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## TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN CANUNGRA BUSHRATS LAUNCH INTO A NEW ERA



*In a first for the Mountain, Tamborine Mountain Canungra Cricket Club Bushrats women's team played their first ever game in the Gold Coast competition last month against Runaway Bay Cricket Club. Story page 3.*



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# LOCAL WOMEN IN CRICKETING COMP MILESTONE

In a historic moment for Tamborine Mountain, the community witnessed the birth of the Tamborine Mountain Canungra Women's Bushrats Cricket Team as they embark on their maiden season. This diverse group of passionate and skilled women has brought a new wave of enthusiasm to the local cricket scene, captivating the hearts of fans and supporters alike.

The team, formed with the vision of fostering camaraderie and promoting women's participation in sports, made an impressive debut in the local Gold Coast Women's Cricket League on November 12th against a side from Runaway Bay Cricket Club. The energy on the field was infectious, and it was evident that the women from both sides would be having a thoroughly fun time.

As the women took the field, it was fantastic to see that they were the ones being cheered on by their kids and partners, rather than the other way round, as it has happened for years. The grinning, the laughter, the high fives and the encouragement that every woman experienced was evidence that they had made a brilliant decision to join this team.

Bushrats Club President, Neil Bell, said "It is the first time that Gold Coast Cricket have had a women's competition. The whole aim is to promote participation, fun and inclusion. Our team consists mostly of mums of our junior boys and girls, or wives, daughters, and girlfriends of our men players. It is a diverse bunch of women, ranging in age from 16 to 56, but the way they have bonded, you would think they had been friends for life."

If anyone is interested in finding out more about our incredible women's cricket team, please give Neil a call on 0403 854 699.

*Photos: (top) All for one and one for all – the spirit evidenced in the Bushrats' ground-breaking season opener and (right), the Bushrats with the Runaway Bay cricketers, who could not have proved finer opponents in the Round One clash, bringing out the best in both sides.*



# TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN DISTILLERY WINS QUEENSLAND'S TOP TOURISM AWARD

For the second year running, Tamborine Mountain Distillery has won a Gold Medal at the prestigious Queensland Tourism Industry Council (QTIC) 38th Annual Awards, taking out the top score in the Wineries, Distilleries and Breweries Tourism category.

Presented this year in Cairns at a star-studded gala event on Friday 24th November, the ceremony was actually missed this year by Chief Distiller and co-owner Gordon Chalmers. Instead Gordon watched the event streaming live on Facebook, whilst travelling mid-flight back to Australia, after a very successful business trip to London. He said, "I think my roar woke up every single passenger on the plane when they announced us as the winner".

The award was accepted, in absentia by a close friend, Ian Mason, the Secretary of the Queensland Distillers Association, of which Gordon is also a Committee member.

In a prepared speech, Gordon gave "a huge thanks to the incredible Tamborine Mountain Distillery team, whose dedication and passion continues to elevate the local Company to new heights, whilst also recognising their



hard work". He also gave a "heartfelt thank you to all of the distillery's patrons and local supporters whose votes also reinforced the unwavering loyalty which inspires us every single day". He added "I think I must have the best job in the world, doing something I really enjoy, employing a wonderful team of family, friends and locals, whilst working in this magical location called Tamborine Mountain. It really doesn't get much better than that."



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## TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN BRIDGE CLUB RESULTS

### MONDAY (27-NOV-23)

NS 1. 59.93% JOHN YOUNGMAN - CHERYL FINLAYSON

NS 2. 59.50% JOANNE EVANS - DAVID DONALDSON

NS 3. 58.10% PETER ZAREMBA - WENDY CHRISTIE

EW 1. 60.70% CHRISTINE YOUNGMAN - JULIE GUTHRIE

EW 2. 60.17% ANN ZAREMBA - SHEENA POLLOCK

EW 3. 50.57% GAYLE DONALDSON - PAM WARRELL

### WEDNESDAY (29-NOV-23)

NS 1. 59.58% SHEILA IRVINE-BROWN - PETER MORRIS

NS 2. 58.25% JOHN HANDS - EDDIE HEINEMEYER

NS 3. 55.17% KEITH FOREMAN - SHERI FOREMAN

EW 1. 68.21% SUE STEVENS - KAREN SCOTT

EW 2. 50.93% SUSAN STEWART - ROGER BELL

EW 3. 50.50% WENDY CHRISTIE - SHEENA POLLOCK

### THURSDAY (30-NOV-23)

NS 1. 56.94% KEVIN HAMILTON-REEN - MARY SIMON

NS 2. 53.97% JENNY STRACHAN - EDDIE HEINEMEYER

NS 3. 51.59% MARIAN GIBBONS - WENDY CHRISTIE

EW 1. 60.52% DAVID DONALDSON - GAYLE DONALDSON

EW 2. 54.96% SUE STEVENS - KAREN SCOTT

EW 3. 52.38% JOHN LODGE - KATE HEAD

*Beginners Welcome - Contact Sheila 0407 451 973.*

*Sessions Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu at TM Bridge Club*

*Sports Ground, 400 Long Rd. tmbridgeclub.org.au*



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## TUSSOCK MOTH CATERPILLAR

– *Iropoca rotundata*, Joalah National Park.



This eye-catching caterpillar was filmed on the handrail of the viewing platform on the way to Curtis Falls, in March 2011. It caught my attention as I was going through my video frames and I sent the image to the expert who has created Australia's most accessible *lepidoptera* (moths and butterflies) website. He loved the caterpillar but couldn't identify it. I then sent the frame to Peter Hendry, who thinks that the caterpillar is too similar to *Iropoca rotundata* not to be at least in the same genus, except that *Iropoca rotundata* is the only species in the genus. The moth occurs in Queensland, New South Wales and Victoria. Wingspan is 3 cm.

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**



# TM UNIVERSE AIMING FOR THE STARS WITH NEW BOARD

On Saturday, 25 November, members of Tamborine Mountain Universe Association Inc. met to fill vacancies on the Board. The following were appointed, and will hold these positions until the AGM on 3 February 2024.

President: Jaap Vogel, Secretary: Graham Violet, Treasurer: Julie Wilkinson, (previously a member of the Board).

President Jaap Vogel thanked the outgoing board members for their hard work, and clarified again that the TMU Association Inc is independent of the TMU Trust.

He reiterated that the Trust is a separate body to the Association and has five permanent, capable and committed Directors, who are in charge of the process of grant applications and ultimately building the precinct on the TMU Property Trust's acquired land on Long Road.

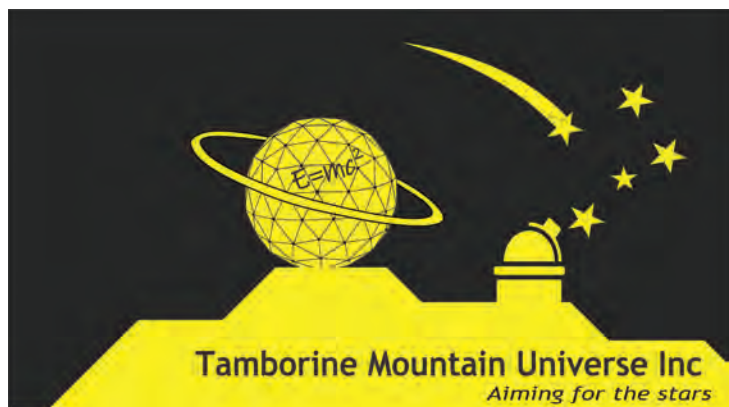
In February this year, the Trust was successful in obtaining council approval for their Development Application. This was a major step forward in the realisation of our dream, to create a state-of-the-art Science and Education centre with a immersive reality-sphere planetarium, on Tamborine Mountain.

This will address three major topics: Life in the Universe, Australian (and global) space research and Indigenous Astronomy, and the Centre will be a positive boost to the local economy.

The Association's task is to liaise with the local community and organise social events in support of the three main goals for the project. This has been successfully achieved with past events such as the Easter activities on the land, the New Blue Moon observation in August, and previous NASA's International Observe the Moon Night.

In addition to these events, the Association will attempt to raise funds to buy a Sun Telescope. This will be a major focus in raising awareness and interest in TM Universe with the general public.

Members will have more advantages than just attending meetings. Significant discounts will apply to events and merchandise. If you are a member, your membership expiring in 2023 has been extended so that you can still attend and



vote at the AGM on 3 February 2024.

After the AGM, renewals and new Memberships will be accepted for the following 2024 year.

Our Association thanks everyone who has contributed so far, and those who will support the project in the future. Let's keep aiming for the stars.

## MEALS ON WHEELS ROSTER DECEMBER 2023

Friday 1st	Toni SANTIUSTE Helen STAFFSMITH
Friday 8th	Mark & Narelle BONSALL Athol & James MCDONALD
Friday 15th	Harry O'NEILL Glenys KELLY
Thursday 21st	Sue WILSON Toni SANTIUSTE

# SCENIC RIM COUNCIL BACKS VISIONARY ARTS PRECINCT PROJECT ON TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN

In a landmark decision on Wednesday, November 22, the Scenic Rim Council unanimously endorsed the Tamborine Mountain Arts Precinct's ambitious project, temporarily halting the auction of the iconic winery at 122-128 Long Road, Gallery Walk. This pivotal move opens the door for the not-for-profit to raise funds in order to bid at auction to secure the site and transform it into a vibrant community Arts Precinct.

Since its inception in February 2023, the Tamborine Mountain Arts Precinct (TMAP) has been vocal about its vision, within the arts community, for the venue, garnering substantial support. A crucial meeting held with Council on November 1 saw TMAP co-founders John Tardy, Ashley Tardy, and Glen Pittock, align their goals with regional and state Arts, Creativity and Culture strategies, emphasising the precinct's potential to bolster the local economy and community spirit.

The trio's inspiration stems from a personal tragedy – the loss of Kate Tardy, a key figure in the Tamborine Mountain arts and theatre scene, to breast cancer earlier this year. Her legacy fuels their dedication to creating a space that celebrates and nurtures local talent.

ARTS PRECINCT  
TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN

TMAP's plans are comprehensive, aiming to feature and promote local artists and serve as a central hub for local creatives. Their community-first approach also includes promoting local goods and services, thus stimulating the local economy and generating employment opportunities.

With an official launch scheduled for early next year, TMAP is planning an informative community event to engage and update residents on the project's progress. Those interested in staying abreast of these developments can subscribe to the TMAP mailing list or follow their updates on social media, accessible through their website at [tmap.space](https://tmap.space).

In conclusion, the Scenic Rim Council's decision marks a significant step towards realising a cultural haven on Tamborine Mountain, promising a future where arts and community flourish in unison.



# KERRI CRYER ANNOUNCES FOR DIVISION 2 “WORKING FOR OUR COMMUNITY!”

“Hi, I’m Kerri, local resident of the Tamborine community for almost 30 years, and your candidate for Division 2 Scenic Rim in the upcoming council elections on 16 March 2024.

“My ongoing and keen interest in the local community has led to my undertaking of key secretarial and media roles in local groups such as: the Tamborine & Districts Citizens Association Inc, the Tamborine Memorial Hall Management Association, the Tamborine Cenotaph Committee, and the Tamborine Car Show Committee. My involvement in local community life has seen the need for recognition of people, organisations, and businesses for their significance in the region, and has ultimately led to the creation of local publications – the *Tamborine Bulletin* and the *Yarrabilba Bulletin*! While running the two community newspapers, I completed a Degree in Business – (achieving nine awards along the way and graduating with Distinction!).

“Being out and about in the local region for the past five years with the newspapers, has given me great insight and appreciation for our ‘community of people’, and as such, I have gained much experience in listening to residents talk about their concerns for their living and working lifestyles. From these interactions, I have always known I wanted to further enhance my work and do something more to help support our wonderful community.

“Through fostering great communication and good working relationships with our residents, community groups, local businesses, and our council, I am constantly working to support and enrich our community, our environment, and of course, our lifestyles – particularly where families, wildlife,



commercial enterprise, and local developments are concerned.

“I am therefore seeking your vote for Division 2 at the Scenic Rim Regional Council Election to be held on 16 March 2024 in order to continue on with this work in a more official capacity.”

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**SALE** 4 2 2 1,065m<sup>2</sup>

**13 Maipu Court, Tamboirne Mtn \$950,000 Price guide**

**Quiet Street adjoining National Park**

- Solid construction, single level, located in a quiet cul-de-sac
- Two good sized living areas, central kitchen with family room
- Sheltered rear patio overlooking a level yard and garden
- Solar hotwater and power, house alarm, air-con
- Garden shed, small shade house

**AGENTS:**

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Property of the week

**SALE** 3 1 2 963m<sup>2</sup>

**14 Orchis Drive, Tamboirne Mtn \$749,000 Guide**

**Country cottage**

- Nestled in a picturesque private cul-de-sac
- Raked ceilings, timber floors and walls
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**SALE** 3 1 4 1,012m<sup>2</sup>

**6 Nipa Court, Tamboirne Mountain**

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**SALE** 4 3 2 4,295m<sup>2</sup>

**238-242 Guanaba Rd, Tamboirne Mountain**

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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.*



**Sale of Council-owned surplus property:** Gallery Walk winery. I moved a motion at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 22 November 2023 that the auction of the property be deferred until late May 2024 and this motion was approved by a unanimous vote of Councillors. This will not result in a “non-competitive process” but will potentially enable a proposed not-for-profit local organisation to raise the funds to purchase the property at auction (if the bidding reaches the reserve price).

**Request for Special Meeting:** A majority of Councillors have called for a Special Meeting which is set down for 9.00am on 06 December 2023 (at the time of writing).

The single purpose of this meeting is:

*“Consider the return of the Chief Executive Officer into the workplace and to review the mechanism for the performance management of the Chief Executive Officer [Closed s.254J(3) (f) and (i)]”.*

**Development Applications of interest:** (Source: DAP Online – when it works). Information requests have been issued in respect to applications for 125-127 Curtis Rd and 197-207 Long Rd, and a new application MCU23/177 for an “Other Change to Approval – Impact” at 104-144 Hartley Rd. No documents available yet – Cedar Creek Estate Vineyard & Winery. Plenty of applications for boundary setbacks – why not purchase a property which will accommodate what you want to do?

**Did you know:** Scenic Rim Planning Scheme 2020 - Dwelling Houses and Secondary Dwellings - June 2023: Fact Sheet:

[Fact Sheet re Scenic Rim Planning Scheme 2020](#)

The full list of Fact Sheets is available here: [Fact Sheets – Scenic Rim Regional Council](#)

**Planning & Environment Court appeals:**

Natasha Organ -v- SRRC. Court has ordered that by 15 Dec 2023 the appellant provide the respondent (SRRC) with its “without prejudice” report addressing flooding issues. Review date: 18 Dec 2023.

On 10 Nov 2023 Judge Kefford handed down her judgement in the appeal 137 of 2020 (Hoffman et al. -v- Gold Coast City Council and Australian Rainforest Conservation Society Inc (represented by the Environmental Defenders Office Ltd) and GECKO Environment Council Assn Inc and 2 individuals). This appeal relates to an application for the extraction of 16 megalitres p.a. at 263 Repeater Station Road, Springbrook. The outcome was that extraction of 8 megalitres p.a. was approved with onerous conditions. GCCC was represented by Corrs Chambers Westgarth.

**Supreme Court** – 13762 of 2019 – Scenic Rim Developments P/L -v- SRRC (filed 11 Dec 2019) – listed for review on 14 Dec 2023.

**Out and About:** Wongaburra Society AGM (Beaudesert aged care provider owned and operated by the people of the Beaudesert district); official launch of Beaudesert Enterprise Precinct tender process for 30 industrial lots; St George's Christmas Market, Cuppa in the Community and community

consultation in the library; St Bernard State School and Tamborine Mountain State School Grade 6 graduation ceremonies – great to see so many students receive awards and all graduates' efforts acknowledged; Tamborine Mtn Community Care – Volunteers' thankyou morning tea; opening of the new Lions Club native garden at Club Tamborine (proudly sponsored by the Tamborine Mtn Garden Club via proceeds from Springtime on the Mountain); Destination Scenic Rim AGM; fence and drainage issues; one Ordinary SRRC Meeting; one Special SRRC meeting; TMAC (Tamborine Mountain Artists Collective – not Tamborine Mountain Auto Clinic) strategic discussions; the commemorative service to open the new Canungra Vietnam Memorial site at the Land Warfare Centre (I was the Dept of Defence paymaster in Canberra for several years); and last but not least – in an event which surpassed *Barbie* the movie – the very well attended and free Tamborine Mountain Orchestra Christmas concert. They have improved considerably since last year's performance and the eclectic playlist covered works from Tchaikovsky to the Goons (*I'm Walking Backwards For Christmas*) – the latter caused some stunned expressions on the faces of the younger members of the audience!

**Topics of concern raised recently:** local meth labs (a police matter), condition of roads, category 2 food licences, market licences, definition of “Tamborine Mountain Community”, white safety lines on narrow local roads, and wildlife issue. The plight of the residents of Shelf Rd was given significant coverage in the weekend edition of the *Gold Coast Bulletin* 2-3 December 2023 (front page, pages 4-5 and page 82).

**ECQ 2024 Local Government Election – Expression of Interest is now open!** For those interested in employment for next year's elections, you can register your interest at the EOI page at: <https://selfserv.elections.qld.gov.au/>

**My court matter:** On 3 December 2023 I celebrated 50 years in the workforce. On 15 December 2023 I will be pleading Not Guilty in the Magistrates Court Brisbane to the charge of “making a complaint about the conduct of a councillor to the assessor, in contravention of section 150AV(1)(a) of the *Local Government Act 2009*.” 2023 has certainly be a year of firsts – I have never been the subject of a summons before.

**“The best indicator of future behaviour is past behaviour”**

I can be contacted on **0448 376 650** or via e-mail at [amanda.h@scenicrim.qld.gov.au](mailto:amanda.h@scenicrim.qld.gov.au)

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# STAY SAFE ON THE ROADS THIS CHRISTMAS BREAK

As school holidays begin over the country, Federal Member for Wright, Scott Buchholz urges road users to be vigilant and stay safe this break.

School holidays are a great time of year to take a break and spend time with friends and family. It is important for all road users to play their role in promoting road safety and getting to their destinations safely.

“For drivers it is particularly important to take responsibility for ourselves and our passengers, which includes driving to the conditions, planning ahead and minimising distractions in the vehicle,” Mr Buchholz said.

“Fatigue is one of the leading factors contributing to road crashes causing death and serious injury. So, remember to stop, revive, and survive these school holidays,

“All motorists need to pay attention to road signage and speed limits and keep an eye out for pedestrians and cyclists. Playgrounds, parks, and local venues will be busy with families these holidays, so stay vigilant when driving past those areas, and stop at pedestrian crossings,” he said.

“Holidays are a time to visit family and friends, so please make sure that you get to your loved ones safely, strap in, slow down, and stay vigilant.



“I wish everyone a safe and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.”

*Photo: Australian Road Safety Foundation event, at Parliament House – GIO Ambassador Ryley Batt OAM, ARSF Ambassador Craig Lowndes OAM, Hon. Scott Buchholz MP for Wright, ARSF CEO & Founder Russell White, Executive Manager of Personal Injury Insurance at Suncorp Todd Finney.*

## SCENIC RIM'S FOODIE REPUTATION REAFFIRMED AT TOURISM EXCELLENCE AWARDS

**The Scenic Rim cemented its status as the home of Australia's most authentic paddock-to-plate food and farming experiences at the 2023 Queensland Tourism Awards at Cairns last month.**

The bronze award for Excellence in Food Tourism was awarded to the region's Eat Local Movement, topping off a bumper year for tourism in the Scenic Rim.

It follows Scenic Rim being named as one of the 100 most loved tourism destinations in the world for 2023 by the Tourism Sentiment Index and Tamborine Mountain reaching the finals for the 2023 Top Tourism Town in Queensland.

Scenic Rim Mayor Greg Christensen said this latest award, which joined the region's previous silver award in the same category at the 2022 Queensland Tourism Awards, recognised the resounding success of Council's Eat Local brand.

“Scenic Rim Regional Council accepts this award on behalf of the producers, farmers, brewers, distillers, wine makers, restaurants and cafes in the Scenic Rim, and thanks the Queensland Tourism Awards for recognising the efforts of so many people.

“A decade ago, the local community recognised the value in leveraging the region's reputation for quality fresh produce and in 2011, launched Scenic Rim Eat Local Week,” he said.

“Now, the Scenic Rim's food tourism has evolved into an all-of-region movement where we come together through our Eat Local brand to grow, innovate, entice and educate.

“This award recognises that the Eat Local brand is a unique collaboration between Council, our community and agribusinesses which ties together a series of tourism products, experiences and events all designed to showcase the Scenic Rim as Queensland's most authentic food tourism destination, connecting visitors to food, culture and country.

“Whether it's camel milk Feta, olives, organic coffee, goat milk gelato or locally brewed beer, you'll find a cornucopia of produce in our region which caters for all tastes and budgets.”

Scenic Rim Tourism and Regional Events Portfolio Councillor Jeff McConnell said Eat Local Month 2023 reaffirmed the region's reputation as one of Australia's premier food bowls.

“The Eat Local brand focuses on five key values: authenticity, collaboration, tasty traditions, devouring new trends and manifesting a movement,” he said.

“Council created this brand so that each and every visitor to the Scenic Rim can experience our friendly, relaxed country lifestyle, our spectacular natural beauty and of course, our award-winning local produce,” he said.

“We have something for everyone and offer many food-related experiences that visitors won't find anywhere else, like our annual Carrot Day where families can take a tour of the Kalfresh factory, harvest carrots and meet the farmers, to experiencing the 'Gondwana Trifle' at The Paddock Restaurant inspired by the ancient rainforests surrounding the Scenic Rim.”

In 2023 Scenic Rim Eat Local Week was extended to a month culminating in the signature Winter Harvest Festival which provides the region's producers with an opportunity to connect with consumers.

Producers also benefit from the twice-yearly Scenic Rim Farm Gate Trail which sees local growers and makers across the region throw open their gates to self-drive tourists, with thousands of visitors touring the Scenic Rim and shopping directly from the source.

Other Eat Local branded initiatives include the farm-to-home Scenic Rim Farm Box, and the popular Eat Local - Food, Farming and Conversation in the Scenic Rim cookbooks.

“Be sure to jump onto [visitscenicrim.com.au](http://visitscenicrim.com.au) and start planning your ultimate foodie road trip through our award-winning region today,” Cr Christensen said.

*Photo: (from left to right) Acting Manager, Regional Prosperity and Communications - Julie Schmidt, Deputy Mayor Cr Jeff McConnell, Coordinator Regional Events - Jo Jordan.*







## Letters to the Editor

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

### A NAME IS ANYTHING BUT A GAME

**Ask a local where they live, and the answer is Tamborine Mountain. Ask a lowlander heading up here for a break in our cool semi-rural ambience, and the answer is – probably again – Tamborine Mountain. And almost everybody would know exactly where they mean. It is our iconic town, almost entirely on the plateau. As its important assets, it includes the Witches Falls, Knoll, Joalah and Palm Grove parts of Tamborine National Park. These are only accessible from the plateau, and spill over the edges.**

But to a potential visitor looking at a map, or a planning bureaucrat bound by what the document actually says, their conclusions could be quite different. “Tamborine Mountain” could have several different interpretations. The first is obviously the geographic Tamborine Mountain. Then there are the plateau and escarpment area, originally defined in the early Development Control Plans. For something really odd, look at the area defined in the Growth Management Strategy.

But then Council went too far with Item 11 of a batch of twenty planning amendments proposed in 2022. It depicted a Tamborine Mountain community sprawling from the eastern and northern Shire boundaries, to the back fences of Tamborine Village and Canungra, and even reached Mundoolun Connection Road. Going even further, it completely obliterated any recognition of our plateau township. That carefully planned entity within its escarpments

houses 20% of the Shire’s population. Inevitably, it has its own problems and priorities. Gone at the whim of Council managers. That was just not on, and objections from many including myself, caused that Amendment to be withdrawn for further consideration.

This difficulty could result in seriously flawed Development Application approvals, and the problem must be resolved. I don’t see that plain “Tamborine Mountain” is viable, due to confusion with the geographic Mount. We must have a name, and it should incorporate “Tamborine Mountain”. In my submission I took the simple way and suggested “Town of Tamborine Mountain” or “Tamborine Mountain Township”. However, those lack some magic and I don’t think either would be regularly used. Then I had an inspiration. It fits, is memorable and raises a smile. Our plateau locality is sometimes referred to as our *Island in the Sky*. So how about “Tamborine Mountain Island”? I couldn’t take myself seriously, but there must be something suitable out there. Any thoughts?

**Phil Giffard**



### A BURNING PROSPECT IS NO DEAL

**An incinerator is earmarked to be built in the Scenic Rim. What an environmental disaster this will be. Scenic Rim, known for its beautiful scenery, communities and food growing. What a place to put an incinerator that will emit toxic chemicals such as dioxins, furans and heavy metals. Cleanaway, the waste company, will attempt to green-wash this incinerator. However, modern flue filters and scrubbers cannot contain nanoparticles that can travel long distances. Carcinogenic chemicals that can cause cancer, unbalance endocrine systems and have the greatest effect on children’s developing bodies.**

Europe is realising the mistake they made years ago, building incinerators as part of their waste management. The residents of Paris and surrounding municipalities have recently been asked not to eat eggs from their backyard chickens, as they have been found to be heavily contaminated with dioxins. Dioxins from the Paris incinerator.

Please follow the Facebook group “No Incinerator For Scenic Rim!” .

In this era of misinformation and disinformation, I will be supporting information with scientific and governmental articles and research papers of why this is such a bad idea.

**Nicole Thompson**

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## TRAVELLING PLACES *with Sienna*

**I am freshly returned from a three –week holiday in Italy (during which I have become a complete and committed adherent of La Dolce Vita) and while the memory of Persimmon Gelato and Aperol Spritz are fresh I thought I would share some of the highlights from the trip.**

My adventure began into Rome – the Eternal City. Nothing quite prepares you for the feeling of standing beneath the domed ceiling of the Pantheon, or brushing up against 2000 years of history in a Roman archaeological site. All those layers of history stacked in one place – and you a small part of it even now.

I was then lucky enough to spend a week sampling the many delights of Tuscany with Collette. Their tour, Spotlight on Tuscany, differs from the traditional coach touring format by taking a spoke and wheel approach. From our base in Montecatini Terme – a famous resort and spa town, we spent seven days discovering the surrounding region. From day trips to Siena, San Gimignano, Florence, Pisa and Lucca, to visits to local wineries, cheese makers, farms and cooking classes – we traversed the sprawling hillsides soaking in the history, culture and beauty with which Tuscany is so richly endowed. Good food, good company and lots of good wine made for a wonderful introduction to Toscana!

At the end of the tour, I reluctantly parted ways with my group of newfound friends but excitedly made my way to Bologna. Bologna is the capital of the Emilia – Romagna region (home of Parmigiano cheese, Modena Balsamic vinegar, Parma ham and much more). Best known for its elegant medieval architecture and rich gastronomic history – Bologna thoroughly charmed me. I spent days wandering the covered walkways of its city centre, sampling the many restaurants and food stalls tucked into its winding streets and stumbling onto all sorts of hidden treasures along the way. And of course, I ate so much

pasta, pizza and prosciutto that I don't know if I will ever be able to so much as look at them again (a condition which is guaranteed to pass).

From there I ventured north to Lugano, a beautiful town perched on the edge of a lake and ringed by towering snow-topped peaks. Lugano is in the Italian-speaking Ticino region of Switzerland and it was fascinating to see how the two cultures were enmeshed. The entire region was perhaps one of the most visually striking and spectacular places I have had the opportunity to visit thus far. While I was there, I was fortunate enough to be able to visit Valle Verzasca and to hike alongside the jade green waters of its glacial rivers, through autumnal forests and winding paths set against the magnificent backdrop of the Alps.



Drawn south to the cradle of the Renaissance, I ended my trip in Florence. I stayed in Oltrarno – a neighbourhood just across the river which is home to countless artisan bottegas and studios where you can watch leatherworkers, stonemasons, jewellers and artists working as you wander the streets. I roamed from gallery to museum to Osteria to garden.

Now back in Australia, I am already plotting my return, but savouring the memories I am so fortunate to have been able to make.

**Arrivederci,  
Sienna**



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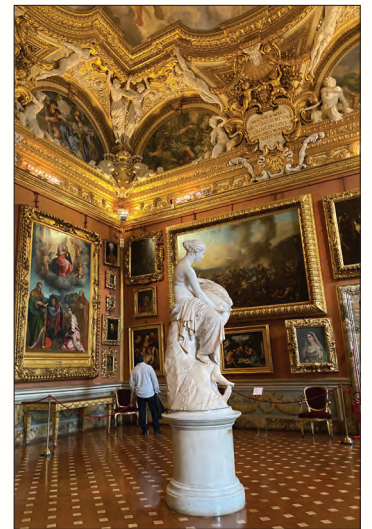
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# NOAH'S VISION OF HOPE



'Dare to Dream' was the theme of this year's Lions Club Peace Poster competition. Winner Noah Pouliot, in Year 6 at St Bernard State School, was presented with his certificate recently, and the school with its award for participation.

Teachers Deb Goatham, Year 6 and Monique Mitchell, Year 5/6, guided the students through the art-making process, linking the competition's theme with a beautiful children's book, 'Boy Overboard'. Escaping from a war-torn country, the book's young hero 'dared to dream' of a better life.

'These beautiful and caring teachers are an outstanding asset to the school. I wish I had had teachers like this when I attended State School,' said Barbara Hams, Peace Poster Project Officer for the TM Lions Club.

Noah's poster and those of the other five finalists – Watson McHale, Lala Mahony, Veronica Crabb, Ken Hayter and Wes Hayter – are currently displayed in the window of the old library. Noah's poster will go on to compete at Zone level.

*L to R: Teacher Deb Goatham, Noah, teacher Monique Mitchell and Lion Barbara Hams*

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## CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES 2023 - REGIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCHES

**Christmas Eve Vigil Mass (Sun 24 December):**  
6pm: Beaudesert (St Mary's Church).  
8.30pm: Beaudesert (St Mary's Church).

**Christmas Day (Mon 25 December):**  
7.30am: Tamborine Mountain (St John the Baptist Church, Beacon Rd). (Carols from 7.15am)  
9.00am: Canungra (St Margaret Mary's Church).  
9.30am: Beaudesert (St Mary's Church).  
10.30am: O'Reilly's (St Joseph's Church, Green Mountains).



## Mount Tamborine DRT timetable changes

From **Monday 18 December**, you'll be able to catch your local demand responsive transport service (DRT) earlier from Helensvale station to Mount Tamborine. The service will leave Helensvale at **8am, 11am, 2:30pm and 6pm**.

Monday to Friday (Mount Tamborine to Helensvale) effective 18 December 2023					
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Helensvale station	7am	-	9:30am	1pm	5pm

Monday to Friday (Helensvale to Mount Tamborine) effective 18 December 2023					
Helensvale station	8am	11am	2:30pm	-	6pm
Beenleigh station	-	-	-	6:20pm	-
Mount Tamborine	9am	12pm	3:30pm	7:30pm	7pm

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# EL BURRO STEPS UP TO HELP MILLIE



**The team at Tamborine Mountain's El Burro Cantina is joining fundraising efforts to support Millie Ingram in her battle with a rare form of cancer.**

At just 23, Millie, from Canungra, was like any other young adult – lots of laughter, an unwavering zest for life, and well on her way to becoming an outstanding chef.

A persistent back pain unfolded into a medical diagnosis of metastatic chondrosarcoma – a tumour the size of a coffee cup sits at the base of her spine.

Her family's resources to combat this cancer are limited and so are the treatment centres to fight it.

All funds raised through Millie's Gofundme page – [www.gofundme.com/f/rare-like-millie](http://www.gofundme.com/f/rare-like-millie) – will go towards sending Millie to where groundbreaking treatments are available.

To support the Gofundme campaign,

El Burro will host a special fundraising event on December 17 from 2pm.

All food and drinks (tacos, margaritas, sangria and beers) as well as raffle and auction prizes, are being donated by El Burro and other local small businesses.

All donations made on the day to Millie's Gofundme app at the donation table will earn the donor an equivalent amount of restaurant "donkeybucks" which can then be used to purchase food and drink, and to enter raffles. No cash or card will be accepted on the day for food, drink or raffles.

A separate fundraising feature of the day will be a number of conventional auctions for a range of items including artwork.

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# TRIUMPH AT HOTA: TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN COLLEGE HONOURS EXCELLENCE IN 2023 AWARDS AND GRADUATION CEREMONY



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Tambores Mountain College (TMC) hosted its highly anticipated 2023 Awards and Graduation Ceremony at the Home of the Arts (HOTA), where the academic and cocurricular prowess and outstanding achievements of the Prep to Year 12 students and a very special day for the graduating Class of 2023 who took centre stage in a celebration of accomplishment and promise.

Special guests who attended were, TMC Board Directors and Members of the Company: Chair Mr Lance Cordingley, Mr Michael Kyle, Councillor Virginia West, Ms Sheila Ponting, Ms Vanessa Bull, Mr Raymond Cantrell, TMC Company Member – Mrs Maureen Nicholls, TMC Company Member and Former College Principal, Mrs June Melbourne, Scenic Rim Regional Council Councillor Amanda Hay Division 1, Lion David Kirkpartick, Hills College Principal Kevin Lynch, Bond University Mr Boyd Shacklock and special guest, Mrs Trish Kyle.

A series of prestigious awards were presented to acknowledge exemplary achievements across various academic disciplines, sports, arts, and community service. The recipients, adorned in their TMC attire, walked the stage to the resounding applause of the audience, showcasing the diverse talents and accomplishments of the student body.

All Award information can be found on the Tambores Mountain College website: [www.tmc.qld.edu.au/newsletters/college-awards](http://www.tmc.qld.edu.au/newsletters/college-awards)



Artistic performances added a touch of flair to the morning, with students showcasing their talents. The vibrant and diverse music program demonstrated the well-rounded education offered at Tambores Mountain College, underscoring the importance of fostering creativity alongside academic achievements.

As the sun reached its zenith in early afternoon, the highlight of the ceremony unfolded with the presentation of graduation certificates to the Year 12 cohort. Radiant smiles and tears of joy were shared among the students and their families as they embraced this pivotal moment in their academic journey. The walk across the stage symbolising the transition from students to graduates, encapsulating the sense of accomplishment and newfound possibilities.

## 2024 Leaders were also announced:

### Secondary:

Captains - Lily Parker and Blake Downie.

Cultural Captain - Grace Simpson

Prefects - Gemma Close, Will Partridge and Ethan Hodder

House Captains – (Nicholls House): Maya Griffin, (Kyle House): Ethan Lawrie, (Walton House): Zain Bartlett

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The 2023 Tambores Mountain College Awards and Graduation Ceremony at HOTA was a resounding success, a testament to the dedication of the students, the support of their families, and the heartfelt commitment of the College staff. As the graduates embark on their future endeavours, the Tambores Mountain College community looks forward to witnessing the positive impact they will undoubtedly further make on the world.



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## THERE ARE MORE PURE DINGOES THAN THOUGHT




A study in May 2023 has indicated that even though pure dingoes vary in appearance, results from over three and half thousand wild dog DNA samples from across Australia have shown that the percentage of hybrids in the wild is not as widespread as previously thought, according to Dr K. Cairns, a conservation biologist from UNSW Science.

While some dingoes have a dash of domestic dog in their genetics, as a population they are retaining their genetic identity. In the picture above, all these dingoes are mostly pure. More remote areas inland and to the west have higher levels of dingo purity, with 87% of wild dogs in the NT being pure. Research also found there are four dingo varieties.

Understanding which areas have pure dingoes, and which have hybrids, is important for conservation and understanding the ecology of wild dogs on Australia's ecosystem.

The old testing methods relied on a smaller number of genetic markers and a limited reference population which over-estimated the amount of dog ancestry in dingo samples – sometimes by over 30%. This meant it often identified an animal as crossbred when it was a pure dingo. But with the new test we can look at 195,000 points across the genome compared to just 23 previously. So, it is a huge improvement in reliability and accuracy.

The term "wild dog" is widely used in policy; it includes the dingo, dingo-hybrid and feral domesticated dogs, all considered invasive species under biosecurity legislation and subject to eradication measures like aerial baiting, trapping and shooting. This includes national parks where native animals are supposedly protected. No other species is treated the same way as the dingo – when they should be protected! Environments without dingoes can become overrun by kangaroos, foxes and feral cats that threaten other native animals and can significantly change Australia's fragile vegetation. Dingoes can be a threat to some livestock but they are not a pest, they play a crucial role as apex predators. There is a real need to find a balance in management and ensure we maintain local populations. Some farmers are using trained donkeys to protect livestock with success.

**Pam Brandis**  
Dip. Canine Prac.

## THE BOTANIC GARDENS CHRISTMAS BARGAIN PLANT SALE IS HERE



The volunteers at Tamborine Mountain Regional Botanic gardens will hold a special pre-Christmas plant sale – just in time for that special gift to go under the tree.

The sale will be on Sunday, December 10th from 8 am until noon at the propagation pavilion at the southern end of the Gardens. Simply follow the signs.

Bobby White, leader of the Potty Potters propagation team, says: "Our team has prepared a wide variety of offerings including an assortment of perennials and sensational succulents, a range of ferns, the alluring bat plants, beautiful begonias, sweet jasmine and many more."

The team can accept cash or card for payment and please bring long your own baskets or boxes to take your gifts home.

Vehicles will be available to assist less abled visitors as well as those who have made large purchases and need help getting them back to the car park.

"Plants make the perfect Christmas gifts," says Bobby. "They simply keep on giving."

*Photo: Volunteers Bobby White (left) and Dawn Hooper getting into the Christmas spirit.*

*Next week's Scenic News issue (published on Thursday, December 14) will be the final issue for 2023. The absolute latest deadline for all articles and advertisements is 10am on Monday 11th. We thank our wonderful readers, advertisers and (with immense appreciation and gratitude) our regular contributors, columnists, letter writers for making it such a diverse and interesting year!*



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Wednesday 20 December 10am

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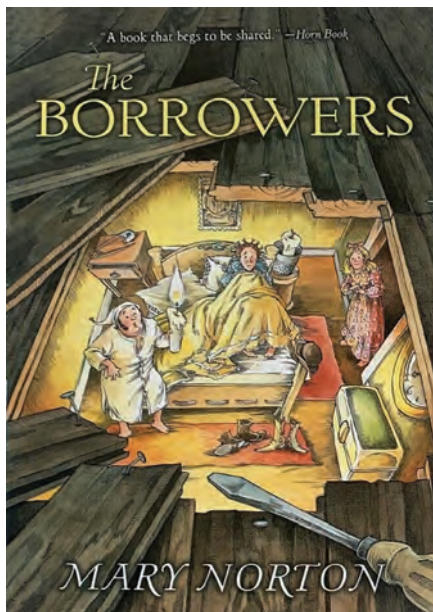
## READING DRAGONS



#### Starting 11 December

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## READING HOUR



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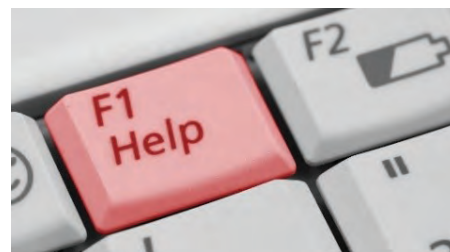
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## CHRISTMAS IS THE TIME FOR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS

Christmas is not too far off and although many of us adore the tradition of Christmas, we also dread the crowds, the hype, the marketing, and

the commercialised expectation of the “perfect” Christmas which none of us can live up to. When the marketing gurus realise that money can be made out of something which might be quite ancient, spiritual and profound, it’s very easy for the rest of us to get seduced by all the sparkly bits and forget the real meaning behind the celebration.

But I think the world is becoming a savvier place. More and more I notice people rejecting the hype, the big spending and giving Christmas gifts with more meaning: volunteering at a shelter, giving the gift of experience over material possessions, planting trees as a gift to mother earth and insisting everyone exchange homemade gifts as opposed to fancy new items. And just giving the gift of your time and love. I remember offering to cook a special meal for my relatives when holidaying overseas. It was snowing, I had done my dash in the cold, the cooking was really fun and it was lovely to gift a delicious meal to a time poor couple.

One of the most effective ways to continue to enjoy what you love about Christmas is to find ways to tap back into the spirit of the celebration. We do this in yoga, where we set an intention to tap into the spirit of the class and what we want to achieve in that yoga class. So, before the Christmas season starts, set out your intentions of what you want to get from this celebration. You might choose to attend a Christmas service to help you and your family connect with the true meaning of Christmas. You could purchase most of your Christmas gifts from local artisans and shops. You could purchase most of your Christmas feast from local farmers markets, co-ops and local grocery stores. By shopping locally instead of the big box, consumers keep their communities from becoming “ghost towns” (areas devoid of neighbourhood shops and services).

You could pare down the gift giving by following the 4-gift rule purchasing: One Material Gift – purchasing one gift for each person that is strictly something they want. One Experience Gift – an annual pass to the local museum, wake-boarding lessons, a music concert, or a couple of yoga classes! The memories from the experience live on a lot longer than the plastic toy. One family gift – perhaps some money towards that holiday, or a new tent or some sporting equipment. A gift or donation to your favourite charity, animal or human, making this Christmas special for those less fortunate.

From Hamilton Wright: *Blessed is the season which engages the whole world in a conspiracy of love.*

**Margot Wagner**  
Yoga Under the Bodhi Tree

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

## Relationships



## REKINDLING FRIENDSHIP

The Ending Loneliness Together research organisation recently released a landmark State of the Nation report. It found that one in three Australians feel socially isolated, concluding that we are in the grip of a loneliness epidemic. The report cites long work hours, rising cost of living, diminished neighbourhood connection and a general shrinking of social circles as contributing factors.

How do you increase your social circle? In addition to making new friends, consider rekindling former friendships. Think about why you drifted apart in the first place. Friendships typically fizzle out rather than dissolving because of a fight or a shift in shared values.

Proximity is a typical cause of friendship drift. If we don’t live within a reasonable distance to a friend, we tend not to make the effort to visit them. Sometimes lifestyle-related reasons are the cause. Camaraderie is built in sporting teams, mutual hobbies, interests or shared working environment. The majority of friendships don’t survive when the common denominator is gone.

It can be difficult to know where to start reconnecting. It requires an active effort to reach out. Sending a message or calling someone lets them know you are thinking of them. Take a slow and steady approach. The reasons a friendship paused are sometimes different for either person. There may need to be a repair before a reconnection can take place. Be willing to apologise even if you feel you didn’t do anything to intentionally hurt your friend. Sometimes that which we neglected to do can hurt more. Don’t take it personally if you don’t hear back or the response may not be what you anticipate. It may not be rejection; it could mean that the opportune time to reconnect is not necessarily now.

One of the most common ways people reconnect with old friends is at shared social gatherings. Be receptive to attending events such as reunions, social get-togethers, weddings and other celebrations. The unforced nature of these events can help those who have drifted apart reacquaint in a comparatively low-stress environment.

Sometimes, people seek out old friendships because they miss a part of who they were back then. Be honest with yourself about whether you’re wanting to reconnect with a particular period in your life, rather than seeking to reunite with a specific friend. You can’t go back into exactly the same friendship you had decades ago. Expecting your friend to be the same, idealised past version of themselves is not realistic. You have to rebuild a new relationship on the foundation of shared history, shared memories but different friendship.

Friendships change over time and it’s normal for longstanding friendships to go through periods of disconnection, but that also provides an opportunity to reconnect. There’s more to friendship than having things in common. Friendship is an investment of our time, energy and self. Whether old or new, true friendship is the connection we create when we invite someone into our world, and they invite us into theirs.

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# Physio Talk



with Neil Bell

## CAPTAIN MARVEL JUST CAN'T RUN!

It's not easy being a physio. No matter where you go, no matter what you are doing, you are always looking. Always checking how people are sitting, always watching people's posture and always checking out how people are moving. The other day, I realized that maybe I had a problem when I told the young girl at the IGA to make sure she stood up straight and try not to reach so far over the counter. When she just looked at me blankly, I realized that I really need to work on switching off my physio brain.

The one thing I find that I take the most notice of is how people move, their biomechanics. A person's biomechanics is extremely important. It impacts how much energy it takes for them to run or cycle. It can even predispose a person to injury or pain with activity. In my 20 years of experience as a physio, it is something I have come to love assessing in people and my analysing people's biomechanics is just something that I can't turn off.

Unfortunately, this can sometimes be to my detriment. I love watching the Marvel movies. I love it when the good guys win. One of the favourite Marvel movies in our house is the *Captain Marvel* movie. Regrettably, the very first time I watched this movie, I noticed immediately that the actress playing Captain Marvel had a particularly poor pattern of running. It is something that I can't unsee. My poor family get sick of me talking about it.

But, I can't help it. I want people to move well. To move in a way that makes them less likely to suffer an injury. Besides, I tell my kids, a superhero really should be able to run like Usain Bolt surely?

How this actress runs predisposes her to having kneecap pain, hip bursitis, shin splints, low back pain, Achilles tendinopathy and much more. And it is something we see everyday at Physique. The way we move is just so very important.

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The next time you are out for a walk or ride or run pay attention to how you are bringing your legs through. The kneecaps should stay pointing forwards and not turn in. Your hips should stay pretty level and your feet should be pointing mainly in the direction that you are going.

And, you know what? If you see a bald, bearded dude stop and stare at you intently as you race on past him, spare him a thought. Maybe, it isn't some random strange individual, but rather a very obsessed health professional casually analysing the way you move.



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# 'TIS THE SEASON TO BE KIND

Hello *Scenic News* readers, I'm Rebecca from Naturally COS. And in this edition, I want to share some super easy ways to be kind during this weird, wonderful, crazy festive season.

It might sound a bit odd, right!? An entire article on being kind. But in the last week I've witnessed some acts of simple kindness that made people cry (happy tears), and on the flip side I've seen some displays of rudeness that border on cruelty.

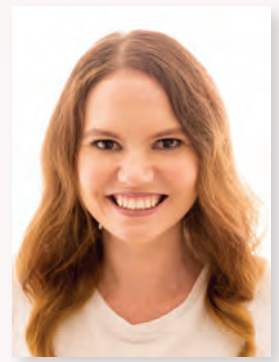
Now, I am not an advocate for behaving differently on certain days. R U OK Day, Christmas etc, we should be doing all the good stuff on all the days. BUT alas, here we are. And sometimes we need a little tug on the shoulder to say, be kind.

Christmas, like any other day can be rough for any of us, for any reason. And it's amplified by all the love and joy being sprinkled around. So, let's create more of it and create more smiles.

It's hot, I get grumpy and next-level impatient in the heat. Imagine the posties, chefs, gardeners, mechanics, tradies just to name a few. It's been on average 30 degrees lately, which is enough to make you dehydrated, feel flat and possibly dizzy and get a bit moody. Consider gifting them a bottle of cold water, an icy pole even. Or if you're on a budget, say thanks. Literally walk up to them, with a smile and say thanks for being in a role that's hard on your mind and body to help us enjoy Christmas. This is not a suggestion for those who believe in the "they chose the job, so too bad" line.



# BEAUTY & WELLNESS



with Rebecca Mander

Shopping in air conditioning? The staff might not be hot and bothered, but I bet they've had more than a couple of people say unpleasant things and be cruel. Consider having some Christmas cards, even tags made and in your bag. With a thank you note. "Thanks for working through Christmas to create a magical one for us". Maybe even attach a candy cane. Once they've served you or even guided you to what you were looking for, give them the tag or card. And again, smile.

Want to go next-level, have an Esky at your door or near your letter box. Put a sign up that says "Merry Christmas, please take one". And inside are frosty drinks and lollies covered in ice.

Small tokens of humanity, kindness and practical treats will not only help boost their spirits, keep them hydrated, their cups (metaphorical ones) full and make a huge overall difference. Kind of like letting another car or two in front in traffic. It's a ripple of effect.

In next week's edition, the Christmas cheer keeps coming. I will be sharing some incredible small businesses with some unique, practical and wellness-related gift ideas. Perfect for showing some kindness, especially at the last minute and supporting some small, incredibly wonderful small family businesses.

Till then Elves, go and get out there and spread some wonderful magical Christmas cheer. And if you do, share the photos with the editor – I'd love to see – and celebrate you!

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## Accidental discoveries

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- The Microwave Oven** was accidentally discovered by Percy Spencer while working with radar technology. What was the first food item cooked by microwaves in this discovery? a) Popcorn b) Egg c) Chocolate bar d) Potato
- Post-it Notes** were invented when Spencer Silver created a low-tack, reusable adhesive. What was its first practical application? a) Bookmarks b) Notice boards c) Decorative stickers d) Surgical tapes
- Vulcanized Rubber** was accidentally discovered by Charles Goodyear. What substance did he mix with rubber? a) Sulphur b) Alcohol c) Vinegar d) Lime
- X-Rays** were discovered by Wilhelm Conrad Röntgen while experimenting with a certain type of rays. What was he originally studying? a) Cathode rays b) Radioactive materials c) Electric conductivity d) Light bulbs
- Safety Glass** was invented when a glass flask coated with cellulose nitrate didn't shatter. What was the original purpose of the cellulose nitrate? a) To clean the flask b) As a glue c) To prevent evaporation d) As a decoration
- The Pacemaker** was accidentally invented by Wilson Greatbatch. What was he originally trying to build? a) A heart rate monitor b) An oscillator c) A radio transmitter d) A hearing aid
- Teflon** was discovered by Roy Plunkett while working with gases related to refrigeration. What was the gas he was experimenting with? a) Chlorofluorocarbon b) Tetrafluoroethylene c) Methane d) Ammonia
- The Slinky** was observed by Richard James, a naval engineer. What was the original purpose of the spring? a) To measure pressure b) To stabilize instruments c) To absorb shock d) To conduct electricity
- Artificial Sweeteners** like saccharin were discovered accidentally. What was Constantin Fahlberg originally researching? a) A cure for diabetes b) Coal tar derivatives c) New food preservatives d) Antibiotics
- Cellophane** was invented by Jacques E. Brandenberger while trying to create a waterproof tablecloth. What material was he working with? a) Silk b) Cotton c) Viscose d) Linen
- Dynamite** was accidentally discovered by Alfred Nobel. What explosive substance was he experimenting with? a) Nitroglycerin b) Gunpowder c) Black powder d) Ammonium nitrate
- Velcro** was inspired by George de Mestral after noticing burrs sticking to his dog's fur. What part of the plant inspired the fastener? a) Seeds b) Leaves c) Stems d) Flowers

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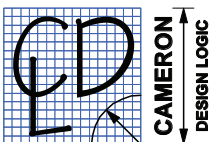
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