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LIGHTS – AND BUSHRATS SHINING BRIGHTLY

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SATURDAY APRIL 29 saw the first competition game for the Bushrats under the new lights at the Showgrounds. They did the generous supporting crowd proud, running out winners over the Robina Raptors. Above left, Trent Campbell converts a 10th minute try for the Bushrats. Story page 3



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SALE 🛏️ 3 🛁 1 🚗 - 🏠 932m²

35 Ben Nevis Street, Tamborine Mountain

- What a gem, nestled in the fold of greenery this cottage has been recently painted, had a new kitchen and oozes charm & comfort
- Covered entertainment area, wood shed, private yard and fully fenced

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TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN BUSHRATS SHINING BRIGHT

When the Bushrats moved to the Showgrounds in the year 2000, the best light that was available to train under came from atop a couple of telegraph poles on the southern field boundary. It wasn't ideal. Last year the club upgraded the light panels on these poles so they could see a little further and train a little later. Our senior Bushrats were somehow able to make it to the finals after training all year under the little light poles!

Over the last year, the club has been pursuing the ambitious project of securing new lights to be able to facilitate training for our senior teams and host competition games at home. And they're here! In a triple header played on Saturday April 29, the Bushrats played their first game in their history under lights at home, coming out 24-0 winners over the Robina Raptors.

Special thanks and mention to Andre Biddle who helped secure the grant from Qld State Government, Karyn from DTIS who worked so closely with us to see this succeed, Mick Martin for the advice, GM Poles, Legacy Lighting, Coles Earthworks for the trenching, Dave Angel for repairing the broken pipe, the Show Society for approving the build and supporting our vision, and Geoff and the boys from Tamborine Mountain Electrical Service for hooking it all up.

Extra special mention to our club President Alick Kilsby who has been working tirelessly over many months to bring this dream to life. *Photos: top right - the Bushrats wasted no time in putting the first try on the board against the Raptors; below and right - a top class effort by all to equip the Showgrounds with top notch lighting*



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Our town crier Syd Norman and wife, Pauline, proclaiming the coronation of King Charles III on Gallery Walk, Saturday 6 May, with local newspaper editors Kerri Cryer (*Tamborine Bulletin* left) and Barbara Proudman (*Tamborine Times* right). The photographer is Cr Amanda Hay, belying the assumption that all Councillors want to be in front of the camera. *Julie Wilkinson*

RATES LIKELY TO HIKE - BUT BY HOW MUCH?

The Scenic Rim Regional Council has released a draft budget proposing a 7.9% increase in rates and community infrastructure charges. Waste charges are also anticipated to rise by 11%.

This draft budget seeks public feedback on the Council's suggested projects and expenses for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

This is a new approach for the Council, as the draft highlights major capital works items (such as roads, bridges, drainage, and footpaths) and expected increases in daily operations (including wages, materials, and finance costs).

The document also presents a scenario of a deficit budget with a 6.9% rate increase, which is below the current CPI and would require dipping into cash reserves. Moreover, it models the results of an 8.9% rate increase, leading to a surplus budget and a growth in cash holdings.

At present, the CPI (Cost Price Index), an indicator of inflation, stands at approximately 7.8%.

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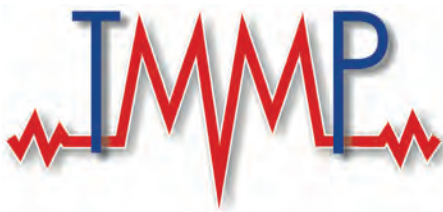
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Councillor's Comment

AMANDA HAY
DIVISION 1



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Development Applications: MCU22/088 MCU Short-Term Accommodation & Function Facility at 84 Eagle Heights Rd. This application was on the Agenda for Council's Ordinary meeting of 9 May with a recommendation for approval. Unfortunately I was unable to vote as I have a Prescribed Conflict of Interest as I made a submission when this Development Application was publicly advertised. At the time of writing, the vote was yet to occur.

Out and About: I attended ANZAC Day ceremonies at St Bernards State School and Tamborine Mountain College and it was rewarding to meet committed teaching staff and such self-confident students of all ages. I also attended the Dawn Service and the 11.00am service (as usual).

I have had discussions with residents in relation to Land Valuation Objections (although this is not a Council matter), attended the Long Sunset event at Elysian Fields, fielded and directed enquiries re:- potentially non-compliant land uses and attended the official Commencement of Construction Ceremony for the now-named Teviot Park international standard equestrian centre project which was funded by the Federal Government, and delivered on time and on budget by the Boonah Show Society Inc. My riding boots came in handy although they have not been near a horse for a while!

On Saturday 6 May we were honoured to have our SRRC official Town Crier, Syd Norman, make two official cries on Gallery Walk to commemorate the coronation of King Charles III. Visitors to Gallery Walk were keen for a photo opportunity, and Syd certainly knows how to draw a crowd!

Community consultation: The Draft Budget and Capital Works Program community consultation session held on Thursday 27 April was well attended by approximately 40 people, indicating once again our community's strong interest and participation in matters affecting our future. The meeting went an hour over time, such was the number of questions raised. I also attended similar sessions held at Boonah and Beaudesert.

Consideration of Received Public Comments and Submissions Regarding the 2023-2024 Draft Budget: For those interested, the submissions made are available on Council's website (141 pages) and can be found at: [Late Items Agenda of Ordinary Meeting - Tuesday, 9 May 2023 \(infocouncil.biz\)](#) There are some very interesting comments.



Date claimer: On Wednesday 31 May 2023 Council will be hosting "Cuppa in the Communi-tea" outside the library in Main Street from 10-11.00am. You're invited for a cuppa and a chat.

"Collect your free Native Tree Tubestock, get your free Disaster Preparedness Kit, meet other service organisations and local community groups, view Council's new e-Plan and your free property report, talk to ADA Australia, your age and disability advocates, batteries and mobile phone muster collection point and much more."

I will be attending and will be available for one-on-one discussions or just a chat following that event.

Who knew there would be so much reading? Council workshops and Ordinary meetings can have agendas and reports which are several hundred pages long.

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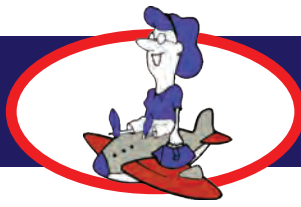
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JAPAN – POPULATED BY UNIQUE PEOPLE

Our Globus guide, Hiro, was full of admiration for us having travelled independently from our point of entry into the country – Osaka – and reached Tokyo to join the tour.

From the time we touched down in Osaka to being released from the terminal, three long hours passed. Never before have I encountered such a tedious and inefficient entry process for foreigners. Perhaps 'Spring Break' holiday had something to do with it, and they are still concerned with COVID.

Was it worth going to Osaka first? Oh yes, our timing was perfect for the blooming cherry blossom in the streets and around Himeji and Osaka Castles - sensational. Our stay here also allowed us to acclimatise to the abundance of humanity in Japan... everywhere, and this is not counting foreign visitors (tourism is now back to 100%). In fact, Japan has a problem as it does not have enough English-speaking guides and it is begging retired tour guides to come back to work. Hiro was close to 65 and 'Daisy' was close to 70!

A day trip from Tokyo seemed doomed, with its showers and heavy cloud. (The weather is very changeable in Japan). Just as we arrived at the viewpoint, the clouds dispersed, the sun came out and 398 steps later, I had an awesome view of Mt Fuji framed by a towering pagoda and cherry trees.

Ex- Tokyo, our route took us up into the mountains to Takayama, an alpine town famous for its old wooden houses and where, amongst other things, we visited a Sake brewery. It snowed overnight. Further on, Shirakawa did not disappoint with its famous A-framed thatched dwellings nestled in a valley.

After Kanazawa, we reached Japan's old capital Kyoto by train, where Buddhism and Shintoism reside side by side. Apart from the mandatory visits to temples, shrines and vintage shopping arcades, we walked through the Gion district. I went back alone at night, and in true paparazzi-style, managed quite a few decent photos of the Geishas scurrying around in the lantern-lit lanes.

Our tour has also included two of the top three gardens in Japan.

From Kyoto, we shot down to Hiroshima on the 'bullet' and here visited the Atomic Bomb Dome, the flame of Peace and the Cenotaph, and spent time in the Memorial Museum. It was all very graphic.

My visit here has opened my eyes, and I have learnt a lot about Japanese culture. The cities are squeaky-clean, skyscrapers freshly hosed with manicured gardens at their feet. Bins for garbage are few and far between so, presumably, everyone is trained to take their waste home with them to dispose of. And transportation is super-efficient. In fact, it is so essential to the rail authorities that their timetable is adhered to precisely that instructions are relayed to passengers to be completely prepared to disembark well before the train comes to a standstill – no dilly-dallying!

The courteous, rather shy people are exceedingly fussy, and pride themselves on their perfection, their traditions and protocols. I have now witnessed many of these in regard to food, dining, train travel, use of a spa, the exchange of money and social interaction. And I have been required to remove my shoes on endless occasions. I have started bowing. Even the bus driver acknowledges his passengers by bowing and the conductor on the train, when passing through a carriage, turns around at the end and bows to all of us before moving on.

Even our guide, Hiro, made fun of his folk. He likened them to cucumbers standing upright on a shelf. You can't tell the difference; they are clone-like. This is especially true of businessmen in suits and school students in uniforms. He also commented that many of them, while carrying out prescribed tasks very ably, have a great deal of difficulty coping if a change is required.

And so, I have a question. How is it these people are so innovative and forward-thinking when they are bound by so many self-imposed rules, restrictions and protocols? I am curious.



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It's harder under the Palaszczuk Government to pay your family bills. Since 2015, under this government, water bills are up 45% (bulk water prices for SEQ Queensland households only), car rego costs are up 28%, boat rego costs are up 28%, and car licence fees are up 25%.

The Labor Government's failure to plan and deliver are now hitting Queenslanders in the hip pocket. It is the sheer waste of money that reflects the lack of care factor the Government has for your money. The keys to the Wellcamp quarantine facility were recently given back to the family who owns it – built at a cost of \$220 million to Queenslanders. It's a facility that was barely used and we will never own. It works out to \$500,000 every day of Palaszczuk Government waste in a cost-of-living crisis. It's an amount of money equivalent to rent for an average Queensland family for 21 years. Queenslanders deserve a government that treats their money with respect. Queensland deserves better.

MAY IS SMALL BUSINESS MONTH

In May each year we celebrate our small businesses as we support them through Small Business Month. In the Scenic Rim we are lucky to have many small businesses run by passionate people. Although it is important to buy local all year round (and I encourage you to do this where possible) this month is a time for us to celebrate and support the local economy and business owners.

Local businesses need our support, not only for the jobs they provide but for the contribution that so many give back to our community through sponsorships and support for great causes. Small businesses are the engine room of the Scenic Rim Electorate, driving innovation, employment and economic progress. While times have been tough over the past few years, let's support those that support us. When you shop locally, your money stays locally, with one dollar spent at a local business returning up to five times that amount through employee wages, rates and the purchase of materials and supplies.

GAMBLING COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND

Round 117 of the Gambling Community Benefit Fund opened in mid-April and community organisations have until 31 May 2023 to apply for grants of up to \$35,000. I have provided letters of support for numerous community groups, and together with other grant initiatives, our region has received over 18 million dollars in grant funds for community organisations since I was elected as your representative in 2012. Please contact my office for more information or to request a letter of support. You may also visit www.justice.qld.gov.au/initiatives/community-grants for further information direct from the department.

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A FIRM RESPONSE...

I would like to thank my friends and Greens supporters for your encouragement and assistance throughout the By-election campaign. Running as a candidate for any election requires a team of people if you're to have any level of success, so I am truly appreciative of this help.

Congratulations to Amanda Hay for her win, and I wish her every success in being the councillor for Tamborine Mountain, Division 1.

My goal as the Greens candidate was to run a positive campaign and ignore the negativity that was projected towards me during the lead up to the by-election. However, I think it's time for me to push back. I would like to refute completely what Amanda Hay's close friend, Julie Wilkinson, has been writing about me and The Greens, on Facebook and in the *Scenic News*. Seeing Amanda has won, I'm not sure why her supporters are still wanting to write untrue and disparaging things about me. Even the day after the result had been declared Amanda, Julie and another supporter were on my Facebook page writing negative comments and threatening litigation.

Throughout pre-poll and election day, supporters of Amanda Hay were telling people to vote for the only local candidate, although they knew this was not true. I have lived on Tamborine Mountain for 15 years. I did run as the candidate with policies and a plan. As most people would attest to receiving one of my flyers in their letterbox.

I also need to refute what Julie Wilkinson wrote about The Greens, as it was completely ignorant. For all my adulthood I have been involved in community groups, charities and not-for-profit organisations that care for people and our planet. Over time, I came to realise real effective change for the better comes with legislation. So, I joined The Greens and have been part of the Scenic Rim Greens branch for two years.

The Greens are a movement that have policies strong in protecting the environment and social justice. The Greens would like to see dental included in Medicare, free education and most importantly, more public housing being built. All policies have been costed by the Parliamentary Budget Office, so are affordable. The problem is that not all people are paying their fair share of tax. Did you know that one in three big corporations in Australia don't pay any tax at all? There is nothing wrong with being wealthy but you should pay your fair share of tax. The Greens are not looking to control the state or take away anyone's freedom. And The Greens certainly have no power to silence Amanda Hay, as Julie Wilkinson stated.

What also has concerned me is that for some time now our local newspapers being dominated by the same three people writing letters to the editor, controlling the narrative of the Mountain. I would encourage you, if you have something to say, write in, particularly if it is factual, interesting and positive. I'd also like to encourage locals if they want to see change in our society for the better come and join our local Scenic Rim Greens branch.

Nicole Thompson

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Letters to the Editor

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LET'S KEEP IT POSITIVE

It is very disappointing to see the negative narrative and personal attacks against Nicole Thompson, who ran such a positive, clean and kind campaign.

Nicole did not run down any of the other candidates, was inclusive and thoughtful about what was best for our community, despite any muck that was thrown her way, and at times this was hurtful and appalling.

Her intention was positive for our Mountain going forward, keeping our village feel that most of us want. She even included a fun, friendly and cheeky pic of other candidate Amanda Hay who poked her face cheekily into her campaign photo for social media. It was so refreshing to see such comradery. No malice, no unkind, small minded and unfriendly words, and I believe Nicole deserves an apology for the personal slurs that have ensued following the previous editorials and social media content.

The misogynistic comments regarding her appearance are genuinely baffling! This could only be targeted at a woman! Have previous male candidates had their appearance mentioned and touted as the reason for their candidacy? No - as it is irrelevant, and it is disappointing how behind what is appropriate some individuals' mindset can be.

Nicole had policies that were clear, concise, and it's a huge shame that she has been maligned in this way.

I am hoping something good comes out of this campaign for Nicole Thompson and she has the opportunity to represent us in some way. We need this positivity in our community.

Negativity keeps us in the dark when we need to move positively into the light.

Danielle Hart O'Regan

BY-ELECTION REMARKS

Congratulations to successful new Division 1 candidate, Councillor Amanda Hay. Warm appreciation to the three other candidates who ran, giving us voters a choice.

It was very disappointing to see a letter in this paper recently, taking to task one of the unsuccessful candidates - Nicole Thompson - for simply having the temerity to stand. Everything was criticised: from her appearance to her (overtly acknowledged) politics to the pet animals her supporters own. The letter contained too many historical and political misunderstandings - regarding The Greens political party - to even begin to correct.

The Greens have become a force for social change via the ballot box, and Greens candidates are found in many local councils, doing effective work. Particularly in areas like the environment, climate change, local economic development and social equity - which are all relevant to the Scenic Rim and Tamborine Mountain. Yes, we are Greens members, having been disappointed at other parties' policies on key issues. And we supported Nicole as a principled, committed, intelligent candidate with strong negotiating skills.

Thank you to all the candidates for giving it a go, putting in the work to campaign and for the most part keeping the campaigns honest and sporting. With so much negativity being expended in our local government arena in recent times, we are at a loss to understand why a supporter of the successful candidate feels the need to lay into another candidate post-election.

Janis Bailey, Jacqueline Roberts and Steven Everson

UNCALLED FOR

I need to express my disappointment at the vitriolic tone (and substance) of the letter which took issue with the Greens campaign and presence of volunteers on Division One by-election day. Perhaps these sentiments are best expressed in private, not seeking to run down a genuine, hard-working and popular, long-term resident of the Mountain - Nicole Thompson.

If anything, the presence of so many enthusiastic volunteers is a testament to Nicole's credentials as a quality human being, not just a candidate.

Frank Wright

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Letters to the Editor — cont'd

COUNCIL BUDGET CONSULTATION

I congratulate Council on its move to have budget consultations. Three community sessions were held: Boonah, Beaudesert and Tamborine Mountain. Attendance was 3, 14 and 40 respectively. In addition, the community was invited to submit thoughts through the *Have Your Say* application on Council's website.

Council also invited submitters to attend the Council meeting on Tue 9 May when they were given an opportunity to have their final say. I attended that Council meeting and my submission is below:

"Council is to be congratulated on setting up the community budget consultation sessions and allowing a final presentation at this Council meeting. Let us hope that it leads to changes in your draft budget.

I have four issues.

Issue 1.

Your proposed rate rise of 7.9% is too high in the current climate. Families and single people are finding it tough. Even your employees are finding it tough. However, employees can and have, asked for a wage rise. Some community members cannot do this and have to find cuts to their expenditure budget.

This is what Council needs to do for this budget in order to bring the rate rise down to a reasonable level.

Issue 2

Most of the rates go into the operational budget but, you are refusing to publish the budget in full. At the Tamborine Mountain session, you said that this act would publish the employee costs. If this is a concern, then delete those costs but publish the rest of the operational budget. This will allow the community to see how Council is spending the \$1.7m on Regional Prosperity, \$1.6m on Community Development, \$1.5m on Cultural Services, \$1.4m on Customer Contact etc.

Issue 3

Council is proposing to spend \$500,000 on a footpath along Wongawallan Rd. In 2013, as Councillor for Division 1,

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The relatives and friends of Mary are respectfully invited to attend her funeral service which will be held at St. John's the Baptist Catholic Church, 94 Beacon Rd, Tamborine Mountain on Monday 15 May 2023, commencing at 11:00am. Following the service in the Church, the cortege will then proceed to the Tamborine Mountain Cemetery for interment within the grounds.

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I conducted a survey of the residents of this road and asked if they wanted a footpath. The majority of those who responded, said no. Is this footpath wanted now? I suggest that you consult the residents before committing to this project.

Issue 4

You have published the community points raised in the Council meeting documents. Will you commit to publishing, post budget, a list of those community points raised that you have adopted in the budget?

Thank you for allowing this submission to be read out."

Judgement will have to wait.

Nigel Waistell



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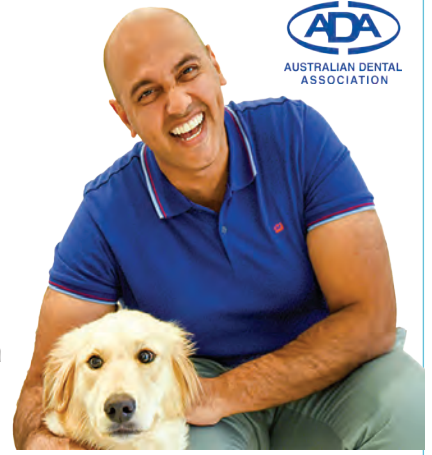
Plectranthus scutellarioides, next to the metal railing, Driscoll Lane



The leaves of this plant are more spectacular than its stems of blue and white flowers. It is an Australian native, though not confined to Australia, also being found right across southern Asia from the Indian subcontinent to the Malayan peninsula, and on many nearby islands.


Driscoll Lane continues to be a wonderful provider of subjects for my project. I thought the plant might be a weed because weeds are often stunning to look at. There are some 350 species in the genus.

Peter Kuttner



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PLANNING FOR CAR SHOW IN FULL SWING

Planning is now in full swing for this year's **Tamborine Mountain Car Show** which will be held on **August 20**.

Following last year's successful event which attracted more than 2500 visitors, Tamborine Mountain Rotary will be joined by Tamborine Mountain Men's Shed this year in hosting the event.

The inaugural Car Show was hosted by Rotary in May 2021 and organisers hope to further consolidate its position this year as one of the most popular automobile attractions in South East Queensland.

As in past years, the Car Show will be held at the Tamborine Mountain Sport and Recreation Centre on Long Road.

In addition to featuring a diverse and colourful range of display cars and motorbikes across four different categories, the event will include market stallholders, as well as food and coffee vans.

The grounds will open at 6.45am for arriving display cars and bikes and at 8am for public access. Following award presentations at 1pm, the event will conclude around 2pm.

Bookings for entering display cars and bikes can only be made via **EventBrite.com.au**. A pre-registration form can be completed easily online by using the QR code in the accompanying advertisement. Display car entrance fee is just \$5 per vehicle and includes the driver. The number of display car parks available is limited to around 280.

Right now, is the time for interested car owners to register their cars. They can also register with their car club or group. To group a number of cars together, simply email Dave Power at **dpo90748@bigpond.net.au** with your ticket references.

Public entry is \$10 per adult; children 16 years and younger are free. Public car parking is available on the grounds.

Rotary, as a registered public charity, will direct funds raised from the Car Show back into the community by supporting schools and youth development, sports clubs, and other appropriate community groups.

This year's Car Show is sponsored by Eagle Heights Mountain Resort, Tamborine Mountain Auto Clinic, Scenic Rim Regional Council and Skywalk.

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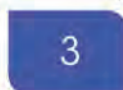


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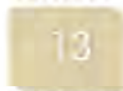
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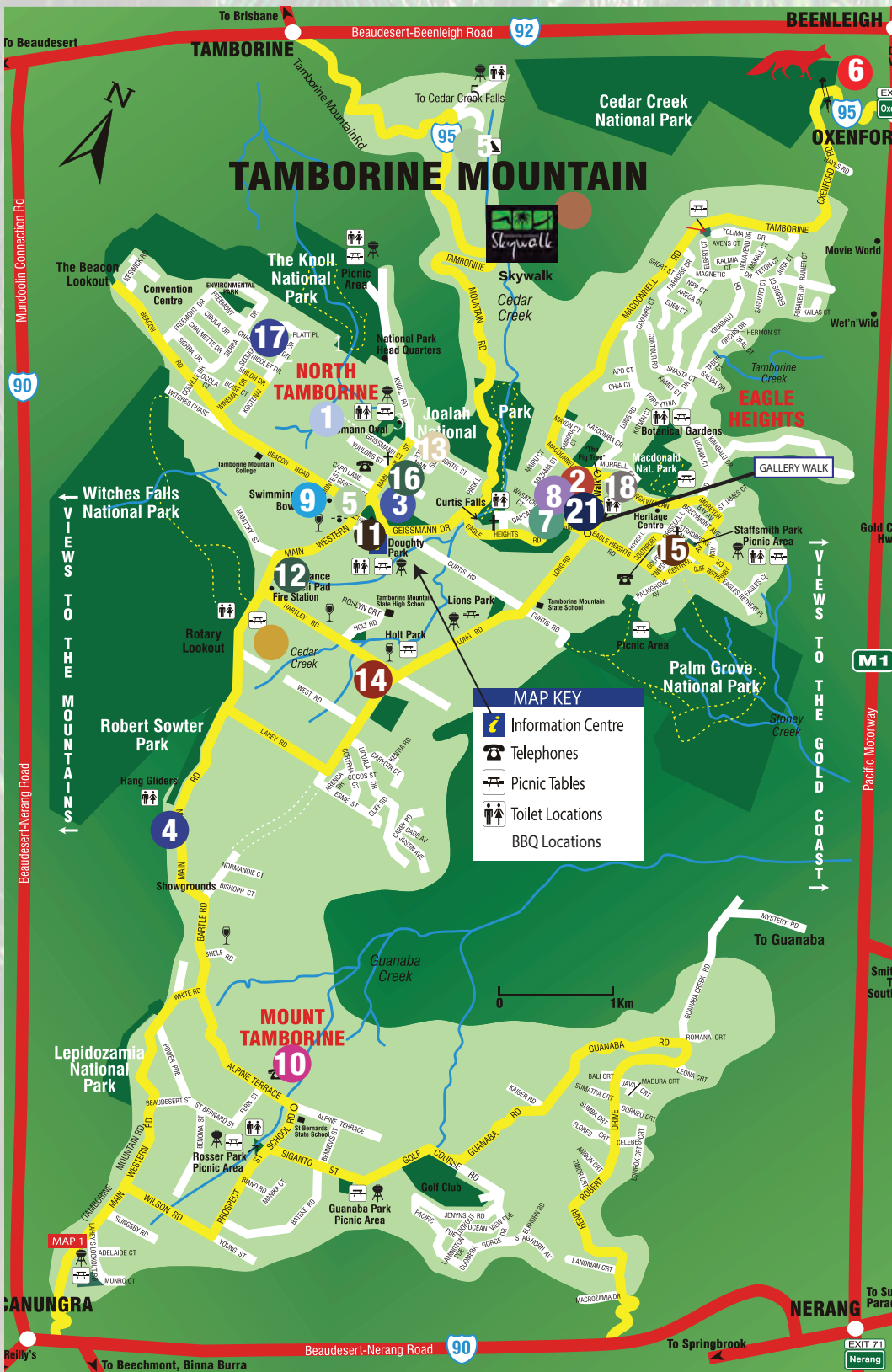


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The only wolf living in Africa and enlisted as endangered. He is also called the Simian jackal or Simian fox, because they are smaller and lighter in structure than wolves and only weigh between 12-20 kgs. They are similar to a coyote or even dingo in size and build, and having a long narrow muzzle. The fur is a tawny red and white with a black bushy tail. Native to the ever-decreasing Ethiopian highlands, which has seven isolated mountain ranges with altitudes of 3,000 – 4,500 metres.

Unlike other Canids which may be widespread and general feeders, this wolf is a highly specialised feeder of Afroalpine rodents, which include grass rats, giant mole rats, hares, young ungulates (hoofed animals) goslings, eggs, and they sometimes feed or scavenge on carcasses. The Ethiopian wolves perform a very specific habitat requirement by being key predators in the ecosystems they inhabit; controlling the population of prey animals. They can reach speeds of up to 48km per hour. Yet, their existence is threatened by farmers encroaching on their land and killing them, as well as habitat destruction and degradation. Another threat that has had a tragic effect, wiping out whole packs, is disease from domestic dog populations that are not vaccinated.

The wolves do not populate like other types; they are monogamous, mating exclusively and only with the dominant female. Other females are reproductively suppressed. Litter sizes vary from 2-6 pups and just once a year. It isn't until they reach two years of age that they are ready to breed. All adults help to look after and feed the pups by regurgitation of food



they have eaten. The dispersal of lone wolves from a pack to form a new pack is restricted by the scarcity of unoccupied habitat.

The Ethiopian wolf has a different and fascinating social life; primarily, they hunt alone, yet they are social and form packs of usually six members but sometimes between three to thirteen members. Various packs are territorial and they gather for greetings and border patrols at dawn, midday and evening. Maintaining their territory through scent and vocalisation. Pack structure is hierarchical and clearly defined by dominant and submissive behaviour, both sexes have a dominance ranking. Their vocalisation and greeting calls use a combination of throat growls and whines of submission, the whining is at a high frequency, and it sounds similar to a cat.

Pam Brandis
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DISTINGUISHED GENTLEMAN'S RIDE IS COMING TO TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN, SUNDAY 21ST MAY

Register Now To Ride Together For Men's Health

The 2023 Distinguished Gentleman's Ride on Sunday, May 21st is coming to Tamborine Mountain. Up to fifty riders, all dressed dapper on classic motorcycles, will be riding on the mountain. Registrations to take part in the ride are now open on the DGR website. www.gentlemansride.com

DGR is focused on bringing people together, encouraging folks to connect with their fellow gentlefolk and ride together. Community and social connections are vital for mental health, so this year will look to bring its global community together in over 700 cities and 100 countries in celebration of style, motorcycles, and men's health.

Together with Movember, The Distinguished Gentleman's Ride is dedicated to bringing communities together to raise awareness of prostate cancer and helping folks around the world make stronger and more meaningful connections.

Glenn Harrison, Tracey Harrison-Hill and Ali Saoirse, are excited to co-host the Tamborine Mountain DGR in its second year. The Tamborine Mountain ride is proudly sponsored by Cinnamon Bun on Gallery Walk, Gold Coast Motor Museum, The Bearded Dragon, Rebel FM and Sunstate Motorcycles. For safety reasons, you need to be registered to take part in the ride.

Founder of The Distinguished Gentleman's Ride, Mark Hawwa, says: "2023 marks an amazing year for The Distinguished Gentleman's Ride. It marks a new decade for us, and there's no better way to celebrate than by announcing a further 5 years with both Triumph and Movember. These partnerships allow us to continue to raise awareness and funds and implement them into life-changing projects and research in mental health and prostate cancer.

"The event this year is looking to bring this wonderful community together again, and in full force. We've heard from our riders, they want to connect, and feel connected. So this year, we have worked to ensure we have more rides operating around the world, so that we can celebrate this new decade of The Distinguished Gentleman's Ride on Sunday, May 21st, 2023.

The DGR has taken many shapes over the last two years, so in 2023, the campaign looks to bring the focus back to group riding, while reminding people of the importance of maintaining quality wellbeing and educating its participants about the important facts of prostate cancer.

About The Distinguished Gentleman's Ride

The Distinguished Gentleman's Ride unites classic and vintage style motorcycle riders all over the world to raise funds and awareness for prostate cancer research and men's mental health. The Distinguished Gentleman's Ride was founded in Sydney, Australia in 2012 by Mark Hawwa. After inspiration from a photograph featuring classic suits and vintage motorcycles, Mark decided a themed ride would be a great way to combat the often-negative stereotype of motorcyclists and connect the global motorcycling community and to raise funds for a cause important to every rider. For more information, visit www.gentlemansride.com.

Michelle Terry, CEO of Movember, said: "Over the last decade, we have watched The Distinguished Gentleman's Ride grow from strength to strength and Movember has been privileged



to be the event's official charity partner since 2016.

"This year, as we celebrate the continuation of our partnership with The Distinguished Gentleman's Ride for another five years, we're excited about being able to ride together once again and re-establish social connections that may have drifted during lockdowns.

"We're also excited about being able to implement programs generously funded by our DGR community and aimed at improving the health and wellbeing of men around the world.

"Movember is working towards a world where men of all ages understand what mental health is, what they need to do to manage their wellbeing and feel comfortable asking for support when they need it. The support of our DGR community will help us to further develop digital tools such as Movember Conversations and Movember's Family Man, which help support men during key stages of their lives.

"Our Global Cancer Real World Evidence Network will fast track efforts to improve the treatment and care of men living with prostate cancer, which, in turn, enables them to enjoy healthier, happier, longer lives."

The Distinguished Gentleman's Ride for 2023 is here, with the goal of getting the global community back on the road and connecting again. For more information, to register, or to host your own ride; head to www.gentlemansride.com.

More details please contact Ali Saoirse, rippleali@gmail.com.





NATURE AND SOMATIC HEALING

Autumn weather is perfect for gardening. Not yet too dry to dig that hole, with crisp mornings and warm

days. And to make my recent gardening forays even more fun, are four brown chooks, gifted to me by a girlfriend leaving the area. These nosy, affectionate, greedy, sentient beings shadow my every movement and scratch with great delight into every new pile of soil. Gardening, being in nature and hanging out with these small brown hens, is healing to us on every level and could be likened to Somatic healing.

I teach a fair amount of Somatic and Trauma informed Yoga, mainly to private clients. And somatics by its very definition is body orientated, which is what yoga is all about. Paying attention to how the body feels and why we hold particular tension, trauma or pain in one part of the body. We try to get out of the head and tune into the wisdom of the body and then connect the mind/body relationship with new awareness and insight, which can be very healing. Somatic yoga is ultimately about trusting this natural intelligence that is the core of our being. The same intelligence that grows trees and moves clouds across the sky, this intelligence in all of us, supports our healing process. Somatic yoga allows us to reconnect with our emotions, our discomfort and our pain and move away from the freeze, flight or fight cycle we have been trapped in.

How do we get so dissociated from our very own bodies and feelings? A lot comes from childhood. When we receive the proper support in childhood, our nervous systems will return to a state of homeostasis after a stressful event as naturally as a plant leans towards sunlight. If we don't get that proper support as children, we often resist that process, shutting it down and often seeking some other way to feel better. And, hence, round and round we go with our trauma patterns for most of our lives – patterns of behaviour, thought patterns, emotional cycles all intimately connected, playing out on repeat.

So where does gardening and hanging out with the chooks fit into somatic healing? Nature is an important part of any somatic healing journey. When we go into natural spaces, we're drawn into our senses, observing and experiencing the smell of the soil and the song of the birds. Wide open spaces somehow gift us more inner space to notice and be curious about our feelings and our bodies. Once you recognise your somatic wisdom you don't have to hold yourself together so tightly and you will start to trust yourself more. Nature works in cycles that are endlessly self-sustaining and self-regulating. In nature, we too can tap into, activate, and use the wisdom innate to our bodies to reach our optimal performance.

Margot Wagner
Yoga Under the Bodhi Tree

(Find and like articles similar to this on my Facebook Page: Yoga Under the Bodhi Tree)

Relationships



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

A shout out to all the mums on this special week where we honour our mums.

I write this article on what would have been my mother's 90th birthday. Even many years after her departure, her legacy lives on. I catch a glimpse of myself in the mirror and I see her expression. I make a comment and I suddenly realise it was something Mum used to say. My husband would be the first to agree I have her stubborn and determined nature! But alongside that she had a huge capacity for compassion. I didn't really acknowledge our similarities while she was with us, but I now realise the huge deposit she has left behind in the lives of those she spent time with. She wasn't exactly my loudest cheerleader, but I know she was quietly proud of my achievements.

Never underestimate the influence of a mother. From the day a child is born, it is the mother's voice more than all others that activates areas of the baby's brain, creating neural pathways necessary for development. In 2012 a large study was conducted on school-aged children. It discovered that those children who had been positively supported by their mothers had a larger hippocampus than those who had not received the same level of support. The hippocampus is an area of the brain that plays a major role in memory and learning. Mums, your presence and support in your child's life actually improves their ability to learn.

There are many great achieving men and women in history who have attributed their success to the support shown by their mother. Thomas Edison was the seventh and last child of his mother Nancy. He attended school for a few short months and struggled (it is now believed Edison had ADHD). One day he overheard the teacher describe him as "addled", mentally deficient, and it was not worthwhile keeping him in school. Thomas returned home crying. As an adult Thomas recounted that day: "My mother came out as my strong defender. She brought me back to the school and angrily told the teacher that he didn't know what he was talking about, that I had more brains than he himself, and a lot more talk like that. In fact, she was the most enthusiastic champion a boy ever had. I determined right then that I would be worthy of her and show her that her confidence was not misplaced." For the next nine years Nancy home schooled Thomas. She passed away a few years prior to Edison's greatest discovery, but her faith in her son continued to propel Thomas forward long after her passing.

Mums, regardless of your children's age, you are the important person in the world to them. Whether you are changing dirty nappies; helping with homework; teaching to drive (biggest parent challenge right there); walking them down the aisle or minding the grandkids - you are more influential than you realise. Have a well-deserved break on your special day!

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Physio Talk



with Rebecca Bell

SCOLIOSIS

At the end of primary school, heading into high school my best friend was diagnosed with severe scoliosis of the spine. She will forever be my hero for the way she took it all in her stride, at the beginning of adolescence and with the impending social challenges of that period of your life.

You see, the scoliosis - curvature and twisting - of her spine extended from her high thoracic region through to her lumbosacral area. As a result, she was instructed to wear a Milwaukee Brace, which stretched as a metal support under her chin right down to a plastic splint supporting her pelvis. "Horace" as she promptly named him, was stuck to her like glue. Twenty-three hours a day. The hour of "freedom" consisted of exercise to strengthen her spine. This plan was to avoid steel rods being surgically placed in her spine and was a last resort.

Finding the curve was unexpected and only picked up when her brother noticed a strange lump on her back when she was bending over to jump into the pool. She had no pain to speak of and was a very active kid who played hockey, was in Nippers every weekend and we were always tearing around her neighbourhood on bikes or by foot. Most spinal curvatures in adolescence follow this pattern. It is called Adolescent Idiopathic Scoliosis (AIS) and accounts for about 80-85% of spinal curvatures. They can vary in severity, and therefore management, and are of an unknown cause. The curvature can progress quite quickly, while our bodies are growing rapidly during this period of our lives. Left untreated it can create other health concerns as the spine places pressure on lungs and the heart, as well as the secondary changes of the joints and muscles because of the vertebrae changing position. Pain often does not occur until these secondary changes start happening and they start complaining of back ache in the day, or night. Thankfully for my bestie, it was picked up early enough and the brace was

successful in stabilising the curve.

Strangely enough, I also developed a scoliosis during adolescence which was a lot milder than my bestie's. I didn't realise at all until I started getting constant back ache later in my teen years after walking around for long periods and was woken nightly with pain on my left thorax. I didn't know this wasn't normal and tried to stretch and keep fit as best as I could. After I left school, my back pain became often debilitating, especially after starting a new activity or job, or sitting for long hours of study during university days. It was not until towards the end of my Physio degree that it was diagnosed, and I found ways to minimise how it would impact me. This included specific strength exercises, stretches, Pilates and regular hands-on physio to reduce joint stiffness and muscle tightness. I really wish I had known earlier!

So, even though your adolescent housemates may not like you "checking out" their bodies - it never hurts to subtly cast an eye on any changes you think may be unusual, and never ignore any complaints of back pain that persists. If you need a second set of eyes, or someone else they may actually listen to... phone us at Physique.



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BEE AWARE

I recently visited Tropical Fruit World. Considering I live relatively close I couldn't believe I had never been before. They have so many species of fruit growing – 500, I think.

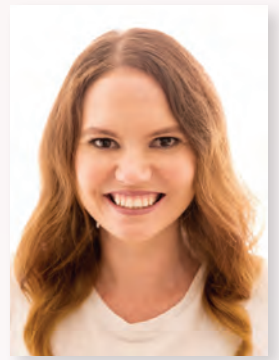
Before I was sent on the tour, I noticed a tiny beehive. Granted I know very little about bees. It made me think – I remember seeing loads of bees in my garden years gone by and now a noticeable drop.

I asked the tour guide if there had been a drop in pollination and bee activity. She said yes. Globally in fact. I always take on board what I hear but I always do my research. Nothing worse than blindly listening and following others assuming it's correct. And the bee population decline has become an issue Australia-wide and in other Countries. Seems so odd that a tiny little insect that is as important to human survival as oxygen would just start to decline. And you may or may not know that bees are responsible for pollinating much of our fruit and vegies. With that said, they're a huge part of a farmer's livelihood. So again, how odd that something so vital to us, is not huge news.

In our day-to-day lives we may not think about their importance terribly much. Honey is great for us, great as a cold and flu remedy, perfect for anti-bacterial support and amazing for skin, same for beeswax. But as I mentioned above, bees are responsible for



BEAUTY & WELLNESS



with Rebecca Mander

pollinating our fruit and vegetables. Without that supply our natural diet suddenly becomes seriously nutrient depleted.

Alright, we've covered the bee issue and their importance to us, and rather than discussing the how's and the why's behind the decline – I prefer to share some ideas to help the bee population instead.

Below are some simple ways to give the little black and yellow fellows a helping hand. And yes, I did take this quote from the bee movie.

- Plant some bee loving plants. Species include Rosemary, Misty Plume Bush, Borage and Lavender.
- Stop using Pesticides. Natural alternatives are effective.
- Choose local sustainable honey.
- Create a bee hotel in your garden – a haven for them to rest.

Today I popped in my garden some Misty Plume Bush and some Rosemary. Both offer incredible skin and hair benefits, and I'm hoping that I'll see a little group of our buzzing friends return. Misty Plume provides great relief to headaches – can I hear a whoo-hoo?! And Rosemary is for helping the scalp turn over fresh cells, and for the skin to fight free radicals.

If you try any of the above, I'd love to hear your progress, and even some photos.

As always, spread kindness like its jam on toast.

Rebecca x
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Councillor's Comment

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DIVISION 2

WELCOME

I would like to welcome new Councillor Amanda Hay to Council. Amanda will bring a wealth of knowledge from her personal careers and her experience in planning and development. I look forward to working with Amanda for the duration of this term.

LIFTING THE LID ON EAT LOCAL MONTH

The recent launch of Scenic Rim Eat Local Month was more than enough to whet the appetite, with more than 130 events to be staged across the region from 1 June to 2 July. For the first time, Eat Local is being celebrated for a whole month and Canungra, Beechmont and Tamborine Mountain will feature in the first of three flavour-focused weekends. The delicious menu of events on the weekend of 2 to 4 June has something for every taste and budget close to home. Keep an eye out for a copy of the Eat Local Month program or download it from the eatlocalmonth.com.au website.

EXPANDING NATURE-BASED TOURISM

Council recently adopted the Scenic Rim Nature-based Tourism Strategy 2023-2032 to ensure the region's natural beauty can be protected for residents and visitors to enjoy. The strategy is about achieving greater value for our region from the growing demand for nature-based tourism experiences rather than increasing visitor numbers. It recognises the negative impacts that excessive tourism can have on communities and natural areas as well as the benefits of sustainable tourism for our local economy. Our proximity to Ipswich, Brisbane and the Gold Coast and the Scenic Rim's spectacular natural environment means the region is well-placed to become a leading destination for nature-based tourism. Council is grateful for the funding from the Australian Government's Building Better Regions Fund Community Investments Stream Round 3 which supported the strategy's development.

DRAFT BUDGET CONSULTATION

Thank you to everyone who attended the Draft 2023-2024 Budget community consultation sessions. This is the first time we have gone out to the community to seek feedback on our financial planning for the year ahead and there is still time for you to have a say. Council welcomes all feedback and hopefully you have submitted your feedback by Wednesday 3 May. We understand the cost-of-living pressures facing members of our community and have aimed to ensure we continue to deliver services and programs that provide best value for money. Once all feedback has been considered, the final 2023-2024 Annual Budget will be prepared before being tabled at a Special Meeting of Council scheduled for Wednesday 14 June.

REGIONAL PROSPERITY REPORT CARD

Top marks to the Scenic Rim for its significant economic achievements despite the pandemic and disaster events which have impacted our region. The Regional Prosperity Annual Report Card 2021-2022 was presented this month and outlines Council's achievements in meeting the objectives of the Scenic Rim Regional Prosperity Strategy 2020-2025. The strategy supports the creation of valuable jobs for local people and our region's economic growth. I encourage you to read the full report on Council's website, scenicrim.qld.gov.au/rps

ROAD RESEALS ACROSS REGION

Works have been carried out by Council this month at Tamborine and Tamborine Mountain as part of a major program of bitumen road reseals at 36 towns and villages across the Scenic Rim. The reseals have been part of a three-stage program being carried out on some 49 kilometres of the 1800km of the region's road network.

QUOTE OF THE DAY -

"To be yourself in a world that is constantly trying to make you something else is the greatest accomplishment." — Ralph Waldo Emerson

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1PM

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TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN BRIDGE CLUB – RESULTS

Monday (1-May-23)

NS 1. 61.71% Peter Zaremba - Wendy Christie
NS 2. 54.96% Lawrence Beutel - Eddie Heinemeyer
NS 3. 42.26% Alex Hood - Andrew Davidson
EW 1. 69.84% David Donaldson - Heike Edrich
EW 2. 46.43% Sheena Pollock - Tony Hall
EW 3. 42.06% John Lodge - Peter Morris

Wednesday (3-May-23)

NS 1. 63.10% Peter Morris - Mary Simon
NS 2. 57.14% Peter Zaremba - Ann Zaremba
NS 3. 48.21% Lindy Williams - Margaret Goldsmith
EW 1. 65.48% Wendy Christie - Sheena Pollock
EW 2. 46.43% Cheryl Finlayson - Julie Guthrie
EW 3. 44.64% Sue Stevens - Karen Scott

Thursday (4-May-23)

NS 1. 61.25% Heike Edrich - Carole Cooke
NS 2. 57.50% Jenny Strachan - Eddie Heinemeyer
NS 3. 51.67% Peter Zaremba - Wendy Christie
EW 1. 60.00% Cheryl Finlayson - Julie Guthrie
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EW 3. 55.42% John Lodge - Kate Head

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TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN LANDCARE: CELEBRATING TWENTY YEARS OF REGENERATING OUR FORESTS

Twenty years ago, a group of Mountain volunteers dedicated to preserving and regenerating our precious but fragmented rainforests formed the local chapter of Landcare. The organisation was formally incorporated in March 2003. Since then, they and a generation of other volunteers have worked to restore twenty-five sites to ecological health, with help from paid contractors. These sites include Scenic Rim Regional Council reserves and parks. Our Facebook page generates many “Likes” and positive comments from locals, who appreciate our work of regeneration.

TM Landcare counts over 150 members. Some lend a hand (and a back) to our on-ground work; others staff our very popular Piccabeen Bookshop off Main St, which offers a quality second-hand books and new volumes related to the environment. The funds raised help the organisation buy tubestock and hire contractors to extend the work funded by Council grants.

Residents and visitors have enjoyed helping settle little plants into the ground at our annual National Tree Day planting events, and local school and Scouts youngsters have also contributed to greening

our environment with species that enhance our biodiversity.

In recent years our Landcare Centre on Hartley Rd has attracted many visitors (humans, birds, insects, frogs and lizards). The very accessible site showcases a great array of local species, many of them suitable for home gardens.

The accompanying photos have been taken by expert photographer and Landcare member, Catherine Douglas, at several of our regenerated sites. They capture aspects of the thriving specimens that have been freed of invasive weeds or planted by our teams. The spectacular “candle” (RIGHT) is a local species, *Banksia spinulosa*, and the cheery bird (BELOW) is a rufous fantail.

Wendy Morgan



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TRIVIA

The World's Customs true or false?

1. In Spain, people celebrate La Tomatina by throwing tomatoes at each other in a massive food fight.
2. In South Korea, it is customary to give a newborn baby a pair of shoes made of garlic.
3. In Japan, it is considered rude to tip your waiter at a restaurant.
4. In Greece, people traditionally break plates during festive celebrations as a symbol of good luck.
5. In Finland, a Wife Carrying World Championship is held annually, where men carry their wives over an obstacle course.
6. In Denmark, people throw cinnamon at unmarried friends on their 25th birthday.
7. In Ethiopia, a coffee ceremony is an important daily ritual and a symbol of hospitality.
8. In Australia, it is customary to eat Vegemite on toast as a wedding breakfast.
9. In Italy, people celebrate La Befana, a witch who brings presents to children on January 6th.
10. In India, it is considered good luck to get your nose pierced on the left side.
11. In the United States, Groundhog Day is a tradition where a groundhog predicts the arrival of spring.
12. In Argentina, a traditional dance called the tango originated from the indigenous people.
13. In Scotland, the traditional Highland Games involve events such as tug of war and caber toss.
14. In Turkey, it is considered rude to show the soles of your feet to others.
15. In Russia, it is customary to bring an even number of flowers as a gift when visiting someone's home.
16. In Mexico, the Day of the Dead is a celebration in which families honor their deceased loved ones with decorated altars.

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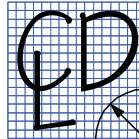
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4. True
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These loans increased the Council's total borrowings to \$43.26 million.

Refinancing the Council's loans in 2021 at a fixed low interest rate has proven beneficial, as unspent funds are now being invested at higher interest rates.

In the current budget, the Council projected borrowing over \$6.5 million in the next two fiscal years to support the construction of the Beaudesert Community Hub and Library.

However, according to the draft budget released this month, it appears that a decision has been made to cease any borrowings until the end of the 2027-2028 fiscal year.



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