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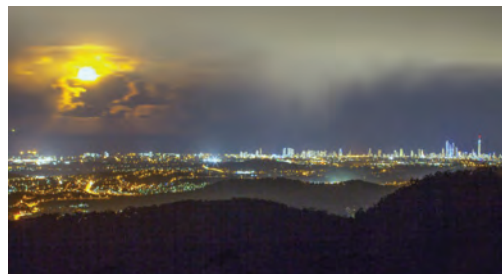
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COMMUNITY TURNS A PAGE WITH OPENING OF NEW LIBRARY

The opening of Tamborine Mountain's refurbished library has marked the beginning of its new chapter as a dynamic community hub with a range of facilities catering for all ages and interests.

The project, that has seen an almost trebling in size of the former library space, has been funded with more than \$2.14 million from the Australian and Queensland governments through the Local Economic Recovery (LER) Program to support areas impacted by the 2019 Queensland bushfires.

Scenic Rim Mayor Greg Christensen said the library's move into its new location on the site of the former IGA supermarket within the shopping centre on Main Street was symbolic of the region's journey since 2016 and the Black Summer bushfires.

"We have come a long way since 2016 when the need for a new library was first identified, and this new, modern space will be a focal point for the Tamborine Mountain community for decades to come," he said.

"Council's vision for the library was for a vibrant hub that not only held a wider range of books and electronic resources but also offered more meeting rooms, quiet study spaces, areas for children and young people, improved technology hubs with free internet and a place for the community to gather.

"Today's libraries are much more than collections of books and resources - as social and educational centres they contribute to individual and community wellbeing and have become hubs around which community life revolves."

Queensland Reconstruction Authority CEO Major General Jake Ellwood (Retd) said the revitalised and expanded library is a real showcase of what the LER Program is all about.

"Through the Local Economic Recovery Program, we've invested in projects that support social and economic recovery, and strengthen community resilience," Major General Ellwood said.

"Tamborine Mountain's refurbished library is a significant achievement in the community's recovery from the devastating 2019 bushfires.

"Libraries have a truly special place in communities as places of learning, connection and discovery.

"This refurbishment project is a wonderful outcome for the local community, delivering a facility that will continue bringing people together for many years to come."

Community consultation completed in 2021 helped to shape planning for the new library following Council's purchase of the former shopping centre site, with key features of the new space identified through a 'have your say' process.

Architects also worked with Council's library and customer service staff to ensure the design met the needs of those working in the space.

The new library includes:

- an expanded collection of books and resources
- dedicated areas for children and young people
- meeting rooms and study areas
- an expanded customer service area
- a dedicated space for the Friends of the Library group
- a new makers' space
- new furnishings including seating for casual gatherings, and
- a wheelchair accessible toilet and baby change room.

In addition, Council has funded construction of an outdoor area, providing a gathering space for the community that will accommodate school holiday and group activities.

Council's Community, Arts and Culture Portfolio Councillor Michael Enright described the library's expansion as a landmark project that reflected the growth of the local community and its need for a larger and more modern space.

"Council is extremely grateful for the funding assistance that has enabled us to deliver this fabulous facility for our community," he said.

"We also thank locals and the business community for their patience during construction and we are pleased by the overwhelmingly positive feedback we have received from library users following its opening."

Assistance for this project has been provided through the jointly-funded Commonwealth-State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements.

Photos: the family reading space (below), the bay window seat area near the young adult section (middle photo) is sure to be popular, and the covered outdoor area outside the front entrance (bottom photo)



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Leila dances three days a week with Queensland National Ballet, where she is studying a Certificate IV in Dance, and she schools via Cairns Distance Education. Louis said he and his family wanted to assist Leila in pursuing her dream to become a professional dancer.

Thank you, Bartle Real Estate!

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EW 1. 53.67% LAURENE HASSARD - KATE HEAD
EW 2. 53.17% SHERI FOREMAN - KEITH FOREMAN
EW 3. 51.83% SUE STEVENS - KAREN SCOTT

THURSDAY (27-JUL-23)

1. 66.20% KEVIN HAMILTON-REEN - MARY SIMON
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Ecnomodes sagittaria, garage, Central Avenue.



I pride myself on having a good visual memory, which is increasingly tested as I add to my Moths album. I was convinced that this eye-catching moth I photographed at the end of May was a new species. When I received the identification from Peter Hendry, I selected the website's species search function, only to find that I had filmed the moth at the same location in 2014. There is scant online information about the species. It is found in the coastal regions of southeastern Queensland, New South Wales and eastern Victoria, with an isolated record on the southeastern coast of South Australia. Wingspan is 5 cm.

Peter Kuttner

ALARMING LACK OF CONCERN AT LOCAL BUILDING SITE WORKS

SITE AT 1-11 EAGLES RETREAT PL, TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN

I am wondering if there is a fit-for-purpose traffic management plan for this site.

None appears to exist.

There is very little attention to the control or elimination of traffic risks in the neighbourhood of this site on an ongoing basis.

The building site is obviously a commercial-size development, with massive activity at times.

The sheer size and volume of construction traffic at times is huge. The number of tradie vehicles parked in the street is growing. There are no footpaths, no off-street parking evident for any employees, tradies or suppliers.

Vehicle traffic control is not employed on a permanent basis.

There is deep excavation and the front gates are not monitored nor locked at all during the site operation hours – anyone, that's anyone – can walk into this deep excavation site.

Someone is going to be seriously injured, be it site personnel, delivery driver, construction vehicle driver, neighbours and mountain visitors.

Some points in summary:

- There is no off-street parking, the street is narrow and congested
- There is zero provision for pedestrian foot traffic, visitors, neighbours, site personnel
- Delivery vehicles of building materials, plant and equipment are unloaded in the surrounding streets
- Heavy equipment is unloaded and driven on the street
- Heavy excavators, heavy mobile cranes, concrete pump cranes and agitators weekly and daily arrive and go away, using this narrow congested hazard
- Low loaders with heavy equipment have been reversed from Cliff Way into Witherby Crescent, machines and materials then travel down to site
- Semi-trailers have been parked and unloaded in Witherby Crescent and items or goods driven down to the site

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Councillor's Comment

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JEFF McCONNELL
DIVISION 2

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Riemoor Estate Playground and Walking Track

The establishment of the playground and walking track infrastructure is now in the hands of the Riemoor Developer with the plans and approval being signed off by Council earlier this year. This has been something I have been working on since being elected and is a long time coming and I look forward to seeing this started in the very near future.

Councillor Portfolios

At last month's Council ordinary meeting items were passed that will see a Councillor Portfolio System and a new meeting structure introduced. In my opinion, the importance of these items cannot be understated.

State Government legislation for Councillors, in particular around working with staff can be interpreted in a few different ways making it hard to navigate, as it was, Councillors were reduced to reading internally generated reports and asking questions at fortnightly workshops in an attempt to build an understanding of issues. This method was clunky and slow, often waiting for months for a report only to send it back to make adjustments, wasting both Councillor and staff time and effort. We have been told on many occasions that our only input should be into the Corporate Plan, which is at an extremely high strategic level, with many layers of strategies under that being left solely to Council staff. Whilst we do need to respect the legislation and respect the power imbalance that exists between Councillors and Council Staff it is my belief: we can effectively navigate this issue by sticking to the policy we have set out. After speaking with my fellow Councillors, other Councillors across the state and my own experience in these early days it was clear these changes needed to be made.

After that initial period of review, we started working on making the necessary changes that we felt needed to be made. Division 5 Councillor Marshall Chalk, some of my fellow Councillors and I had similar ideas and experiences and supported this direction. Together we have worked hard on how best to set up this new structure. The new meeting cycle of one Ordinary meeting per month will still give enough time to deal with items brought forward but more importantly time to conduct Portfolio based meetings with Executive staff which in my opinion will be more beneficial. The arrival of our new CEO Mr David Keenan has been the catalyst for the successful transition into this new structure and together with the council staff should be congratulated on the work they have done to bring this into reality.

I am excited to see the portfolio system implemented and the beginning of building a stronger relationship with Executive Council staff and my knowledge based around issues, having more "skin in the game" will give that ownership to Councillors and lead to better decision making. Ultimately this will mean better outcomes for the Scenic Rim community which is always the main objective. It wasn't an easy path to walk to get this done with many obstacles put in the way so to see it come to fruition in this my first term has been rewarding.

I thank my fellow Councillors for supporting this new direction.

Councillor	Portfolio
Mayor Christensen	Economic Development and Prosperity
Deputy Mayor McConnell	Tourism and Regional Events
Councillor Chalk	Sport and Recreation
Councillor Hay	Parks, Gardens and Open Spaces
Councillor West	Active Transport - Roads, Bridges and Paths
Councillor Enright	Community, Arts and Culture
Councillor McInnes	Biodiversity and Agribusiness

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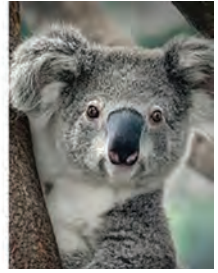
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To apply for Round 118 visit: www.justice.qld.gov.au/grants or for more information and a letter of support, contact my office via email scenicrim@parliament.qld.gov.au or phone (07) 5515 1100.

Round 118 is now open and will close at midnight on 31 August 2023.

CHAOS IN HEALTH, CRISIS IN CHILD SAFETY

More than 1300 life-changing surgeries were cancelled in 2022 due to chronic hospital bed shortages. This is twice the number cancelled in 2020. We're talking about getting grommets in ears, a stent in an artery or the removal of cataracts to prevent blindness. Under this Labor Government, nearly a quarter of patients don't receive elective surgeries on time – and this has doubled since Labor came to office in 2015.

On the child safety front, there are now 1759 children in the care of the state in residential care homes – as 1464 foster carers left the system. 283 of these children are under 10, an increase of 9% in just three months. At the same time, only just over a third of at-risk child safety investigations are completed within 100 days – a decrease from 38.4%. There is no acceptable excuse for children suffering significant harm, children under the age of 10 being shunted into residential care and child safety investigation requests languishing on a desk. This is a confronting reminder of how the Palaszczuk Labor Government have failed Queensland children and failed to treat carers with respect.

Unfortunately, the health and child safety system continue to decline under a government that always denies there is a problem, let alone fix things. Queensland deserves better.

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Letters to the Editor

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NOT ALL ASPECTS ARE PROGRESS

In his Letter to the Editor published in the *Scenic News* of 20 July, Richard Lysnar strongly criticised the now-infamous Alpine Terrace handrail. There is no doubt I share this reaction with many others. However, when he then calls for more curbing and channelling plus streetlights, we are very definitely on different tracks. These are not simple matters.

To avoid confusion in my comments, I will use 'kerbing' rather than 'curbing'. The former is the preferred spelling in Australia.

Firstly, some downsides of 'kerbing and channelling':

- a) We need every drop of water we can add to the aquifers. To collect it in channels and conduct it elsewhere can only be counterproductive.
- b) Where would the water be disposed of? Surely not just by being dumped over the edge onto someone's property. Dams don't work. The ground is too permeable.
- c) We depend almost entirely on natural drainage. On our far from flat plateau, a comprehensive built system would be impossibly expensive.
- d) The plateau and upper escarpment depend for their attractiveness to residents and tourists on the carefully managed semi-rural ambience. This would be degraded by endless kerbing and channelling urbanisation.
- e) The essential tree cover could be put at risk by reduced replenishment of the upper aquifers.
- f) There are locations on the plateau suffering from inadequate drainage and these should not be ignored. Such risks should be identified before subdivisions are lightly approved. I wonder about the Gallery Walk car park.

As for the upsides for more kerbing and channelling other than correction of previous poor planning:

- a) ?

Now for the downsides of more streetlighting:

- a) Again, we are faced with a plateau which is far from flat. Someone's streetlight can be obtrusively shining through someone else's window.
- b) The behaviour of insects, birds, mammals and (I suspect) reptiles can be seriously affected by changes in lighting in the environments. As a locality which is valued for sustaining its environment, we have a responsibility not to impose such impacts.
- c) a report from an American city found additional crime when streets previously dark were lit. Potential sinners were less obvious walking down a lit street than moving around in the dark.

As for the upsides:

Do pedestrians or traffic really have a need for more street lighting sufficient to compensate for the potential damage to our environment?

Finally, Richard Lysnar justifies his proposals as a need for progress. The topography places restraints on further development of our already highly developed locality. There have to be restraints if unacceptable impacts are to be avoided. Surely, identifying and responding to these restraints is the necessary form of progress.

Phil Giffard

NATIONAL TREE DAY CELEBRATED WITH SCHOOLS' FOCUSED PLANTING



Local state schools have teamed up to become environmental warriors recently with Tamborine Mountain High School, Tamborine Mountain Primary School and St Bernard State school joining forces. Each school has their own version of an environmental club operating and thought it would be a great idea to

connect to share ideas, help each other with projects and pool resources where we can.

Our first get together was at Landcare headquarters where Landcare president, Judith Roland, talked to the students about biodiversity – the students also participated in planting some vines to attract birdwing butterflies. On Friday the 28th of July, we celebrated National Tree Day at the high school by planting out 80 plants kindly donated by Landcare in two large gardens followed by a BBQ lunch. The combined group will be helping each other out with projects at all three schools in the future as well as pursuing their own environmental adventures individually.

Mandy Johnstone
Deputy Principal
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Councillor's Comment



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Congratulations: Council's new CEO, David Keenan, has been appointed to the position following completion of his probationary period. He brings new eyes and ideas which will hopefully move our Council forward in a positive manner – particularly important now that the State Government Advisor's term ended on 09 June 2023.

Development Applications (DAs): Tuscany on Tamborine 87 Main Western Rd. Appeal lodged in the Planning & Environment Court re- Council's recent development refusal. Freemont Dr – application for setback. 1-5 Eagles Close – building envelope amendment (approved) – *“the changes will improve the useability of the site and have been undertaken to ensure consistency with what is currently occurring on-site”*.

Have your say: Council's Draft Scenic Rim Region Biosecurity Plan 2023-2028 – Council is seeking community input via Let's Talk Scenic Rim from 28 July – 25 August 2023 (letstalk.scenicrim.qld.gov.au). This Plan provides guidance on how to reduce biosecurity risks associated with invasive plants and animals and their impacts on the community, economy and the environment.

Grants information: Council's 2023-2024 Environmental Grants Program is now open for applications. Find out the details on how to apply here:



www.scenicrim.qld.gov.au/gra.../environment-grants/

Council Ordinary Meeting - 18 July 2023: OIA complaint against Cr McConnell. Unfortunately, Cr McConnell was found to have engaged in inappropriate conduct following a tied vote 3:3 with the Mayor having the casting vote. Who knew that a comment made at a staff Christmas party could result in a complaint, appointment of an external investigator (at ratepayer expense) and take seven months to be resolved? Crs McInness, Chalk and myself voted against the motion. Cr McConnell must now make a public apology at the next Council meeting.

Topics of concern raised recently: neighbour installing multiple floodlights to bully another neighbour, trespass (police matter), boundary disputes (QCAT matter), clearing of trees and incineration of the waste on site (Young St), graffiti, real estate agent issues, incursion onto parkland (Kaiser Rd), delays in obtaining approval (new restaurant) and “that handrail” on Alpine Terrace.

If you intend to construct a fence or erect a shed/extension, you must know where your boundary line is to determine placement, and for sheds/extensions, boundary setbacks. Many neighbourhood disputes come about as a result of construction without boundary pegs being in place. Whilst a surveyor may be an unanticipated cost, their services can save a lot of grief, animosity and legal costs. Potential purchasers should ask if survey pegs are in place – it is good to know what you are actually buying. Also be aware that pegs have been known to “migrate” mysteriously. When we purchased our property in 2009, there were no pegs on the front boundary, nor fences, but joint gardens which had expanded on both sides, and our block seemed considerably narrower than all others in the street. A quick survey identified that we had “lost ground” on both sides.

Be aware that outstanding compliance issues become the responsibility of the new owners, so due diligence is essential. Purchasers should pay for the more expensive searches which will reveal such issues (such as a concrete spoon drain constructed across a boundary).

The well-known “go-to guy” who will remove trees no questions asked needs to re-think his approach.

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TRAVELLING PLACES with Angie Kemp

A mountain local for just over a year, Angie Kemp is a delight to have join our community. Angie has a wealth of knowledge of the travel industry and now represents Back-Roads Touring Company, a wonderful organisation that has developed small group itineraries exploring Europe. Angie also promotes sister company Top Deck touring company which specialises in youth tours – I actually took one of these when I was in my early twenties travelling overland from Kathmandu to London. What an experience! Angie has just returned from Europe so I have asked her to write a few words.

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Highlights were plentiful – typified by Villa Pitiana in spectacular rural Tuscany, where we had plenty of time to stroll the magnificent grounds or take a 15-minute meander to the small, quaint village of Donnini. On the second afternoon, we were treated to a cooking class where we made, and dined on, amazing focaccias, biscotti and fresh tagliatelle with a delicious home-made sauce.

Another example of the experiences to wow us all was the overnight visit to Lake Maggiore, where we had the luxury of a full day to take a sedate cruise out to the Borromean islands – such a truly beautiful area, we had ample time to enjoy the historical palaces, stunning gardens and enjoyed a spot of shopping. Finished off with another delicious lunch, this time on fresh local seafood.

Our tour leader Anna-Lisa was born in southern Italy and with a



decade of experience in the industry, typified the local knowledge and passion that makes our tours so memorable.

Back-Roads tours include not just group dinners but options to choose our own adventure. And when it comes to resting up, our hotels are charming boutique options overflowing with character - we don't do chain hotels. Music to the ears of those such as my good friend, an international flight attendant for too many years only knew where he was staying by looking at the hotel name on the complimentary stationery.

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HAVING A ROARING GOOD TIME

Tamborine Mountain Men's Shed President Bernie Day gave a stimulating talk to the Lions Club recently about the Shed. Lions members heard about the Shed's physical expansion (with more to follow) and its year-on-year growth of members. And above all, the social and mental health benefits it provides for its members.

The Men's Shed is very community-minded. The Lions Club is grateful for various items made or in the process of being made by Shed members. Lions' Mountain Mates group has had a ball in two percussion workshop series, making instruments in the Shed and playing them with the Shed's famed ukelele group, The Offcuts, led by Rob Reed.

The dinner, at the cosy and hospitable Tamborine Mountain Diner, was also notable in that six potential new Lions members attended and shared in the fellowship and socialising. This was the result of dedicated efforts by Membership Officer Barbara Hams – who herself has been in the Club less than two years. Barbara's a great advocate for the Club!

Lions are again outside IGA for a couple of days later this month to offer information about membership benefits. So many ways of getting involved in the community, and meeting new people.

If you would like to meet up for a coffee any time, to see



if the Club is a good fit for you, please give Membership Officer Barbara Hams a call. She'd love to hear from you.

LEARN ABOUT LIONS

Where: Outside IGA

When: Thurs 10 and Fri 11 August, 10 – 2

Membership Officer: Barbara Hams 0411 758 514

Photo: Lions Membership Officer Barbara Hams, Men's Shed President Bernie Day, and Lions Vice-President Maree Hofmeier.

TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN 2023 CAR SHOW WILL BE A BIG EVENT THIS YEAR

Final planning is underway for this year's Rotary/Men's Shed Tamborine Mountain Car Show for the 20th of August.

With just over two weeks to go before Tamborine Mountain comes alive with all sorts of cars on the mountain for this year's Car and Bike Show, organisers have kept some additional spots available for locals to display their Show vehicles. Please jump online and register your show vehicle now, while there are still places available.

This year's car show is shaping up to be one of the most popular automobile attractions in South-East Queensland as well as family enjoyment from buskers, associated market stalls and food vans.

The event will have several distinct categories on display: Antique, Vintage, Classic, Custom and Muscle Cars, Electric Cars as well as Bikes.

Rotary/Men's Shed Car Show committee, with the help of local sponsors, have enabled a decent prize pool for this year's Show vehicles as well as trophies in several categories. Awards will be given for the following categories: People's choice and runner up, Antique/Vintage/Classic, Custom/Muscle/Hot rod, Bike, and Electric. The general public People's Choice voting will also attract a number of prizes – so use your entry ticket to vote for your favourite show vehicle or bike to go into the draw to win the prizes.

The grounds at the Sports Centre have an asphalt hardstand for most of the Show vehicles and will open at 6.45am for show cars and bikes.

There will also be market stall holders present, as well as food and coffee vans that will be set up prior to the public's access from 8am. The car show is expected to wrap up just after the award presentations at 12.30am.

To register display cars and bikes, simply complete a registration form online by using the QR code in the accompanying advertisement.

Display car and bike entrance fee is only \$5 per vehicle which also includes the driver or rider.

Public entry is \$10 per adult, with children 16 years and younger free. Pay cash or EFTPOS on entry on the day. Free Public car parking will be available on the grounds.

Rotary as a charity will direct funds raised from this event directly back into the community, supporting schools and youth development, sports clubs, and other community groups as we have done in previous years. Men's Shed are working with Rotary to deliver this great community event.


The event is being supported by major sponsor Eagle Heights Hotel as well as sponsors Tamborine Mountain Auto Clinic, Scenic Rim Council and Skywalk.

For additional information, contact Dave Power on **0419 743 275** or email carshow.tamborinemtn88@gmail.com



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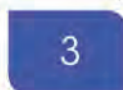


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HEART WISDOM

I often get wonderful feedback from my students on how yoga has changed their lives. And the most obvious change for all of them is this sense of calm and peace and kindness they feel towards themselves and others after

class. In a world focused on the mind and the brain, the intelligence of the heart can be overlooked. And yet research shows that while growing in the womb our human heart always develops at least 1-3 days before the brain and nervous system. On day 18, following fertilisation, the heart begins to form. On day 22 the heart begins to pump. The foetal heart is functionally complete at the 7th week and the nervous system is complete by the 18th week. The heart makes an appearance before the brain.

There are more signals sent from the heart to the brain than there are from the brain to the heart. Essentially, the brain is ready and waiting for information; it is in a perpetual and natural state of reception and much of the information the brain needs comes from the heart. Neuroscientists have found that positive emotions cultivated through the practice of joy, gratitude and loving-kindness can effect a whole body shift towards harmony so that all systems of the body can attain optimal states of homeostasis or balance. These emotions come from the heart not the brain. And if homeostasis in the body fails, it can lead to disease or death.

The heart has its own intrinsic nervous system (over 40,000 neurons) and the heart can receive information from the external and internal environment before the brain. In a heart coherent state there is a strong connection with our inner voice and an increased intuitive awareness. How many times did your inner wisdom send out a warning bell that something was amiss? And how many times do we kick ourselves for not listening to that inner wisdom? People grounded in their own heart wisdom are very difficult to brainwash and indoctrinate. If their heart wisdom tells them otherwise, this group do not often go along with popular choice.

And when life gets terrible, our heart is under attack. The mechanics of a heart attack is a sudden rupture of an unstable plaque within a coronary artery. During extreme stress, the "fight-or-flight" response jumps into full gear, releasing adrenaline, which raises heart rate and blood pressure, and signals a chemical, neuropeptide Y, which can cause spasms and reduces blood flow in the coronary arteries.

Medical opinion advocates the following strategies to improve heart health, all of which make up a good yoga class! Meditation for the serotonin generated, Yoga for the GABA induced mood stabilization, Laughter (we laugh a lot) for the endorphins, Music for the dopamine regulated auditory effects and Hugging for the oxytocin. Yoga: a perfect formula for a healthy heart.

Margot Wagner
Yoga Under the Bodhi Tree

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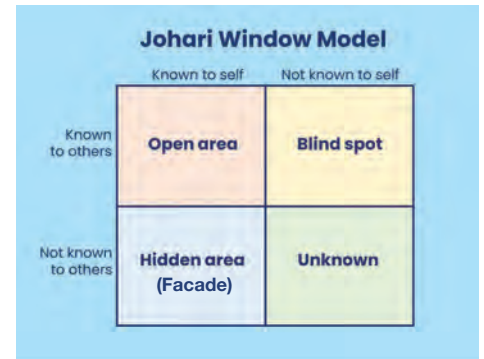
Relationships



THE JOHARI WINDOW

The Johari Window is a framework for understanding our relationship with self and relationships with others. It is the creation of two psychologists, Joseph Luft and Harrington Ingham, who named the model by combining their first names. Each person is represented as a window with four panes containing our attitudes, behaviour, experiences, feelings, beliefs, qualities and motivations. This useful tool can help in improving our self-awareness and our interpersonal skills.

The Open Area is the pane that contains information that is known by ourselves and known by others. It is the information that we are conscious of, and we make known to people. In different environments this pane increases and decreases. With new acquaintances the open area starts out very small. In a family setting this will generally be the largest pane as we tend to reveal more of ourselves (whether intentionally or not) with those we spend the most time with.



Facade is information that is known to ourselves but is kept hidden from others. In the past three years we've all experienced what it feels like to wear a mask in public. For many of us it was uncomfortable, difficult to breathe and felt isolating. A facade requires you to wear a mask that is not authentic to how you actually feel or think.

Social media has made it all too easy to adopt a facade. Our online personas are not reality. They are merely caricatures of who we want others to think we are. We tend to elevate the notion of authenticity, yet when it comes to our virtual identities, we are rarely authentic with who we are. Maintaining a facade in the context of relationships requires significant effort. It might be easy to do for a couple of hours with an acquaintance but maintaining it with someone you spend a lot of your time with is exhausting. Sooner or later the facade cracks or the relationship becomes too draining and we end it.

Blind spots are traits about yourself that you don't notice but others do. These could be favourable qualities or, alternatively, behaviour that negatively impacts yourself or others. Our unconscious mind makes the majority of our decisions. It also creates blind spots, unconscious biases that can narrow our vision and potentially influence our behaviours. Blind spots develop when we believe that our perspective and interpretations are accurate. We detect bias in others but fail to notice our own bias.

The Unknown pane can literally become a pain! This highly influential area is one that we fail to access. Like a forgotten shed, it stores a mix of treasures and junk. Gathered from a lifetime of experiences, this area harbours undesirables such as abandonment, fear, insecurity, shame. It also has treasures such as unrealised talents, hopes we dare not dream, unnoticed opportunities, unmet longings.

The ideal Johari window is one where the Unknown is the smallest pane and the Open Area is the largest. Next issue, we'll look at ways to achieve this.

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- Why did the scarecrow win an award? Because he was outstanding in his field!
- I don't trust stairs. They're always up to something!
- What did the buffalo say to his son when he left for college? Bison!
- Why don't some couples go to the gym? Because some relationships don't work out!
- Why don't eggs tell jokes? Because they might crack up!

Sorry for indulging in a little bit of Dad-Joke practice! Jess and I are nearing the journey of pregnancy and by the time you are reading this we will have two babies at home, where I am assured everything will be calm and we'll all be well rested. The experience has been pretty amazing for both of us, and the adventure of parenthood is one we cannot wait to embark on.

Jess and I have found being on the receiving end of health care to be a tremendously valuable experience and one we have learnt a lot from.

While our system in Australia is far from perfect, it's worth noting we are incredibly lucky to have the incredible healthcare system we have.

Through all of our appointments with various doctors,

midwives and nurses, the biggest predictor of how we felt about the time with the healthcare professional has been how much they have allowed us to

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As a splash of flower essences were released to stain art paper and the floor, TMCCA Community Hall grew fragrant with the infused, heady perfumes of native mint, tea tree, lavender that lifted spirits and relaxed senses.

The colour of the morning blended in the most interesting manner as aromas wafted through our small yet feisty Friday Friendship Group table talk!

Expressions of glee and surprise were freely mingling with the perfume of different accents and their laughter...

Here's some colour for you and yours from our well-preserved Community of charming ladies and lads! Let's preserve this charming, unique community and keep alive and fragrant with so many activities and social interactions.

THANK YOU, POLLY, for the idea, the mallets and other material and a big shout out to all the flower-stained helping hands of Rita Keeble, Ozy Pereira, Ann Bradley, Elsie Watts and of course our bubbly Beth Barber! You are all dearly cherished by The Friday Friendship Group, Staff and TM Community.

And yes, the artwork was later converted into unique bookmarks for each client to take home as their very own hand-made memento.

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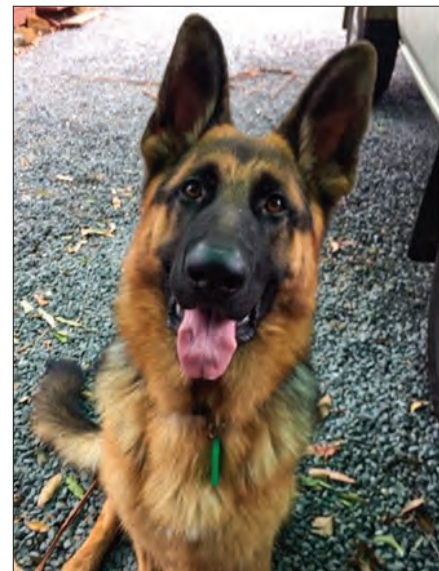
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THE GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG

This breed was developed by Cavalry Captain Max-Von Stephanitz. A few years later, the German Shepherd dog was officially established as a breed in 1899. They

were bred by crossing various types of herding dogs; apart from herding, this dog breed has a strong guarding instinct: they are protective, watchful and courageous. Becoming well known worldwide after the First and Second World Wars as excellent utility dogs. German Shepherds are still



sometimes referred to as Alsatians, after the area of Alsace, on the French/German border where the British forces were locked in a fierce battle with the Germans, and the word 'German' was thought to be offensive for these military dogs.

German Shepherds are large, athletic and have been very popular as pets all over the world for generations. There are two basic kinds of German Shepherds: the working lines and show/pet lines, both of which have certain standards and requirements. They can make great family pets, being intelligent and highly trainable. The first guide dog for the blind was a German Shepherd. The working lines are still used by police, military, security, and dog sport. Working lines are usually more highly motivated than show lines, with tons of energy and with a slight to moderate difference in temperament, appearance and markings, and they are able to respond well to different types of situations.

Cons of owning a German Shepherd: they need a lot of exercise – unless you are prepared for spending around 2 hours a day on exercise, play and training this breed may not be the best choice. They tend to be aloof with strangers, and need socialising when young with other dogs and people. Many blood lines have health problems, the biggest being hip dysplasia; they are susceptible to bloat and epilepsy. Because they have a double fur coat, they shed heavily year-round. De-shedding combs and brushing work great for reducing the amount of loose fur.

Pros of owning a German Shepherd: their loyalty, versatility and trainability is outstanding and they can be good and playful with the family's children. They are also naturally protective. It is worth paying more for a health-tested German Shepherd puppy from breeders.

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This soup will blow your mind with how much flavour can be delivered in such a simple way.

This is my last instalment of my Winter warmer soups and I've left the easiest to make for last. Don't let the simplicity of putting it together fool you into thinking this is a flavourless creation. Make this once and you will quickly realise this soup is a banger.

Simple and quick to prepare, yet delivers serious amounts of flavour, that makes a winner, winner, chicken dinner. This soup is perfect for meal prep, as it will last up to 7 days in the fridge, and also freezes extremely well for those times you lack the enthusiasm to cook, and want a quick meal from the freezer.

Did you know? Penang is renowned for its food culture due to its historic location as a spice trading port, and its intriguing blend of Indian, Thai and Chinese cultures, resulting in a melting pot of flavours. Long ago legend has it in the bustling streets of George Town, there lived a humble street food vendor known as Auntie Mei who was renowned for her culinary prowess. One day, she discovered a mysterious bag of spices left on her cart by a wandering spice trader. Intrigued, she got to work experimenting. Auntie Mei combined these exotic spices with local ingredients like lemongrass, galangal, and coconut milk. The result was a mouthwatering curry that enthralled the taste buds of all who savoured it. Auntie Mei's Penang curry soon became a legend, attracting visitors from far and wide. The secret recipe was passed down through generations, forever etching its place in Malaysian cuisine, a testament to the magic of diversity in the quest for deliciousness.

Chef Dylan's tips. 1. Be sure to cook the paste slowly on a low heat otherwise it will catch and burn. 2. Don't skip the simmering step: this is what gives the soup a complex and rich flavour. 3. Don't let the soup boil rapidly, as this will evaporate the liquid and reduce the volume. 4. Be sure to season the soup well: it should be a little salty and a little sour to make it authentic. The sour comes from the lemon or lime squeezed in at the end.

Memory Lane, Penang, Malaysia 2023

Leaving the opulence of the Eastern and Oriental Hotel, my wife and I bid farewell to the affable guard, and I gaze in admiration

at the majestic early 19th-century building across the road whose grand showroom once brimmed with the world's latest automobiles. "Oi Dyllie!" I turn and see it's Glenny, my long-time mentor and dear friend, wearing his black 'Wilhelm Scream' t-shirt, paired with stylish dress shorts and donning a fedora styled hat to shield his head from the sun's bright rays. "Don't forget your sunscreen, my dear," he kindly advises, revelling in the beauty of the warm winter's day. Glenny's infectious enthusiasm for life and adventure brightens every moment we spend together. Wrapping my arm around his strong shoulders, I inquire about our destination - the famous Green Mansion. Consulting his phone with excitement, he proclaims, "Google says it's just a 20-minute walk," to which I confidently reply with a wink "Piece of cake!".

Embarking on our adventure, we pass schoolchildren sporting hijabs, passionately engaged in a game of soccer. Soon we find ourselves in an older part of town, where crimson lanterns sway in a graceful zigzag pattern in celebration of the upcoming Chinese New Year and infusing the street with a vibrant buzz. "We're almost there!" Glenny exclaims, and as we round the corner, it appears before us: a splendid two-storey lime-green mansion, radiantly shining like a precious jade jewel, basking in the morning sun. We step through the ornate wrought iron gates, and in an instant, we are transported back in time, immersing ourselves in the golden era of the Nyonya culture. Purchasing our tickets, we promptly join a small group of fellow explorers in the grand courtyard.

As the clock strikes 11 am, we are introduced to our guide, Stanley, a sprightly 75-year-old man with a charming Chinese accent. Garbed in a loose-fitting, traditional yellow top and sporting a mohawk-style haircut, Stanley mesmerises us with his quick wit and youthful spirit as he leads us through each room, imparting his vast knowledge of the Nyonya culture and history. An hour passes in a captivating whirlwind, and as the tour comes to a close, I approach Stanley with gratitude extending my hand in appreciation. His beaming smile warms my heart as he graciously replies, "My pleasure" accompanied by a slight bow.

Stepping back onto the bustling street, I turn to Glenny and eagerly inquire, "What shall we do now?" A mischievous glint sparkles in his eyes, as he rubs his hands together with playful glee, exclaiming, "Why, of course, my dear boy, we find a laksa stall. Obviously!".



Serves 4 Prep 15 mins Cook 30 mins

Ingredients

- 1x Roasted chicken, shredded
- 4x tbs laksa paste
- 1/2 red capsicum, diced
- 3x Garlic cloves, crushed
- 2 ltr Chicken stock
- 2x Tbs Fish sauce
- 1x 400g Tinned coconut cream
- 1/4 Cup basmati rice, washed
- 1/4 Bunch coriander, chopped
- 1x Red chilli, sliced
- 1/2 Lemon or lime cut into wedges

Method

1. Heat a large saucepan on medium-low heat and add some oil then add garlic. Sizzle until fragrant for 1 min or so then add laksa paste. Cook on low for ~5 mins stirring every now and then.
2. Add chicken stock and bring to a boil on medium heat.
3. Turn down to low and simmer for 10 mins.
4. Add coconut cream and rice and simmer for 10-12 mins to gently cook the rice.
5. Add the shredded chicken and bring back to simmer. Season with fish sauce and taste.
6. On a small plate arrange the sliced chilli, lemon wedges and coriander.
7. Pre-heat 4 large bowls in the microwave for 3 mins to heat up.
8. Ladle soup into bowls place on the table and let people add their own garnish and squeeze of lemon. Enjoy!

Visit www.gourmetfoodco.com.au for more of Chef Dylan's gourmet recipes

SKIN CARE FOR KIDS

Hello, *Scenic News* readers! I came to realise recently that many of my columns have been to support the adults. And whilst I'm sure that's helpful, I thought it might be time to help the parents with bed and bath time for their little humans (kids).

Funnily enough this idea came to mind after I recently provided a skin care workshop to a local Primary School. The group was grade 6 girls, and I was pleasantly surprised by their knowledge around skin and caring for theirs.

You might be asking the question, why does it matter what I bath my child in if they don't have a reaction? And that's a great question. Reactions to skin can be instant or it can take months. The instant reaction is simpler because it's a case of – yikes, we won't do that or use that again. However, if the reaction takes months, it's a case of elimination. And that's quite tricky and takes time. Is it the products, food, medication, fabrics and materials causing it? For one example, a customer came to see me with her almost 4-year-old son. He had a



layered issue on his face. By layered I mean it wasn't just one thing. It was inflamed, red, flaky, blood vessels popping and generally very unhappy. And it was isolated to one area. I learnt about a particular incident with this area on his face that caused a barrier breach – something that happened to a particular area of his face and nowhere else. And the products his parents were using seemed

safe were proving to be unhelpful and potentially causing the issue to erupt.

Here are just 4 ingredients I found in in these skincare products – both a lotion and a wash to be aware of:

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- **Petrolatum** – Petrol derivative and can be contaminated with Carcinogens.
- **Sodium lauroyl sarcosinate** – Potential to become a Carcinogen.
- **Disodium Cocoamphodiacetate** - Can cause headaches, drowsiness and nausea.

I like to keep my skin support for my kids very simple. Simple is effective, simple is safe. Wash with basic ingredients and condition their skin in the exact same way.

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It's also incredibly important to always test a patch of skin first: I have met children this week with allergies to lavender and eucalyptus. Despite something being natural or organic, it might still not be the solution for you. And if your child does have known allergies, ask the person behind the product what's in it.

I hope this helps a parent or two.

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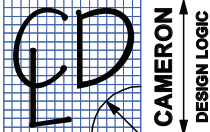
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