

Newsletter.....April, 2019

Gillion Pty. Ltd. (Power Pde).....commercial water extraction

This case is slowing winding up. Since an initial "show cause" notice was issued in 2008, followed by progression through three courts, a full decade passed before a final judgment was released on 5th October, 2018. The judge stated that the appellant failed to demonstrate that there is a planning need for another commercial water extraction facility on Tamborine Mountain.

Consequently Council, through its lawyers, Corrs Chambers Westgarth, filed for costs in early November. The matter was listed in court on 4th December, with the Orders setting out the timetable for exchange of documents by both sides to be effected in February. This has been done, with Q C's from both sides making lengthy submissions.

So far there has been no indication when a judgment will be made. So we are still waiting to see how Council fares and what costs (if any) will be awarded.

The draft Scenic Rim Planning Scheme

Following the public submission period during December last year, some 250 Tamborine Mountain residents voiced their opinions and concerns regarding the Plan as it affected this area. Currently all Councillors are sifting through all shire wide submissions to estimate the key issues residents have.

It is understood that the apparent key concerns raised by Tamborine Mountain submitters are environment, no more sub division, water, secondary housing and dual occupancy, in that order.

Council is currently busy with budget considerations, but no doubt they'll soon issue an amended Draft Plan for further community input.

Meanwhile, TMPA has been dissecting the Draft Plan with the aid of a dedicated town planner to establish exactly what it will deliver and the effect it will have on the mountain. Eventually we envision making one encompassing submission outlining any errors & pin pointing to sections which tend to lead to unsatisfactory outcomes.

TMPA will notify residents when the amended Draft Planning Scheme is available for comment.

Scout recycling bins at IGA

In conjunction with the Scout Recycling Centre, TMPA has initiated a recycling project which will benefit many of our local organizations. This entails the placement of bright orange bins in the IGA car park for the collection of certain containers. .

This recycling initiative (containers for change) applies **only to 10c refund labeled items.** (See attached) These items are not weighed - the money is paid per item. It is important to note that this is not general recycling.

The Tamborine Mountain Scout Group will be having their own drive to collect appropriate items for these bins. They will keep tally of their input so refunds on their items will be paid to the Scout Group.

All other monies collected will be distributed amongst various local organizations. So now is an opportunity to raise some funds for our energetic and hard working groups.

This dispersal of funds is not new to TMPA. Whilst it owned the Tamborine Mountain News, all surplus monies were distributed to local organizations. In earlier days, when the profits were larger, TMPA was able to initiate a variety of community benefits such as bursaries for students. With input from the community we should again be able to get out some urgently needed funds to our organizations.

Rare bird sightings on Tamborine Mountain

Tamborine Mountain is home to a large variety of birds. Not only that, many are here in large numbers - a delight for both residents and visitors alike. Whilst the sulphur crested white cockatoos tend to often out wear their welcome, most of our birds co-exist with us in a happy relationship. The keen bird group here is very active keeping tabs on our local populations, especially the amazing Alberts lyrebird.

We now have a new addition to add to the long list of birds that call Tamborine Mountain home. First sighted in 1867, Rawnsley's bower bird is a rare intergeneric hybrid between a satin bower bird and a regent bower bird. There have been only a few sightings since. Recently it has been sighted and photographed on properties either side of a devegetated block on Main Western Road. (*see attached*)

2019 annual subscriptions due

For those of you who haven't upgraded their membership, this is a gentle reminder that we depend on a solid formal membership. Whilst our support base is very large, we sometimes need to present the number of our paid members, e.g. in our court cases. Membership funds go towards minor admin expenses, including the necessary auditor as we are registered as a Community Purpose organization. BSB 484799, a/c no. 083817199. \$15 p.a. p.p..

Drive safely, & have a Happy Easter.

Jeanette