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## MOUNTAIN THANKS ITS OWN AS THE CLEANUP CONTINUES



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*State MP Jon Krause and firies took the opportunity for a coffee provided by Heidi from the Gold Coast (pictured at right with Linda Galbraith) who wanted to support the Tamborine Mountain community in the aftermath of the Christmas Night storm.*

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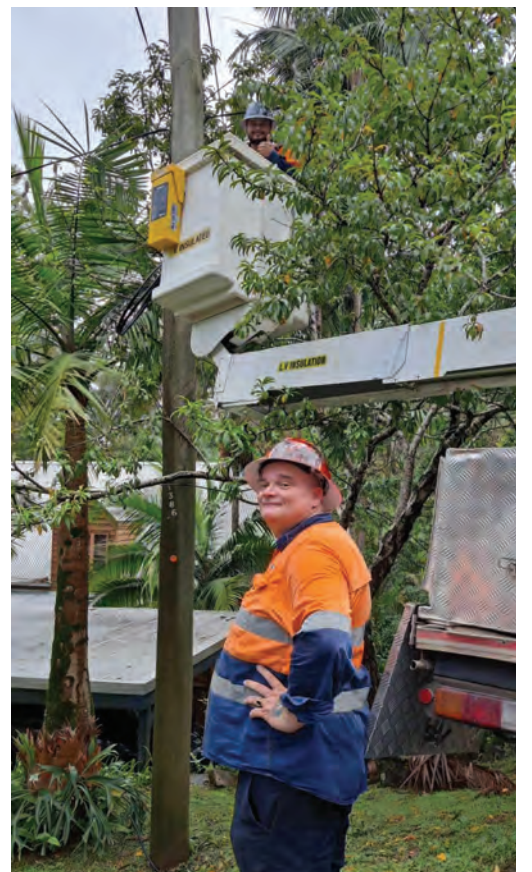


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# PORTRAITS IN COMMUNITY SPIRIT AND RESILIENCE



(above) The team from Disaster Relief Australia and Taskforce Kiwi worked to help clear fallen trees at Tamborine Mountain Botanic Gardens and aimed to be here for the long haul to help as many as possible in the community. (Below left) Energex crews featured in large numbers for most of January, restoring tens of kilometres of cabling; (Below centre) Orange Sky provided valuable laundry services at the Vonda Youngman Centre; NBN crews were also much in demand in the aftermath, with hundreds on the Mountain without internet for weeks; (bottom left) face painting at the community BBQ held at the Showgrounds helped put smiles back on faces young and old. (Below right) lunches were organised by Stuart and Chelsea Kenny at Eagle Heights Butcher. Photos courtesy of Linda Galbraith.



# DISASTER VEGETATION COUNCIL COLLECTION SET TO COMMENCE

As Scenic Rim Regional Council continues the clean-up from the Christmas and New Year storms, it is set to begin the mammoth task of collecting disaster-related vegetation impacting residents at Tamborine and Tamborine Mountain.

Having focused on clearing debris from public spaces and roadways to ensure community safety, Council is grateful for assistance provided through the jointly-funded Commonwealth-State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) which will provide for the collection of disaster-related vegetation generated by the Christmas storm event impacting homes and access to residential properties in these areas.

The collection, originally scheduled to commence on 29 January, will now begin on Monday 5 February and take place in four areas in coming weeks, weather permitting, and will not include green waste from general yard maintenance, commercial waste or planned clearing work.

Residents are asked to place only disaster-related vegetation on the roadside verge before the collection period begins as each street will be visited only once and disaster vegetation which misses the collection will not be removed by Council as part of this service.

Care should be taken to ensure vegetation left for collection will not block drivers' sight lines or stormwater runoff or pose a hazard to pedestrians.

Only clean disaster-related vegetation will be removed and debris piles including anything other than disaster-related vegetation, such as green waste from yard maintenance or building/commercial or household waste, will be left in place for the resident to dispose of.

The collection areas and timeframes, subject to weather conditions, are:

- Area 1 - Tamborine Mountain - South of Curtis Road and Beacon Road – 7am Monday 5 February 2024 to 5pm 9 February 2024
- Area 2 - Tamborine Mountain - West of Geissmann Road and North of Beacon Road – 7am Monday 12 February 2024 to 5pm 16 February 2024

- Area 3 - Tamborine Mountain North - East of Geissmann Road and Curtis Road – 7am Monday 19 February 2024 to 5pm 23 February 2024, and
- Area 4 - Tamborine Village – 7am Monday 26 February 2024 to 5pm 1 March 2024.

As further rain is likely in coming weeks and may result in delays or changes to the collection schedule, updates will be provided on Council's website, scenicrim.qld.gov.au, facebook page and the notice board of the Community Recovery Hub which has been set up next to the Tamborine Mountain Library at 30-32 Main Street.

The Community Recovery Hub is providing those impacted by the severe weather events of the Christmas-New Year period ongoing access to information, support and hardship assistance from a range of recovery agencies.

The storm impact vegetation collection map can be accessed via the QR code:



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- \* the Local Government Disaster Management Plan;
- \* council meetings and confidential briefings;
- \* confidentiality decisions; the topic, the reason for imposing secrecy, the time limit for keeping it secret
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# REJECTION FOR YOUNG STREET CABIN PROPOSAL

**A disputed tourism project planned next to the Tamborine Mountain escarpment was turned down by the Scenic Rim Regional Council in a recent full meeting.**

The proposal by East Asia Investment Pty Ltd for a development at 36 Young Street had faced 200 objections during its public review phase in 2022, with the council's urban planners noting ongoing opposition afterward. Cr Amanda Hay, who had previously objected to the project before her election, stepped aside due to a conflict of interest and did not participate in the discussion or vote. The council's unanimous decision to reject the proposal for 10 short-term rental cabins across six buildings on the 4.36ha site was unexpected, especially since the planners had advised its approval. Deputy Mayor Jeff McConnell led the charge against the recommendation, presenting a detailed report on his concerns about the project's fit for the area. He elaborated on why the development did not comply with the Planning Scheme's standards for a residential zone, particularly highlighting the identified risks of landslip and landslides. McConnell's arguments included: The plan for 10 cabins over a 60m stretch did not meet the Planning Scheme's criteria for small-scale, low-density development. The project breached the 20-metre boundary setback rule, affecting its suitability. It would reduce the privacy and comfort of nearby residents, violating residential zone guidelines. The infrastructure, including water tanks with a capacity of 100,000 litres and the output from the wastewater treatment and stormwater systems, could exacerbate landslide risks. Cr Marshall

Chalk supported McConnell's stance, with Mayor Greg Christensen and Cr Michael Enright also voicing their support for McConnell's motion. In 2017, the council had approved three bedrooms in the existing house on the site for 'bed and breakfast' short-term lodging.



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## AMANDA HAY FOR DIV 1: COUNCILLOR

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- Working knowledge of the *Scenic Rim Planning Scheme 2020* – essential for all Councillors for an informed vote on development applications
- Looking forward to being part of a functional Council – which values democratic principles – rather than an autocracy.

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### SCENIC RIM REGIONAL COUNCIL DIVISION 1 ELECTION

Authorised by Amanda Hay, 13-15 Chalmette Drive, Tamborine Mountain



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AGM**

## U3A Annual General Meeting

We look forward to welcoming you to the AGM:

**Date:** 15th March 2024

**Time:** 2 pm

**Venue:** Masonic Lodge Hall,  
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## BE EXTRA ALERT ON LOCAL ROADS



*A quick heads-up for local road users – especially at dawn and dusk: it looks to be a prolific year for ducklings, and they deserve lots of consideration from drivers as they attempt crossing our major thoroughfares – please look ahead and slow down!*



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- 23rd Cath BUCKLEY  
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## TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN BRIDGE CLUB RESULTS

### MONDAY (5-FEB-24)

- NS 1. 58.87% HEIKE EDRICH - DAVID DONALDSON  
NS 2. 54.93% SHEENA POLLOCK - RICHARD BOOTH  
NS 3. 54.73% VESNA MCCATHIE - EDDIE HEINEMEYER

- EW 1. 57.93% MARIAN GIBBONS - DIANNE HILES  
EW 2. 55.07% CHRISTINE YOUNGMAN - JULIE GUTHRIE  
EW 3. 51.60% PAM WARRELL - GAYLE DONALDSON

### WEDNESDAY (7-FEB-24)

1. 63.93% LINDY WILLIAMS - EDDIE HEINEMEYER  
2. 59.38% PETER ZAREMBA - ANN ZAREMBA  
3. 56.48% LAURENE HASSARD - KATE HEAD  
3. 56.48% ALEX HOOD - ANDREW DAVIDSON

### THURSDAY (8-FEB-24)

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A ray of light after a month of problems. Tamborine Mountain Distillery wins the Tourism Gold Medal at the 2024 Queensland Starlight Business Excellence Awards. The prestigious ceremony, hosted at Brisbane City Hall on Sunday 4th February, formed a part of the Lunar New Year Festivities and Celebrations. Attendees included the Lord Mayor of Brisbane Adrian Schrinner and the leader of the Opposition David Crisafulli. The award was accepted by Nerissa Jiang, the Distillery's International Sales Manager and presented by the Hon. Mark Furner, Minister for Agricultural Industry Development.

Gordon Chalmers, the Distillery General Manager stated that this latest accolade was fantastic news after their worst month on record following the devastating Christmas Day storms that pummelled Tamborine Mountain. The upshot of the award was almost immediately felt the following day, with this iconic Scenic Rim Distillery winning its biggest single international order for its famous Australian Wild Forest Plum Liqueur. Gordon stated that this one order to Asia was "equal to a whole year of sales of this best-selling product. Again what wonderful proof that "every cloud has a silver lining".

*At right: L to R – Dr Shumei Hou (M.D. TMD), Hon. Mark Furner and Gordon Chalmers (GM TMD)*

*Below right: L TO R – Hon. Mark Furner, Nerissa Jiang (Int, Sales TMD) and Michael Choi OEM*



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# GOODBYE, GRAHAM!



The Mountain will be the loser when Graham Vallance leaves shortly. Mountain Mates - along with many others - will greatly miss him. A stalwart of the Bowls Club in many ways, Graham has volunteered alongside other Bowls Club members at regular Mates' Bowls nights and Buddy Bowls days, developing their skills and always there with a joke. With the help of his neighbours in Wongawallan Rd, he helped the Mates organise their Scarecrow display last year. When the Mates created their first garden at the Club, he built us the most impressive trellis anyone had ever seen. It needed twelve footy players to carry it from the carpark up to the green. Well, we might be exaggerating just a little bit, but it was huge.

Graham is pictured above with long-term Mountain Mates volunteers Barry Chatel and Linda Simister, who have been running this unique program of social lawn bowls and much more, for nearly five years, in partnership with the Bowls Club and Club Tamborine. Also pictured are this month's happy prize-winners: Aimee, Emma, Sarah, Kris, Keegan and Meg, with Barry and Linda. Mountain Mates is a program of the Lions Club of Tamborine Mountain.





# TM ARTS PRECINCT LAUNCH DRAWS GREAT INTEREST



**A hundred-plus guests attended the public launch and presentation of the Tamborine Mountain Arts Precinct on Sunday, 11 Feb 2024 at Mason Wines, Tamborine Mountain.**

The event was open to the public but bookings filled quickly.

People were keen to hear Glen Pittock, co-founder and industrial designer, who has completed projects for Scenic Rim Regional Council, and Ashley Tardy, chairperson and Senior Concept Artist, present their concept of a new project for a Creative Arts Precinct on Gallery Walk.

The intention is to raise public funds to purchase the Tamborine Mountain Vineyards & Winery, presently owned by SRRRC Council, "to build a cultural haven".

Public donations will be 100% tax deductible.

The Winery was to be auctioned on 8 December 2023. Council voted unanimously to postpone the auction to allow the TMAP to form and register as a Not-For-Profit

Association, and become a viable bidder.

The Association hopes to raise the funds needed to purchase the property before it returns to auction in May 2024.

They can then apply for government grants needed to develop the project.

Glen and Ashley talked of how they would like to see a walk-through precinct, from the proposed new council car park, which would provide the visitor with a range of artistic mediums on display and include a kitchen to provide refreshments.

Ashley would like to pay tribute to her late mother, Kate Tardy, who spent 17 years involved in arts and theatre on Tamborine Mountain prior to her passing in 2023.

Kate was a prolific painter, sang in the choir and was Vice President of the local Zamia Theatre where she produced five plays that she had written herself. Kate also enjoyed being a seamstress and designed and hand-stitched costumes for her performers.

Ashley says her mother's greatest satisfaction was the opportunity to change lives, working with children who saw theatre as an escape from personal problems.

Some of those same students were in attendance at 'Mumma Kate's' funeral and spoke of how their lives had been changed through theatre.

Ashley would like to establish an annual award, through the establishment of the Arts Precinct, as a final gift to honour the creativity of her mother.

**Julie Wilkinson**





# TRAVELLING PLACES *with Gina*

**At this time of year there are several cruise ships visiting our shores, offering some wonderful new options for you to experience. Critically important when booking a cruise is to make sure you are on a ship that will appeal to you. We are all different and all ships are too. My first cruise was a disaster – I booked the wrong ship for me and vowed I would never cruise again; until I did on a very different ship and realised the difference. Now I really enjoy these relaxing holidays that visit exotic ports of call, where I meet new people and experience different cultures.**

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We are constantly updating our knowledge about ships. Sienna was onboard Celebrity Edge last week and will be on Silver Muse and Viking in a couple of weeks. Renee loved sailing on Viking in the Med. Gina will be sailing on the newly refurbished Crystal Serenity in March. We are here to share our knowledge and make sure you select the best cruise ship for your next voyage.



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## Letters to the Editor

### DECISION A WELCOME REVERSAL

**At a recent Council meeting, Councillors voted 6-0 to refuse a Planning Department recommendation to approve a tourism development application at 36 Young Street, Tamborine Mountain, which would have resulted in ~ 1000m<sup>2</sup> built form, within reduced setbacks, against the boundaries of 11 rural residential properties. All but one building would have been partially or entirely within Council's highest risk landslide hazard zone on the Escarpment.**

The DA was lodged in 2020 and had been recommended for approval twice by the Planning Department – initially, incorrectly assessed under the wrong Overlay Code as a 'medium' landslide risk; and other critical assessments throughout were based on figures found by Peer Reviews to be 'conservative'. These errors were drawn to the attention of the Planning Department by residents during the submissions phase and repeatedly, at significant personal cost to some, over the past 2 ½ years.

Division 2 Councillor Jeff McConnell, who engaged in consultation with potentially impacted landowners, was instrumental in Council's 6-0 refusal. Having lodged an objection to the proposal prior to her election, Cr Amanda Hay, Division 1, was required to abstain.

Succinctly citing the intent and content of the Planning Scheme, Cr McConnell implored Council not to approve a development that could potentially jeopardise the safety of people and property. He also presented a balanced view that development could occur, safely, on appropriate sites elsewhere on the Mountain where the amenity and privacy of residential areas could be maintained.

On a refreshing note for residents, Cr McConnell said that setbacks must be maintained, particularly when tourism development seeks to encroach on residential areas.

On an issue of fundamental importance, Cr McConnell stated that Council should not create legacy issues by approving more development in risk-prone areas. We have only to consider the on-going misery and financial loss at Shelf Road to appreciate the wisdom of this stance.

In a loss for Division 2, Cr McConnell has chosen to run for the position of Mayor in the upcoming election. His balanced outlook and calm leadership style may well benefit all Divisions. The current leadership under Mayor Greg Christensen has seen our Council descend into such dysfunction that an Administrator had to be appointed by the State Government, at huge expense to ratepayers.

Councillors' strong 6-0 stance to preserve the safety and amenity of the Mountain and its residents may soon be challenged by the developer in the Planning and Environment Court. Considering the important and far-reaching principles involved, residents expect Council to vigorously defend its final decision in the event of an appeal through the court system. Failure to do so will result in disastrous precedents and legacy issues for the Scenic Rim.

Let's hope that this recent unanimous decision signals a change that will persist through the upcoming election and into much-needed administrative reforms within Council.

**Yvette Turner**

### WHO IS GOVERNING US?

**The Office of Independent Assessor was formed in December 2018, by the Labor Government, to deal with complaints against Council.**

In fact, the OIA has been targeting members of the public, who attempt to

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complain against Council, in what can be seen as an attack on free speech.

Cr. Amanda Hay is one OIA victim who has been issued with a summons to appear at the Brisbane Magistrates Court to face charges prior to her becoming a councillor.

Her alleged crime was to issue a letter to councillors voicing her displeasure at the content and wording of a motion proposed by Cr Enright, and carried unanimously.

Ms Hay, who was at the time, a private citizen and retired public servant with a background in compliance and investigation, and a spotless record, is not the only victim.

A private businessman has told me of how he received a warning letter from the OIA, after sending a complaint to his local councillor and the Mayor.

Former councillor, Derek Swanborough, a man of over 40 years experience in local Government, was forced to resign after 76+ complaints were made against him. All but one originating from within council and only three of these being upheld.

One local newspaper, the *Fassifern Guardian*, which had reported on Cr Swanborough's predicament, was ordered, by the OIA, to release confidential notes of a private interview. The newspaper successfully defended against this in the Supreme Court.

These questionable OIA actions have been directed at one small regional council with a population of less than 45 000. Where else has the OIA been acting in this authoritarian manner to silence the citizens?

In June 2019 the SRRC joined the international body of ICLEI (International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives). There was no public consultation and some councillors aren't even aware of it.

The implications of such a move may appear to be innocent but do we need some unelected international body of billionaires infiltrating our local government? We have our own indigenous and environmental caretakers who understand our environment better than anyone.

The situation that arose when we were isolated by the storm made us dependent on each other. That was the only way we were able to survive. Volunteers took control, cleared roads and checked on their neighbours.

The council, under the weight of regulations and processes, took four weeks to start clearing the debris.

This concern about interference in local government by world powers is coming home to us.

I noted a comment made by former Federal politician George Christensen, who has decided to stand for local council office (Mackay).

"I am determined to fight back against the globalist encroachment into local politics. Sadly, there are pervasive globalist agendas within local government, especially through the adoption of initiatives like Agenda 2030, which erode local autonomy and freedoms. An example of such an initiative is the 15 Minute City concept, an idea being pursued by many local councils that restricts personal liberties and freedom of movement." he said.

We must be mindful of who we elect to council on 16 March 2024. It is not a popularity contest.

We need the best minds, which have been educated by experience and maturity and have survived in a World teetering on the edge of social collapse.

The unelected, elite globalists are not interested in protecting our freedoms, our possums, or our opinions.

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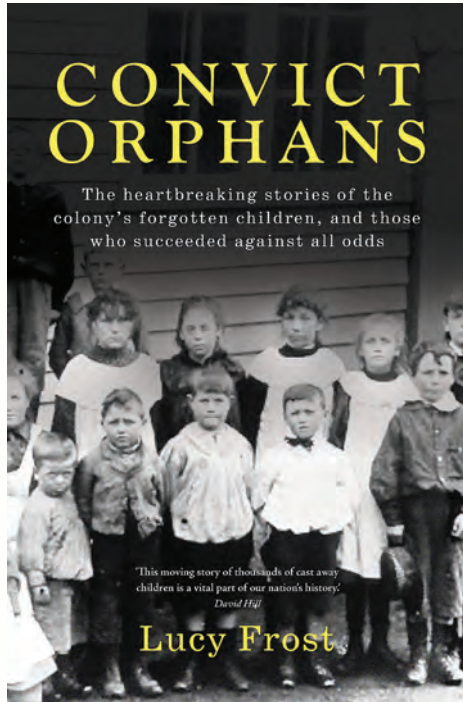
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## VULNERABILITY

### OUR STAFF BOOK CHOICE: *Convict Orphans* by Lucy Frost



**All families have their secrets, and a convict ancestor or an illegitimate birth were shames that families once buried deep. Among the best-hidden stories in Australia's history are those of the convict orphans.**

Agnes arrived on a convict transport aged four and was abandoned when her mother needed to escape an abusive husband. After their mother died and their father deserted them, Maria and Eliza Marriner were taken into state care too. Cut off from family, behind the walls of the imposing sandstone buildings of the Queen's Orphan Schools, they were among hundreds of young children entrusted to the much feared Matron Smyth. At the age of twelve, the children left the orphanage to work without pay on farms and in homes - some of them places where no child should ever have been sent. Although colonists called it white slavery, the authorities turned a blind eye to what was really happening. These are stories of abuse and abandonment, and also of great generosity and kindness from individuals who rescued and supported children.

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I've always harboured a fascination for the weird and wonderful echidna. We previously owned a cafe and one evening an unusually bold echidna wandered into the premises. Unfortunately, we didn't have ants on our menu! The echidna is normally a shy solitary creature whose defence mechanism is to curl into a ball, presenting its spines to any perceived threat. We humans share similar protective behaviour when feeling under attack.

Vulnerability means being exposed to the possibility of being harmed, either physically or emotionally. A position where another person can hurt you is not a position that any of us want to be in. So why do it? Why not just roll into a ball and present our spikes to the world? Because vulnerability is the only path to genuine human connection. When we stop trying to appear perfect and are willing to share our rough edges, we invite others to let their walls down and be honest about their own frailties.

It's not easy to be vulnerable because there is risk of rejection involved. To avoid it, we adopt protective behaviours. We consistently keep within 'safe' shallow conversation topics, so we don't offend. We make plans that keep others happy because we don't want to disappoint anyone. We suppress our opinions and emotions, keeping them bottled up. We avoid anything controversial or doing anything unique that makes us stand out. The mere thought of someone disliking us keeps us awake at night. People-pleasing, hiding faults, covering tracks and blaming others are spines we present to the world in order to avoid vulnerability.

Try practicing vulnerability in your everyday life. Discuss with a friend what's happening in your world. Perhaps you had a run-in with someone that left you confused, or maybe you're dealing with something new at work. Start with the facts then share how this experience impacted you. The experience doesn't have to be negative; it could be something meaningful. Sharing with a trusted friend a secretly harboured desire and why it's important to you is a great way to practice vulnerability and gain a cheerleader.

Don't keep your feelings hidden. Any topic that evokes difficult emotions for you is an opportunity to work through. You might hold a fear about your past or current challenges- having the vulnerability to name this aloud to another person diminishes its power and relieves its sting. The ultimate form of vulnerability is expressing how you feel toward someone. Let a friend or family member know that you really admire and value who they are as a person. Reveal to a loved one about the pain you carry from a rupture in your relationship. Exposing our inner self takes courage but reaps rewards.

Vulnerability is not about *what you do*, it's about *why you're doing it*. It's the intention behind your behaviour that makes it truly vulnerable. The goal of vulnerability is not to look more vulnerable, it's simply to express yourself as genuinely as possible. When we do this, we create opportunity for true, authentic connections.

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# Physio Talk



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The thrum of the generators pumping away at my house and my neighbours' places, the noise of chainsaws being pushed to their limits and the myriad of noises associated with tractors and bobcats and front-end loaders. Now, if I stop using my own machinery long enough, I can actually sit in relative silence again. The Mountain, it appears, is slowly starting to heal.

And there are other signs too. The birds are back. And with a hunger. Our place is almost overrun with loud, obnoxious Lorikeets feasting on the avocados that were stripped off our trees. Our poor resident King Parrots can't get a look in at the bird feeder at the moment! And what about the fuzz on the trees? What a sight to behold, these magnificent parts of creation defying the destruction around them. Only this week I had a second look when I realised the fuzz was almost gone to be replaced with a beautiful covering of full leaves.

Of course, there is still clean-up going on. I think it'll be another few months before I get to the big trees down in my paddock. And there also is damage that will take much, much longer to repair. But, the Mountain, and our community are healing. Every time we have an event like this, I am surprised at our ability to heal. Each time, it feels like we'll never be the same. And yet, again and again, we all find a way. It is incredible to witness.



with Neil Bell

And, it is the same with our bodies. We are actually designed to be able to heal, for our bodies to go through a process which leads us towards recovery. But, what many people do not understand is that it is just that: a process. And processes can take time.

Did you know that if you break your arm, it can have reasonably good bone healing and strength in just 6 weeks? Similar to the time it has been since Christmas day. But, for it to be functioning exactly the same as it was pre-fracture, it can take over two years! And it is similar for muscle, tendon and ligament healing as well. And this is in the case that things go well. Sometimes, like our clean up, it can take much longer.

Healing of our bodies post injury takes time. On top of that, there are other things that must happen for them to heal correctly and have function restored. In order to get back to full function, our bodies also need exacting amounts of rest, exercise, stretching, strengthening, protecting, and pushing. And this is where your health care professionals come into their own.

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Those pups ended up killing their herds instead of rounding them up! Next, a rough coated collie (Lassie dog) was crossed with a dingo, but these dogs barked too much and stressed the cattle.

Then in 1840 Tom Hall, an Englishman bred a blue smooth coat collie with a dingo and deemed it a success and named his breed Hall's Heelers. Two brothers Jack & Harry Baguet tried to improve on Halls breed by adding a Dalmatian but this didn't work well, so they bred the heeler and Dalmatian with a kelpie. Finally, more breeding with dingos produced the heelers we see today, they possess selected dingo, kelpie, dalmatian, and



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collie DNA. Interestingly; heeler puppies are born white the same as Dalmatians, and some lines have a stumpy tail as the original Smithfield did.

This breed needed to be hardy, able to herd cattle over hundreds of kilometres of hard ground in hot and cold weather with cattle used to roaming, and sometimes stubborn. Heelers are intelligent and easy to train, they have high energy and hunting instinct and may chase cars in suburbia. If they do not get enough exercise you could begin to see problematic behaviours like excessive barking, chewing and nipping. They need training so that their protective instinct does not lean towards aggression or fear towards strangers. Many have tendencies to nip, often at heels but this can be trained out, preferably when they are young. Mental enrichment and continuous training a must for this breed. I got to know a few heelers in rescue, two were very nippy and needed full time training preferably with someone at least partially bonded to them, another I managed to understand and train, but unfortunately none of them made it to a good home. Having a poor start to life compounded unwanted tendencies.

Australian heelers live up to 15 years, the oldest dog on record was a blue heeler named Bluey, he lived 29 years and died in 1939. But they do have a few health issues they are prone to: deafness is noted in some blood lines, progressive retinal atrophy causing blindness, obesity, bladder and Kidney stones and dental problems.

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## True or False TRIVIA QUIZ: Lesser-Known Facts & Fallacies



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2. The sum of all the numbers on a roulette wheel is 666.
3. Honey never spoils.
4. There are more trees on Earth than stars in the Milky Way.
5. The inventor of the microwave oven discovered its heating properties by accident when a chocolate bar melted in his pocket.
6. All parts of a penguin are black and white.
7. The Eiffel Tower can be 15 cm taller during the summer.
8. Cleopatra lived closer in time to the moon landing than to the construction of the Great Pyramid of Giza.
9. Bananas grow on trees.
10. The human body contains enough fat to make seven bars of soap.
11. It's illegal to own just one guinea pig in Switzerland because they get lonely.
12. The shortest war in history lasted 38 minutes.
13. A group of flamingos is called a "flamboyance."
14. Sharks are older than trees.
15. The tongue is the strongest muscle in the human body.
16. Venus is the only planet in the solar system that rotates clockwise.

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## TRIVIA Answers FROM PAGE 19

1. True
2. True
3. True
4. True
5. True
6. False - Penguins have patches of color other than black and white, including yellow and orange.
7. True - Thermal expansion causes the metal to expand in the heat.
8. True
9. False - Bananas grow on plants that are officially considered herbs, not trees.
10. True

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11. True
12. True - The Anglo-Zanzibar War in 1896 is considered the shortest war in history.
13. True
14. True - Sharks have been around for over 400 million years, while the earliest trees date back around 350 million years.
15. False - The strongest muscle by weight is the masseter, the jaw muscle.
16. True

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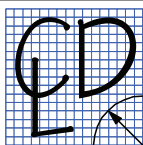
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**TM COMMUNITY KINDERGARTEN – AGM** 22 February 6pm, 23 Coleman Square North Tamborine

**TM COMMUNITY KINDERGARTEN** Free Playgroup Fridays: 9am-11am. 3rd March; 17th March; 31st March. 23 Coleman Square North Tamborine

**TM CREATIVE ARTS:** Schedule of Activities MONDAY 9.00am-12.00 noon Patchwork, Quilting, Mahjong. 1.00pm-4.00pm Painting (Tutor fee) 1.15pm-4.15pm Creative Writing (1st,3rd,5th Monday of Month) 7.00pm-9.00pm Sculpture & Pottery TUESDAY 9.00am-12.00 noon General Craft, Sculpture & Pottery 9.30am-12.30pm Life Drawing (Model fee) WEDNESDAY 9.00am-12.00 noon General Craft, Bridge – 12.30pm - 4.30pm, Sculpture & Pottery, Spinning & Weaving, Embroidery (1st Wed of Month), Machine Sewing (last Wed of Month). THURSDAY 9.00am-12.00 noon Sculpture & Pottery, Botanical Drawing 1.00pm-4.00pm Wearable Art, (Felting Dyeing etc) FRIDAY 9.00am-12.00 noon Sculpture & Pottery, 1.00pm-4.00pm Mahjong SATURDAY 1.00pm-4.00pm Yarners

**TM CROQUET CLUB:** Monday and Thursday mornings 8.30 on our green at Club Tamborine. Free coaching, new members always welcome to join us. Ph: Heidi 0488 440 296

**TM FAMILY HISTORY GROUP** Meetings held 1st Sunday each month (excl. January) at TM Historical Soc, Wongawallan Rd, Eagle Heights, 3–5 pm approx. Please contact Sharon on 0401 830 358

**TM GARDEN CLUB:** Vonda Youngman Community Centre, Main Street, North Tamborine. Feb - Nov, 2nd Tuesday 9.30. BYO morning tea. Enjoy: Guest speaker, plant sales, borrowing library books, raffle, plant problem solving and meeting fellow gardeners. New members and visitors most welcome. email: [tamborinemtngc@gmail.com](mailto:tamborinemtngc@gmail.com) mobile: 0417 623 023

**TM GOLF CLUB** is open 7 days a week for golf. Ladies play on Tuesdays, Veterans play on Wednesdays and the main competition is on Saturday. Happy hour social event on Friday evenings from 5 pm. Coaching is available by Andrew Revie the club professional. Contact 5545 1788. Happy golfing!

**TM HISTORICAL SOCIETY** – Member working bee & morning tea every Tuesday mornings. New members always welcome. Please contact Phil Paley 5545 4962 or Muriel Shephard 5545 0481 for further details.

**TM LANDCARE:** Volunteering opportunities: Forest Regeneration Work: Judith Roland - 0429 808 206 for details; Helping at the Piccabeen Bookshop - 0403 783 757 during office hours

**TMLETS:** Join at Community Exchange System [www.ces.org.za](http://www.ces.org.za). Enq. 5545 3776.

**TM LIONS CLUB** Admin meeting held on the 2nd Tuesday and dinner meeting on the 4th Tuesday of the month. For more information please phone 5545 2120 or visit website [tamborinemountain.qld.lions.org.au/](http://tamborinemountain.qld.lions.org.au/)

**TM LITTLE THEATRE:** Meetings held 1st Tuesday of month at 7.30pm at the Zamia Theatre. Regular plays, play

readings & social events, movie club events. New members welcome. Cath Buckley President [www.tmlf.com.au](http://www.tmlf.com.au).

**TM LOCAL PRODUCERS ASSOC.** (The Green Shed) sells local produce, plants & flowers every Sunday, 6.30–11am at 378 Main Western Rd (next to TM Showgrounds)

**TM MEN'S SHED:** Our workshop at 88 Beacon Rd (behind the tennis courts) is open each Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. New members welcome. To find out more, drop in for morning tea and a chat or call our President on 5606 8367 or check out our web page at [www.tmmensshed.com](http://www.tmmensshed.com)

**TM NATURAL HISTORY ASSOCIATION:**

Birdwatchers – For further information call 5545 0995.

**TM BUSHWALKERS,** find out about us on the TM Natural History Association website. New members welcome. Enquiries: 0439 869 125 or 0478 414 892.

[www.naturalhistory.org.au](http://www.naturalhistory.org.au).

**TM NETBALL CLUB.** Visit our website: [www.tamborine-mountain-netball.square.site](http://www.tamborine-mountain-netball.square.site)

**TM ORCHESTRA** rehearses from 7pm to 9 pm every Wednesday during school term time. The venue is Tamborine Mountain State High School at Holt Rd. New players always welcome. For more information, phone Danielle on 0423 210 949. Check us out on our website [www.tmo.org.au](http://www.tmo.org.au); or find us on Facebook.

**TM PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH** 34 Main St, North Tamborine [www.tmpcq.org.au](http://www.tmpcq.org.au) Sunday Morning Service 9am (including kids church) and Evening Service 5pm (including kids church). Playgroup: Tuesdays 9.30am for 0-5 years. Youth Group: Fridays 4-6 pm for Years 7 – 12. Enquiries: [dave.mugridge@tmpcq.org.au](mailto:dave.mugridge@tmpcq.org.au) | [www.tmpcq.org.au](http://www.tmpcq.org.au) BARGAIN CENTRE: Tuesday to Saturday opens 8am – 12 noon (rear of the Presbyterian Church).

**TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN COMBINED PROBUS CLUB INC.** meets third Wednesday each month at 9.15 for 9.30 start The TM Combined Probus Club invites semi-retired and retired men and women to join our social club for fun, fellowship, and friendship. Meetings are at the Bridge Club, Sports Centre, 400 Long Road Mt Tamborine. President: Pauline 0414 349 264

**TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN PROBUS CLUB INC (MEN'S CLUB):** Join like-minded retired and semi-retired men for fun activities at Vonda Youngman Community Centre, 2-4 Knoll Road, North Tamborine on 3rd Wednesday of the month at 10am. Contact Bob Hepple on 0411 776 888 for details of next meeting.

**TM PROGRESS ASSOCIATION:** 1st Tuesday in month. 7.30pm Heritage Centre Wongawallan Rd

**TM RSL** Sub Branch meets at the RSL rooms underneath the Bowls Club; details are available by phoning President Phil Hunter 0419 662 961.

**TM RUGBY:** Training Monday and Thursday 3.45pm- 5pm at TMSA, Long Road. Please call John Knight 0400 554 555 or Adam Clarke 0413 214 066 – Facebook: Tamborine Mountain Rugby

**TM TENNIS CLUB:** Social tennis from 6.30pm Mon, 7.00am Tue, 6.30pm Wed and 3.00pm Sun. Ladies from 7.00am Fri. Fit Hit (cardio) 6.30pm Tue. For all sessions, no need to book, just turn up. 88 Beacon Rd North Tamborine. Contact Henry Rich 0477 775 671

**TM WRITERS GROUP:** Meets every 1st & 3rd Mon of month, 1.30–3.30pm at Creative Arts Centre, Eagle Heights. Call Patricia on 5545 3403 for details.

**UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE (U3A).** An association for retirees and those preparing for retirement. Learn, teach, socialise. For more info please access our website [www.u3atamborinemountain.com](http://www.u3atamborinemountain.com)

**YOGA:** For beginners to advanced students: Hatha, Tantra and Nada Yoga. Tues 9.30am, Sat 9am at the Zamia and Wed 6pm Creative Arts Centre. Margot Wagner 0428 137 391

**ZUMBA GOLD:** Zumba Gold: dance fitness classes for deconditioned participants and active older adults. Mondays and Thursdays 9.30am at the Zamia. Petra Hunter 0414 505 014 – [TamborineMountainZumba@gmail.com](mailto:TamborineMountainZumba@gmail.com)



Property of the week

**SALE** 🛏️ 4/5 🚿 2 🚗 3 🏠 6.62 acres

**5/163 Curtis Road, Tamborine Mtn \$4,500,000 guide**

**Beauty, grace and elegance set in rainforest**

- Panoramic views with complete privacy
- Parent's retreat complete with lounge area and balcony
- Light filled, open plan layout with large sliders & windows to capture the views of your landscaped gardens or the Gold Coast skyline to the Southern Ranges

**AGENTS:**  
Linda Hogan  
0414 300 558



Property of the week

**SALE** 🛏️ 3 🚿 2 🚗 3 🏠 1,156m<sup>2</sup>

**8 Areca Court, Tamborine Mtn \$1,394,000**

**"Skyhouse" could be your house!**

- The clever use of glass, corrugated iron, cantilevered deck and large horizontal windows make this home a stunner and unique
- Rear facing alfresco dining, unobstructed views
- Solar power and hot water, gas cooking
- Low maintenance gardens...a must see property

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**New Holiday Let - "Coastline"**

Two storey, modern spacious house  
3-bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, min 2 night stay.  
Terraced deck with BBQ.  
Beautiful garden and coastal views.  
Secure gate to property, 2 secure garages.  
Pamper yourselves and holiday in style!



**SALE** 🛏️ 4+2 🚿 2+1 🚗 3 🏠 5,031m<sup>2</sup>

**96-98 Old Coach Road, Tamborine**

- Great family home plus 2nd dwelling with 2 bedrooms, own entrance
- Fully fenced yard with side access to shed
- Covered entertainment patio overlooking large grassed yard for the kids and pets

**\$1,350,000 Neg**

**AGENTS:**  
Linda Hogan  
0414 300 558



**SALE** 🛏️ 4 🚿 2 🚗 4 🏠 4,005m<sup>2</sup>

**Romana Court, Tamborine Mountain**

Exciting time ahead...  
A warm welcome to Andrew, Andrea, Ava and Arlie to your new home.  
I wish you many happy, new memories in your home on the mountain.

**\$875,000 price drop**

**AGENTS:**  
Diane Pihl  
0424 653 316



**SALE** 🛏️ 4 🚿 2 🚗 2 🏠 1,065m<sup>2</sup>

**13 Maipu Court, Tamborine Mountain**

- A quiet spot to dine
- Single level home located in a cul-de-sac
- Two good sized living areas, central kitchen with family room
- Garden shed and small shade house

**\$950,000 Offers over**

**AGENTS:**  
Barry Chick  
0418 876 191



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