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COMMUNITY MAKES FESTIVAL SOMETHING TO CROW ABOUT



The Secret Garden creatives once more lived up to their serious winning track record with 'The Time Machine', taking out Best in Show in the 2023 Tamborine Mountain Scarecrow Festival. Derved praise and thanks to the many organisers and participants who made this annual event a delight for the young at heart of all ages. More photos, page 10.



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Property of the week

SALE 4 beds 3 baths 2 cars 4295m²

238-242 Guanaba Rd, Tamborine Mtn guide \$1,049,000

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- 9ft ceilings, centrally located kitchen
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- Double lock-up garage, space for additional parking

AGENTS:

Diane Pihl
0424 653 316



Property of the week

SALE 3 beds 2 baths 2 cars 1012m²

255 Macdonnell Rd, Tamborine Mountain \$837,000

Comfort & convenience

- Brick and tile home needs minimal upkeep
- Light and bright living/dining area with windows on three sides as well as a second family living/dining
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SALE 4 beds 2 baths 2 cars 4005m²

17-21 Romana Ct, Tamborine Mountain

- Flexible floor plan
- Single level, low maintenance brick & tile
- Three living areas, four bedrooms
- Located in quiet cul-de-sac, fenced house yard, undulating acre

\$ 900,000 guide

AGENTS:

Diane Pihl
0424 653 316



SALE 5 beds 3 baths 1 car 1,434m²

131 Kinabalu Dr, Tamborine Mountain

- A good size home complete with a small self-contained unit
- Two living areas, entertainment decks
- Unit - open plan living
- Partially renovated

\$ 797,000 offers invited

AGENTS:

Linda Hogan
0414 300 558



SALE 3 beds 2 baths 2 cars 2125m²

12-14 Winema Dr, Tamborine Mountain

- Must be sold - all offers invited
- Private, leafy half-acre lot in Forest Park
- Solid timber front door into large entry
- Lovely garden with entertainment areas
- Separate double garage

\$ 985,000 guide

AGENTS:

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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 moratorium notice has been in place since 5 March 2020. Covering the Tamborine Mountain and Springbrook areas, it prevents the construction of new underground water works (bores) for commercial use.

On 3 March 2023, the moratorium was extended without change. Community access to essential water supplies, including exemptions for household supply, small-scale irrigation and town water supply still apply.

Read the moratorium notice (QR code) for details, including exemptions.



It is highly likely that the moratorium will be extended for at least a further 12 months in March 2024 whilst the State Govt continues to undertake its review and replacement of the Gold Coast and Logan Basin water plans to ensure current and emerging issues in the plan areas are addressed. The dividing line for those plans runs North-South through Tamborine Mountain yet our needs are not currently addressed.

Development Applications of interest: (Source: DAP Online). A mixed bag this week including carports, sheds, house and garage extensions and setbacks.

MCU23/078 - 639 Tamborine Mountain Road - Code - Tourist attraction Thunderbird Park – application has moved to the decision stage however the requested information response is not yet visible.

Approved: MCU23/024 - 1-5 Eagles Close TM - Impact - Dual occupancy. I argued strongly against this application – including the fact that it needed a boundary relaxation to get the second "dwelling" to fit onto a block of 11,320sqm. I also argued for any future "minor change" applications to be brought back to council for a vote rather than sign-off by unelected bureaucrats however none of the other Councillors had a problem with this application and it was approved. If at any stage the "dual occupancy" appears to be utilised for any purpose other than a "residential use", feel free to contact Council immediately.

OPW23/049 - 66 Wongawallen Road TM --- Code - Clearing of Vegetation The application is for vegetation clearing, but the application says:

The owner of the property, BlueCHP, specialises in delivering affordable, social and disability housing. The subject site has been identified to provide NDIS accommodation through a Community residence. However, no

application for such a development has been lodged – always good to remove the pesky trees (approx. 12 trees) before actually submitting the development application:

"We are therefore seeking a Development Permit for Operational Work – Vegetation Clearing to facilitate the development of the Community residence".

and now for the really interesting application:

MCU23/163 - 46-48 Main Street TM - Code - Medium impact industry - "Distillery (Up to 2,500 litres of alcohol production per annum)." This is on the site of North Stores/Picnic Real Food Bar. The original application was approved by council in March 2019 as a "Shopping Centre (Business Use)" with a GFA < 400m². Shortly thereafter the "minor change" applications commenced, with the approved garden shed becoming a pottery/retail building. The second building at the rear was stated to possibly be "health professional offices" (in line with uses in a shopping centre). It morphed into something else entirely – an open-plan "workshop/event space". The owners obtained a \$990,000 grant via the Palaszczuk Government's \$25 million Growing Tourism Infrastructure Fund "to create a new food tourism attraction with workshop and market garden where visitors can enjoy a garden to plate experience". I'm wondering where a distillery fits into this picture.

Did you know that your neighbour can apply to council for a boundary setback (200mm from your boundary side & rear) and council can assess and approve the application without ever contacting you or advising you of its decision? Let's hear it for transparency. A heck of a lot of reverse workflow could be avoided. Surely adjoining property owners have a right to know? Approvals such as this are NOT publicly available on council's website at DAP Online.

Recent Planning & Environment court appeals lodged against council (Note: ratepayers foot the legal bills for appeals):

1. 2067/23 – Stephens - 87 Main Western Rd (Tuscany on Tamborine). Application refused, appeal lodged and council has rolled over.
2. 300/23 – DSL Securities P/L – Beaudesert-Nerang Rd. Another "minor change" application re a subdivision approved in January 2022 for 52 Rural Residential B blocks.

3. 2992/23 – Partner Build Group P/L – 11 Church St Boonah. Appeal against council's refusal of a MCU for a shop, food & drink outlet, office and service industry.

Out and About: A mainly upbeat fortnight with several events celebrating exceptional service by volunteers and community members and activities hosted by Council. The awards presentation for the **Scarecrow Festival** was a fun afternoon with many excited children (and parents!) receiving awards. It was rather akin to herding cats to get the recipients to stand still long enough for photos. Well done to all who participated and particularly to the volunteers who have made this annual event such a success for the past 8 years.

Puss in Boots – council's free movies in the park held at the showground was well attended and the dry weather held on – just.

Tamborine Mountain Landcare Inc's AGM was well attended and the quiet achievers in this group are to be commended for their work both for and with the local community. It is only fitting that in this, their 20th year, the association, its significant projects and its tireless volunteers (none are paid) receive acknowledgement for their efforts and to that end I will be submitting a nomination to the recently announced 2023-24 State Landcare Awards - see QR code – I encourage others to do the same.



The **Scenic Rim SES Awards** evening – a strong contingent of Mountain volunteers attended and several were recognised for their dedication and service. Sharyn Keepence, a SRRC staff member, was recognised for ten years' service – your blood is worth bottling!

My 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* was not included in the final report. I have been advised that this was an "administrative oversight" which will be rectified.

Topics of concern raised recently: Shelf Road issues re the now perilous state of some houses, "that" handrail, the soggy undercover area at our new library, and water issues.

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The one sour note: On 02 November 2023 I was served with a Complaint and Summons by two staff of the Office of the Independent Assessor who turned up on the Mountain unannounced. This related to an email I sent to Councillors on 03 November 2022 (yes, a year ago) followed by a formal interview undertaken on 05 June 2023 with my barrister and nothing was heard since. It is stated in the Complaint that *"In the email, Amanda Joanne Hay made a complaint about the conduct of Councillor XX as it contained expressions of discontent or fault-finding"!!!* Good God! What a heinous offence! Prosecution action is reserved for quote "in cases where the complainant behaviour is very serious".

I was off the Mountain conducting council business, so several hours of taxpayer funded time was spent with these two gentlemen wandering around Gallery Walk and IGA when service could have been effected electronically via one phone call and an email. Thankyou to the local solicitor who assisted on the day. I guess I will be absent from the SRRC annual Christmas party as I am required to attend the Magistrate's Court in Brisbane on 15 December to enter my plea of very much "not guilty"... and people put their hand up to be a Councillor!

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.

"Do No Harm"

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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AUSTRALIAN EMERALD DRAGONFLY

Hemicordulia Australiae, Driscoll Lane



Just to recap, Driscoll Lane contains three features which have provided innumerable subjects over the years, namely, the metal railing and the garden and pond beyond it, the hedge, and the picket fence leading to the junction with Beechmont Avenue. This medium-sized dragonfly with a body length of 50 mm occurs in all Australian jurisdictions, (including Lord Howe Island and Norfolk Island), Lesser Sunda Islands in Indonesia, and New Zealand. It was the second time I have encountered the species. I photographed this individual on 30.10.23, almost seven years ago to the day, and in the same hedge, that I filmed its precursor.

Peter Kuttner

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EAGLE HEIGHTS TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN

A book for all those that live there and those that would like to.

In these difficult times the world is experiencing sadness and distress, and sometimes they seem to have the upper hand. This barrage of negativity can seem inescapable. Consider for a moment that research has shown that engaging with, for example, matters of historical interest can improve mood and reduce stress.

Something really simple, a sanctuary giving room to breathe that doesn't shy away from everyday events, could prove rewarding.

With this thought in mind, local historian Paul Lyons' latest book *'Eagle Heights Village'*, which covers a history of the first settlement of Eagle Heights and stories of the early people, is a good, informative and refreshing read.

Many will recall Paul's earlier book *"Mountain Memories"* (still available) which was well received and covered many aspects of his activities as an observer of Mountain life.

In an extract from this latest book, he stated his interest in the history of our little village began when his family moved from the big smoke to Queensland in the late 1940s.

"I was sent to the small Marist Boarding College in Southport Rd. My years there – for a city boy – were heaven, and since then, with my thirty years of later life in this small village of seemingly rural England it has remained so".

His appetite for all things associated with the village is remarkable. He can often be seen discussing matters with remaining early settlers and their descendants who drop in at the Historical Society for morning tea.

Paul is a good listener and knows the right questions to ask. His steel trap mind does the rest.

This publication covers briefly the first years of settlement of the village of Eagle Heights and the gradual development from early selections to the formation of the village and up to the mid-20th century. It includes short profiles of those pioneers who first settled and some of those who followed

shortly after and established the village.

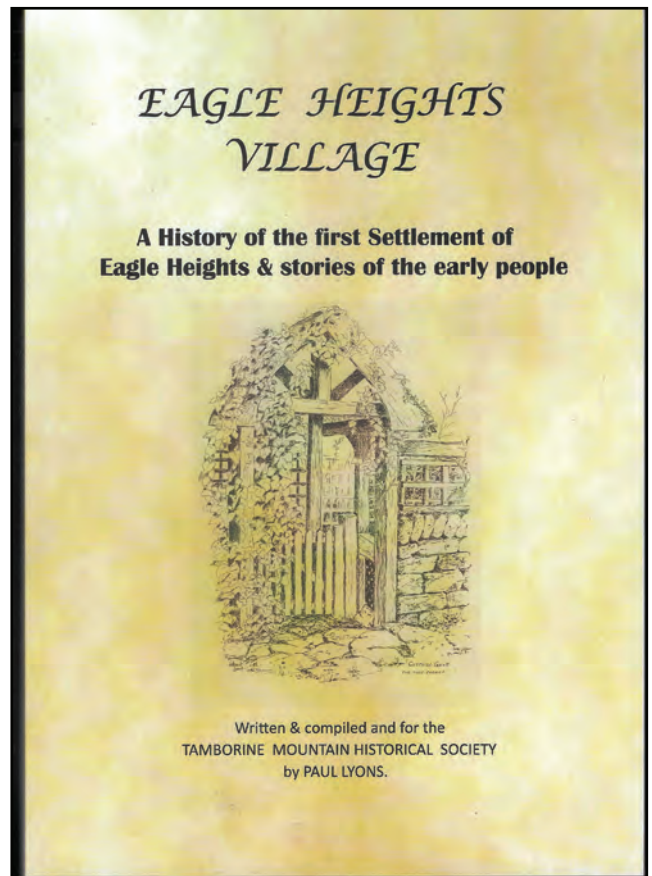
It is not meant to be an exact history. Instead, he has attempted to simply portray the lives of those early settlers, describe the first roads and streets, and to recall some of the later residents of the first few decades of settlement. It is not meant to be a complete picture, but he hopes it will serve as a catalyst for further research, or just some entertaining reading.

A book signing will take place at "Under the Greenwood Tree" 92 Main Western Road on Saturday November 18, between 1.30 and 3.30 pm. This event should not be missed. Copies of *Mountain Memories* will also be available for purchase.

Tamborine Mountain Historical Society is the proud publisher of this book, which has been written and compiled by Paul.

**Tony Smallwood
Historical Society**

Photo: Paul is an artist too. Front cover drawing is his work. The back page script says "It is now time to leave. To depart quietly and to close the gate gently."





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- On-site carparking
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- Bore water supply and rainwater tanks
- Extensive indoor and alfresco dining areas
- Current uses include restaurant, hospitality, and retail
- Currently occupied, though offered with vacant possession
- Possibility to continue with existing occupier and / or potential for multiple tenancy opportunities
- Further development / redevelopment potential

* Approximate



122 Long Rd, Tamboorne Mountain

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OPENING: RETROSPECTIVE SHOWCASE OF BARBARA A. DAVIDSON'S ORIGINAL PRINTS: A TRIBUTE TO A LIFELONG ARTISTIC JOURNEY

**In Memoriam – Barbara Anne Davidson (1928-2022):
A Distinguished Legacy Preserved**

The art world mourned the passing of the esteemed Sydney-based artist, Barbara Anne Davidson, last year. With a remarkable career spanning over seven decades, Davidson left behind a profound artistic legacy, inspiring generations to come. In a touching tribute to her life's work, her son Andrew, residing on picturesque Tamborine Mountain, and her granddaughter Emma have taken on the noble task of preserving her extensive collection of artworks.

A Journey Through Time and Technique: The Retrospective Exhibition

Andrew Davidson, brimming with enthusiasm, is set to present a remarkable exhibition on Tamborine Mountain at the Viking Framer Gallery. This retrospective display is a homage to his mother's artistic evolution, featuring a diverse array of pieces, from her early drawings and sketches to her mastery of various printing techniques, including lithography, etching, and collagraphy.

What sets Barbara's work apart is the personal touch she instilled in every piece. Each print was meticulously crafted in her own studio, lovingly pressed by hand on her own printing presses. While most found their canvas on paper, a few ventured onto unconventional materials. The intricate process of layering colours demanded time and intense labour, a testament to her unwavering dedication to her craft.

Drawing Inspiration from Life: a Glimpse into Barbara's World

Barbara Davidson's art was a reflection of her immediate surroundings, drawing inspiration from her home, garden, everyday activities, and the iconic landscapes she encountered during her travels. Her creations originated as pen or pencil sketches, eventually evolving through multiple stages in her studio, each layer enhancing the depth and complexity of her work.

The Artist's Mark: Originality Preserved

In the world of printmaking, artists often aim to produce series of

identical prints, each bearing a unique number in the edition. However, any intentional or accidental variation marks a print as an artist's proof, signifying its distinctiveness. Barbara Davidson's collection boasts this rich diversity, showcasing the depth of her creative exploration.

A Fusion of Art and Literature: The Artist's Books

In her later years, Barbara embraced traditional French Simplicity hand binding techniques to create artists' books, allowing her art to narrate its own story. A selection of these enchanting books will grace the exhibition, adding a unique dimension to her artistic journey.

Preserving Artistry: A Visual Treat

The prints featured in this exhibition have been thoughtfully mounted with museum-quality ragmat and meticulously framed for their protection using wood and Perspex. Unframed works will also be available, allowing art enthusiasts to bring a piece of Barbara's legacy into their own homes.

Meet the Curators: Andrew and Emma

During the two weeks of the exhibition at the Viking Framer Gallery, Andrew and Emma will be present, offering insights into Barbara's life and creative process. Their presence adds a personal touch to this extraordinary tribute.

Join Us at the Opening

The Viking Framer Gallery invites art enthusiasts and the community to immerse themselves in Barbara Davidson's world. Gallery hours are from **Monday to Friday, 9 am to 5 pm**, with a special opening drinks and nibbles function scheduled for **4.30 pm on Saturday, November 25th**. Andrew and gallery owner David extend a warm invitation to all to celebrate the legacy of an extraordinary artist.

Barbara Anne Davidson's retrospective exhibition promises to be a remarkable journey through the life and artistry of a truly gifted and beloved artist. Don't miss this opportunity to be part of a tribute to an artist who made an indelible mark on the world of art.

Barbara A. Davidson

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Scenic Rim Regional Council's record is a failure. It has demonstrated a disregard for Budget discipline, financial prudence, honesty, and transparency.

For example:

Capital Works

- The Beaudesert Industrial Estate development using in-house labour. Estimated cost blowout 2.5 million dollars – three years behind schedule, and revenue from land sales over the last three years likely NIL.
- Beaudesert Town Parkland development. The estimated cost, including ancillary capital works – \$8 million. Likely cost to complete – double: \$16 million.
- 2,300 square metre Beaudesert Library and connection/integration to Council Admin centre. Estimate 12 million dollars; likely new cost estimate – \$24 million plus.

BROMELTON INDUSTRIAL ESTATE

Scenic Rim Council endorsed two Federal grants for community infrastructure estimated at \$15 million to private company SCT to develop an intermodal transport hub at Bromelton to produce thousands of jobs to seed development. Since its completion, less than 200 jobs have been created, and no new industries have been established in the State Development Area. Because of this, the community was robbed of infrastructure such as sports fields, swimming pools, and parks and gardens.

TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN GALLERY WALK

Council purchased the Tamborine Winery Long Road land for an estimated \$6.5 million at the top of the land boom bubble. It proposed selling a large portion of land with the existing buildings for \$3 million. Council was warned of its folly. Previously, the whole site had been on the market for just over 4 million dollars for years and had failed to secure a buyer. Council was a real woodchuck gullible buyer. The state government downgraded Councils' financial status, citing the likely inability to realise the proposed 3 million dollars of revenue.

ENVIRONMENTAL CATASTROPHE IN BOONAH AVERTED?

Who remembers September 2020, when the Council wanted to chop down all the beautiful mature Himalayan Ash shade trees in Boonah Town Centre to make way for new landscaping? Council was manically adamant the trees were a danger to the ecology of Boonah, and that the trees would spread their seeds far and wide and create enormous environmental damage. The community banded together and signed a petition to keep the trees. A reluctant Council gave in and removed just one. But to save face, they resolved that THEY WOULD IMMEDIATELY install A \$100,000 Gross Pollution Trap (GPT) in its town drainage system to capture the terrifying seeds and make sure they would not escape and wreak havoc in the Boonah regional environment.

Four years later, the Council has not installed the GPT, and nobody in Boonah Town has died suffering from environmental harm. Who said the Council had a culture of dishonesty?

NEW COUNCIL LIBRARY ON TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN

Scenic Rim Council is advised of a Commonwealth (CW) funding grant and likely applies for a half-dozen projects that may fit the criteria. The CW and our local Federal Member Scott Buchholtz advocated for the Mountain, and the Council is told of the successful projects, including Tamborine Mtn's library. Without consultation with the Divisional Councillor, it releases plans for the library devoid of toilets as specified in the building code of Australia for a public building of this size. They say that they can't change the plans, and no money is available to provide toilets for the public, only one for the four staff who will work there, and one for disabled persons. However, at the end of the fit-out and construction, they realised they didn't fund the outdoor utility area and immediately found an extra 350,000 dollars to do it. The public deserves a more honest and

fiscally mature Council.

CEO GOES AWOL ON A TOTAL ESTIMATED \$350,000 PLUS SALARY

Where is our CEO, David Keenan? He is not sick – sources say he has not applied for leave except for one week to participate in the AFL Masters Games. That was over a month ago. The media right across the region is asking this question, and the Council will not respond to their questions. The staff and Councillors are split and divided; the culture is more toxic than ever.

Word is that the Mayor, not working alone, has contrived a scenario whereby Mayor Christensen has acted unilaterally and suspended the CEO. With another Councillor being absent and on personal leave, the other Councillors have claimed they are powerless to act to right the wrong.

Meanwhile, ratepayers are paying for a CEO who has been told he cannot RETURN TO WORK. HE HASN'T BEEN SACKED, and he has contractual rights to seek compensation for damages to reputation, etc, under his employment contract. Are we to see another example of Council maladministration? Ratepayers and residents cannot elect such an irresponsible, divided Council with a poisonous culture. Who would want to work there, and why are there so many staff vacancies and leaks from the organisation? In this debacle, where is the State Government and Local Government Minister Steven Miles?

PIG AND CALF SALEYARDS, BEAUDESERT

Council initially claimed to Councillors and the public it would cost just \$50,000 to mount a court case to oppose the Heritage listing of the Pig and Calf Saleyards.

Many months later, it refused to answer questions in subsequent Council meetings about the cost of the legal action, because it was mounting. Ultimately, they came clean and revealed it was close to \$230,000.

Remember, they said they couldn't afford to upgrade the saleyards.

Remember, the Council, without a Council resolution, cancelled the lease of the saleyards auctioneer.

SOLUTION

- We need to end the farce and elect new Councillors who you can trust and stand up and represent you.
- We need performing executive staff and leadership.
- We must give the loyal and performing staff the support and encouragement they deserve and end the toxic culture.
- We need to embed a culture of productivity and consultative decision-making.
- We need to introduce transparent Council meetings and greater access to the media of Council decisions and processes.
- We need to welcome the role of the media and provide them assistance to report on issues and keep the public informed.
- We must stop the Council's one-sided trumpet-blowing about how good it is. We need to see results, not just cheap talk, press releases and spin.
- We need Councillors and staff to work together to achieve community outcomes.
- We need to reduce the number of consultants and employ staff who can formulate policies and strategies, not simply hire consultants and then claim credit for the consultants' work.

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Letters to the Editor

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THERE'S A LITTLE MORE TO IT THAN THAT

What a strange letter from Richard Lysnar in the 26 October Scenic News. His very questionable conclusion is that the demise of the Tamborine Mountain Progress Association, TMPA, was self-inflicted. However, he damages his credibility by ignoring major events which conflict with his assumption.

But first, a clarification. Obviously referring to my recent letter in the News re- the same TMPA matter, he stated that my letter was 'on behalf of the TMPA'. I write my own thoughts, and not on behalf of others. To avoid such groundless aspersions, I am not a member of any organisation in the public eye, such as the TMPA.

Now back to Richard Lysnar's omissions. Incredibly, he fails to even mention the basic cause of all the hurt. Council and developer flouted the long-standing convention that costs not be claimed in the Planning and Environment Court. This provision was necessary to allow residents to represent themselves in Court if a Development Application threatened their interests. This would not be possible if they were threatened with having to pay the massive costs of developers and their legal teams. But flouting the convention is exactly what the Council did to the co-Respondents who had been supporting its case in Court. Not only did the Council suddenly change sides, but it then sued its previous allies for costs. It will probably set a new precedent. Surely that basic cause deserved a mention in

Richard Lysnar's narrative.

But then Mr Lysnar went further. I had outlined the future problems arising if the convention was abandoned. He referred to these as 'myths'. Such a suggestion can only be laughed at, but the humour would be rather black.

He strongly supports community involvement in consideration of Development Applications. Surely, the TMPA had been facilitating this for 108 years. The formal process was legislated decades ago, with the introduction of Planning Schemes and Development Control Plans. The procedure is for the Local Government to produce a Draft for public comment. This results in a revised version that is then published for public comment, before being considered for adoption by Council.

In my 30 years of observation of the workings of the TMPA, it was obvious that it always strongly encouraged the community to contribute. Then, when a Plan was gazetted, the TMPA invariably defended its provisions. The first Tamborine Mountain Development Control Plan was gazetted in 1985. Its successor in 1997 was gazetted after a four-year gestation period. This set the pattern for the Tamborine Mountain plateau we now enjoy. Subsequent iterations have been less sharply focussed. Unfortunately, our present Mayor seems to see this as an opportunity to submerge our uniqueness in one-size-fits-all.

Phil Giffard

UPDATE ON DEVELOPMENT MAIN WESTERN RD

Your readers may recall a development application made mid-last year to build five cabins and an Onsen bath house with seven baths at 713-735 Main Western Road.

Council failed, yet again, to respond within the timeframes set in law, and the developers took a deemed refusal and went off to the Planning and Environmental Court. Several submitters against the proposal also joined in the action.

Council later heard the application and approved the development by a majority vote. However, they are still in court, at your cost, but are siding with the developer.

Surprise surprise – the appeal is still ongoing.

Friday 27 October, we were back in

court to set the dates for the actual hearing. It was decided that it would be a 4-day hearing, 21-24 November. I think that it will end up as a 2-day hearing, but that remains to be seen.

I am arguing that the Onsen building, as a Tourist Attraction, with a coach bringing guests up from the Gold Coast for a two hour visit and then return throughout the day, is an inconsistent use for the Rural Residential Zone A Precinct, and therefore should be disallowed. The cabins are a potentially consistent use and, whilst I think that it is an over-development for the area, I am not fighting against these.

I will let you know the outcome.

Nigel Waistell
Cr 2012 – 2020

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- NS 3. 48.75% PETER MORRIS - JOHN LODGE
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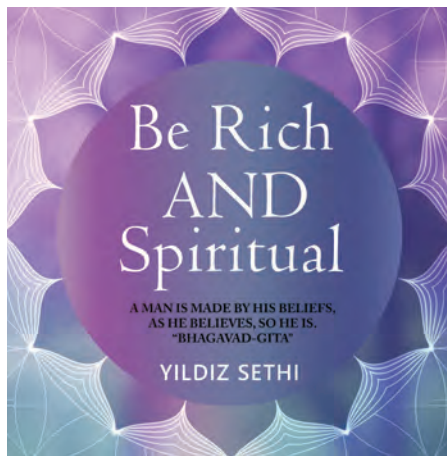
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TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN REPAIR CAFÉ – TWO YEARS OF OPERATION

For those in the know, there is a repair place on the Mountain to which they can take those little niggling jobs which have been building up around the house.

Tamborine Mountain Repair Café operates two days a week at the Tamborine Mountain Community Care offices (shed down the driveway), located at 42 Southport Avenue. Here, volunteers will tackle those annoying repair tasks you don't know how to fix. The service offers a second chance of life for those used items which may have ceased working but you are not quite ready to throw out. If you believe it is better to 'repair and reuse' instead of throwing in the bin, Repair Café is the place to go.

For the past two years, Mountain residents have been bringing their broken or non-operating items for a quick assessment, and hopefully a speedy repair. Some of the more common items brought in include garden tools, mowers, toys and furniture. But while volunteers are usually kept busy, there is room to take on more jobs.

Manager of Tamborine Mountain Community Care Association (TMCCA), Geoff Marshall, said the service is appreciated by those who use it regularly but "we would love to see the service utilised more. We have capacity to handle more work and want to keep our volunteers busy, as they love the challenge of investigating and repairing items. A last chance to save those valued items that you have just about given up on, we can't promise to save everything, but we are keen to try and reduce the amount of landfill at the same time.



"In the two years of operating the Repair Café, we have fixed 642 items, extending their useful life and reducing landfill. In the same period we have been unable to repair just 46 items as they were either non repairable or beyond the expertise of our volunteers."

Clients are asked to make a donation to the centre, in proportion to the work done. While volunteers are ready to have a go at fixing most things, Repair Café cannot accept electrical goods for repair. Customers are also advised to check an item's warranty status before bringing it in.

Photo: Repair Café volunteer Hugh Kearney puts the finishing touches on a push mower that the customer thought was ready to scrap.



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Eradicating fire ants is a fight we need to win, the consequences of failing are far too great

They're small, copper brown, feisty and sting, and if we don't all work together they'll be here to stay.

First found in Brisbane in 2001, fire ants are a category 1 restricted matter (*Biosecurity Act 2014*) and considered one of the world's most invasive pests. And rightly so, they can have irreversible consequences on our environment, economy, human health and outdoor way of life.

They can destroy crops, damage machinery, and render paddocks, parks, playgrounds and backyards unusable.

If we don't work together to stop them, fire ants could infest all of Australia costing up to \$2 billion per year, forever, surpassing the annual damage done by our country's worst pests: feral cats, wild dogs, foxes, camels, rabbits and cane toads.

Do you love your backyard cricket, barbecues and walking on the grass without shoes on? This is what the National Fire Ant Eradication Program is working to save. Australia is also the only country currently focused on eradicating this pest. Fire ants have spread too far in other countries, and these nations have given up.

Our new Fire Ant Response Plan 2023–27 has an outside-in approach and focuses on:

- containing fire ants and delimiting current infestation
- strengthening compliance with the legal frameworks available to stop the spread of fire ants
- researching and improving the way in which we eradicate fire ants
- working together to protect Australia from this invasive pest.

Our fire ant containment area forms a horseshoe around the infestation—spanning from Moreton Bay in the north, west to the Lockyer Valley, east to the Gold Coast and south to Tweed Shire.

Eradication treatment is being conducted around the inside of this band

Under the plan, the first areas that will receive treatment are suburbs in the:

- Lockyer Valley
- Southern Downs
- Scenic Rim
- southern Gold Coast.

As fire ants are cleared from areas, we will progressively move eradication activities inwards until all areas are treated.



Fire ant nests found along a fence line in Ipswich.

Fire ant eradication treatment is the only way to protect Australia from fire ants and the devastating impacts they can have on our way of life. To give our country the best chance of success, we must treat:

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For our rural and semi-rural farming communities, as well as all those who rely on these communities, fire ants pose a severe problem if left unchecked. They can do more damage to our agriculture and the environment than Australia's worst invasive pests combined.

Fire ant expert and entomologist Dr Ross Wylie says that modelling shows the current incursion has grown slowly, in comparison to other countries.

"It's a different story overseas—fire ants have spread at about 4 km per year. Fire ant spread in the United States is reported

to be 50 km per year, and in China it's 80 km per year. Australia's efforts are showing a promising result when compared with countries where fire ants aren't controlled."

Had the eradication program not been in place, it's estimated fire ants would have already spread as far north as Bowen, west to Longreach, and south to Canberra by now, causing destruction in their path.

In the United States, fire ant nests are part of the landscape. Texan farmers can only use a portion of their land, the rest has been taken over by fire ants to the point it's beyond treatable and in many cases the land is unusable. Residents are also unable to walk to their washing lines without being stung.

This is not a future we want for Australia.

Fire ants are everyone's responsibility, and we all play a part in getting rid of them. Let's band together and protect the Australian way of life.

Fire ants can be reported anytime by visiting the website fireants.org.au or calling **13 25 23**.



Letters to the Editor

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WATER SUPPLY TO MOUNTAIN RESIDENTS

In a recent letter, I asked the question: was there a water crisis on the Mountain? In that letter, I suggested that the Mountain required another water supplier.

I now note that there is an application to Council to sink a bore in Hartley Road to conduct local water supply. I have also noted some criticism of this application because people fear that the water will be taken off the Mountain.

I have spoken to the applicant, and he has confirmed that he only wishes to supply post code 4272, Tamborine Mountain. I support this application, as we need another supplier. When I arrived on the Mountain, we had six suppliers and now we have two.

This is why the Council approved the amendment to the Planning Scheme in June 2023 to allow a person in the Rural Zone to conduct water supply.

This will ease the pain on those who need water from our two water deliverers. It will also help our water deliverers, who stress when their suppliers are running low.

Nigel Waistell
Cr 2012-2020

TM PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

What is it with Richard Lysnar? In his letter in *Scenic News* of 26th October, he goes over old ground already covered on numerous occasions in the *Tamborine Times*, March and April. In criticising TMPA not only for its support for severely impacted residents but also the broadly held local values in the Planning Scheme, Mr. Lysnar presents as coming from the "other side".

Nearly all of us love our Tamborine Mountain lifestyle, sustained by years of adherence to the local Planning Scheme, but with constant bombardment from greedy developers attempting to breach this, residents unsurprisingly become quite distressed.

Tamborine Mountain Progress Association was a State government-registered Community Purpose organisation. Over many decades, it has fought on behalf of residents to protect their environmental semi-rural lifestyles, and always according to the local Planning Scheme.

In the Eagles Retreat Place appeal, both the presiding judge and the costs-obsessed supporting judge, service both the Planning & Environment Court (civil law) and the District Court (common, case law)

In the P & E Court, where participants have traditionally paid their own way, a civil law re-assessment is based only on the local Planning Scheme and state and federal regulations. This excludes common law decisions by judges in other proceedings. It does not treat the assessment as an adversarial dispute between parties.

However, during the early stages of the appeal, the developer spent nearly two months attempting to knock out TMPA and its submission compiled by a highly recommended town planner. This was reversed by a different judge, slamming the developer's lawyers stating, "*wetting the saliva of lawyers with one hand on the guillotine can only frustrate rather than meet the ends of justice*".

In a winnable case, Council, TMPA, several residents

supported by town planning submissions, plus residents who chose Amanda Hay to front them, all opposed the development's massive scale and intensity on the slippage-prone mountain escarpment.

After fifty-three weeks – and several weeks before the appeal was due to end – Council did a complete about-turn following the developer's "minor change" to his application. This in effect changed nothing (some rubbish bins moved, area for effluent disposal changed) – the scale and intensity remained. The developer now claimed this was a new development application, with no objections, therefore the residents were "happy with the development". Ignoring its residents, Council went along with this, and now supported the developer. (In its initial refusal in 2021, Council had added that this DA could not be conditioned!)

In his judgment, the presiding judge dismissed all original 243 objections as worthless. Besides TMPA's, many were on pro-formas but included extensive submissions painstakingly compiled by alarmed neighbours, with two adding formal objections compiled by qualified town planners. They also included a quality objection submission from a local who happens to be a senior State Government town planner... "devoid of merit"!?

The judge stated his judgment would cause no harm. Two neighbouring businesses now faced closure, with the probability of a third. Residents are now beset by massive disruption to their chosen quiet lifestyles, all because of a callous and greedy developer, with no regard to the damage he chose to inflict on unfortunate residents. This is not to mention the precedent now set to damage the environmental semi-rural character of Tamborine Mountain.

He opened the door to astronomical costs from the developer and Council, which TMPA could not pay. In the infamous Gillion/Power Pde water case, which ploughed its way through three courts, the last round clearly vexatious, the costs claim by Council did not succeed.

Apparently oblivious to the downstream consequences of his decision and not differentiating between the two courts, this judge has effectively excluded communities and citizens from access to the P & E Court – their legal right as properly made submitters under the *Local Government Act*. It is now the playground of the legally qualified and mega-rich.

But negatively impacted residents will still be there, with others giving a hand to support them. These will regroup. So, Mr. Lysnar, the road ahead (As-It-Should) will not be an Open Road for greedy developers with inappropriate development applications set to damage residents' lifestyles.

Jeanette Lockey,
President of the former TMPA

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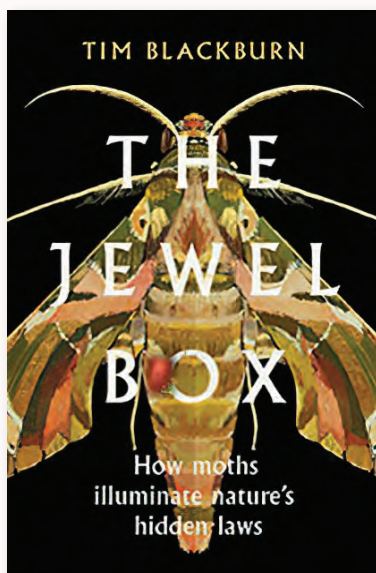
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OUR STAFF BOOK CHOICE: *THE JEWEL BOX* by Tim Blackburn



A plastic box with a lightbulb attached may seem like an odd birthday present. But for ecologist Tim Blackburn, a moth trap is a captivating window into the world beyond the roof terrace of his London flat. Whether gaudy or drab, rare or common, each moth ensnared by the trap is a treasure with a story to tell. In *The Jewel Box*, Blackburn introduces these mysterious visitors, revealing how the moths he catches reflect hidden patterns governing the world around us.

With names like the Dingy Footman, Jersey Tiger, Pale Mottled Willow, and Uncertain, and at least 140,000 identified species, moths are fascinating in their own right. But no moth is an island—they are vital links in the web of life. Through the lives of these overlooked insects, Blackburn introduces a landscape of unseen ecological connections. The flapping of a moth's wing may not cause a hurricane, but it is closely tied to the wider world, from the park down the street to climatic shifts across the globe.

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The authors Glenn and Linda Mawdsley are retired on Tamborine Mountain, Queensland, after many years travelling through several continents mainly in developing countries. The 1960s through to the 1980s were the golden years for adventure travel anywhere in the world. Most overland travellers were baby-boomer backpackers in their 20s with not much money, plenty of ambition and carrying a travel book “*Across Asia on the Cheap*” or “*Africa on a Shoestring*”. Compared to today’s world, with continuous wars, pandemics, terrorist activities and global unrest, Linda and I believe most of our overland travelling was accomplished at the right time. Hitchhiking was a common form of travel without the fear there is today. Local trains, buses and your own mode of transport such as a vehicle, motor bike or bicycle, was the norm. That is not to say you cannot travel worldwide today, but there are many more restrictions and costs, especially for long overland trips through several countries.



The challenges endured during this adventure were sometimes both physically and mentally exhausting, but the whole experience was incredibly rewarding. During our journey through

the Continent, apart from completing the trip of a lifetime, we experienced the magnificent sights, wildlife and the diverse African way of life throughout the 15 countries visited. The route from South Africa to Europe in 1977/1978 entailed 18,000 kms and 9 months duration.

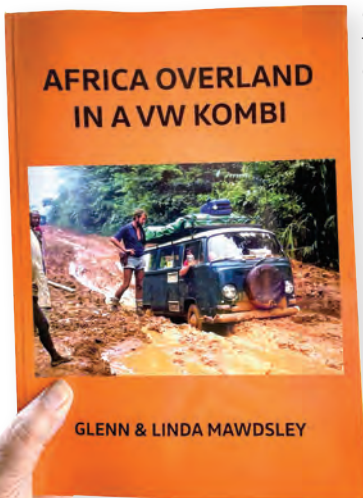
The VW Kombi Campervan was a very popular vehicle to transit Africa, but “Nessie” (affectionate name for our 1968 Kombi T2), would eventually be classed as a “Lemon” (mechanically inferior). She drove through some of the most formidable and gruelling terrain in Africa, but we certainly had our share of major mechanical problems. There were over 50 mechanical/electrical failures registered, with the engine removed 8 times and broken down into individual parts 4 times. In Nigeria, we rebuilt the engine from new parts, but later in the Sahara Desert the bodywork started to break up with 2 cracked chassis members and the engine mounting.

The book’s content was extracted from a daily journal and includes author’s photographs and geographic, demographic and past history information of each African country en route.

Part 1 is an account of our living and working in South Africa for 18 months and includes the trip preparation, Part 2 the overland journey.

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CHRISTMAS ARTS MARKET – 18TH & 19TH NOVEMBER 2023

Tamborine Mountain Community Care Association (TMCCA) is holding a Christmas Arts Market, a fundraiser event to help boost income for delivery of aged care services, to help our aged community members remain living in their own homes rather than entering permanent residential care.

Works will be displayed and offered for sale by invited artists, artisans and crafts people; most are Tamborine Mountain residents and members of the local community.

Some crafts being displayed are considered dying skills, with few makers carrying on the tradition of the older crafts, while others are newer crafts.

A mix of genres including wood turning, painting, jewellery, photography, textiles, card making, handmade paper, macramé, wood carving, spoon carving, resin, botanical drawing, Christmas-themed items.

Demonstrations of some crafts will be made throughout the weekend.

Additionally, Jen Wilson, one of our artisans, will be holding Bead weaving workshops. Jen has made jewellery for the last 20 years and loves creating handmade beaded jewellery. Would you like to join a small class workshop so you can learn bead weaving techniques? Jen will host 4 workshops at the Christmas Arts Market.

Each workshop will be limited to 4 people so that everyone gets individualised attention. In this class you will learn how to make a pendant or a set of earrings using high quality Japanese beads, Czech beads and Swarovski crystals. The class times are 10.30 am – midday and 1.15 pm to 2.45 pm on both days and will cost \$50 – materials will be supplied and you will complete a lovely piece of jewellery in this time. To register for this class please text Jen on 0403 345 187 and indicate your time preference. Hurry, because class places are strictly limited.

Prices of artworks start at just a few dollars, while others are more expensive, reflecting the many hours of work required to produce one-of-a-kind items; payment by cash or EFTPOS. Light refreshments and homemade goodies will also be available while stocks last. Come along, stock up on Christmas gifts for yourself and others and learn new creative skills!

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Constant dog barking can be really annoying for most people – sometimes we try to ignore it, especially if it is unusual and the owner/s are not home. I had to resort to wearing earplugs at one time when my neighbour worked at night, so did her dog work at letting us all know he was not happy. Then there are

dog owners who are just oblivious to their dog's barking, not attempting to quieten the animal. The most distressing sound is when a dog is howling.



The advice from Councils is to firstly contact the owner: maybe they are not aware that Rover barks when nobody is home, although some owners just shrug their shoulders and say "Well, dogs bark." True, but only for short periods, usually when something is going on around their property, a dog that barks a lot is either very bored, frustrated or distressed. Council offers a dispute resolution: apparently around 90% of mediations result in an agreement between two parties. Should further complaints be received, a diary sheet is given to the complainant to record barking incidents over a 7-day period. The written record is required if evidence is needed for possible court action. Once the diary/survey sheet is returned, a Council officer may conduct site visits to the property based on the information provided and determine if a noise nuisance exists. The dog's owners can be served with a compliance notice and, or a fine.

Then there are the escapees – dogs that wander the streets, get lost or just get into mischief. A pet dog escaping or a gate left open happens to most owners at some time or other, but there are the regulars. These dogs are in danger of being hit by a car or causing an accident. If a wandering dog is regular and you do not know where it lives, it is best to report it to Council, for the dog and everyone's safety. The dog may be impounded, but is a wake-up call for owners to either secure their fencing, exercise and spend more time with the dog. Many loose dogs will not let a stranger near them, while some can respond aggressively. I have taken a few dogs to the vet surgery on the Mountain who are very helpful: they will read the microchip, phone the owner and hold the dog for a period of time. Most dogs are microchipped and collected by their owners.

Please consider all the humane responsibilities of having a dog before getting one, we ought to care about all aspects of their welfare and safety for the life of the dog, which could be many years.

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THE SIGNIFICANCE OF LANDSCAPING IN AUSTRALIAN REAL ESTATE

By Jez Clark

Principal - Clark+Granger

In the vast expanse of the Australian property market, the concept of indoor-outdoor living holds immense value. For Australians, the allure of a well-designed outdoor space is as important as the interior of a home. However, beautiful and functional landscaping isn't just a matter of aesthetic preference; it significantly impacts property value. Recent research conducted by the Husqvarna Group sheds light on just how crucial a well-presented garden can be in the real estate equation.

According to Husqvarna's study, investing time and resources in gardening can yield substantial returns, with an estimated payback of 3.6 times the investment for Australian properties. This research emphasises the potential of a thoughtfully-landscaped garden, which Husqvarna claims can increase up to 16% a home's overall value.

A comparison between houses featuring well-maintained gardens and those with plain exteriors revealed a remarkable 26% difference in perceived market value. It's a testament to the impact landscaping has on first impressions and, consequently, property prices.

The study also highlighted key garden features that significantly enhance property value. Leading the pack is the humble lawn, which



can add 0.2% of value to a property for every percentage of ground it covers. This means a property with a lawn covering 50% of the lot could see a 10% increase in its overall value. Following closely are outdoor social spaces, turning gardens into extensions of living spaces, thereby maximising a property's potential.

Privacy, too, emerged as a crucial factor. Trees and hedges, providing a natural sense of seclusion, were found to enhance a property's value by 3.5 to 4.5%. These elements not only add aesthetic appeal but also fulfil the need for security and privacy, influencing a potential buyer's decision.

Incorporating such features into your garden isn't just about financial gain: it's a strategic investment. To ensure your efforts yield the desired results, it's essential to strike a balance. While adding value to your property is important, moderation is key. Extravagant features, while visually appealing, could make your property too specific, potentially limiting its appeal in the market. Your lawn full of gnomes, and the reproduction Trevi Fountain may be a bit too much for some investors.

In conclusion, as Australians, our reverence for the outdoors translates into the property market. Understanding the impact of landscaping on property value offers valuable insights for homeowners and potential buyers alike. The garden isn't just an extension of your home: it's an investment in your property's future. So, whether you're a homeowner considering renovations or a buyer evaluating options, recognising the significance of a well-designed outdoor space could be the key to unlocking the full potential of your property investment.

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MEDITATION AND SILENCE

Our Silent Yoga Meditation Retreat coming up soon (22/3 – 24/3/24) was inspired by events happening in the world at large. With the deteriorating mental health of so many people, caving under the deluge of bad news and doomsday forecasts, there is a real need for all of us to build up our inner reserves, our sense of self and to be able to tune into and act upon our own inner wisdom, regardless of the mass rhetoric. Silence and a meditation practice will help you grow your inner resilience.

My interest was piqued when I read an article on the mental health of reality TV stars. How many of these reality TV stars slip into major depression when the show is over. Now there were multiple reasons, the biggest and most ugly was the trolling on social media. But the phenomenon I found fascinating was how these young people had loved the relentless attention from the public and had felt validated, seen and very important for the first time in their lives. But as soon as the media attention was turned off, there was nothing for them to draw from. They had become addicted to external validation, and there was no inside sense of self they could retreat to and be themselves again, after the show had finished. They were untethered in the world, totally vulnerable to external opinion – and this is a frightening, lonely place to be. You are open and unguarded to the judgement, cruelty, and criticism of others, with no reserves of your own to draw from and resist. It seemed like the majority of these contestants had never taken the time to find out who they really were, go inside and map out their real selves and their beliefs. If they had had built these inner reserves, becoming a no-one again would not have been so devastating.

Then, I had a conversation with a friend who is a Grade 1 teacher. She mentioned how she's watched the attention span of 6 year-olds degenerate over the years, until now in a class of, say 15, she might be lucky to have 3 or 4 students who can actually focus on a task for 10 minutes. Everyone else's attention is fragmented after 2 or 3 minutes. The pupils who could focus had parents who encouraged self-play, solitude, nature and periods of silence and the other pupils entertained themselves through distraction: mobile phones, TV and computer games.

The philosopher, Max Picard stated that: Silence, is the only phenomenon today that is 'useless.' It does not fit into the world of profit and utility, it simply is. It seems to have no other purpose; it cannot be exploited. Silence makes things whole again, by taking them back from the world of dissipation into the world of wholeness.

Margot Wagner
Yoga Under the Bodhi Tree

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Relationships

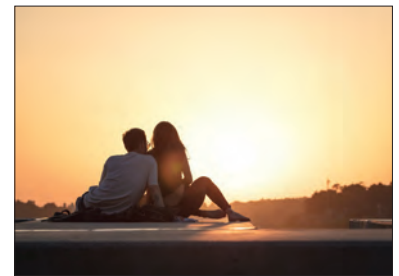


SIGNS OF GROWTH

How do you know something is growing? Sometimes it's concrete and measurable. You can compare your child's current height to last year's measurement. You can see that your seedling has now outgrown its tiny pot. But how do you know if your relationship has grown? Recognising growth is important. It gives you confidence, encouragement, and motivation to keep putting effort into your relationship. The following indicators show that you have grown as a couple.

You don't avoid the tough conversations. When a relationship is in a bad place, there tends to be a lot of no-go zones. Issues are brushed under the rug. Topics safe to talk about become a decreasing list and your shared life shrinks ever smaller. Healthy, growing relationships make an effort to have the difficult conversations in order to better understand each other's perspective.

You've learned to work with your differences. Healthy couples don't try to change one another into similar versions of themselves. They appreciate the other's personality, perspectives and preferences. Instead of seeing your differences as incompatible, you see them adding strength to your partnership. You regard your coming together as a unique blend of two individuals who are equal contributors to the joint culture you are creating.



You have increased self-awareness. In every relationship there are trigger points which cause us to become defensive. Growth comes from using these moments as opportunities for reflection. To gain deeper understanding of yourself, ask "what made me react that way?" Rather than caught in a cycle of perpetual conflict, partners who take responsibility for their part in misunderstandings continually grow as individuals and as a team.

Your partnership has a sense of shared meaning. You may not agree on every topic, but you have learnt to mesh your lives. You honour and incorporate both your dreams and goals, supporting each other's journey. You talk openly about your convictions and search for common ground on fundamental values. You have developed your own rituals and habits that are consistent with those things that are of shared importance. You both have each other's back and present a united front to the world.

You finally appreciate that your relationship is a constant work in progress. Most of us begin a relationship thinking that there will be a certain point when we have figured everything out and then we will blissfully coast along conflict-free. You now understand that your relationship is continually dynamic. You're both growing and changing as individuals, and that means your relationship is too. There will be times you feel close and connected, and times when you struggle to get on the same page. It's a journey that requires ongoing commitment and effort from both of you.

If you recognise these signs in your relationship, be encouraged and assured that you're growing together in the right direction. Perhaps you notice an area that requires attention. Have a discussion with your partner about what you'd like to see improved and collaborate together in making growth happen.

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Physio Talk



with Rebecca Bell

THE INVISIBLE CONDITION WITH A BIG IMPACT

It's been a long time since I was a teenager, but there are some things you just can't forget.

A memorable event was watching one of my best friends being carted away in an ambulance from school one day. She had passed out and was in severe pain. None of us knew what was going on. She was generally one tough cookie - she could dance for hours on end, and whipped most of us in the cross-country - and was definitely my partner in crime when it came to mischief. She didn't let many things stop her in her tracks. She was mortified when she had to admit that it was period pain. Most of us had pain associated with our period, but this was unlike anything we had seen before. It took until she was about the age of 30 to eventually be diagnosed with Endometriosis.

When we hurt ourselves, such as suffer a cut or a bruise, the body's way of healing is to create inflammation. Swelling is produced, increased blood flow occurs to assist the area to get the nourishing things it needs, and it also makes us stop and rest. But it hurts. Sometimes a lot! The female menstrual cycle is naturally an inflammatory process. This is why we bloat, often feel like we want to go back to bed with a hot pack and a good book, and there is pain. The inside lining of the uterus is called endometrial tissue. In Endometriosis, this tissue can grow on the outside of the uterus, on the fallopian tubes, on the ovaries, on the lining of the other organs of the abdomen and pelvis, such as the bladder or bowel. Just like normal endometrial tissue, this tissue also bleeds during the cycle, creating inflammation around these other tissues. In some people it can then also produce scar tissue, fusing tissues together. So, although it can be normal to have pain during a period, in Endo, the intensity and frequency of pain can escalate to a degree that interferes with someone's life in a devastating way. In addition to this, unfortunately

similar to my best friend, these women are often not taken seriously, and there is a long, arduous journey before diagnosis.

Endometriosis is just one Chronic Pain Condition that is gathering interest in the Pelvic Health field. In the years 2016-17, Endo cost Australia over \$7 billion dollars in hospitalisations, loss of quality of life, and productivity (missing from school, work and sports). In 2018, the National Action Plan was developed to raise awareness of the condition, improve clinical care and commence research to further improve understanding.

We still don't have all the answers, but management of Endometriosis is slowly improving, as is the awareness of how this hidden condition can impact so many. Physiotherapy, along with medical and other multidisciplinary care, plays a huge role in raising quality of life for these ladies from teenagers to middle-aged. We use a variety of techniques including hands on care, education, advice and assessing the pelvic floor muscles to reduce pain from overactivity in this area. Everyone's case is different, but at Physique we love being part of seeking the best results for every woman.



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LET IT GO...

Hello, *Scenic News* readers. I had a short break to take a breath and refocus, and I'm back. If you're just joining me here, or perhaps new to the Mountain, welcome. I'm Rebecca, and I'm from Naturally COS. My goal is to provide insight, support and a tip or two to help navigate health and wellness topics that you may encounter regularly.

During "taking a breather", I booked in for a colonic hydrotherapy cleanse. What is it, you might ask? It's essentially an enema. But without the chemicals or the diuretics being loaded into your body to encourage a bowel evacuation – it's a tube, and purified water.

For me, the first session was a hydration session. I felt sluggish, bloated, and consistently exhausted. My bowel movements were inconsistent, so when I say hydration session, it was mostly to hydrate and prepare my body to get the work done. The first session didn't yield massive results. And as I discovered later, it's because I didn't prep my body as well as I could have. The second session I prepped well, and with much better results. Months and months of garbage, toxins and unpleasanties were flushing out. I won't go into detail because rarely do people want to visualise another person's bowel efforts.



It is recommended that 3 sessions are completed to experience a productive cleanse, but like I said above, prep work is the key.

Below are the steps that were recommended to get optimal results:

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- Take a daily Probiotic. I chose Kefir yoghurt drink
- Walk it out

After the cleanses, you will likely feel tired: go easy on yourself. Rest if you can. Keep drinking water and be kind to yourself. Despite laying on a table with a tube inserted, you do little, your body does a whole lot. You may experience cramping and flushes. This was my experience of my body contracting and preparing for the movements.

with Rebecca Mander

Whilst I recommend the cleanse, and now that I've experienced it I will continue to go back – it's not for everybody. Much like everything in life, one solution may not be your solution.

Who would benefit greatly from a Colonic Hydrotherapy cleanse? If you have had or have any difficulties with your bowel, or perhaps you feel sluggish, tired and want to up your wellness game, a cleanse could possibly be a step in the right direction.

Is it a cure or solution in itself? No. Can they "fix" you? No. Can you help improve results? Absolutely, and is it awkward (not painful) the first time? Yes. But if you're considering it, you're most likely at your wit's end, wanting help.

I visited A1 Colonic Hydrotherapy in Oxenford. If you're on the fence, give them a call, the team is so helpful, understanding, and nothing shocks them.

I do hope my experience helps guide you with your wellness.

As always, spread kindness like it's jam on toast.

Rebecca – Naturally COS




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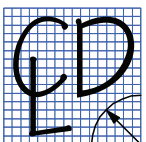
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1. Golden Gate Bridge
2. Pont du Gard
3. Arch Bridge
4. Marin County
5. Brooklyn Bridge
6. Akashi Kaikyo Bridge (Akashi Strait Bridge)
7. Tower Bridge
8. Bosphorus Bridge (15 July Martyrs Bridge)
9. Prague, Czech Republic
10. Delicate Arch (above right)
11. Florence (Firenze – above left)
12. Keystone Bridge

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