cruises really are just that. At the end of your cruise your bill is invariably \$0! You can dine at any of the restaurants on board, and they are all included - French cuisine is served in Chartreuse, or perhaps the New York Steak House Prime 7 is more your style? The main dining room is Compass Rose and you can enjoy Asian Fusion in Pacific Rim. Don't miss the al fresco casual dining on deck, and the coffee shop.

Select from the restaurant menu for in-room dining, and breakfast on your veranda is a must!

All beverages are also included, so if you like a flat white or a glass of champagne there is no more to pay. Shout everyone in the bar a drink! There are several lounges and



bars on board – and the live music sets the scene for an enjoyable evening. The theatre has performances every evening and there are often performances reflecting the area you are travelling through. Don't miss the spa - there are steam rooms and ice showers and massage therapists and beauticians.

My favourite aspect of sailing with Regent Seven Seas is that there are unlimited shore excursions included. Every time you are in port you can select one or more excursions to explore the region and these are good quality, in-depth excursions. I have enjoyed several memorable excursions - one to the medieval walled town of Lucca in Tuscany, another to Aix-en-Provence in France. The excursions take a maximum of 30 travellers, so you can pre-book your favourite experience.

Enjoy the Gift of Travel from Regent Seven Seas, with several cruises now offering a free pre or post cruise few days on land. Several of the Japan cruises offer a 3-night stopover in Tokyo. Similarly a Mediterranean cruise may include a 3 night package to amazing Cappadocia in eastern Turkey or a 3 night Tuscany excursion. Northern Europe offerings include

a discovery of Copenhagen or a journey to the Cotswolds.

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Buy Local Christmas 2022 and go in the draw to win \$1000! It's easy, all you need to do is make a purchase at a local Scenic Rim business and write your name and phone number on the back of your receipt and drop it in a 'Buy Local Christmas Box' – located at participating businesses around the electorate and at my office. I started this initiative, together with Federal Member Scott Buchholz MP, to encourage the community to support local businesses following a tough few years of floods, bushfires, and COVID-19. My family will be doing our Christmas shopping locally this year and I urge everybody to do the same.

Buy Local Christmas drop points on Tamborine Mountain & Canungra:

- Tamborine Mountain Visitor Information Centre
- Mumma Duck's Sweets & Treats
- Granny Mac's Fudge
- My Country Escape
- KD's Antiques
- Canungra Books & Art

CHRISTMAS ROAD SAFETY & SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

With Christmas and school holidays approaching, motorists are reminded to slow down. The festive period means more cars, caravans and holiday makers are on the road and drivers should be more alert than ever. Many people are unaware that around half of all speed-related crashes, resulting in injuries or fatalities, happen at just 10 km/h or less over the speed limit. Every extra kilometre over could cause harm or damage to others on the road – speeding to shave a few minutes off your journey could lead to consequences that last a lifetime. Stay safe on the roads this festive season.

BREASTSCREEN QLD AT VONDA YOUNGMAN

The BreastScreen Queensland mobile unit is offering free breast screening at the Vonda Youngman Centre from 5 January – 2 February 2023. BreastScreen Queensland specifically targets women aged between 50 and 74 years and invites them for a free screening mammogram every two years. Bookings can be made online **www.breastscreen.qld.gov.au** or by phoning 13 20 50.

DV SAFE PHONE DROP BOX LOCATION

My office is now a Domestic Violence Phone Drop location.

DV Safe Phone is an Australia-wide network of organisations helping victims of domestic violence. The program works to connect donated mobile phones to those who need them most. This program also helps to reduce e-waste by recycling and repurposing unwanted phones. Any phones are accepted, including one's with broken screens or other impairments. If your phone is an iPhone be sure to remove iCloud before donating.

If you have a phone to donate, you can now drop it off at my office: 91 Brisbane Street, Beaudesert QLD 4285. For more information and to find the nearest drop box location to you visit: dvsafephone.org/donate-phones

SOMETHING I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT?

Please don't hesitate to let me know by email on **scenicrim@parliament.qld.gov.au** or phone on 5515 1100.

COVID-19 DISRUPTIONS LED TO LOWEST NUMBER OF PUBLIC ELECTIVE SURGERIES PERFORMED IN OVER A DECADE

The number of patients treated in the 2021–22 financial year from Australia's public hospital elective surgery waiting lists ('elective' meaning non-emergency) fell to the lowest level since 2010–11. This was associated with disruptions to hospital services as a result of COVID-19.

Information on public hospital elective surgery waiting times and emergency department care in 2021–22 with national, state and territory, local hospital network and hospital-specific data was released today on the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare's (AIHW) MyHospitals platform.

'In 2021–22, public hospitals performed 623,000 elective surgeries, 131,600 (17%) fewer compared to the previous year,' said AIHW spokesperson Dr. Adrian Webster (PhD).

'This followed periodic suspensions of lower-urgency elective surgery starting from March 2020, which have aimed to help ensure the health system maintains adequate capacity during the pandemic.

'An elective surgery is medically necessary, and may be urgent, but applies where the patient's clinical condition does not require immediate care through an emergency admission.'

In 2020–21, as the first round of elective surgery restrictions were eased in most states and territories, a concerted effort was made to clear the backlog. This led to strong growth in the number of elective surgeries performed in that year in most states and territories, with Victoria being a notable exception due to ongoing COVID-19 outbreaks.

During 2021–22, as outbreaks became widespread across the nation, suspensions took hold again, causing disruptions to the delivery of health care services.'

The number of elective surgeries performed in 2021–22 was the lowest since 2010–11, when 627,200 admissions from elective surgery waiting lists occurred.

Across Australia, all jurisdictions except Tasmania saw a reduction in elective surgery admissions. The largest decreases in 2021–22 were seen in New South Wales (27%) and Western Australia (23%), while Victoria experienced a much longer period of reduced activity.

Among those who were admitted from a public hospital waiting list, half (50%) of all patients were admitted for their procedures within 40 days (down from 48 days the previous year). The proportion of patients who waited longer than 365 days to be admitted was 6.3%, down from 7.6% in 2020–21.

While these data relate to admissions from the public hospital waiting lists, it should be noted that most elective surgeries are performed in Australia's private hospitals, where there is no waiting times data collated nationally.

Emergency department care 2021-22



New information on emergency department care was also released today, showing there were 8.79 million presentations in 2021–22, a small decrease from 8.81 million in 2020–21.

'In the 5 years prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, presentations to public hospital emergency departments steadily increased by an average of 3.2% per year, however, the pandemic continued to impact the number of presentations throughout 2021–22,' said Dr. Adrian Webster

In 2021–22, 67% of patients were seen on time for their urgency category, down from 71% in 2020–21. Almost all patients in the most urgent category, 'Resuscitation', were seen immediately.

As cases of COVID-19 rose in the community, there was an increase in the number of people presenting to emergency departments with a principal diagnosis of COVID-19.

In August 2021, average daily presentations with a COVID-19 diagnosis peaked at 739, then fell to a low of 261 in November 2021.

The highest peak of 1,682 was seen in January 2022, followed by a sharp fall to 545 in February 2022, which increased again to 801 in April 2022 and then decreased to 469 in June 2022.

Australian Institute Of Health And Welfare

LANDMARK REPORT ANALYSES THE IMPACT OF AI ON SCIENCE

A world-first report from Australia's national science agency, CSIRO, has analysed the impact of artificial intelligence (AI) on scientific discovery, finding scientists are adopting the technology at an unprecedented rate.

The 'Artificial intelligence for science' report draws insights from millions of scientific papers published over 60 years to form a picture of how AI is being used across scientific fields and identifies the key issues ahead for the innovation sector.

CSIRO Chief Scientist, Professor Bronwyn Fox, welcomed the launch of the report today as part of Science at the Shine Dome.

"Al is no longer just the domain of computer scientists or mathematicians; it is now a significant enabling force across all fields of science, which is something we live every day at CSIRO where digital technologies are accelerating the pace and scale of our research in fields ranging from agriculture to energy to manufacturing and beyond."

The report found that in 1960, a decade after Alan Turing's landmark paper posed the question 'can machines think?', only 14 per cent of the 333 research fields studied were publishing on Al. By 1972, ahead of the first 'Al winter', that number had reached more than half.

Today, there is evidence of Al adoption in 98 per cent of fields, with the steepest publishing increases recorded over the past five years. Mathematics, decision sciences, engineering, neuroscience and health professions are noted as among the most prolific adopters.

"Human curiosity will always be at the heart of science, but these technologies combined with deep domain understanding are increasingly helping to open-up new frontiers for knowledge discovery," Professor Fox said.

"Al is also helping to deliver higher-impact, real-world solutions to Australia's greatest challenges, like Al to help detect disease, predict bushfires and manage the enormous amount of data we are gathering about our universe."

The rapid increase in AI uptake by scientists has been accompanied by a global rise in public and private sector R&D investment, with more than 700 AI policy and strategy initiatives developed across 60 international jurisdictions since 2017.

"To make the most of this technology for Australia, there are key issues we will need to tackle. CSIRO has one of the largest teams of digital experts in the country, but these are not issues that can be solved by one organisation alone," Professor Fox said.

"The development of trusted, responsible and ethical Al solutions will be increasingly important globally, and because we have moved quickly to build deep expertise in the field, Australia has a unique opportunity to lead in this area."

"An uplift in AI capabilities will also be needed across all scientific disciplines over the coming decades and it will be vital that we lift workforce diversity at the same time."

Artificial intelligence for science lead report author Stefan Hajkowicz said when thinking about the future of Al it's not about just the technology itself.

"It's about what happens when AI is mixed with other fields of science and research," Dr Hajkowicz said. "That's where many of the breakthroughs will happen," he said.

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SALE OF SECOND-HAND GOODS SUPPORTED BY SCENIC RIM COMMUNITIES



Two massive weekends of sales of pre-loved goods across the region have wrapped up as part of the national Garage Sale Trail festival.

Powered locally by Council, this year's event saw 113 local registrations, with over 4,000 people attending sales across the Scenic Rim at residential houses, apartments, local businesses and community groups, at street sales and schools and even from car boots.

Scenic Rim Mayor Greg Christensen said the festival was not only a fun way for residents to connect, make some money and keep good stuff out of landfill, but that the great results confirmed how serious the region's communities are about reducing waste going to landfill.

Over 31,000 items were up for grabs across the region and with their associated sales placed Scenic Rim Regional Council #2 in Queensland, sitting just behind Ipswich City Council and tying with Moreton Bay Regional Council.

Scenic Rim Regional Council also placed #11 nationally per capita.

As part of the local campaign, 100% of participants pledged they would not illegally dump unsold goods and as a result of the keen interest from participating sellers, the sales generated across both weekends kept a massive 44,346 tonnes of reusable items out of landfill.

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SCENIC RIM'S GROWTH MANAGEMENT STRATEGY ENDORSED AT ORDINARY MEETING

The Scenic Rim's award-winning Scenic Rim Growth Management Strategy, which provides the framework for the region's sustainable growth to 2041, has been endorsed by Council.

Recently recognised for its vision and innovation in the Strategic Planning Project category of the Planning Institute of Australia's 2022 Awards for Planning Excellence Queensland, the Growth Management Strategy dovetails with the timeframes and benchmarks of the current South East Queensland Regional Plan, ShapingSEQ.

Scenic Rim Mayor Greg Christensen said the strategy was the product of quality community consultation and rigorous analysis that made it a powerful strategic planning document.

"While the development of the Scenic Rim Growth Management Strategy 2041 was a condition for Queensland Government approval of the Scenic Rim Planning Scheme, it now provides a strong basis for further planning, including considerations such as infrastructure needs and timing, as well as ensuring we maintain the diverse and unique character of our many communities across the Scenic Rim," he said.

"Within the context of the constantly evolving Queensland planning framework and changing demographic and development trends, there will be ongoing review of the Growth Management Strategy.

"As new information comes to hand, re-evaluation of the strategy by the Council's Strategic Planning team will ensure that growth in the Scenic Rim occurs in a way that reflects our region's current and future needs."

The Growth Management Strategy provides for greater diversity in housing in a range of locations, with additional land zoned for residential development to meet dwelling supply benchmarks as well as the changing needs and lifestyles of the Scenic Rim community.

It provides direction for the planning and prioritisation of growth to 2041, through tailored strategies for particular areas.

As the principal rural activity centre of the Scenic Rim, Beaudesert is a priority area for the majority of housing and employment growth due to its current and planned infrastructure.

This is supported by the major rural activity centre of Boonah and townships, each with their own unique character, including Kalbar, Aratula, Peak Crossing and Harrisville, Tamborine Mountain, Tamborine, Canungra and Kooralbyn.

"Each of these areas will make a unique contribution towards the future growth of the Scenic Rim," Mayor Christensen said.

"In the past decade we have seen steady population growth in our region and, between 2016 and 2021, we have seen an increase in the number of residents from 41,000 to around 44,000.

"With the Scenic Rim's population is expected to exceed 67,000 by 2041, Council is required to plan for 11,000 additional dwellings and a minimum of 7,609 new jobs to support that projected growth."

While the Bromelton State Development Area has the potential to be a significant generator of industrial employment for the region, its development depends on key infrastructure including upgrades to the Mount Lindesay Highway freight route and the delivery of the Kagaru to Acacia Ridge and Bromelton section of the Inland Rail project.

"I am pleased to see the endorsement of our Growth Management Strategy, which has been recognised for its excellence in strategic planning. Its completion will also satisfy the Minister's condition of approval for the Scenic Rim Planning Scheme 2020, which required the preparation of the strategy," Mayor Christensen said.

"It represents a fit-for-purpose and evidence-based approach to growth planning, having regard to the Scenic Rim's unique position in South East Queensland as a primarily rural region on the urban fringe."

ROAD UPGRADES FOR IDENTIFIED BLACK SPOTS SET TO COMMENCE

Safety enhancement works to protect motorists and pedestrians will commence later this month on five approved projects across the region under the Australian Government's Black Spot Program.

Scenic Rim Regional Council has appointed Naric Civil to deliver \$3 million of projects fully funded by the Australian Government under the 2021–2022 Black Spot Program designed to build safer, more efficient roads, and improve visibility at locations where serious crashes have occurred.

Works will vary between the five projects, but motorists can expect to see new audio line markings, guideposts with reflectors, more guardrails, the installation of alignment markers, construction of a single-lane roundabout, warning signs, and pedestrian refuges.

Works are expected to be completed by May 2023 (weather and conditions permitting) and will require some temporary lane closures with single-lane contraflow traffic in place.

Scenic Rim Mayor Greg Christensen thanked the Australian Government for their contribution for the upgrades to our local roads which will also support local jobs.

"This is a large package of works that will assist Council with improving the condition of some high traffic areas for the safety of our motorists and pedestrians to get you home sooner and safer," he said.

"We thank residents for their patience while these important works are completed."

The Australian Government is providing \$110 million each year to the Black Spot Program. For more information on the Program, including how to nominate a site for funding, visit https://investment.infrastructure.gov.au/about/local-initiatives/black-spot-program/

The following five projects are fully funded under the Black Spot Program:

- Beechmont Road, east of Rhoades Rd, Witheren
- Beechmont Road, 500m section north of Farm Grove Road, Beechmont
- Munbilla Road (pictured below) and Ellis and Jackson Road intersection, Milora
- Birnam Street and James Street intersection, Beaudesert
- Birnam Street and Alice Street intersection, Beaudesert



Eight months after having her eighth baby - little Christopher - Eagle Heights FoodWorks' flying mum, Brenda Ashley, continued her golden athletics form at the recent Pan Pacific Masters Games and the Queensland Masters Relays.

Winning PanPac Masters silver medals in the long and triple jumps, as well as fifth place in the 100 metres, Brenda decided to enter the Queensland Masters relays for a bit of fun with her friends, only to come back with three more gold medals in the 4x100m, 4x400m and 3x long-jump.

The medal in the highly taxing 400m came as a shock, as she hadn't been training for anything over 100m.

Brenda decided to enter these events as she enjoys anything sporty, from running to skating, bike riding and even walking. She is well-known by her handle of "FitMumof8" - previously "FitMumof7".

"I've brought my kids up to be active as well - we train together and exercise together.

"I love athletics, and hope to inspire more parents to compete as well. I had to lose over 20kg (baby weight), so I started off slowly, listened to my body and drank a lot of water!

"My coach (the much loved and respected Terry Larkins) has been there every step of the way; he has also coached seven of the children at Runaway Bay."

Brenda and Michael are the owners of FoodWorks at Eagle Heights - a proud family business, and will be open on Christmas Day from 6am to 12pm - a thank you to the community for their support throughout 2022.







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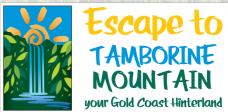
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of your life and move your self-growth to a whole new level. And next year's retreat is all about your microbiome – how you and your bacteria assimilate and love life.

The obvious physical causes of gut dysfunction will be explored in depth. Food and food intolerances, auto-immunes, and how the happiness of your gut plays a huge role in the happiness and stability of your mental and emotional disposition. But in the world of yoga we are never satisfied to stop at the physical, we believe that there is always an underlying mental, emotional and spiritual aspect to every dis—ease and dysfunction in our bodies, and as the gut is the engine of your body, it's a great place to start.

From a metaphysical viewpoint, digestive health is about what you digest in life. It is about receiving the gift of life, and being able to break it down into its component parts for better acceptance, or to eliminate it. It is about becoming aware of what you are asking your body, emotions and spirit to take in. And metaphysically, we regard digestive disorders as a response by your body to refuse to digest what is coming in. Is it just the food, or was there something emotionally, mentally or spiritually charged around that food that makes your microbiome regard it as a toxin and not digest it well?

Ideally, we should spend the majority of our life digesting food, ideas and emotions that are pleasing to us and allow us to enjoy radiant mental and physical health. If you are taking in a lot of worry, fear, and doubt, you are going to have a difficult time, because these are uncomfortable energies to take in and digest. Farfetched? Not really. Try and eat dinner in front of the TV with the news blaring. Those microbes, fungi and bacteria in your tummy are going to have a hard time digesting that meal, as your mental and emotional body responds to the deluge of bad news you cannot do anything about. Your digestion, your empathy, and your feelings about life are integrally linked.

In Ayurveda, the energy we use to digest life is called Samana Vayu. The energy of Samana Vayu is what enables us to digest and absorb the nutrition from the food we eat. It's also the force responsible for digesting our life experiences. So, the same force that enables you to extract nourishment from food, allows you to extract sustenance from life. When this force is dampened due to stress, it can have a direct effect on your capacity to digest food, as well as your feelings.

Margot Wagner Yoga Under the Bodhi Tree

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Relationships



SOCIAL CAPITAL

At the turn of the century Robert Putman wrote a book called "Bowling Alone". He observed how the activity of ten pin bowling had changed from communal leagues to families and individuals. Putman noted that communal activity in general was on the decline. Simultaneously, family structures were shrinking in size and the bonds that once kept extended family close, were weakening. In the proceeding two decades this trend has continued. According to recent census figures, Australian households are comprised of twenty three percent lone-person households and sixteen percent single-parent families; together representing almost forty percent. For some, the growth in living alone has been celebrated as reflecting the improved choice that people have in their living arrangements and lifestyle, while for others it has meant increased social fragmentation and a rise in loneliness.

Living alone does not necessitate an isolated lifestyle. Putman introduces the concept of social capital as a panacea for loneliness and isolation. Social capital is the active connections between people within a community. It is the glue that holds community together while offering benefits to individuals within that community. The loss of social capital is felt in critical ways, such as increased crime rates, poorer neighbourhood quality of life, and decline in mental wellbeing.

People generally form social ties because of an innate desire for social contact. In the context of community, social ties form around fun activities or pressing community issues. People are motivated by either a benefit to themselves or a belief that their personal involvement will have an impact. Active community involvement results in collaboration, allowing citizens to resolve collective problems more easily. There have been many local issues in our Mountain community that have brought people together, and in doing so, built our social capital.

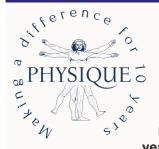
As a community becomes more involved with one another, willingness to assist one another increases. Social networks provide the channels through which we recruit one another for good deeds and encourage attention to others' welfare. A generalised attitude of reciprocity becomes the norm as recipients of support begin to "pay it forward" to others. In other words, "I'll do this for you without expecting anything specific back, in the confident expectation that someone will do something for me when I am in need in the future".

On the twentieth anniversary of "Bowling Alone" a new edition was released that included the impact of social media and the internet. While technology has introduced opportunities for social connection, it has also resulted in unprecedented levels of alienation and isolation. Social capital within communities has suffered, as the virtual world has captured the attention of those who would previously seek company outside the walls of their home.

For some, the approach of Christmas can accentuate feelings of loss or loneliness. Perhaps you know someone who might be alone at this time of year. Invest in our community's social capital and consider inviting others to your Christmas celebration. Love, joy and peace be yours during this special season.

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Physio Talk



FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT

It's been just over four years since my dad passed away at the age of 83 years. I think it would have been around 2006, twelve years prior, that he was diagnosed

with Parkinson's Disease. But I am pretty sure he knew well before then. You see he didn't complain much, and just kind of got on with things. He was dealt some tough things in life but kept fighting the good fight.

When he was a teenager, he suffered from polio, as did many others during that time. Thankfully he made a good recovery. However, later in life, although never officially diagnosed, he also struggled with post-polio Syndrome. The polio virus attacks the nerves that innervate our muscles in various part of our body, eg arms, legs, breathing muscles. Sometimes these nerves do not fully recover, so other nerves take over the muscles that need to be used. Later in life, these poor nerves can start to struggle with fatigue, due to having to work extra hard. As you can imagine, the effects can be really debilitating for those who suffer with this condition. Fatigue, muscle pain and weakness are some of the difficulties that can affect them, causing havoc in an already ageing system.

Now, add Parkinson's disease to this... which is a whole other kettle of fish – a degenerative condition of the nervous system – meaning it slowly gets worse. Michael J Fox... for those of you that were obsessed with him in *Family Ties* or *Back to the Future* ... will know, was diagnosed quite young and continues to fight the disease, and is thankfully able to invest his time and money into ongoing research. It can affect people in so many ways, different for everyone, but hallmark symptoms are a stiffness in your limbs, disruption of balance and walking pattern, tremors, loss of voice volume and the ability to write.

Yes, these diseases slowly get worse, but you can still do so much. Dad did not let these diseases beat him, until the very end. Probably his stubbornness and determination (gee, I wonder where I got it from...) extended his life even further. You couldn't tell him to stop driving the tractor, riding the mower, bushwalking etc until he was good and ready to make that decision himself.



with Rebecca Bell

I think he pushed himself harder after the diagnosis that ever before. Interestingly enough, some new research suggests that this is actually what is required for Parkinson's disease to ensure your ability to function at your best – push a little harder than what you would usually in order to challenge the brain and body. He also made use of all the services he could, even from the early stages – physio for fitness, balance and joint/muscle treatment; speech pathology for voice rehabilitation and many others.

The earlier you seek advice and apply this into your life the better.

It is natural, I think, to grieve a little when diagnosed with something like Parkinson's disease or postpolio syndrome. However, you can still live and achieve so much enjoyment for as long as possible. Please don't give up. Fight the good fight. Keep going. Let us be a part of your help.



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IS ORGANIC REALLY THAT IMPORTANT?

Hello, Scenic News readers... if you've been reading my columns for a little while I often discuss the importance of organics in our lives. And every time I put pen to paper and bring this column to life, I ask myself – what topic will add value to you and your lives? What are the topics that might be divisive, but offer education and help clear up the confusion? So here we are: let's talk about organics and pesticides.

I'll kick it off with a personal story – it won't take long, I promise. I was at a family dinner. My husband's uncle was debating with me that pesticides were safe, effective and they had been used for generations. I can tell you that he is right on many accounts, right up until around 1945. Rather than turn this into a history lesson, I'll skip ahead to how the two very different farming types can end up either

helping or hindering your skin's health.

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A very common ingredient in pesticides - for their efficiency is arsenic, as is paraquat, amongst many others. These two are very dangerous and the side effects can be fatal to humans and animals. Now, imagine you have a body lotion at home: it contains corn starch which is derived from corn. That corn has been sprayed. And you start to develop a rash, or itchy patch on your skin, possibly even feel a burning sensation. It could very well be the ingredients from the pesticide at work aggravating your skin. It may not be - sure. But please, if this has happened

BEAUTY & WELLNESS

to you, don't ignore it, and seek advice.

Now, let's visit the organic side of things. The really exciting discovery I found with organics is the soil is not only enhanced, but it's rejuvenated, which is incredible for the nutrient value in the harvest. When you choose organic, all of that earthgrown goodness is retained. As another example, customers who have switched to



with Rebecca Mander

organic shampoo & conditioner have reported less headaches, and customers who have used lotions and body washes reported using less of the product than the non-organic counterpart. Which certainly adds weight to the fact that organic retains the nutrient value, and your skin appreciates that, and often thrives from it.

And I fully appreciate the cost of organics is more expensive — I started my own organic hub on my property. And it's hard work. If I grow a tomato, I'm cheering. But I have learnt to keep the pests away more than before, and the strawberries are absolutely divine. And my aloe vera is growing faster than my 15-month-old.

So, if you'd like to give your own organic garden a try, here is a recipe to give you a kick start at keeping those pests away.

Mix together in a pump bottle (clearly labelled) :

- 1 Tablespoon of Castille Soap
- 4 Drops of Garlic Oil
- 4 Drops Of Peppermint Oil
- 4 Drops of Thyme Oil
- Fill With water

As always, enjoy and always spread kindness like jam on toast!

Rebecca

















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SPICED RUM AND RAISIN CHOCO BITES

It isn't really Christmas without the classic treats, is it? These boozy little spiced rum and raisin choco bites are a festive delight. With zesty orange, a soft vanilla and chocolate crumb, and a sharp bite of spiced rum-soaked raisins, finished with a sprinkling of coconut.

Make these for anyone who likes rum and raisin chocolate or ice cream, and they will love you forever. Take them to the Christmas party, and they will be devoured by the handful. What's more, they are super simple, and they take no time to whip together, they require no baking, so the alcohol remains, and are incredibly delicious.

Did you know? Rum balls were originally invented by Danish bakers who were saddened at the end of each day when they discovered unsold cakes at the counter. Even though they did their best to make the right amount of Danish pastries and cakes for the day, despite their very best efforts, they always had a few things left over. So one day, one creative baker had the idea to blend them all together, add rum and chocolate, and roll them up, coating them in coconut. They were a massive hit, and to this day we see variants of this recipe during the Christmas period, all over the Western world.

Chef Dylan's tips: 1. Start with a good quality spiced rum. 2. When you roll them, do it quickly so that the heat from your hands makes them sticky. 3. Take your time and try to get all the bites the

Memory Lane, Burford. Oxfordshire. England 2004

I hear the click as the door closes, and exhale into the cold pre-dawn air, and my breath instantly vaporises into steam before being quickly whisked away by the wind. Pulling up my hood, I head down the back stairs of my shared staff accommodation building, heralding the start of another day at the Lamb Hotel. It's a short walk to get there down the cobblestone laneways, around the back of the historic hotel, past the neatly trimmed hedges and rosebush gardens. Arriving, I flick on the lights, which reveals a sparkling clean kitchen. I head to the pass to glance over the prep list for the day. Picking it up, I smile happily

when I spy that rum balls is written second from the top of the list. Pleased, I start to turn on the ovens for breakfast.

After service, as I finish scrubbing down the bench, I hear a bellowing "A-right BOYYYYYS!"

from behind, and turn to see the Head Chef smiling so broadly he could eat a banana sideways. "Hi chef, it's just me, only one boy" I reply. His clipboard in hand, I notice his chef's apron can barely contain his giant beer belly as it bounces and jiggles like jelly with each stride towards me. "I just came out of a meeting with the owners, and last month we received more 5 out of 5 star reviews from customers than ever before. It's a new record!" He proudly remarks.

"That's awesome, Chef" I say with my nostrils desperately eager to be free of the horrendous poison cloud of coffee and cigarette breath emanating from his bio-weapon-producing mouth. "Yes it is good," he says boldly, "I just received a hefty cash bonus in fact. Now I've got to get back to the office to my paperwork, endless paperwork. Also tell Phil when he gets in, it's just you two on lunch service today, will you? I'm just so busy, Dylan". "Yes Chef" I quip. Just like every shift. then... "Well done old chap" he finishes.

While turning to leave, he spins his small head on that tree trunk of a neck back - "Oh, and one more thing, send me up a lamb rack MR, with an extra side of mash and gravy in an hour will you?" "Shall I put it through the system Chef?" "Oh no, no, no need for that! Can't you remember one little order?" "Yes, but it's just that we're supposed to..." "Uh, uh, supposed to, shmossed, to" he says, cutting me off. "Who is the boss around here? ME! Just you remember that! I'm the reason we are getting all these 5-star reviews", thumping his plump fingers on the clipboard - "It's my menu that you guys are cooking". "Yes Chef". "Now just do as I say, for heaven's sake and stop trying to make my job harder



than it already is!" "Yes, Chef. I'll let Phil know and be sure to bring you up your lamb dinner". "There's a good chap" he remarks, and just like that, he's gone – slowly lumbering his way up the stairs to the office.

"He is the laziest chef I've ever met", I mumble as I head into the pastry room. I turn up classic FM on the radio and begin prepping the rum balls.

Prep time 15 mins Makes 10 serves Ingredients

- 250 gram plain arrowroot biscuits
- 395 gram can sweetened condensed milk
- 1 cup desiccated coconut
- 1/4 cup Dutch processed cocoa powder
- 1 teaspoon orange rind, finely grated
- 1/4 cup (60ml) dark spiced rum
- 1/2 cup mixed peel
- 1/2 cup (40g) desiccated coconut, extra

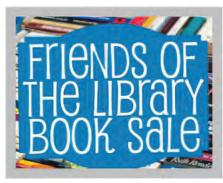
Method

- 1. A day before, add rum to mixed peel, then cover and leave to soak.
- 2. Process biscuits into fine crumbs
- Transfer crumbs to a large bowl; add condensed milk, coconut, sifted cocoa, rind and mixed peel rum mix. Stir well to combine.
- Spoon out a tablespoon, and roll mixture into walnut-sized balls. Toss balls in extra coconut. Place on a tray; cover and refrigerate until firm.

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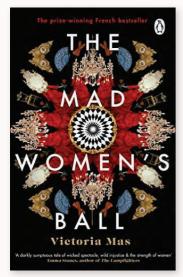
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- 4. What characteristic is said to be associated with the garnet stone?
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- 6. Which sign of the zodiac falls between 23rd August and 22nd September?
- 7. What is the sign of the Crab?
- 8. Garnet is said to be the stone appropriate to someone born in which month?
- 9. Which Roman emperor condemned astrology in 333 AD, saying that it was a "demonic practice"?
- 10. Which race of people first developed the idea of astrology in approximately 3000 BC?
- 11. Zodiac is a Greek word which translates as what?
- 12. The first book on the subject was the Tetrabib/os written in the second century by whom?
- 13. Which astrologer made predictions in the early days of the televised draw for the UK national lottery?
- 14. What does to be 'born on the cusp' mean?
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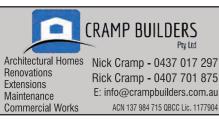
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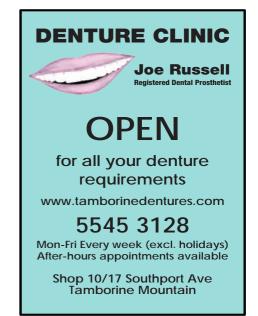
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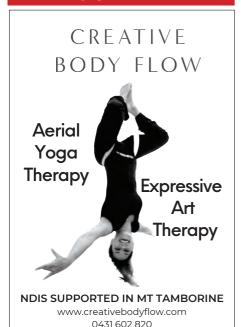
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MARTIAL ARTS: Kyokushin Karate and Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu. Bully Busters, Self Defence, Discipline. Tamborine Mountain Showgrounds Tues & Friday 5.00pm and Saturday 9.30am Contact Cameron: 0433 633 775

MEDITATION: Tuesdays 7pm — New Thought, New Life Centre 5545 3700.

MEDITATION: Tuesdays 9.30am. St Georges Anglican Church, cnr Dapsang Dr & Eagle Heights Rd. VAII faiths welcome. Contact Barbara 0497 016 178.

MOVIES ON THE MOUNTAIN: Regular screenings of latest releases at the Zamia Theatre. Ph 5545 3517.

RELAXED MIND TAI CHI: Mindfulness in motion, Mondays & Fridays 9.30am, Botanic Gardens. Bookings essential. Phone 0420 349 744.

ROTARY ON TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN meets every Wednesday night at 6.30pm for 7.00pm start at the Eagle Heights Hotel. New members and visitors welcome. For information, call David on 0419 743 275

SCENIC RIM TOASTMASTERS meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month, The School of Arts, 3 Pine Street, Canungra. 6:45pm for a 7:00pm start time till 8:30pm. Contact Julia Schafer on 0410 585 425

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

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

TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY CARE

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

TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY KINDERGARTENFREE FRIDAY NATURE PLAYGROUP from 9-11am
23 Coleman Square North Tamborine

TAMBORINE SUSTAINABLE GARDENERS SOC (TSGS),

a group of enthusiastic gardeners, meets on the last Saturday of each month. Mrs Sue Morris 5545 0102.

TANGO CLASSES: Tango and salsa classes: every Monday night at the Zamia theatre. Salsa for beginners from 6.30-7.30pm and tango for experienced from 7.30-8.30pm. Cost

is \$30 per couple or \$20 pp. Contact Alejandro at 0413 595 275.

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

TM BOWLS CLUB: 6-12 Beacon Rd: Wednesday and Friday Social Bowls from 2pm, meet bowling members in a relaxed setting. Saturday competition Bowls at 1pm. New members welcome at the Club or email: tambowls@bigpond.net.au

TM BRIDGE CLUB Beginner Lessons every Thursday Morning 10am. Contact Sheila 0407 451973. Also sessions Mon 6pm, Wed 1.30pm, Thu 1pm, Fri Social 1pm at TM Bridge Club Sports Ground 400 Long Road. tmbridgeclub.org.au

TM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: 2nd Wed. of month. Phone 5545 0944 Email: 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 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 . 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/

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**.

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

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.

TM NETBALL CLUB. Visit our website: 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; or find us on Facebook.

TM PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 34 Main St, North Tamborine www.tmpcq.org.au Sunday Morning Service 9am (including kids church) and Evening Service 5pm (including kids church). Playgroup: Tuesdays 9.30am for 0-5 years. Youth Group: Fridays 4-6 pm for Years 7 – 12. Enquiries: dave.mugridge@tmpcq.org.au I 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.

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

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







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