

## TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC.

### Newsletter .....August, 2014

**Power Parade, Gillion Pty. Ltd.**.....As mentioned in the last newsletter, Mrs. Gill has reapplied for a commercial water extraction business in leafy residential Power Parade. This is despite both her appeals, in the District Court as well as the Supreme Court being dismissed.

The Development Application presents nothing new and is based on “Economic Need”. (??) It contains incorrect information and misleading statements. A list of these is being forwarded to Council.

A planned meeting with Council cannot be arranged due to the submission of the Development Application. However, Council can accept the list of incorrect information etc. This includes the statement that no business is likely to be affected by the water extraction, in spite of all the well publicized problems the neighbouring nursery experienced due to depletion of its bore water. It was established in court that both properties were on the same aquifer.

The deliberate wastage of bore water on Mrs. Gill’s property and that she is yet to pay costs as prescribed by the court is also being pointed out to Council.

**Bateke Road, Pure Mountain Pty. Ltd.**.....No further news on this front. Anyone spotting water extraction on this site, please report this to Nigel or Nadia.

**Brisbane Exhibition**.....This long established yearly event draws huge crowds to the Agricultural Pavilion. By all accounts Scenic Rim had a very attractive display featuring products from the region, with a heavy accent on carrots (famously grown by the mayor). Tamborine Mountain was shown to produce rhubarb and bottled water !

In view of the mountain’s long running water problems, this presentation would have to be insensitive, to say the least.

Tamborine Mountain has a long history of agriculture. In 1933 Alec Kidd planted the first avocado and from this grew one of the main centres for growing avocados on the east coast. Thousands of trees were planted.

Today, many of the bigger farms are gone, but avocados are still harvested commercially and collectively sold at the markets. Tourists as well as locals frequent the many road side stalls for this fruit.

We have two very large kiwi fruit farms. How could these have been missed?

About ten years ago when Council lawyers fighting a development application asked TMPA for a list of what was commercially grown on the mountain, we came up with all sorts of things, including a snail farm servicing restaurants on the Gold coast.

No one bothered to look, but I guess we should be getting used to this by now.

**2014 AGM** This has loomed up on us again. All Executive positions and the Management Committee will be declared vacant and nominations are called to fill these positions.

The meeting will be held in the Historical Society's rooms in the Creative Arts Centre on Wongawallan Road as usual - 7.30 pm on 2nd September. Everyone welcome.

If you haven't checked out the website, there is some interesting history there – the Heritage listed Tamborine Mountain Road, our National Parks, plus not previously published details of the Hyacinth case, plus more..... [www.tamborinemountainprogressassociation.com](http://www.tamborinemountainprogressassociation.com)

Further information regarding the benefits of TMPA membership is on its website, at “contact us”.

We appreciate your continued support. Any active assistance would be most welcome.

Jeanette.