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For Michael Wickson, 2023 has been a year of celebration. It marks 10 years since he acquired Tamborine Mountain Pizza, the ever-busy Italian pizzeria on Main Street that first opened its doors 29 years ago, and some 24 years since he began work there as a junior assistant. While Michael takes care of the creative side of things, energetic store manager Indra Jackson oversees the shop's hard-working oven. (story and photo: Gary Stubbs)

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# KEEN COMPETITION SEEN IN 2023 BUSINESS EXCELLENCE AWARDS

The spirit of entrepreneurship and the rising stars of the region's business community were celebrated at the 2023 Scenic Rim Business Excellence Awards recently.

Almost 200 guests gathered at The Centre Beaudesert where veterinary pharmaceuticals enterprise Plasvacc Pty Ltd received the highest accolade, the Regional Prosperity Award, after winning the Excellence in Business Award as an employer of more than 20 staff.

Competition was keen with 43 businesses and four individuals competing for awards in 11 categories, which Scenic Rim Mayor Greg Christensen said recognised the dedication and determination of those helping to drive the region's growing economy.

"Building a successful business requires passion, determination and resilience and the ability to continue to adapt and evolve to meet customers' needs and an ever-changing economic environment," he said.

"These awards provide an opportunity to recognise those who go above and beyond in customer service and innovation and who remind us all of the stellar success that can be achieved through vision and purpose."

The awards were presented in the categories of: Excellence in Tourism and Accommodation; Excellence in Hospitality - Food and Dining; Excellence in Retail; Excellence in Trades and Construction; Excellence in Agriculture; Excellence in Transport, Logistics, Manufacturing and Mining; Excellence in Professional Services; Excellence in Community Services; Most Outstanding New Business; Excellence in Business (20+ staff); and Trainee/Apprentice of the Year.

The overall Regional Prosperity Award was presented to the business that has achieved outstanding results, exhibited sound management and demonstrated all-round excellence.

Judges Melissa Johnson Morgan, Associate Professor of the University of Southern Queensland's School of Business, and John Hale, the Mentoring for Growth Program Mentor from the Queensland Government's Department of Employment, Small Business and Training, commented on the high calibre of entries in the 2023 awards.

In judging the business nominations they considered a range of factors including outstanding customer service, environmental awareness, understanding of target markets, well-defined and understood business strategies, rigorous systems, effective risk management, financial performance and a clear commitment to excellence in all facets of their operations.

Mayor Christensen said the awards also recognised the trainees and apprentices who represent the future of the Scenic Rim.

"One of the challenges for our region, and indeed other communities, is that we often lose talented young people to larger urban areas once they graduate," he said.

"Our schools and local businesses are to be congratulated for offering our young people an insight into the opportunities available for them to succeed and grow their careers in the Scenic Rim."



2023 Business Excellence Awards winners

Mayor Christensen said he was proud of the contribution of local businesses which has seen the steady growth of the Scenic Rim's economy, whose GRP is now some \$2.09 billion annually.

"As well as showcasing our industry-leading businesses, the biennial Business Excellence Awards send a strong message to potential investors and jobseekers that the Scenic Rim is a region of great opportunity," he said.

"The achievements of our awards recipients should inspire others to strive for similarly high standards of excellence which are building the reputation of the Scenic Rim as a great place to do business."

**The winners of the 2023 Scenic Rim Business Excellence Awards are as follows:**

**Excellence in Tourism and Accommodation: Mount French Lodge**

Nestled in the picturesque countryside of Mount French, this luxurious lodge features eight beautifully appointed apartments accommodating just sixteen guests. The business model is innovative in that the property is let to only one group at a time, attracting families, friends and corporate clients for special celebrations and providing a motivating space for business planning workshops. Recent improvements include additional accommodation and a stunning outdoor pavilion.

**Excellence in Hospitality - Food and Dining: Picnic Real Food Bar**

Picnic Real Food was established in 2021 in the North Stores precinct at North Tamborine. Its menu, with a focus on wholesome food, features fresh produce from local growers and changes seasonally. Environmental sustainability is a key feature in its food packaging and goal of zero waste, which sees 20 kilograms of kitchen food scraps reduced to two kilos of nutrient-rich compost overnight. An Environ Waste Management system manages all on-site wastewater and supports an on-site vegetable, herb and fruit tree garden.

**Excellence in Retail: My Country Escape (pictured at right)** From a meticulously renovated historic building in Canungra, My Country Escape

showcases a carefully curated range of merchandise supporting local products and artisans, from stylish homewares and body products to sustainable clothing, all in a welcoming and uplifting atmosphere. It was judged an outstanding local business which gone from strength to strength, contributing to the community and supporting local events. Collaboration with Griffith University design students has seen the Canungra store expanded to include an outdoor space for community workshops.

**Excellence in Professional Services: Honni Hayton Counselling**

Honni Hayton Counselling was established five years ago in response to the need for accessible and specialised mental health services within the Scenic Rim. As a sole practitioner, Honni aimed to create a safe, local haven providing expert counselling and tailored support to enhance emotional and mental well-being. She has grown her business and her business skills during difficult years of the pandemic, successfully pivoting to provide a valuable online counselling service to the community.

**Excellence in Trades and Construction: Totally Flooring, Beaudesert**

Totally Flooring, a family-owned and operated retail flooring store which opened in Beaudesert two years ago, is a great example of a sole trader taking a leap by utilising trade skills to start their own independent business in what is a largely franchised industry. Providing a high level of customer service, Totally Flooring has its own team of installers and has extended its product line to include window furnishings, tile products and trade accessories. It is a great supporter of local



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community sport, aims to employ staff who live in the region and also supports other small businesses.

### **Excellence in Agriculture: Aquis Farm**

Achieving a perfect score of 100 in the awards judging, Aquis Farm is a world-class business with a team of experienced vets, trainers, breeders and industry experts to ensure the well-being and success of racehorses. Established in 2015, it is dedicated to sustainable practices in equine management, environmental stewardship and social responsibility and aspires to be the premier global destination for horse training and racing with bloodlines dominating world events. Water conservation, pasture improvements, paddock rest and use of renewable energy are at the heart of its sustainability practices.

### **Excellence in Transport, Logistics, Manufacturing and Mining: Beaudesert Exhaust**

Established in 1982, Beaudesert Exhaust has grown from providing basic exhaust and radiator parts to large-scale manufacturing and supply chain production. Beaudesert Exhaust provides services to a range of Australian businesses and manufacturers including 3D scanning and modelling, specialty coatings and the supply of pre-production components for a broad range of applications. It is at the forefront of automotive manufacturing, catering to customers whose passions include 4WD activities, camping, caravanning, fishing and off-road adventures.

### **Excellence in Community Services: McAuley College Beaudesert**

McAuley College opened in January 2017 as a direct result of community advocacy for a Catholic secondary school and enrolls a diverse range of students. It offers rural heritage values and supports creative, contemporary and innovative learning through quality teaching in an environment of engagement and community partnership. McAuley College has developed a Senior Program to engage with local businesses to provide work experience and works closely with Mununjali House and Amy Blow to build a space for First Nations students to celebrate their history and story.

### **Most Outstanding New Business: Neds Restaurant**

The family-owned and operated Neds Restaurant aims to be the destination of choice for steak connoisseurs and those seeking a memorable dining experience in the Scenic Rim. It sources the finest quality ingredients from local suppliers, supporting the regional agricultural and food production sectors, and actively engages with



one small place on earth

## **NATIVE ROSELLA**

– *Hibiscus heterophyllus*, Bishopp Park, Eagle Heights.



The shrub grows in most of eastern coastal Queensland and the adjoining inland, extending to central coastal New South Wales. It can reach a height of six metres, with white, pale pink or yellow flowers. Council has planted several shrubs in the beds which were created in the park some years ago. At least thirty five species of hibiscus are native to Australia. This flower has attracted hibiscus beetles, something to which the species is prone.

My book, *One small place on earth*, makes a unique and beautiful Christmas present from Tamborine Mountain — with over 300 images of its flora and fauna, \$39.95 hard cover. Stocked by Under the Greenwood Tree, The Piccabeen Bookshop, the TM Skywalk, The North Tamborine and Eagle Heights Post Offices and Canungra Books & Art.

**Peter Kuttner**

other local businesses in the hospitality and tourism industry to forge strong community partnerships. Its environmental impact is lessened by monitoring energy consumption, reducing waste and sourcing sustainable products.

**Excellence in Business (20+ employees) – Plasvacc Pty Ltd**

Plasvacc Pty Ltd manufactures high-quality blood plasma products for horses, camels and dogs was judged as an extremely well-run business with caring staff, an holistic approach to animal welfare and high ethical standards. Of the 27 staff at its Kalbar headquarters, 23 are women and most are Scenic Rim residents who have enjoyed long-term careers in fields of science, manufacturing, biopharmaceuticals, animal husbandry and administration in a family-friendly workplace. Plasvacc's employees have grown in number worldwide, partly driven by the acquisition of its United Kingdom division.

**Trainee/Apprentice of the Year Award – Kasey Payne - Boonah State High School**

A dedicated, hardworking and community-minded young woman, Kasey Payne has been a school-based trainee at Hayes and Co, where she is currently undertaking a Certificate III in Business. Kasey has demonstrated exceptional commitment to her studies and the agricultural industry, actively participates in the Boonah State High School Cattle Club and is President of the Junior Show Society. She is an aspiring ambassador for vocational training, having also completed Certificate studies in Sport and Recreation and Tourism alongside her school responsibilities. *(pictured top right)*

**Regional Prosperity Highly Commended – Boonah State High School**

Boonah State High School's strategic approach to rebuilding its connection with the community has seen enormous benefits for the school, the students and the community. As regions such as the Scenic Rim often lose talented young people to larger urban areas once they graduate, the school is doing all it can to expose its students to the availability of valuable opportunities and industries in the region. The school sees itself as a training ground for the next generation of young people who will help Scenic Rim businesses to succeed in the future through the leadership of Dan Marrone, the enthusiasm of Kelly Skewes and the dedication of its teachers and students.

**Regional Prosperity Award – Plasvacc Pty Ltd *(pictured at right)***

With its Kalbar facility the only one of its kind in Australia, Plasvacc operates in three countries and is at the forefront of the veterinary industry. It exports to fifteen countries and helps to ensure the welfare of animals in Australia and abroad through the production of pharmaceuticals that contribute to a high standard of care. Plasvacc has been operating for 25 years and its global success and recognition attests to the company's achievements as an innovator in the animal health and agricultural industries.



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# JUST IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS – XENA’S ADVENTURE



**Alison Cleary, a French teacher and Tamboorine Mountain local, has just published her first children’s picture book story called “Xena’s Great Adventure”.**

It is a true-life story of one of her three cats – Xena, a beautiful Bengal who went missing for 26 days in June 2022. She was alone in the jungle over the cliff face near where she lived, yet somehow survived.

“So many people remarked it would be amazing to tell her story, and that is what I have aimed to do in this book.”

It is a story that shows Xena’s curiosity and determination, as well as the importance of friendship, and family, and hope and resilience.

It is important also to acknowledge the Wangerriburra people, the original stewards of the land Xena visited in her great adventure. Like all first Nations people, they had a rich history of storytelling, and it is in this spirit that Xena’s story is told.

First Nations woman and high school Visual Art teacher Kimberley Kovacevic is the illustrator.

The book will retail for \$19.95. It is for young children (4-8) being read to or learning to read, for fellow animal lovers, kindred spirits and anyone else.

Alison hopes to see you and sell the book to locals at the Tamboorine Mountain markets at the Showgrounds (second Sunday of every month), in the book store, to fellow gym members at the Tamboorine Mountain Triathlon Club (near Swimming pool) which she frequents, and schools, libraries, and/or hospitals. To everyone!

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# PATHWAY TO BUDGET REFORM AND FINANCIAL DISCIPLINE

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**As a career fund manager, stockbroker and farmer, I understand that good companies populate their boards and senior leadership positions with persons with experience and qualifications in Financial Management. Scenic Rim Regional Council (SRRC) is a large Council with nearly 1.2 billion dollars in assets and an annual operating budget of 100 million dollars.**

Financial Management and leadership are sorely lacking at SRRC, as evidenced by exorbitant rates, the need to use consultants for almost everything they do, constant project failures, cost blowouts and mounting unsustainable legal costs. It has a culture of ticking the box on consultation and high spending on self-promotion with glossy websites and brochures. It has a toxic culture and declining customer satisfaction levels.

Its financial statements do not reflect the waste inefficiency and poor decision-making. It is not in the public interest to hide spending, never apologise, make it hard for the media to get answers, or gag Councillors from talking to their ratepayers.

***The answer to poor financial performance is not constantly raising rates above CPI and borrowing more. The solution is not to run existing assets into the ground by neglecting maintenance and not looking after the one billion dollars of assets the community already owns.***

## Evidence of Poor Budget Performance and Process

- Many communities in the Scenic Rim have the highest rates in Queensland.
- Surrounding Local Government's rates are often half that of Scenic Rim rates.
- The Council Budget process is flawed. Councillors complain about it but are impotent in standing up to the bureaucracy and having more effective input into the process.
- Financial skills and ideas to cope with a strong bureaucracy, that has its own priorities and agenda, are lacking.  
For example, things to watch out for in budgets:
- More staff positions if existing positions haven't been filled.
- Excessive use of consultants when existing staff remuneration should account for these outsourced works.
- Using project management companies because they find it easier not to do it themselves.
- Early upgrades to the latest and shiniest phones, computers, and office systems for no new tangible benefit.
- New computer software, when previous purchases have not been implemented correctly and the promised benefits realised.
- Depots and administration buildings being prioritised over more pressing community infrastructure.
- Having the most up-to-date fleet of trucks and equipment, but when utilisation falls below industry standards.
- Tens of MILLIONS OF DOLLARS of unspent money each year that will never be spent but is asked to be provided again in next year's budget.

- Increasing employee benefits, that increased by 1.2 million dollars last financial year.
- Although the Council, for the first time, has attempted public consultation on the budget, it has not been successful, and many improvements are necessary, like increasing disclosure, making more information available and using Councillors to provide feedback from their constituents about their community's needs and wants.
- The organisation must demonstrate its efficiency and effectiveness before generating community trust in spending budget funds.
- A large percentage of expenditure is done by delegated authority and under procurement policy, which is outside the scrutiny of Councillors or the public.

## The Solution

- **Budgets must be broken down into achievable outcomes, funds allocated to specific capital projects, and operational outcomes that are measurable, accountable, and reported on.**
- **There must be more information to the public explaining why budget decisions are made and how much they will cost ratepayers.**
- **A good CEO will challenge his/her Directors and Managers to make capital and operational changes that optimise performance of the ratepayers' dollar. There is no indication this has ever occurred at Scenic Rim, from insiders' reports. The only way structural budget resetting can be done is not by the Councillors themselves but by asking or resolving the CEO to do this.**
- **There must be audit processes put in place to ensure that tendering and quoting are done to a high level of integrity and that ratepayers get maximum value.**
- **Councillors are the community-chosen representatives and should be able to make enquiries or use the same IT and Financial systems as Council staff to enquire about funds received or spent by the organisation by their power to be accountable for its performance. This is a minimum requirement of transparency and accountability.**
- **The Media should be able to make financial enquiries of the Council and receive honest answers; after all, it's the ratepayers' money, not theirs.**
- **Through his/her employment contract and KPIs, the CEO must demonstrate to the public that through his/her management and decisions, the organisation and its budgets have the ratepayers and community at its heart, not the Administration. It is the responsibility of Councillors to understand they work for the Community that elected them and that they are not employees of the organisation or apologists for it.**
- **High-functioning councils and High-functioning leadership ensure the community grows and prospers and Customer satisfaction increases.**

*If elected Mayor, I aim to bring about transformational change to the Scenic Rim Regional Council through experienced, sound financial management and vision. I'm sure my views received to date through liaison with community organisations, local businesses and house-to-house doorknocking, that we are a long way off what the Community expects.*

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experience, demonstrated success record, in-depth local acumen and customised client solutions.

Prior to this venture, director Kevin Travers held the position of Senior Town Planner with the City of Gold Coast, overseeing various facets of the planning development process. Additionally, he played a pivotal role as the City Integration Coordinator for the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games. His extensive experience in local government in Queensland has equipped him with a unique skill set, particularly in areas such as Material Change of Use, lot reconfiguration, and building applications. Kevin is deeply committed to delivering prompt, quality advice, understanding the rapid pace of the development sector.

After completing his degree in Urban and Environmental Planning at Griffith University on the Gold Coast, director Chris Selten honed his skills in urban design and project management. With over a decade of post-graduate experience in the development sector, he brings a balanced and pragmatic approach to managing intricate development applications from start to finish. His experience has underscored the importance of effective communication within project teams. Chris has cultivated a trusted network of industry professionals to address any project-specific needs, and takes pride in devising strategies to navigate challenging scenarios, including expert guidance in liaising with local Councils and State Government Agencies.

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**European Christmas Markets** – Set out on a grand holiday adventure through the winter wonderland of the Imperial Cities of Central Europe – Prague, Vienna and Budapest. Tour the magnificent Prague Castle and explore its famous Christmas market at the Old Town Square. Travel via train to Dresden, Germany to



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## Where will you be next Christmas?

<p><b>Spotlight on New York City Holiday</b> 5 DAYS • 5 MEALS</p>	<p><b>The Northern Lights of Finland</b> 7 DAYS • 11 MEALS</p>	<p><b>European Christmas Markets</b> 8 DAYS • 11 MEALS</p>	<p><b>Magical Christmas Markets</b> 7 DAYS • 10 MEALS</p>	<p><b>Iceland's Magical Northern Lights</b> 6 DAYS • 11 MEALS</p>





## Letters to the Editor

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

# UPDATE ON DEVELOPMENT 713-735 MAIN WESTERN RD

In your last edition, I provided an update on this development and said that we were going to a hearing, 21-24 November.

Well, out of the blue, we were asked to attend a mediation on Thursday 9 November, nearly one year on from our previous mediation session which was unsuccessful.

The mediation session, which lasted for six and a half hours, was conducted on a "Without Prejudice" basis which means that I cannot report what was said. The session was attended by myself and Cr Hay. The outcome of the mediation was that we have withdrawn from the appeal. The main reasons were a precedent case from 2018 which was not favourable to our position and, because of this, the chances of costs being awarded against us.

Cr Hay and myself were highly disappointed at this outcome.

Let me say at this point that Cr Hay acted with strength and determination. She is an excellent advocate for justice and the Mountain. I hope that she decides to run again in March 2024.

Cr Hay was determined to get the best out of the situation we found ourselves in, and she challenged one of the offers being made to us, which was a financial contribution of \$5000. As a result of this challenge and a long conversation between the developer's barrister and the developer, the financial offer was increased to \$40000. This offer will be used by Cr Hay to pay off her costs of employing a Town Planner, and reimbursing those who made a donation towards these costs.

**Nigel Waistell**

## WATER MINING REARS ITS HEAD – YET AGAIN

**I am opposing the application for a new commercial water extraction bore to be built on Hartley Rd, Tamborine Mountain, at this time.**

My reasons being that neither Council nor Government have been able to restrict commercial water extraction for local supply only.

Once a commercial permit is in place, the owner has the right to sell their weekly allocation to anyone.

If locals don't need it, they are entitled to sell elsewhere.

The additional bore will further draw on the same underground supply as the four other commercial bores near this location.

This could further affect the water table, depleting water supply to local domestic bores, and could harm our subtropical ecosystem.

Hartley Road needs first to be upgraded to meet the demands of more heavy traffic on an overused public thoroughfare.

A water moratorium is presently in place with the purpose of studying the effect of commercial water extraction from underground aquifers. New commercial bores are banned.

A water management Plan is being considered by State Government for this locality in 2026.

It is time State Government acted to ensure Tamborine Mountain residents have adequate water supply and not be dependent on private operators.

A better outcome for all would be a consensual agreement with commercial operators to provide water to local customers, for domestic use, as a priority.

This could be negotiated between Council and operators, with the right people in power.

It would eliminate the need for another commercial water extractor on Tamborine Mountain and the need for water to be brought up the Mountain.

Otherwise, a publicly-owned bore could be drilled, with a fixed charge for local delivery.

There are other options that should be given to the community for consultation, not left in the hands of this Council.

Please make your concerns known to: [mail@scenicrim.qld.gov.au](mailto:mail@scenicrim.qld.gov.au).

Asap...

**Julie Wilkinson**

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2. 63.43% LINDY WILLIAMS - EDDIE HEINEMEYER
3. 54.17% PETER ZAREMBA - WENDY CHRISTIE
3. 54.17% MARIAN GIBBONS - LEWIS ADAMS

### WEDNESDAY (15-NOV-23)

- NS 1. 67.83% LINDY WILLIAMS - EDDIE HEINEMEYER
- NS 2. 57.58% MAX IRVINE-BROWN - WENDY CHRISTIE
- NS 3. 51.67% SATISH SETHI - GWEN VOIGT

EW 1. 64.42% SUSAN STEWART - ROGER BELL

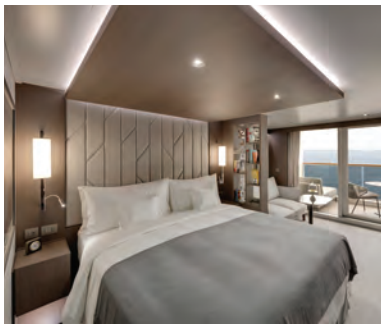
EW 2. 53.33% SUE STEVENS - KAREN SCOTT

EW 3. 50.42% JOHN HANDS - JENNY HANDS

### TEAMS CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP THURSDAY (16-NOV-2023)

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2. 72.62 EDDIE HEINEMEYER - JENNY STRACHAN - PETER ZAREMBA - WENDY CHRISTIE
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# GRANT RAYMOND JEFFERIES TAKES THE HELM AT CEDAR CREEK LODGES AND THUNDERBIRD PARK

Cedar Creek Lodges at Thunderbird Park is delighted to announce the appointment of seasoned international hotelier Grant Jefferies as General Manager of the property.

With over 30 years of diverse experience in hospitality operations and management spanning the Pacific, USA, Europe and South East Asia, Grant has a proficiency in leading a successful team through hands on and strategic leadership. Grant has an MBA from Columbia University, New York and has earned his Bachelor of Science at the Culinary Institute of America.

Highlights of Grant's exceptional career include being New York's youngest appointed General Manager of the Soho Grand Hotel, overseeing the launch of luxury resorts in the Maldives, and opening the subcontinent's largest Spa Resort managed by Six Senses. Grant played a pivotal role in bringing the thrill of Formula One Racing to India as the Vice President of Operations for Jaypee Hotels & Resorts.

"I am excited to be working with such a dedicated team of individuals with a shared passion for nature and unique hospitality experiences. I am looking forward to bringing a new perspective and continuing the legacy of Cedar Creek Lodges at Thunderbird Park", said Grant.

Grant's expertise will play a significant role spearheading exciting changes and new developments earmarked for the Cedar Creek Lodges, commencing in 2024. This includes the highly anticipated luxurious SOL Elements Bathhouse, development of new lodges that highlight the vibrant rainforest surroundings and an exciting refresh of our brand.

"We are thrilled to welcome Grant as our new General Manager of Cedar Creek Lodges & Thunderbird Park," said CEO Judi Minnikin. "His global expertise and impressive track record in the hospitality industry make him the visionary captain helping to steer us towards a new era of excellence."



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Fabric-covered 2024 Diaries, plus sketchbooks and notebooks in lovely designs are in now, including beautiful handmade one-off items by favourite local artisan Shannon Hunter.

For easy to post choices, the beautiful range of gifts by Paula Peeters of Beechmont include locally designed Tea-Towels with Australian bird and possum designs, matching fridge magnets, coffee mugs, books and cards, or choose from beautiful wildlife and scenery prints by local artists.

A selection of new children's and adults' books by local and Brisbane authors provide a beautiful range to choose from, including books on local history. Or choose from the huge range of contemporary and vintage second-hand books, comics, magazines and art, or vintage clothing for something guaranteed to be different!

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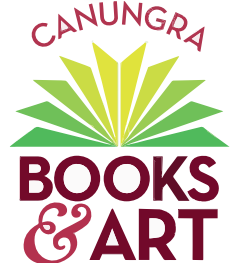
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Fire ants are a category 1 restricted matter (*Biosecurity Act 2014*) with the ability to:

- destroy crops
- damage machinery and electrical equipment
- render parks, paddocks, playgrounds and backyards unusable.

The product being used to eradicate this invasive pest from Australia contains the exact same active ingredients as household pest control treatments but at a significantly lower concentration.

Fire ant treatment is not a poison. It is:

- safe for humans and animals
- tried, tested and approved by the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority.

The National Fire Ant Eradication Program has a challenging but important job to do, and we are intensifying program-led and community treatment.

Eradication activities are underway in parts of the Southern Downs, Scenic Rim, southern Gold Coast and Lockyer Valley local government areas.

**Eradication treatment is the only proven way to eliminate fire ants and protect the way of life we know and love. It is our one option to safeguard Australia.**

Overseas, where fire ant populations are much higher than here, communities have been forced to change their lifestyle to avoid exposure to fire ants.

Fire ant expert and entomologist Dr Ross Wylie says we are eradicating fire ants using the best available methods internationally.

“Eradication involves treating targeted areas multiple times, over several years with an insect growth regulator. We can't just treat once or twice, we need to keep coming back and use a systematic approach,” says Dr Wylie.

“We need to treat 100% of all targeted properties, whether fire ants are visible or not.”

Treatment is delivered between September and June using aerial, utility terrain vehicles and handheld spreaders.

“The treatment we use consists of small pieces of corn grit soaked in soybean oil which contains a low concentration of insect growth regulator.

**It essentially acts as ‘the pill’ for ants, preventing the fire ant queen from reproducing workers.**

If she can't replenish her workforce, she and the colony will eventually die,” says Dr Wylie.

The product contains pyriproxyfen, which is registered for use with:

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Fire ant eradication treatment contains minimal insecticide. With 5 g of insecticide within each kg, the active ingredient equates to only 0.5% of the total product. This means for a:

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**An animal, say a horse, would need to consume every single granule sprinkled on a 3,333 m<sup>2</sup> block. Even then it is unlikely to have even the mildest of impacts.**

On limited occasions when treating near waterways we use a product containing S-methoprene. The product is used at extremely low concentrations, at around one one-thousandth of the concentration recommended as a safe level by the World Health Organisation.

The presence of fire ants in our environment is a much greater risk to local wildlife, pets and farm animals than the treatment itself.

By following the product application guidelines and permit requirements, we can eradicate fire ants whilst protecting the people and animals in our treatment areas.

It is vital we treat every targeted property, whether you see fire ants or not. Just one missed nest can jeopardise national eradication efforts.

Eradication is only possible if all levels of government, industry and the community work together.

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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":** Canungra residents call for a moratorium on development, as the town's only source of water dries up.



**Official opening:** Tamborine Mountain Library: Friday 8 December 2023. This is an invitation-only event.

**Unregistered dogs:** A reminder to register or renew your registration for your dog/s. The annual renewal date is 31 July. Only two dogs can be kept per property, unless an animal-keeping licence is held. All dogs over the age of three months must be registered with council, and wear an approved tag. Concessions apply for dogs owned by pensioners or current financial members of Dogs Queensland or the Greyhound Racing Authority of Queensland.



**Note:** Dogs and cats are to be kept within your property at all times, or risk impounding – fees apply. Animal enclosures are required. Chaining your dog to your verandah all day is not an option. Responsible pet ownership is a requirement.



Further info: Animal Management – Scenic Rim Regional Council and at 2023-2024-register-of-fees-and-charges (scenicrim.qld.gov.au) pages 5 & 6.

**Development Applications of interest:** (Source: DAP Online). MCU23/174 – Dual occupancy – 272 Main Western Rd. Tamborine Mountain Rural Precinct. Impact assessable so will be open for submissions.

Approved: MCU23/005 - Development Permit for Material Change of Use Shopping Centre (the IGA complex). New pavilion (Liquor Legends new location?), plaza/marketplace, 2 food kiosks, a dining deck and outdoor dining. Less grass.

**Did you know:** Roadside stalls – for info: Community Advice Templates re Scenic Rim Planning Scheme 2020 and Starting a new food business: Home-based food business – Scenic Rim Regional Council.



If you want to start a home-based business using your own domestic kitchen you should check with Council's Planning Department to ascertain if you need an approval. SRRC factsheet on home-based business.

Examples of potentially hazardous foods include eggs, fresh cream products and cheesecakes. Check with Council re:- these products and be aware that a full list of ingredients should be attached to all jams, chutneys etc. to assist potential purchasers who may have food allergies.



**Planning & Environment court appeals:** no new appeals filed, however five appeals are listed for review in the coming weeks.

**Out and About:** Scenic Rim Business Excellence Awards. Tamborine Mountain Community Care and Repair Café joint inaugural Christmas arts fundraising market. Morning Melodies at Ness's Nook. Tamborine Mountain AH&I Society – AGM. Destination Scenic Rim AGM. Remembrance Day Service. Artisan Fayre. Tour of the Mountain's sporting

facilities with Cr Marshall Chalk, Portfolio holder for Sports & Recreation. 2023 Awards (primary and secondary) & Graduation Ceremony – Tamborine Mountain College grades 6 and 12.

Congratulations to those who graduated and a shout out to the many Grade 12 students who have been offered places at universities. Good to see that so many students have completed Certificate courses concurrently with their school studies. The College has reached a milestone: enrolments have reached 500. The year in review digital photo montage was interesting. So many happy faces.

**"Celtic Connections"** - Munsterbucks and Lizzie Flynn & the Runaway Trains (featuring former local Hugh Curtis who plays a mean fiddle and possibly had more of his Mountain past revealed than anticipated – thanks Cath!) – played to a full house at the Zamia on Saturday night. Very talented musicians who had the floorboards bouncing from the collective foot thumping and enthusiastic dancers from the audience.

... and if any proof was needed that Tamborine Mountain is indeed the Cultural Capital of the Scenic Rim, *Barbie the Movie*, attended by ladies in pink and men of a more subtle dress sense (I think they may have wandered in by accident!). Even Barbie put in an appearance and had a special seat in a front row deck chair at the Zamia Theatre.

**Topics of concern raised recently:** Residents deciding that Council-owned land is really an extension of their own property and doing significant unapproved "improvements" ... overgrown fire trails, damaged picnic tables, broken concrete on Gallery Walk, overly high dividing fences, unregistered/wandering dogs and potentially unapproved flashing advertising signage on a State-controlled road ... and "that" handrail.

**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



## COOL FOR KIDS ON THE WALK



**Frankie & Phil** is fondly named after owner and author Kaz's grandchildren and her recently published book "Grandparents... through the eyes of Frankie & Phil", a humorous, rhyming book of how grandchildren perceive grandparents as talented, superheroes – all while we try our best just to keep up.

As a lover of all things super cute, creative, educational and fun for children, Kaz has opened her Children's Store on Gallery Walk. She has sourced and stocked primarily products that are ethical, with sustainability and kindness in mind, from Australian small businesses.

Kaz moved to the Mountain last year from Bribie Island to be closer to her grandchildren. Kaz moved with her youngest daughter Tyra (pictured above left).

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## TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN DISTILLERY TAKING WATTLE TOFFEE LIQUEUR TO THE WORLD

The iconic Tamborine Mountain Distillery was recently chosen as one of twenty-eight Queensland businesses to participate in the China International Expo in Shanghai from 5th to 10th November. The Expo heralded the first major visitation by the Queensland Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk, and the Prime Minister, Anthony Albanese, to China, following the recent thawing of relationships between the two countries. The Distillery team, led by Nerissa Jiang, the International Sales Manager, had a fantastic response, promoting the Distillery, Tamborine Mountain and the Scenic Rim on the spectacular *Taste of Queensland Food and Beverage stand*.

With over 460,000 Chinese visitors expected in Queensland over the next 12 months, this show was perfect timing for the Tamborine Mountain Distillery to continue their tourism offering and their export-led growth, both of which were disrupted over the last three years since COVID-19. Gordon Chalmers, the Distillery General Manager, stated how proud all the staff were to see their iconic Wattle Toffee Liqueur being used on the dessert menu of the 'Sister State Dinner'. This event was attended by some of the highest-ranking politicians and business entrepreneurs from both countries. Gordon also stated, "it was fantastic to see tens of thousands of visitors passing by our stand and stop to taste our award-winning spirits and liqueurs." The spectacular Queensland Stand, with the large photos of the iconic distillery building and the beautiful images of Curtis Falls, was such a great tourism promotion for Tamborine Mountain.

Gordon quipped, "I am off to the UK for the next two weeks for a major drinks trade show and business meetings, but it is going to be very hard to do better than the spectacular results that Nerissa has achieved in Shanghai". The icing on the cake was the Queensland Government choosing

three hundred bottles of our all-time favourite Wattle Toffee Liqueur, to give as gifts for each attendee at the Queensland-Shanghai Sister State Banquet.



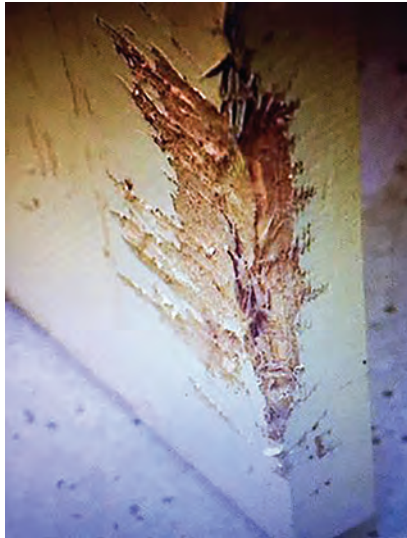
**Nerissa Jiang with the Queensland Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk**



# RECENT DOG ATTACKS ON PEOPLE

Do we really need new dangerous dog laws or a permit for dog owners based on basic knowledge of canine behaviour, their needs and suitable living requirements, fencing, etcetera? Yes, dogs

are domesticated, but we must remember all dogs descend from top predators. Carnivorous predators hunt and kill, like lions, tigers, sharks, wolves and snakes. It is only because humans provide food and shelter for dogs, and utilise their strong bond and pack instinct that they have become, on the surface, lovable pets. Aggression in dogs that comes from nowhere is rare, possibly



a seizure disorder, brain tumour or 'rage syndrome.' Some dogs learn that aggression is an effective tool for stopping uncomfortable interaction or it can be related to predatory triggers like invasion of space and resources.

Why do we never get answers or hear about the conclusions or assumed reasons why some dogs attack, especially when someone is bitten or killed by their own dog? Investigations into dog attacks lead nowhere. And, it is occurring more frequently and is more violent in nature. Always the same repertoire, "this tragic incident is being investigated, Council has impounded or euthanised the dog/s involved."

Pictured above, the door which a pet dog tried to destroy to get to the owners cowering inside a bedroom. On the 14th of September this year in Adelaide, a 6-year-old child hid in a bedroom after seeing his mother and uncle being mauled by the family dog.

The adults, bleeding from arm and leg wounds, managed to escape into another bedroom, close the door and call for help. The dog had been with the family for eight years. The adult male dog owner said after the attack "I hate dogs, I never want a dog again."

On October 16th, a 66-year-old man died after being attacked by his dog in Tasmania. A woman who was with him was taken to hospital with serious injuries to her limbs. They had two other dogs at the home. The attacking dog was euthanised and the other two impounded by Council.

Thursday 2nd November, four people were taken to hospital after they were mauled by a dog at Morayfield north of Brisbane, they were apparently just out walking.

It is obvious that nearly all dog attacks are caused by human error, negligence and misconceptions. Any new laws need to focus more on people, dogs also deserve better, they are not disposable.

**Pam Brandis**  
Dip. Canine Prac.

# REMEMBRANCE ON THE MOUNTAIN 2023



*Mr Jon Krause, local State Member, caught up with veteran Willie Milne, a Scot who joined the Royal Navy at age 15 and went on to serve for 25 years.*

## TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN CREATIVE ARTS INC.

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# TMO FREE CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Tamborine Mountain Orchestra Free Christmas concert is coming up on Saturday the 3rd of December. This concert looks to be our best ever Christmas concert. We've got a fabulous group of new members joining us for two pieces in our "Try out the Orchestra" segment, and we've got special guest Cristian Popa performing both with the orchestra as well as some solo parts on his accordion.

As usual, the orchestra will be performing a wide range of musical styles, from the Nutcracker to the Goons, and a Bach oratorio to an audience singalong.

The concert is at the Tamborine Mountain State High School Auditorium @ 2.30 pm, and we'd like to thank the school and Mrs Brose for the use of this wonderful facility for both our rehearsals and concerts. Tickets to this concert are free, but must be booked through [www.ticketbo.com.au/tmo](http://www.ticketbo.com.au/tmo).

The orchestra would like to warmly thank the Scenic Rim Regional Council for their support, and our sponsors: The Grand Chameleon wedding venue and café and Scenic Property Partners (formerly Harcourts) for their support of this concert.

Wishing the Tamborine community a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, and hope to see you at our concert.

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## KATHY DAY SWEEPS THE BOARD IN 2023 TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN LADIES' TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

A year of spirited play on Friday mornings climaxed in the 2023 ladies' tennis championships. 2023 ladies' singles champion was Kathy Day, who beat Cassie Van Maarseveen 7-5 6-2 in the final. Kathy again prevailed in the ladies' doubles final, this time in partnership with Jan O'Neill. They lost the first set 3-6 against Julia Cossins and Cassie Van Maarseveen but won the second set 6-4 to square the match. Kathy and Jan edged a thrilling final set 8-6 to win the championship with a final score of 3-6 6-4 8-6. Thanks to Jan for organising Friday ladies' tennis and annual championships and congratulations to everyone who took part.

Would you like to play in our annual championships? Or maybe just play for fun, some healthy exercise and to meet new people? Tamborine Mountain Tennis Club is at 88 Beacon Rd North Tamborine and has social tennis from 6.30pm Mon, 6.30pm Wed and 3.00pm Sun. Ladies from 7.30am Fri. Fit Hit (coaching and cardio) 6.30pm Tue. All welcome, no need to book, just turn up. Public court hire and membership at [tennis.com.au/tmtennisclub](http://tennis.com.au/tmtennisclub). Contact Henry Rich 0477 775 671.



# SILENCE – IT REALLY IS BLISS

Silence and meditation are all consuming passions for me at the moment. We have a Silent Yoga Retreat coming up soon (22/3 – 24/3/24) and as always, where you put your attention, all sorts of

interesting phenomena start to be revealed. The most obvious, and not unexpected response to this Yoga Retreat, was the early uptake of places by my more introverted, nonconformist students. A whole weekend immersed in yoga, breathwork, meditations and wisdom shared from ancient teachings – all performed in Silence. How divine for some and terrifying for others!

It got me thinking of how exhausting constant communication can be for both introverts and extroverts. All of us need some time away from the 24/7 barrage of incoming noise to regroup and collect our thoughts. Conversation with others is like a game of chess. We correlate and adjust our behaviour according to how others act. This communication dance becomes fairly automatic, but every second we're watching for and responding to others' cues and deciding how to act based on social norms. We must compel ourselves to listen, to show interest, to check inappropriate comments. We must be proactive but also defensive: at any time, someone may insult, embarrass, confuse, or manipulate us, and we must keep our guard up against these potential attacks. And we must do all this, while making our efforts seem effortless! Even when you're around those who allow you to "be yourself," social interaction demands great vigilance and requires a high level of energy and control.

We are social animals, and talking with others is important for fun, community, and mental health, but ceaseless immersion in society is exhausting and drains us. We need time away from the noise to identify what we want and what we believe in, without being influenced by the expectations of society.

Welcome to Silence! When you go silent for a while, it could be a few hours to a few days, it's a little alien in the beginning. You seem to be chatting to the person in your head a lot, usually ruminating on negative thoughts. And then that voice shuts up and suddenly, the sky is bluer, the trees jump out at you in every conceivable shade of green, the birdsong is sweeter, and you start to feel a rising joy as you realise you were part of this technicolour world all along. In fact, it's inside you, you just had to go quiet for a while.

When we can go silent and inwards, we affirm our independent identity and existence, and we temporarily reject the law of the herd. Extroverts may need less, and introverts more, but neither group can entirely do without. It's no wonder the greatest inventors, greatest minds and greatest spiritual beings are huge fans of silence, meditation and going inwards.

**Margot Wagner**  
**Yoga Under the Bodhi Tree**

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

# Relationships



## STORY STEWARDSHIP

In previous times psychologists held a common belief that by understanding facial expressions and body language we could confidently recognise emotion in ourselves and others. It's true by increasing our self-awareness, we understand our own emotions. However, trying to interpret another's emotion through observation is likely to result in a wrong assumption. For example, there are many emotions that could be the source of someone's tears: grief, fear, hopelessness, anger, even joy. How we express what we are feeling can be as unique as we are.

So how do we truly know what another is feeling? We simply ask. This doesn't mean a robotic, meaningless 'how ya goin'?' which generates the usual response of 'Good!'. When you notice someone looking out of sorts, have the courage to ask what is genuinely going on for them.

When someone responds by telling us how they are feeling and what happened to them, we become trusted stewards of their story. Brene Brown calls this "story stewardship". Story stewardship means we've been entrusted with something valuable that we must treat with respect and care. We do this by listening, being curious, affirming and believing people when they tell us how they experienced something. It's only then that we are able to connect, engage and walk alongside.



Responses that get in the way of truly hearing and building trust with another include taking-over and tapping-out. We shut people down when we take over their story and make it about us or our perception of what happened. Narrative takeover occurs when we jump in with our contribution too soon, even with the best intentions. We hijack someone's story and leave them feeling unheard. Narrative tap-outs range from subtle disinterest to complete shutdown. This response is usually due to our discomfort around the topic or feeling that we don't have the energy to take on someone's issue.

It can be difficult to listen to someone's story of grief, harm or injustice. We want to make it better. We want to problem solve. We want to give advice. The best story stewardship in these moments is to make it explicit that you appreciate their courage in sharing their story and you are grateful they entrusted you with it. Secondly, enquire what would be helpful for them. Are they simply seeking a listening ear? Do they need a collaborator in finding a way forward? Would they welcome the contribution of a different perspective? Advice giving is fine if it is asked for, however, unwelcome advice can damage a relationship.

When entrusted with someone's story, check yourself before you respond. Questions to ask yourself: Am I trying to alleviate my own discomfort by jumping in here? Have I heard what this person really needs from me? You can never overstep the mark with good listening skills so remain actively engaged in listening mode until your contribution is invited. Good stewardship of stories entrusted to you results in deeper trust, closer connections and more satisfying relationships.

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# Physio Talk



with Hayden Buckman

## TO BRACE OR NOT TO BRACE



In the pursuit of an active and healthy lifestyle, we've all caused ourselves a mischief from time to time and hurt ourselves. It's part of being human! However, the use of braces can be a game-changer, enabling people to continue enjoying sports and activities while managing discomfort. Day to day, I often witness the impact of braces on clients striving to maintain their fitness and well-being.

Firstly, I think it's important to discuss the predominant fear people have around using braces. The pervasive concern is that bracing will cause weakness of the surrounding muscles, which is an understandable concern to have. However, there is no evidence to support this claim, and, in some cases, bracing has been shown to improve muscle activity surrounding the joint (particularly in the knee, low back and ankle).

Perhaps if you braced for an exceedingly long period of time (continuously for over 12 months) there may be adaptation around the joint. Generally, physiotherapists would only suggest wearing a brace for a shorter period unless there was a very good reason not to.

### Ankle Braces:

Ankle braces are the most commonly worn brace to protect and prevent injury. Current guidelines suggest that after you have sprained your ankle, you should tape or brace your ankle for 12 months post the injury to help reduce the chance of recurrence. Be sure your brace has sturdy straps preventing excess sideways movement for optimal protection. Cheap braces often do not have the stability required to prevent injury.

### Knee Braces:

Knee pain can stop you in your tracks and prevent you from doing much at all. The two most common issues we would suggest braces for are for osteoarthritis and patellofemoral (kneecap) pain.

The two braces differ greatly and act on different tissues. Correct sizing and appropriate

type of brace will dictate how much improvement you are going to get.

### Low Back Braces:

Low back braces can be an absolute saviour when you have disabling acute low back pain. These braces work by providing support to your spasming spinal muscles and allowing them to relax and support the painful tissue.

### Shoulder Braces:

Shoulder braces can be tricky and ineffective at times as it is such a complex joint which makes it hard to support. While I would generally use tape in clinic, we have found a particularly good brace to help with shoulder pain recently which tends to surpass tape in its effectiveness. Wooahoo!

Correct bracing at the correct time for the correct issue is a really important part of healing and returning to activity. Your physio will be able to guide you on what is most appropriate for you at the time. Of course, this isn't an exhaustive list of every brace you could possibly get (there is a multi-million-dollar industry based on providing braces for EVERYTHING!).

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# FACING FACTS

Hi *Scenic News* readers, welcome back to my health and wellness column. This edition is all about our face health.

Unlike our body, our facial skin is incredibly thin. Admittedly it still has the three layers, they are, however, much thinner. For example, on average our eyelid skin thickness is approximately 0.2mm thick. With this in mind, the creams, lotions and serums we use on our face should be thinner, ingredients should differ, and the strength of our face cream should also differ from that of a body cream.

A face cream and cleanser should be mild, lighter and provide a different support because it's being applied to the most vulnerable area.

It's also the one area that's possibly the most exposed to the elements. And to help our face, we exfoliate to discard those elements from taking up permanent residence in our pores... resulting in bacteria, dehydration, dull complexion and potentially damaging our skin's barrier.



Below are some suggestions to repair your skin and maintain its ever-changing health and appearance needs:

- Cleanse (twice if you wear makeup)
- Moisturise twice a day
- Exfoliate once a week
- Utilise a serum with Vitamin E and Hyaluronic Acid
- Use a silk or satin pillowcase
- Drink 2 litres of water a day minimum to flush your toxins

# BEAUTY & WELLNESS



with Rebecca Mander

If you find dark under-eyes are becoming a consistent problem, try a warm eye masque; this should help the cells under your eye area from clustering together which could be creating the darkness.

And if you flip the scenario and you have puffy under-eyes, it might be from stress, bloating or emotions, pop on a cooling mask. Like any ice pack for example, it supports inflammation reduction.

And I mentioned water earlier. Water alone isn't a magic cure. But drinking much more of it will find a clearer complexion, plumper skin, and reduction in lines. For example, I drink on average 3 litres a day. And my "study" lines on my forehead are now improving. This result is a combination of a few efforts. Regular skin care routine, water, fruit, a day and night serum and no alcohol.

And lastly, you might have seen the satin pillowcase. This is great and a simple and effective way to maintain hydration throughout the night and creates less friction on your skin while you sleep. Especially if you sleep on your stomach or your side.

If you think a skin planner to help keep on top of things might be helpful, feel free to visit our website and get your free downloadable version.

*Thanks again for joining me and as always, spread kindness like it's jam on toast.*

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# TRIVIA

*Aussie fauna...*



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2. Koalas are known for their diet consisting almost exclusively of what type of leaves?
3. The platypus is one of the few mammals that lay eggs. What is the term for such mammals?
4. The Tasmanian Devil is native to which Australian state?
5. What unique characteristic does a wombat's pouch have compared to other marsupials?
6. After the ostrich, the emu is the second-largest living bird by height. True or False?
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8. The quokka is often referred to as the world's happiest animal due to its smile-like facial expression. On which Australian island is it primarily found?
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10. The dingo is a type of wild dog native to Australia. It is believed to have arrived in Australia approximately how many years ago?
11. What is the most distinctive feature of a Sulphur-crested Cockatoo?
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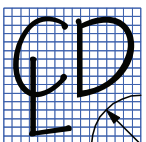
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## Trivia Answers from page 27:



1. Mob
2. Eucalyptus
3. Monotreme
4. Tasmania
5. It opens backward
6. True
7. Quills
8. Rottnest Island
9. Blue
10. 4,000 to 5,000 years ago
11. Its bright yellow crest
12. Carcharodon carcharias
13. Up to 7 meters (23 feet)
14. Over 20 distinct sounds
15. Seal Rocks, Victoria
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