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Property of the week

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12.45 - 1.15	96 Old Coach Rd, Tamborine
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**96-98 Old Coach Road, Tamborine**

- Dual living, own entrance, rural setting
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**SALE** 🛏️ 4 🛁 2 🚗 2 ✂️ 4,005m<sup>2</sup>

**17-21 Romana Court, Tamborine Mountain**

- Spacious home on small acreage
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# OBITUARY

## SHERRI PAXTON-HALL

Sherren (Sherri) Kaye Paxton-Hall was born on the 27th of January 1964, in Malvern, Victoria, and passed away peacefully on the 2nd of December 2023, in Brisbane after a very courageous battle with cancer.

Sherri was the daughter to Robert and Elaine Speedie, and the loving big sister to Andrew. In 1972, the family moved to Buka Island, P.N.G. for Rob's work as a teacher. Sherri had very fond memories of her time there, and adapted well to the different lifestyle, before being sent to Presbyterian Ladies College in Melbourne as a boarder.

In 1982, Sherri commenced a Diploma of Teaching at James Cook University, before being posted to Charters Towers to start her teaching career. Here, she met the love of her life and soulmate, Andrew.

Before getting married on the 17th of September 1988, Sherri and Andrew travelled around Europe and lived in Bury St. Edmonds, Suffolk where Sherri performed a variety of jobs while Andrew worked as a vet.

They returned to Australia mid 1990 and settled in Roma late that year. Sherri taught grade 1 at Roma Primary School, until she gave birth to first baby, Thomas, in January 1992.

In May 1992, Sherri and Andrew bought Tamborine Mountain Veterinary Surgery and arrived to live on the mountain with their new baby Tom, and black Labrador Sam. They fell in love with the mountain. In 1993, Rachel was born, and in 1995, they started to build a house in Carey Parade, North Tamborine, moving in with their two children later that year.

In 1996, Allison was born, followed by Benjamin in 1999. Sherri absolutely relished motherhood and life on the mountain. She was the perfect role model and saw



motherhood as being the most important job in the world. The family went on to do lots of travelling together, and whilst the four children have left the mountain now, they still call the house they all grew up in 'home', returning regularly for Sherri's incredible cooking and dinner as a family on the back deck.

In August of this year, Sherri's first grandchild Sebastian was born and was, and has been, a real blessing for the whole family during Sherri's battle with cancer, since being diagnosed in May of 2022.

Sherri was an incredible woman, and she touched the souls of many. She will be unbelievably missed but will live on in the hearts of her family and friends.

Sherri is survived by her wonderful husband Andrew, her children Tom, Rach, Alli and Ben, her parents Rob and Elaine, her brother Andrew, her daughter-in-law Steph, her grandson Sebastian, Rach's partner Andy, and her two beautiful Labradors Vivian and Flossie.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly ask that, if desired, donations be made to the Lung Foundation Australia.



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**Wishing you and yours a blessed and festive holiday season and a happy start to the New Year!**



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one small place on earth

## COMMON CROW PUPA

*Euploea corinna*, garden, North Tamborine.



For many years, I have felt that the lack of a blue-chip documentary series about animal builders, has denied a global audience access to an abundance of fascinating information about a major aspect of natural history. One only has to think of beaver dams, bird nests and bowers, wasp nests, spider webs and egg sacs and the huge range of cocoons, mounds and burrows created by animals. And the list only refers to terrestrial creatures. The metallic look of this spectacular, jewel-like pupa is due to a covering of transparent layers of skin. Common crow butterflies prefer a tropical climate and occur in South Asia as well as in northern Australia.

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

## A SEASONAL REFLECTION

From all of us at the *Scenic News*, once more a heartfelt 'thank you' to all our readers, advertising supporters, columnists, community groups and contributors – both regular and occasional.

It has been another year of massive change and challenge – globally and locally. The world is barely recognisable in myriad aspects compared to a scant 12 months ago, whether your focus is social, technological, political or financial.

The changing nature of work, the vastly different real estate landscape, the incessant rising costs of living have left us reassessing what it truly means to live and work in our region, and in particular, the value of living in such a special community.

We wish you all a safe, restful holiday season. May 2024 be a productive and rewarding year for you all!



Our first edition for the new year will be January 18, but we aim to be posting updates at [scenicnews.com.au](http://scenicnews.com.au) and on our social media, so please stay in touch!



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# CELEBRATE THE MOST WINE-DERFUL TIME OF THE YEAR AT WITCHES FALLS!

Looking for the perfect place to gather with friends or entertain visitors during the festive season?

Your search ends at Witches Falls, where the cellar door is being transformed into a haven of holiday joy, eagerly waiting to share the magic with you.

**Extended Trading Hours: Open daily until 7pm from Friday, 15 December, to Sunday, 7 January 2024**

Prepare for a month-long celebration when from Friday, December 15th, 2023, to Sunday, January 7th, 2024, the jasmine-smothered cellar doors extend their welcome until 7 pm daily—yes, even on public holidays (closed only on Christmas Day)! It's a unique opportunity to pause, immerse yourself in the tranquil ambiance, reconnect with friends, and savour a drink or two in the inviting setting.

## Weekly Oyster Nights: A Seafood Lover's Dream

Every week, on alternating Fridays and Saturdays from 3 pm to 7 pm, Witches Falls hosts "Oyster Nights" where guests can enjoy a delectable selection of cellar door favourites expertly paired with impeccably fresh and creamy natural oysters. To secure your indulgence, bookings are essential, so make sure to reserve your spot in advance. Pre-order oysters at the time of booking for just \$25 per dozen. For those who prefer spontaneity, limited quantities will also be available for purchase on the day at \$30 per dozen.

## Live Music: Every Saturday and Sunday Afternoon

Elevating the atmosphere, Witches Falls Winery has curated a captivating line-up of live music every Saturday from 3 pm to 6:30 pm and every Sunday from 12 pm to 4 pm.



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## Special Events: Oyster Night with Live Jazz and Christmas Eve Extravaganza

As the celebrations unfold, don't miss the extraordinary Oyster Night on Friday, December 22nd. This special event will feature live music by KC Jazz Co. from 3 pm to 6:30 pm. Indulge in fresh natural oysters and all your Witches Falls favourites as the sun sets over the estate vineyard. Oyster pre-sales closes 3 pm Tuesday 19.12.23 for this event.

Join them on Christmas Eve for a festive extravaganza with live music by Amela Duheric from 12 pm to 4 pm. Let the enchanting tunes get you in the Christmas spirit while enjoying the delightful offerings.

## More than Just Wine: A Diverse Selection

While wine tasting is always an option—Witches Falls is renowned for its diverse selection of over 20 wines—there's much more to explore. Unwind with a glass or share a bottle with friends, or for those seeking alternatives, craft beer and hard apple ciders are also on offer. Elevate your experience with a personalised grazing platter featuring locally sourced produce to complement your visit perfectly.

## Book in to Enjoy

Explore all upcoming event details on the Witches Falls website at [witchesfalls.com.au/pages/upcoming-events](https://witchesfalls.com.au/pages/upcoming-events).

Don't let a decadent vineyard adventure slip through your fingers! Secure your table by booking and allow the enchantment of Witches Falls to elevate your festive celebrations!



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# WITCHES FALLS

FAMILY WINEMAKERS

## FESTIVE SEASON EVENTS AT WITCHES FALLS

Open until 7pm daily from Friday 15th December 2023 to Sunday 7th January 2024

### DECEMBER 2023

**SATURDAY 16TH | 3PM - 7PM**  
Oyster Night | Live music by  
Ashleigh Denning

**SUNDAY 17TH | 12PM - 4PM**  
Live music by George Smilovici

**FRIDAY 22ND | 3PM - 7PM**  
Oyster Night | Live music by  
KCJazz Co.

**SATURDAY 23RD | 3PM - 6:30PM**  
Live music Ondre Davis

**CHRISTMAS EVE | SUNDAY 24TH  
DECEMBER | 12PM - 4PM**  
Live music by Amela Duheric

**SATURDAY 30TH DECEMBER**  
Live music by Isabel Yamazaki

**NEW YEARS EVE | SUNDAY 31ST  
DECEMBER | 12PM - 4PM**  
Live music by Andy Ellem

### JANUARY 2024

**FRIDAY 5TH | 3PM - 7PM**  
Oyster Night

**SATURDAY 6TH | 3PM - 6:30PM**  
Live music by Luke Armstrong

**SUNDAY 7TH | FROM 11:30AM**  
Food Truck Sunday | Meat Buns &  
live music by René Le Feuvre

**SATURDAY 13TH | 3PM - 7PM**  
Oyster Night | Live band - Trio  
Temps

**SUNDAY 14TH | 12PM - 4PM**  
Live music by Liam Bowditch

**FRIDAY 19TH | 3PM - 7PM**  
Oyster Night | Live Music

**SATURDAY 20TH | 3PM - 6:30PM**  
Live music by Andy Ellem

**SUNDAY 21ST | 12PM - 4PM**  
Live music by Brooke Elle

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# WITCHES FALLS

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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.*



**SRRC Special Meeting:** A Special Meeting was called for 6 December 2023 by a majority of Councillors with only one agenda item - "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)]".

I am pleased to advise that following considerable discussion and debate in mostly closed session in just under seven hours, Council's CEO David Keenan will be returning to the workplace on 18 December 2023 following a majority vote of Councillors (5 for and 2 against). The opening and closing portions of the meeting can be viewed at: Scenic Rim Regional Council Special Meeting 6 December 2023 - YouTube Scroll to the 6 hour 46 minute mark to hear the comments in open session and the vote. There have been 593 views of this meeting which indicates the high level of community interest in this matter. The previous Special Meeting of 30 Nov 2023 and Ordinary Meeting of 22 November 2023 attracted 89 and 118 views respectively.

Mayor Christensen and Division 4 Councillor Michael Enright spoke against the motion, citing risks to Council. I stated that the risk of doing nothing far outweighed the risks the Mayor mentioned. Cr Jeff McConnell (Division 2 & Deputy Mayor and Cr West (Division 3) spoke in favour of the motion. I do not believe that this decision was in any way contrary to the public interest, as it is the good of the entire Scenic Rim region which should be at the forefront of all Council decisions.

The return of our CEO should go a long way to restoring some degree of normalcy within Council and it is good to see the CEO will return in time for the final Ordinary Meeting of Council for this year on 20 December 2023.

**Development Applications of interest:** None of local interest as at 9 Dec 2023.

**Out and About:** The Big Bash at the Long Rd Sports Complex, Volunteers' morning tea at the Centre, Beaudesert, Council Briefing sessions 5-6 Dec 2023 (agenda: 962 pages – didn't leave much time for community activities), and the official opening of the Tamborine Mountain Library. Assistance for this project has been provided through the jointly-funded Commonwealth-State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements. Looking forward to the Emergency Services Lolly Run on 10 December.

**CHRISTMAS CLOSURES** – All Council Offices and Customer Service Centres will close at 3:00pm on Friday 22 December 2023. Beaudesert and Boonah offices will reopen at 8.30am on Tuesday 2 January 2024.

**Council's Libraries, Community and Cultural Centres, and the Tamborine Mountain Customer Service Centre will close at 3.00pm on Friday 22 December 2023 and will reopen at 9.00am on Monday 8 January 2024.**

Kerbside bin collections will continue to operate as normal during the holiday season, including Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

Council's Waste Transfer Stations will operate as normal with the exception of Christmas Day, when they will be closed.

For emergencies (such as a tree over the road), which require Council support, please call 5540 5111. This line is monitored 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

**Topics of concern raised recently:** Safety issues near Roslyn Lodge, problem neighbours (please show some consideration when placing flood lights on your property), and parking on verges when adequate parking is available

within property boundaries. This includes Air B'n'B's.

**Thankyou:** Finally, thankyou to the many volunteers within our community who make the Mountain such a great place to live. The quality of life for many of our locals would be significantly reduced if not for the efforts and support provided by those who give unselfishly of their time and energy.

Stay safe and have a wonderful Christmas and holiday season.

**"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**

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# For SRRC Mayor in 2024 Vote 1 Tom Sharp For A Fresh Start

## Pathway to Stop the Scenic Rim Regional Council's "Toxic Culture."

### Evidence:

- We have seen the organisation run amok, with council officers using the OIA to make anonymous, unsubstantiated complaints against elected members to suit their Mayor's and leadership's political agenda. It may be lawful, but it is a pointer to poor culture.
- The Mayor recently suspended the CEO indefinitely on full pay. The CEO was nowhere to be found, and Council press releases made flimsy excuses about why he was away. Sources say the Mayor used bogus human resource reasons without the Councillors' agreement or a meeting resolution. Five councillors called a Council Special Meeting only last week to overturn the Mayor's alleged illegal suspension. How this behaviour has not brought the Council into disrepute and broken every code of conduct is bewildering. It seemed even the State's appointed Advisor for nearly six months, which cost ratepayers hundreds of thousands of dollars, could not change the culture in Scenic Rim.
- We have seen the Mayor, Councillors and Senior staff, weaponise the OIA process because they can't accept contrary viewpoints, or lack professionalism, and revert to personal attacks.
- We evidence a very high staff turnover, with some resigning within just a week of commencing.
- Alleged staff surveys within the Council in 2020 showed a toxic culture, but follow-up surveys seem to have been abandoned instead of addressing the issues.
- Some 70 vacant positions existed during early 2023, as staff resigned in droves.
- There are reports from whistleblowers of poor executive management leadership, micro-management, bullying and belittlement, bias, and harassment of professional staff to change reports to reflect political views and not professional opinions. Insiders allege one senior general manager has been off work for over a month on Workcover for alleged bullying.
- An extensive sentiment survey by consultants, conducted in 2020 – and which allegedly cost in excess of \$100,000 – described the organisation as a 'medieval castle' that locked out its customers, and the public's sentiment of the whole organisation's performance was (negative) -22%. The Council's response seemed to ensure that the company that produced the report was never to set foot in the building again, and would never be invited back to follow it up to measure any improvement.
- Instead, the customer sentiment process was changed to a digital platform called BANG THE TABLE, requiring a survey of only those people prepared to register with the Council. It could never survey customers' views again in any meaningful way and, therefore, was highly suited to the Council's purpose.
- A Tamborine Mountain resident petitioned the Queensland Parliament to remove the Mayor to "Stop the ROT". Over one thousand residents signed the petition.



### Solution:

- Hold the CEO responsible for the organisation's culture, and use the level of OIA complaints as an indicator of a poor organisational culture.
- Provide the CEO with more transparent and precise performance criteria to be measured annually by the MAYOR in conjunction with elected councillors.
- Resolve that the CEO conducts staff surveys annually, make the results known to the Council and ratepayers in the operational plan, and ensure the CEO conducts complete 360-degree surveys to monitor his performance and culture-setting.
- Conduct broad-based surveys of ratepayers, and make it easy for them to have a say on Council performance.
- Reduce the executive management team to reflect the organisation's size, making it more responsive and qualified and in keeping with management best practices, saving hundreds of thousands of dollars annually.
- Promote more team building and open communication between the public, elected councillors, the media, and members of the public.
- Look at more modern reward and recognition practices within the organisation.
- Ensure that those in leadership positions are better qualified, that dealings with staff are fair and reasonable, and that they can lead by example and hold subordinate staff to high performance.
- Elect a fresh new Mayor and Councillors in March next year, ending the constant Council dysfunction, poor performance, irresponsible financial management, high rates and low customer satisfaction.

Please ask all candidates in the upcoming elections where they stand on this policy.

**Get in touch – Send me an email:  
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and let's talk about your Council.**

I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Fresh Start for the New Year!

Authorised by Tom Sharp  
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**JON KRAUSE MP**  
State Member for Scenic Rim

## MERRY CHRISTMAS!

This time of year is special – school's finished, the weather's often absolutely beautiful, work can slow down a bit for many – and I hope that you all can enjoy the Christmas season with family and friends. That said, I thank all of you who work across this time – frontline emergency, medical and care providers in particular who are there for us in our time of need, no matter what day it is. And if you are by yourself, either all the time or just this Christmas, I hope that you too can find joy and peace for just a little while as our nation takes a breather for a few days. My family and I will be spending the Christmas and New Year period around the Scenic Rim, but if you are travelling please take care.

### RESIGNATION OF PREMIER / LOOKING FORWARD TO 2024

Now that the Premier has resigned, I acknowledge the nearly nine years she has undertaken the role of Premier of Queensland. It is a demanding role, and that is a long period of public service.

As I write, the Labor Government in Queensland is again not dealing with the issues that matter to Queenslanders. Instead, they are talking about themselves and which job they will get next. The departure of Premier Palaszczuk does not change the essential truth that, whoever becomes Premier, this is still the same Labor Government, run by the same people who have given us a health crisis, a youth crime crisis, a housing crisis and a police service so stretched that there are 200 fewer police now than a year ago. After nearly nine years, they have their priorities all wrong.

In October 2024, Queenslanders can show Labor the door.

### QUEENSLAND HEALTH CRISIS CONTINUES

Ambulance ramping continues at a rate of 43% in Queensland. At the Gold Coast University Hospital, that means nearly half of all patients are not seen within the recommended timeframes. In addition, we have seen that our paramedics are working more overtime than ever before with 1.3 million hours clocked for the year ended 30 June 2023, including 182,000 hours at the Gold Coast. That's a lot of overtime, which can lead to a great amount of stress and exhaustion for our paramedics who are our frontline medics.

Ramping is an insidious problem. It endangers lives of patients ramped, endangers those who cannot get an ambulance because they are ramped, and it creates significant stress for paramedics with overtime and additional stress caused by ramping that sometimes occupies an entire shift. In recent weeks, I have personally come to know the cost of that ramping through the tragic passing of a Boonah local at Ipswich Hospital. The LNP has been highlighting this problem for years, and yet the Labor Government has done nothing to fix it – indeed, the problem continues to get worse. Our team will continue to fight for the right priorities for Queenslanders and offer solutions for the Government to adopt.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous 2024!

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# TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN BRIDGE CLUB RESULTS

## MONDAY (4-DEC-23)

- NS 1. 62.58% DAVID DONALDSON - HEIKE EDRICH
- NS 2. 61.58% MARIAN GIBBONS - LORNA EDRICH
- NS 3. 49.92% PETER MORRIS - JOHN LODGE

- EW 1. 59.93% WENDY CHRISTIE - PETER ZAREMBA
- EW 2. 50.07% LEWIS ADAMS - SHEILA IRVINE-BROWN
- EW 3. 48.14% IAN MALCOLM - CAROLE MALCOLM

## WEDNESDAY (6-DEC-23)

- NS 1. 58.75% KATE HEAD - JOHN LODGE
- NS 2. 52.75% SHEILA IRVINE-BROWN - PAULA DAVIDSON
- NS 3. 50.58% JOHN HANDS - EDDIE HEINEMEYER

- EW 1. 59.58% SHERI FOREMAN - KEITH FOREMAN
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- EW 3. 51.58% IAN MALCOLM - CAROLE MALCOLM

## THURSDAY (7-DEC-23)

- NS 1. 56.25% WILHELM NATROP - JANE DOYLE
- NS 2. 52.92% GWEN VOIGT - EDDIE HEINEMEYER
- NS 3. 50.42% IAN MALCOLM - CAROLE MALCOLM

- EW 1. 56.25% MAX IRVINE-BROWN - LEWIS ADAMS
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## Letters to the Editor

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

### COUNCILLORS TRIUMPH – FOR NOW

**Sincere congratulations to the five Councillors who achieved an outcome to the seriously disturbing ‘Missing CEO’ matter. In a Council bogged down by excessive secrecy and Councillors stifled and unable to properly communicate with residents, they found a way to get things moving again. We still don’t know the full story and that is disgraceful, and a result of the confidentiality policies in force.**

It is a legal requirement that Mayors, Councillors and Council employees have a responsibility to manage Council affairs in accordance with the Principles of Local Government. These embodied in the *Local Government Act* to provide the very basis of Local Government.

The first principle of five is “Transparent and effective processes, and decision-making.” Our Council has policies in place which make that principle impossible to

implement. As a recent example, look at the farce of the missing CEO. I think that makes those policies illegal and there is much to do. Our five Councillors developed a work-around to solve an immediate problem but that is not enough. As quoted in a recent letter, I had reviewed all five principles and developed the opinion that our Council failed all five.

It is not long until the next Council election. I believe the candidates should be judged, at least in part, by their attitude to the problems outlined above. As a Tamborine Mountain resident (even if of Division 2) I am delighted to see ‘new girl’, Amanda Hay, making herself heard (or at least as much as she can under Council’s repressive rules).

Merry Christmas, and looking forward to a Happier New Year in the Scenic Rim.

**Phil Giffard**

### UNIQUE STYLES OF WORK - A VERY PERSONAL ART FROM MARGARET

**Margaret Goldsmith, well-known for her work in painting and art glass, has been recognised over the years with various awards. After moving to Tamborine Mountain in the early eighties, she worked to enhance her skills in painting, drawing, and sculpture, obtaining an Advanced Diploma of Visual Arts and working towards a Bachelor of Arts.**



Her art, noted for its bold use of colour and rhythmic design, often employs a semi-impasto style and strong brush strokes, demonstrating her skill in creating straightforward yet insightful works.

Her studio/gallery in Bateke Road on the Mountain showcases a range of subjects: landscapes, figurative works, contemporary portraits, and a variety of animals

and birds. Margaret’s style combines Abstract Expressionism with semi-realism, resulting in vibrant and dynamic artworks. The collection also features kiln-fired glass art, such as colourful vases, bowls of different sizes, and platters. This glass art, a collaboration with partner Neil, has evolved over more than 25 years and has earned the "CRAFT MARK" accreditation. The gallery also offers painting lessons for beginners and advanced learners every Saturday afternoon, providing a chance for visitors to learn and enhance their painting skills.

The gallery may also well be the perfect solution for this year’s gift-giving season: all quality items which would make for a treasured gift.

Margaret’s studio is at 83 Bateke Road, and contact details are available at [margaretgoldsmithartist.com.au](http://margaretgoldsmithartist.com.au) or via the QR code.



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**OFFICIAL OPENING A RED**

Scenic Rim Regional Council has thanked the Australian and Queensland governments for funding which has transformed the Tamborine Mountain Library into a vibrant community hub.v

Catering for all ages and interests, the library was officially opened today by Mayor Greg Christensen, Councillor Amanda Hay and Queensland Reconstruction Authority CEO Major General Jake Ellwood (Retd) joined by National Emergency Management Agency Director George Hodgson representing Minister for Emergency Management Senator Murray Watt.

An investment of more than \$2.14 million through the Local Economic Recovery (LER) Program to support areas impacted by the 2019 Queensland bushfires has delivered a new facility almost three times the size of the former library space on the site of the former IGA supermarket within the Main Street shopping centre at Tamborine Mountain.

Mayor Christensen said the new library had been wholeheartedly embraced by the Tamborine Mountain community with a 30 per cent surge in attendance soon after it opened to the public in July. More than 20,000 visitors passed through the library's door during the first quarter of the 2023-2024 financial year.

"We've seen a marked increase in borrowings as well as the use of computers within the library and its use as a study space," Mayor Christensen said.

"Members of the community have welcomed the availability of the new meeting rooms and children adore the loft reading space.

"New events are being held in the maker space and the library now has a staff member dedicated to Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) activities.

"In addition, the Friends of the Library have been able to boost



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# LETTER DAY FOR TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN LIBRARY

their fundraising through their Book Cabinet shop front near the library's outdoor area, which provides a space for community events and school holiday and group activities."

Major General Ellwood said the new Tamborine Mountain Library embodies the resilience of the Scenic Rim and its people.

"This official opening is a reminder of how communities pull together following disaster events, not only to recover but to rebound better and stronger than before," Major General Ellwood said.

"The QRA is proud to have played a part in making this facility a reality through the state and federal Local Economic Recovery Program.

"In total seven Scenic Rim projects have been funded through the LER Program, representing an investment of more than \$3.6 million into the region.

"This library revitalisation is a wonderful outcome for the community, delivering a facility that will continue bringing people together for years to come."

The new library features:

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

Division 1 Councillor Amanda Hay said the need for an expanded library space to meet community needs was first identified in 2016 and community consultation in 2021 had been key to the planning process.

"This new facility has exceeded the expectations of many library users and Council is grateful for the funding support which has enabled us to realise our vision for this space as a focal point for community life," she said.

"We look forward to welcoming community members of all ages and abilities to the range of events to be hosted by the library during the December holidays."

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

**BELOW: Officially opening the Tamborine Mountain Library are (from left) Uncle Steve Watson who provided the Welcome to Country, National Emergency Management Agency Director George Hodgson, Cr Virginia West, Scenic Rim Mayor Greg Christensen, Queensland Reconstruction Authority CEO Major General Jake Ellwood (Retd), Deputy Mayor Jeff McConnell, Cr Amanda Hay and Cr Michael Enright.**



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**Improve your cognitive capacity – Tamborine Mountain Community Care, in conjunction with Mary Williams from Building Brains presents a program to improve your cognitive capacity. With funding made available through a successful funding application to Scenic Rim Regional Council in round 1 of the 2023/2024 Community Grants.**

The program runs for 8 weeks for 1 hour a week, just a small commitment of time to change your life. On the course you will learn about six pillars of cognitive health and practice skills to improve your cognitive functioning.

Why do you need this program? Many of the risks for cognitive decline can be addressed with lifestyle changes and implementing the six pillars of cognitive health. The aim is to increase the percentage of the ageing population who have access to knowledge and skills so they can proactively manage their cognitive health skills as they age.

Mary Williams, from Building Brains, has over 35 years' experience as an educator, counsellor, therapist and trainer and 6 years as a cognitive coach. She has extensive knowledge and wisdom for teaching and supporting people to unlock their learning and thinking potential and improve their cognitive, emotional and problem solving.

The cost for the entire 8 week course is just \$10, registration is essential, please contact Mary Williams on 0404 903 620 or via [mary@buildingbrains.com.au](mailto:mary@buildingbrains.com.au) to ensure your place on the course.

**The course commences on Monday 22nd January 2024, 9.00am – 10.00am at the office of Tamborine Mountain Community Care, 42 Southport Avenue.**

## FLASHBACK TO THE BEGINNING:

Twenty years on the Mountain seem to have passed in the blink of an eye – when a fresh-faced duo, Brenda and Michael Ashley took on the task of running Eagle Heights food mart Buy-Rite (now FoodWorks) – photo of the *Tamborine Times* issue of the day... check out the prices!



# COMM CARE VOLUNTEERS

A very special thanks to our volunteers both at **Tamborine Mountain Community Care** and our **Repair Café**.

Without your volunteering roles we would not be able to do what we do. Your time is precious and you give it freely to assist members of our community.

Our volunteers work tirelessly to help our community. A morning tea was provided as a small token of appreciation, an end-of-year celebration at The Manor, Tamborine Mountain.

Of special note, Sandra Evans was singled out to acknowledge and mark the anniversary of 20 years of volunteering for the organisation. Sandra volunteers at social groups often coordinating and demonstrating craft activities as well as driving clients so that they can attend medical appointments. In the 20 years of her driving role she has covered 166,000 km transporting clients to appointments. Sandra was presented with a small gift marking the 20 years of service.

Thank you Sandra and all volunteers, we could not do what we do without you.

You are all awesome people and greatly appreciated.



*LEFT: Approximately half of our volunteer numbers attended the morning tea.*

*ABOVE: L—R Geoff Marshall - Manager, Sandra Evans - volunteer, Patricia Arora – Volunteers Coordinator.*

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# CHOOSING THE WARRIOR PATH

We've been enjoying our last week of yoga for 2023. Last class Saturday 16/12/23.

And for the past 6 weeks or

so I've been weaving beautiful meditations into our classes from different yogic traditions. We have a Silent Yoga Meditation Retreat coming up in March next year and my students have been getting a taste of what to expect. Mahayana Buddhism is one of the many philosophies that talk about the Warrior Path. When we walk the sacred warrior path we spend a lifetime cultivating mindfulness and awareness within ourselves so that we can share this with others and create a peaceful world of fellowship with all human beings.

And being the change in the world does not have to be as intimidating as the phrase sounds. Sure, there are amazing change makers out there using brilliant technologies and inventions to relieve the suffering of the lowest echelons of societies. There are philanthropists and tech billionaires who can throw money at problems and make a difference but there are also ordinary people who are doing extraordinary things and walking the Warrior path.

Chetna Gala Sinha is an activist, farmer, and banker and her career was inspired by a woman named Kantabai who worked as a blacksmith on the street but was denied access to a bank account as her daily savings of five cents was deemed too little. Chetna, inspired by this story to set up the Mann Deshi Mahila Sahakari Bank in 1997, which came to be India's first bank for rural women. After struggling to get a licence due to many of the women being illiterate, she simply responded: "We may not be able to read and write, but we can count." They were given the licence. She has since developed a banking system using thumb prints instead of pin numbers, protecting the women's money from theft.

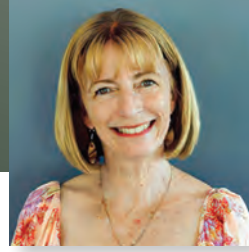
Isabella Tree gave up a career in farming due to the dwindling mineral content of the soil on their farm. She and her husband then began a project to rewild a 3,500-acre estate in West Sussex. After removing the fencing and leaving the land to renew itself, insects were the first to return. The estate is now home to rare species such as the turtledove, and is one of the biggest breeding hotspots for purple emperor butterflies. As Isabella stated: "It's about changing a mindset, letting go and taking joy in unpredictability".

Ordinary people walking the extraordinary Warrior path. People who are not here to amass wealth at the cost of the environment or at the cost of others. Changing their worlds and watching this ripple of change around them. It's a wonderful vision for Christmas! We'll be back on the mats on Monday 15/1/24. Wishing all my students and readers a wonderful Christmas and a healthy, joyous New Year!

**Margot Wagner**  
Yoga Under the Bodhi Tree

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

# Relationships



## ENJOYING CHRISTMAS

Christmas for many is a time of celebration, connection, gift giving and joy. However, it can also be an emotional melting pot of financial stress, tension and feelings of loss more keenly felt. Let's get real, the myth that all families will have a blissful Christmas with everything going perfectly is simply that... a myth.

An advice webpage I recently visited was flooded with questions dealing with Christmas dilemmas:

*How should you handle it if your adult child's spouse insists that they spend Christmas with his or her side of the family?*

*How do I fight the sadness of spending Christmas alone?*

*My mother in law doesn't acknowledge my kids from a previous marriage. No gifts at Christmas. My husband doesn't want to make her mad by saying anything. What can I do?*

*How do you tell your extended family that you just want to spend Christmas with your spouse and children?*

*My husband's family wants to charge us for Christmas dinner. Am I the crazy one?*

Unfortunately, sometimes the reality simply doesn't match the harmonious Christmas dream. We are set up to believe that there is something dreadfully wrong with our family because Christmas is not picture perfect. Chances are, your family is a typically flawed bunch whose idiosyncrasies emerge at Christmas. How do we minimise the havoc?

Christmas is an exhausting time. You can feel pulled between family members' different expectations; concerned about what gifts to buy; what food to cook, and weighed down by a sense of obligation. Give yourself permission to let go of expectations. Consider how to simplify your approach and reduce your stress.

Some family dynamics are burdensome. You might need to establish personal boundaries around when and with whom you will spend time. Do you need to set time limits with particular family members? Do you need to pause certain topics and only engage with what you are comfortable? Putting boundaries in place will help avoid Christmas blow-ups and ultimately preserve relationships.

Finding ways of making Christmas a more enjoyable experience is the goal. Always make room for family members and friends you get along with and who fill your cup. Mother Theresa once said "The problem with the world is that we draw our family circle too small".

Our view of family is changing all the time. Friends form part of our close network who provide the nurturing role we need when family members do not have the capacity. Be proactive and seek out those in your social world who give you a sense of family and offer love and support.

Christmas is the perfect time to honour the importance of your family relationships. Learn to pay attention to what your family provides rather than staying stuck on what they don't provide. Accept family members' quirks and differences. Train yourself to notice, appreciate and enjoy their positive qualities. Discover and engage together in activities that build connection and provide a mutual experience of joy. Have a blessed Christmas!

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# AURELIEN BRINGS A TASTE OF FRANCE



**The historical province of Champagne, in the northeast of France, is best known for the production of the sparkling white wine that bears the region's name.**

Its unofficial capital is the charming city of Reims, home to the 800-year-old Gothic Cathédrale, traditional location for the coronation of the kings of France.

Reims is also the home city of Aurelien Veryier whose mobile pop-up shop, French Deli at Home, has become a highly recognised and popular port of call for locals and tourists in Tamborine Mountain, Canungra and Tamborine Village.

With its bright red, white and blue livery, there's no doubting the shop's French connection and it offers a tempting product range of vanilla slices, macarons, eclairs, lemon meringues, croissants, sourdough breads, cheeses, patisseries, rhubarb tarts and more.

Aurelien's journey into the world of good food, boulangerie, and patisserie products began as a personal quest fuelled by a profound love affair with specialties and the artistry of unique novelties.

In 2019 he took his first steps into the farmers markets on the Gold Coast. Then, inspired by a simple desire to share the authentic flavours that always brought joy to his own table, he created his mobile French Deli at Home in 2021.

It was a modest beginning, marked by a genuine love for the craft, rather than a grand entrepreneurial vision.

Engaging with local markets allowed him to connect with people who shared a similar appreciation for quality and authenticity.

"I strive to offer a carefully curated selection of high-quality cheeses, terrines, saucisson (French salami), artisan French bakery delights, and patisseries. My goal is to bring a taste of France to those who appreciate the simple pleasures of good food," says Aurelien.

"Every weekend, I bring the flavours of traditional French boulangeries and patisseries directly to Tamborine Mountain, Tamborine Village and Canungra.

"I am constantly searching for new and unique supplies. My motivation stems from a deep commitment to quality and the satisfaction of my customers, making their culinary experience a paramount priority."

Aurelien's trading days, locations and times are:

Live Fit Gym, Canungra Saturday 8am to 4pm; Shell Petrol Station, Tamborine Village Saturday 4:30 pm to 7 pm; IGA Car Park, Tamborine Mountain Sunday 8am to 6pm, except 2.30pm to 6pm on the last Sunday of the month; Tamborine Mountain School Market last Sunday of the Month 7am to 1pm.

It will be business as usual for Aurelien on Saturday 23 December, Sunday 24 December and Saturday 30 December. He then plans to take a break until February as he enjoys his first holiday since 2018.

Contact details: website [www.frenchdeliathome.com.au](http://www.frenchdeliathome.com.au); email [frenchdeliathome@gmail.com](mailto:frenchdeliathome@gmail.com); Facebook; or mobile 0458 307 937 via text message.

**Gary Stubbs**

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# Physio Talk



## A YEAR OF THANKS...

**Another year done and dusted, and what a big one it was at Physique! We are beyond grateful for our special community this year with some massive milestones that were able to be shared and celebrated with many.**

**We have loved being a part of your year too, and will never underestimate the love and openness you bring to your appointments so we can share in your stories, celebrate your joys, and share in your sorrows. Ultimately we wouldn't be able to care for our community without our incredible physios and admin and I'd like to thank them here.**

Thank you, Steve for sharing your wisdom in years of experience with us all, for never being too busy to bother with a question, and for taking on any IT issues as a personal challenge that must be overcome.

Robyn, we are beyond grateful for your constant smile, positive attitude, kindness and ability to use these particular traits to lull our Pilates and Fit for Life participants into a false sense of security before hitting them with a challenging set of exercises.

Dave 'Turtle Dove' Cvelbar (self-titled), thank you for constant joy and connection with all of us and all of your patients. We were so excited to welcome you back into the clinic and even more excited to welcome baby Jesse into the world. Congratulations again to you, Sarah and Abel.

Thank you Matt, firstly for coming back from your Europe trip, but also for the consistent hard work you have put in this year, for your patients and also for the mentoring role you have taken on.

Thank you Jacqui, you had a massive year with an engagement, the beginning of a long-awaited house build and an overseas trip. Thank you for putting your all into Physique as well as these monumental personal accomplishments.

Caitlin, your heart is incredible and the care and compassion you have shown this year has blown us away. Thank you for

continually challenging yourself.

To our amazing manager Ingrid, Physique has never run smoother, and that is thanks to you. As well as putting in an incredible effort into the behind-the-scenes running at Physique, thank you for bringing our kind and compassionate heart to work.



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Kylee, you truly are 'the rock' and we appreciate the joy and love you bring with you to work each day. I literally watch our clients brighten when they interact with you, you have such a gift, thank you for sharing it.

Bronie, your commitment to your young family, the community and Physique is remarkable. Thank you for the enthusiasm and effort you bring into the clinic with you.

Janina, we never knew that you had such a humorous side to you. Thank you for being your true self and the happiness that you share with all of us.

Thank you (x1000) to Neil and Bec, your ongoing support and leadership is not lost on any of us. The environment of Physique is a testament to you both and your impact is obvious in the way our staff can flourish, be themselves, enjoy and take pride in their work.

Of course, I need to thank my incredible husband, Hayden. It has been a massive year for our family with the arrival of Finn and Harriet. Thank you for working incredibly hard, being a loving and present father and being unwavering in the support you provide for your patients.

Special mentions to our clinic dogs, Molly and Bonnie, the joys of our lives.

And finally, thank you to everyone who has come through our doors in 2023. We are blessed to work in this community. Stay tuned for some exciting things to come in 2024!

*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!*

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being exceptionally intelligent and highly perceptive, they require plenty of exercise and training. However, individual dogs vary and like all dog breeds the working-lines which are bred for character and purpose are different from show-line dogs bred for appearance and conformation.

No one knows for certain which dog breeds were selected to produce the Dobermann dog, but suggestions have included the short-haired shepherd, rottweiler, black and tan Manchester terrier and the greyhound. The miniature pinscher is a toy breed and likely the result of crossbreeding a Dobermann with a dachshund and the Italian greyhound. The Dobermann life span is between 10-13 years. This breed is especially prone to dilated cardiomyopathy, and responsible breeders ought to carry out DNA tests and stop breeding with dogs that are carriers of inherited diseases.

Ear-cropping and tail docking is common for this breed and although these mutilations are banned in Australia and much of the western world, the RSPCA has reported an increasing trend. Why do people do this? In short, it makes dogs look tougher and more intimidating. The ears and tails are cut when the dogs are puppies (usually), the ears are splinted with plastic or cardboard and tape so they grow upwards instead of floppy. These amputations are painful and they change the shape and function of the ears and tail. Sometimes the result is nerve damage and chronic pain. If you know of people mutilating puppies and dogs this way, the humane thing to do is to report it.

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2. "Nudiustertian" is a term that describes something that happened the day before yesterday.
3. "Callipygian" is used to describe someone who has an attractive voice.
4. "Bibliopole" refers to a person who sells rare books.
5. "Cacophony" means a harmonious and pleasant sound.
6. "Floccinaucinihilipilification" is the act of estimating something as worthless.
7. "Pulchritudinous" means something that is dirty or unclean.
8. "Quixotic" describes something practical and well-grounded in reality.
9. "Ultracrepidarian" is a term for someone who gives opinions on subjects they know nothing about.
10. "Zugzwang" is a situation in chess where a player is at a disadvantage because they must make a move.
11. "Mellifluous" refers to something that tastes like honey.
12. "Borborygmus" is the medical term for a heart murmur.
13. "Limerence" describes the state of being infatuated or obsessed with another person.
14. "Esoteric" means something that is easily understood and common.
15. "Petrichor" is the scent produced when rain falls on dry soil.
16. "Philately" is the study of philosophy and ethics.

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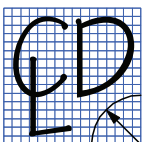
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2. True
3. False (It refers to having well-shaped buttocks)
4. True
5. False (It means a harsh, discordant mixture of sounds)
6. True
7. False (It means very beautiful or attractive)
8. False (It means exceedingly idealistic, unrealistic, and impractical)
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As I travel across the region, I gain great joy from seeing the Christmas spirit displayed. Thank you to the volunteers who work together to yarn bomb the streets and to those who have worked together to present Christmas trees in the centre of many communities, and to those householders who are lighting up their properties to share the joy of Christmas. Please share your photos of these to me at #scenicrimmayor and to #onescenicrim on Instagram.

This community spirit and willingness of volunteers to serve our community is a true strength of our region.

We have much to be grateful for. May your Christmas-New Year plans include enjoyable times of fellowship with your nearest and dearest.

This is a time where we all should reflect on what

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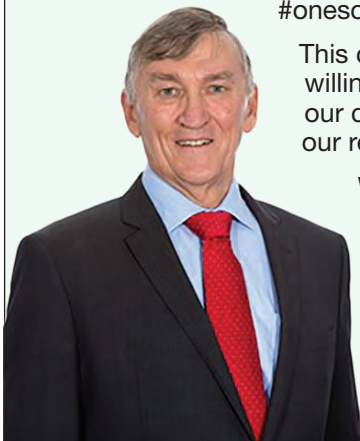
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I hope that you are as excited as I am by the possibilities that lie ahead for our region and I look forward to seeing you in 2024. On behalf of Council and personally, Denise and myself, I wish each of you a blessed and safe Christmas, filled with joyous celebration.





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