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In October 2021, as part of its \$2.5 billion Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program, the Federal Government approved \$175,000 in funding for the construction of a new footpath on Alpine Terrace, Tamborine Mountain, for the missing link between St Bernard State School and White Road.

The project aimed to help ensure that students could get to and from school more safely.

After months of activity and traffic disruptions, workmen put the finishing touches to the project at the end of May 2023, but not many foresaw the scale of the visual assault on Alpine Terrace's tree-lined appeal.

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BOTANIC GARDENS TEAM CELEBRATES ITS 40TH ANNIVERSARY OPEN DAY

The team at Tamborine Mountain Regional Botanic Gardens is celebrating the success of their 40th Anniversary Open Day in late May, held in bright sunshine.

The event coincided with the annual Australasia-wide Botanic Gardens Open Day.

The main activity was a special plant sale prepared by the Gardens' legendary Potty Potters. Head Potter Bobby White said the response from plant enthusiasts was fantastic.

Visitors were also treated throughout the morning to music, a sausage sizzle and events for children in Sooty Owl's Creekside Trail.

The Gardens team also proudly hosted a special visitor. Alfred Briers had donated a beautiful oil-on-board still life painting by his late wife Barbara for the team to raise funds. After two weeks of enthusiastic ticket purchases, Mr Briers drew the winning ticket that belonged to former Gardens volunteer and manager Roger Lenehan.

The day of celebration raised more than \$2,000 for the Gardens.

PHOTOS: Art winner Roger Lenehan (at right) with his painting. **BELOW:** Members of the Botanic Gardens volunteer team with Alfred Briers (fifth from left) and the painting by Barbara Briers. **BELOW RIGHT:** Local choir Bella A'Capella sang in the Gardens.



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The Tamborine Mountain community turned out in force for the Under the Greenwood Tree's launch on Sunday of *Wangalpong to Mount Tamborine*, the first book by Karen Rosser, a fourth-generation Tamborine Mountain local who grew up on a dairy farm on the South End.

Offering fresh insights into the settlement of south east Queensland, the book brings to life the story of The Mountain — known by its traditional custodians the Wangerriburra, as Wangalpong — from its violent birth from the Tweed Volcano millions of years ago to the birth of Queensland in 1859.

The Zamia Theatre was packed to capacity for the launch, the culmination of Karen's years spent researching and compiling the history of Queensland's early settlement, and some of its key figures, which was sparked by a family history project.

Wangalpong to Mount Tamborine was a labour of love that began in 2016, and Karen probably never imagined how much writing would be involved in the book signing following the launch.

A retired science and maths teacher, Karen now lives in North Queensland with her husband, Darby Monro, but still calls the Mountain home.



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- NS 2. 51.62% BILL LARCOMBE - DI LARCOMBE
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- EW 1. 57.00% GWEN VOIGT - ASHLEY ANDERSEN
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THURSDAY (1-JUN-23)

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LOCAL AUTHOR'S BOOK NOMINATED FOR LITERARY PRIZE

Local author Lainie Jones is thrilled that her latest book, *A Woman's Place*, has been nominated for the ARA Historical Novel Prize. The book, described as 'a family saga set on an outback property haunted by an ancient spirit', explores the lives of five generations of women who live and work on a cattle station known as Barragunyah.

However, just as Barragunyah is far more than a farm, the novel itself is far more than historical fiction. With elements of magical realism, and a touch of Australian Gothic, this is a book that crosses genres.

When asked what inspired her to write *A Woman's Place*, Lainie says she wanted to write a story in which the environment was a protagonist. 'I liked the idea of a story where the land was central, and entwined with the lives of characters. Creating a family saga allowed me to show the same place over a period of around 150 years, and set it against a backdrop of real historical events.'

The magical realism aspect can be found in the ancient spirit who orchestrates the fates and fortunes of the women whose lives are intimately bound to Barragunyah, while the Gothic is the isolated heroine trapped in a once-grand house, and the relentless, gloomy skies.

The story begins when Julia, the main character, comes to Barragunyah after her grandmother's death to prepare the place for sale and is trapped by rising floodwaters. Alone, in a derelict house without power, and unable to contact anyone, she passes the time reading the diaries and letters of the women who once called the outback property home.

When the ancient spirit known as *Mary* appears, the borders between then and now begin to dissolve. Swept again and again into Barragunyah's past, Julia drifts towards madness.

While Julia and her ongoing dilemma anchors the shifting timeframes to the present, it is Alice who is the first of Barragunyah's women. Migrating to colonial New South Wales in the 1880s, and arriving at Barragunyah as a new bride, she is followed in due course by her descendants, the last of whom is Julia. 'I try to make all my characters true to their historical periods,' Lainie says. 'To make them believable, I also ensure they have valid motivations for behaving as they do.'

The title of the book comes from an underlying perception that Barragunyah is a woman's place – at an ancient level the energy there is female. Males are not wanted there, they do not feel comfortable, and can even be in danger. This situation results in some unexpected twists in the story.

One reviewer writes, '*A Woman's Place* revolves around an unspoken crime, one grounded and inescapable in Australian history. Jones does a fantastic job of revealing the root of this crime without giving it away, tantalizingly allowing the reader's own imagination to make sense of the darkness where *Mary* resides.'

The paperback version of *A Woman's Place* can be purchased from Shawline Publishing Group via the QR code at right.

The ebook is available through Amazon, Booktopia and similar outlets.



Lainie has worked as a commercial artist, a farmer, a teacher, and an academic, all of which feeds into her life-long passion for writing. She holds a PhD in Creative Writing and has published five books prior to '*A Woman's Place*.' She grew up in Sydney, but lived for many years on a farm in the Northern Rivers region of NSW. Tamborine Mountain has been her home for eleven years.

Other titles by Lainie Jones can be found on her Author page at Amazon or can be bought here on the Mountain by emailing lainie.jones1@gmail.com

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The Palaszczuk Labor Government, with its chaotic state of affairs, is attempting to rebrand itself. The Premier's prioritisation of appearances over actual results is evident, and Queenslanders are suffering as a result. Over the past eight years and with four different Health Ministers, this Government has taken the health system in Queensland into ever deeper problems, with increased (in fact, record) ramping and doubled elective surgery waitlists.

Premier Palaszczuk's ineffective leadership has allowed weak crime laws to shackle the judiciary, resulting in young criminals walking free without consequences, and the government's failure to release land for housing and invest in social housing has left Queenslanders living in dire conditions. Now we have a Health Minister who, as Minister for Child Safety, said in Parliament that information needed to be "washed" before release, and a chief law officer who championed the watering down of youth justice laws that are now bearing their fruit of a youth justice crisis (for a second time – yes that's right, Yvette D'ath failed as Health Minister and so has been rewarded with a second appointment as Attorney-General again).

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Letters to the Editor

CONGRATULATIONS, KAREN

Congratulations to Karen Rosser on the much-anticipated launch of her book, *Wangalpong to Mount Tamborine*, on Sunday afternoon at the Zamia Theatre.

This was a wonderful event that brought the local community together to support Karen, a fourth-generation member of one of our pioneering families, who still calls the Mountain 'home'.

If you missed the launch of this book, a new take on the settlement of South East Queensland and the story of The Mountain – known by its traditional custodians the Wangerriburra as Wangalpong – you can pick up a copy at **Under the Greenwood Tree** bookshop and gallery on Main Western Road.

On another note, it's often said that every cloud has a silver lining.

Unfortunately, I discovered there was no silver lining when I stepped out of the Zamia into the pouring rain and found that my navy-blue golf umbrella, with its black rubber grip and reflective silver lining, which I bought to protect against the sun as well as wet weather, had been taken.

I left my umbrella resting against the carved figure to the left of the big double doors on the Zamia's verandah, so if you picked it up in error, please return it to the Zamia, as the Manager is hoping to reunite the umbrella with the peeved person who was left to walk to her car in the rain.

If you took it deliberately, please consider the eighth commandment.

Lisa Stubbs

ENOUGH OF THE GRIPING

In response to FM Scott Buchholz's swipe against the current Labor party and its policies, I would like to say the following, and for the record, I don't vote Labor. Firstly, the cost of electricity was well and truly going up when the LNP was in power, Labor has put in place direct bill relief for low-income families, pensioners etc. The Labor budget also increased rent assistance, job seeker, youth allowance, parenting payments, Austudy, single parent allowance and aged care worker payments, so I think it's safe to say Labor has tried to help the little guy.

Then there's the Growing Regions program: Labor changed the original LNP Growth Regions Fund because it was being rorted. 96% of the \$272M went to Coalition-held electorates. Mr Buchholz also talks about a map with the electorate of Wright being crossed out (ineligible?); he also mentions a Labor held region of Somerset also being ineligible... at least this would indicate a lack of political bias in regards this program.

I'd like to see this map – I can't find it... maybe it's for ministerial eyes only?

Reading the government's own website pertaining to the Growing Regions program, it sounds to me like a lot of organisations can apply, and this isn't something that is funnelled through MPs and councils, although our own council can apply. According to the Mr Buchholz there is a large number of projects and organisations desperate for such funding: Boonah, Beaudesert and Laidley in particular. Seems as though a lot of local organisations are missing out, yet the application process isn't open until the 5th of July.

Instead of running off to parliament and doing the grandstanding thing, why don't you identify who these

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Councillor's Comment

These are my own personal views. I do not purport to speak on behalf of Council. Decisions of Council are made only by majority vote, legislative authority or under authority delegated by Council.



Recently lodged Development Applications (DAs): a new tourist attraction at Thunderbird Park, expansion of the IGA shopping centre, 2nd dwelling in Eagles Close (submissions have closed), a granny flat on Henri Robert Dr, a domestic outbuilding on Hartley Rd and a boundary realignment on Alpine Terrace.

Good to see one large redevelopment has engaged locals in its preliminary planning phase to identify and remedy neighbours' concerns before the DA is lodged. What a novel approach! The Precautionary Principle was mentioned by the planners, however I had to point out that I am apparently too ill-informed about this Principle to make meaningful comment.

Out and About: I have attended the opening of Dig-It at Thunderbird Park and it is good to see some thought go into creating a very different tourist attraction catering to families. New classrooms have been officially opened at Tamborine Mountain College, the Regional Tourism Reference Group hosted an event and the Department of Transport and Main Roads canvassed issues ranging from future transport needs to the management of current roadworks.

Five new Tamborine Mountain Aussies were welcomed as part of a citizenship ceremony on Queensland Day – congratulations to Krisztina, Julie, Michael, Koen and Luuk.

I have attended a briefing conducted by the Dept of Regional Development, Manufacturing and Water in Brisbane which provided updates on the Gold Coast and Logan Water Plans (Tamborine Mtn straddles both plans) and the QUT Science PhD project which encompassed the groundwater studies on the Mountain. The results will be published shortly and I will be able to comment then. There are some concerning findings.

Small Business Month – Destination Scenic Rim hosted a networking event at North Stores, and Travelling Places celebrated its 30th anniversary serving the travel needs of locals whilst employing locals. Well done.

Eat Local Month – I am steadily munching my way around the local businesses participating in this event, commencing with Copperhead (and yes, I pay for my meal and I tip!). Get behind our locals – great to see Clancy's has re-opened as Baileys' Irish Bar & Restaurant.

Community consultation: The Council-hosted "Cuppa in the Communi-tea" on 31 May was very well attended and I thank the service providers who participated and made information available. The free emergency document holder containing disaster preparedness information and a small torch, items to keep children entertained, and a Dalek Power Bank which has a battery life of 500+ recharges was very popular, and these are still available. Several people raised their concerns with me following the Cuppa. I was aware of most of the issues raised however there were a couple of curly ones, including the fencing off council-owned land by a resident.

Topics of concern raised recently: large, inappropriate developments underway with no apparent approvals (being investigated), advertising signage attached to trees (being removed by Council), "temporary" food outlets, the Long Rd extension, vandalism, land valuations (not a council matter), the library incident, the car over the edge at Rotary Lookout and what can be done to prevent a reoccurrence, residential properties used solely as Air B'n'Bs but paying residential rates, and rubbish dumped at the hang gliders site – not good advertising for Maccas and KFC.

"Thank you" to the community member/s who removed the vast amount of toilet paper which festooned the Doughty Park toilet block, in the hope that in doing so the toilets would not be locked. Please be aware of your children's activities after dark.

What are your thoughts on the handrail erected along the Alpine Terrace new footpath? Would you like to see a limit on the number of nights per annum an Air B'n'B can operate? Please email me with your views.

... and finally "thank you" to the barrister who has provided hours of assistance and accompanied me to my formal OIA interview on 5 June. Now we wait to see if I am to be prosecuted as a "vexatious complainant" in relation to issues I raised prior to my election. Good to see the level playing field is alive and well – providing the complainants are from within Council rather than members of the public.

I can be contacted on 0448 376 650 or via e-mail at amanda.h@scenicrim.qld.gov.au, and will soon also have a Councillor Facebook page.

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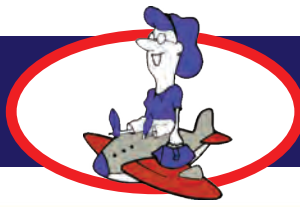
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For those who might not know, what is it that Dover and Sons offers?

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History is a major focus for your branding, isn't it?



Murray Dover

History is great to talk about. You're only as good as you are today, but it certainly helps when people who are buying from us know that we've been here for 121 years, and hopefully we'll provide them with good service.

How do you feel your business has adapted to the changes in the agricultural industry over the years?

The reason we have a number of different products is to cater to everyone's needs. If we just sold tractors 100 horsepower and over, then we would have nothing to sell to the smaller farmers. The idea is that we relate to all aspects of farming and lawn care.

You're very heavily involved in the community, with sponsorships for local events. Can you tell us more about that?

We really like to support the local community. They support us and we support them back. We assist a lot of sporting clubs, whether it's golf or football. I'm a great believer that youth sporting facilities just save the day. Youth are not wandering the streets; they are part of a sporting family. If I can help that, I will.

There was a significant fire that destroyed a large portion of your business some years ago. Do you feel you've recovered from that event?

That was December 2014. We were pretty devastated. We lost a lot of parts, a lot of history. We were very lucky that our Boonah branch carried us through. We worked out of containers. A lot of people supported us. At the time, I did an interview where I said we'll come back bigger and better, and I'm glad we have.

What's the most popular item that you sell?

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What goes into an average day of work here for you?

I like to be involved in selling as I like to be at the front talking to the customers and listening to any complaints that they may have. I think that's where we need to be, seeing that the customers are looked after.

Are there any particular trends in your clientele?

We have the farmers that have been on their properties for a hundred years, and we have people who want to move out and have a farm who aren't very conversant with farming, so we can help them set up and give them advice in that regard. We have 65 staff between our three locations, and some of them have been with us 30 or 40 years. There's a lot of professionalism there and a lot of knowledge.

You're a Mount Tamborine local. What's your opinion on the mountain area and community?

Yeah, I live on Mount Tamborine. I was born in Boonah, which is a lovely little town, and Tamborine still has that rural lifestyle, which is what I like about it. You can do deals on a handshake. People interact with each other, they help each other. Unlike some areas in the city, where you don't know who your neighbours are.

What do you feel Dover and Sons really provides to the area?

We provide spare parts and workshop facilities to help people with parts and breakdowns, for anyone on the land who has a breakdown or needs assistance. We're an agricultural and lifestyle company, and we won't be changing. Things like the Stihl chainsaws and brush-cutters and the Toro mowers and the gear like that are for people who have small acreage... any way we can assist.

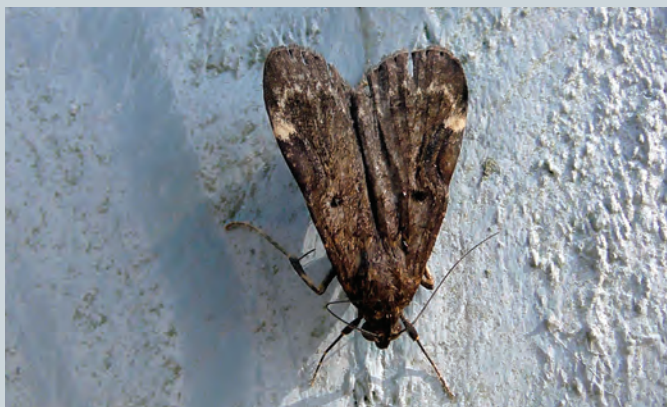
What's your favourite thing about doing this?

Probably interacting with country-minded people. We sell a lot of gear out west to the Northern Territory, Canungra, Longreach, St. George, so we're in touch with the heart of Australia. A lot of people think nobody lives west of the Great Divide. The other thing I've always been very vocal about is the deregulation of the dairy industry and the Coles dollar-litre milk. That really devastated an industry. There are still people who will buy Coles milk instead of the branded milk, and that's one of the most upsetting things in the agricultural industry in Australia. The dairy farmers have been leaving in droves and it's one of the most buoyant industries that we have.



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Peter Kuttner

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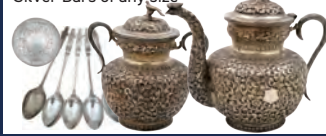
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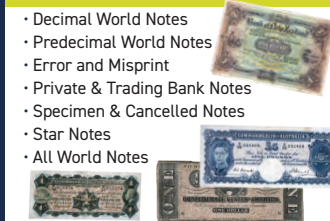
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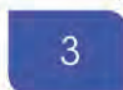


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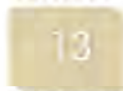
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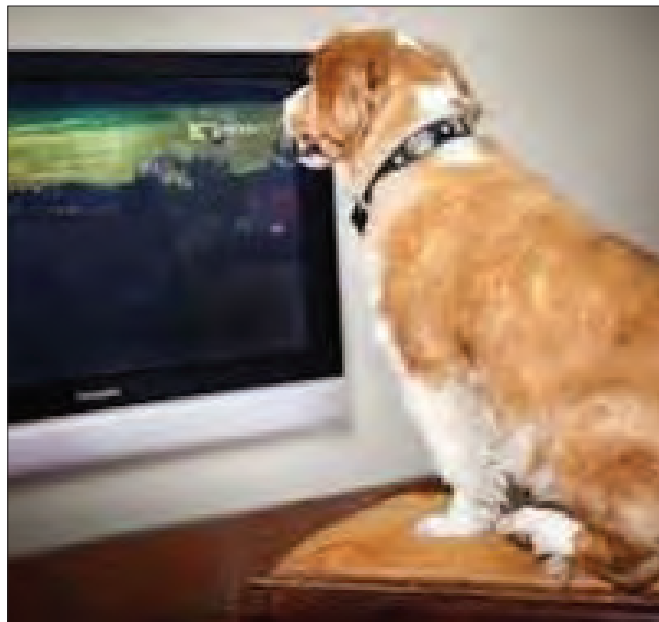
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Because TV is now digital, dogs can see what is on the screen, and which looks somewhat real. Older or CRT TVs were for human eyes only, with a flicker fusion rate of 55 frames per second: humans see that as continuous. But it must have looked like strobe light to dogs, whose flicker fusion rate is around 80 frames per second.

Dog TV started in the USA in 2012 – it is now also a streaming service of scientifically developed content for dogs. The programs are organised into types: relaxing, stimulating and exposure – to various sounds, like doorbells, car horns, etcetera. The colours and the contrast are slightly exaggerated, because dog vision is very different to human vision – they see the world in fewer hues than we do, but they do have two colour receptors: blue and yellow. Yet their ability to see motion is far superior to us.

Dog TV streaming costs start at around \$10 a month, and the higher the cost the better the quality, usually. The stimulating streaming has videos of dogs playing together or playing fetch with their humans and dogs just going for walks. The relaxing videos are of dogs stretching and sleeping, with classical music, sounds of nature like gentle ocean waves and chirping birds. Random human voices are sometimes added saying things like ‘good dog’ in a calm soft voice. Bubbles float up and bounce around the screen. The creators claim to have based the dog channel and streaming on more than sixty scientific studies conducted by animal experts and scientists from different universities all over the world. They even detail a few of these studies on their website.

What do the reviews say? While a dog’s sense of smell is a primary way for them to explore and understand their world, hearing and vision are also important, and Dog TV exposes dogs to new stimuli. According to an Amazon review, 71% of users gave it a rating between 1 – 5 stars, 43% gave it a five-



star rating. Some pet owners swear by it, even for cats. However, there are dogs, especially hound types that have no interest in TV, and others quickly lose interest. Puppies appear to be the most intrigued.

Nothing can replace a human interacting with their dog, and they need exercise, company and things to occupy them. Dog TV can occupy them at intervals when an owner is away or at work. The longest most dogs can focus on the screen is about one hour at a time, so programs can be timed.

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How to Collaborate Effectively with a Landscape Designer

By Jez Clark

Principal - Clark+Granger

Learn how to work with a landscape designer to bring your vision to life. Discover tips and tricks for effective collaboration.

If you are planning to transform your outdoor area or create a new outdoor space associated with a new build you may want to consider using a landscape designer. With over 25 years of experience in the design industry, I have worked with a broad range of clients and have found that it is crucial to establish effective communication and build a strong working relationship with your chosen designer. Below are six essential steps to collaborating effectively with a landscape designer, from the initial stages of the project to its completion.

Build the Relationship Early:

Building a strong relationship with your landscape designer from the outset is key to a successful collaboration. Don't wait until you've completed your project plans to identify an ideal designer. Involving them from the start helps create an understanding with the contractor and other parties involved. By engaging the landscape designer early on, you can benefit from their expertise in space planning, plant selection, and design elements that may impact other aspects of your project.

In addition, collaborating with other designers or professionals can further enhance your project's outcomes. If you are working with an interior designer, architect, or other specialists, involve them in the process early to ensure a cohesive and harmonious design process. It is for this very reason that we created Clark+Granger to unify all aspects of design into the one practice ensuring the seamless integration of indoor and outdoor spaces.

Lay Out Your Goals:

Clearly articulating your goals and aspirations for the project is vital to aligning your vision with that of the landscape designer. Take the time to reflect on what you want to achieve with your outdoor space. Are you looking to create an entertainment area, a tranquil garden, or a sustainable landscape? What level of maintenance are you comfortable with? By defining your goals, you can provide your designer with a clear direction, they in turn can tailor a design to meet your expectations and needs.

At Clark+Granger we love to see imagery from our clients; we find that a well-chosen image speaks a thousand words and can really help to establish the mood and style of your project. We are also used to helping a client to write a brief. This will form the basis of the design project and help to establish clear outcomes and assist the designer to establish an appropriate fee proposal.

Set Expectations and Timelines:

Once you have established your goals, it is crucial to set expectations and timelines for the project. Clearly communicate your desired outcomes, budget constraints, and any specific requirements. A good designer will be able to help you through this process. Share your timeline preferences and discuss the feasibility of your expectations with the designer. This open dialogue will help manage

expectations and ensure that both parties are on the same page throughout the project.

Communicate Clearly:

Effective communication is the foundation of any successful collaboration. Establishing open lines of communication with your landscape designer is essential to ensure that your ideas and preferences are understood. Regularly scheduled meetings, site visits, and clear channels of communication, such as email can streamline the collaboration process.

During discussions, be sure to articulate your thoughts and ask questions when needed. Provide as much detail as possible to help the designer fully grasp your vision. Likewise, encourage the designer to share their ideas and suggestions openly. By fostering a transparent and respectful dialogue, you can build a shared understanding and make informed decisions together.

Give Honest Feedback:

As the project progresses, it is important to provide honest and constructive feedback to your landscape designer. If certain aspects of the design or execution do not align with your expectations, communicate your concerns openly and respectfully. Honest feedback allows the designer to make necessary adjustments and fine-tune their work to better meet your needs.

At the same time, be open to receiving feedback from the designer. Remember that they are experts in their field and can offer valuable insights or alternative solutions that enhance the overall design. Collaborative feedback sessions can lead to innovative ideas and ultimately result in a more successful outcome.

Show Appreciation and Give Credit:

We all like a little encouragement so throughout the collaboration, be sure to show appreciation for your landscape designer's efforts and contributions. Recognise their hard work, creativity, and dedication to bringing your vision to life. By acknowledging their expertise and craftsmanship, you not only foster a positive working relationship but also inspire them to go the extra mile in delivering exceptional results.

Remember that the designer is there to help you and provide their professional expertise. Make good use of them and get the best value out of the process. Be clear with your requirements and listen to their feedback. An experienced designer will have the skills to deliver on and exceed your design expectations.





SIMPLIFY LIFE AND CREATE SPACE TO GROW

For many people life just gets busier and I'm no different. When I want to add something new to my

teachings and offerings, that's when I realise I don't have a lot of space to manoeuvre and squeeze in yet one more training. It's an old story and I've got quite good at pruning my life before I try to cram the new teaching in. And this realisation goes back years. I had a dear student who became a very good friend who was struggling to fall pregnant. She had achieved a lot in her career and personal life and had a wonderful partner and they were desperate to start a family. She had been a yoga student for many years, super healthy, beautifully spiritual and nothing physically seemed amiss with either of these two people. But there was no room for anything new. Her life was hectic and the only breathing room she ever carved out was to come to yoga.

So, from personal experience I asked her if she and her partner could try to create more space. Why would a new life want to enter hers, when there was no room for anything else? Her work and her personal life were nonstop.

So she started by saying NO, much to the horror and disappointment of her work colleagues, her employees and her friends. Just no. No explanation needed. She needed time to focus on herself and her relationship.

She decluttered her social media. All that noise, all those horrible uninvited posts that Facebook or Instagram and their algorithm think you are interested in.

She decluttered her personal space and set a manifesto to buy nothing new (except for food) for 3 months and then to give away an item every time a new item entered her world.

She committed to going into nature at least 3 times a week, to exercise, to garden, to just be. No phone, just silence and nature.

She continued to come to yoga and started a brief ritual every morning before she got up, where she could meditate, breathe or journal.

She and her partner gave a lot of thought to the practicality of fitting in this new life and how their work and personal life would change to accommodate this.

It had a happy ending, and this beautiful couple did eventually welcome a little baby into their life. The best part of it was that they have never gone back to the rat race which really keeps you stuck, needy, distracted and unable to create or welcome something new into your world. It's a great analogy for a good yoga class. We create space in our bodies and minds and choose to either fill that space with light, love, healing or joy or just leave it empty and see what manifests.

Margot Wagner
Yoga Under the Bodhi Tree

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Relationships



PROTECT AND SOCIALISE

Two of the roles that parents have in their children's lives are to protect and to socialise. Often those roles are at odds with each other. I remember one of our son's earliest experiences in socialising. He was our first-born so was not familiar with sharing his toys with a sibling. He was around six months old when I took him to a gathering where there were several children older than himself. As he sat on the floor with a toy that had taken his interest, another child came along and snatched it away. He didn't cry but his expression conveyed confusion and he looked up at me as if to ask: "What just happened?" My mother's heart wanted to scoop him up and take him back to the safe haven of home where everyone was kind to him. Instead, I told myself that this was his first lesson in learning that this world won't always treat you justly. I sensed that this was the first of many unavoidable experiences that would build resilience and social skills into his life.

Parents balance a juggling act between protecting their children from situations that are harmful to their well-being, while helping them connect with a world outside the family. This is especially challenging as kids reach their teenage years and assert their independence. Home should be the launching pad where they learn what it means to be safe and what they need to survive. Children will copy your actions in preference to what you tell them, so it's important to model safe behaviours and healthy boundaries.

Reducing restrictions over time gives your child room to demonstrate they can be trusted and make good decisions. Increased freedom comes through knowing your child is able to look after him or herself, and this is a reward for both of you. Encourage your child's unique interests and hobbies, as they lead to independence and self-determination as well as social opportunities with peers who share the same interests.

Today's parents have less control and more responsibility than previous generations. Never have there been so many influences intruding into the family home. Often, the message parents receive is that they shouldn't impose their own values on their children. But if parents don't teach their children values, the pervading culture will. Social influencers, large corporations, advertising agencies are relaying unhealthy values to our kids every day. Parents are often blamed for adolescent turmoil; however, the source is more likely to be culturally created problems than poor parenting.

In a culture with limited community support, the task of raising healthy, well-adjusted children is not an easy one. Time and energy are scarce commodities when parents work long hours at jobs that are often far from home. Be intentional with the available time you have with your children. Even household tasks done together can be an opportunity for meaningful conversation. Make your home a safe shelter from which your children will successfully launch into the world.

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Physio Talk



with Hayden Buckman

SENSITIVE SYSTEMS

Meet Bonnie, our six-month-old pup who has stolen the hearts of everyone at Physique and become a delightful reminder of the power of love and companionship

we all need. You might've seen her in clinic from time to time or on her walks and café visits all over the mountain. If you happen to be walking past, she absolutely loves a pat and cuddle, so don't be shy!

When Bonnie had her needles as a 3-month-old puppy we got a glimpse of how sensitive she truly is. The vet proclaimed her as probably the "sookiest dog" he had come across in some time. Bonnie has a particular squeal which she lets out when she experiences what most would consider to be mildly unpleasant experiences, e.g. vaccination needle or being shown that you in fact should not poop on the carpet. These are not particularly painful or terrible experiences for most of us however for my poor sooky dog they are.

This got me thinking about how you can go from doing everything normally one day and the next be incapacitated and unable to bend down to get your shoes on. How is it that things can change so quickly that simple, easy tasks become excruciating, impossible jobs that need to be left unfinished?

This phenomenon is due to our body's inbuilt super protective mechanisms which keep us all safe every single day. I like to use the examples of an ankle sprain and a back injury. When you sustain an ankle injury your body instinctively gets the weight off the injured foot, it swells up and lets you know it's injured by hurting like hell. You stop using the foot for a few days until all of a sudden you can get that foot down again.

Let's switch examples now - you lift a heavy object while you're in a funny position and all of a sudden you can't straighten your back, and every time you

try to move, it feels like your back is about to cave in. This is a nasty yet all too common story I hear when people hurt their back. This catchy, jolting feeling is the same system protecting you that makes you limp/stay off a sprained ankle. Of course, we can't "not use" our back, so our brain does its best to stop us doing silly things which might aggravate the injury.

This usually lasts for a few days to a couple of weeks before things improve. Our bodies' protective systems can be a little bit like Bonnie - dramatic and over-reactive. It's important to listen to these messages for the first week or so as our bodies begin to heal.

These messages start to become less reliable after a few weeks as our systems can tend to be too overreactive. If you

have significant pain and discomfort after a week or so, it's important to see someone who can help you pinpoint the cause of the pain/injury and assist you with a treatment plan to get back to full function. This is our bread and butter at Physique, and we love helping people achieve their goals and get back to their day-to-day lives pain-free.



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BABY, IT'S COLD OUTSIDE!

And yes, I did just quote a Frank Loesser song. But it's cold right? And on the Mountain? Yikes!

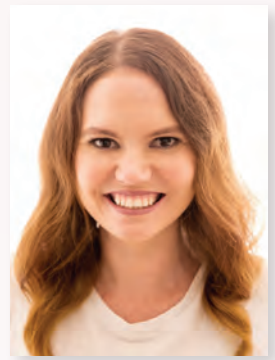
You might remember in the last edition I discussed the benefits of natural collagen, the broth-based variety. This is incredibly useful now since it's freezing. Those hearty veggies and meaty bones are packed with nutrients and vitamins to help your immune system kick some goals and fight off those horrid germs floating around. Plus, they taste delicious and are incredibly comforting.

Whether you love the chilly breeze and a crackling, stocked fire with a comfy blanket, you're probably not a fan of the sniffles, coughing, head colds and feeling ordinary. And another unpleasant treat for those of us with existing respiratory issues – this weather seems to amplify it.

My goal in life is to create remedies to avoid the doctor as much as possible and keep my mind and body as naturally healthy as possible. My household is notorious for asthma, wheezing, coughing, runny noses – all the fun stuff. And given 3 out of 4 of us are chronic asthmatics with serious breathing issues when unwell, I researched what natural remedies might help. And the research highlighted how toxic their mass-produced counterparts could be. If you suffer from breathing and respiratory issues, I recommend avoiding ingredients like Benzene, Levomenthol and Turpentine to name a few. These ingredients and many more have extensive



BEAUTY & WELLNESS



with Rebecca Mander

research behind them to suggest they affect lung health.

On the other hand, if you're looking for ways to support lung health then I highly recommend Eucalyptus (and oldie but a superior goodie), Siberian Fir Needle and Spearmint, again just to name a few.

I spent the better part of last year researching and formulating an Organic Chest Rub and Nasal Roll On to contain these blockbuster ingredients. Because for me, the options that I saw were not conducive to lung health.

Another handy tip I learnt was coughing: coughing is good. It's your way of pushing that germ out. When my daughter is unwell and chesty, we provide regular lung therapy (light and medically trained specific taps on her back) which breaks up the mucus and encourages her to cough it out. And garlic – another oldie but a fantastic goodie.

And please know, these methods are mine: I trust them for myself, my family and my customers. They may not be suitable for you or your family. Always do what's right for your circumstances. Always ask questions, knowledge is always the key!

Before I go, if sickness has got you beat and you're starting to feel deflated, you're not alone. I like to investigate the source of an issue and work from there. My good friend, Evie Ryan Naturopath shares a similar value. So, if all else is failing, it could be worth a chat to a Naturopath.

I am off to have my 15th cup of tea to warm up, and like always, *please share kindness like it's jam on toast.*

Rebecca – *Naturally CŌS*




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SWEET POTATO AND LENTIL SOUP

Velvety smooth roasted sweet potato bursting with spicy southern flavours, mixed with pops of texture from protein-rich lentils and finished with a dash of cream is a surefire way to warm both the body and soul.

My sweet potato and lentil soup really is a super easy meal. Whether enjoyed on a chilly winter evening, as an after school slurpfest with hot toast, or as a nourishing starter. My sweet potato and lentil soup brings together earthy sweetness with a delicate balance of southern spices and aromatics. Get ready to savour spoonfuls of pure comfort as we dive into the delightfully delicious world of homemade soup, this heartwarming dish promises to satisfy and enchant even the harshest of critics.

Did you know? Contrary to popular belief, sweet potatoes are not related to regular potatoes. The origin of the humble sweet potato is surprisingly shrouded in mystery and has a fascinating history. They are said to be native to Central and South America, and were first cultivated as a food source over 5,000 years ago by ancient civilisations like the Incas and Aztecs. These civilisations quickly recognised the incredible nutritional value of sweet potatoes and prized them as a staple food. Master seafaring nations like the Polynesians mysteriously got their hands on this amazing staple and worshipped the remarkable tuber as a life-giving force and planted this crop from island to island wherever they went on their adventures across the vast Pacific Ocean. It still remains a popular food till this day.

Chef Dylan's tips 1. It's vital to try to cut the sweet potato into uniform pieces. This ensures even cooking and prevents some pieces from becoming overly charred while others remain undercooked. 2. Don't be stingy with the olive oil because coating the sweet potato pieces generously with oil helps to achieve a crispy exterior during roasting. 3. It's essential to space the sweet potato pieces out on the baking sheet, allowing for proper airflow, and ensuring they roast rather than steam.

Memory Lane – Dundee, Scotland 2022

I make my way up the well-worn sandstone stairs that lead to an enchanted garden where blooming pale primrose petals dance across the rocks, and emerald velvet grass seems to calm all who enter. The cloudless azure sky overhead is a wonderful change

from the usually dreary grey that I'm accustomed to whenever I'm here. Continuing on, I reach the Invercarse Hotel, a quaint watering hole with a timeless charm, quenching the thirst of many a weary traveller since 1878. Taking a seat on the sun-kissed terrace, I shelter beneath the shade of two giant Scots pine trees. The view from here is breathtaking. I delight in the way the light shimmers and dances across the mercury-coloured Tay as it snakes its way out to the North Sea. The air is crisp and seemingly alive with the chorus of birdsong, somehow echoing the very essence of nature's harmony. Savouring the tranquility, I close my eyes and breathe in the serenity. "Excuse me sir?" comes a voice in a thick Scottish accent, as melodious as the birds above. I look up to see a tall, exceptionally dressed young man in a 3-piece suit. As he hands me the menu, I catch a glimpse of an intricate tattoo just above his flashy wristwatch glinting in the sunlight. "The soup of the day is roasted sweet potato and lentil" he says, with a sparkle in his eyes that mirrors the flowing river below. "I've just had it for lunch and can say with utmost certainty that it's one of the chef's best yet." "Well, then" I reply, "let's put your tastebuds to the test" I add with a touch of jest in my voice. "Put me down for a soup of the day, please." "Now I'm feeling the pressure!" he says with a laugh. "Would you like a drink with that?" "A pint of Tennent's please." "Sure thing pal, I'll sort it for you now" he says as he turns and heads towards the bar. I gaze back over the river towards the kingdom of Fife and two giant herring gulls glide effortlessly through the vast sky. 'Scotland in the sun is undeniably one of the most strikingly beautiful counties on earth' I think to myself; as I lean back, a deep sense of gratitude wells up and sends a warm glow from my heart tingling across my skin.

**Serves 4 Prep time 15 mins
Cook time 20 mins**

Ingredients:

- 2 sweet potatoes, about 1kg (peeled and chopped into 4cm chunks)
- 1 medium onion, diced 1 cm
- 2 cloves of garlic, minced



- 3 cups vegetable or chicken stock
- 1x 400g can cooked brown lentils
- 1/2 cup thickened cream
- Olive oil to drizzle

Method

1. Preheat oven to 200°C. Place the sweet potatoes into a bowl and generously drizzle with olive oil, and add Creole. Toss to coat evenly.
2. Roast sweet potato in the oven for about 25-30 minutes or until the sweet potatoes are tender and slightly caramelised.
3. In a large pot, heat another drizzle of olive oil over medium heat. Add the chopped onion and minced garlic. Sizzle until the onion becomes translucent and fragrant.
4. Add the roasted sweet potatoes to the pot, followed by the vegetable or chicken stock. Bring to a boil, then reduce the heat and let it simmer for about 10 minutes, allowing the flavours to meld together.
5. Using an immersion blender or regular blender, puree the soup until smooth and creamy. If using a regular blender, work in batches and be cautious of the hot liquid.
6. Return the soup to the pot, add the lentils and stir in the cream, heat the soup over low heat until it is warmed through.
7. Taste and adjust the seasoning if needed. If the soup is too thick, you can add more stock or cream to achieve your desired consistency.
8. Serve the roasted sweet potato soup steaming hot, garnished with your choice of garnish such as chopped fresh coriander, a dollop of sour cream, or toasted pumpkin or pepita seeds and a slice of toast lathered in butter.

OPEN STUDIOS ART TRAIL GREAT SUCCESS FOR TMAC

Tamborine Mountain Arts Collective ran their first fun, engaging and successful Open Studios Arts Trail on Mothers' Day weekend. Thirteen studios across Tamborine Mountain opened their doors, with a total of twenty-three artists participating in the event, which included group exhibitions held at the ArtPost on Main Street and the Wearable Arts Group, pioneers of TMAC at Margaret Smit's North Street Studio.

The trail attracted tourists from across the region, some making a weekend of it booking accommodation and dining out at various cafés and restaurants. Studios saw a steady flow of supporting locals and visitors come through their doors, taking an interest in the diversity of work exhibited, and studio environments. Artists benefited from sales, commissions and workshop interest as well as the opportunity to showcase their work and engage in connected conversations. Featured artists included **Maki Horanai**, painter, **Radley House**, potters, **Ian Milton**, painter, **Bronwyn Davies**, painter, **Lilly and Nathan**, painters, **Bec Andersen**, textile artist, **WAGS**, textile artists, **Tamborine Glass**, **Fae Fleur**, glass blower, **Margaret Goldsmith**, painter, **Jill Faulkner**, painter, body artist, **Brigitte Doering**, multimedia artist, **Nicci Parry-Jones**, potter, **Emma Disting**, jewellery maker, **Kate French**, sculptor, **Cassi Ashton Thomas**, painter, **Susan Lhamo**, painter, **Lynette Harvey**, knitwear maker and painter, who has just run her own knitwear winter collection exhibition at the ArtPost with great success.

The Art Trail was accessible not only by signage but as a downloadable map through the website www.tamborinemountain.art, which has been curated and managed by TMAC member Renée Martin, owner of the ArtPost, which featured 6 of the participating artists.

After the success of the Open Studios Art Trail, plans are already underway for next year's event. Our Arts Collective would like to extend our gratitude to all participants, volunteers and community members for their contribution and support in raising the profile of Arts on Tamborine Mountain.

PHOTOS: top right – painter Lilly Pirri, at right – Admirers of Kate French's sculpture at The ArtPost, below left – The Wearable Arts Group (The WAGS), and below centre – Brigitte Doering, multi-media artist.



FRIENDS OF TAMBORINE NATIONAL PARK

If you've ever wondered about the white painted posts dotted near walking tracks in Tamborine National Park, look closely and you will see that each is paired with a little plant. These propagated native seedlings have been specially chosen for the location and are planted to revegetate the area.

Looking after the environment like this is a labour of love for the volunteers of the Friends of Tamborine National Park. Each month, people from a range of backgrounds converge on a different section of the National Park for a working bee. With tools, seedlings, buckets of water and old sacks, they remove weeds and make space for new vegetation. Plants that look beautiful in a backyard can become invasive species that "take over" in National Parks, and weeding is a constant effort. Our tasks are coordinated by extremely knowledgeable volunteers so there is always someone available to answer the question, "What plant (or animal/bird) is this?". Of course, a break for morning tea is a great time for learning about the country and its history, or just having a laugh.

Our current project on Tamborine Mountain involves weeding and planting near the entry to the Witches Falls section (off Main Western Road). Many visitors and locals enjoy this, the oldest National Park in Queensland and we have been encouraged by their comments as they walk by. We are removing Cape ivy, Chinese star jasmine, Madeira vine and Polka dot plant and planting out natives such as Narrow leafed cordyline, Mat rush, Dianella and Native ginger. Within a few years, this section will provide visitors to Witches Falls with a wonderful entry to the Park.

Members of the community are always welcome to volunteer. If you visit national parks or just appreciate being in nature, this is a great way to "give back". A few hours working side by side with others who have an interest in the environment is very rewarding.

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If you are caring for someone with dementia, it is important to take regular breaks to keep up to relax/recharge.

How to take a break

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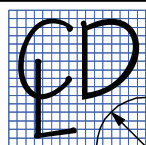
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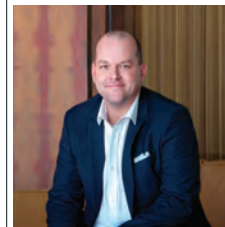


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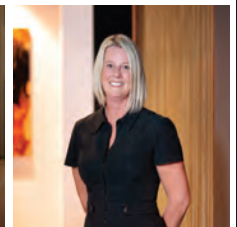
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are, get behind them and assist with their applications. Then, if there is a high number of unsuccessful applications, you will have hard evidence to support your stance.

One last point: if there are so many desperate organisations out there, why wasn't something done when your own party was in power for 9 years? You had 9 years to get your own backyard in order. Labor has been in power for just 13 months.

I think a lot of voters are tired of the constant bagging of the opposition... I certainly am.

Frederick Beel

PICK IT UP

Can people please pick up their dog poo? It is not 'organic' and harmless as some assume. It's a smelly, sticky mess to remove from the soles of shoes, especially those with deep-tread ridges. That is, if it has not been trodden in the car and elsewhere, which means a huge clean-up. No wonder dogs are being banned from a lot of areas recently. There are polite signs at the Sportsground on Long Road, but I've seen dog poo right in front of the signs – that seems deliberate. Myself and a few others pick up these 'leftovers'.

We are over it, do the right thing: pick it up, there is no shortage of bins! and remind others to do the same if you see it.

We know there is human rubbish left or tossed everywhere: if only some people were banned from pristine areas and off the roads. As for the un-desexed dogs and breeders: perhaps you need to volunteer at the RSPCA or AWL for a few months to witness the high number of dogs and litters that are surrendered, not wanted, neglected, or abused and the many that are euthanised.

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