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Almost one month after the Christmas devastation on the Mountain, a group of exhausted but still positive and energised volunteers gathered at the Long Road Sports Complex for a 'thank you' lunch catered by the Tamborine Mountain Lions Club. While the community effort has largely been remarkable, some aspects of the official response to the disaster have raised serious concerns. Story page 10

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FOUR OF A KIND A WINNING HAND AT AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

The contribution of women of all ages from across the Scenic Rim was celebrated at the region's 2024 Australia Day awards.

From 21 nominations for Citizen of the Year across all age categories, women were the winners with each of the awards presented to an individual recognised for her role within the community.

The 2024 Scenic Rim Australia Day Awards, presented by Mayor Greg Christensen at The Centre Beaudesert this afternoon, honoured community groups and individuals who give their time and their talents to their community and contribute to the region's uniquely Australian way of life.

"As I reflected on the diversity of the nominations and the context of the year that was 2023, I was reminded of the joy and hope that is affirmed through the efforts of all nominees," he said.

"I was heartened by the rich array of nominations we received from across the Scenic Rim this year, particularly those which acknowledged the contribution of younger members of our community who are the future of our region.

"The spirit of the Scenic Rim is clearly alive and well, and I thank everyone who took the time to nominate someone special and for sharing their inspiring stories with us."

Before presenting the awards, Mayor Greg Christensen congratulated all nominees from each of the four categories for their outstanding achievements.

"Every one of our Australia Day awards nominees, whether an individual or community group, should be proud of their contribution to our region and the difference they have made in the lives of others," he said.

"Choosing just one recipient for an award in each category is never an easy task and the judging of this year's awards was no exception."

Awards were presented in the categories of Community Event of the Year, Scenic Rim Citizen of the Year (16-30 years), Scenic Rim Citizen of the Year (31-65 Years) and Scenic Rim Citizen of the Year (65+ years), with the overall Mayor's Award recognising the outstanding achievement of one Citizen of the Year nominee.

"This is an award which recognises a longstanding contribution to the community by someone who has enriched the lives of others and displays the qualities that should inspire us all," Mayor Christensen said.

"All of our nominees were of an extremely high calibre, making it a difficult decision to select just one winner, and I would like to thank Janis Bailey, as a member of the community, who so ably assisted as part of this year's judging panel."

In each of the following categories the award winners are:

Community Event of the Year

Christmas in the Village - Tamborine Village Lions Club

Since 2010, the Tamborine Village Lions has organised the annual Christmas in the Village event, featuring Christmas carols and twilight markets, bringing together the community of Tamborine and surrounding areas to celebrate the festive season. This event is a gesture of appreciation from the Lions to the community for its support throughout the year. As a non-profit organisation, the Lions - through volunteer efforts - fundraise to support local families and various worthy projects. The Lions are actively involved in supporting local organisations, commemorating Anzac Day and Remembrance Day, maintaining the Tamborine Village cenotaph and organising Communi-Tea in the Village. The annual Christmas in the Village event has become a cherished tradition, symbolising community spirit and spreading the joy of the festive season.

Citizen of the Year (16-30 Years)

Charlotte Stubbs

Charlotte was nominated as a quiet achiever who works tirelessly for the community and those around her. Charlotte has made substantial contributions to her community from a young age. She served as a captain at both Tamborine Mountain State School and Tamborine Mountain College, winning numerous awards and excelling in extracurricular activities such as debating and public speaking. Charlotte's commitment extends to her involvement with the Tamborine Mountain Lions Club, having won the Lions Youth of the Year competition in 2016 and representing the club at an international camp in England. She has volunteered at the pro bono My Community Legal service and has been actively engaged in the St George's Anglican church community at Tamborine Mountain.

Citizen of the Year (31-65 Years)

Elizabeth Hills

Elizabeth is a dedicated wildlife rescuer, environmental leader, and advocate for suicide prevention, having trekked a remarkable 6,000



Tamborine Mountain's 2024 Scenic Rim Australia Day award winners Effie Anderson (Citizen of the Year 65+ years) and Charlotte Stubbs (Citizen of the Year 16-30 Years).

kilometres across Australia to promote mental health. Her deep commitment to community is evident in her involvement with the Wild Mountains Trust, Boonah Landcare, Kooralbyn Community Garden and her volunteer work for the Lifeline suicide prevention hotline. Known for her kindness and willingness to get involved, Elizabeth demonstrates a strong commitment to her values. Despite being originally from New Zealand and growing up in Papua New Guinea, Elizabeth has embraced the Scenic Rim community and keenly participated in community projects. Her generosity extends to sharing her time and knowledge, and her passion for nature is matched only by her care for the people in her community.

Citizen of the Year (65+ Years)

Effie Anderson

Effie grew up on Tamborine Mountain and has contributed to her community over many decades through organisations including the Lions Club, Community Care, Show Society, Zamia Theatre, and the Historical Society. In 1948, after winning 10 shillings in a competition to name what is now the Zamia Theatre, Effie gave her prizemoney to her mother and has continued to give to others ever since. Having experienced racial discrimination, Effie became a teacher, inspiring students in rural schools in Queensland and the Northern Territory with high Indigenous populations to see education as a way to overcome poverty. Despite personal challenges, Effie's resilient attitude has always been one of 'get up and get on with it'. Effie is actively involved in creating cushions for breast cancer patients and is a much-loved member of her community.

Mayor's Award

Charmaine Standfield

Since Charmaine started a Women's Shed in Harrisville more than 10 years ago as a place for women to meet and socialise, the group has grown to more than 30 members and is still going strong. With new housing developments in town, the Women's Shed is a place for newcomers to make new friends and learn about the local area. Charmaine sources guest speakers for the group, organises excursions and projects such as knitting beanies for premature babies or for seafarers seeking support from the Mission to Seafarers organisation. She is known in the Harrisville community as someone always ready to lend a listening ear or helping hand.

(more photos page 4)



ABOVE: Scenic Rim Mayor Greg Christensen (left) and Deputy Mayor Jeff McConnell (right) congratulate the 2024 Scenic Rim Australia Day award winners Effie Anderson, Charmaine Standfield, Elizabeth Hills, Tamborine Village Lions Club for the Community Event of the Year, and Charlotte Stubbs. RIGHT: Tamborine Village Lions celebrate their Community Event of the Year win at the Scenic Rim Australia Day awards.



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COUNCIL OFFERS RATES ASSISTANCE FOR DISASTER-IMPACTED COMMUNITY

Scenic Rim property owners severely impacted by the recent Christmas Night storms or subsequent flooding are able to apply for financial relief to defer their upcoming rates payment.

With rates notices for 1 January to 30 June 2024 having already been issued, Council at its Ordinary Meeting today endorsed concessions for residents and local businesses suffering hardship following the natural disaster.

Scenic Rim Mayor Greg Christensen said the Christmas Night storms, followed by flooding during the first days of the New Year, caused substantial damage to some parts of the region and that similar rates relief measures had been provided to the community following the 2019 Black Summer bushfires and the floods of early 2022.

"Council recognises that many in our community have experienced a particularly tough time in recent weeks and that the impacts of this latest disaster will continue to be felt for some time to come," he said.

"Allowing a financial assistance concession that enables residents and business owners suffering hardship will provide some much-needed relief for those struggling to get back on their feet."

For eligible residents and business operators, the concession will effectively extend the discount period until 28 June 2024 with interest charges also suspended until this time.

Applications for the concession must be made to Council in writing, providing information or documents as necessary, to support the ratepayer's claim that the damage from the disaster has:

- impacted the liveability of their residence or
- seen their commercial operations directly affected due to physical assets being severely damaged and/or lost or
- impacted the ability of land for which the property is rated to generate revenue.

Mayor Christensen said the rates concession was additional to the existing financial assistance available from the Queensland and Australian governments, including programs to eligible residents through Commonwealth-State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements.

"Council is committed to supporting the community and to working with other levels of government as our region continues to recover from the devastating events we've recently experienced," Mayor Christensen said.



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Entrée

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- Salmon Gravlox Terrine, Mountain Avocado, Golden Shallot, Micro Greens, Oxalis, Melba Toast (DF, GFO)
- Salt Baked Carrot Tartare, Pickled Heirloom Carrots, Vegan Buttermilk, Finger lime, Nasturtium Leaves, Tapioca Crisp (GF, V)
- Beef Carpaccio, preserved Lemon Emulsion, Pickled Shallot Capers, Dressed Arugula, Crouton (DF, GFO)

Mains

- 200g Petit Eye Fillet, Paris Mash, Seasoned Greens, Red Wine Reduction, Red Vein Sorrel (GF)
- Duck à l'Orange, Celeriac Purée, Seasoned Greens, Micro Radish (GF)
- Charred Sugar Loaf, Caramelized Miso Butter, Macadamia & Celeriac Purée, Lime (GF, V)
- Crisp Skin Barramundi, Pea Puree, Confit Heirloom Tomatoes, Kipfler Potatoes, Asparagus & Hollandaise (GF)

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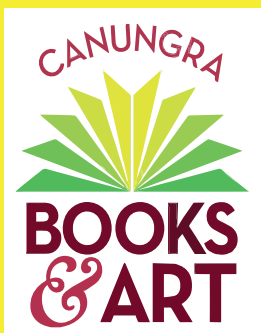
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WILLIE WAGTAIL NEST

Rhipidura leucophrys, machinery shed, North Tamborine



The beautifully constructed nest is daringly balanced on a horse home. The bird is insectivorous, occurs throughout Australia and is also found in New Guinea, the Solomon Islands and eastern Indonesia. It is frequently seen on the mountain. The nest consists of grass strips, bits of bark and other fibrous material which is bound and woven together with spider web. Even hair from pet dogs or cats may be used. The birds usually pair for life. The female lays two to four small eggs. The video frame dates from December 1999.

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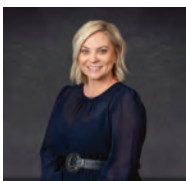


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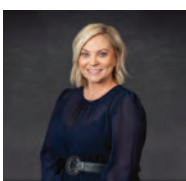


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ABLY-LED LOCAL RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS SHORTCOMINGS

Despite facing considerable challenges, the community's response to the disaster has been notably commendable. However, as we transition to the next phase, it's evident that many in our community lack the resources, both physical and financial, to clear debris from their properties. This situation is exacerbated by the widespread exhaustion among residents who are struggling with the cleanup efforts.

There remains a significant amount of work to be done, as numerous residents have been overlooked and need assistance. This situation presents an opportunity to engage our local teenagers, empowering them to assist the more vulnerable members of our community.

The inception of the Chainsaw Warriors was a response to a pressing need. Following the Mayor's discussions about a recovery register at town meetings, it became clear that official support would be slow, limited, and might lack effective communication and community involvement. Consequently, the volunteer/recovery register was swiftly established, just two hours after a town meeting on December 30th, marking a shift to proactive action.

The Chainsaw Warriors, comprising a diverse team including ex-military system engineers, pilots, tradespeople, logistics experts, accountants, and emergency service personnel, have leveraged existing networks and communication channels for their operations. Key members like Adam Chanter, Guy Johnstone, Oli Nardi, Josh Wray, Roland Killick, Nandalie Killick, and Leeton Lee, along with many others, have played crucial roles in the team's success.

The group expedited their mobilisation by using social media to promote their services. They have collaborated with various organisations, including Mountain Track for clearing homes, Disaster Relief Australia for sharing intelligence, local clubs for logistical support, and numerous others for resources and assistance. These partnerships have been instrumental in their operations.

The Chainsaw Warriors have also observed and adopted best practices from other efficient organisations, like Energex and Disaster Relief Australia (DRA). This has led to a flawless safety record across 108 jobs. They have worked alongside professional arborists and earthworks companies for larger tasks.

Significantly, the data collected by the Chainsaw Warriors was pivotal in initiating the DRA's deployment, a task that the local council might not have accomplished. Despite the council's decision not to extend DRA's deployment due to costs, the Chainsaw Warriors continued their efforts.

Coordination with other volunteer groups and government bodies, though mostly unofficial, has been challenging. The local council's response has been notably inadequate, with poor communication and delayed actions.

Looking ahead, it's clear that better community consultation and a well-articulated plan from the Local Disaster Management Team (LDMT) would have greatly benefited the community. The delay and brief availability of the LDMT's works register was a significant oversight. This experience provides valuable lessons for future disaster response and recovery efforts.

Some of the people that the Chainsaw Warriors worked with and wish to thank (amongst many others):



- Coordinated Victorian-based Mountain Track with clearing many local homes
- Shared local intelligence and data with Disaster Relief Australia
- Vanessa Bull and the local Lions Club with their catering support
- Tamborine Mountain Sports Association for the ongoing use of their facility as the Chainsaw Warriors operating base
- Nadine Biddle and the Foodbank for feeding the Warriors
- Jodi Meynell and her welfare check service for helping to inform residents of the Warriors service
- Ange Wild, Clare Wray and Farid for the \$7,000.00 donation that has gone towards much needed equipment
- Alick Kilsby for the community event that allowed the Warriors message to be shared
- The Wardell CORE for their reciprocal support from our 2022 flood recovery drive
- Jon Krause MP for advocacy and debris clearing
- Tom Sharp for debris clearing and connecting the Warriors to Boonah based Ironbark Demolitions.
- Ironbark demolitions for providing Earthmoving equipment and skilled workers that were used on several big jobs
- Cr. Amanda Hay
- The Manor for feeding and fuelling the troops
- Fortitude Brewery for feeding and fuelling the troops
- Gold Coast based The Pride of Bettermen and Lionesses / The Movement charities for food drops for our volunteers
- Lee Karkeek and Rachel Tomolowicz for massage services to mend the bodies of the tired Warriors
- Samaritans Purse for future debris clearing
- Uniting Church Aspley with vouchers for locals in need
- Rotary Club with vouchers for locals in need

(in conversation with Adam Chanter)

Space in this issue does not permit a full treatment of the issues at hand, so **Scenic News** will be covering the disaster and the recovery efforts in much greater detail – please check scenicnews.com.au from February 1

Photos: top right – the Chainsaw Warriors take a short breather, below: the Tamborine Mountain Lions laid on lunch for some of the volunteers at the Sports Ground – Tom Sharp and Guy Johnstone fuelling up, and at right, organiser Adam Chanter and Guy Johnstone taking questions and addressing concerns.



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Letters to the Editor

LOCALS SHINE, AND A POSITIVE OUTCOME

What a week for Tamborine Mountain! Congratulations to two of our outstanding local citizens who were nominated and acknowledged for their tireless voluntary contributions – one from each end of the age spectrum. Charlotte Stubbs was awarded Citizen of the Year 16-30 years for her ongoing involvement in volunteering going back to her school days when she was Tamborine Mountain College’s School Captain in 2016. She has had a long involvement with Lions and is a volunteer at My Community Legal free legal service. Her family (and employers!) are very proud of Charlotte’s achievements.

Effie Anderson was awarded Citizen of the Year 65+ years. She grew up on Tamborine Mountain and has contributed to her community over many decades through organisations including the Lions Club, Community Care, Show Society, Zamia Theatre and the Historical Society. Effie was a teacher who inspired students in schools in Queensland with high Indigenous populations to see education as a way to overcome poverty. Say hello to Effie on the Lions’ raffle table outside IGA where she is regularly found selling tickets.

Finally, the Scenic Rim’s 6 unconflicted elected Councillors voted unanimously – and contrary to Council’s planners’ recommendation for approval – to refuse a development application for “Nature-based Tourism” – 10 tourist cabins at 36 Young St on a site already approved as a B&B and within the Rural Escarpment Protection Precinct. MCU20/077 was submitted on 11 Aug 2020 and it has taken over 3 years for a (2nd) recommendation for approval to be produced and a refusal decision to be reached via vote. Thanks to the tireless efforts of the 11 immediate neighbours involving hundreds of hours of analysis and research – at significant personal cost – the cumulative adverse impacts of the proposal were seen to outweigh grounds for approval. The developer now has the option to lodge an appeal with the Planning & Environment Court. SRRC’s Planning Scheme needs to be amended to ensure that “Nature-based Tourism” proposed developments can be spread over the entire property rather than concentrated in a severely constrained area and tiny portion of the property – as was no doubt intended in the poorly-worded provisions.

As a submitter against the development back in July 2021, I had a prescribed conflict of interest and was unable to vote. Had I been able to do so, my vote would have been to refuse such an inappropriate development.

**Cr Amanda Hay
Division 1, SRRC**

SOME PROPERTIES ON THE SHELF ROAD ARE STILL MOVING

This entry serves to update residents on Tamborine Mountain on the developments following the failure of the SRRC to acknowledge its wrongdoing in having approved the subdivision along The Shelf Road.

To refresh readers’ memories, extensive landslips in February 2022 substantially damaged the structural integrities of four houses, so much so that the residents requested that the SRRC buyback the affected properties, recalling that the Council had wrongfully approved the subdivision. After some months in December 2023, the SRRC informed us that no voluntary residential buybacks would be forthcoming. We have requested a review of that decision based on continuing movements of the houses caused by the recent heavy rains, noting the advice from geotechnical experts that landslides, once formed, will continue to move.

A Current Affair has exposed the improper actions of the Council that in 2000 ignored its own planning scheme in approving the subdivision application. Warwick Willmott in his extensive geotechnical report of 1981 said do not build there. For two decades the Council had refused applications for reconfiguring the shelf farm area into residential lots because of the long history of landslides. The 1997 Council’s Tamborine Mountain Development Control Plan No. 1 stated, “FURTHER SUBDIVISION NOT PERMITTED. NO BUILDING RECOMMENDED BECAUSE OF STEEPNESS AND DANGERS OF ROCK FALLS AND DEBRIS FLOWS” (=landslides).

But in 2000, against previous practice, the Council negligently approved a subdivision application. The SRRC had a duty of care to future residents

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to provide safe housing lots, it knew that landslides were foreseeable, but nevertheless allowed the subdivision to proceed, thus causing serious harm to us via our damaged properties. When we purchased our Lot, we were not informed that The Shelf is subject to frequent and continuing landslides, so we blithely went ahead to build our dream homes.

To exacerbate the misdemeanour, the building envelopes were surreptitiously enlarged, thus putting our houses in the much steeper and more hazardous D3 zone closer to the escarpment, and even into the protective buffer zone that was initially established to separate the houses from the rock face to protect them from rock falls and debris flows. The following quote from an internal Council memo dated 21st January 2008 that was obtained under Freedom of Information is very telling, *"It would appear that between the re-zoning approval and lodgement of the final plan of survey for the subsequent ROL application, the Surveying company has, without consent of Council, moved the approved building envelope and removed the buffer zone for the final plan."* To allow that relocation to happen, notably without further geotechnical assessment of the much-elevated risk, was clearly a gross neglect of proper procedures. It is difficult to comprehend how the assessing Council officers were clearly so asleep at the wheel to allow that to happen under their watch? Their unprofessional approach to their crucial duties has caused us severe economic loss.

Four houses remain in a severely damaged state and cannot be effectively repaired. Nor should new houses be built because the active landslides will damage new structures as well. Our properties are unsaleable and are now worthless, a fact that has caused considerable emotional and mental stress. Insurers have refused residents' claims, who are thus unable to relocate to equivalent, but safer areas.

To conclude, it is simply wrong and unfair of the SRRC to continue to refuse to accept responsibility for having approved the subdivision that has caused four couples such extreme economic losses and mental anguish in our dotage. To further the campaign seeking redress from the Council we are establishing an Incorporated Association.

Leon and Olga Radunz

THANK YOU FROM TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN – FROM THE MANY

- Thank you to all emergency services during these difficult times, *Stacie Hennings*
- Thank you for helping everyone at the IGA, *Luke*
- Big thank you Bushrats for providing the groceries, from *Sunnybrook*
- Thank you to the amazing library staff for all your help and resources and kindness! *Zahra* from Tamborine Mountain
- Scenic Rim Council for all your help, *Rachel*
- Eagle Heights Butcher! Free lunches and positive vibes. Really went above and beyond. Saved my Bacon! (Note from *Essy Red* - the butcher had to throw out all his meat when the power went out – just like the rest of us – the free lunches was from food he purchased later – thank you!)
- I'd like to particularly thank the rural fire service – they were helpful and returned to check on us and went above and beyond their remit! Best wishes to them, *Annette*
- Thanks to all emergency services – worked above and beyond to assist us. All volunteers at Vonda Youngman – so many thanks, *Alison*, Tamborine Mountain
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On Wednesday 24.1.2024, the group met for the first time in 2024 to celebrate Rita's birthday (in advance, as the 27 January is usually left in the shadows of celebrations or deliberations of the 26 January – when looking at Australia (Australia Day) and still more celebrations when looking at

India (Indian Republic Day). As we know, both countries mark 26 January as a special day in their respective historic calendars.

For us at TMCCA, 26 January is the day before Rita's birthday (27 January). We celebrated Rita and her generosity of a dynamic, youthful spirit as she helps around TMCCA and other organisations on the hill. Thank you Rita for all you do for so many people...

we are grateful for all your contributions and to have you on board. Happy Birthday – stay 18 forever!

We also appreciated Australian and Indian inventions, for the 26th of January.

Patricia Arora
Community Care



Rita Keeble



Val Bramble



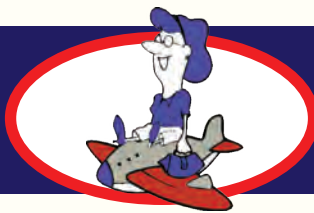
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Two of my favourite companies are joining us in early February for our event. I hope you can join us over a glass of wine to find out more about the wonderful world of **Collette Tours** and the luxury cruises of **Silversea**.

When : Wednesday 7th February at 5.30pm

Where: Travelling Places, 24 Main Street

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On the evening there will be special offers for 2024 and into the future.

Sienna from Travelling Places recently joined Collette on a journey in Tuscany. What fun was had staying in an historic hotel in a small town, venturing out each day to explore Florence, Lucca, Pisa and San Gimignano. Cooking classes and winery visits were included alongside visits to the wonderful galleries and museums of the region. With over 100 years' experience in designing travel itineraries you will enjoy their approach to staying in boutique hotels and including lots of activities; the local guides are delighted to share their knowledge of your destination not only guiding you on day tours but offering great insider knowledge of where the locals



eat etc. There are touring options to most countries in the world, so do come and chat about your next adventure.

Gina from Travelling Places enjoyed a cruise with Silversea in 2023. It was lovely to sail on the fabulous Silver Muse. Our cabin was spacious and comfortable with separate shower and bath along with a walk-in wardrobe. We felt pampered by our butler and delighted in the range of restaurants and activities on board. Silversea is a value proposition, with all meals and beverages included. Most days we were in port and off exploring – Silversea included the shore excursions too! Visiting all seven continents, these wonderful ships are a treat. All ships in the fleet are small with expedition ships between 200 to 300 and classic ships all under 800 passengers maximum. The smaller expedition ships visit Antarctica, the Arctic, the Galapagos, Africa and other exotic destinations with a host of lectures onboard and the opportunity to explore by Zodiac. Classic ships cruise worldwide, calling into smaller ports than the large cruise ships and being welcomed to stay longer in port.

We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 6th February!

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MAKE THIS YEAR DIFFERENT

We are almost finished January 2024. And what an end and what a start to a year! It's all been said: you just have to peruse the local Facebook forums to realise how stressed and exhausted much of the

Scenic Rim's population is. So much kindness for others though, so much wonderful community spirit, amazing support from the SES and unknown vigilante chainsawing groups of very kind neighbours and yes, confusing bureaucratic tape. My love and support though, to all those who suffered far more than the rest of us. We can only try to understand how hard it has been for people who have lost everything.

I'm sure this weather event will be blamed on climate change and yes with this horrid, sticky, unprecedented hot summer, climate change seems the logical culprit. But before we all throw out our gas cooktops (that saved us when the electricity was off for so long) and before we get overwhelmed with the rhetoric (I'm still confused how solar and wind powered farms are promoted to the nth degree, and yet no mention is made of the end-of-life waste, which is massive. Tonnes of solar panels, batteries, and Kevlar windmill struts, dumped in landfills with no recycling agenda advertised as part of the package. For the ordinary person, it is confusing indeed.

There are heaps of new resolutions we can make to help the earth and help reverse climate change. And this is very yogic. In yoga, many of us believe the decision we make today affects seven generations henceforth. Here are a few lovely, easy resolutions.

Eat local, eat real food, resolve not to step into a junk food oligarchy (like Maccas) once this year. Plan your weekly meals, have some back up from big cook-ups stashed in the freezer for those exhausted days and your health, your weight and the earth will love you.

Take your own water everywhere. Don't buy plastic bottled water. It's probably been sucked from an ancient (like 10,000 years) aquifer from Tamborine Mountain by some greedy multinational.

Start a compost pile. With all those fruits and veggies, in no time you will have this beautiful black soil you can grow your own veggies in.

Dump plastic aggressively. Refuse to buy those four tomatoes wrapped in plastic, complain to the manager of the veggie section of that supermarket. Even better, boycott the huge supermarkets chains and buy a local box or support your local grocer.

Don't buy any new clothes for at least six months. Op-shop finds are exempted. You will feel liberated, and your bank balance will smile.

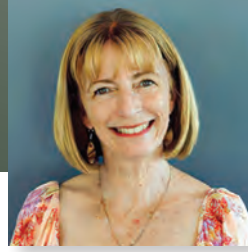
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Relationships

TRIBAL LIFE



Welcome to 2024! Not the start that anyone of us anticipated. The scars on our environment will take a long time to heal. While the physical changes are obvious, there may be other changes in our community that are less apparent. Some community members may be carrying emotional scars from the trauma of the severe weather event. Others have experienced significant loss and the process of rebuilding their lives is a difficult journey. In the midst of this has been a twinkling light of hope as people band together to help one another in many ways.

From the beginning of time social co-operation was necessary for human survival. To be separated from your tribe meant vulnerability to predators and starvation. A sense of dread and alertness is triggered when being alone for too long. Body and brain would send urgent signals to get back to the group. Every human instinct is honed not for a solitary life but for life in a tribe.

John Cacioppo, a neuroscientist, asked the question: **What if instead of studying the brain as if it were an isolated island, we considered it an island connected by hundreds of bridges continually carrying signals to and from the world?** His extensive research confirmed that mental health issues such as depression and anxiety were more closely linked to the bridges rather than the internal structure of the brain.

In one experiment John was granted access to a Hutterite community, a fundamentalist wing of the Amish. A common experience in modern societies are "micro-awakenings". These are small moments, not recalled in the morning, when you wake a little from your slumber. Tests on isolated herd animals have discovered the same micro-awakenings. The theory is that your brain doesn't allow you to go into full sleep mode when it believes you are not surrounded by a protective tribe. It remains hyper-vigilant because no one has your back. When the Hutterites were wired up they were found to have the lowest level of micro-awakenings witnessed by researchers. The community lives off the land, works, eats, worships and relaxes together. Co-operation is a constant.

While we can't exactly establish an Amish community on our mountain (though it might be a novel tourist attraction!), we can, in times of need, prioritise co-operation, mutual aid and protection. Isolation and loneliness are significant factors in mental health. Loneliness isn't the physical absence of other people; it's the sense that you are not sharing anything that matters with anyone else. You can be in a crowd of people but if you are not sharing your joy or distress with those around you, you mean nothing to them and they mean nothing to you. Sharing our experiences together benefits us all.

In our modern age we have started to believe that doing things alone is the natural state of human beings. Without intending to, we have dismantled our tribes. Let's maintain a tribe mentality and be there for one another.

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Physio Talk



THE PHYSIQUE TEAM EXPANDS AGAIN

At Physique, we are incredibly proud of the team that we have working with us. We are very committed to each other and to the Physique mission of “Making a Difference.”

And so it is that we always take our time hiring any new team members. We work hard to make sure that the new team member fits in well to our team and is someone that will put the needs of our community as a priority in their lives.

I am very excited to announce that we have added yet another superstar to the Physique team, Annie Hayes. Our mountain community is very privileged to have Annie become part of it. She holds a Bachelor of Physiotherapy from the Australian Catholic University.

The addition of Annie means that Physique has grown to have TEN physiotherapists working in and around the clinic. We are so incredibly grateful and excited that we can offer the service we do to our community and Annie will only strengthen and improve what we already provide.

Annie has a strong belief that providing a mix of hands-on treatment and individualised exercise prescription is the best way to help out her patients. She has a passion for physiotherapy and is not only interested in helping people recover from injuries, but a real desire to leave them better than before they were injured.

Annie is incredibly caring, compassionate and personable. She has already shown us how skilful she is in clinic, but we just love her as a person. The way that she fits in and the way she has picked up our amazing culture here at Physique so quickly is a testament to the fact we have hired the right person to help us continue to expand.

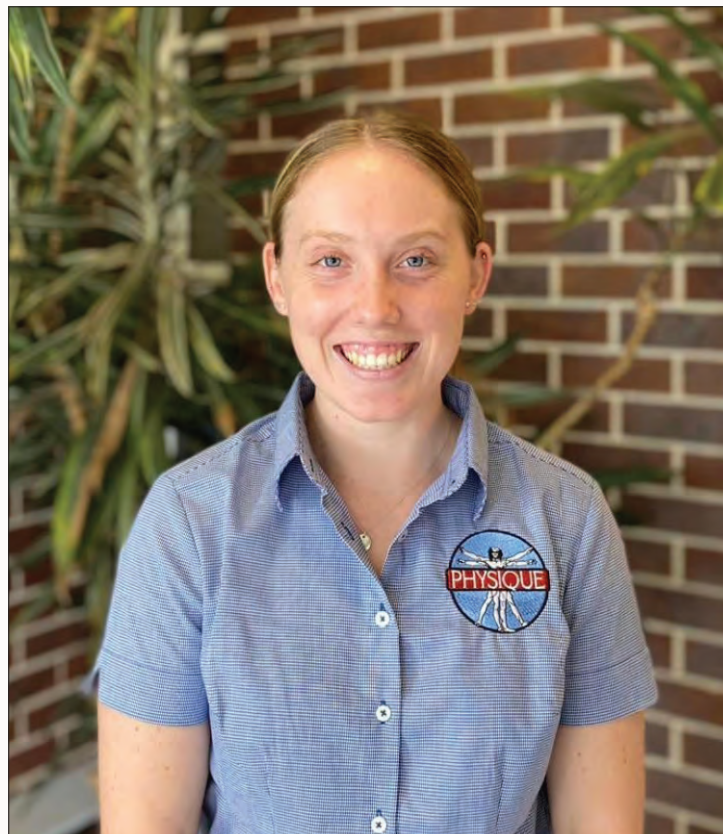
Annie was born and raised in Brisbane and has a passion for running, a love of the outdoors and helping and caring for the people around her. We are so very glad to welcome her on board.

I'll leave the final words to Annie herself:
“I'm so excited to

become a part of this community and help as many people as I can. The Mountain is such a special place for so many reasons – I've already seen it this year with the way everyone has come through the storms over Christmas. The fact that I get to work in such a beautiful part of the world and provide assistance to such a remarkable group of people is really humbling.”



with Hayden Buckman



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the amazing help, kindness and support from the SES, Rural fire brigade, Energex, Telstra, Suncorp Insurance, Police, Ambulance Station, SRRC workers, Disaster Dashboard, Electricians and every volunteer who gave time, energy and love. *Rachel*

- Thank you to Energex, *Jill*
- Thank you to local legends on the chainsaw. *Mitch*
- Thank you Energex, *Will*
- Energex for going so hard, SES the same, All the people who came from off the Mountain to help, All chainsaws and pick ups – Everyone for being so chill and helpful! And not complaining! *Van at IGA Catherine*
- Community Recovery Guy the tallest guy. Plus, all his mates. Good on ya's, forget the 2% whingers and thanks from the 98% grateful.
- Thanks to the wonderful efforts of Energex and our local area member for setting up a hub for showers, food and mobile phone charging facilities among other things. And all the locals for helping each other out. *Cedar Vale*
- Thanks for everything – words can't say how grateful I am. *Susan K.*
- Thanks to everyone that has helped Tamborine back on their feet – some wonderful people out there and great to meet those that participated in the community. *Sue*
- Thanks to volunteers, Energex, Community Recovery, neighbours, Salvation Army, Red Cross, Insurance companies, Banks, Police, Kiwi Disaster Team, Orange Sky, from *Rose*
- Big thank you to all the people involved especially SES and Energex – We live in a wonderful community. *Gittoes Family*
- Thank you for bringing back the power so much from *Jack*
- Thank you to SES (Gosford especially), to Energex and to Council who cleared the verges – fantastic people! *Sandra*
- Many thanks to all the traffic control team. Some came a

long way to help us, and it was much appreciated. *Pam*

- A big thank you to SES, Energex, Four Seasons Tree Service, Aaron and Sheena, Mark and Sharon, and all the volunteers at the Vonda Youngman Centre from *Mercy, June and Devin*
- I think all the groups of volunteers should be thanked – SES, Energex, Community Recovery, Police, Kiwi Disaster Team, Red Cross, Disaster Emergency Group, Orange Sky wash vans, and all the local helpers and volunteers in the community, and anyone else I have not mentioned. Thank You All!!!! *Madelon Bakker*
- Thank you to IGA for somewhere to charge our phones, the Police Van for their notice board and for being there to listen, to the friendly people at the petrol station, to Jeb for being a familiar face in the Community Briefings, from *Essy Red and Lightning*
- Also not written down on the A3 but spoken of – the Red Cross volunteers in Vonda Youngman who came from Victoria, the Australian Disaster volunteers in the blue shirts with HUGE chainsaws, the Army crew cleaning up Curtis Rd Primary School, the grandparents, aunts and others who looked after the kids while the parents cleaned stuff up, the countless neighbours who checked on their neighbours and/or came to help with chainsaws, generators and extension leads, Oxenford Spur who sent bottled water via a Post Office worker, our local councillor – *Amanda Hay*, and generally people who came from all over and were friendly and got stuck in. And a big thank you to Bushrats from parents and kids. And the Energex CEO for telling us straight – we were the worst he had ever seen, and then somehow getting the power back on faster than he promised.

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Tom Sharp, Mayoral Candidate, joined forces with the community army led by Adam Chanter and Guy Johnstone, actively participating in the cleanup efforts, wielding a chainsaw.

Recognising the need for expertise, Tom reached out to Greg Taylor of Ironbark Demolition in Boonah. Greg promptly mobilised a team of qualified professionals and equipped them to undertake a comprehensive cleanup at Contour Road and Rainer Close.



The collaboration between Tom Sharp, Adam Chanter, Guy Johnstone, and the dedicated volunteer army exemplifies the strength of community spirit during challenging times.

In the face of adversity, Tamborine Mountain's residents and supporters stood united, rolled up their sleeves, and demonstrated the power of community resilience.

Photos: top – Adam Chanter (left) with guy Johnstone, and below: Tom Sharp addresses the volunteers at the Lions lunch.

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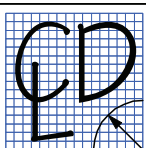
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