

THE LATEST NEWS AND EVENTS FROM

MT Tamborine Conference Centre

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UPCOMING EVENTS:



SENIORS' PLUS ENCORE, 22-23 AUG 1.



Y CONFERENCE 30 SEP - 2 OCT 2.



WOMEN'S CONVENTION 20-22 OCT 3.



SENIORS' GET-AWAY 9-12 NOV 4.

OUR VISION IS TO SEE MOUNT TAMBORINE CONVENTION WIDELY RECOGNISED FOR
TRUSTED BIBLE TEACHING,
meaningful and relevant for today's world.



PANORAMA REDEVELOPMENT Project

We are excited to share with you a meaningful and purpose-driven initiative at Mt Tamborine Conference Centre (MTCC). We have embarked on a journey to replace some of our campsite buildings dating back to the 1950s with modern accommodations, specifically Panorama Homestead. This endeavour is driven by our desire to ensure compliance with current disability standards and to meet the expectations of our patrons in a manner that reflects Christ's love and compassion.

Since July 2022, we have been diligently planning and seeking counsel from Scenic Rim Council's planning officers, stakeholders and Mount Tamborine Convention (MTC) members, embracing their valuable insights. Our primary aim is to create an environment that is accessible and welcoming to people of all abilities, offering a warm atmosphere where everyone can feel cherished and appreciated.

Our prayerful intention is to enhance the experience of our patrons, allowing them to savour the natural beauty of the forested areas that grace our site. We believe that by offering this enhanced experience, we can share God's love through the wonders of His creation.



We express our thanks for your faithful prayers as we navigate the transformative journey of this project. Behind the scenes, God's hand has been evident, guiding us in every step of the way. It is our privilege to share with you the remarkable progress we have witnessed.

Following the insights gained from the community consultation in late May and the AGM update to Members in early June, we embarked on a journey with Tamborine Mountain Landcare and A Rocha Australia, a Christian Conservation Network (<https://australia.arocha.org>). Together, we seek to honour God by preserving and enhancing the Koala corridor and other spaces on our property. These spaces are at the heart of our ongoing planning as we strive to be faithful stewards of God's creation.

Next, we sought wisdom from experts in the field of wastewater treatment. Though it may seem unconventional to start with this aspect, we recognise it as one of the crucial challenges we must overcome. We ask for your prayers as we engage with specialists for soil testing and seek recommendations for treatment. Given the volume of wastewater and effluent generated during our events, we need to involve the Department of Environment & Science (DES), and it is essential that we understand their requirements.

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A NOTE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Bill Vine

Dear Friends,

Mount Tamborine Convention (MTC), now trading as Mt Tamborine Conference Centre and Mount Tamborine Christian Convention (MTCC), is experiencing numerous significant positive developments. The MTC Board is unwavering in its commitment to the Panorama Redevelopment Project. The significant steps taken in preparation for a Development Application are detailed in this newsletter, marking an exciting phase for the Convention. The objective is to establish an enriched setting and accommodation, ensuring the continuity of Bible teaching events and conferences for years to come.

Notably, Board members recently participated in the annual CMA ([Christian Ministry Advancement](#)) Conference held in Brisbane. This event brought together over 400 Christian ministry leaders from across the nation. The attendees engaged with keynote speakers and delved into emerging concerns affecting the Christian non-profit and charity sectors.

Consistently dedicated to delivering outstanding speakers for our events, we are thrilled to welcome back [Stephen Gaukroger](#) to MTCC. Stephen, a previous speaker at MTCC Easter Convention, will serve as the keynote speaker for the Seniors' Get-Away (SGA) event scheduled for November. I enthusiastically recommend SGA to you, particularly as this year's event commemorates its 10th anniversary.

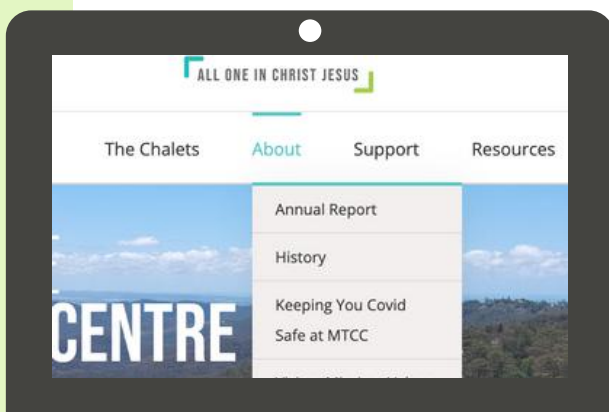
Lastly, I encourage you to peruse the MTC annual report, providing an encompassing view of the organisation, its events, and activities throughout 2022.

The Board extends its heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering and prayerful backing of this significant ministry.

-Bill Vine,
CHAIR OF MTC



DO YOU EVER LIE AWAKE AT NIGHT,
PONDERING WHAT EVERYONE'S BEEN UP TO ON THE
GOVERNANCE TEAM OF MTC?
YES, SO DOES BILL.
WE HAVE A SOLUTION:
READ THE ANNUAL REPORT!



Reading the Annual Report is a great way to show your ongoing support and appreciation for the MTC team and the many hours of work that go into helping MTC sustain the Christ-centred legacy it's had for decades. To find the document, head to the website www.mtcc.org.au, then click on 'About' and select 'Annual Report'.

CWCI Women's Convention



MT TAMBORINE WOMEN'S CONVENTION
20 - 22 October 2023

COMPLETE IN CHRIST

A CLOSER LOOK AT COLOSSIANS



A BIBLE TEACHING WEEKEND WITH SPEAKERS BETH ALLISON AND JENNIE BADDELEY

*You also are complete through your union with Christ,
who is the head over every ruler and authority. Colossians 2:10 (NLT)*

SENIORS' GET-AWAY Celebrating 10 years!

Mt Tamborine Conference Centre presents

2023 Seniors' Get-Away 9-12 Nov



SCAN ME

Stephen Gaukroger

International Convention Speaker &
popular Bible expositor

A Letter to my Younger Self



A NOTE FROM GREG AND JILL

"God's touch on our lives has been so real. The words of an old chorus is our experience as we've attended MTC events over the last 40 years:

To get a touch from the Lord is so real

To get a touch from the Lord is so real

If you draw nigh to Him, He will draw nigh to you

To get a touch from the Lord is so real

Our family of 7 often attended many youth camps & Easter Conventions at MTC, and we've loved meeting with

God by listening to quality biblical teaching and interacting with like-minded believers. That stage of "family responsibility" is past. But Jill and I still enjoy the same sense of God's presence and peace as together, we go to conventions and in particular, Seniors Get Away. It's been a real buzz to re-connect with people we met in years past at SGA.

We're again expecting a full house at this November's camp. Come and share in the exciting program that's been planned."



- Greg and Jill Peacock,
Seniors' Get-Away Committee Chairs



WHAT'S ON AT MTCC?

Is God calling?

WELCOME TO OUR TEAM!



Jack & Trudi

At the end of Easter Convention 2023 we put a call out for new Caretakers to live onsite at MTCC. Little did we know that God tapped Jack and Trudi Visser on the shoulder and they answered the call to be our new onsite Caretakers. Many of you will know Jack & Trudi who attend many events at MTCC and have done so for many years. Jack, whose background is a builder, will be kept very busy attending to all sorts of projects across the site. When Camp Tamborine was owned by the Presbyterian Church of Queensland, Jack built the cover over the outside deck. Trudi helps to get the chalets ready for you to enjoy.

Both Jack & Trudi have been involved with Brisbane South Emmaus, which has a long association with Camp Tamborine and MTCC. They love the ministry that Emmaus brings.

Over many years this amazing couple have supported mission activities in the Solomon Islands, and at one stage lived there. Jack will soon head back to help build a Dentist hospital.

Next time you're onsite, say G-Day!

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CONFERENCE CENTRE

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at mtcc.org.au
07 5545 1419 or
bookings@mtcc.org.au

ALL ONE IN CHRIST JESUS



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JAN 4-10 2024

MTCC

SENIORS PLUS

FEB 23-26 2024

MTCC

EASTER CONVENTION 2024

MAR 28-APR 1 2024

PARTNER

MISSION Matters

JUN 7-9 2024

MTCC

SENIORS' GET-AWAY 2024

NOV 7-10 2024

MTCC

RETREAT REFRESH RENEW

THE CHALETs @ MTCC

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PANORAMA REDEVELOPMENT Project cont.

We are delighted to share the encouraging news that our prayers have been answered through fruitful communication with the Scenic Rim Regional Council. The concerns raised during our previous meeting in January have been addressed, and the council have reviewed the changes, expressing their contentment for us to continue. Another answer to prayer!

I have some incredibly exciting news with you. You may be aware that one of the challenges of working towards a Development Application is obtaining expert reports and opinions. This is a considerable cost, and in our case we estimate around \$187,000.

One of our dedicated MTC members has graciously offered an interest-free loan of \$150,000 towards the Panorama Redevelopment project. This remarkable act of generosity allows us to progress with obtaining expert reports and opinions necessary to progress towards the development application, while simultaneously continuing our fundraising efforts to repay the loan. To date, we have raised \$35,000, and we are deeply thankful for the support we have received. On page 9, you will find details on how you can contribute to the Panorama Redevelopment project.



MORNING TEA BEING SERVED AT THE PARTIALLY FINISHED PANORAMA HOMESTEAD, CIRCA 1960.

Every single dollar given towards a project at MTC is fully dedicated to that purpose. We do not deduct any fees or charges from your donations. The day-to-day operations of MTCC are sustained through the revenue generated by retreats and events.

We firmly believe that this project is more than just a physical transformation. It is an opportunity for us to extend Christ's love and kindness, creating spaces that embody the warmth and acceptance found in His teachings. Through this undertaking, we hope to exemplify the values of our faith and provide a haven where all who visit can feel the presence of God's grace.

As we embark on this journey, we ask for your prayers and support. We trust that with God's guidance and your encouragement, we can accomplish this endeavour in a manner that brings glory to His name and blesses the lives of those we serve.

We look forward to bringing you further updates!



PANORAMA REDEVELOPMENT

How to Contribute

Here are some ways which you can help to support Panorama Redevelopment Project:

Commit to prayer how you can support this amazing ministry potential to provide accommodation relevant for the future; talk with your friends and people you know who have experienced MTCC before and know how important the precinct is

Direct deposit to our special bank account (regular or one off gift):

Westpac BSB 034 204 Account 331130
(use your first/last names as a reference)

Credit card: See one of the friendly MTCC team or -
Click on the 'Support Us' button on the MTCC home page and look for 'Donate' and follow the instructions, alternatively call during office hours, Monday - Friday 8:30am to 4:30pm, on 07 5545 1419

Cheques:
Addressed to Mount Tamborine Convention, PO Box 38, North Tamborine, Qld 4272, noting 'Panorama Redevelopment'

BY CONTRIBUTING FINANCIALLY AND/OR PRAYERFULLY, YOU'RE BEING A PART OF THE MTCC LEGACY, PROMOTING QUALITY BIBLE TEACHING FOR GENERATIONS TO COME.

Thank You!

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PANORAMA ACCOMMODATION NESTLED WITHIN THE LANDSCAPE



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PANORAMA ACCOMMODATION | TYPICAL SECTION



TYPE B | ACCOMMODATION

TYPE C | ACCOMMODATION

TYPE D | ACCOMMODATION



GET TO KNOW OUR EASTER CONVENTION Keynote Speakers for 2024



DAN IS AN OLD TESTAMENT LECTURER AT MOORE THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE. HE LOVES SEEING PEOPLE GROW IN THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF AND PASSION FOR JESUS, AND LOVES BEING INVOLVED IN TRAINING PEOPLE TO SERVE GOD IN THE WORLD.

Rev Dr Dan Wu

Tell us a bit about your family?

I'm married to Chrissie, and we have 3 boys: Liam (16), Archie (12), and Harry (10).

What's your favourite thing about being a husband/dad?

My favourite thing about being a husband is having a wonderful wife to walk through life's triumphs and tragedies together, who keeps pointing me to God's love in everything!

My favourite thing about being a dad is watching my boys grow into men, even if it means they become better at sport than me! In God's kindness they each also walk with Him, which is a great joy.

What bible character would you most like to meet, and why?

I'd like to meet the OT prophet Daniel, because I'm named after him, and also because he had such courage in standing firm for God in the most difficult trials and persecutions, and was blessed with amazing experiences of God's goodness and protection - imagine a night shut in a lion's den!

Who is your favourite author right now, and why?

I have lots of favourite authors, but one is actually my colleague at Moore College, Paul Grimmond. He's written some really great books on important topics like mental health, dating and relationships, in a way that's clear and easy to read, biblically faithful, and just so grounded in practical application. A pleasure to read, and really helpful in my real life as a Christian.

What is your favourite part about your job right now, and why?

My favourite part about my job is that I get time and space to think hard and deep about the Bible, and share it with my colleagues and students to help prepare them to serve God's people in the world as pastors and teachers.

What is your favourite song to blast in the car at the moment?

I really like Coldplay, but I also have a secret love for power ballad rock songs (I guess it's not so secret any more...), so sometimes I crack out Aerosmith's I Don't Wanna Miss a Thing or Guns n' Roses Sweet Child O' Mine. Christian song-wise, my favourite at the moment is a doom-folk version of the hymn There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood.



PETE IS THE AFES CAMPUS DIRECTOR AT DEAKIN UNIVERSITY, AND HAS BEEN INVOLVED WITH MINISTRY TRAINING SCHEME (MTS) FOR OVER 20 YEARS.

Pete Sorrenson

Tell us a bit about your family?

I've been married to Erica 23 years. She is a model to me of Christ-like hospitality and love for neighbour. We have four teenage 'children' - and still can't work out where the time went!

What's your favourite thing about being a dad?

I'm not sure how to name one 'favourite' thing. Such pressure! Some favourite things about being dad... seeing the kids grow and grow up (and especially into Christ), enjoying their love of one another (while not pretending that's always easy to see), and being used by God to point them to Jesus (even if in broken, inadequate, jars-of-clay kind of way).

Have you been to Mt Tamborine, and what are you looking forward to the most about Easter Convention?

I haven't been to Mt Tambourine - but look forward to being there in 2024. At Easter Convention 2024, I'm looking forward to hearing from God in His word together and encouraging one another in Christ.

What is your favourite part about your job right now, and why?

I love having a ring side seat to God's work on campus. Seeing the courage of Christian Uni students as they love the campus with the great news of Jesus. And seeing students investigate Jesus, some for the very first time, as they hear and read God's word.

What is your favourite song to blast in the car at the moment?

One of my teenage kids recently made a Spotify playlist called 'Dad's Playlist'. I only recently discovered it! I won't say every song its a personal favourite... but over-all she's done pretty well. I'm enjoying that at the moment. (Though I should say... not nearly as much as hearing that same teenager play the piano. I'd choose that any day. Just a bit hard to fit the piano in the car... :)



Add January 1st to your calendar, as that's when Easter Convention registration opens!

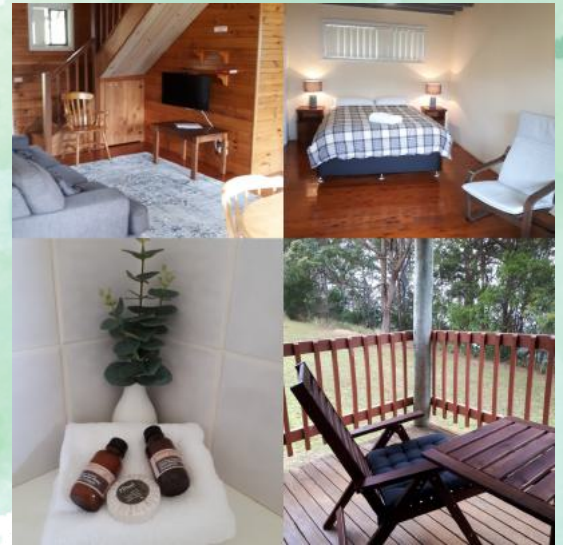


JUST IMAGINE IT, Springtime in the MTC Chalets...

Our fully contained chalets comfortably sleep 4 persons (1 Queen & 2 Singles) with the option of a pull out sofa-bed for an additional 2 persons (fees may apply).

All linen is provided.

If sipping a Nespresso pod coffee over your morning devotionals, with the sound of the fire crackling in the background and the occasional kookaburra visit isn't enough to tempt you into booking this Spring, check out what else the mountain has to offer this time of year!



TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN BOTANIC GARDENS

1 What better way to de-stress and spend quality time with loved ones than by surrounding yourself with our Lord's Creation. Stroll through beautiful gardens and bush trails, and watch the native flora and fauna interact. These gardens are perfect for a romantic picnic, and also have so much for kids including a Snow White adventure trail through the rainforest.



CEDAR CREEK ESTATE VINEYARD AND WINERY

2 Springtime is regarded as the best time for wine tastings...the weather is warmer, there's more live music to enjoy in outdoor seating, and a wide selection of fresh and aged cheeses. At just \$10 for a wine tasting session...do I need to say more?



THUNDERBIRD PARK

3 Thunderbird Park is known for its treetop high ropes course and zipline, but it has a huge variety of onsite adventures, including animal experiences and mini golf. There are bush walks, natural rock pools and fabulous food at the Terrace Kiosk or in the onsite Rainforest Restaurant.



In addition, choosing to stay at the MTC Chalets is a great way to support our ministry and create revenue for the future ventures of the Mt Tamborine Convention Centre. Don't forget that the Chalets are available year round for your couple, family or small group retreat. Contact the office at bookings@mtcc.org.au to book your Chalet stay or to discuss your next event on the mountain! There are also Chalet vouchers available if you'd like to surprise someone with the gift of a well-deserved mountain-top retreat.

Price per chalet for up to 4 guests, including linen:

- 2 nights \$365.00
- 3 nights \$470.00
- 4 nights \$600.00



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Whether you are organising a camp for church, retreat for young adults, weekend for aspiring missionaries, or a getaway for youth group - you are passionate enough about your people that you'll run an event for them. It's good that you're passionate - because you'll need that passion to wade through the mountain of logistics that threaten to turn your dream event into a nightmare. Running an event can be a complex and stressful endeavour, but it doesn't have to be if you have reliable people who take care of the nitty gritty so you can focus on the big picture.

That's how Queensland Christian Event Collective (QCE Collective) got started - we are a diverse collective of passionate Christian event vendors who are committed to making your dream event easy to run. One of our specialities is sound, projection, and lighting. For your next event, instead of asking: "where are we going to find microphones?" or "who knows how to operate a sound desk?", instead just contact QCE Collective where our expert team can make event tech a breeze.

We have years of experience running tech at MTCC, in fact - it's where the company got started! Make your next event at MTCC really special by investing in the expertise of people who know the tech at MTCC better than you know the back of your hand.



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John Board
DIRECTOR OF QCE COLLECTIVE

FURTHER RESOURCES



Find encouraging Easter '23 podcasts, Discovery Walk information, the Annual Report, ways to support the ongoing ministry of MTCC including the Panorama Redevelopment and much more at:

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Thank You for journeying with us here at MTCC!