

THE LATEST NEWS AND EVENTS FROM

# Mt Tamborine Conference Centre

[ AUTUMN NEWSLETTER '24 ]

OUR VISION IS TO SEE MOUNT TAMBORINE CONVENTION EVEN MORE WIDELY RECOGNISED FOR TRUSTED BIBLE TEACHING,  
*relevant AND meaningful* FOR TODAY'S WORLD.

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Camp

# Easter Convention

[ HE IS *risen* INDEED! ]



What a privilege it has been for us to be part of an Easter weekend which has so beautifully pointed us to the Good News of Jesus Christ and knowing Him as the only One who is worthy of being followed. We have been truly blessed by the teaching of Pete Sorrenson and Dan Wu who have brought alive the books of 1 Kings and Proverbs and enabled us to see not only how practical and relevant these passages are to our lives but also how thoughtfully they conceal and reveal the Gospel of Christ.

The many elements of our Easter program from Kingdom Kids, Primary, Youth, Young Adults, electives to the Hymn Sing, Brown Book Revival, Bush Dance, Bonfire not to mention the fellowship that we have shared have powerfully put the spot light on the great truth that Jesus is the Light of the World and that those who follow Him will never walk in darkness but have the Light of Life.

As we return home, it is good to digest what we have learned and to reflect on the ways that God has challenged us through His word. We have been encouraged in our walk with Jesus and have been equipped and empowered so that we might serve Jesus in our homes, our churches, our workplaces our schools and our universities.

- *Graham Cole*

EASTER COMMITTEE CHAIR





# The Manliest Convention of Them All...

THE GATHERING  
MT TAMBORINE

presents...

mtcc  
  
MEN'S  
CONVENTION  
2024



**CARL BEECH** | **STEVE MARTIN** | **DAVE ALLAN**  
CHRISTIAN VISION FOR MEN (UK) | BIBLE TEACHER

With music by guest musician:

## MICHAEL SCHMIDT

### Tell us a bit about yourself and family?

Married to my precious and gorgeous wife Jenny, adore and am very proud of my four eximious children, three of whom are married to admirable and delightful spouses with two and a half gorgeous grandchildren!

### Tell us a bit about your musical history?

Music has been a strong engagement since I was six years of age and continues to be a great engagement as a quinquagenarian.

### What do you enjoy the most about playing music?

Bringing a sense of joy to others and a relaxation for myself, all to the glory of God.

### If Ed Sherran called you tonight and asked you to collab with him on his next single, titled "Putting the La in YataLa Pies", what would you say?

"Thinking out Loud", "Don't", for who knows whether this has already been done. But then again "What do I know?" Additionally, given that pies go straight into your "Bloodstream", creating "Bad Habits" until "I'm a Mess", I'd rather stay clear of that kind of collaboration in order to "Save Myself". But then again... "What do I know?"

### Who has influenced your musical style the most, and why?

In the early years the music of the 50's, 60's and now Country Gospel music

### What are you looking forward to the most about Men's Convention?

Food, Fun and Fellowship!

I'm looking forward to the men's convention coming up on the 17th-19th May 2024. There is a real need for men to get together and to spur each other on to deeper and richer lives of grace and influence. Unfortunately, when men move into adulthood and take on responsibilities with work and family, they tend to isolate themselves from one another. It doesn't take long before the male ego convinces itself that we don't need others. Yet God simply hasn't wired us for isolation. On the contrary, he has created us for community where trusted relationships stimulate vulnerability as a part of producing true transformation. There is so much value in collective wisdom that can be gained from one another as we share life, especially around the Word of God where in Christ are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. So, let's make the effort to put ourselves out there, because that is often the biggest part of the challenge. I know when we do the effort is always worth it.

- Dave Allan

LIFE COACH AND BIBLE TEACHER



Come on guys, don't leave it to the last minute to book, REGISTER RIGHT NOW at:  
<https://www.mtcc.org.au/events/the-gathering-mt-tamborine-mens-convention/>  
Day registrations available as well!



# A Tornado at Tamborine?! [ THE *recovery* FROM THE DECEMBER STORMS ]



The Christmas night storm left all the residents at MTCC without power for quite a few days. Peter Witten, Jack & Trudi Visser and Ken Cairns assisted with the cleanup effort of the campground to prepare for CMS Summer School, which sadly had to be cancelled. They were helped by Green Skips and Dave Pearson who kept delivering skips, helping with the loading, and cutting up the fallen timber with chainsaws. Peter and Joel continued to work with Dave in the weeks following, removing an amazing amount of timber. Finally, Eden Trees came in with a 20-metre cherry picker to remove some of the higher dead branches and hangers.

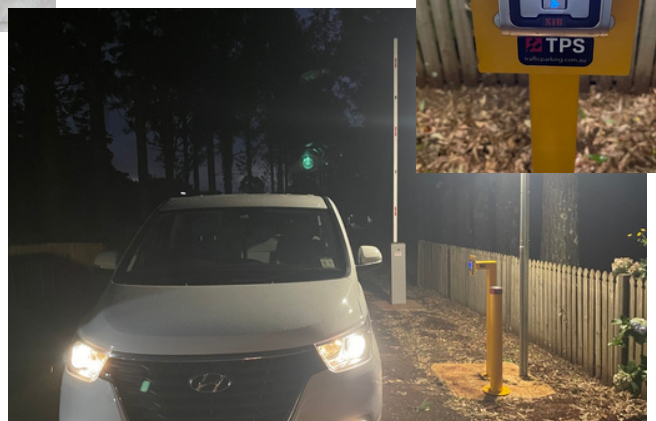


**“DON'T TRY THIS  
AT HOME, KIDS!”**

## Increased Security [ FOR OUR *guests* ]



Ross found a grant for securing faith-based places and asked Joel to organise quotes for items that will help increase the security of MTCC. We applied for the grant with a view to add security cameras, a boom gate at the front, and an upgrade to the campground lighting with new LED lights. Thankfully, MTCC was successful, and work has now been completed on the boom gate and security cameras with the campground lighting to be changed over beginning in July.





# Grounds Update: *Tamborine Life Centre*

In the last newsletter we were introducing the subject of an internal staircase for TLC, as well as internal bathrooms.

Now...we can safely say that Jack, Bert and team are the jolly-best chippies / plumbers in QLD(!) not only did they get the job done beautifully, but it was also completed the MORNING OF Easter Convention...meaning the lucky people at TLC got to enjoy these fresh facilities for the convention.

The renovations at TLC began in October 2023. The plans were drawn up by Bert Van Lieshout. Bert worked on the stairs at home and brought all the parts and fitted them in quickly after cutting the hole in the floor upstairs. The men's bathroom was then demolished back to the studs and then refitted with all new plumbing, tiles, showers, toilets, hand basins and countertops. Bert had help from Jack Visser, Norm and Christine Turtle, Ken Cairns, Peter Witten, and Joel Prange. Moreover, during this time, the outside was given a fresh paint job courtesy of Cyrus Muradi and his brother. The ladies' bathroom was next and was finished just before Easter. This time it was mainly Jack and Bert working on the bathrooms with a hand from all those mentioned above. Also, Bert had the help of his wife Irma - she was doing all the finishing touches on the paint. The bathrooms and stairs are a welcome change for all those guests staying at this venue.

As you can see in these photos, TLC boasts a mesmerising easterly view of the hinterland and distant Gold Coast high-rises, meaning it gets some of the most stunning sunrises on Mt Tamborine. Now, thanks to our hard-working team, it is a much more accessible accomodation for guests, with internal facilities meaning they don't have to venture outdoors at night!



*We are grateful to God for our  
hard-working volunteers and  
their gifts!*



# Upcoming Events

[ A celebration OF 65 YEARS OF BIBLE-TEACHING MINISTRY! ]

Come celebrate with us 65 years of Bible Teaching at Mt Tamborine. There's plenty of time to catch up with friends, remember the great Bible teachers of the past and celebrate the new emerging teachers. This weekend will also hold our Annual General Meeting, on Saturday morning the 1st of June at 9:30 AM. Please come along and show your support for the exciting things happening at the Mt Tamborine Convention Centre.

## Details

### Location:

237 Beacon Road

### Accommodation:

Panorama & Campground

### Accommodation Cost:

\$20p/n Panorama

\$10p/n Campground

### Meals Cost:

\$15 per person, per meal

## Schedule

### FRIDAY

**3:00 PM** Arrive and settle in

**6:00 PM** Dinner

**7:30 PM** Official welcome and hymn sing

**9:00 PM** Supper

### SATURDAY

**8:00 AM** Breakfast

**9:30 AM** AGM

**12:00 PM** Celebration lunch (with cake!)

**2:30 PM** Free time

**6:00 PM** Dinner

**7:30 PM** Reflecting back over 65 years

**9:00 PM** Supper

### SUNDAY

**8:00 AM** Breakfast

**9:30 AM** Celebration church service

**11:00 AM** Brunch

**12:00 PM** Pack up and depart



WE'D LOVE TO SEE YOU THERE!  
REGISTER AT OUR WEBSITE:  
[WWW.MTCC.ORG.AU](http://WWW.MTCC.ORG.AU)  
OR BY SCANNING THE QR CODE:





# MISSION MATTERS '24

[His Plan: Our Purpose]



Join us this June for a revitalised and renewed Mission Matters as we hear from Nathan Reid & Kate Pocklington. Secure your place now for only \$100 deposit and don't forget there is early bird pricing for a short time! Scan the QR code to find out more and register now:

7TH – 9TH  
JUNE 2024

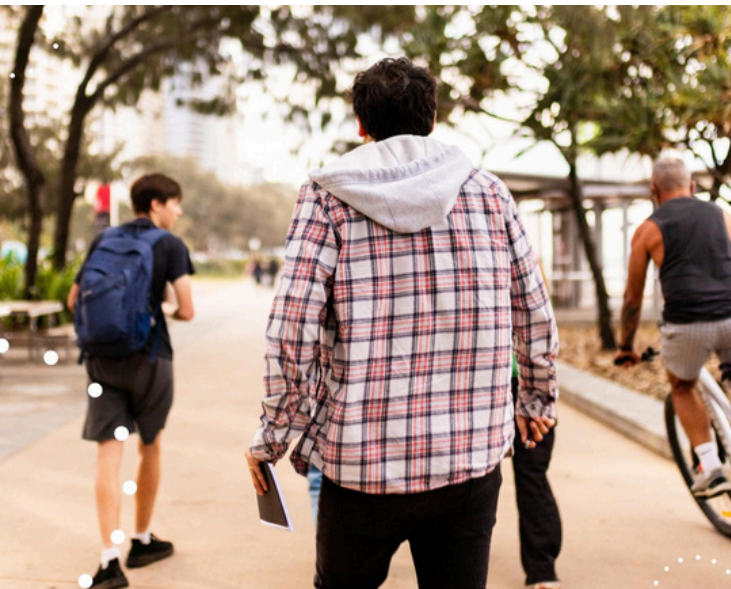
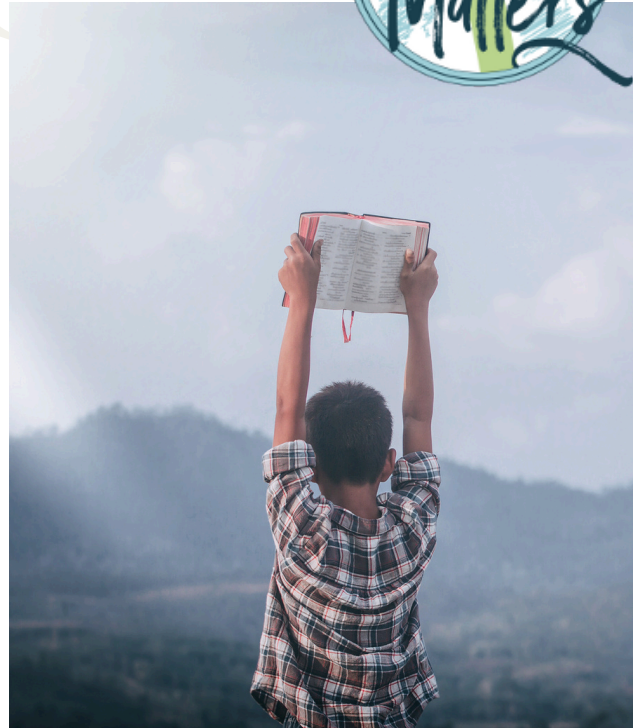
MOUNT TAMBORINE  
CONFERENCE CENTRE



PRICING

	ADULT	CHILD (3-12)	STUDENT
CABIN	\$190	\$170	\$170
CAMPING	\$170	\$150	\$150

**Earlybird pricing available until April 30th!**  
**Scan the QR code above to register now.**



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## Worldview Queensland Camp

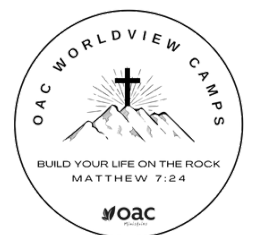
Exciting news! Registrations for the 2024 Worldview Queensland Camp are officially OPEN! We will again have a first class line-up of speakers and a high-quality team of young adult leaders who are preparing to pour themselves into the lives of the youth who attend. We can't wait to see you there in June 2024! High schoolers, don't miss out on a week of Christian growth, inspiration, and lifelong memories!

GRADES 9-12  
(IN 2024)

23RD – 28TH  
JUNE 2024

MOUNT TAMBORINE  
CONFERENCE CENTRE

FULL FEE: \$550



REGISTER @ [HTTPS://OAC.ORG.AU/EVENT/WORLDBUILD YOUR LIFE ON THE ROCK MATTHEW 7:24](https://oac.org.au/event/worldview-youth-camp-queensland-2024)  
WATCH AND SHARE OUR PROMO VIDEO @ [HTTPS://WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/WATCH?V=EA7US3WRMY4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EA7US3WRMY4)

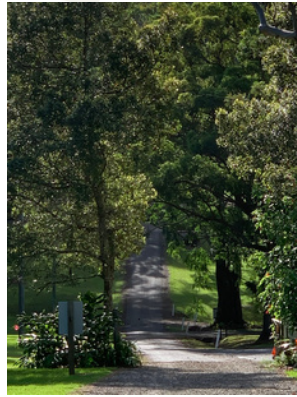
We've also set up a discount code for those families who attended the youth program at Easter.  
"MTCCEASTER" will get \$50 off the price of camp!



# A ROCHA CONFERENCE

[ Wonder and Hope on the Mountain Top ]

A ROCHA  
MTCC



A Rocha is a global family of Christian organizations working together to live out God's calling to care for creation and equip others to do likewise. This September, we'll be gathering on the beautiful grounds of MTCC to hear quality Bible teaching, enjoy fellowship and celebrate and care for our Father's garden. Registrations open mid-year, so stay tuned!

Gather



Celebrate

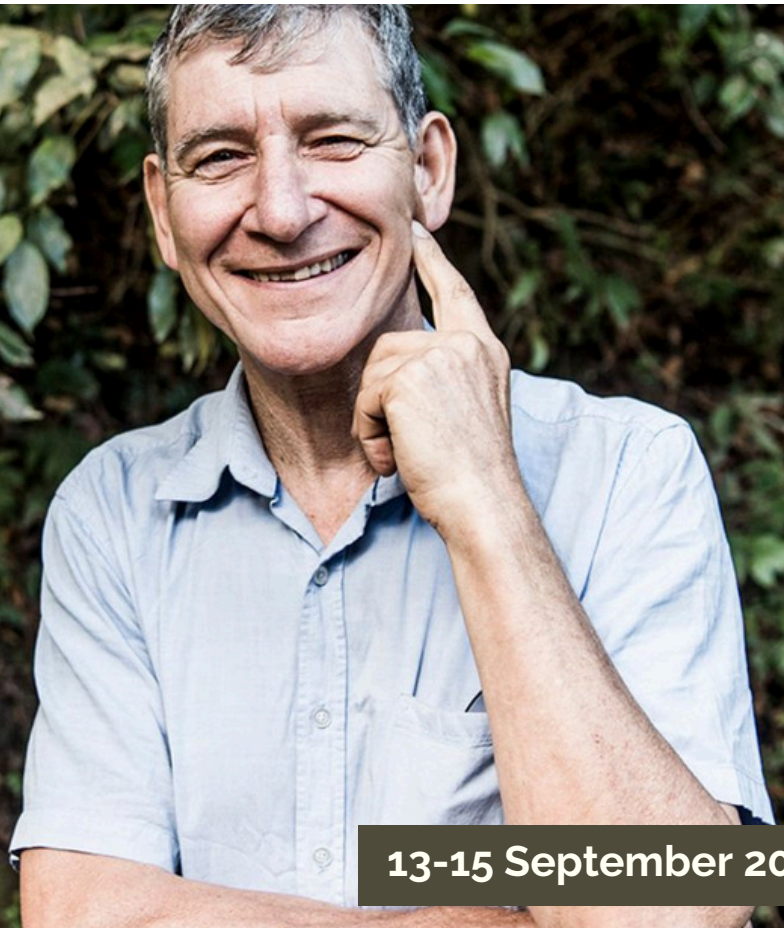


Care

We gather to celebrate and care for God's creation.

With guest speaker Tony Rinaudo, World Vision and author of 'The Forest Underground - Hope for a Planet in Crisis'

Known around the world as The Forest Maker, Tony Rinaudo has won several international awards for his work helping to transform millions of hectares of unproductive, degraded landscapes, and in the process transforming millions of lives. Tony is undeniably an environmental hero making a positive impact on food security, environmental sustainability, and resilience for thousands of vulnerable communities around the world. Tony's method, called Farmer Managed Natural Regeneration (FMNR) and developed in Niger is now reaping benefits in at least 24 counties around the world. Tony is married to Liz, who has partnered with him on this journey, and their story is the subject of a book and film released in 2023. In Sept 2024 we have the privilege of being able to hear Tony's story first hand at MTCC, and how his and Liz's lifework is underpinned by their Christian faith as they share the good news and hope of all creation.



13-15 September 2024



# New Faces at MTCC

WELCOME TO OUR TEAM!



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EVENTS SUPPORT

## Tell us a bit about yourself and your family?

Our family are a fun bunch and enjoy spending time with each other, going on holidays to the beach or playing board games. We love living on the Mountain and are blessed to live facing onto a beautiful farm with lots of birds and wildlife. I enjoy Card making and baking.

## What's your professional background?

I am a Hairdresser and Beautician by trade and owned a Hairdressing Salon for many years. After retraining I spent approx. 20 years doing Diversional Therapy in Aged Care which can be incredibly rewarding.

## What have you enjoyed the most so far about working for MTCC?

I love the variety of working at MTCC. No day is ever the same! You get to meet different people and support so many different aspects of advancing the Kingdom for The Lord.

## What is your favourite bible verse, and why?

My absolute favourite Bible verse is, Romans 8:31, 'If God is for us, Who can be against us?' I have it on a plaque above our bed and look at it often. It speaks so strongly to me that if you have God on your side what can stop you!

## Tell us a bit about yourself and your family?

Hi I'm Tarnie, I am 18 years old and currently studying Design Fundamentals at TAFE whilst also working at MTCC. I love to read and crochet and I am currently writing my first novel. I also enjoy spending time with family and friends.

## What's your professional background?

I'm only just finishing school and doing TAFE.

## What have you enjoyed the most so far about working for MTCC?

Being surrounded by the beautiful nature at MTCC and working in a Christian, supportive community.

## What is your favourite bible verse, and why?

Matthew 6:34 'Therefore, do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself.' But I have lots of favourite verses so hard to choose just one!

WELCOME TO OUR TEAM!



Tarnie  
HOUSE KEEPING



# Queensland Christian Event Collective

## [ MAKING YOUR *Dream Event* A REALITY ]

Queensland Christian Event Collective (QCE Collective) is 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 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.



Y CONFERENCE: SOUND, LIGHTING AND TECH PROVIDED BY QCE COLLECTIVE

Contact QCE Collective at [info@qcecollective.com](mailto:info@qcecollective.com) or 0435 763 496 to avoid all the tech headaches and make your event's sound and lighting a breeze!



*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:

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

