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# SHARING HEIDI'S AND PENNY'S PASSION



*Heidi releases Elvin, a koala treated for chlamydia, at a location near Henri Robert Drive recently (Photo: Jens Sohnrey)*

**To meet someone whose passion shines out in their face, bubbles over in their voice, and spills out in a ton of interesting facts and stories – know the feeling? Their passion carries you along!**

That was my experience recently in talking to wildlife carer and rescuer, Heidi Cuschieri, and wildlife rescuer and transporter, Penny MacGregor.

Being upfront here: Wildcare, which services wildlife in SEQ, is desperately short of volunteers to do all kinds of tasks for the multitude of native animals requiring assistance. And it's particularly short on Tamborine Mountain and the Scenic Rim area. So how hard is it really? How much time? And how rewarding?

Volunteering doesn't mean you're necessarily rescuing injured kangaroos in the middle of the night. The roles are varied: rescuing in daylight hours, caring at your home, transporting

(once someone else has rescued and checked the animal), and working on the wildlife hotline (from your own home). You can even build possum boxes or aviaries, sew wildlife pouches or provide safe release sites if you have bushland acreage. (Organisations like the Lions Club of Tamborine Mountain help cover carers' costs, particularly animal and bird food, from the money it raises from raffles and its steak wagon at the Country Markets. Scenic Rim Regional Council also recently provide a small grant to Wildcare to purchase specialised koala rescue equipment.)

Heidi rescues and cares for several kinds of possums and gliders, and the occasional koala, having previously worked on the Gold Coast almost exclusively with koalas. You may see her around the traps, sourcing (in a sustainable way) natural foods like eucalyptus leaves and nectar-bearing blossoms for her patients in care. Heidi graduated from 'loving

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Ranger Stacey' who helmed the TV program 'Totally Wild' for its 27 seasons, to putting her passion to work in this unusual hobby. 'Maybe I'm a bit crazy,' she admits, juggling a business and home renovations with her voluntary rescue and care work.

A big need currently on Tamborine Mountain is volunteer transporters to (usually) Nerang or Oxenford. From there, the animal is handed on to a vet clinic and a Gold Coast volunteer or the Currumbin Wildlife Hospital ambulance will drive it to Currumbin Wildlife Hospital. Maybe you commute to the Gold Coast or Brisbane daily and are able to assist in dropping contained wildlife to a vet clinic on your way to work.

You simply pick up a safely boxed animal from Heidi or another rescuer, put it on the back seat of your car, and drive to the handover point.

Volunteers can nominate a particular day of the week or month where they are likely to be available. They can always decline a job if something has come up. You can start small and see how you go. There's no pressure to do more than you can manage. Wildlife transporter and occasional rescuer, Penny Morgan, who has been doing the role for nearly five years, says, 'For me, [the transporter role] is about being part of a caring, compassionate and focussed group, namely Wildcare'. Penny has had the thrill of knowing a joey she helped transport when its mum had died has made it, or collecting a rehabilitated pademelon and help release it on the Mountain at dusk, seeing it bound away into the forest.

Wildcare's training program (conducted at Upper Coomera and Nerang) is varied, fabulous, and free to members. Membership is only \$40 a year and includes all training free of charge. A full day orientation and basic rescue program is offered, and specialist courses for particular species of animals. Maybe you love native parrots, or have a passion for reptiles, or are really interested in caring for fluffy possums and gliders.

Heidi also put in a plug for habitat gardens, combining native plants, especially endemic or local species, water sources and logs, branches and fallen leaves. She warned against leaving out unsuitable food like bread, mince and lots of fruit. Plant some nectar-bearing bushes and trees (if you have the space) instead! All this creates habitat, and even those with a few hundred square metre house block can help. And secure domestic pets, especially at night.

Our wildlife is doing it really tough with ever-increasing urbanisation. Almost 100% of native animals that are rescued are admitted into care as a result of human impact: vehicle strikes, encounters with our domestic pets, rodenticide poisoning, entanglement in our rubbish, and feeding inappropriate foods to name a few. However, with more education and awareness, we can all play a part in small ways to help our local feathered, furry and scaly friends.

The reward Heidi, or anyone else gets, from the work is knowing a strong, healthy animal may be released to the wild after care, and balancing the damage that we know we, as humans, do to their food sources, homes and territories. Explore the Wildcare website, join up, or email [enquiries@wildcare.org.au](mailto:enquiries@wildcare.org.au). If you want to ask particular questions of Heidi, email her on [heidi@wildcare.org.au](mailto:heidi@wildcare.org.au) (noting that all emergency rescue jobs must go through the Wildcare 24/7 hotline on 5527 2444 - which should go in your phone's contact list).

Just a few hours of your time per month will make a huge contribution to the critters, to the Mountain and to Wildcare. Do it now!

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# AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS - 2023

**Tamborine Mountain Progress Association's president and secretary were recently nominated for Australia Day awards for services to the community. Jeanette Lockey and Amanda Hay used their positions to fight for residents being impacted by an unwelcome large development application.**

This was a grueling and tortuous journey through two years of tracking the Eagles Retreat Place development application in the Planning and Environment court. It received 232 objections from Tamborine Mountain residents.

Residents were alerted to the lodgment of this development application when 43 koala habitat trees were brought down, ostensibly to make way for a tennis court. Only after careful scrutiny was it revealed that the Development Application for (originally) 14 cabins showed that three were on the side of the tennis court. Council was accused of being "asleep at the wheel".

When Council missed the required deadline, again, (of end of July, 2021), the developer immediately launched an appeal, 2/8/21, in the Planning and Environment court. Somewhat too late, Council, in its 3/8/21 minutes, refused the DA and thus became the Respondent in the appeal.

TMPA, via a highly recommended qualified town planner put in a quality objection submission to Council. TMPA entered the appeal on the same side as Council.

From October to early Dec. 2021, the developer ran a Pending in Application effort to remove TMPA, and its objection submission, from the court proceedings. This clumsy effort was finally knocked back by a judge early Dec 2021.

Then started the full year of stretched out court proceedings. Jeanette and Amanda made about 25 journeys into Brisbane. These were 5-hour stretches for the endless reviews.

The developer at huge expense fielded eleven experts, Council five. Council did a full 180° reversal to back the developer about two weeks before the appeal finished on 15th September, 2022. The judgment approving the development, with conditions, was made on 6th October, 2022.

Serious harm has been inflicted on neighbours, with one business expected to close. This gross scale and intensity development on residential land will dramatically alter the amenity of a quiet cul-de-sac. But further, this sets the precedent for widespread inappropriate development on Tamborine Mountain.

What's now finally approved is a four storey house (by an outside Tribunal after Council refused the application). This is 1,500 sq.m. in size and includes everything imaginable, including a bowling alley and a games arcade.

The finally approved eleven "cabins", some three stories, are all one and

a half to two times the size of an average house.

Council fell down on key issues in the case, and the court did not pick this up. (an expert's opinion). Neither did the State regulators factor in the downstream consequences of this case.

Our long convoluted escarpment with lots of houses on or nearby are all at serious risk of large commercial development on residential sites. This also applies to anywhere on the mountain.

This monumental battle to save the core character of the Mountain and the semi-rural lifestyle enjoyed by residents attracted the nominations for these two ladies.



*PHOTO: Councillor Jeff McConnell, nominees for Citizen Of The Year (65+) TM Progress Association's Jeanette Lockey with Amanda Hay, and TM Councillor Derek Swanborough at the 2023 Australia Day Awards ceremony held in Beaudesert.*

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## Proposed Development

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**On: Lot 14 on SP165400**

**Approval sought:** Development permit for Material change of use

**Application ref: MCU22/124**

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## ANGLICAN CHURCH WELCOMES A NEW REVEREND

The Tamborine Mountain Anglican Church has a new locum priest – the Reverend Helen Paget (pictured at left) commenced in the parish in January this year.

The 4pm Sunday afternoon Contemporary Service has returned to St George's, it will (usually) be a Eucharist

Service, but with a more informal structure and recorded music to liven up the heart. Occasionally it may take a different form, like a Taizé Service, but lots of notice will be given for that. We warmly invite all people, regardless of your liturgical background, to join us for this service, or our more traditional service at 10am on Sunday mornings, or if you are 'down the mountain', 8am at St Luke's Canungra.



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## TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN BRIDGE CLUB RESULTS

### MONDAY (6-FEB-23)

NS 1. 54.58% PAM WARRELL - HEIKE EDRICH

NS 2. 54.17% SHEENA POLLOCK - SHEILA IRVINE-BROWN

NS 3. 49.17% JOHN YOUNGMAN - CHERYL FINLAYSON

EW 1. 60.00% CHRISTINE YOUNGMAN - JULIE GUTHRIE

EW 2. 57.92% ANDREW DAVIDSON - ALEX HOOD

EW 3. 48.33% MARIAN GIBBONS - LEWIS ADAMS

### WEDNESDAY (8-FEB-23)

1. 61.11% JANE DOYLE - MARGARET PILE

2. 60.19% LINDY WILLIAMS - EDDIE HEINEMEYER

3. 56.94% LAURENE HASSARD - KATE HEAD

### THURSDAY (9-FEB-23)

NS 1. 56.42% KEVIN HAMILTON-REEN - MARY SIMON

NS 2. 56.25% MAX IRVINE-BROWN - TONY HALL

NS 3. 51.83% PETER ZAREMBA - WENDY CHRISTIE

EW 1. 54.07% EDDIE HEINEMEYER - JENNY STRACHAN

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EW 3. 51.29% SUE STEVENS - KAREN SCOTT

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# ADVERTISEMENT/PUBLIC NOTICE – REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

**This year I was nominated for an Australia Day Award (SRRC) in the category *Citizen of the Year (65+)* for the very work which is now likely to result in financial hardship.**

Since 2009, I have been engaged in voluntary activities which benefit the local and greater Scenic Rim community, including Canungra, Beaudesert and further afield. As a retired person, the one thing I do have plenty of is time – time to research, time to assist residents who have had “show cause” notices from our Council, time to write objections to inappropriate developments, time to attend court and to prepare *Right To Information* applications for those who do not know where to start.

Until recently, I have funded these activities myself, however the costs associated with the “disability cabin” development court appeal (1-11 Eagles Retreat Pl.) which lasted for 17 months, have spiralled beyond my means, and the court order made in favour of the developer and our Council have resulted in combined costs orders which exceed \$200,000 (shared equally between TMPA Inc and myself) and *rising* (for the period 06-15 Sept 2022).

I now need your assistance to ensure that I do not lose my home, nor the will to continue to oppose inappropriate and over-development. My carefully planned “retirement” of growing produce and flowers, chooks, and pottering in my dotage has never eventuated, as I have spent at least 40 hours per week for several years assisting community members in a voluntary capacity. I hope to be in a position to continue to do so.

I am currently involved in the “Onsens” court appeal (lay representative for 11 co-respondents by election) and the “Nature-based Tourism” 10-cabin saga at 36 Young St, which looks likely to be yet another SRRC deemed refusal after 30 months.

As a result of the costs order, the Tamborine Mountain Progress Association Inc. is likely to fold after 107 years of community service, there being little chance that it can raise the funds required to satisfy the costs order. It has no assets, as funds raised are distributed to worthy causes on our Mountain (local kindergarten, U3A, Scouts, wildlife carers).

You may be interested in the following issues which highlight how cashed-up developers can circumvent our Council’s Planning Scheme, which is meant to act as some form of protection for residents and ratepayers:

Cast your mind back to the beginning of the 1-11 Eagles Retreat Pl. development: SRRC refused an application for a massive multi-level house in 2017. A building tribunal reversed that decision. On 05 February 2020, an application was made to SRRC for a “minor change” to add a “tennis court” to the not-yet-constructed house (on a very steep slope); approved 17 March 2020. Vegetation clearing application submitted 20 March 2020 and approved 21 Apr 2020 to remove the pesky koala habitat trees from the site of the “tennis court”, thus making way for the “cabin development”. However, Council, asleep at the wheel, failed to notice that an application for “tourist cabins” was submitted on 19 March 2020 (withdrawn) and a “Tourist Park” was submitted on 25 March 2020 – on the same land. Withdrawn and re-lodged on 07 May 2020. Note the overlapping dates.

A final decision on the conditions attaching to the court approval re:- the appeal was expected on 21 Dec 2022, but did not eventuate, due to the unavailability of one party. On the same date, an application was lodged for a large, multi-level “dwelling” at 9 Witherby Cres., an adjoining property acquired by the developer in August 2022. The conditions package was signed off in an Order by the court on 30 Jan 2023. On that same date, the developer lodged an application with SRRC for a boundary realignment, effectively seeking to incorporate 9 Witherby Cres. into the same lot as the “disability cabins”, and to separate the tribunal-approved dwelling and most of the koala habitat/walking tracks into another lot. Due to the site constraints, access to the now-approved cabin development cannot occur unless an easement is approved across the front of the tribunal-approved dwelling. Please refer to the proposed lot reconfiguration diagram (dated 15 July 2022 incorporating 9 Witherby Cres. and 18 July 2022 adding the access easement) at: ECM\_12034199\_v1\_Section 3 Plans (t1cloud.com)

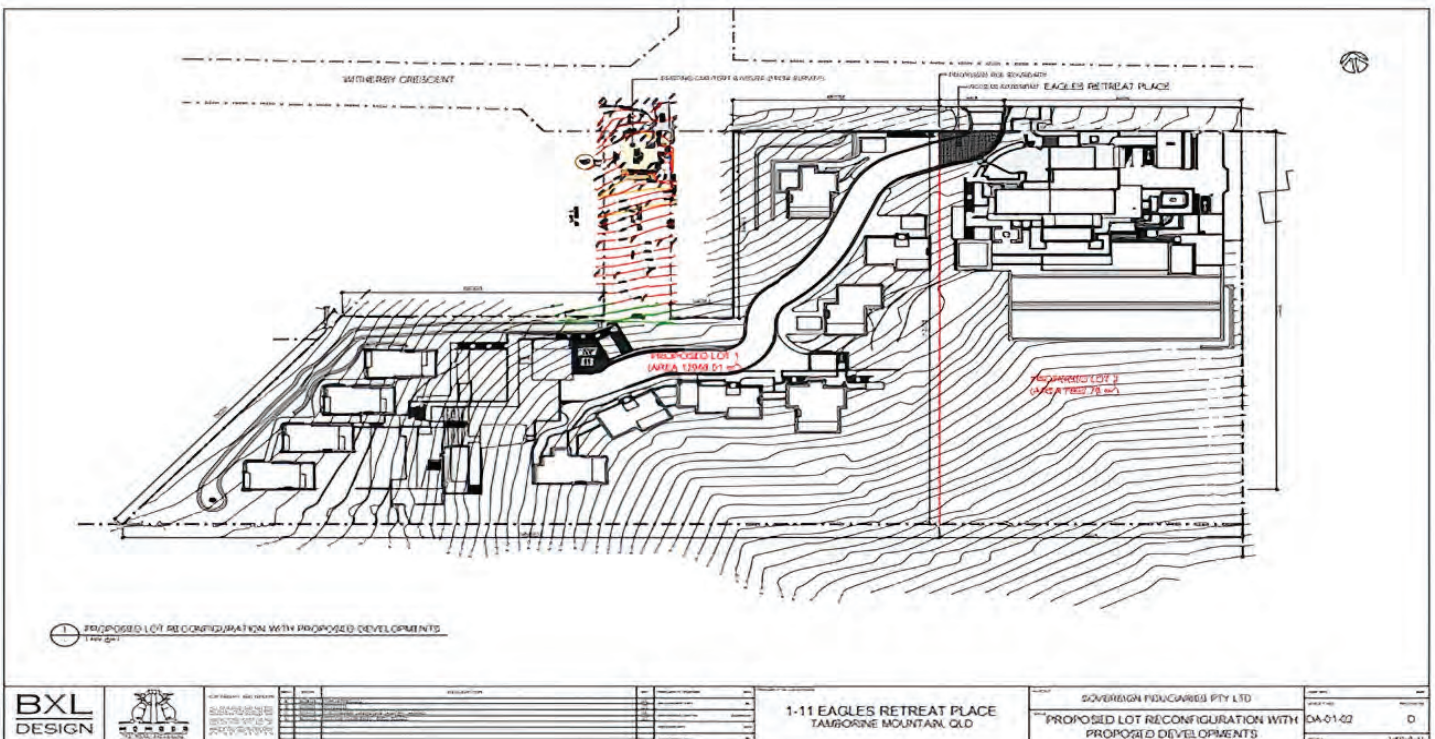
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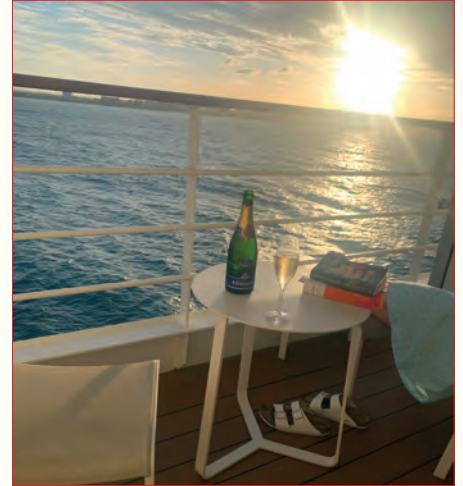
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## TRAVELLING PLACES with Gina

It's been a while since I have enjoyed a luxury cruise and this week, I am loving sailing up the Australian coast on the delightful Silver Muse. For all that we are familiar with our coastline it was fabulous to sail down Sydney Harbour and through the Heads. Our first port of call was Newcastle – a surprisingly interesting city to explore and our excursion also took us to delightful Morpeth and fascinating Maitland Gaol. Originally a convict prison, this facility was used until 1997, housing the likes of Ivan Milat. My first and hopefully last visit to such a confronting place. As I write we are heading up the Queensland Coast, where we will eventually disembark in Cairns.



With a maximum of 600 passengers on board, the Silver Muse is spacious and comfortable. Our cabin has a veranda to relax on, a sitting room which is the perfect spot to enjoy our pre-dinner canapés and champagne delivered by our butler. After a day exploring ashore or relaxing by the pool it is great to stretch out in a full-sized bath and rinse the day away.

We can choose from any of the eight restaurants on board – last night saw us enjoying the teppanyaki Japanese restaurant, tonight we are off to Silver Note, a late night jazz club and tomorrow La Dame, the intimate French restaurant on board. There is a poolside Hot Rock restaurant, a pizza casual spot, fine dining in Atlantide, Asian fusion in Indochine, and delicious Italian at La Terrazza.



Fellow passengers are fun to chat to... There is a mixture of mainly Australians, Kiwis, North Americans, and Brits. We are on board for a week but many are on board for several weeks. I was chatting in the pool with a lovely couple from Sydney who are onboard for 56 nights, hopping off in Osaka after exploring Japan during Cherry Blossom season. Similarly, an American couple on board are here to explore New Zealand, Australia, Asia and ending in Japan – this is their retirement trip that has been delayed since 2020.

We all had to test negative before boarding, but that is about the extent of the health checks. There is hand sanitiser at the entrance to each restaurant. The ship is spacious enough that everyone naturally

distances themselves. Some passengers are wearing masks, but there is no requirement to. It is as though everyone is delighted to be out and about, exploring the world again.

Most shore excursions are included in the tariff – you can opt for more exclusive trips, for example helicopter flights over the Great Barrier Reef at additional cost.

The crew are wonderful – there is almost one crew member for each guest. Whether you have a week or longer, just to escape to a change of scenery and a different routine is marvellous. Every detail of the trip has been thought through and it makes our holiday relaxed and us feel pampered. I guess that's what holidays are all about... Do yourself a favour and explore the world on a wonderful Silversea cruise!



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## Councillor's Comment

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### THE YEAR AHEAD

As this is my first column for 2023, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a very happy and successful year ahead. Although there many challenges for our community, we need to stay united and deal with them together.

#### AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS and NEW CITIZENS

What an enjoyable ceremony it was, held on Australia Day to welcome 23 new citizens to the region, and to celebrate the 2023 Scenic Rim Australia Day Award recipients. Congratulations to Justin O'Leary, Adrian Sandell, Gary Hamblyn, and the Dancing with Celebrities event, hosted by the Lions Club of Tamborine Mountain, on their well-deserved awards. I would like to thank all the nominees for their selfless contributions to our community, as well as those who took the time to nominate them for an award.

#### EAT LOCAL MONTH

Following the huge success of Eat Local Week since its inception in 2011, this signature event has been extended to a month-long celebration throughout June, culminating in the Winter Harvest Festival on 1 July. There will be more news in coming months.

#### ADVISOR TO COUNCIL

I would like to assure the community that this role is to ensure best practice local government principles and governance are adhered to during Council meetings, with a particular focus on Office of the Independent Assessor (OIA) matters. Please be assured that Scenic Rim Regional Council continues to be a successful Southeast Queensland council with a sustainable financial forecast and much to celebrate.

#### LET'S TALK SCENIC RIM

Have you signed up to this online portal that enables residents to share their views on various matters affecting our community? If not, please register on [www.scenicrim.qld.gov.au](http://www.scenicrim.qld.gov.au) and join the mailing list as the next topic for consultation will concern upcoming Budget matters as part of ongoing Budget 2023-2024 discussions.

#### CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

If you are looking to be part of this annual event, Moriarty Park in Canungra hosts this event every year and would welcome any residents to join the clean-up team, commencing at 8am Sunday March 5th. Meet in the carpark on Monarch Drive and it is generally all complete by 9am.

#### THE LONG SUNSET IS ON AGAIN

As part of the Qld Music Trails 2023 this event is being hosted again at Elysian Fields Canungra with top acts: Lime Cordiale, Hatchie and Sycco, accompanied by local gourmet food and artisan goods. Check the website [qldmusictrails.com](http://qldmusictrails.com), as presale of tickets has commenced.

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I am at the Canungra Library on the 2nd Saturday of the month from 9am till 11am to meet with residents.

## BUSHRATS WORKING BEE



Another year and another working bee to get the grounds into shape for the Bushrats upcoming footy season. What a great sight to see! Parents, kids, players and community members came together to brush-cut, build the new player sheds and paint the country fence around the grounds!

A sausage sizzle in the shade to beat the heat, and everyone went home happy knowing they'd achieved something great for the day. We want to extend a massive thank you to all those that came out and helped for the day. Special mention to Ricky Wills from Dulux for donating the paint, Danny Shannon for organising the build of our new players' sheds and also to the Show Society for being so accommodating of our great little club! (photos: Elise Bray)



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# PSYCHOLOGY SERVICE WITH A DIFFERENCE OPENS ON TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN

A new psychology centre on Tamborine Mountain is set to change the way people think about a visit to the psychologist.

Mountain locals Fergus Trevethan and Louisa Honan created **Our Space Psychology** as a place for people to feel at home.

‘We understand that going to a psychologist can be confronting and we didn’t want Our Space to feel like a sterile clinic, so we’ve created a warm, welcoming space for people of all ages,’ Louisa said.

‘We have a play area for the little kids, a computer for the bigger kids to be entertained, lounges and bean bags for people to relax – and that’s just our waiting area.’

Visitors can help themselves to tea, coffee and cookies whilst relaxing inside or on the balcony, overlooking the beautiful mountain treescape, while their family member is in session.

‘Sometimes in life things feel really heavy and you need a space to be able to get the right support in an environment you feel safe and at ease – we hope people will find their place here at Our Space,’ Louisa, a counsellor specialising in support for women and mothers, said.



**Our Space Psychology** offers therapy for individuals across the lifespan (children to elderly) and group family therapy.

Fergus, a registered psychologist and schoolteacher for more than a decade, also offers a range of educational, behavioural and functional assessments for children.

‘At the end of the day, we want the best outcome for anyone who walks through our door, so they can live a happy and fulfilled life. We’re interested in tangible outcomes for our clients that have real life impact, whether that’s putting strategies in place to better manage anxiety, getting them back to work, or building a child’s confidence at school,’ Fergus said. ‘We’re here to listen and help.’

Our Space Psychology is located upstairs at 96 Main Western Road, Tamborine Mountain. Visit [www.ourspacepsychology.com](http://www.ourspacepsychology.com) or phone 07 5543 4625 to find out more.

## LABOR’S MOBILE BLACK SPOT PROGRAM LEAVES WRIGHT ELECTORATE OFF THE MAP

Federal Member for Wright, Scott Buchholz has slammed the Federal Labor Government for leaving the Lockyer Valley, Scenic Rim, Gold Coast Hinterland and Logan off the map for its latest round of the Mobile Black Spot Program.

Mr Buchholz said the Mobile Black Spot Program has, under the previous LNP Government invested in significant base station and tower upgrades to mobile coverage across the region.

‘The LNP created the Mobile Black Spot Program when we were in Government to help assist our regional communities with increased communications and better connectivity through mobile coverage upgrades,’ Mr Buchholz said.

‘In Government, I was proud to announce funding,

and switch on nine new base stations and towers in our region,

Mr Buchholz said it was therefore disappointing to see Labor exclude the electorate of Wright from the future round of the program and instead target a list made up of 74% Labor areas.

‘It’s disappointing, but not surprising that Labor, the minute that they assume the Government benches seeks to cut and decimate the regions by ruling the regions in Wright ineligible for nomination and funding.

‘Our vast regions in Wright face great environmental challenges like floods and bushfires, we have isolated communities who fight the tyranny of distance from major townships, and they rely on mobile coverage in times of need.

‘This program should be above politics, and I call on the Labor Government to reconsider their list of eligible locations under the Mobile Black Spot Program, and ask that they include regions like the Lockyer Valley, Scenic Rim, Gold Coast Hinterland and Logan in the program.

‘It is not fair that regional Australians pay the price for Labor’s politics in Canberra.’







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# JON KRAUSE MP

State Member for Scenic Rim

## LNP DELIVER COST OF LIVING RESULT FOR QUEENSLANDERS

The LNP has delivered a massive cost of living result for Queenslanders, especially young Queenslanders. This Labor Government has for years pocketed the most expensive licence fees in the country. After a sustained campaign by the LNP, the Palaszczuk Government has bowed to pressure and reduced learner licence fees.

Easing cost of living pressures on Queenslanders is a major priority for the LNP – thanks to our campaign, the State’s learner licence fee rip-off will now be reduced from the exorbitant \$186.55, by far the most expensive in the country, to \$75. That extra money will mean a lot to Queenslanders, and we are proud to have secured the result for them.

There are many other areas where the QLD Government is still not listening to Queenslanders struggling under cost-of-living pressures. Queenslanders deserve better than a government that doesn’t listen and is always too slow to act.

Learner Licence fees in Queensland are still the second highest in the country and remain three times more expensive than NSW and Victoria.

STATE	COST
Western Australia	\$126.10
<b>Queensland</b>	<b>\$75 (was \$186.55)</b>
South Australia	\$69
ACT	\$51.10
Tasmania	\$35.29
Victoria	\$26
NSW	\$26
Northern Territory	\$25

Learner Licence fees across Australia

### YOUTH JUSTICE CRISIS

The ‘catch and release’ laws relating to youth offenders in Queensland is bringing about a collapse of the youth justice system in Queensland. The Palaszczuk Labor Government watered down the laws in 2015 and has raised a generation of youth criminals who are now wreaking havoc across our communities, and Queenslanders and police have had a gutful. I have heard from police who despair at the fact that they know, with near certainty, that young offenders they apprehend will be released. I’ve been informed that in some cases it is leading to police not arresting young offenders because this certainty that they will be released back onto the streets immediately does not justify the time and resources spent in making an arrest.

This situation is not only disastrous for the community, but also for the young people who engage in unlawful behaviour. The youth justice system should protect the community and seek to put young offenders back on the right track, especially repeat offenders. Neither seems to be occurring right now.

The LNP is calling on the Labor Government to reveal its (yet another) “reform” to youth justice laws, to allow Queenslanders to provide their feedback before Parliament returns later this month. Labor has been talking about its so-called plan since December, when they cobbled together changes in the aftermath of the violent and tragic killing of Emma Lovell in North Lakes. So far, these changes have been kept under wraps and hidden away from scrutiny.

The LNP has been listening to Queenslanders. Queenslanders have ideas on how to tackle youth crime, they deserve to have their say. They deserve to see the legislation before the Government rushes it through Parliament.

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## Letters to

## TMPA’S ‘GO FUND ME’ FLYER

On behalf of the Tamborine Mountain Progress Association, I wish to thank the many residents who contributed so generously to the funds appeal **GO FUND ME/FLYER** which was distributed to all Mountain households last year.

As stated, this money was to enable TMPA to appeal in the Planning & Environment court the Council approval (August, 22) of the Onsens Day Spa, beauty and massage rooms and 5 cabins on Main Western Road. This is now two separate commercial projects on the one site.

Once again this is a gross scale and intensity over-development of a residential site. With car parks for 22 cars (illuminated at night) and operating hours for warmer months from 9 am to 8 pm, it is likely to generate 150 car movements per day. Council states that it is “Nature-based Tourism” and is not a Commercial development.

And once again, we have a neighbourhood of highly distressed residents whose choice of a quiet area where to live (with great financial input) was governed by the Planning Scheme, again carelessly interpreted by Council without regard to residents.

A recent letter writer to both papers waxed lyrical about the fantastic place we live in – quite correct, that is until this nightmare descends upon you. Some people seem oblivious to the distress caused to so many residents by inappropriate development applications.

The money from this flyer appeal has now been spent securing a firm base for us for this Gillespie Investment Trust court action now getting underway.

We engaged Colin Biggers & Paisley, a recommended legal firm, to set the groundwork. Their professionalism, help and support cannot be praised highly enough. They dealt with all the legal letters, gave us advice whenever asked, provided templates for us to just fill out and send and step by step advice on how to proceed further. Mindful of our limited funds, they have now withdrawn from the case. Understandably, their costs were very high, but because TMPA is an environmental organisation, this firm generously donated *pro bono* most of their bill for their services.



This firm also located a town planning expert who can formulate a submission which aligns with our objection to the development. He has already set out his submission and he will be fronting court with his views. The flyer funds have also paid for his services.





So we are now in a situation which is unlike the Eagles Heights Retreat appeal just concluded, where after 54 weeks being on the same side, Council without regard to residents' plight, did a complete reversal to approve the development. With strong town planning grounds for a refusal, supported by other similar town planning submissions, Council lost a winnable case when it fell down on key issues, and the court did not pick this up.

This time, thanks to residents' generous donations, we have our own town planning expert who can present to the court an objection case based on sound town planning grounds.

**Jeanette Lockey**  
President, TMPA.

## COMMUNITY CONSENT IS KEY

I agree with Richard Lysnar (*Scenic News* 2 Feb 2023) that we on Tamborine Mountain live in a fantastic place. In general Mr Lysnar is in favour of "progress" and against "stagnation". All well and good, and whilst I concede that most developers are interested in progress as well as profit, believe me there are people and organisations who are indeed "greedy developers", and who don't give a fig about progress or how their proposed development affects people or the environment.

One section of Mr Lysnar's letter is extremely important. He states, quote "There are those out there, visionaries in some cases, who wish to add to the level of community/tourist amenity, and I consider it's very important they should be allowed to do so, *within the bounds of the local planning scheme and major community consent.*" End quote. And there's the rub! Within the bounds of the local planning scheme and major community consent! If all developers and council planning officers did exactly that, there would be no talk of "greedy developers" or incompetent council planners. Unfortunately, time and again, and often under "delegated authority", Council's planning department eschews the constraints within the planning scheme, resulting in inappropriate development that severely impinges on nearby residents' amenity, local wildlife, the wildlife corridors, the mountain ecology and environment.

As I have said before in letters, the planning scheme is a result of community aspirations and expectations, and if our council adhered strictly to the tenets of the planning scheme, there would be very little community apprehension or objection with regard to development. All thinking people know that progress is essential for the viability and health of any community or nation. Sadly, a lot of the so-called "progress" on Tamborine Mountain is inappropriate, and nothing of the sort.

**Roland Lindenmayer**

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# Letters to the Editor

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## YES, A FANTASTIC PLACE... FOR NOW

I write in response to Richard Lysnar's letter in last week's *Scenic News* (Feb. 2)

I agree entirely with his comments – almost. He hits the nail on the head with three words: “appropriate development” and “progress”.

The current Scenic Rim Planning Scheme 2020, to which we all had the opportunity to contribute, clearly embodies the “community expectations” so important when any type of development is considered by “greedy developers”, and, yes, they are amongst us. Such expectations cannot easily be dismissed, as was found when the Supreme Court recently overturned a Judge's decision to approve the \$900m Sekesui development approval, citing such dismissal as one of three errors of law (see *Sekesui plan on Sunshine Coast thrown out by Supreme Court - ABC News*).

Our Planning Scheme is there to ensure the appropriateness of development and to provide some protections for those unfortunate enough to reside next to or near a property in a developer's sights, often a “difficult” block in the wrong zoning. At present it does neither. Mr Lysnar refers to our much-loved Polish Place and draws a comparison to another broadly similar business proposed not far away, on land in the Rural Residential Zone, Rural Residential A Precinct.

Our Planning Scheme, for what it is worth, stipulates in Strategic Outcomes:

"Small-scale tourism activities may be supported in Rural Residential A Precinct of the Rural Residential Zone on large lots where:

- impacts on the rural residential amenity and privacy of nearby sensitive receivers are avoided;
- consistent with the low density residential character of the area; and
- the use remains subordinate to the primary use of the land, *being for residential purposes.*" (emphasis added)

I cannot equate eight (8) separate buildings all dedicated to uses within the proposed “Nature Based Tourism” activity as subordinate in any way to the required primary residential purpose, particularly as the proposed development consists of not one but two stand-alone tourism activities.

If that proposed development, endorsed by Council after a court appeal was lodged, is so appropriate for that site, why has the developer found it necessary to seek the Court's approval to lodge a “Minor Change” application on 01 February 2023, seven (7) months after the court appeal was filed?

“Progress” does not equate to open-slasher development on land not zoned for a developer's desired purpose. That is why we have zones in the Planning Scheme, and indeed a Planning Scheme.

**Amanda Hay**  
Resident and Ratepayer

## WE NEED CLEAR THINKING

Two contrasting letters in the 2 February issue, one from Richard Lysnar defining progress and stagnation of the Mountain in relation to trusting our Council along with the (?) ‘silent majority.’ The other, from Julie Wilkinson with her e-petition to remove the Mayor.

According to the QLD state government *Planning Act 2016*, all decision making ought to be in the public interest and protects against corruption.

Planning is also about better outcomes for the environment, liveability, sustainability and infrastructure. Yes, Richard, the population growth has slowed down, mainly because we have run out of blocks of land. I remember looking at divisions of residential land plans in the 1980's, and some

of the blocks have been cut in half, a few of them right on the worst natural water flow areas after floods. The traffic is heavy during peak hours, we often line up for fuel, search for parking spots and tolerate the noise and air pollution and road rage. The ‘Green behind the Gold’, the ‘Jewel of the Gold Coast’, is less green and fresh – the jewel is flawed. Preserve what we have left for future generation, not develop it more.

**P. Brandis**

## TRIPPING... OR TRIPPING UP?

I notice one item on the agenda of our Mayor's 11-day trip to the US and Canada is to explore how Metro Vancouver was addressing the issues of population growth and housing affordability, and opportunities to apply these approaches back in South East Queensland.

Dare I quote CTV News, Vancouver (6.10.22): “As the cost of living in British Columbia continues to skyrocket, there are new, alarming signs of just how dire the housing crisis has become. Life is now so unaffordable that some Vancouverites are now being forced to live in their vehicles.”

Do we really want to “apply these approaches back in South East Queensland”? It makes me wonder how much research has gone into this ‘fact-finding exercise’ or is it simply a jaunt at ratepayers’ expense?

**Jill Thomas**

## CONSIDERED VOICE NEEDED

With the Voice to Parliament referendum planned for this year, and campaigns getting underway next month, our access to accurate, factual information is essential before we vote - whether we decide to vote Yes or No.

I offer some suggestions below.

The “*Indigenous Voice Co-design Process: Final Report to the Australian Government*” (July 2021) is the place to start. It details the principles, processes and procedures of the 5 year consultations on the Voice, and the resulting recommendations to the Australian government. The Report proposes the possible structure of a National Voice, and a Regional and Local Voice, along with details of the proposed scope, memberships, and intersections with other bodies, both government and community. [https://voice.niaa.gov.au-final report](https://voice.niaa.gov.au-final-report)

The Uluru Statement from the Heart website supports the Voice with information, campaign materials, webinars, and the relevant Reports. <https://ulurustatement.org>

For the constitutional issues involved, and the history and context of Voice, “*Everything you need to know about the Uluru Statement from the Heart*” by Megan Davis and George Williams (both internationally recognised constitutional lawyers) is a useful reference – NewSouth Publishing, 2021. They are proponents of a Yes vote for the Voice.

For arguments against the Voice, there is “*Beyond Belief: Rethinking the Voice to Parliament*” by Peter and Warren Mundine Nyunggai Kurti (Connor Court Publishing, 2022), a collection of essays by people such as Tony Abbott, Warren Mundine, Janet Albrechtson, Jacinta Nampijintha Price, and others.

The Uniting, Anglican and Catholic Churches have statements and study guides on their websites.

Other resources will become available – these (above) are some of what are currently available.

I am forwarding this letter to our local representatives - Scenic Rim Mayor Greg Christensen, State MP Jon Krause, and Federal MP Scott Buchholz - asking that they read the relevant documents, the Final Report in particular, which will help answer the questions and sometimes misleading concerns raised in the media.

**Sandra Sewell**



# NEW DUO LOOKING TO BRING A TRULY PERSONAL SERVICE TO THE MOUNTAIN

Cherie Todd and Trish Scott are the new real estate “Dynamic Duo” on the Mountain.

Cherie has been living here since 1988, and has seen quite a few changes since then.

Anyone who knows Cherie will know of her passion for the Mountain and anything pertaining to Mother Earth. She is a keen gardener, and “acquires” cuttings (with permission of course) from many gardens she visits in her travels. A keen member of the Garden Club, Cherie has been in the real estate industry for over 10 years, witnessing many of the trends during that period of time.

Trish has lived on the Mountain since 2004, and also has a passion for the land, initially working as a self-employed gardener (until she bought her own place, which takes up any “spare” time these days). Trish has worked in the office side of the industry and now joins Cherie in the sales side of the business, although they will tell you that real estate isn’t about “bricks and mortar”, it’s all about people – a side of the business they are both focused on when dealing with their clients.

Cherie and Trish are proud to be associated with the @realty platform, with professional support targeting the legal and financial side of real estate, which leaves them the opportunity to work closely with their clients and offer them the very personal service for which they are both renowned.

If you would like to know how your property sits in the current market (and that market has changed a great deal in the last few months), whether you are selling, thinking of selling or just curious, give Cherie and Trish a call to catch up for a chat over a cuppa.

**PHOTO: Cherie Todd (left) and Trish Scott**



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## WILD GINGER

*Hedychium gardnerianum*, roadside, Eagle Heights



Wild ginger may refer to a variety of plants, often with a similar appearance, odour or taste to cultivated ginger. This eye-catching plant, which is common on the Mountain, was growing in a hedge. It is regarded as an invasive species in Australia, but in the UK, it has been given the Royal Horticultural Society’s Award of Garden Merit. The species is native to the Himalayas, India, Nepal and Bhutan. A compound of the plant may be effective against lung cancer cells.

Peter Kuttner



# Fire ants affect us all

Eradicating fire ants from South East Queensland is a fight we need to win, the consequences are far too great

They're small, coppery brown, feisty and sting, and if we don't all work together they'll be here to stay.

First found in Brisbane in 2001, fire ants are a category 1 restricted matter (*Biosecurity Act 2014*) and considered one of the world's most invasive pests. And rightly so, they can have irreversible consequences on our environment, economy, human health and outdoor way of life.

They can destroy crops, damage machinery, and render paddocks, parks, playgrounds and backyards unusable.

**If we don't work together to stop them, fire ants could infest all of Australia—costing billions of dollars each year and having a devastating effect on the Australian lifestyle.**

They have the potential to surpass the combined annual damage done by Australia's worst pests: feral cats, wild dogs, foxes, camels, rabbits and cane toads.

Love your backyard cricket, barbecues and walking on the grass without your shoes on?

This is what the National Fire Ant Eradication Program is working to save. Our program is the world's largest biosecurity ant eradication program ever undertaken. Australia is also the only country currently focused on eradicating this pest. Fire ants have spread too far in other countries, and they have given up.

Our plan involves eradicating the fire ant infestation in South East Queensland with a rolling treatment strategy that starts from the west in the Lockyer Valley food bowl and progressively moves east towards the Redlands Coast.

Plans are also in place to stop fire ants from spreading further including containing them around the fringe of the infestation, restricting human-assisted movement,



and suppressing fire ant populations in areas awaiting eradication activities.

For our rural and semi-rural farming communities, as well as all those who rely on these communities, fire ants pose a severe problem if left unchecked.

Fire ant expert and entomologist Dr Ross Wylie says that modelling shows the current incursion has grown relatively slowly, in comparison to other countries.

"It's a different story overseas—fire ant spread in the United States is reported to be 50 km per year, and in China it's 80 km per year. Australia's efforts are showing a promising result when compared with countries where fire ants aren't controlled."

**Had the eradication program not been in place, it's estimated fire ants would have already spread as far north as Bowen, west to Longreach, and south to Canberra by now, causing destruction in their path.**

If it weren't so concerning, it'd be impressive the speed at which the pest can spread and how much damage they can do.

In the United States, fire ant nests are part of the landscape. Texan farmers can only use 5–10% of their land. The rest has been taken over by fire ants to the point it's beyond treatable and in many cases the land is unusable. Residents are also unable to walk to their washing lines without being stung.

To give our country the best chance of success, properties within our planned treatment area need to be treated multiple times over several years.

For targeted properties, it means you might receive treatment from our teams up to 4 times per year, regardless of whether you see signs of fire ants or not.

**Just one missed nest could be the difference between reinfestation and eradication, so it's vital that every property in our eradication area is treated.**

Fire ants are everyone's responsibility, and we all play a part in getting rid of them. Let's band together and protect the Australian way of life.

Fire ants can be reported anytime by visiting the website [fireants.org.au](http://fireants.org.au) or calling 13 25 23.



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Help us eradicate them from your property



Our officers will treat your property for fire ants **multiple times** between now and June. When they visit, you must provide them access to your outdoor areas. To learn more about our treatment activities, scan the QR code, visit our website or call 13 25 23.



[fireants.org.au](http://fireants.org.au)



# LOCALS SPEAK AT TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN PROBUS CLUB

Local resident and author of *“The Ugly Daughter”* Julia Legian was Guest Speaker at the Probus Club Xmas Lunch Function held at St Bernards recently. After the allied troops retreated from the war in 1975, the North Vietnamese Communist regime, who wanted revenge, inflicted all manner of atrocities on the South Vietnamese people. Julia, born in the early seventies, spent her childhood near Saigon in South Vietnam during those



wretched years. Not yet in her teens she and her family fled from war torn South Vietnam as boat people eventually coming to settle in Australia. Tirelessly she managed to learn the language and customs of Australia while working to help feed her family knowing that she must be able to speak and write English to succeed. This she

achieved and recounted in her talk of some very strange and humorous anecdotes which surround our Aussie culture. Julia presented a compelling story of her rise from refugee to real estate entrepreneur, exemplifying her courage and character through her childhood adversity. Truly an inspiring ambassador for all new Australians.

Bryan Rolston, another mountain resident and former Bureau of Meteorology analyst was Guest Speaker at the November Probus General Meeting.

Bryan explained the uniqueness of our Mountain weather, and spoke about weather events generally around our part of the world, pointing out that the changing climate is necessary and

normal. When earth settled down to support life some 3 billion years ago, the climate started evolving to what we experience now. He attributed weather events in the main to the El Niño and La Niña oscillations, a phenomenon which produces fluctuations in ocean temperatures causing cyclical periods of heavy rain and droughts. Scientists from CSIRO and Bureau of Meteorology have yet to find any evidence that carbon dioxide, cause or influence atmospheric temperatures in any measurable quantity, despite seemingly plausible arguments from those who profit by the narrative that it is a much maligned greenhouse gas. Earth's rotation, proximity to the sun, equatorial and polar air movements, combined with the concentration of water vapour are just some of the complexities which determine our weather and thus our climate. Most educational, thank you Bryan.



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## COMMUNITY GROUP FUNDING UP FOR GRABS

Federal Member for Wright, Scott Buchholz has announced that the successful Stronger Communities Programme has returned and is now open for expressions of interest.

Mr Buchholz said the funding under round 8 of the programme will give local groups a much-needed boost for one off investments in new assets, capital works and equipment.

“Expressions of interest are open to eligible community organisations for new assets, capital works and equipment for amounts between \$2,500 and \$20,000, Mr Buchholz said.

“I’m encouraging all eligible groups in the Wright Electorate to put forward an EOI application for funding”.

Mr Buchholz said the programme is designed to fund small-scale capital works or expenditure and must be able to be completed by 31 December 2023.

“Eligible projects for funding under the program can include works like upgrades to premises like air-conditioning, kitchen upgrades and fixtures and fittings,

“Other eligible projects may include the purchase of equipment to be used by your organisation for the benefit of the community, such as ICT hardware and software and upgraded equipment for sports clubs like scoreboards, seating, goalposts and other sporting equipment” Mr Buchholz said.

“I call on all local groups with a project on their ‘to-do’ list to get in contact with my office, request an EOI application form and put your best foot forward.

Local community groups can contact Scott Buchholz’s office 07 5541 0150 or email [scott.buchholz.mp@aph.gov.au](mailto:scott.buchholz.mp@aph.gov.au) for an EOI form.

## SIGN UP TO CLEAN UP AND PROTECT AUSTRALIA’S ENVIRONMENT

**Saving the planet is a huge goal, but if everyone steps up we can make a big difference this Clean Up Australia Day.**

Grab your family, friends, school, sporting or community group, your colleagues or your neighbours and get behind this year’s national events to tackle the environmental challenges we are all facing.

Schools and businesses can lead the way with their own events this month before national Clean Up Australia Day in March.

The Schools Clean Up Day offers teachers and students a hands-on educational and team bonding experience and a springboard for further discussion around environmental issues.

Businesses of all sizes can help drive environmental change, leading by example and fostering team spirit within their local community.

Key dates:

- Businesses - Tuesday February 28, 2023
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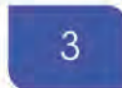


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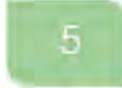
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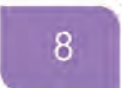
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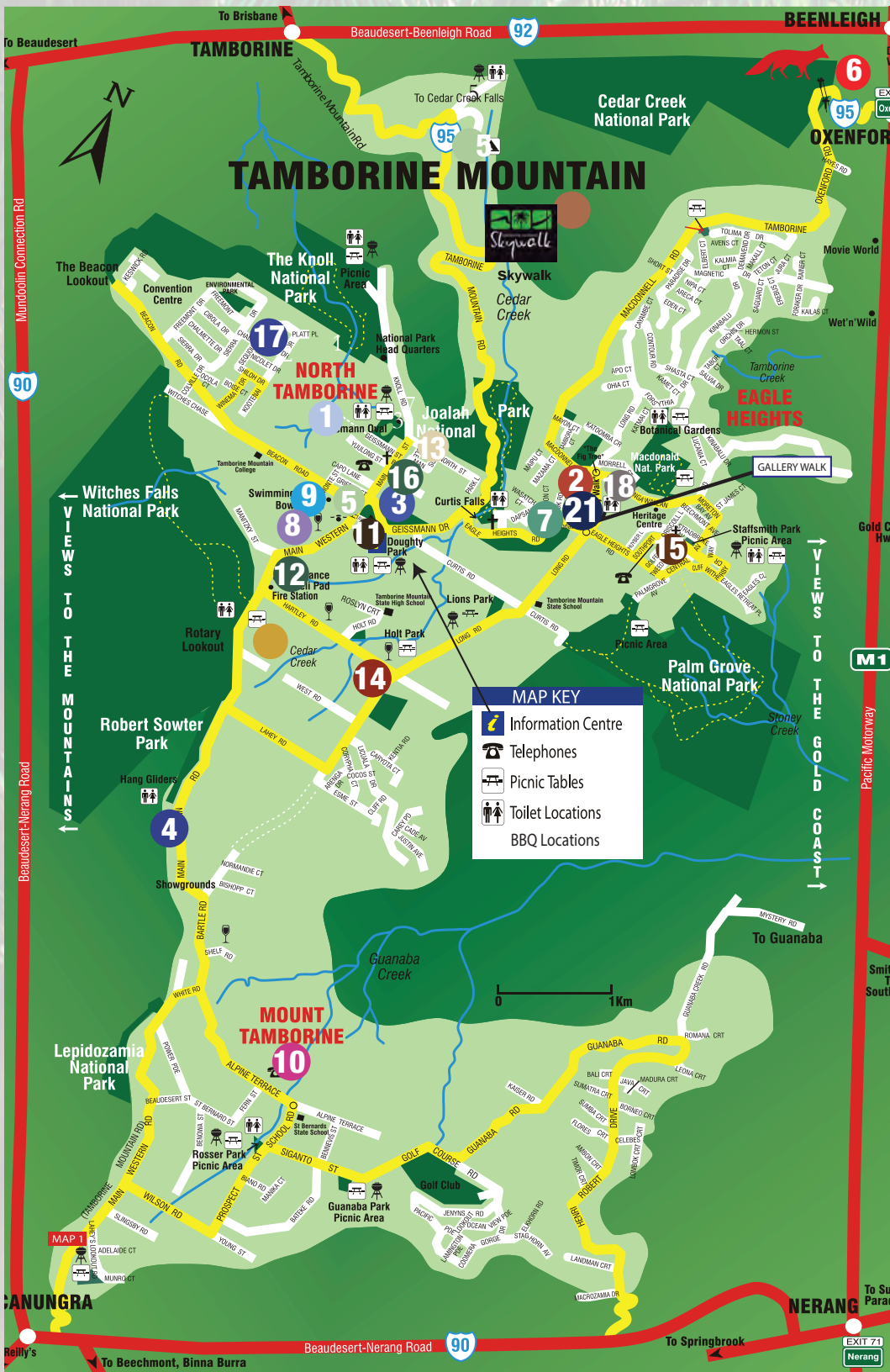
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## SACRED SILENCE

We will soon be enjoying our annual Yoga Retreat (31/3/ - 2/4/23) in the rainforests of Springbrook. And one of the highlights of the yoga retreat is waking up in Sacred Silence (mouna) and maintaining this silence until our first yoga class. And when I say this is a highlight,

it's amazing how the students love to go into silence and how reluctant we all are to break this sacred silence.

In everyday life, so much of how we think about ourselves, others, and the world is created through conversation. Talking about and relating experiences, forming opinions and having others agree and disagree with them creates a strong sense of identity and thus perpetuates a mind-based concept of who we think ourselves to be. Add to this all the other noise: the social media posts, the emails, the news headlines – we are constantly bombarded and distracted with new information. Our minds then create thoughts to continue that momentum, and before we know it, who we think we are, is influenced and driven by our thoughts, our conversations with others and who we are following on social media.

When we choose to practice silence, we are given a reprieve from that constant noise and given the chance to observe our thoughts without buying into them or acting upon them. What we wanted to say, how we criticise ourselves, what we think about X – all these thoughts move through our minds and in silence, we simply watch them drift by. As we watch and listen, we realise how our thoughts activate our emotions and drive our behaviour. When we don't act on those thoughts eventually the ego mind settles and an awareness arises, revealing the very truth and nature in everything. In silence we realise we can choose to be our thoughts or not. It's profoundly liberating.

Going into silence can also be a deeply spiritual experience. As we stop the chatter we become aware of the interconnectedness of everything on earth. It's easier to pray, to meditate and to ask for wisdom when you have enjoyed a period of silence. Silence can also gift us with healing. Without external noise and other people's opinions, we can connect to our inner selves and attempt to make sense of life's traumas and disappointments. And silence is good for your brain. It gives your prefrontal cortex a break from processing stimuli, and in silence, you can tap into something called the "default mode" of your brain, where you let your mind take over and daydream, contemplate, and create.

It's little wonder that over the ages the great mystics, the yogis and the creatives all retreated into silence at some stage to enable them to shed their mind-based identities and tap into the wisdom of the Universe and create new thought forms.

**Margot Wagner**  
**Yoga Under the Bodhi Tree**

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## Relationships



## DECLUTTERING

I enjoy watching declutter programs and witnessing the change in people who are drowning in clutter. In the majority of these shows it doesn't take long for underlying emotional issues to emerge. Actually, you don't have to be a hoarder to have a stash of emotional clutter. In fact, nearly all of us have emotional clutter hiding in our inner recesses. We can try to ignore it, however, when we allow others into our life it becomes harder to hide.

What is emotional clutter and how is it created? Our life experiences have an impact on us. Circumstances and events can cause us to carry

lasting, deep-seated emotions. These emotions may linger long after the event, outstaying their purpose, crowding our space, draining our energy and getting in the way of moving forward.



Things like guilt, regret, insecurities, worry, grief and resentment. An over-reaction is a sure sign of emotional clutter.

Once clutter starts to accumulate, it tends to attract more clutter. When we enter a relationship our emotional clutter bumps up against another's emotional clutter and before we know it, relational clutter is added to the pile. This includes ruminating on unresolved issues and unspoken needs; defensiveness; holding on to past hurts; harbouring grudges. It may take the form of toxic behaviours, such as criticism or yelling, that have become so habitual they go unnoticed. This clutter can build up gradually clouding your communication and hindering connection and intimacy. Ultimately, it makes closeness impossible.

Trying to tackle a cluttered house is overwhelming. Likewise emotional and relational clutter can cause us to feel overwhelmed. By applying the principle of one box at a time, we can make progress. Take responsibility for the stuff that lies in your court. Growing in self-awareness is a great starting point. We live in a world full of distractions that can keep us from dealing with what matters in life. Don't ignore your feelings. What are you particularly sensitive about? Notice what triggers you. Journaling can be a helpful strategy to help with deepening your understanding of why you respond the way you do. It can help shine a light on your hidden clutter and create opportunity for you to deal with it. Unpacking emotional clutter can sometimes be complex so recognise when you need support.

Clutter in your relationship, just like around your home, can make it difficult to focus on what truly matters. Chances are, you've both contributed to the clutter so don't be quick to judge. Take time to listen to one another, honouring each other's perspective. Seek to gain deeper understanding of your partner's hurts and take ownership of any pain you caused. Co-operate in the task of clearing away the things that hold you back as a couple. Choose to let go of past mistakes and focus on how you want your relationship to be. By decluttering your emotional world, you will create an environment where you and your relationships can flourish.

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# Physio Talk



with Neil Bell

## A LIFETIME OF BENEFIT

**Courage. It comes in many forms. When I was growing up, I thought that being brave meant that you had no fear. That you weren't scared of anything.**

**Like my Dad. I thought he was never afraid. I thought having courage actually meant the absence of fear.**

Obviously, as I grew up, I discovered that my Dad at times, was afraid. I discovered that, like the rest of humanity, he wasn't immune to fear. But to my absolute delight, I also discovered that this is where true courage actually comes from. I discovered that courage is not the absence of fear, but rather bravery in the face of that fear.

There are many times in my life I have had to choose between courage and fear. As a child, many of these moments and opportunities for me to choose to be courageous occurred on the sporting field. The lessons I learned on the rugby league ground and the cricket pitch are lessons that have carried me forwards throughout my life. I was so very privileged to be able play sport as a child and I love it when I see any kids out doing the same.

As an adult, one of my great blessings is to be a part of the Tamborine Mountain cricket club. It is with great joy that I get to watch kids at the club overcome their fears weekly and grow tremendously both in their skill level on the field, and, most importantly, in their confidence off the field.

Playing team sport is a wonderful thing. It is a great teacher. Not only do we learn to develop courage and grit and resilience, there is a massive body of evidence that playing a team sport makes tremendous differences to many aspects of a child's life. It is interesting that most of the studies do not highlight the improvements in physical skill levels and exercise tolerance as the major impacts of team sports. These things, while definitely occurring and being of some importance are not seen by many researchers as the major benefits of playing team sport.

Rather, the focus is often placed on the psychological and social benefits.

Participation in team sport has been shown to teach maturity and resilience. It

teaches how to bounce back from disappointment and enhances our ability to cope with unpleasant experiences, such as losing. It helps children to develop patience and understanding, and there are many proven links between playing sport and an increase in childhood self-esteem. Being part of a team helps children to develop empathy and cooperation and it gives a great sense of belonging.

The sporting victories and losses we experience, the friendships we develop, and the lessons we learn on the sporting field stay with us forever. Having the chance to be part of a sporting team and enjoying all the physical, mental, emotional and social benefits that comes with it is a gift that every child deserves to experience.

We have some amazing sporting clubs on the Mountain, and I would encourage you all to gently guide your children to play a team sport. Get them to step out, take a risk and push out of their comfort zone. I guarantee it is worth it and the research shows that the benefits last a lifetime.



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The mare was with this family for 20 years, an ex-racing horse from Sydney, when younger, she had won four of her first five races. She was trained by the renowned horse trainer Peter Snowden. Her progeny won eleven races. She later became a great nanny for weanlings. She had a gentle nature, as seen with one of the owner's many grandchildren.

Apparently two of the largest attacking dogs in this tragedy were euthanised; they did not suffer as the mare did. Only two dogs per property are allowed in the Scenic Rim, unless an animal keeping licence is issued. The Gold Coast, Brisbane and Logan Councils have all experienced an increase or "spike" in dog attacks. The Scenic Rim Council is silent on this matter except for announcing an increase in wild dog attacks on domestic animals in 2022, which were being controlled by cruel and cheap 1080 baiting. Wild dogs exist because of weak laws, negligent people and allowing domestic dogs to breed freely.

All these Councils vow to crackdown on menacing and dangerous dogs, but only by impounding and killing them; state laws need to change. Petitions have been presented to the State Premier about the dog problem and each time the answer is a copy of the *Qld State Animal Management Act 2008*, it is old, ineffective. Qld needs to follow the lead of South Australia where desexing is mandatory, just one of many approaches to reduce the number of overpopulated, unwanted dogs, and neutering reduces all forms of aggression. Some councils mention that more dogs have training, however training is unlikely to make any difference to an adult dog that has had no early intervention, has mis-informed owners or dog genetics not suitable for 'just a pet'. It was only a few months ago a man was killed by dogs in Greenbank, before that, a child on the Gold Coast. Dogs can be as deadly as guns, and we have gun laws.

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The regular **Gentle Exercise** group helps combat muscle atrophy, bone density loss, loss of balance and cognitive ability loss associated with ageing. Sessions are led by a qualified Personal Trainer from the local Main Fitness gym. The trainer guides everyone through a routine with light weights and resistance bands, while doing chair-based and standing exercises that are adapted to all abilities.

## Are you fit to drive?

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# CUT HAIR TO GROW HAIR

Hello wonderful humans of the Scenic Rim. I am so excited to be covering hair health in this edition, because I've had the privilege of working with Sam at Edge Hairdressing. Sam is the owner of Edge and they're an accredited Sustainable Salon. And by now you probably know how excited I can get over organics, sustainability and kindness. She's all that, and a smidge more.

I have long curly hair and length has always been important to me. Short curly hair gives me Ronald McDonald flashbacks, no thank you. I asked Sam for her expertise because she lives and breathes hair health, and it's her business to have her clients walk away with happy and strong hair and know how to maintain that.

I asked Sam: "Should hair be cut regularly, and why?"

Sam being the absolute pro that she is gave this response: "Absolutely yes! To make your hair the healthiest and strongest it can be maintaining optimum length, then yes, the key is regular cuts, on a regular and consistent basis. This will keep your hair healthy and work to improve the thickness. As hair grows, more damage and split, wispy ends will occur. If you cut those wispy ends off, you'll be left with the appearance of thicker and longer hair. It will also produce a shine and natural gloss with the regular upkeep.



There are cons to not having regular trims. These are the split ends, and they will run riot and likely split further up the shaft, eventually snapping and making your hair short, which inevitably stops it from growing. This way your hair will continue growing healthy from the root and best of all, the ends won't fray and snap shorter."

Now what to do in between

# BEAUTY & WELLNESS



with Rebecca Mander

regular, professional cuts? Regularly cleanse your scalp. Build-up of excess oil will suffocate the scalp, preventing growth. Follow through with a hydrating conditioner. I recommend one with Aloe Vera and Rosemary leaf included. Aloe supports natural shine and Rosemary leaf is a powerhouse for growth support. And to dry, avoid heat. I love my hair towel made from hypo-allergenic bamboo and cotton. It reduces frizz by not adding friction like a normal towel can. And it's completely environmentally friendly, unlike microfiber. But if you want to be thrifty, a cotton t-shirt wrapped around your hair will do the job. Drying it gently, and without adding friction.

And if you're like me and love a simple routine to keep you on track – I've provided one below:

- Double shampoo and scalp massage
- Condition and comb through
- Rinse and wrap in a hair towel to soak up the nutrients and reduce frizz.

It would be remiss of me not to mention a very special event coming up. Sam at Edge and I will be co-hosting a fundraiser for Bowel Cancer Australia. The long hair I have will be getting the big cut at Edge on February 25 from 10am. We're raising money to help young women survive bowel cancer and donating my hair for wigs. Will you join us?

*Until next edition, please remember to spread kindness like it's jam on toast.*

Rebecca



  
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## PORK, FENNEL AND APPLE SAUSAGE ROLLS

**Juicy pork, balanced with fennel and sweet caramelised apple, wrapped in golden baked buttery puff pastry – trust me, this recipe is guaranteed to take your sausage roll game to the next level.**

These little pastry puffs of pleasure are surprisingly easy to assemble and will fill the kitchen with divine aromas. They are suitable for all ages, and are delightful in a picnic or packed lunches, and as a decadent homemade after school snack. They also work marvellously in any party situation, paired with a nice glass of white wine or as a half-time snack with a cold beer when the footy resumes.

**Did you know?** Wrapping meat in pastry as a delicacy dates back to the Ancient Greeks and Romans. The modern sausage roll, however, is thought to have originated in the kitchens of the nobility in the early days of 19th Century France. They made their way over the channel during the Napoleonic Wars and soon grew in popularity in London, where they were transformed into a cheap street food. They became known, much to the dismay of the French, as a quintessentially British snack. The first mention of them in a newspaper was in *The Times* back in 1863, and soon spread to the British held colonies and Australians have been enjoying this hearty snack ever since.

**Chef Dylan's tips:** 1. Ask your local butcher to keep some sausage mince aside for you if you don't want to cut the skins off sausages. 2. You can add Calvados, an apple liqueur, instead of apple cider vinegar to be really posh. 3. Take 1 sheet of pastry out of the freezer at a time to help with rolling. You want each sheet soft so it won't crack, but not at room temperature. Keep the blue film on the back of the pastry to stop it sticking to the bench. 4. You can make the logs then wrap in cling film and freeze them then simply defrost, cut, egg wash, sprinkle and bake when needed. Head to YouTube for a quick tutorial on how to roll them up.

**Memory Lane, Tamborine Mountain – December 2022**

"So good to see you, bro!" says Kirk wholeheartedly, as he releases me from his bear-like hug. "Wouldn't miss it for the world" I reply. "Uncle Dylan!" shouts Jude, wearing a smile that could melt the heart of Stalin; with his twig-like arms spread wide, his long legs bound towards me. I kneel down and catch the inbound cuddle. "Can I come work at the factory tomorrow?" he pleads, whispering in my ear. "Not tomorrow, mate" I whisper back, cupping his ear with my hand. "I have to do the markets on the weekends, remember, but

you can come on Wednesday after school though." "Yaaaay!" he says gleefully with arms raised, waving wildly like a gibbon, as he runs back to play with the rest of his cousins.

As I stand, Kirk passes me an ice cold beer from the fridge and heads towards the oven. I crack the can and quickly sip the cappuccino-like foam that's released. "Is that the smell of sausage rolls?" I ask. "Sure is! Pork and fennel" he replies proudly, as he whips a tea towel from his shoulder and opens the oven door, sending a sudden puff of steam upwards and giving him a facial on the way past. He reaches in and spins round to reveal a tray of perfectly cooked morsels of delight, before delicately placing them on the kitchen counter. "You never cease to amaze me bro, they look delicious!" I say, as my mouth starts salivating. "You know how seriously we take our food in this family" he says, eyes sparkling with sincerity "We sure do" says Rosy, as her long fingers cheekily pinch one from the tray before everyone gathers round to get in on the action.

**Prep 20 mins, Cook 45 mins, Serves 10**

### Ingredients

- 80g salted butter
- 3 Granny Smith apples, peeled cored and diced into 1cm chunks
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- 2 tbs brown sugar
- 2 tbs apple cider vinegar
- 2 tbs fennel seeds, toasted
- 1/4 cup bread crumbs
- 1kg good quality pork sausage, skins removed
- 1 tbs Dijon mustard
- 2 cloves garlic, crushed
- 1 egg beaten, to brush rolls
- 2 tbs Gaucho\*
- 5 sheets of good quality frozen puff pastry
- Captain Kidd spiced rum BBQ sauce\* for dipping.

\* Chef Dylan's Gourmet range

### Method

1. Heat a medium frypan on medium then add butter to melt.
2. Add apple chunks and cook for 3 mins, stirring.
3. Add sugar, cinnamon and mix into apple.



Turn frypan down to low and cook, stirring until apple is soft and caramelised. After about ~5-6 mins add apple cider vinegar and stir through.

4. Place into a bowl and chill in the fridge until cold.
5. Preheat oven to 180°C. Line a baking tray with baking paper.
6. In a large bowl pour in the apple mix, sausage mince, Dijon, breadcrumbs, toasted fennel seeds and garlic. Mix thoroughly with your hands to evenly combine.
7. Divide the mix into 10 roughly even portions by forming into a large log and dividing.
8. Place one puff pastry sheet on your bench and cut it in half, so you have two rectangles. Take a single portion of the sausage filling and while leaving a 1cm margin, place the filling along one long edge of the puff pastry rectangle, evenly. Brush both long edges with some egg wash, and carefully fold over the pastry sheet with the sausage filling, until the ends overlap by about 1cm. Gently close the two ends together to create a seal. Place the seam side down, and cut this roll into 4 equal parts. Place the 4 sausage rolls on the baking tray, slightly apart.
9. Repeat with the remaining puff pastry sheets to make 20 sausage rolls in total.
10. Using a small sharp knife, make two slits on the top of each sausage roll. Brush the tops generously with egg wash and sprinkle on my Gaucho seasoning evenly.
11. Bake in the oven for 15 minutes, and then increase the heat to 190°C and bake for approximately 25-30 minutes or until they are golden brown.
12. Remove from the oven, allow them to cool for a bit, and serve while warm with my Captain Kidd spiced rum BBQ sauce.



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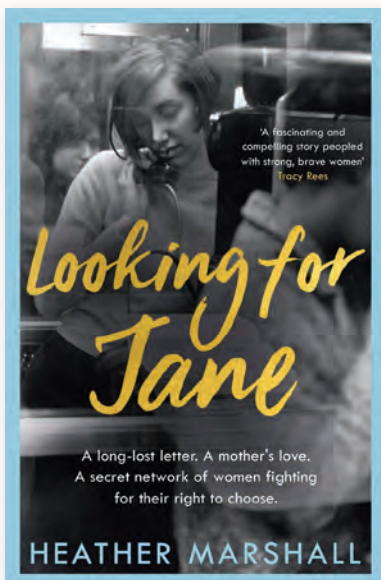
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7. The Andes
8. Iceland
9. Mesopotamia (modern-day Iraq)
10. The Amazon Rainforest (in Brazil)
11. The Danube
12. Tibet
13. The Red Sea
14. Chile
15. Quito, Ecuador
16. Russia



# REGULAR MOUNTAIN ACTIVITIES

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**FRIENDS OF TAMBORINE NATIONAL PARK :** meet on the first Saturday of the month (except Jan.) To find out where we will be working contact Len on 3355 7288 or 0428 335 572.

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**MAKERS' MARKET ON THE MOUNTAIN** (Tamborine Mountain Arts Collective initiative) 1st Sunday each month (except January). Stallholder, Busker or general enquiries phone Margy Rose 0419 805 456 or email [makersmarket.tmac@gmail.com](mailto:makersmarket.tmac@gmail.com)

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

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

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**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

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

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**TM LITTLE THEATRE:** Meetings held 1st Tuesday of month at 7.30pm at the Zamia Theatre. Regular plays, play

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**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

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

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