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TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN PUTS ITS BEST... PAWS... FORWARD



The 2023 edition of the Tamborine Mountain Show on March 18 has been run (and won – in the case of the Junior Pet Competition – pictured here, judged by sponsor Tamborine Pet Farmstay's Sharrie Hughes), delighting a generous crowd on the day. Congratulations to all involved in making the Show happen – organisers, participants and those turning out to give wholehearted support to a much-loved Mountain event. More photos pages 10, 20 & 30 Photos: Gerard Ellen

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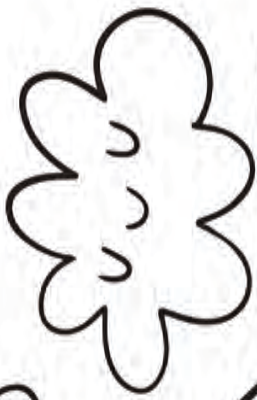
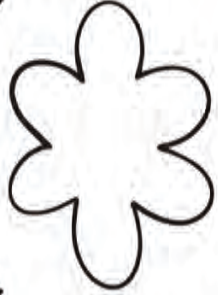
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SHARP DRESSED MAN STRIKES AT THE TOP

Dane Sharp, Tamborine Mountain local and former Adelaide City and Newcastle Breakers striker in the National Soccer League, presently occupies the top spot on Australia's country music charts with his song "When the Sun Goes Down".

Notably, he is the sole Australian footballer to achieve chart-topping success in music. Additionally, Dane runs a football academy on the Mountain, in conjunction with Tamborine Mountain Eagles, and is deeply committed to the sport.

Originally from the coastal town of Nelson Bay in NSW, Dane's professional football career led him to play in various countries, including England, Austria, the United States, and Australia. However, a series of significant knee injuries ultimately prompted his early retirement and subsequent entry into the realms of music and film.

His debut studio album, "Nothing To Lose", was released in 2008 by Touchwood Productions. The album generated five radio singles, with four of them reaching the Top 40 country music charts. "One Way Ride" achieved the highest ranking, peaking at number 6. In collaboration with producer Duncan Wood, Sharp wrote and recorded the theme song "Our Time to Fly" for the Australian National Deaf Soccer Team in 2013. The song was used as the theme for the team at the Asian Pacific Football championships.

In 2018, Dane performed alongside Christine Anu at the Commonwealth Games opening ceremony, as a member of the Four Winds Didgeridoo Orchestra. As of March 2023, his hit single "When the Sun Goes Down" has claimed the number one position on the IMC Country charts.



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COUNTRY THUNDER
AUSTRALIA

TOP 30

	LW	TI	HP	Artist	Song
1	1	3	1	Dane Sharp	When The Sun Goes Down
2	18	2	2	Alex D Smith	Big Red Rock
3	4	2	3	Anthony Baxter	Where Our Heart Lives
4	2	4	1	Lily Grace	Follow My Road
5	21	2	5	Dane Sharp	What Would You Say
6	5	3	5	Cora	Romeo & Juliet

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INCREASED LAND VALUATIONS

With land valuations increasing in some areas by 92% since the last valuation, State Member for Scenic Rim, Jon Krause, has heard the concerns of some residents about land tax and other charges tied to valuations going up.

"Increases in valuations can create worries about increases to the cost of living. People are especially worried that if valuations go up, rates may increase."

"Any increases in valuations does not mean an automatic increase in rates - valuations are just part of the mix when local governments determine rates. How that mix is worked out is part of the local government decision making process."

"I know the frustrations of locals who have seen massive increases in valuations of their properties by the State's Valuer-General. There have been significant increases for properties in all three council areas in the Scenic Rim Electorate with some areas increasing by over 90%."

The new land valuations come into effect on 30 June 2023 and are issued after consideration of the property market, the trends and sales of each locality, zoning and physical features of the land.

Mr Krause said that it was up to individual landholders to appeal against the increases. Under the legislation governing the valuation process, no joint or group appeals are permitted, and unfortunately there is also no process to lobby the Valuer-General to reconsider valuations for an entire area or locality.

The 60 day objection period for the 2023 land valuations closes on 16 May 2023.

"I encourage property owners to appeal the decision as individual landowners if they disagree with the decision. My office can provide information about how to make and submit an appeal and have helped numerous residents in the past."

Contact Jon's office by email at scenicrim@parliament.qld.gov.au or free-call 1800 813 960.

ROAD RESEALS SET TO BEGIN REGIONWIDE

Scenic Rim Regional Council is set to begin a major program of bitumen road reseals at 36 town and villages across the region.

Works will be carried out on some 49 kilometres of roads in a three-stage program that is expected to take three months to complete, weather and resources permitting.

Locations include Aratula, Barney View, Beaudesert, Beechmont, Biddaddaba, Boonah, Boyland, Bromelton, Canungra, Christmas Creek, Cryna, Darlington, Dugandan, Gleneagle, Hillview, Innisplain, Josephville, Kalbar, Kerry, Kooralbyn, Lamington, Milford, Moorang, Mount Barney, Oaky Creek, Peak Crossing, Radford, Rathdowney, Rosevale, Running Creek, Tamborine, Tamborine Mountain, Tamrookum, Tamrookum Creek, Tarome and Veresdale Scrub.

The reseals are programmed to begin in the central area of the Scenic Rim on Tuesday 28 March and continue until Thursday 6 April in line with Council's commitment to delivering an accessible and serviced region.

This will be followed by works in the eastern area of the region from Friday 7 April to Tuesday 11 April and in the western area from Wednesday 12 April to Tuesday 18 April.

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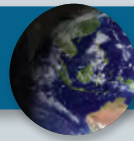
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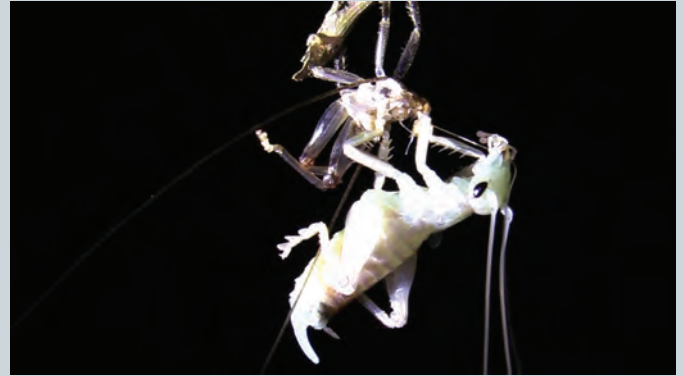
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- NS 3. 50.00% SHEILA IRVINE-BROWN - SHEENA POLLOCK
- EW 1. 57.92% BETTY BULL - RICHARD BULL
- EW 2. 57.50% CHERYL FINLAYSON - JULIE GUTHRIE
- EW 3. 49.58% HEIKE EDRICH - PAM WARRELL

WEDNESDAY (22-MAR-23)

- NS 1. 59.72% PETER ZAREMBA - ANN ZAREMBA
- NS 2. 56.35% LINDY WILLIAMS - EDDIE HEINEMEYER
- NS 3. 53.77% KATE HEAD - LAURENE HASSARD
- EW 1. 58.13% SUE STEVENS - KAREN SCOTT
- EW 2. 50.99% ANDREW DAVIDSON - ALEX HOOD
- EW 3. 46.23% JENNY STRACHAN - LAWRENCE BEUTEL

THURSDAY (23-MAR-23)

- NS 1. 60.50% JENNY STRACHAN - EDDIE HEINEMEYER
- NS 2. 60.00% KEVIN HAMILTON-REEN - MARY SIMON
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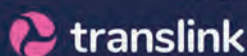
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- Thu 6th April 7pm:** Mass of the Last Supper: John the Baptist Church, Beacon Rd Tamborine Mtn.
- Thu 6th April 7pm:** Mass of the Last Supper: St Mary's Church, Beaudesert.
- Thu 6th April 7pm:** Mass of the Last Supper: Marian Valley, Beechmont Rd, via Canungra.
- Good Fri 3pm:** Passion of Christ Liturgy: John the Baptist Church, Beacon Rd Tamborine Mtn.
- Good Fri 3pm:** Passion of Christ Liturgy: St Mary's Church Beaudesert.
- Good Fri 2pm:** Stations of the Cross. Marian Valley, Beechmont Rd, via Canungra.
- 3pm:** Passion of Christ Liturgy: Marian Valley, Beechmont Rd, via Canungra.
- Sat 8th April 6pm:** Easter Vigil Mass: Marian Valley, Beechmont Rd, via Canungra.
- Sat 8th April 7pm:** Easter Vigil Mass: John the Baptist Church, Beacon Rd Tamborine Mtn.
- Sat 8th April 7pm:** Easter Vigil Mass: St Mary's Church, Beaudesert
- Sun 9th April 7am:** Easter Sunday Mass: St. Joseph's, (O'Reilly's - Green Mountains).
- Sun 9th April 7.30am:** Easter Sunday Mass: St John the Baptist Church, Beacon Rd Tamborine Mtn
- Sun 9th April 9.00am:** Easter Sunday Mass: St Margaret Mary's Church, Canungra.
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JON KRAUSE MP

State Member for Scenic Rim

TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN SHOW

Congratulations to everyone who made the Tamborine Mountain Show happen – including all of the exhibitors, stallholders and community groups who made the day what it was. Despite it being a pretty hot day, I enjoyed the Show and judging by the number of cars parked outside the grounds, so did many others!

TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN WATER MORATORIUM TO CONTINUE

Residents on Tamborine Mountain need affordable water security – and, in dry times, that means local water from local sources. In late 2019 and early 2020, I requested the State Government to consider how it could improve availability of water for locals. The Council then (and now) heavily regulates new extraction operations, but the State did not regulate the water at all. The State did change that stance in a limited way by restricting new bores – and thanks to many locals who also lobbied for that change. The change doesn't stop extraction for sale off-Mountain, nor increase local supply – but it is better than no regulation at all.

I received a letter from the Minister for Water last week outlining that for now the Moratorium for Tamborine Mountain and Springbrook, which prevents the construction of new underground water works (bores) for commercial purposes, will continue without change for another 12 months when it will be reviewed again. I'll continue to work with all levels of government to ensure Mountain locals can access Mountain water.

TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN ROAD (AND OTHER STATE ROADS)

Heading towards Tamborine, there is a shocking section of road approximately 200m downhill from the Eagle Heights locality sign. I have complained many times to Main Roads about this, and while I'm sure something will be 'in the works' it should be fixed more quickly as it has been in a terrible state for a long time. The \$6 billion backlog of road repairs and maintenance under the Queensland Labor Government makes it difficult for anything to be done. This Government's inability to fix simple things like this while they waste millions on other priorities is a disgrace.

BEECHMONT ROAD RECONSTRUCTION WORKS

Reconstruction works continue on Beechmont Road with works between North Road and Gretty Lane expected to take place from mid-March for up to one month.

Access will remain open under traffic control during these works to repair and replace damaged drainage, culverts and pavements.

Residents and motorists can expect:

- 7am to 5pm repair works Monday to Friday, with deliveries and site setup/disestablishment occurring one hour each side of these times
- Traffic controllers will be in place to manage traffic and truck movements for works
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- The use of sizeable vehicles and machinery that may generate dust, noise or vibration.

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DEAR LOCAL COMMUNITY

As we come towards this unforeseen local election, just a couple of things for new and old residents to consider. Having been on the Mountain since 1991, raised three children here and been involved in many community events and groups as well as working for Scenic Rim Regional Council for 16 years as coordinator of Arts and Culture, before I left to focus on my own arts practice, I would like to offer this observation.

We are privileged to live in and amongst the Tamborine National Park in three distinct village precincts. Living in such a unique environment has helped to forge a community that can rely on each other in times of difficulties and supports each other through the many groups and organisations that have developed over time on the Mountain. We are a diverse community drawn to this environment, content to live a distance from suburbia and metropolitan conveniences, yet within an easy drive to major centres if required.

We all have a duty of care for this place we live in and to work towards being a strong, cohesive, vibrant community that looks after each other.

There has been too much vitriol and finger pointing of late. That is not the change I want to see in this world or in my community. As a community we might also ask ourselves (to paraphrase JFK) not what the community can do for us but what can we do for our community.

In my humble opinion and observation of councils and councillors during my time living on the Mountain and working for Council, the best outcomes for the Mountain have been when the Council works well as a team, when there is a sense of camaraderie and shared goals.

I expect our council representative to be less aggressive, more persuasive, more present in community life, more conciliatory, more visionary, more kind and more just.

I am super excited that Nicole Thompson has put her hand up for this challenging position. She has been a campaigner for the environment for many years. She is a mum, a carer, a nurse, a midwife, an informed citizen, a committed and engaged community member who has lived on the Mountain for 19 years and understands the issues that concern our community.

She is tenacious about justice, community and the environment. She has the support of the Greens which means that she will be a balancing voice in SRRC and a positive voice for the environment not just on Tamborine Mountain but across all areas of the Scenic Rim including the many unique environments that include World Heritage National Parks.

I really hope that you consider the change you want to see and the kind of community you want to live in as you cast your vote.

Bronwyn Davies

A CRITICAL JUNCTURE

The outcome of the 15 April By-Election for Division 1 will be very significant for all plateau residents, including those like me on the south end who are in Division 2. In fact, it will have ramifications for the whole Scenic Rim due to the balance of power around the Council table.

There are six Divisional Councillors plus the Mayor. All have the same responsibility of representing the interests of all residents. They are not there to push their own barrow although sometimes that seems to be forgotten. However, the Mayor has additional powers. First, he chairs the Meetings. Happily, the previous disorder has improved radically since the appointment of the Advisor by the State Government. Secondly, he has an additional (casting) vote if a vote is tied. That gives him tremendous influence in the promotion of policies. Fortunately, the exclusion of Councillors on tenuous suspicions of Conflict of interest also seemed to have ceased with the Advisor's advent.

Unfortunately, with the well-justified resignation of Derek Swanborough, we are now left with six Councillors overall. On one side we have the Mayor and two rusted-on supporters. On the other, rather more democratic three. That sets up a casting vote situation.

Then the new Councillor arrives and, with the present Councillors 3-3, may tip the balance of power. The pressures and responsibilities of the newcomer's decision making will be immense. We have experienced multiple failures of the Council and its administrative organisation to act in accordance with the Principles of Local Government as set out in the *Local Government Act*. It will be a dire situation if the newcomer does not fully understand this background.

Further, most of our present problems have some connection with the formulation, interpretation and impletion of the *Planning Scheme*. The latter has been put in place via community consultation and we are dependent on it to sustain the ambience which makes our special place so attractive to residents and visitors. What happens if the new councillor is not aware of its complexities?

On becoming a Councillor will not be the time to start learning. The year to the next election is critical in and the new Councillor should hit the ground running. Where is such a rare bird to be found?

Arriving at a well-considered result has not been made easier by the short period for it all to happen. At the time of writing, it is only three weeks to the By-Election and we do not even know who will stand. Those voting will have to make good use of this limited time to make a thoughtful choice.

Phil Giffard

TIME TO GET IT RIGHT

With the Div. 1 election candidates now nominated, I would just like to express my concern.

We don't need candidates from Federal political parties in Local Government.

Particularly those with Federal party funding and professional campaign machines dominating the media and the landscape with mass placards and advertising.

We don't want federal party policies either.

Neither do we need blow-ins who are feeling a need to grab some power and easy money, with no intention of doing anything but coast along with the status quo.

This election, in Division One, is purely about local issues on Tamborine Mountain.

We need candidates who have experienced the particular problems we have had with: water extraction, large scale developments, destruction of the environment, roads and drainage and unfair rates.

We need to have someone who understands our local issues and has been prepared to become involved, fighting the good fight, alone and unpaid, for the benefit of the residents and our Mountain, when there has been no election on the horizon.

There will be unjustified rumours and false accusations as those who fear integrity and transparency in Government will fight a dirty game.

That is politics.

Be the smarter voter this time and be responsible for putting us in safe, familiar hands.

Julie Wilkinson

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THE DELIGHTS OF AUTUMN COLOURS

By Jez Clark
Principal Clark+Granger



Let me introduce myself. I am Jez Clark, co-founder and principal designer at Clark+Granger, a small studio-based design practice that specialises in house and garden design, landscape architecture and interiors. Over the coming months I will be sharing with you a journey through some of my favourite design experiences, from homes and gardens, interiors and landscapes.

I have been here on the Mountain for over seven years now and one of the things I love most about living here is the autumn colour. As a native Englishman I still have nostalgia for the home country and the autumn was always my favourite season.

The gentler Mountain climate allows us to indulge our passion for the brilliant displays of colour that some temperate climate deciduous trees can offer. Maples are an obvious choice for any gardener wanting that burning fire of autumn colour, but I have selected four of my particular favourite trees to share with you. They offer a different colour palette to the usual red tones of the maples and liquidambar.

I grew up in Sussex, in the south of England and loved visiting Sheffield Park. One of the most striking features of the parklands were the large stands of Ginkgo and Swamp Cypress around the lakes. The contrast between the golden yellow of the ginkgo and russet oranges and browns of the cypresses were an absolute joy.



Ginkgo, also known as the maidenhair tree and known horticulturally as *Ginkgo biloba* (above) is a species of tree native to China. It is the last living species in the order *Ginkgoales*, and first appeared over 290 million years ago and fossils belonging to the genus, extend back to the Middle Jurassic approximately 170 million years ago. It is a large spreading tree about 12m in height with a wide sheltering canopy. I know of a few fine specimens up here on the Mountain. I have one in my own garden. The ginkgo is suited to most soils but is most at home in wet areas.

Swamp Cypress, or *Taxodium distichum* (top right) is a deciduous conifer in the family *Cupressaceae*. It is native to the everglades of the southern United States. It is very hardy and tough, adaptable to a wide range of soil types, whether wet, salty, dry, or swampy. In Autumn the bright green, lacy needles turn a russet orange then brown before falling. There are several lovely specimens of this conifer at the entrance to the Tamborine Mountain Regional Botanic

Gardens. Much to the amusement of the Gardens, each year someone calls to say the trees have died. If you have the space, planting stands of these trees together is a beautiful spectacle in the autumn.

Another of my favourite trees is the ornamental Manchurian Pear or *Pyrus ussuriensis* (pictured at bottom right). The is the largest of the species sometimes reaching 12m, pyramidal when young turning dense and round with age, making it ideal as a shade tree. I have one here at my home *Chalk House* and just love it. In the early spring it is a mass of pale pink buds turning to white blossoms and in the autumn the leaves display shades of burgundy and red. It is deciduous but the tree is quick to regrow and is without leaves for a very short period here on the Mountain.

My last, and perhaps my favourite tree is *Nyssa sylvatica*, (at right) commonly known as tupelo, or sour gum. It is a medium-sized deciduous tree native to eastern North America from the coastal North-eastern States and southern Ontario south as far as central Florida and eastern Texas and even Mexico. It has glossy, dark green rounded leaves which turn to varying autumn tones of plum-red, scarlet and gold and the foliage is held on the tree well into late autumn. I have planted these with great success on the Mountain and they have a tidy habit and well-formed shape requiring little to no shaping. This is a rather neglected tree that deserves to be better known. They look great in groups of three or more and definitely give maples a run for their money.



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PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT - SRRC DIVISION 1 BY-ELECTION

In the coming Scenic Rim Division 1 by-election on 15 April 2023 there's only one thing to do:
VOTE 1 AMANDA HAY - your local, self-funded and independent candidate.

The battle to preserve Tamborine Mountain's unique environment and way of life is at the crossroads.

Now, more than ever, Mountain residents need a fearless, balanced, resilient and informed voice in Scenic Rim Regional Council to ensure its best interests are protected.

I feel I can provide that voice. My background enables me to comprehend financial reports, the Corporate Plan, the Community Plan, the Code of Conduct, Local Laws, State Government legislation and, importantly, the current **Scenic Rim Planning Scheme 2020**. These apply right across the Scenic Rim, not only to Division 1. I am up to speed on these important documents and won't need the 12 months until the 2024 election to become effective as a Councillor. The role of Councillor is not for the faint-hearted, however well-meaning the applicant may be.

My passion for Tamborine Mountain and my unrelenting efforts - at significant personal cost recently - to defend our treasured way of life have been demonstrated time and again over the past 10 years.

I have acted as an advocate for dozens of people who challenged their Land Valuation increases, which resulted in 66 reductions, and personally acted as advocate in mediation sessions at the Beaudesert Court House for those unable to do so themselves.

As a community advocate, I have also assisted in a compensation matter for people whose "trip of a lifetime" turned into the holiday from hell, advocated in an unfair dismissal matter, assisted with the preparation of numerous objection submissions relating to development applications right across the Scenic Rim, and assisted people who had been issued with council "Show Cause" notices (and which were withdrawn). I have also advocated in a QCAT intellectual property dispute. I have recently been involved in the Shelf Road landslip issues. I have never been paid for my voluntary work.

I have lived on Tamborine Mountain for more than 10 years and have been actively involved in community activities and associations including the Tamborine Mountain Garden Club (former Treasurer), "Springtime on the Mountain" joint convenor 2019 and 2020, and former Treasurer and current Secretary of the Tamborine Mountain Progress Association Inc.

Prior to "retiring" in 2013, I worked in Commonwealth Government roles with a financial/audit/research/investigation and compliance focus, in Canberra, Port Moresby and SE Queensland. In my last position, I prepared briefs of evidence for prosecutions by the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions. I also worked for Queensland Independent Wholesalers Ltd for several years in credit management. I have also been an accredited English as a Second Language volunteer tutor (Logan TAFE). I hold a Certificate IV in Government Investigation and Certificate IV in Government (fraud control), as well as other relevant qualifications.

I have made submissions to the 2019 Electoral Commission Divisional Boundary Review, the **SRRC Draft 2019/2020 Planning Scheme**, the community engagement re:- Gallery Walk improvements and contributed to changes made to the ABS Census Recruitment procedures following events around the 2016 Census recruitment.

On every local government issue, you can rely on me to vigorously stand up for the best interests of our wonderful mountain community and residents and ratepayers right across the Scenic Rim.

What do I stand for and what does our Mountain need?

- Integrity and transparency at our Council must rank number 1.
- Council contribution towards operating costs of sport and recreation land and capital improvements



- Advocacy for an aquatic centre for Tamborine Mountain
- Stronger environmental protection including an effective and enforceable local law re:- tree clearing
- More footpaths and bikeways for locals and tourists
- Support council re-introducing open and transparent committee meetings to improve decision making, especially in planning matters
- Council to publish its Budget and Capital Works Programs for meaningful public consultation prior to adoption
- Finalisation of Gallery Walk improvements, including the relocation of the Visitors' Information Centre to service the area of greatest foot traffic
- Retention of the moratorium on ground water extraction
- More efficiency in Council operations and on-time and on-budget delivery of capital works
- Cessation of provision of "Draft Conditions of Approval" to developers prior to a vote of Councillors on the actual application
- Conduct and publish a Staff Satisfaction Survey to identify the reasons for the very high vacancy rate at Council
- Council to be more responsive to customer requests and access to staff
- Investigation into the mitigation of the traffic impacts of increasing daily visitation and population - for example, the Long Road Extension
- Strengthening of the Planning Scheme to protect amenity and liveability and to close loopholes and poor wording which may enable inappropriate development.

The above issues are those I am most commonly asked about. If you would like to bring other issues to my attention, please email me at frangipani1956@msn.com

Early voting: The polling booth is located at 6-8 Knoll Rd. 9am to 6pm Monday 3 April to 14 April 2023 (*excludes weekends and public holidays on 7 and 10 April.*)

Election day voting: 8am to 6pm 15 April 2023 at Tamborine Mountain State High School and St Bernard State School.

Make your vote count:

VOTE 1 AMANDA HAY

Authorised by Amanda Hay, 13-15 Chalmette Dr,
Tamborine Mountain (Candidate).

PUTTING THE MOUNTAIN FIRST

I would like the Mountain community to know I will be running as a candidate in the upcoming Division 1 council by-election on the 15th of April. I ran as the Greens candidate in the last Federal election, and hope to be voted in as a Greens councillor.

I have lived on the Mountain for 15 years. I am a nurse, midwife and business owner.

Most important to me is:

- Protecting the environment
- Protecting our village atmosphere – most of us moved up here for a quiet, caring community lifestyle surrounded by bush and rainforest. I am for sustainable, imaginative development. Improving and promoting the businesses and services we already have here.
- Supporting North Tamborine to be a locals' hub.
- Supporting tourism on the Mountain with an environmental and arts focus.
- Supporting the Long Road sports area to be a hub for sport, recreation, wellness and environmental initiatives. Accessible for all.

Even though you may have never voted Greens before, I want you to know my first priority is to the Tamborine Mountain community. I don't believe being Greens will cause a conflict of interest. The Greens are founded on four pillars: ecological sustainability, grassroots participatory democracy, social justice and peace and non-violence. If voted in, I look forward to working with the other councillors to make decisions that are in the best interest of the whole community.



I intend soon to doorknock on the Mountain to meet as many of you as possible and introduce myself.

Please follow me on:

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Thank you for your consideration,

Nicole Thompson

WAR ON WEIGHT: BID TO CURB OBESITY RATES

UniSQ public health expert weighs in on obesity crisis in regional Queensland – Public health experts say regional Queensland is losing the battle of the bulge.

With obesity levels seemingly getting worse every year, Dr Aletha Ward, a lecturer in nursing and public health researcher at the University of Southern Queensland, said big changes were needed otherwise rates of type 2 diabetes, heart disease, stroke and some cancers will continue to rise.

Dr Ward was the lead author on a white paper published this week by the West Moreton Obesity Group with their own ideas to tackle the obesity epidemic in regional Queensland.

“This document tells us what many health experts have been saying for years – obesity levels are causing significant disease rates and urgent action is needed, especially in rural and regional areas,” Dr Ward said.

“There are many achievable solutions in this document. They are all centred around the same outcome: creating an environment that protects people from obesity and other non-communicable diseases.

“Tackling obesity is everyone’s responsibility. The ways we can help is by supporting policymakers with our research and driving positive change in our communities.”

The document ‘Local Governments Leading the Way’, which examined several case studies and highlighted potential solutions and opportunities for local government reform, will be presented to the Local Government Association of Queensland for review later this year.

It followed the latest West Moreton Health Indicators Report, which revealed obesity prevalence in West Moreton adults increased by 3.5 per cent annually or 46 per cent in total between 2009 and 2020 – more than double the state’s rates.

Obesity prevalence is affected by social, cultural, and environmental determinants of health, and failing to prevent and treat these rising rates can have adverse social and economic consequences.

Dr Ward said she was concerned by the number of fast-food restaurants appearing around regional Queensland and lack of social health policies that address obesogenic environments.

“Obesity levels are 12 per cent higher in regional and rural Queensland than the major cities,” Dr Ward said.

“Furthermore, those living in socio-economically disadvantaged areas in Queensland are 49 per cent more likely to be overweight.

“There’s no silver bullet, no magic wand, but the good news is it is preventable and reversible if we step up our efforts.”

The white paper put forward a range of recommendations, including:

- identifying areas of high obesity, food insecurity and socio-economic disadvantage within each Local Government Association (LGA);
- LGAs to develop and implement a Public Health Plan;
- Prohibit the marketing of unhealthy food and sugar sweetened beverages at sporting events, council property and community functions; and
- enable local governments to utilise planning policies that can address where fast-food chains can be built and the vicinity to key infrastructure such as schools.



“Local governments can provide important leadership in our battle with the bulge,” Dr Ward said.

“They are closest to the community. They understand the strengths and opportunities for their community to maintain healthy lifestyles.

“Planning must extend beyond roads and footpaths; it is about creating an environment which promotes healthy eating, physical activity and an engaged community.”

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PHOTO: Dr Aletha Ward was the lead author on an obesity white paper published by the West Moreton Obesity Group.

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- Contribute to the identification, development and implementation of project schedules and plans.
- Other duties as directed and required.

Role requirements

- There are no mandatory requirements for this role however, experience in identifying and implementing strategies to improve riverine health and/or mitigate flood impacts would be highly regarded.
- A solid understanding of the area in which the Trust operates, and its rivers, would be an advantage.
- This position may require overnight travel as part of the fulfilment of the role.

For further information and to apply for this role please see www.smartjobs.qld.gov.au ad QLD/477485/23.

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EXPERIENCE A MUST

Jennifer Sanders is the only experienced and knowledgeable candidate who has previously been a Councillor and worked as a Council officer. Jennifer has worked in the development assessment area of Council and has an in-depth understanding of council policies, procedures, and practices. With a Bachelor of Australian Studies, Graduate Certificate in Development Processing, and Diplomas in Local Government and Project Management, Jennifer has the education and expertise needed to make a real impact for Tamborine Mountain.

Not only does Jennifer have the qualifications, but she also has a genuine empathy for the people of the area. She understands many of the challenges that face the Tamborine Mountain community and is committed to finding real solutions that work for everyone.



As a Justice of the Peace (qualified), Jennifer has a strong understanding of confidentiality and privacy provisions, which is essential in the world of local government.

But what really sets her apart is her work ethic. She is dedicated, hardworking, and passionate about serving the community. With her experience and knowledge,

VOTE 1 – JENNIFER SANDERS



ON APRIL 15 – TAMBORINE MTN BY-ELECTION

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THE LONG SUNSET RETURNS TO THE REGION FOR ITS SECOND YEAR AS PART OF QUEENSLAND MUSIC TRAILS



The Scenic Rim will host The Long Sunset music and camping festival for its second year as part of Queensland Music Trails. Scheduled for April 29, the festival is set in the verdant Canungra hinterland and is a favourite among indie music enthusiasts.

This year's carefully curated line-up features some of Australia's top live acts. Lime Cordiale, who had four songs in the Hottest 100, will headline the event, bringing their stylish grooves to the Scenic Rim. R&B-soul collective Winston Surfshirt will also perform, showcasing tracks from their third studio album, *'Panna Cotta'*. Other acts include Hatchie, Sycco, Tia Gostelow, and more.

The one-day event concludes the Scenic Rim Trail organised by Qld Music Trails, which takes visitors on a musical journey through Southeast Queensland's most beautiful locations. With captivating hillside sunsets, world-class live performances, and excellent camping facilities, The Long Sunset has quickly gained popularity.

Lime Cordiale, the festival's headlining act, expressed their excitement: "We're itching to get up to Canungra for The Long Sunset. It doesn't take much convincing to get us up to that beautiful part of the world! We might have to extend the trip and stay for a week, so we'll probably bump into you at the Op Shop."

Winston Surfshirt shared their enthusiasm: "We're pumped to be heading back to Queensland in April, always love playing up there. The line-up is exceptional, some serious talent we'll be playing amongst! See you soon, The Long Sunset!"

Additional mainstage performers include Peach Fur, bella amor, Baby Cool, and Luke Brazier. The festival takes place at Elysian Fields in Canungra, the homeland of the Mununjali, Wangerriburra, and Ugurapul people. The event offers a weekend escape from the city, complete with artisan markets, wine tastings, and dancing to Australia's top acts.

In 2022, the inaugural Long Sunset festival featured Australian indie-folk duo Angus & Julia Stone as headliners, marking their first performance together in Queensland since a sold-out show in Brisbane three years prior. The event also included performances by Ball Park Music, Babe Rainbow, Nice Biscuit, and Clea.

Julia Stone reminisced about the previous year's event:

"It's been a really long time since Angus and I have had the chance to make our way up to Queensland to perform together. It's a truly beautiful part of the world. We can't wait to head north again and perform as the sun sets and the night comes alive. It's going to be electric."

Scenic Rim Mayor Greg Christensen acknowledged the festival's success, noting the positive feedback and significant economic impact on the local community, with over \$1.16 million generated in 2022. He also mentioned that campers would be allowed to stay for up to three nights during the 2023 event.



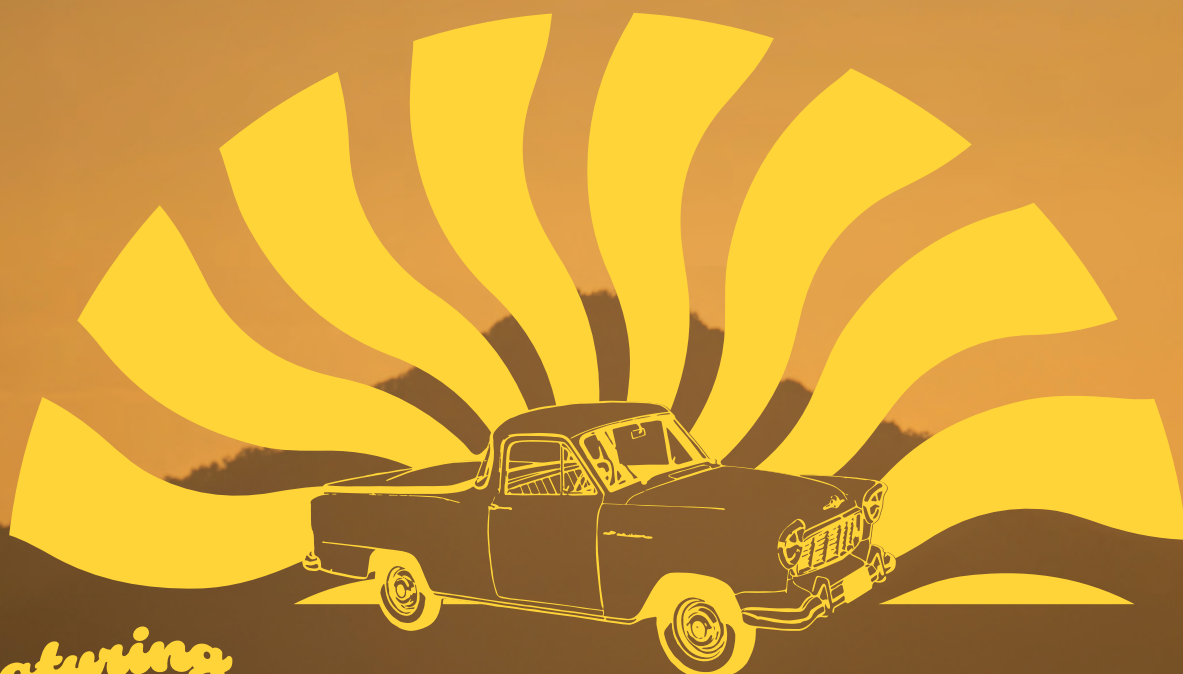
The Long Sunset not only offers a memorable music experience but also encourages attendees to explore the Scenic Rim's natural beauty through camping, glamping, or nearby boutique accommodation.

For those just coming for the day, there will be parking on site at Elysian Fields, but the best option is to sit back and relax on one of the dedicated bus services operating directly from Brisbane CBD, Logan, Upper Mount Gravatt, Nerang and Ipswich. Head to Mt Gravatt Coach & Travel to book your seat now.

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TREES

I've just come back from a spiritual retreat, held at the Baden Powell Scout Centre, Sydney. Opened in 1929, the centre is a 36-hectare haven of trees and bush. The retreat was life changing in every way and to add to the majesty of the experience, were the trees. To be in the presence of a 100 year-old eucalypt tree towering

into the blue sky with a 1.5 metre girth and enough holes, nooks and crannies to offer home to dozens of birds and small mammals, is breathtaking. Then multiply this huge tree by hundreds more.

The Centre, on a perpetual lease from the NSW government, gives one a glimpse of what the eastern seaboard of Australia used to look like, before land clearing and rampant development. The theme running through this retreat was to recognise God consciousness, whatever God means for you, in everything around you. And this beautiful place breathed God consciousness in every leaf and every dewdrop.

This Centre exists in total contrast to much of what's happening in SE QLD and indeed large parts of Australia. The fervour to create new housing developments, which everyone agrees is necessary, as there are not enough houses for a growing population, is often pursued at the cost of beautiful old trees and green spaces. These houses are built cheek by jowl, with lots of concrete in between. On a stinking hot summer day, none of that concrete heat generated outwards is tempered by a big cool tree. Because there are no trees at all.

It's odd, this change of heart on behalf of our local rulers. Twenty years ago when I built my house on acreage, apart from the house pad and the bushfire margin, we weren't allowed to fell one tree without council permission. Now, clearing trees is a free-for-all. Clearing huge gums and known koala habitat in the name of putting in a tennis court which then changed to income generating tourist cottages, this is acceptable apparently. The losers were the trees, koalas and our children's children. Once that 80 year-old tree (that's your lifetime) and known koala habitat is gone then, oops. We can't get them back ever, in this lifetime. And you've just speeded up the known extinction of koalas, who now have nowhere to live.

And the handful of people trying to save our trees and our local green spaces for generations to come are harassed to such a degree they resign from office or end up in court.

We all exit the planet naked and only leave behind memories. You might be remembered with deep love as a tireless warrior for truth, peace and a green earth. Or maybe you'll be that vague, depressing memory of that human who was so caught up in financing their coffers, they forgot to leave a living earth behind for their great grandchildren.

Margot Wagner
Yoga Under the Bodhi Tree

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Relationships



BALANCE

Thomas Merton said, "Happiness is not a matter of intensity but of balance and order and rhythm and harmony."

Consider planet Earth spinning around the sun at 107,000km/hr balanced on its 23.5 degree axis. Planetary balance is crucial for our survival. Likewise, life balance is crucial for our wellbeing.

If you don't have balance in your life it will eventually catch up with you. Anything taken to an extreme becomes a problem. Over the years there have been many fad diets come and go, recommending restrictive regimes that have caused serious health issues. Focusing too much on one thing in life robs us of the health benefits of other necessary areas and we quickly feel the effects of being out of balance.

Fun is an area that we embrace as children but we tend to push it aside as we pursue more "adult appropriate" activities. Studies found that children laugh around 150 times a day while adults laugh an average of five times a day. Children get excited about new things and have a fascination for life. Those who love life and see the beauty in it are fun to be around. Let your inner child out of the cage to play, laugh and have fun. Maintaining a sense of humour in the challenges of life builds resilience to stress and improves our overall physical and emotional health.

Relationships is another crucial area that we can easily get out of balance. In her book **Regrets of the Dying**, Bronnie Ware discovered many deep regrets over not giving friendships the time and effort they deserved. No one lies on their deathbed wishing they'd spent more time at the office. In the end, it's relationships with family and friends that count. At any particular time, have a balance in your friendship circle of those whom you support and those who support you. We all go through difficult times and it's important to spend time with those who fill your cup and those whose cup you can help fill.

Lifelong learning is also an area we need for a balanced life. You should never get to the point where you think there is nothing left to learn. Learning new things keeps your mind active, grows your brain and makes you a more interesting person. Whether it be formal education or an art or yoga class, learning connects you with people, increases your sense of self-fulfilment and improves your cognitive and physical health.

Work is crucial for our mental wellbeing, but doing crazy hours will eventually lead to burnout. Yes, we currently face challenging financial times, but keep in mind that working yourself into the ground may leave you in a worse position. Diminished health will negatively impact your future earning potential. A work life out of balance robs us of family time and could ultimately result in family breakdown so ensure that you put boundaries around this area.

Are you seeking more joy and fulfilment? Perhaps it's time for a balance and alignment check!

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Physio Talk



AN AWARENESS MONTH WE SHOULD REALLY CARE ABOUT

You may or may not know that March was Endometriosis awareness month. In my women's health physio world over the past month, I have been seeing non-stop

reminders about the prevalence and difficulty of living with endometriosis on social media, in our groups and when participating in our monthly professional development zooms. Because of my bubble and the ladies I am seeing and interacting with in the clinic day to day, I often forget the reason that endometriosis (or endo) awareness is really required - we simply don't know enough about the disease.

Endometriosis affects around 700 000 (1 in 9) Australian women, we think. The actual number is probably a lot higher than this, as it is quite difficult to reach a stage of definitive diagnosis, and many will be unaware they have the condition. The chances are you interact with someone who has endometriosis regularly. Endo is something that can be very difficult to live with, and the symptoms range widely. They may include pelvic pain, discomfort during intercourse, heavy periods or trouble falling pregnant. The difficulty of living with endo, besides these symptoms, is that it is very difficult to treat. The reason being - we simply don't understand the disease, what it is, who gets it and where it comes from.

During March, I have been reminded over and over about the role we can play as women's health physios in helping someone with endometriosis. While for some the journey with endo is convoluted and complex, there are some basic approaches we can take for treatment. I would like to run through the top 3 things we aim to get through in a first consult with someone with suspected or confirmed endometriosis. If you know someone who has yet to see a women's health physio or feeling unsure about where to turn, I hope this will be useful information to pass on.

A key part of managing endometriosis is understanding someone's history. What their symptoms are like now, how they have changed over time, what their bladder and bowels were like as a child, what they do for exercise and work and things they will

avoid. These clues will give us so much insight into the pelvic floor, pelvic organs and the link between them and the nervous system.

We will look further into what the pelvis is doing, its position in space, which muscles are tight and painful and what might reproduce someone's symptoms. If we can find a relationship between the pelvic floor, deep glute, hip and lower back muscles and 'their' pain we can tailor a treatment plan to approach them.

And finally, we put it all together. Our aim is to explain how symptoms relate to what is going on deeper and work on some management strategies, or simply, to work out a clear plan forwards. This might include hands-on therapy, further explanation of the bladder, bowel and pelvic symptoms and looking at other lifestyle management options like exercise, diet, pain relief options, and postural positions to sit and work in.

Unfortunately for women living with endometriosis, without more knowledge around the disease and what it is there remains to be no 'cure'. However, there are so many management options available and many people who are very passionate about working in this field. Sometimes our role is simply figuring out a plan forwards and pointing people in the right direction.

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ARE ALL DOMESTIC DOGS DESIGNER DOGS?



Technically speaking, the above is true and the domestic dog may be the first genetically modified organism (GMO) created by humans. Dogs are the most variable mammal on the planet. All modern dogs descend from wolves and there are hundreds of recognised breed types. Pictured here is a wolf and her unlikely relative, the pug dog.

The term *pedigree* is the recorded ancestry or lineage. Purebred is one whose genealogy is traceable for 3 generations within the same breed. The Dog Breeder's Association rules that the percentage of full blood genetics required for an animal to be considered purebred is above 87.5%. It appears that the majority of dog breeds recognised today were developed in the last 200 years and in the Victorian era.

However, even purebred dogs have at least two or more breeds in their genetics. All dog breeds helped to create others, as they share DNA and multiple clades. For



example the pug dog from China, with a history dating back to 400BC, was used in Europe from the fourteenth century onwards to help shrink other breeds that were being developed. Thus, pug DNA is a part of other toy and small dog genomes. So, at

some point in time, all domestic dogs were mixed breeds. Data also confirms that the inbreeding of most purebred dogs is extremely high. This adds to the problem of inherited diseases and breed specific health issues.

The purest (or closely related to the wolf) dogs are the Alaskan malamutes, chow-chow and Afghan hounds. Some of the oldest dog breeds include the basenji – depicted in cave paintings in Libya that date back to around 6,000 BC. The Chinese saluki – depicted on Egyptian caves dating to 2,100 BC. The Siberians were supposedly the first humans to breed dogs selectively.

A few more examples of breed combinations: the Rottweiler is crossed with the German Shepherd crossed with a drover dog crossed with British hunting dogs. The dalmatian dog has certain breeds of pointers crossed with a spotted Great Dane. All 'purebred' dogs come to us by generations of cross breeding, mostly for practical purposes and functions. As for the mutts, or modern mixed bred dogs – they can be great dogs: attractive looking, robust in health and good companions. As the saying goes: ADOPT, DON'T SHOP.

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WE HAVE BEEN HEARD!

Our collective appeal to local MPs to regularize the health crisis situation specifically by increasing the number of doctors and nurses providing services on Tamborine Mountain and extending medical practice operating hours to a 'round the clock' service or at the very least, a 7am until 10pm service, has been received.

Fifteen letters from Tamborine Mountain seniors (individually and collectively signed), were presented to Mr. David Crisafulli, Mr. Scott Buchholz and Mr. Jon Krause at the **Queensland Health Crisis** public meeting held at the QCWA Hall, Beaudesert, on Monday, 6 March 2023.

These letters constituted a collective appeal to our local MPs for their immediate intervention to resolve the current 'health crisis', specifically the dwindling health services provision with its shortage of doctors and nurses coupled with insufficient operating hours for our isolated community – significantly populated by seniors living independently in their own homes – for many, many years.

For those of us who work with senior residents on a daily basis, including collaborating Volunteers, Carers, Cleaners, Contractors, etc. who are residents of Tamborine Mountain, we too require prompt medical attention (for ourselves and our younger families), to be able to function and perform at our optimum.

It's crucial to remember that the current medical staff (who are currently under tremendous work pressure) will also receive the support they deserve, with the addition of medical staff and government funding.

Well done to all those who took the time to write their letter. It added to the success of our 'call for help' to remedy this situation.

If you live on Tamborine Mountain, wouldn't you want the same resolution? If you have not already written your letter, we invite you to support our initiative and address your letter to Mr. Jon Krause, 91, Brisbane Street, Beaudesert, QLD 4285 or attention it to him at – scenicrim@parliament.qld.gov.au

Subject of your letter – **'Appeal to increase health service provision on Tamborine Mountain'**. Thank you for your cooperation.



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THE GREAT SKIN DEBATE – OIL OR CREAM

Hello *Scenic News* readers. I've been busy experimenting in my lab with oils, dried flowers, dehydrated citrus and everything and anything in between. Why? I started researching face cleansing oils and body oils and it's quite fascinating. I have always been a crème cleanser and a creamy lotion girl. It's all I have really known and trusted. And I'm probably like many people who looked shocked especially having oily or combination skin and then considering washing their face with oil. Or the thought of applying oil to their arms for hydration seems quite slimy and greasy.



After the research and the human testing so far, I can say it's far more complex to know straight off the bat which is the best option. Oils or lotions. Either option requires you to know a little about your current skin situation, oily, dry, combination etc. And it may be a case where currently your skin is oily but can change

based on lifestyle or season.

For example, I've been super lazy cleaning my face and doing it less than normal. BUT I've been doing that to push my excess oils to the limit so I can effectively test my new face cleansing oil. See if it's a good fit for excessively oily skin on my face. I like to push boundaries, what can I say?

Now, both oils and creams have their places. And in a nutshell – both may work for you.

BEAUTY & WELLNESS

Let's break it down:

Face Cleansing oils – Great for attaching to other oils and grit and removing them. Oils are naturally nourishing and won't strip your skin of natural oils. Not ideal for acne-prone skin.

Body Oils – Great for locking in moisture and adding that nourishment. However, if you have skin prone to acne or breakouts, this may not be a solution for you. If you have extremely dry skin, this will be a great way to boost your moisture levels and the right body oils soak in efficiently without leaving you slimy or greasy.

Foaming Cleansers – Great for heavy duty cleaning but can contain harsh chemicals that often strip your natural oils.

Crème Cleansers – Great for a gentle cleanse, Won't strip your natural oil levels. You will need to double cleanse to remove makeup.

Body Lotions – The great all-rounders. You generally will use more of the product because it is less potent and lotions are formulated with water. They're also great support to oily and acne-prone skin.

If you're not sure what the best option is, try them both. Some of my friends have tested both. Crème cleanser in the morning and the oil cleanser at night to remove additional impurities. They also have been at this trial and testing for a while. Or consider taking a skin quiz. I have recently created one on my website to help.

Still finding it tricky, feel free to contact me at www.naturallycos.com.au

And as always, spread kindness like it's jam on toast!

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With all this unusually hot weather, this easy to make drink offers some welcome reprieve, and is a real life saver. My version is caffeine-free which means it's perfect to pack in the school lunch instead of fruit juice or as a healthy thirst quencher for any tireless tradie working outside, as an alternative to just drinking water or soft drinks.

Did you know? Drinking iced tea was popularised by the late Mr. Richard Blechynden, the then-India Tea High Commissioner and Director of the East India Pavilion at the 1904 World's Fair in St. Louis. Being an entrepreneurial type, his idea was to give out free samples of his company's tea to the fair-goers to get them interested. As it so happens, St Louis at that time was in the grip of a heatwave which meant everyone was turning down his offer of hot tea. 'How can I cool it down?' he thought to himself. In a flash of inspiration, he designed a new contraption where he placed the tea into large glass bottles, turned them upside down and let them drain through chilled pipes, resulting in ice cold tea. The fair-goers couldn't get enough of his now, very refreshing drink. Upon his success, he then took his new machine to the famous New York Bloomingdale Brothers Department Store, where it continued to please the discerning customers. This was the humble beginning that led to the current trend of drinking iced tea in the West.

Chef Dylan's tips: Use high quality loose leaf tea for the best flavour. A personal favourite: local **Elementress Botanicals Sylph Tea** with peppermint, spearmint and sage. Be sure to use a jug or bottle that has a tight seal: no one likes fridge-tasting tea. Get inventive: add some grated ginger or fresh lime or orange juice. Home-grown herbs are the best, and that goes for mint too.

Memory Lane, Penang, George Town 2023

I pull my gaze away from the fascinating rows of turn-of-the-century mansions that line the shore of the Andaman Sea while we zig-zag through the heavy traffic back to our hotel. The aircon in the taxi is beautifully cold: a godsend and stark contrast to the stifling heat and humidity outside. I turn to face my companion Robbie – my long time mentor, friend and father figure – "That Buddhist temple was absolutely incredible!" I remark

with a look of awe, "Sure was, but could have done with a bit of aircon" he adds jokingly. "Sir, shall I drop you at the new hotel or are you staying at the colonial heritage wing?" pipes in our driver. "The heritage wing please." says Robbie.

As we pull into the grand driveway, a steward opens our door, instantly flooding the car with wet heat. Robbie hands the driver a generous tip and as we shuffle out, I ask, "What shall we do now?" "I think a cool drink at the terrace bar is in order" grins Robbie "What a splendid idea!" I concur.

I tip the steward and we enter the grand lobby of the Eastern and Oriental Hotel built in 1885. We turn down a large hallway, and I notice the walls lined with photos of past Presidents, famous actors, authors and business tycoons – all previous guests. "When are they going to put your picture up there?" says Robbie, with some tongue in cheek. "I still can't believe you guys are staying in the Hermann Hesse Suite, where he did his writing" I add with a touch of jealousy in my voice.

"Ahh, here it is!" says Robbie. "Our destination, Farquhar's Bar." He reaches out and pulls open the heavy, ornately carved door and beckons me through. It's utterly surreal, it feels like I've been transported back 100 years. We make our way to the hand-carved, dark chestnut-coloured bar, and I notice a box of Cuban cigars for sale, starting at the humble price of \$200US each. We are greeted with a warm smile by an exceptionally dressed barman. "May I offer you gentlemen a refreshing iced tea? Compliments of the bar, of course" he says whilst handing us a couple of drink menus. "Sure, that sounds like a wonderful idea" I reply. "Excellent, please take a seat anywhere you like and I will send someone over with them."

We spy two available comfy cane cushioned seats out under the shade on the terrace and head out, weaving past an array of well-dressed businessmen lounging on plush leather sofas, accompanied by elegantly attired women sipping on vintage cocktails. We take our seats and as I look past the swaying palm trees out to the glittering sea, we spot a playful pod of dolphins. "This place is named after another Robert, says Robbie: "Robert Townsend Farquhar was a wealthy British merchant who became Governor of



Penang for a year in 1804. He was also one of the first advocates for abolishing slavery." Before he can finish, a waiter appears with two large glasses of iced tea on a tray, handing one to each of us. "Shall I come back to take your drinks orders?" "No need" jumps in Robbie – "We'll have two Old Fashioneds, please." "As you wish" says the waiter with a quick nod of his head. "Cheers" I say as our glasses clink... "Well, I certainly won't be waiting another 20 years to come on holidays with you guys!" I say with a wink, as we both let out a laugh.

Ingredients

- 3 tbs loose leaf 'Elementress' peppermint organic tea
- 1 bunch of fresh mint
- juice of 1 lemon
- 3 tbs local honey
- 2 litres water

Method

1. Place the bunch of mint on a chopping board and gently roll with a rolling pin or a bottle to bruise the mint to release the oils.
2. Place mint stems and all into a large pot.
3. Add in the juiced lemon, honey and peppermint tea.
4. Boil the 2 litres in a kettle or on the stove and pour into the large pot and stir to melt the honey.
5. Leave the tea to steep for ~15 mins.
6. Strain through a sieve and be sure to squeeze out the fresh mint to extract all the minty goodness.
7. Let it sit on the bench-top to cool to room temperature, then transfer to a jug or bottles to chill in the fridge.

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We have quite a large number of interested supporters on our books, but only about 20 active walkers. And it's rare to have more than ten on a walk. I have been checking the records of walks that go back a while. For example, in 1996 the numbers of walkers were much healthier. Perhaps it's because we now have busier lives with conflicting demands? But if you can only manage one walk a month it's better than none!

The Club has two walks a month, every second Saturday and a couple of away walks each year.

This year a few of us are off to South Australia for the Arkaba Track, a guided walk, which according to member Gloria McKenzie, is the experience of a lifetime.

We visited North Stradbroke Island this February and have the beautiful Bunya Mountains in our sights coming up in July.

Last year the highlights were our stays in Carnarvon Gorge NP, Girraween NP and a short stay at Somerset Dam from where we visited the Mt Mee State Forest.

Once you are on our mailing list, you receive a reminder email before each walk with walk information and contact details for the walk leader.

You can join us for three walks before becoming a member of TM Natural History Association, our over-arching body. Walks vary in length from around 10-13 k to the longer ones around 18k, and can be changed at the last minute because of weather conditions – one of the important reasons for contacting the walk leader before the programmed walk.

Please text or call 0478 414 892 for more information. We'd love to hear from you.

PHOTOS:

(top right) At the top of Bald Rock, Girraween National Park

(far right) At O'Reilly's, Lamington National Park

(right) Lava Tube, Ship's Stern, Lamington National Park



TM SHOW DELIGHTS

The 2023 Tamborine Mountain Show enjoyed wonderful weather, and proved a fabulous day out for young and the not-so-young.

Congratulations to all involved in making it happen – the Mountain community is always appreciative that we have something uniquely our own to look forward to each autumn. Local comment was extremely favourable for the Accidents, who played beyond the call of duty to entertain until the fireworks took centre stage.

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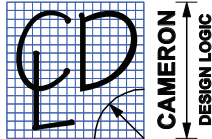
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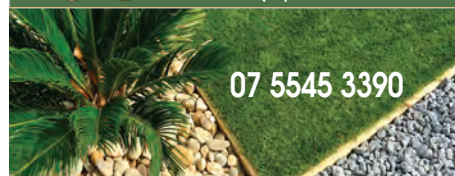
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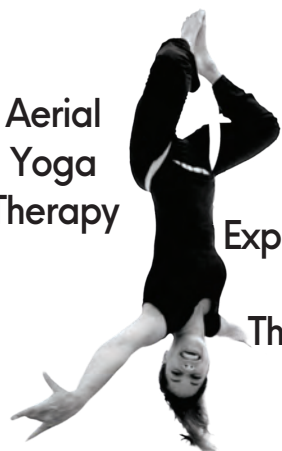
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NUMBER'S UP FOR WILD DOGS AS 1080 BAITING PROGRAM BEGINS

Scenic Rim Regional Council is set to put the bite on wild dogs with its biannual baiting program ready to roll out mid-April.

The program, which uses sodium fluoroacetate baits more commonly known as 1080, assists owners of larger land holdings in managing pest animals which not only pose a threat to native wildlife but also pets and other domestic animals.

Division 5 Councillor Marshall Chalk, a fourth-generation beef and dairy farmer at Carneys Creek, encouraged fellow agriculturalists and other property owners impacted by wild dogs and feral pigs to get behind the program for the benefit of the wider region.

"These baits have proved very effective in previous years in assisting landowners in our region to control wild dogs, which are responsible for stock losses as well as the destruction of our beautiful native wildlife," he said.

"We live in one of the most spectacular areas of natural beauty, which is also a key centre of agricultural production, and the negative impacts of wild dogs cannot be underestimated.

"I share the concerns of landowners around the use of baits, and the new compliance standards that have been introduced recently, however we all must work together to get the best results to control this problem.

"I will be participating in the baiting program myself, and I encourage all my fellow landowners in the Scenic Rim to do the same.

"Landowners may have seen baits being poorly managed or used improperly in the past, which is why this new program has been implemented, to mitigate these concerns moving forward.

"Council's program is carefully controlled and uses a pesticide that has been deployed across Australia since the early 1960s and which has

proven to be the most effective and humane way of dealing with wild dogs without impacting other species."

Council generally requires properties to be greater than 100 acres in size before it will supply baits to landowners and those who are eligible must be able to comply with all legislative conditions of use of the baits.

New participants in the program, and those who have not attended a baiting station in the past two years, must contact Council to determine their eligibility and be informed of current legislative requirements.

Landowners can also now access 1080 commercially to manage their own pest control measures on their properties for feral pigs as well as wild dogs.

To increase the effectiveness of wild dog control, it is best practice to coordinate with neighbouring properties to ensure the maximum number of wild dogs in an area is exposed to the baiting program.

Mayor Greg Christensen, who was born and raised in the Scenic Rim, also understands the problems pest animals pose for producers as well as the environment.

"Wild dogs can travel up to 30 kilometres a day and cross into other local government areas, so it is vital for us to work collaboratively with other councils and the Queensland Government to ensure an effective and coordinated approach," he said.

"The more people we have engaging in this program, the more successful it will be."

Council has begun distributing information packs on the baiting program, which are available by contacting its Regulatory Services section by phoning (07) 5540 5111.

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