

The latest from Mt Tamborine Conference Centre

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7 - 10 January 2021
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1 - 5 April 2021
- **SALT Conference**
20-22 August 2021



Welcome Camp Tamborine to MTCC!

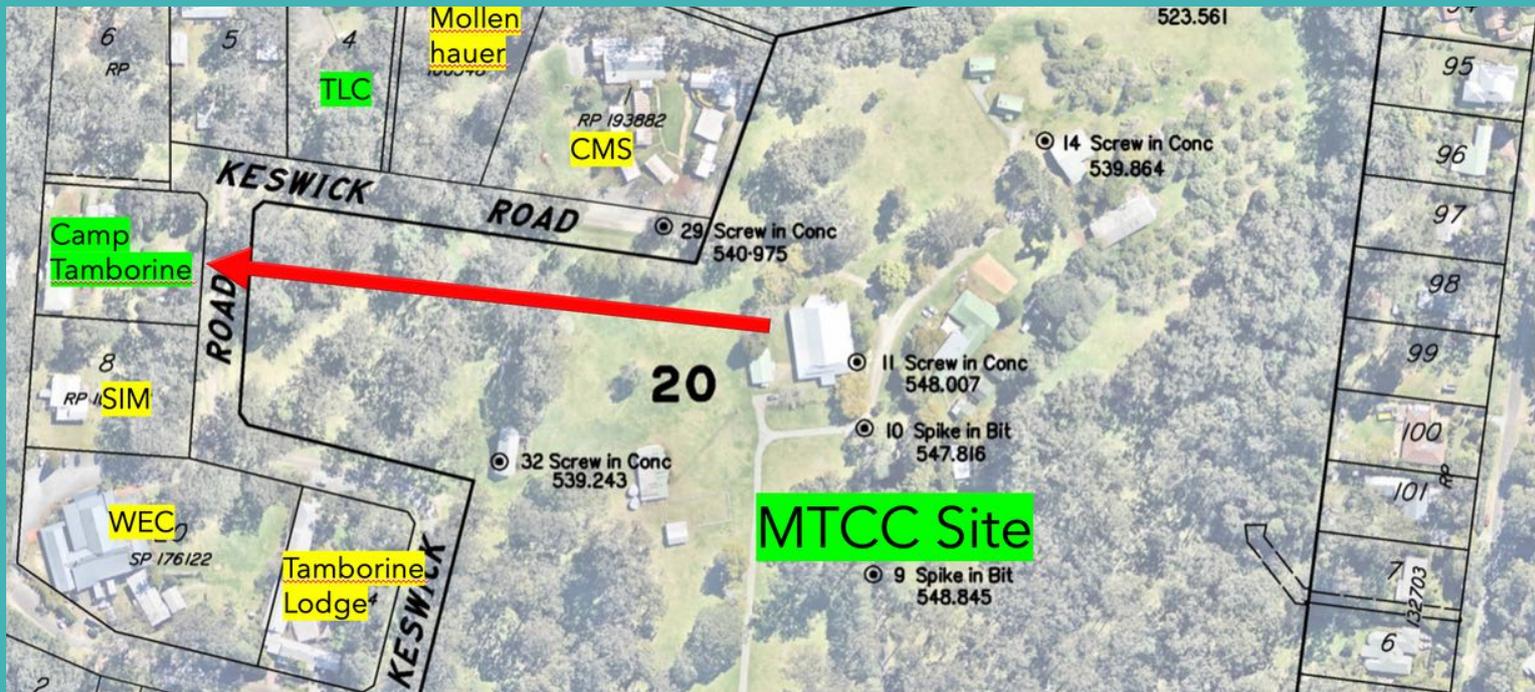
"For I am about to do something new. See, I have already begun! Do you not see it?" Isaiah 43:19 NIV

In our last newsletter, we asked you to pray with us regarding the acquisition of Camp Tamborine, part of the Keswick Road precinct here at Mt Tamborine. God answered your prayers and moved hundreds of His people across Australia to give towards keeping Camp Tamborine in safe Christian hands.

Settlement occurred Monday 30th November and now the recommissioning process commences. Read on to find out more about how prayers have been answered.....



Camp Tamborine Update



Camp Tamborine is located in the Keswick Road Precinct

"We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers."

1 Thessalonians 1:2 NIV

81 days of prayer, waiting in hope and now Camp Tamborine is secured for the future use of MTCC and associated missions represented here on the mountain. As at settlement a total of **\$584,869** had been received, leaving a shortfall of **\$165,131**. The generous and prayer answering offer of an interest free loan from a good friend of the Convention was agreed to by the Mount Tamborine Convention Membership, and allowed the the purchase to proceed.

Raising awareness and remaining funds to pay back the loan as soon as possible will continue, with attention now turning towards the recommissioning process. Sitting idle since February, there is lots to be done in order to ready Camp Tamborine to welcome its first guests, especially the kitchen which has to be approved and licensed by Scenic Rim Council prior to use.

We are working on a plan for epoxy flooring (a generous gift has covered this need), stainless steel open shelving (\$800), pantry shelving (\$650) and new cabinetry/stainless steel bench (approx. \$6,000). The cold room and dishwasher also need a service at \$265 each.

Part of the recommissioning requires refurbishing the dining room, meeting room and hallways in the downstairs of each building, which means levelling floor tiles, creating entry/exit points for disabled access and installing commercial grade flooring with a 15 year warranty at \$18,500. This will greatly enhance and improve the amenity of both buildings.

Please pray that support will come forward to help with these expenses.

You can now book Camp Tamborine for your next retreat or camp by contacting the MTCC office on 07 5545 1419 or bookings@mtcc.org.au

Who is Dan Paterson?

We are looking forward to hearing from Dan at Easter Convention in April and SALT Conference in August

Dan is a former speaker with Ravi Zacharias International Ministries (RZIM) and the current founder of Questioning Christianity. After serving as an ordained Baptist pastor for 7 years, and after working at Malyon College leading the Traverse Centre and lecturing in apologetics, Dan joined the team of RZIM in 2015. He has spoken regularly to audiences across the belief spectrum on how the gospel connects to life's biggest questions, and on the popular objections to the Christian Faith. He is married to Erin, and with three young sons, Dan loves reading, coffee, movies, the outdoors, and Australian Rules Football.



Blessing Our Community

Did you know that events at MTCC contribute significant funds to the local Mt Tamborine Community?

During Mission Matters, Sue & Frank were busy behind the scenes blessing our Mt Tamborine community. Concerned for those local businesses that have suffered with the lack of tourists and events due to Covid19, they set out to give back on behalf of MTCC. Here is their story...



Well we arrived home safely after a wonderful weekend at Mission Matters. I'm sure you were exhausted like us. Just thought I'd give you a summary of who we were able to meet and bless....

We saw in person and gave chocolates and a card to the following people and places:

- 1. Mark from the Tamborine Diner.** *I told him he had given me the idea in the first place to give out the gifts. He was pretty busy at the time but we still had a small chat and he was so thankful.*
- 2. Marcus from Burro (great Mexican)** *Had a great chat to him and he was really thankful for the gift.*
- 3. Kevin from Tamborine Takeaway Fish'n'chips shop.** *He said he would pass the chocolates and note on to his boss and was very grateful.*
- 4. Michael from Villa Della Rosa Bed & Breakfast.** *We had a long chat to him and he was happy to accept the gift and loves having people from MTCC stay with them.*
- 5. Ashleigh from the local coffee shop.** *She was really surprised and visibly happy to receive the gift. We left the note and chocolates for Clive at Avocado Sunset (visited twice but nobody was around) and at the Bakery (it was shut by the time we got there).*

Now Frank and I have some more nice eating and accommodation places we can visit sometime!

Sue and Frank Sanders

On Site...



The Auditorium has been cleaned and the interior repainted to look fresh and neat. New notice boards finish the makeover. Many thanks to Lloyd & Bruce for all your hard work!



The Chalets



The exterior of the Chalets have been repainted externally to complete their upgrade and look great!

Don't forget that the Chalets are available year round for your couple, family or small group retreat. Contact the Office to book your Chalet stay or to discuss your next event on the mountain. Call us on 07 5545 1419 or bookings@mtcc.org.au.



Office update

Next time you contact the office, say hello and welcome Valmae Dunlea who has recently joined the MTCC team.

Many of you will know Valmae as Gerhard Bargaen's daughter. Valmae is in the office Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings helping out whilst Vivien undertakes Chemotherapy over the next several months.

Please continue to keep Vivien in your prayers as she faces this health challenge.



Vivien Barton & Valmae Dunlea

Senior's Get-Away 2020 Review

The Seventh Annual Seniors' Get-Away Convention finished on a high note, singing "Wonderful Grace of Jesus" as part of the official closing. So many have commented that each year's Get-Away seems better than the year before. This year 268 people were registered in all, and about another 15 joined us for a day or two, all run in a COVIDSafe manner.

Rodney Cripps, lead pastor of Sippy Downs Community Church, and Bill Forward, teacher at Faith Community Church Buderim, challenged and encouraged all of us. Their messages fit together so well, and focused on living so close to the Lord that each of our lives is "about God, and not about me". This encourages and helps us to grow an Eternal mindset, rather than the Temporal one we so easily absorb, living in today's secular culture. We all need our lives restored to that position of trusting and obeying the God who created us, and loves us.

The fellowship always includes meeting up with friends unseen for 40-50 plus years. Special times. The singing continues to be robust, mostly the older hymns precious to the older part of this age group. The "younger seniors" enjoy those hymns, but mostly appreciate some of the newer ones they are more familiar with. So it is a joyful challenge in planning future programs!

According to the Evaluation Sheets, "a wonderful time was had by all", plus a few good suggestions. Handrails in showers Extra lighting outdoors at night etc. The many improvements on the property were noted and appreciated by all. Thank you, volunteers, who came to work alongside Phil, Peter and the rest of the team here.

If you are 60 or over mark your diary now for the 2021 SGA schooled for Nov 11 - Nov 14

Love to see you then.

Jim & Grace Vine



Thank you to all our wonderful speakers, volunteers, performers and attendees

Meet the Board

A food technologist and somewhat self confessed 'frustrated engineer', Ken Grice brings an exciting dimension to the MTC Board!



Ken Grice



What motivated you to join the Board of Mount Tamborine Convention?

I first came to MTC over 45 years ago. It has been an important part of my spiritual journey and I want to see the ministry continue well into the future. Many people have been challenged and blessed while spending time in this special place and that needs to continue.

Please tell us a little bit about yourself...

I am a retired food technologist who has worked in technical and general management roles in the food industry. I am very happily married to Marilyn my wonderful wife and am blessed to have four married adult children together with nine grandchildren that keep us busy. I am an elder at the Albion Baptist Church.

What do you find most enjoyable about being on the Mount Tamborine Convention Board?

Being involved with a group of people who make the MTC focus of "All One in Christ Jesus" come to life.

How do you ensure decisions made by the Board are grounded in good governance?

I am currently a Board Companion not a Board member yet. This means that I am still learning and am not part of the direct decision making process. I think that this is an important strategy that allows prospective board members to travel with and learn from the more experienced board members before taking the final step of nominating for a board position. Working on adhoc and standing committees during this time also helps me to grow in my knowledge of MTC governance.

What do you hope to achieve whilst on the Board?

To see MTC grow and be a blessing to many others under God.

What's your best career advice?

It is your attitude not your aptitude that will determine your altitude in life.

What's your favourite book, blog or podcast and why?

The Saving Life of Christ by Major W Ian Thomas. Major W Ian Thomas spoke at my first MTC Easter Convention. I heard a message that has stayed with me all my life. One quote referring to living the Christian life revolutionised my thinking. He said "You can't; He never said you could; but He can and always said He would." Galatians 2 :20 NIV.

Alive in Christ by Charles Price (who has spoken at MTCC several times)

Blog / Podcast / Youtube: Ravi Zacharias - One of the best Christian Apologetic Teachers I have heard.

Ken leads the MTC Resource Development Committee and was integral in the acquisition process of Camp Tamborine, especially with the various building and engineering assesments.

What's coming up at MTCC in 2021

EVENT	DATE
SUMMER MELT – CMS Youth Camp	7 – 10 Jan 2021
MTCC Family Picnic	26 – 28 Feb 2021
Easter Convention 2021	1 – 5 Apr 2021
SALT Conference - Apologetics	20 – 22 Aug 2021
Men at the Mountain	17 – 19 Sep 2021
CWCI Convention	15 – 17 Oct 2021
2020 Seniors' Get-Away	11 – 14 Nov 2021

Find out more at www.mtcc.org.au

Easter Convention 2021



Registrations open
18th January
mtcc.org.au



"These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith — of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire — may result in praise, glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed." 1 Peter 1:7 NIV.

We are looking forward to 2021 and gathering again for MTCC Easter Convention.

The theme, **"Forging our Faith"** looks to investigate how our great God shapes and refines our faith to become more like Jesus. Join us as we hear from Rev Dr. Gary Millar and Dan Paterson and as we gather together to praise our faithful God.

Find out more about our speakers at <https://www.mtcc.org.au/events/easter-convention/>



Coming soon...



more details can be found
on our website
www.mtcc.org.au



Join us as we celebrate the official recommissioning of Camp Tamborine. Come along and enjoy the beauty of the site, have a picnic or stay the night.

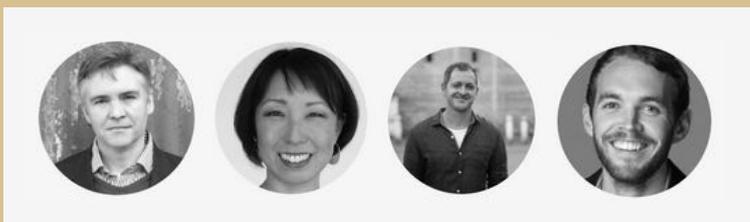


More details will be released soon, but make sure you mark these dates in your calendar.

The MTC Board will be cooking a 'gourmet meal' for all who contributed towards the Camp Tamborine acquisition. Numbers limited for this very special occasion.

SALT Conference

'Being Human'



Keep an eye out for videos featuring our SALT speakers. Coming soon to SALT facebook and Instagram pages.



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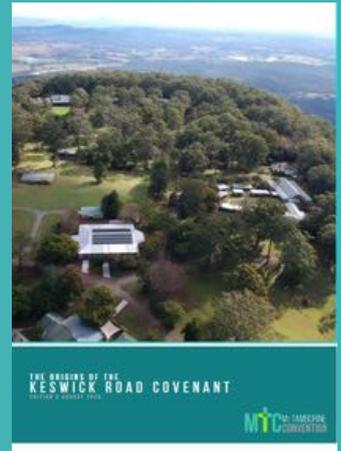
Resources

Find Easter 2020 messages
Origins of the Keswick Road Covenants
Discovery Walk and much more at

mtcc.org.au



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Covid SAFE update



MTCC operates under three industry plans, Accommodation, Stadiums and Outdoor Education and takes our responsibilities under these plans very seriously.

Directions for the lawful operation of businesses with COVID Safe plans remains unchanged.

MTCC is closely monitoring updates from Qld Health and should the situation change, updates will be available at mtcc.org.au

To keep safe we expect that you **follow** the current government recommendations which include

- Don't attend events if you are unwell
- Practice Social Distancing as expected
- Wash/Sanitise your hands regularly
- Cough into a tissue or your elbow
- Take your temperature on entry
- Fill in your contact tracing details