

**MTCC** In Touch

THE LATEST NEWS AND EVENTS FROM

# Mt Tamborine Conference Centre

[ SPRING 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.

ALL ONE IN CHRIST JESUS



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## A detailed look at UP & COMING EVENTS

### 01 Our Father's Garden: A Rocha National Gathering - SEPTEMBER 13-15

A conference that gathers people to celebrate and care for God's creation, with guest speaker Tony Rinaudo. Known around the world as The Forest Maker, Tony has helped transform millions of hectares of barren, degraded landscapes into productive livelihood. He is also the author of *The Forest Underground - Hope for a Planet in Crisis*, which is now a documentary. Come along in September to hear Tony's story first hand, and how his lifework is underpinned by his Christian faith - and be inspired to share the Good News of Hope for all creation!



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### 02 Y Conference: Beauty from Brokenness - OCTOBER 5-7

Y is a weekend camp for young people to hear the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ from the Scriptures. This year, Pastor Darren Dakers will be preaching through the book of Ruth, showing how God is the one who brings beauty from brokenness. This camp is for school leavers through to 30 yr olds.



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### 03 CWCI Women's Conference - OCTOBER 18-20

CWCI Mt Tamborine Women's Convention is held annually at the Mt Tamborine Conference Centre. Live-in & day visitors come together to enjoy great Bible teaching, singing and fellowship. This year's theme is *'No Compromise: Messages from Daniel 1 - 6'*, with guest Bible teachers Chris Keith and Rosemarie Green.



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### 04 Seniors' Get-Away - NOVEMBER 7-9

An initiative of the Mt Tamborine Conference Centre, for the spiritual health & growth of senior citizens (primarily 60-75 years of age)! Join us, along with keynote speakers Rev. Paul Young and Mark Badderly, for a fun weekend full of great Bible teaching, relevant electives, mission emphasis, great music & singing, traditional hymn sing, two fantastic concerts, and great fellowship.



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### 05 AFES National Training Event - NOVEMBER 30-DECEMBER 4

The National Training Event is an annual conference run by the Australian Fellowship of Evangelical Students (AFES). It's time where university students and grads with their campus groups gather together to learn under God's Word. This includes spending time in main sessions, strand groups, electives and many other activities.



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# What's Up on the Mountain Top?

## [ SITE *happening*s ]

The past few months have been very busy with groups here at MTCC. Thank you, God! This means we have not had much time for projects as we have been busy setting up for each new group. We did have specialist arborists back onsite with a 40-metre boom to take care of all the dead branches from the Christmas Night storms and tornado and hangers (branches in trees) left that the 20-metre boom could not reach.

We have also completed a new project: artificial grass in the shelter that sits between the office and the camp kitchen! This will be extremely beneficial during wet events. Below are some photos of us getting the crusher dust base compacted.

The campground lights changed to LED lights as the final stage of the Securing Faith-Based Places Grant from the federal government.

We appreciate your ongoing prayers for the team here on the mountain as we encounter various health concerns and different surgeries. Big thanks to Peter, Jack, Trudi and Ken for their ongoing support!

- *Joel Prange*

Operations Manager



## A Request from the Second-Hand Bookshop:

### Bookshop:

## [ WE NEED *children's books!* ]

If you're downsizing your bookshelves, or have children/teenagers that have outgrown your book collection, we'd love to receive your donations at the Vineyard Bookshop here at MTCC. Multiple conference attendees ask regularly for material for children and young people, and we need your help to build up our library! Next time you're up on the mountain, please bring along any good-quality books for toddlers, kids, teens, and young people!



# Panorama Redevelopment Project Update

[ BY MTC BOARD MEMBERS *Ken Grace & Noel Grummitt* ]

We are pleased to share the latest on the Panorama Redevelopment Project. Since the AGM, we've made good progress, adjusting our timeline and working towards the ultimate goal of development application submission to Scenic Rim Council. Here's a quick update:

## Timeline and Progress

Several milestones, including working on designs and engaging consultants to assist us as we work towards submitting the Development Application (DA) have been our focus. We're on track with our revised schedule and hope to be in a position to submit the DA late this year or early 2025.

## Budget Review

We've managed our budget carefully. Some costs have exceeded expectations, mainly due to environmental assessments and consultations, but we're staying within our approved limits. If additional budget is needed, we will seek MTC members approval.

## Environmental Reports

Environmental Reports have been essential, providing insights that have shaped our planning. We're committed to respecting the natural environment in all our decisions. We now have these crucial reports.

## Architectural Updates

Our architects are refining designs in readiness for the development application process. We're excited about the progress and hope to have more visuals to share with you at Seniors' Get-Away (November).

## Water Supply Security

We are focusing on a reliable water supply by proposing a rainwater harvesting system, including new tanks behind the Auditorium to act as a 'tank farm'. We've also purchased and installed a new bore pump and currently reconditioning the old one to ensure backup water supply. Mt Tamborine does not have a town water supply.

## Wastewater Strategy

We've reviewed consultant feedback and visited other facilities to refine our wastewater management plans. We are integrating these learnings to adopt best practices for our site and the best outcome for the future, ensuring whatever is selected does not become a cost burden. Please continue to hold this matter in prayer.

*Thank you for your ongoing support as we work towards the ultimate goal of accessible accommodation that meets community expectations.*





# A Good News Story!

[ FROM THE CHRISTIAN VENUES ASSOCIATION ]

## USA Study Tour 2024

Christian Venues Association (CVA) was established in 1974 to create connections that enable members like Mt Tamborine Conference Centren (MTCC) to thrive in their Christian mission. As a member-focused organisation, CVA was created to serve and support Christian venues and service providers across Australia just like us! CVA is a strong advocate for our members and provides representation and a collective voice to government and the outdoor sector.

This year, they launched their first study and immersion tour to California, led by CVA CEO, Graeme Janes. This study tour invitation was for all those in Australian camping ministry including board members, CEOs, camp/centre managers, developing/emerging leaders, property managers, and those engaged with program design or implementation.

Well of course our in-house American couldn't resist this opportunity to return to his homeland, so we're thrilled to announce Joel, our Operations Manager, has been accepted to attend this event from November 29th - December 8th, 2024.

As you can see from the below itinerary, it's going to be a full-on schedule visiting Christian campsites across America, where Joel will have the opportunity to network with like-minded organisations and compare managerial strategies for Christian non-for-profits. Please pray for strength for Joel, and a fruitful time of learning and collaborating!

## THE ITINERARY



**Friday Nov 29th**  
*Arrive in San Francisco Overnight in San Francisco*



**Saturday Nov 30th**  
*Visit Golden Gate Bridge Tour **Camp Sugar Pine**, Oakhurst*



**Sunday Dec 1st**  
*Visit Yosemite National Park Overnight in Oakhurst*



**Monday Dec 2nd**  
*Tour **Calvin Crest Christian Camp** Overnight in Hume Lake*



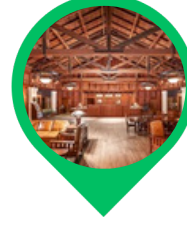
**Tuesday Dec 3rd**  
*Tour **Hume Lake Camp** Overnight in Hume Lake*



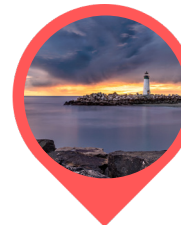
**Wednesday Dec 4th**  
*Visit Gilroy Outlets Tour **Heartland Christian Camp** Overnight at Mt Hermon*



**Thursday Dec 5th**  
*Tour **Mt Hermon & Camp Hammer** Overnight at Mt Hermon*



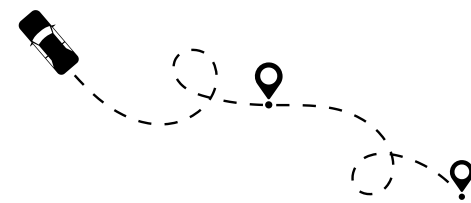
**Friday Dec 6th**  
*Visit Carmel by the Sea Tour **Koinonia CC** Overnight at Mt Hermon*



**Saturday Dec 7th**  
*Visit Santa Cruz Tour **Mission Springs & Redwood Glen** Overnight at Mt Hermon*



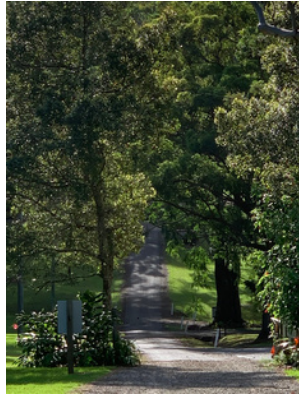
**Sunday Dec 8th**  
*Depart San Francisco or Oakland Airport*



# A ROCHA CONFERENCE

[ Wonder and Hope on the Mountain Top ]

A ROCHA  
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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.

Gather



Celebrate



Care

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

On the Saturday afternoon of this event, the 14th of September from midday onwards, we would love your help planting trees on site! This is a great opportunity to teach children and teens about the environment and community service while enjoying fellowship in the great outdoors! Please let [bookings@mtcc.org.au](mailto:bookings@mtcc.org.au) know if you are able to help with this.

Call for help →

With guest speaker **Tony Rinaudo** (World Vision), the 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 countries 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.



Registrations closing soon!

13-15 September 2024

TO LEARN MORE  
AND REGISTER,  
SCAN HERE:



TO LEARN MORE ABOUT 'THE  
FOREST UNDERGROUND',  
SCAN HERE:



# Introducing a New Staff Member

WELCOME TO OUR TEAM!



Bill Vine

CHURCH AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OFFICER

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

I am married to Debbie and enjoy living on the Sunshine Coast where we have been since 1997. Our family consists of two married children and two wonderful granddaughters. We attend the Chancellor Church in Sippy Downs and I serve as an Elder.

## **Tell us about your past involvement with MTCC?**

I grew up attending conventions at Mt Tamborine from 12 years of age and always enjoyed the friendships, fellowship and fun as well as meeting interesting people from all over the world.

## **What's your professional background?**

After leaving school, I moved to Sydney to work and later attended the Yamaha Factory Piano Technicians Course at the NSW State Conservatorium of Music. After a few years, I studied at the Kelvin Grove campus of QUT to become a Secondary School Teacher, teaching in Far north Queensland and then Sunshine Coast. I moved back into Piano tuning in 1997 and have been doing that ever since

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

I really enjoy meeting church and ministry leaders and finding out what is going on around the place. I also enjoy being able to facilitate interdenominational fellowship through connecting people from a variety of Christian organisations.

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

I have lots of favourites - but one that comes to mind is Psalm 121 because it reminds me of God's love and care of his own, his unfailing reliability and faithfulness. This Psalm was very dear to me during a serious illness in 2019.

# Farewell and Thanks!

[ TO MTC BOARD SECRETARY *Lorraine Walker* ]

We want to express our deep gratitude to Lorraine Walker for her dedicated service as Secretary of the Mount Tamborine Convention Board. Lorraine, alongside her husband John, will be moving to South Australia at the end of the year.

At our recent Board Retreat, we had the privilege of honouring Lorraine and John during a special time of fellowship with the MTCC team. Her commitment and hard work have been invaluable, and she will be greatly missed.

*We wish Lorraine and John all the best in their new chapter!*



## Reflections on Seniors' Plus Encore

[ AUGUST 20-21ST ON THE *Sunshine Coast* ]

We recently concluded this year's Seniors Plus Encore at Faith Community Church on the Sunshine Coast. It was wonderful to see so many familiar faces along with new ones. Our time together was a true blessing—a time of fellowship, learning, and spiritual growth.

This year's theme, "The Pilgrim Psalms - Light for the Journey Home," resonated deeply with all who attended. These Psalms, which have guided and comforted believers throughout the ages, provided a rich foundation for our two days of exploration and reflection. We were especially honoured to have Dr. Doug Green from Queensland Theological College lead us through the Pilgrim Psalms. His sessions were both enlightening and inspiring, helping us uncover the Psalms' profound meaning and relevance for our lives today.

Adding to the richness of our gathering, we were blessed by the beautiful music of Fred Strong, whose singing touched our hearts and elevated our worship throughout the conference. In addition to the main sessions, the two informative electives offered participants further opportunities to delve deeper into topics that will continue to support their journey of faith.

As we reflect on our time together, we are grateful for the open hearts and minds of everyone who participated. The warmth and spirit of this event were truly uplifting, and we trust that the light of the Pilgrim Psalms will continue to guide each of us on our journey home. Thank you to everyone who attended and contributed, along with the committee lead by Jim & Grace Vine, to making this year's Seniors Plus Encore such a meaningful and enriching experience. May the lessons and blessings from our time together continue to inspire us all.





# A Sound Farewell to Dave Vine!

[ 20 YEARS OF SONIC *excellence* ]

For over two decades, Dave Vine has been the maestro behind the music at MTCC events, ensuring that every note, word, and chord resonated with perfection. Whether you've been moved by the melodies at Easter Convention or found yourself lost in thought during Seniors' Get-Away, chances are, Dave's handiwork was guiding your experience.

Dave isn't just a sound guy—he's *the sound guy*. Over the last ten years, he's been the legend behind the iPad, making sure that every speaker was heard clearly, every song touched your soul, and every podcast was edited to perfection. When the mics failed, Dave didn't—he was there with the solution, often before anyone knew there was a problem.

Of course, every great hero needs a trusty sidekick, and Dave had Chris Nainby by his side. Like Batman and Robin, Dave and Chris tackled every technical challenge thrown their way. Thankfully, Chris isn't hanging up his cape just yet and will continue to support our events, ensuring that MTCC's legendary sound remains crisp and clear.

As Dave steps back from the soundboard, we extend our deepest thanks (to Deb as well) for his unwavering dedication, skill, and good humour. The echoes of his work will be heard in our hearts and halls for years to come.

So, here's to you, Dave Vine:

*May your future be filled with as much harmony as you've given to us!*



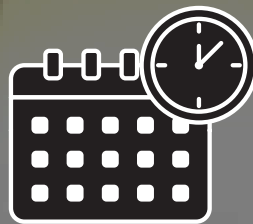
And Chris, thanks for carrying on the legacy; we're in good hands (and ears)!

# Save the Date for SGA 2024!

REGISTRATIONS OPEN - [WWW.MTCC.ORG.AU](http://WWW.MTCC.ORG.AU)

## SENIORS' *Get-Away*

November  
2024 7-10th



Check in  
from 3:00 PM



**With keynote speakers:**

**REV. PAUL  
YOUNG**

Paul Young is the founder and CEO of Off The Fence, a Brighton & Hove-based charity in the United Kingdom. Off The Fence is a charity founded with a vision to end social and spiritual poverty in Brighton & Hove, engaging with individuals to create a new level of hope in the City. Off The Fence provides short and long-term solutions by delivering a range of support networks to empower people and prevent poverty in all its forms.

**DR MARK  
BADDELEY**

Mark Baddeley is the Senior Lecturer in Systematic Theology at the Queensland Theological College in Brisbane. He is married to Jennie and they have two children. He also serves as an elder at Redlands Presbyterian church. Mark is undertaking doctoral work on Athanasius and his view of the atonement. His other research interests include the doctrines of grace, the Trinity, patristics, and Calvin's theology. In his spare time, Mark enjoys gardening, board games, reading, obscure TV shows, and exploring the possibilities of his BBQ.



## FURTHER RESOURCES

Find encouraging Easter podcasts, Men's Convention podcasts and videos, 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)

