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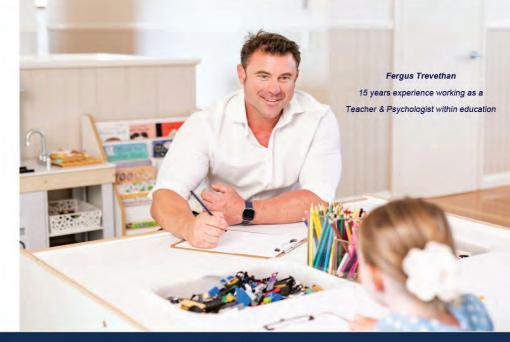
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Unpacking the Power of Psychological Assessments

First, let's define what a psychological assessment is. This process involves a purposeful blend of interviews and psychometric evaluations, all aimed at addressing specific questions or concerns raised by a patient. It's a meticulous approach, harnessing specialised tools and clinical expertise to evaluate an individual's mental health



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Now that we've explored what psychological assessments entail, let's delve into why someone might seek one. There are numerous reasons, some of which include:

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The tree belongs to the same genus as the Queensland bottle tree. Flame trees are just coming into spectacular, bright red flower and the Mountain is blessed with a fair number of them. The species is native to Australia, where it is found along the entire east coast, with populations in Victoria, southwestern Western Australia and isolated populations in South Australia and the Northern Territory. The tree can attain a height of 33m. The African tulip tree, *Spathodea campanulata*, also goes under the name of flame tree.

THREE DECADES OF CRAFT DISTILLATION ON SHOW AT TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN DISTILLERY

In the world of artisanal distillation, Tamborine Mountain Distillery stands out as a shining example of excellence and innovation. Founded in 1993, this distillery has not only become the most internationally awarded distillery in Australia this century, but also holds the honour of being the first Craft Distillery granted a license by the Queensland State Government in over 100 years. On November 5th, 1993, history was made as the original owners, Michael and Alla Ward, began a remarkable journey that continues to this day.

Preserving Tradition While Pioneering Innovation

With a vision of crafting exceptional Gins, Schnapps, Vodkas, Liqueurs, and Eaux-de-Vie from the crops available on their property, the founders began a journey that would become a legacy. In 2017, this remarkable establishment saw the torch pass to new custodians, Gordon Chalmers and Dr. Shumei Hou. With a clear vision to expand the brand both nationally and internationally, they have elevated the distillery to new heights, culminating in their recent awards as the Top Brandy in the World at the prestigious London Spirits Awards.

Their commitment to preserving the distillery's rich heritage is evident through the careful relocation to Tamborine Mountain's famed Gallery Walk, and last November the Distillery in MacDonnell Road won the coveted Queensland Tourism Gold Medal in the Queensland Winery, Brewery and Distillery category.

The elegant Tudor-style architecture retains the beautiful feel of the old distillery while introducing a captivating museum. Here, the history of this remarkable company is narrated through a beautiful display of bottles and tinctures, accompanied by a glimpse at the very first still ever used at the Distillery.

While they have adopted modernised methods, including the use of a huge reflux column still, they've preserved the essence of the heritage by retaining many traditional processes. Their unwavering commitment to safeguarding these time-tested techniques stands as a testament to the enduring legacy of Tamborine Mountain Distillery, ensuring that each creation is infused with history and a touch of artistry.

A 30-Year Milestone Celebration

Join in the festivities at our upcoming 'Pop Up Spritz Bar' event, where we'll blend the finest spirits, live music, and an

array of delectable flavours as we commemorate our 30-year milestone since obtaining Queensland's first Craft Distillery license on November 5th, 1993.

Event Details:

So mark your calendars for Saturday 4th, and Sunday 5th of November and join us between 10 am to 5 pm, and don't forget to stay for the live entertainment from 12 to 4 pm on both days.



What's Happening:

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Sip, Savour, and Groove:

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Exclusive Offers:

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Discover the Distillery:

During this special weekend, we're offering additional Distillery Tour sessions. Our Head Distiller, Gordon Chalmers, will be your personal guide, walking you through our Museum, the Distillery and explaining the processes and revealing the secrets behind our remarkable creations.

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With the current trend of downsizing and decluttering, now presents a fantastic opportunity to turn those unwanted items into cash. "We are enthusiastic buyers, particularly interested in gold jewellery, whether broken or intact, antique jewellery, gold and silver coins, collectibles including military medals, and banknotes, as well as mechanical watches."

"Everyone possesses something we would like to acquire, and no item is too insignificant for our consideration. We are just as happy to buy one item, as we are buying 10,000!" says Mike Cornish, the company's chief buyer.

Father and son duo, Mike and Nathaniel (Nate) will be at Club Tamborine on Monday 30th, and Tuesday 31st October. If you are in doubt about any items you wish to sell, take them in for an instant appraisal. See advertisement on page opposite for the full details.

Gold and Silver still at high prices

With the gold price still at higher than traditional levels, right now is an opportune time to explore your jewellery box and dig out those old gold chains, rings, and brooches, to turn them into cash. Mike emphasizes,



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While we maintain a safe environment at our venues, we also offer home visits for those unable to

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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. Please note my comments are written several days prior to the printing of this paper.



More on the "water issue": A code assessable development application has been submitted for a Utility Installation (Groundwater Extraction for water supply) at 45-63 Hartley Road, diagonally opposite the water extraction site at 2-20 Holt Rd. **Refer MCU23/143**. The proposal is for 4 x 45,000lt water tanks, a new bore and will require a Property Access Application. Supply is stated to be for "local water carting contractors to have access to supply the local domestic market" (not defined) 6 days/week and a maximum of 70 loads per week. The site is zoned Rural and mapping indicates it is "in or adjacent to Cedar Creek".

Meanwhile, Canungra residents who rely on tank water have been advised (18 Oct 2023) by Urban Utilities to prepare now, as Canungra Creek flows fall below three megalitres per day. Canungra's drought response plan was activated in August 2023 when flows fell below seven megalitres per day, and Canungra will move to the next phase of the plan "drought response" – when flows fall to one megalitre per day. Ref: Residents advised to prepare now as Canungra Creek flows fall - *Urban Utilities*

... yet more and more subdivisions continue to be approved.

Development Applications of interest: (Source: DAP Online). In summary: building envelope amendments, setbacks, second dwellings, short-term accommodation (2 applications still pending).

Council has one development application which has been on the books since lodgement on 11 August 2020 (yes, 2020), in excess of 1,150 days and no decision imminent.

Out and About: I attended the Annual Conference of the Local Government Association of Qld in Gladstone 16-18 October and returned with the gift that keeps on giving – COVID, so apologies if my responses to emails and messages have been slow recently. The conference was an opportunity for Councillors from all 77 local councils across Qld to be updated on topics as diverse as savage dog legislation to cybersecurity issues which have previously brought two councils to a standstill. It was also an opportunity to share innovative tourism projects undertaken in far-flung places – have a look at Cunnamulla Hot Springs – Cunnamulla Tourism. Cunnamulla has a population of approximately 1,140 and its tourist season is determined by the wet season.

I also took the opportunity to make a verbal and written submission on 16 October to the State Development and Regional Industries Committee – Public Hearing Program in relation to the proposed changes to *Local Government (Councillor Complaints) Other Legislation*

Amendment Bill 2023. My submission, which mentions the OIA complaints issues faced by my two predecessor Division 1 Councillors, can be accessed here (QR code):



Topics of concern raised recently: Many complaints received about the large number of "Tattoo Expo" signs plastered all along Gallery Walk and MacDonnell Rd on virtually every post with no consideration for the amenity or appearance of our main tourism location. Always good to be opportunistic, but how about some consideration for those local businesses that do the right thing? I have tried (unsuccessfully) to have Council force the removal of these signs, however Gallery Walk is part of the State-controlled road network. I imagine that someone at State level will look into this in about 6 months. I ask the expo organisers to voluntarily please remove their signs immediately.

Also, I have received a complaint about a properly made submission to a development application which was not

recorded by Council. I know it was

properly made as I submitted it on behalf of the submitter who had no internet access (before I was elected). The development was recently approved, however the submitter's appeal rights were not made available to him. This has now been rectified. Please check DAP Online to verify that your submission has been recorded if you make a submission, either in support of or against a proposed development.

Public Consultation: Cuppa in the Community – Tamborine Mountain Library, Wednesday 29 November 10.00-11.00am followed by community consultation from 11.00am to 1.00pm. Come along and discuss your issues.

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I can be contacted on 0448 376 650 or via e-mail at amanda.h@scenicrim.qld.gov.au Cr Amanda Hay Division 1

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CANUNGRA WATER AND THE LABOR GOVERNMENT'S FAILURE TO PLAN

This Labor Government's failure to plan - and get their priorities right - is on display every day in and around Canungra. Without even mentioning the traffic and road issues, as the community again faces water restrictions, and the imminent trucking of water into the town by Seqwater to keep the town in water, the warnings delivered to the Queensland Government by me and so many in the community about water shortages, over many years, spring back to mind. We warned that the development proceeding in Canungra was not backed by water security, that it should be slowed down and more done - and urgently! - to improve water security. This lack of water security impacts Canungra town residents, those outside who rely on standpipes for water, and also farmers and other residents downstream who will soon run short of water for their properties.

Unfortunately, the State ignored my calls, and those of locals, and we now face ongoing water security issues when there are dry periods, which in this part of the world there will be from time to time.

The only positive in all of this is that, after lots of work lobbying them, Seqwater has this year finally made some effort to put planning for better water security in Canungra back on the agenda, about 15 years after Beaudesert Shire Council did preliminary work on options and then had the State Government under Anna Bligh take away their responsibility for water. This has taken many years of lobbying, and the fact the Government has not made this happen much sooner – despite lobbying by me, the Council, and many locals over a long time – shows this Government's priorities are all wrong. There's no easy solution to this issue, but I will continue to work towards better water security for Canungra – and better planning for the future as well.

WELL DONE TO CANUNGRA STATE SCHOOL P&C AND TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN LIONS

Well done to all involved in the Canungra State School's Family Fun Day last Saturday. The weather was kind, the town was buzzing and it was great fun to drop in and see the school community putting on a great community event. Similarly, *'Dancing With Celebrities'*, an event hosted by Tamborine Mountain Lions on 14 October, was a great night out at Vonda Youngman Centre. I am sure all of the participants had a great time, and that all there had a great time supporting and raising money for the Lions' 'Mountain Mates' initiative.

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SCOTT BUCHHOLZ

Federal Member for Wright

RESULTS ARE IN: WRIGHT SAYS A RESOUNDING 'NO' TO LABOR'S CANBERRA VOICE



Federal Member for Wright, Scott Buchholz said the voters of Wright have had their say on the Voice Referendum, with 78 percent of voters in Wright voting NO.

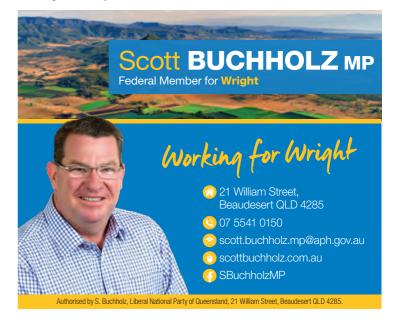
The defeat of this referendum is a missed opportunity by this Albanese Labor Government, who used what should have been a unifying moment for Australia, to divide the nation, house by house, street by street, town by town; it is a disappointing outcome for the cause of reconciliation with our first nations.

The result in Wright was overwhelmingly NO, with all 76 polling booths returning a negative result of 78.09%, as of 3pm on Sunday. This result will continue to have minor updates as the postal and absent votes are counted, however it represents the definitive position of not only our communities, but also Queensland who were united against Labor's divisive and flawed Canberra voice.

Whilst there were a couple of minor incidents at the pre-polling; the vast number of people conducted themselves in a professional, courteous and polite manner. And for that I'm grateful.

While the Prime Minister and the Labor Government have done all they could to divide Australians, this is not a time for us to remain divided, it is a time for us to return to the drawing board and work out a pathway to true recognition for Aboriginal and Torres Straight Islanders in the Constitution. In the months and years ahead, our challenge is to win the hearts and minds of Australians, and to offer a way forward, in spite of the language the Prime Minister has continued to use. We need to be able to plan a pathway that we can walk together to create the change needed for future recognition.

We will need to put our shoulders to the wheel and start to bridge the divide that this referendum has created in our nation. We need to walk and work together; only then can we build a better Australia.





Letters to the Editor

Please limit letters to 200 words. Publication is at the discretion of the editor and subject to space availability.

HOW DO YOU DEFINE MADNESS?

Another commercial groundwater extraction business on Hartley Road!

Dear residents of the Mountain: are vou aware that Council has before it an application for a fifth water extraction business focused on the Hartley/ Holt Road portion of Cedar Creek? How could you have possibly missed such a significant material change of use? Super transparent Council systems? I wonder if any of you can think of a reason or two why this is possibly not the best idea you have heard today. I have a few, and if you do, you should express them to our Council and our Council representative. It may take you a while to find the objection form on their website.

Initial enquiries have indicated that the Council's determination process does not have to consider residents' representations before making a decision. Sounds like a very reasonable approach to a proposed business (NOT) which has a few impacts for all the community, not to mention the wellbeing of Cedar Creek. By the way, apparently the area in question is called a "minor tributary", not on any Dept. of Natural Resources map I've looked at.

The ongoing appalling situation where the groundwater here is an unregulated resource for those with the finances to extract it, is a shameful situation that both Local and State Governments should be constantly challenged on.

If you feel as if the Council is treating you like a mushroom, you may have a point. Make your thoughts known to our community leaders. Maybe they may develop a genuine and principled approach to this application.

One more thing: I urge all organisations to review their marketing images of Cedar Creek, like Curtis Falls, and replace these with images of the extraction sites less than a kilometre upstream to reflect their true relationship with Tamborine Mountain.

Paul Gardner

BASIC PRINCIPLES

Successful local governments don't just happen. They are probably living happily with the five legislated

Principles of Local Government. The latter can be found on half a page in Section 4 of the *Local Government Act.* The Principles are defined as necessary to ensure the system of local government is accountable, effective, efficient and sustainable. It is also made clear that these Principles are legal requirements and are not simply lofty aspirations to be adopted if convenient.

There is widespread concern about the management of our Scenic Rim Regional Council. Things are getting worse and, so often, no adequate explanations are given. Everything is hidden under opaque clouds of confidentiality.

I wondered whether failure to adhere to the basic **Principles of Local Government** could be a cause. I carried out a short review, with startling results as below.

Principle A. Transparent and effective processes and decision-making in the public interest. First and foremost, 'transparency' is the fundamental basis for a properly operating local government. However, in the last two terms, the Council has imposed very broad confidentiality restrictions. These inhibit communication at all levels but particularly between Councillors, their constituents and the media. Decisions in the public interest cannot be assured, since the reasons for decisions and their consequences are so isolated from public scrutiny. The complete failure to implement this provision is enough, by itself, to prevent normal and proper operation of the Council.

Principle B. Sustained development and management of assets and infrastructure and delivery of essential services. Tamborine Mountain's plateau and upper escarpment is a major Shire asset. This sustains 20% of the Shire's population and is the Shire's major tourist destination. The area is less than 0.4% of the Shire's total. This has required decades of informed resident input into Planning Schemes. This factor is disregarded by Council, and the critical ambience is at risk.

Principle C. Democratic representation, social inclusion and meaningful community engagement. Too much Councillor authority in policy making has been delegated to Council Offers. There is inadequate recognition of Tamborine Mountain priorities.

Principle D. Good government of, and by, local government. As above, good local government is not happening.

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TRAVELLING PLACES with Gina

Conde Nast Travellers' awards are coveted in the travel industry and congratulations must go to Viking, who have swept the readers' choice awards with Best Ocean, Best River and Best Expedition categories. Whichever of the seven continents in the world your imagination is yearning to explore, Viking will have an itinerary for you... if you book early enough to secure a cabin.

Since it began in 1997, Viking Cruises have really gone from strength to strength; beginning by offering river cruises in Europe, they rapidly secured the best port positions along the rivers, ensuring their guests were located centrally to step off and explore the area. Apart from the iconic Amsterdam to Budapest journey, these vessels explore the rivers of France, the Douro wine growing district of Northern Portugal and the Elbe enroute to Berlin. The beautiful fleet of Viking Longships now explore most navigable rivers in Europe; they also explore Egypt, the Mekong and have recently added the Mississippi. With over 80 vessels in the river fleet, it is hard to imagine they sell out... but they do!

I was lucky to sail on a Viking ocean ship earlier this year. Sailing out of Barcelona, we called into several Mediterranean ports along the coastline of France and Italy, where we disembarked in Rome, full of the joy of travel. The 10-vessel fleet is identical and it is no wonder travellers return time and time again to travel the world on these delightfully designed ships. With only 930 passengers, you will feel a sense of space and comfort. The Scandinavian roots of the company are reflected in the décor and included are mealtime



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- 2. 60.19% PETER ZAREMBA WENDY CHRISTIE
- 3. 56.60% CHRISTINE YOUNGMAN LINDY WILLIAMS

WEDNESDAY (18-0CT-23)

- NS 1. 58.33% LINDY WILLIAMS EDDIE HEINEMEYER
- NS 2. 49.38% PETER ZAREMBA ANN ZAREMBA
- NS 3. 48.96% SHEILA IRVINE-BROWN VESNA MCCATHIE
- EW 1. 59.17% ALEX HOOD ANDREW DAVIDSON
- EW 2. 54.38% PETER MORRIS SHEENA POLLOCK
- EW 3. 53.54% JENNY STRACHAN LAWRENCE BEUTEL

THURSDAY (19-0CT-23)

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MYMEDICARE AND WHY YOU SHOULD REGISTER?

In the 2023 Federal Budget, the government announced some changes to Medicare to be rolled out from October 1st this year and over the next few years. The reasons for the changes were triggered by a crisis in the provision of general practice services in Australia that has left patients struggling to access the care they need.

What crisis and why ?

During the past two decades, the Medicare rebate that the Federal Government provides patients for their primary health care in General Practice, has not kept pace with inflation and



the changing nature of health provision in our modern society. Health care advances have meant general practices have had to do more with less. For years, practices have absorbed these costs to avoid placing the burden on patients, but it has reached a point where it is no longer viable due to:

- 7 years of Medicare rebate freezing
- The remainder of the last two decades, the Medicare rebate has been indexed at half CPI.
- The same rebate in the last 25 years has had to fund newly introduced computerisation of practices and accreditation requirements, which were never factored into the original Medicare formula.
- 185 Medical practices around Australia have closed since just the beginning of this year (including Mountain Medical) due to non-viability.
- As a result of this crisis in the financial viability of general practice, most Medical Graduates are avoiding a career in General Practice and choosing other specialties instead. To sustain the health system, Australia needs about 45% of Medical Graduates to choose General Practice. This is currently down to 13%, with a projected shortfall of 10,000 GPs by 2030. As a result, it is going to be increasingly difficult to find doctors' appointments and there will be even longer queues at emergency departments and higher pressure on hospital beds.

MyMedicare is a small step to try and improve this situation, though it is going to take a lot more on the part of governments to undo 25 years of neglect.

What are the first changes?

- 1. Bulk Billing Incentive From November 1st, the bulk billing incentive to doctors will triple, but only for certain consultations and not for other services. Currently GPs receive a small fee of about \$6.50 if they bulk bill healthcare card holders, pensioners and children aged 15 and under this will triple. While this on its own is not enough to sustain practices, it may halt the plummeting rates of bulk billing for concession card holders.
- 2. Voluntary patient registration From October 1st, patients may choose to register with their usual practice and doctor. This does not mean that they cannot see another practice if they choose to, or if travelling, but it means that they will then gain access to the option of longer telephone consultations and triple bulk billing incentive payments for longer video consultations.

In time, the government is likely to link access to more services and funding to patient registration.

Why should patients register?

- To access a wider range of telehealth services
- To keep the doors of your local practice open so they don't become another casualty of the crisis.
- Because continuity of care is good for your health. Seeing the same doctor over years has been shown to reduce the need for hospital admission by up to 30%.

Ways to register for MyMedicare:

Online:

Via MyGov

www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/register-for-mymedicare

MyMedicare Registration form

In Person: At your medical practice.



Dr Leeann Carr-Brown TMMP



Letters to the Editor

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Principle E. Ethical and legal behaviour of Councillors, local government employees and Council advisors. The above brief review shows conflict with all the obligatory Principles. Quite an achievement to fail all five. It must be questioned whether our Council is performing at the legislated standard.

The situation appears to be further deteriorating. Preferably the Councillors but, if necessary, the State Government should act without delay. There must be a return to some normality and proper process without delay and certainly before the election.

Phil Giffard

TM PROGRESS – The road ahead

I agree with sentiments regarding the sad demise of the Tamborine Mountain Progress Association, a 108 year old community cohort that has played a pivotal, albeit sometimes contentious, role in how the Mountain has developed. Community involvement at any level is important and to be cherished and encouraged.

Although advocates for the TMPA lay the blame for the winding up process on the actions of our Council in a recent Land and Environment Court appeal, TMPA's demise was clearly self-inflicted.

A recent letter written on behalf of the TMPA perpetuates their myth the Council flouted convention by not only reassessing its position during the Appeal process, it left its co-respondents stranded, and its actions have forever severely restricted the ability of residents to challenge Development Applications. They suggest the TMPA and residents, have been badly done by on many fronts, and longstanding precedents have been upturned.

I suggest the facts show otherwise. Remember, in this particular Court judgement against the TMPA, the Judge cited numerous errors in law in their submission, which he also found to be a 'groundless and vexing case... devoid of merit' and 'a waste of public and private resources'. The Council, presumably with legal advice, decided to abandon their challenge and thus spare ratepayers ongoing costs. That seems prudent. That the developer chose to seek recompense for their legal costs in this appeal, is entirely fair.

Precedence has not changed, it fact it's been reinforced! Those with legitimate claims will be fairly heard; those with spurious claims will be dismissed and admonished, as they should.

I'm not anticipating a public apology from the ex-TMPA office holders regarding its waste of public and private resources, but to publicly respond to the judgement of Judge Williamson KC as merely 'only one man's opinion' is a clear case of hubris. It's also clear, under recent leadership, TMPA's planning appeals have lacked form and substance, have added nothing to local amenity, and have put unnecessary cost and time burdens on ratepayers and developers.

It's now up to the community, collectively and individually, to scrutinise Development Applications and test them against sustainability, lowering the environmental footprint of development, and its impacts upon social wamenity. That is a key intent of the recently released Tourism Strategy, which adopts a forward-looking sustainable ecotourism policy.

Maybe now, we will see Tamborine Mountain Progress As-It-Should.

Sincerely Richard Lysnar

SPOT THE LEADER

Heading towards my seventies, am I becoming more cynical and grumpy about the state of the world, in particular the quality of our politicians? Undoubtedly Yes and Yes.

Let's start internationally. The USA (a superpower - perhaps not any more?) citizens have had two choices, Mr Trump and Mr Biden. Both close to eighty and both (for differing reasons) completely unsuitable and incompetent as leaders of a chook raffle, let alone the USA. Then we had Boris Johnson, a buffoon who would rather party during Covid (while the rest of Britain could not). Throw in Mr Xi Jinping, Mr Putin, Mr Kim Jong Un and as a collective the brutal, fanatical regime of Iran (isn't Islam a religion of peace?) all of which seem intent on bringing further chaos, death and misery to our world. How did these people get to lead their countries? What happened to the Lincolns, Washingtons, Churchills and Thatchers? People who lead by

example and had integrity.

Closer to home, what happened to the Hawkes, Keatings and Howards? Men that led from the front and had full support of their colleagues. Mr Albanese is struggling, and will need some magic to resurrect his political career.

Let's look at Queensland: Anastasia smugly struts around saying the Gabba (a magnificent stadium) must be torn down (and also that beautiful old school next door) to make way for the 2032 Olympics. Why? The Health system is a joke, youth crime is out of control but Ms Palaszczuk wants to waste billions on making sure her legacy as premier will never be forgotten (believe me, it won't!)

Finally, let's look at Local Government and in particular (you guessed it) Scenic Rim. A council that hasn't a clue how to run itself, so with ratepayers' money (hundreds of thousands of dollars) employs a consultant to "steer the ship". Oh dear!

We have a council that is so tied up with bureaucracy it can't move, can't achieve anything. Secretive and covert, it won't divulge any goings-on for fear of backlash or criticism. I know little about Mr Christensen, but I worry that he's not leadership material?

Bear with me, the rant is nearly over!

Tom Sharp's recent article (12/10/23) in *Scenic News* (which started me thinking about leaders - hence this tirade) was for me a sign of optimism. Tom has indicated he is going to be a strong leader, wants complete transparency and will shake things up. Just on Scenic Rim: our current councillor, Amanda Hay, has hit the ground running with her drive to get the council to perform for its ratepayers. In fact she is asked-Is the council dysfunctional? Her reply - Yes, purely in relation to its bureaucratic "leadership" team.

Is Tom our man for mayor? I don't know at this stage, but he has impressed me so far. I will follow his campaign trail eagerly.

We need strong leaders who will leave the world in a better place after they ascend to political heaven (does such a place exist?) Currently the majority of world/country/state/local government leaders are just not up to the job.

Marty Haynes



SHORT and SHARP

TOM SHARP

THE GODS ARE POWER CRAZY

The SRRC released the following media statement on the $17^{\rm th}$ October 2023:

RESPONSE TO CONCERNS SURROUNDING COUNCIL STAFF ABSENCES

Scenic Rim Regional Council is concerned by allegations that groups within the community are spreading salacious stories that call into question the integrity of Council and its officers.

Many other organisations, on many occasions, have found themselves in similar circumstances in which staff members have been unable to perform their duties for a range of reasons.

The Council officers who are currently on leave, and who are facing the same challenges as the rest of us, are human beings who are simply not able to perform their respective duties at this present time.

When situations like this arise, Council's job is to support valued team members in their personal journeys, and has put measures in place to ensure that Council can continue to deliver services to our community whilst protecting the wellbeing of its officers.

Council asks that our communities please respect these individuals, their privacy, and allow them the rest and space to deal with their personal circumstances. This request extends to online platforms.

Council has a continued focus on delivering the many exciting projects currently in the pipeline and a demonstrated commitment to delivering a sustainable future for our region.

On 5th October the SRRC held a Special Meeting motioning the appointment of Oliver Pring as Acting CEO from 7th October 2023 to April 2024 should the CEO be absent or unable to perform his duties. Discussion surrounding the motion of his appointment was held in session closed to the public. All councillors voted in favour of the appointment with one exception, Councillor Hay, Division 1.

Talking to the motion, the Mayor stated, "this is something we had in history, had available of preapprovals to provide this insurance cover for the Chief Executive Officer and thank you that we have now been able to put this in place."

If it was not for the action of Councillor Hay, this Special Meeting may not have generated the interest from the media it has since been afforded.

The CEO, David Keenan, did not return to work on the $7^{\rm th} {\rm October},$ and has been absent since.

Word on "the street" is that the Mayor has suspended the CEO.

If this rumour is true, this action poses a number of questions and concerns:

1. Does the Mayor have the power to suspend the CEO?

Under the *Local Govt*. *Act* 170(2)(a) the Mayor cannot give direction to suspend the CEO if it is inconsistent with a resolution, or a document adopted by resolution, of the local government.

In this instance, the resolution to appoint David Keenan as CEO by the elected council, under a binding contract.

In addition to that, I note the following extract from a blog by Patrick Quinn of Gilshenan & Luton Legal Practice dated May 25, 2020, titled *Mayor and councillor responsibilities and obligations*

(Queensland)

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Mayor's dealings with the CEO

Two of the additional responsibilities ((c) and (d)) of the mayor surround the mayor's dealings with the Chief Executive Officer (CEO). Recently there have been a number of investigations into mayors (and in some cases, councillors) in Queensland relating to their relationship and interactions with a Council's CEO.

Section 12(c) of the LGA gives mayors powers to direct the CEO and to conduct the performance appraisal of the CEO. However, it is important to recognise that those powers and responsibilities have limits placed upon them, including the power of direction in: providing strategic direction to the CEO in order to achieve the highquality administration of the local government; and/or directing the CEO in accordance with a resolution or document adopted by resolution of the Council.

In relation to the employment of the CEO:

the Council is the entity that is charged with appointing the CEO and as such, Council has the power to remove and suspend the person in that role.

The appointment, removal or suspension of a CEO is not a power that can be exercised by a mayor without a decision of Council;

whilst the mayor has the additional responsibility of conducting a performance appraisal of the CEO, the mayor's power is not absolute and must be done in the way decided by Council.

The blog does make the following disclaimer: This blog is of a general nature and should not be relied upon as legal advice. If you require further information, advice or assistance for your specific circumstances, please contact us.

2. How is it that the elected councillors have not acted and nipped this in the bud?

If the Mayor had suspended the CEO on his own volition, he in turn had a serious conflict of interest at the $5^{\rm th}$ October Special Meeting, and should have not been able to participate in the discussion or been able to vote.

3. Why did the councillors not introduce the status of the CEO as a motion, given this is allowable under standing orders as the matter relates directly to the special purpose matter being called via a Special Meeting?

The notice of the meeting did not take place as required by the rules, which essentially makes the special meeting null and void.

4. How did the councillors not know the meeting notification was not in accordance with the rules?

I ask this question. Is the media release, stating that council is concerned at allegations that groups within the community are spreading *salacious stories*, a form of gaslighting?

If any of the above is true, people have every right to be concerned about the performance and delivery of services and projects by this council.

If any of the above is true, where is the honesty and transparency?

NEW EXHIBITIONS OPENING THIS SATURDAY

Fiona Haynes' sculptures will be on exhibition in the gallery at Under the Greenwood Tree from Saturday October 28th.

Fiona's obsession for collecting vintage boxes and printer trays provided the perfect framework for her insect creations. Random insects have been sculpted in clay for each box, some carved, others painted in underglazes and gold lustre, they celebrate spring and the eruption of activity in our gardens. The resultant work is reminiscent of an entomologist's specimen collection; it is playful, bold, and sure to have you lingering over the intricate details.



Growing up in small Queensland rural mining communities, Fiona Haynes spent her childhood in a creative family environment where her abilities and interest in the arts were nurtured by her mother. Art and craft projects were a part of daily family life and there was never any question that her work life would not involve furthering those artistic pursuits. After completing undergraduate qualification in Fine Arts (Ceramics) and postgraduate qualifications in Education, Fiona started working in a Brisbane-based social enterprise for Multicap, where she holds the position of General Manager of Creative Arts. Her leadership and creative inspiration have been instrumental in bringing the work of the Monte Lupo artists to great recognition.

Under the Greenwood Tree is excited to be exhibiting a solo exhibition of Fiona Haynes' work. Away from her desk and into the studio, it is a muchanticipated exhibition. Join Fiona at the exhibition opening on **Saturday October 28th at 3pm.**

Is knitting a craft, an artistic creation, or just an excuse to spend hours working ones' fingers using a variety of beautiful yarn? For Adele Spain it is all three.

"I learnt to knit when young, as my mother was a knitter but there was not much call for woollen jumpers at Camooweal, a far distant town in Queensland very close to the Northern Territory border. My father was also a knitter, he spent many months at the Chermside Chest Hospital where he was to have complete bed rest. He would not let anyone tell him how to knit and I am assuming he learnt the skill by watching his mother knit. He knitted jumpers for himself and my son, no mean feat considering he was a tall man and only used fine 4-ply wool."

Adele's obsession with tea cosies took off after her retirement and has resulted in several exhibitions, including those held at the Logan City Regional Art Gallery, Under the Greenwood Tree and The Logan City Library. Starting with the basic knot and purl stitch, Adele's tea cosies have become progressively more elaborate and complicated over the years as the quest for creativity is high on Adele's agenda, and the time involved of little consequence.

"Off the Page" is a new mini-exhibition set very appropriately in the

POTTERY ROAD, CERAMIC OPEN STUDIO TRAIL

Pottery Road is a group of Tamborine Mountain and valley potters joining forces to once again open their studios, coinciding with the Australian Ceramics Open Studio national event. The magic happens on Saturday & Sunday 11th and 12th of November 10am–4pm daily, when ceramics studios around Australia open their doors to the public to share their creative spaces. Each studio will have work for sale, and with Christmas fast approaching, what better way to get organised and buy beautifully crafted, locally made gifts for friends and family. You will be supporting your local artists and be loved for giving such thoughtful, lasting gifts.

Nicci from PJ Pottery says, "I can't wait to show you my beautiful revamped gallery where you can purchase my work and talk to me about my practice. I'll be giving throwing demos on Sunday afternoon to show how pots are made on the wheel. Each studio will be offering a door prize to all who purchase works – at PJ Pottery this will be a unique Steampunk mug valued at \$45."

Ceramicists involved are:

Nicci Parry-Jones Larissa Warren Jo Mackenzie Julia Bramich Claudia De Salvo Laura Cope N**P Pottery** Ratbag Str Jo Macker Julia Bramich Claudia De Salvo i, kitty clau





Nicci, Larissa and Jo will be in Tamborine Mountain studios, Claudia and Laura in Guanaba and Julia in Wonglepong.





EXHIBITION - OCTOBER 28 to NOVEMBER 23

Fiona Haynes *"The Garden Collection"* An exhibition of Ceramic sculpture and assemblages inspired by the blossoming gardens and insects at Springtime.



Come along & join Fiona for drinks at the exhibition opening on Saturday October 28th at 3pm. The exhibition continues until November 23rd

Adele Spain *"Off the Page"* – Knitted Tea Cosies inspired by Adele's favourite chidren's books. A mini exhibition in the bookshop that is sure to bring a smile to your face.



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bookshop of Under the Greenwood Tree from October 28th – November 23rd and features tea cosies that celebrate well-loved picture books. *"Where is the Green Sheep", "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" and "Possum Magic"* are just of few of those on exhibition. Some cosies have finger puppets with them as Adele knows that the potential for a conversation with children is often enhanced over a relaxing cup of tea. This is a feel-good exhibition that booklovers, tea aficionados and the yarn-obsessed will greatly enjoy. Adele will be donating the proceeds from the sale of the tea cosies to Calanthe Collective to support their poetry press. **Come along, meet Adele on Saturday October 28th and enjoy these whimsical pieces.**

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Make time on your visit to see the stunning ceramic works of Fiona Haynes at Under The Greenwood Tree Gallery *(details above).* Follow the **Pottery Road Facebook** page **www.facebook.com/**

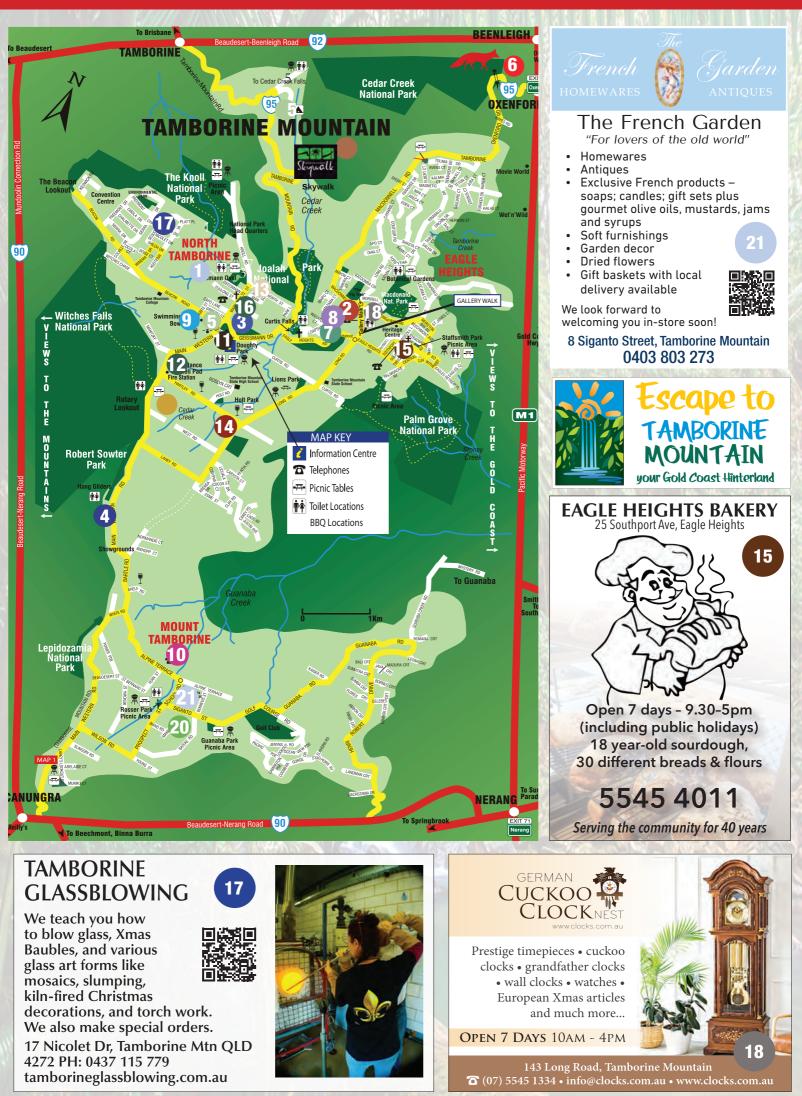
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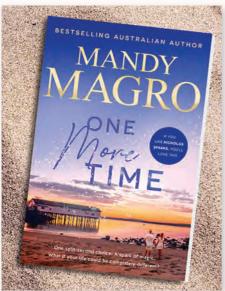
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OUR STAFF BOOK CHOICE: ONE MORE TIME by Mandy Magro



Grace Burrows knows her seventieth birthday celebration is going to be an enchanting affair. And she can't wait to immerse herself in an evening surrounded by family and her closest friends, to waltz across the dance floor as she used to and reminisce over shared memories gathered across the decades.

But it's also the evening she'll have to finally reveal a secret that she knows will devastate her family - her time left with them is too short to be fair... Scarred by his war-time experiences and losses, Charlie Wilson knows he's made a lot of mistakes. Too many. But none greater than ruining his marriage to Grace when they were young. Tonight, as they dance, Charlie is determined to tell her he's always loved her. But when old feelings and resentments are drawn to the surface, tempers fray and Charlie and Grace are left on opposite sides of the same old argument. Fate, however, will give them one last chance to be truthful - and as a touch of magic sparks, everything changes...

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DEPUTY MAYOR JEFF McCONNELL TO RUN FOR MAYOR OF SCENIC RIM

I confirm that I am putting myself forward as a candidate for the position of Mayor, Scenic Rim Regional Council, in the upcoming 2024 Local Government elections.

I was elected to Council in 2020 representing Scenic Rim Regional Council Division 2. My commitment to this role and the Scenic Rim is the driving force behind my decision to run for the role of Mayor. I have worked very hard to represent the interests of residents and the broader



community, but I feel that the council can do so much more to make the Scenic Rim a better place to live, work and do business.

I will be campaigning with the theme 'Make it Better with McConnell'.

I passionately believe that, as Mayor, I have the experience, knowledge, commitment and energy to make things better in the region.

 $\ensuremath{\textbf{Better leadership}}$ to deliver a more united, trusting and effective council team.

Better management of council priorities to maximise budgets and outcomes for all stakeholders.

Better listening so that Scenic Rim residents & businesses are heard, and council responds more effectively to their needs.

Better balancing of short-term needs (roads, rubbish and rates) and longer-term needs (strategic planning, infrastructure and growth).

The Scenic Rim deserves better. As Mayor, I will make it better.

In recent weeks, I have received overwhelming support from residents and businesses across the Scenic Rim Regional Council area. This has been very humbling, and I am honoured that people are so encouraging and trust in my abilities to lead the Council.

With my experience as a Councillor and as Deputy Mayor for the last two years, I know what needs to be improved from within Council, and this puts me in an excellent position to make so many improvements that are needed.

I am cognisant of the additional responsibilities of Mayor and believe that my previous experience of 23 years in the military, 10 years leading the local State Emergency Service and now Local Government coupled with my absolute passion for the Scenic Rim and the work that I perform, are the reason why I am the right candidate for the position of Mayor.

Make it Better with McConnell

RESPONSE TO CONCERNS SURROUNDING COUNCIL STAFF ABSENCES

Scenic Rim Regional Council is concerned by allegations that groups within the community are spreading salacious stories that call into question the integrity of Council and its officers.

Many other organisations, on many occasions, have found themselves in similar circumstances in which staff members have been unable to perform their duties for a range of reasons.

The Council officers who are currently on leave, and who are facing the same challenges as the rest of us, are human beings who are simply not able to perform their respective duties at this present time.

When situations like this arise, Council's job is to support valued team members in their personal journeys, and has put measures in place to ensure that Council can continue to deliver services to our community whilst protecting the wellbeing of its officers.

Council asks that our communities please respect these individuals, their privacy, and allow them the rest and space to deal with their personal circumstances. This request extends to online platforms.

Council has a continued focus on delivering the many exciting projects currently in the pipeline and a demonstrated commitment to delivering a sustainable future for our region.



ANGLICAN NEWS – CHRISTMAS MARKET AND MORE

Stroll and Coffee: Are you looking for the opportunity to go for a gentle Stroll and Coffee? So far we have strolled to Main Street and Gallery Walk. St George's Anglican Church is offering this opportunity to members of the community. Keep an eye out for notice of future Strolls and Coffee.

Christmas Market: An international traveller reminisced, "Some years ago I was lucky enough to be in Warsaw, Poland in mid-December. The roads were covered with ice and snow. It was a fairyland, but bitterly cold. One of the high points was to discover one of the great European Christmas Markets. In the Warsaw market square, there were many



stalls selling their Christmas wares and food and beverages. It had a magical feel about it."

St George's Church is hosting a Christmas Market this year on **Saturday 2 December from 8.00am to 1.00pm.** This is a Christmas Market in Australia with enticing creations to buy as presents; food to sustain you – cakes, Julias jams BBO; pre-loyed goods for which

lollies, jams, BBQ; pre-loved goods for which you've been looking; that particular book that has eluded you; plants for your garden; community groups' information.

And more! Christmas carols and decorations set the scene for this special season that we celebrate as individuals, as families and as communities.



ASSOCIATION ARE YOU FIT TO DRIVE?

As we age, many aspects of our health and wellbeing alter over time. If you still drive, it would be good to consider if you are truly fit to drive. Even on a

temporary basis following an illness, it may be safer to allow someone else to take the wheel and chauffeur you to your medical appointments or grocery shopping.



If you have a permanent or long-term medical condition, you could talk to your doctor about your concerns, and the impact your medical condition could have on your ability to drive safely. Health professionals are qualified to check if you are medically fit to drive. If required, they will provide you with a medical certificate reporting on your fitness to drive. This certificate will either state that you are fit to drive, or that you are able to drive under certain conditions. You must inform Queensland Transport if you have a medical condition that could affect your ability to drive safely. Failure to report medical conditions can be dangerous on the road, and the penalties are high.

Some common conditions that may affect your ability to drive safely include:

- diabetes
- epilepsy
- heart disease and stroke
- arthritis and joint problems
- eye and hearing problems
- sleep disorders
- dementia and Alzheimer's disease
- depression and other mental health problems
- lung disease
- injuries and disabilities

This is not a complete list, so it would be wise to consult with your health professional. At the same time, ask whether any medications you are taking for your conditions could affect your ability to drive safely. Many medications have side-effects that can affect your responses putting you, other road users and pedestrian traffic at risk.

TMCCA provides Transport Services for Clients to go to their Medical Appointments and for reasons of Individual Social Support. If you need more information feel welcome to call us on 5545 4968.

Geoff Marshall, Manager TMCCA

Living OGS

Originally from China, this ancient breed dates back to around 700 BC, when Pugs were kept by emperors, and owned only by royal families and not the general public. Pugs were served the finest foods and human guards were placed to protect them; anyone attempting to steal or harm the

dogs were punished by death. As it was, most citizens struggled to eat well and could only dream of such luxuries that Pugs received. Later, the breed was kept by Buddhist monks in Tibet.

This 'over-protectiveness' and high regard of dogs by a few various Chinese emperors could be one of the reasons communist leader Mao Zedong, banned pet dog ownership in the 1960's.



He encouraged inhuman and cruel treatment of dogs, and their consumption as food. Dogs are eaten in many parts of China, most Asian countries and some African countries. The Yulin dog meat festival (started only 30 or so years ago) is still celebrated every June in the city of Yulin, however, many Chinese want this barbaric practice stopped. Dogs were never domesticated as food but for hunting, herding, guarding and companions, even in China.

By the 1500's, the popularity of the Pug dog began to spread all through Europe. Traders from Portugal and the Netherlands were so enamoured of the Chinese Pug dogs that they brought them back to Europe. There, they became favoured members of the European courts and were bred by the wealthy. King William the 3rd of England in 1688 had a beloved Pug. Before Josephine married Napolean Bonaparte, she had a Pug. The breed was still popular in the 19th century, due in part to the English Queen Victoria's devotion to the breed – she owned and bred many. That love of Pugs was passed on to her grandsons, King George the 5th and King Edward 8th.

What makes the Pug breed so popular and enduring? Well, the most obvious is their small size, big eyes, short muzzled and wrinkled face. They have a fine, short glossy coat in a variety of colours, with square compact bodies and thick muscles; they live for 12-15 years. Bred to be a companion and lap dog they have an even, stable temperament and are very loyal to their owners. Because of those traits they are generally easy to train, yet their feelings are easily hurt, so harsh training methods should never be used.

Pros of owning a Pug – their affectionate character, low maintenance, good with children and other animals and they need minimal exercise.

Cons – notorious for health issues, they snore and are noisy. Pugs are not good at regulating their body temperature. They are prone to obesity, fart a lot, and they are moderate shedders all year-round. Good, ethical breeders do not produce offspring with extremely short muzzles.

Pam Brandis Dip. Canine.Prac.



BEEF AND MUSHROOM UDON BROTH

Tantalisingly tender sirloin steak with savoury sautéed garlic mushrooms floating in an umami-rich broth, sitting on slippery slurp-erlicious udon. This minimalistic broth is so good, it has me making up words just to describe it!

The foundation of any good noodle dish is the broth, and the secret ingredient to this flavour sensation of a broth is a good splash of my Luck Dragon Asian Sauce, which gives it instant complexity, deep umami flavours and just the right amount of heat, without having to laboriously layer ingredients and simmer for hours. Which means this beauty can be on the table in under 30 minutes.

Did you know? Udon literally means 'wheat noodle' in Japanese, so when you hear someone say Udon noodles, it's like saying 'wheat noodle noodle'. Udon is a favourite choice in Japan for its quick cooking and characteristic texture. They are thick noodles with a firm yet supple elasticity and a chewy yet soft bite, which is called a 'mochi-mochi' texture in Japanese.

Chef Dylan's tips. 1. Make sure you do use Luck Dragon to flavour the broth otherwise it will be bland and boring. 2. Take your time to really sauté the mushrooms with the butter to make them nice and browned. 3. Don't add the garlic too soon or it will burn; you want the mushrooms to really soak up the buttery goodness, then add the garlic. 5. Buy guality sirloin so it is tender and delicious. 6. You can get fancy with the mushrooms if you like by adding king oyster, enoki, shiitake and shimeji. 7. Cut the bottom 1/2 of the stems off the coriander and discard, place the remaining stems in a glass of water in the fridge with the leaves exposed to keep the leaves from wilting and they will stay nice and fresh for up to a week.

Memory Lane - Gran Canaria, Canary Islands 2004

The early evening heat still clings, the temperature a stifling 28°C. My stomach grumbles, looking forward to the Japanese Udon meal arriving soon. I clutch two crimson dice, their edges digging into my palm. "Vamos, Dylan!" David's voice, a fervent battle cry, echoes through the room. His dark curls cascade down his shoulders, his blue eyes shimmering with determination. "¡Defensa, amigo!" he urges, his enthusiasm infectious. I glance down at the sprawling world map spread across the worn dining table, amidst the remnants of the evening - half-filled ashtrays and discarded bottle caps. Regiments of red and yellow toy soldiers, miniature horses, and cannons lay siege to different countries. "Venga!" Antonio's voice, rich with anticipation,

fills the air as he hurls three azure dice into the small plastic arena. "Cinco, cinco, dos," he says, a mischievous glint in his eyes as he rubs his hands together. I offer the dice a superstitious blow, then release them into the arena.

We all lean in, our collective breaths held, watching the fate of empires teeter on the edge of chance. "Cinco, cinco - a tie!" David's voice booms triumphantly. "Dios Mio," Antonio grumbles, placing both palms on his forehead, invoking the heavens for mercy. "Por favor, Padre," he pleads, his eyes fixed on the dice, already preparing for another throw. I reach for some solace - a sip of calimocho, the local concoction of chilled coke and regional red wine that seems to fuel the spirits of the young in this far-fetched outpost of the Spanish colony. Calimocho's sweet tang revitalises me, preparing for the climax of a four-hour battle. It's come down to this moment, where I, with only three soldiers left, must stop his three soldiers and thwart Antonio's ambitious plan of world domination. "Seis, seis, cuatro!" Antonio exclaims, his fist clenched, confident of victory, then transforming into a silent prayer of gratitude. "¡Defensa, defensa!" David's voice rises, urging me to hold my ground.

I blow on the dice for luck and cast them into the arena - four, three. "¡Vamooooooooos!" Antonio shouts, his tone echoing a triumphant roar. My forces in Oceania dwindle: a single red warrior stands against the impending yellow tide. I reach for the dice, but now, there's only one left. One die against three - the odds, it seems, are insurmountable. Antonio begins his ritual, cupping the dice between his hands and blowing softly. David quickly rises, his hands begin massaging my shoulders, his words a soothing whisper in my ear. "Esta bien, hermano. Don't panic. You can still win this." Antonio, his eyes skyward, mumbles a prayer, hands now tracing the sign of the cross upon his heavily tattooed, naked chest. With a flick of his hands, the dice spin into the arena. "¡Cuatro, cuatro, cinco!" he declares, his voice laced with tension, hands sliding up and down his face. He pulls on his cheeks stretching the bottom eyelids, exposing his eyeballs. Time slows, the room seems to pulse, and I release the die. It bounces, ricocheting off every corner of the arena. Wide-eyed, I watch, my breath caught in my throat. We all lean in, our gazes fixed, and finally, the dice settle. Suddenly we all turn to the loud sound of the buzzer coming from the intercom to inform us our food delivery has arrived.

Prep 15 Cook serves 4

Ingredients

400g Udon noodle



- 1x 300g Sirloin
- 200g mushrooms, chopped
- 3 tbs butter
 - 3 tbs oil

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- 1 tsp salt
- 1/2 small brown onion, diced
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 litre beef stock
- 100ml Luck Dragon Asian sauce*
- 1/4 bunch chopped coriander

*Chef Dylan's Gourmet Food Co. Luck Dragon Asian sauce

Method.

- Heat a large frypan on medium heat and add oil and butter. As the butter froths, add in the mushrooms and turn up the heat to medium high. Let them cook without moving them for ~2 mins to give good colour on one side, add salt, then toss to flip them over. Cook for another min.
- 2. Push the mushrooms to the side of the pan, add some oil to the pan and add the onion, sprinkle the garlic on top of the mushrooms while the onions sizzle for 1 min, then stir to combine onion, mushrooms, garlic and cook for another 1 minute, stirring until cooked.
- Scrape out the onion, mushroom mix into a big enough saucepan placed on the heat and add in beef stock and Luck Dragon Asian sauce and turn the heat down to medium.
- 4. Bring broth to a simmer then turn down to low.
- While the broth simmers clean the frypan and heat to medium high and season and cook the steak to your liking. Then let rest.
- 6. Add Udon to the broth and turn up the heat to medium high to bring to a boil then turn back down and simmer for 5 mins.
- 7. Slice up the steak in thin strips and add juices to the broth.
- 8. Use tongs to remove the noodles onto serving bowls then ladle the broth on top
- Add sliced beef and chopped coriander and serve hot.
- 10. Add some fresh chopped chilli if you like a bit more heat. ¡Buen povecho! enjoy!

For my gourmet range of handcrafted, allnatural seasonings and small batch sauces, visit www.gourmetfoodco.com.au.



YOGIC Silence

We have a Yoga retreat coming up soon (22/3 – 24/3/24) at our usual monastery in Springbrook, QLD. A Silent Yoga Retreat, two days of Noble Silence, filled with yoga, breathwork, sound healing, guided meditations, forest bathing and mindfulness. But why

Silence? Yogis say silence is the common language of communication between living and non-living beings and silence is considered the very heartbeat of the Universe. The Vedic scriptures call this inner silence Mouna.

Our modern world is saturated with the ceaseless noise that issues from every corner of our lives and this noise pollution triples every 30 years. In an age when at least a third of Earth's natural ecosystems have gone quiet to the point of "aural extinction," all kinds of sounds; mechanical, human and informational noise have been amplified. What does this deluge of sound and information do to us – our bodies, our brains and our happiness? It erodes your consciousness. It makes it harder to focus on what's in front of you, to manage your mind's impulses, to notice, to appreciate, and to preserve open space in your mind. The open space of silence. And without this silence we are distracted, stressed, anxious and make bad decisions.

So we will be using these two days to plug into the real you, the wise voice in your head, which up till now has been drowned out by noisy, modern life. For students of yoga seeking clarity on a decision, trying to find the core of a life challenge, trying to find joy in an increasingly unstable world or trying to move forward in a new direction – this is the perfect yoga retreat. In the hush of silent solitude, we'll find the space needed for undistracted reflection and we can then focus on picking up on our internal signals and listening to our own urgent broadcasts. In Silence we'll discover meaning, real joy, peace and an inner self-reliance.

Many in the Western world view silence as something empty, something negative and something lonely. This misunderstanding is very much prevalent because very few people have ever experienced real silence. Generally, all that we have experienced in the name of silence is an absence of sound or noiselessness. Yogic silence is a totally different experience. It has a strong presence and it's not empty. It is overflowing with insight and great inner joy. It is not something unreal, there is huge realness in the present moment. Our inner world has its own fragrance, its own flavour and its own light.

Choosing to enter a period of Silence is one of the quickest ways to access your flow state. In the yogic world, being in a flow state means following the path that you are supposed to follow. It will be a fun, deeply introspective, life changing two days.

Margot Wagner Yoga Under the Bodhi Tree

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Relationships



BELONGING

We humans are hardwired for belonging. From the neurone pathways in our brain, to the social bonding hormone, oxytocin, our biology drives us toward social connection. We want to be a part of something, to feel connectedness to others. However, it should not come at the cost of personal authenticity.

A group of teenagers were recently asked the difference between 'fitting in' and 'belonging'. Their profound answers included: "Belonging is being somewhere where you want to be and they want you. Fitting in is being somewhere you want to be but they don't care about you."... "Belonging is being accepted for you. Fitting in is being accepted for being like everyone else."

True belonging doesn't require us to change who we are, it requires us to be who we are. Any belonging that asks us

to betray ourselves is not true belonging. Belonging is not passive and simply joining or going along with others. We can feel belonging only when we have the courage to share our most authentic self with people. It's a process that requires



us to be vulnerable about our ideals and our values and learn how to be present with people without sacrificing who we are. If people don't know what we genuinely believe or think, there's no true belonging.

Belonging is tied to social identity–a set of shared beliefs or ideals. To truly feel a sense of belonging, you must feel a common sense of character with and among members of your group. It is not enough to be bound together by shared fear or disdain. This only creates a disconnected culture of "us and them". This doesn't mean that this is at the heart of every protest group. However, for protest groups to have a strong sense of connectedness, they must focus on the values and ideals that unite them, values and ideals that generate shared respect and trust.

While belongingness is an individual pursuit, it is also a community's responsibility to create a culture where others are offered opportunity to belong. Before moving to our Mountain community, my husband and I heard several comments about how many years it would take before we would be considered "locals". Thankfully, those remarks proved to be untrue and we felt welcomed and embraced by our new community from the moment we arrived.

The cultural history of our nation is stained with stories of isolation and exclusion. However, when we consider the current chaos and division facing many nations in the world today, we can take stock. We may have more improvements to make, but we are on a journey toward discovering how we can foster diversity and belonging through a more sensitive and inclusive society. I'm thankful that I live in a nation that works through this by consultation and discussion rather than war.

Belonging is not about conformity. Belonging is authenticity. It looks beyond diversity to the shared values and ideals that unite our friendship groups, our communities and our nation.

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Physio Talk



EXERCISING SMARTER

I saw a short video the other day that reminded me how completely brilliant physio and exercise can be. The video was of an older man setting up some makeshift weights in his back garden and shed and practising a squat and lift. Over the course of the video, which is set over a year, you watch his mobility improve, his posture becomes steady, and he becomes stronger. It culminated in this man walking into a house where his grandchildren were setting up the Christmas tree. He picks up his young granddaughter and lifts her to place the star on top of the tree while his daughter watches on with tears in her eyes. It was a perfect demonstration of why it is actually important to remain strong and mobile.

When we see someone for the first time we ask about goals - what you normally like to do and what you aspire to do. At Physique we like to go one step further and ask, why is that important? This is my absolute favourite question to ask. The answers we get really put into perspective why people are taking time and effort to get their pain, injuries or limitations seen to. It's often met with emotional responses and often revolves around the desire to spend quality time with family in the way they want - to carry, lift, play and participate. Anyone who has been limited in this by their bodies will understand the heartache of watching on when you want to be involved.

By completely understanding what is important to our clients we can work together to achieve that. We understand that full, pain-free shoulder movement is important to go kayaking with your husband - your quality time together. We understand why it is important to deal with the knee that gives way that is stopping you from kicking the footy at the sports ground with your son and we understand why it so frustrating that a back that keeps niggling is stopping you from getting out into the garden and doing the projects you have been dreaming about. As well as dealing with pain and limitation when it arises, physio is also fantastic at preventing future issues. I'm sure you've heard it before, but regular exercise does prevent a lot of conditions that are more likely to occur the older we



with JESS STINSON

get. There are mountains of research that has shown that exercise helps prevent serious conditions like strokes, heart attacks and dementia and makes a difference to living with conditions like Parkinson's disease, post-polio syndrome, dizziness, osteoarthritis and osteoporosis.

Even better than general exercise, like going for our regular walks, is exercise that is tailored to your body, it's areas of stiffness and areas that need strengthening or conditioning. This is why we run our Pilates and Fit for Life classes. We combine what we find in an assessment with feedback from you in our classes to tweak and provide exercise that suits your body and goals. If you have been thinking about getting into exercise but not sure where to start or concerned about making an injury worse, I recommend checking in with one of the physios at Physique and getting yourself a plan. Not only is it a great way to work on your health goals, but it is also a great way to socialise and have some fun with others doing the same thing.



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PROBUS GUEST SPEAKER: JUDITH ROLAND

What an interesting and informative, as well as entertaining presentation by Judith, the current and long-standing President of Landcare.

Most of us have heard of LANDCARE, and several members have actually been involved as volunteers, but I'm sure we are all now far more aware of the amazing work they do for



the Mountain environment and community.

It was impressive to see how many other Mountain organisations and groups that are involved with Landcare to achieve their goals as set out on their website:

https://tamborinemtnlandcare.org.au/index.htm

"Tamborine Mountain Landcare recognises the unique beauty of the Mountain. Our mission is to protect its natural heritage values by maintaining and enhancing the environment and its biodiversity.

"We undertake and encourage the preservation of areas that are significant for their natural heritage, biodiversity and wildlife habitats, native vegetation and scenic amenity. We coordinate with local, state and national authorities to ensure the beautiful landscape of our tableland is preserved and enriched.

"Through our volunteers and other resources, we are restoring biodiversity corridors, forests and reserves."

Delivered with enthusiasm and passion, Judith's presentation was very professional and easy to follow, and by all accounts thoroughly enjoyed by the members.

Thanks Judith, we really appreciate your time and we are now all better informed how important Landcare is to our beautiful mountain.

To all you guys out there that are retired or semi-retired, who are looking for a mentally stimulating group to belong to, we invite you to attend one of our monthly meetings to hear our guest speakers, or to join one of our many special interest groups.

If you want more information, contact **Bob Hepple** on **0411 776 888**, our membership secretary, (membership@tamborinemountainprobus.org.au) or give me a call for a chat.

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- 2. Which mineral, often used in computer chips, is the second most abundant element in the Earth's crust?
- 3. Which metal is known for its corrosion resistance and is used in stainless steel?
- 4. Which rare earth element is used in the production of strong permanent magnets for electronic devices?
- 5. Gold is often used in electronics because of its excellent what?
- Which metal, known for its high 6. melting point, is used in light bulb filaments?
- 7. Which metal is used in the shielding of cables to prevent interference?
- Which mineral is used as an 8 insulator in electronics due to its dielectric properties?
- 9 Which metal, when alloyed with copper, produces bronze?
- 10. Which metal is used in solar panels and has the chemical symbol 'Si'?
- 11. Which metal is the primary component of solder, used to join electronic components?
- 12. Which mineral, used in LCD screens, can produce an electric charge under mechanical stress?
- 13. Which metal is used in the production of jet engines due to its high-temperature resistance?
- 14. Which metal is commonly used in making coins and has the chemical symbol 'Ni'?
- 15. Which metal is used in catalytic converters to reduce harmful emissions from vehicles?
- 16. Australia has the world's largest deposits of which mineral?

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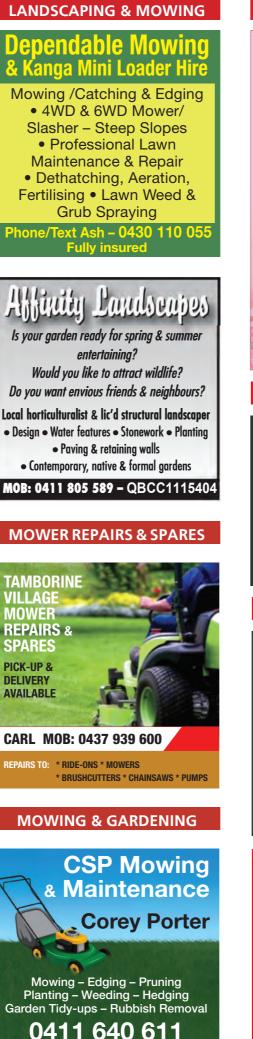
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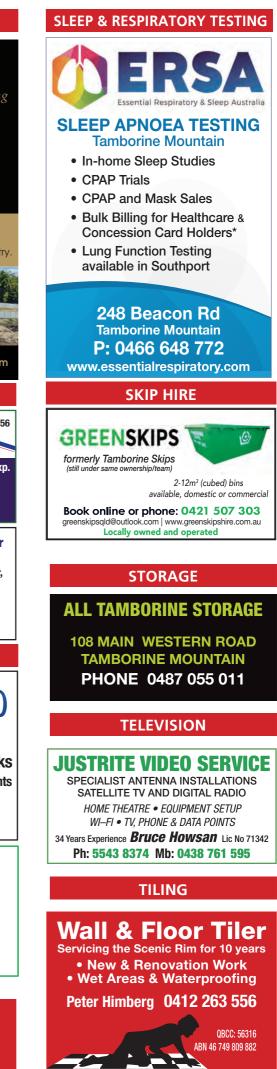
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- 3. Chromium
- 4. Neodymium
- 5. Conductivity
- 6. Tungsten (right)
- 7. Aluminium
- 8. Mica
- 9. Tin
- 10. Silicon
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