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COMMUNITY REMEMBERS

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Due to the prolonged consequences of COVID-19, a scaled down but well attended Remembrance Day ceremony was held at the Tamborine Mountain cenotaph on November 11. Veterans, community association members, residents and students gathered to honour those who died or suffered in wars, conflicts and peace operations.



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AGENTS:

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11.15 - 12	1-19 Drysdale Ave, Tamborine
12-12.30	15/5-15 Cook Road
12.15 - 12.45	7 Elkhorn Court
12.30 - 1.15	63 Vineyard Lane, Tamborine
1.30 - 2.15	1937 Beaudesert Beenleigh Rd
2.30 - 3	68 Coomera Gorge Drive



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AGENTS: ★★★★★

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SALE 🛏️ 4 🛁 3 🚗 2 🗝️ 1,583 m²

8 Nipa Court, Tamborine Mountain

- Gold Coast views, magnificent finishes
- Polished timber floors, cathedral ceilings
- Large entertainment decks
- Self-contained granny flat

\$700,000

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SALE 🛏️ 4 🛁 3 🚗 1 🗝️ 814 m²

68 Coomera Gorge Dr, Tamborine Mountain

- Fabulous outdoor entertaining area
- Completely renovated with a quality finish
- Master suite with balcony & exquisite views to the Gold Coast skyline

\$800,000+

AGENTS:

Oliver Edwards
0422 500 613



SALE 🛏️ 3 🛁 2 🚗 1 🗝️ 2,303 m²

551-555 Henri Robert Dr, Tamborine Mtn

- Capture the Gold Coast skyline & summer breeze from your expansive deck
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- Low maintenance gardens, great location

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AGENTS:

Linda Hogan
0414 300 558



AIMING FOR THE STARS.... AND FOR THE MOON

“Two years ago I could not believe that I got up at 3 in the morning to look at the moon,” a mother of two told us during our weekly TM Universe session at the Visitors Information Centre (VIC).

“There I was with my girls looking at the eclipse with hundreds and hundreds of other people. But I have to admit that it changed our interest in the night skies forever. We’re very dedicated members of TM Universe.”

The eclipse was a great event indeed, and the good news is it’s going to happen again. Write in your diary now: Wednesday 26 May 2021; a full lunar eclipse will be visible from the Tamborine Mountain between 7pm and 12 pm. The Team of TM Universe will keep you informed closer to the event.

And if you can’t wait that long, on Monday 30 November a partial lunar eclipse will occur early in the evening,

low over the north-eastern horizon. The moon will rise at 6.20 pm, reach the maximum cover as depicted in the figure at 7.42pm and will end around 9.45pm. A location with a view to the northern Gold Coast should do the job (unless it’s cloudy of course).

The girls who came with their Mum to the VIC, became fully immersed in the Virtual Reality demonstration – so excited to see the stars, and the rockets, and ... so much more.

Each Saturday between 11am and mid-day members of TM Universe can enjoy the demonstration there. Our volunteers also give information about the project and have merchandise for sale – the T-shirts are selling well.

This exciting community-driven project is rapidly gaining momentum. In the major fundraiser – Buy a Block – there are fewer than a third of the 200 blocks left. For \$200 you can still become a Founding Member of TM Universe and get your name, your family name or business on one of blocks that will be used to rebuild the former TM Observatory, which will be home to the original TM Telescope (the biggest amateur telescope of the Southern Hemisphere at the time).

At the VIC session you can ask our staff all about the project. You can give us your suggestions and ideas, donate some time or money



for support, or express any concerns or questions. TM Universe is 100 per cent transparent and always will be, given that it is a project by and for our community.

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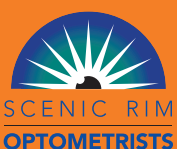
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CANUNGRA CREEK FLOWS ARE CONTINUING TO DROP

Despite the welcome rainfall in October, flows in Canungra Creek are continuing to drop and are currently sitting at just under three megalitres per day.

With no good rainfall predicted over the next fortnight, the move to level two drought response, which is triggered when flows in the creek fall below 0.5 megalitres per day, is imminent.

As part of drought response, Seqwater is tracking flows in Canungra Creek daily and Urban Utilities is closely monitoring water usage in town, which has been around 165 litres per person per day in October. This was an increase from 130 litres per person per day in September.

Urban Utilities spokesperson, Michelle Cull, said they were working with Seqwater and preparing for level two drought response.

“Drought levels can progress in quick succession in Canungra. If the creek stops flowing and Seqwater needs to take their water treatment plant offline, Seqwater will tanker drinking water to Canungra to maintain the town supply,” she said.

“If the treatment plant goes offline, we plan to maintain direct access to the Canungra tanker filling station for local off-network households. Commercial carting operators will be directed to use alternative filling stations, with the closest being in Beaudesert.

“Those who rely on tank water should consider their circumstances now and top up their tanks or plan ahead for a potential increase in delivery times from commercial carters.”

While the Bureau of Meteorology advises that an active La Nina weather cycle is still in effect across Northern Australia, Canungra Creek, which is the raw water supply for Seqwater’s Canungra Water Treatment Plant, requires regular rainfall in order to maintain flow year-round.

“We are providing as much notice to the community as we can, and we understand drought is a challenging time,” said Ms Cull.

MUNUNJALI STORIES CELEBRATED



Mununjali sisters Robin Yuke and Aunty Roslyn Yuke with the Petersen Street Children panel from the 2016 Kinship exhibition.

Stories of several well-known families from Beaudesert's Mununjali people are featured in a pop-up window display in Beaudesert.

The display, which has been curated by Scenic Rim Regional Council in collaboration with the community, is on Telemon Street in the vacant shopfront between Beds R Us and the Department of Transport and Main Roads Customer Service Centre.

Panels in the display, included with the permission of family members and participants, are from the council's 2015 Black Diggers exhibition and 2016 Kinship exhibition.

Mununjali Elder, Aunty Roslyn Yuke, whose late mother, Joyce Yuke, features in the display, said it was a meaningful tribute to the Mununjali people of Beaudesert.

“We're very proud of our history, and to see the old photos of the kids brings back lots of great memories of growing up in Petersen Street,” she said.

“We'll always remember our Mununjali history, our culture, our land and our families - that's what it's all about.”

TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY REMEMBERS ON NOVEMBER 11



HERITAGE DECISION A SETBACK FOR COUNCIL

The historic Beaudesert calf and pig saleyard has been recommended for inclusion on the Queensland Heritage Register.

If listed, it would give legislative protection to the saleyard and block moves by Scenic Rim Regional Council to redevelop the area as part of a proposed town revitalisation project.

On 12 November, the Department of Environment and Science recommended to the Heritage Council that the saleyard be entered in the Heritage Register as a State Heritage Place.

The Heritage Council has 60 business days from the heritage recommendation date to decide whether a place is or is not entered in the Heritage Register.

Entry in the register would prevent Scenic Rim Regional Council from proceeding with its plan to demolish the

saleyard and close the popular, fortnightly sales that have been conducted there for more than 100 years.

The department received more than 35 community submissions, all of which supported the yard's historical significance.

A Scenic Rim Regional Council spokesman said Council was aware of the Department of Environment and Heritage's recommendation to the Heritage Council.

Council was respectful of the process that was being undertaken and would await the final outcome before any further comments were made.

Darlington cattle farmer, Sue Harrison, who started a petition to save the yards, said the news was encouraging.

"We still have a way to go but this is a positive step in the right direction," she said.

"There are a lot of passionate rural people around here who used the saleyard back in the day and still do today.

"I really want to thank all the people who signed the petitions or put in a submission. We had more than 1200 people sign the petitions."

The saleyard site was slated to be developed into a park as part of Council's proposed Vibrant Towns and Villages project.

There was significant public objection to this due to lack of adequate community consultation by Scenic Rim Council prior to the project's plans being adopted.

Council voted to oppose any heritage listing and to not open further consultation with the community.



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SCHOOL'S OUT!

Where did the year go? I have to admit it's been a challenging and exciting year for a variety of reasons, but you wouldn't be dead for quids, right? And having said that, I'm back here at work after a fantastic break.

A big shout out to the whole team for carrying the load whilst I've been off. There has been a lot going on around the place, and I think given our seniors through to juniors will soon be finishing school, it's a great time of the year to get a little education out there.

Speeding, drink (or drug) driving, seatbelts, fatigue and distractions (think mobile phones). They can all contribute to a serious injury or death on our roads. There will be a full Christmas/New Year campaign targeting these offences and there is a zero tolerance around this type of offending. Remember, your actions on our roads will reflect not only on yourself but your family, friends and/or strangers alike. Don't be a dummy; getting a fine is based on your actions, so pause for a moment!

Lock it up, please don't be an easy target for criminals. If you are going away ensure you secure your valuables. If you have trusted friends or family around let them know your plans and have an available contact number for any emergencies. Keep an eye out for grubs wanting to take your possessions. For anyone looking suspicious, or things that don't seem right, then record number plates, descriptions of people and take a photo or video if possible.

Remember your pets; usually fluffy can't feed him or herself so have a plan in place for whatever animal you

happen to own. I'm still not too sure about hairless cats though, what's with that?

Kids: I wasn't too sure whether to mention kids or pets first remember those little darlings can't feed themselves either, so have a plan in place for them too, and that plan probably should not involve leaving them at home alone for extended periods of time, or in cars. Make sure they have some street sense about them. Stop, Look and Listen is something that resonates well, and kids get distracted easily come to think of it many adults do too (think bright shiny things!), maybe something for all us there to consider.

Above all else though, and I genuinely mean this, enjoy life. What other people think of me is none of my business. Who cares what others are doing when you can't change what you can't control? Unless it's unlawful – give me a call if it's unlawful.

Now this last little bit will get me in trouble with the 'Real Boss' of the station. Our much loved and very much appreciated Station Admin Officer Gwen recently passed a 25-year milestone with our organisation. She is the backbone of this station, and we couldn't do what we do without her. Congratulations Gwen, and no you can't have holidays!

As always, report matters that might seem suspicious; your information is just a phone call away and may help save someone's life or protect their property; you never know.

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ILLAHIE'S FOCUS ON ETHICS AND SUSTAINABILITY

When Margaret Hesse and her husband moved to Tamborine Mountain two years ago she was so taken with its beauty and lifestyle that she soon felt she wanted to call it her forever home.

"We originally came from a small country area in Northern New South Wales, so we really appreciated being part of a friendly community environment," said Margaret.

"The one thing that seemed to be missing was the opportunity to become involved in a small business.

"When Illahie Boutique on Main Street came up for sale we knew that this opportunity had now presented itself."

Illahie is, in Margaret's words, a ladies' boutique where you can find a perfect outfit or beautify your home with products that have been quality designed and mainly locally sourced. Ladies' clothing, home décor, accessories and thoughtful gifts fill its cheerful space.

"Our focus is on supporting small businesses and products that are ethically and sustainably produced," she said.

"I am very passionate about supporting women in small business in Australia and also providing opportunities for women in developing countries to provide for themselves and their families.



"This is why we are supporting companies like Tamborine Mountain's Outland Denim who are doing such wonderful work in Cambodia, as well as featuring beautiful handwoven Pali baskets from Myanmar.

"I feel strongly about this and where possible I try to source products that directly help those who are making the product.

"Since opening three weeks ago I have really appreciated all the



Margaret Hesse, new owner of Illahie Boutique on Main Street

friendly people who have popped in to say hello and welcome me to Main Street. Everyone has been so welcoming. Main Street has such a great vibe about it and I'm pretty excited to be part of it."

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WINE CHAT

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A WEEKEND IN ITALY



Of course, right now a weekend in Italy strolling the Amalfi coastline or exploring the rolling Tuscan landscapes seems all but a dream. Thinking of Vespas racing through narrow cobblestone streets with the aroma of 'true' espresso and fresh basil seems all but impossible to ascertain.

Australia, however, is starting to traverse a void when it comes to Italian wines. More and more commonly, the vineyards of Australia are being planted with the likes of Sangiovese, Vermentino, Nebbiolo, and Fiano. The list certainly doesn't stop there, with more than 3000 different varieties of *vitis vinifera* being traced back to the hillsides of Italian vineyards. This certainly makes Italy one of the powerhouse countries for classic wine production, traditional values and techniques, and home to some of the most famous and rarest wines in the world.

So why are we only just starting to discover some of these Italian varieties? The answer lies in the demand for diversity. This diversity is in large part being driven by changes in consumer tastes but also by climate change as viticulturalists look for varieties that can survive and flourish in increasingly warmer growing conditions.



Australia's vineyards are dominated by French grape varieties largely as a result of history. When the first cuttings were imported, French varieties, and to a lesser extent some Spanish, were recognised as producing some of the finest wines at the time.

Italian grape varieties are considered more savoury than their French counterparts and this coupled with their higher acidity and greater structure generally makes them more food friendly.

The Australian wine industry also has a history of experimentation. As a New World wine region, it is not bound by the same constraints and regulations as an Old World wine region like France. This gives flexibility to plant grape varieties wherever they are most suited and to dig up varieties and plant new ones to replace them based on changes in demand and tastes.

Climate change is also a major factor. With the average temperature throughout the summer ripening period increasing, Australian viticulturalists are looking for varieties that can survive and flourish in warmer conditions. Italian varieties maintain good levels of natural acidity in warmer climates, making them extremely suitable.

So, it's really not surprising that these Old World Italian varieties have started making waves in the area. With their vivacious character, ability to age, complexity, classic elegance in the glass and food-friendly nature they are the new playthings of Australian vignerons. Thankfully, many of them have found their way onto our wine list here at Witches Falls and have become some of our most loved varieties.

**Cheers and stay hydrated,
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CLUB TAMBORINE

HEART OF THE MOUNTAIN

We're counting down to the end of 2020.

Wow! What a year we've all had. I don't know about you, but I for one will be pleased to see the back of 2020 – drought, fire, floods, pandemic, shutdowns and restrictions.

At Club Tamborine we're gearing up to celebrate the end of this year, although not quite what you'd expect.

The management committee and staff at Club Tamborine are extremely grateful for the loyalty and support that our members and the broader community have given us during the COVID-19 shutdown, and during the subsequent COVID restrictions on clubs.

By way of a big thank you to the community, on Thursday 31 December the Club will be providing a free family fun afternoon/evening with a free sausage sizzle, bouncy castle and barefoot bowling.

Planning is already under way for this event, with the Tamborine Mountain Lions Club agreeing to do the cooking. Club Tamborine is providing the food and will make a financial donation to the Lions Club.

So, if you're going to be in town for New Year's Eve, please lock this into your calendar. This should be a great day for everyone to say goodbye to 2020.

On another note, there are only 36 more days until Christmas. If you haven't already booked your Christmas function, you'll need to get in quick. The Club's Bistro is booking out with Christmas functions, so please call us on 5545 1308 to discuss your plans.

For the poker players out there, we have extended the weekly Texas Hold'em tournament until 2 December 2020. The tournament is on every Wednesday night with registrations commencing at 5.30pm for a 6.30pm start. There is a limited menu available and it's only \$15 to buy in, with a first, second and third prize on offer for the last three players. This tournament is hosted by APL and has been very popular over the last seven weeks. You don't have to be an expert player to join in this friendly and enjoyable event.

Fancy a good fight? We will be showing the Tyson vs Jones fight on our many TV screens on 29 November. The recent Horn vs Tszyu fight attracted a lot of interest and we expect that this fight will do likewise.

Have you tried our Thursday Steak, Sausage and Schnitzel Night? This has proven extremely popular, so if you haven't been in yet, make a note to give it a go.

Our members' draw is now a huge \$2425. Imagine how that would help out for Christmas! The draw is held at 8:30pm every Friday night. You need to be a current financial member and be present at the Club when it's drawn. Good luck. And don't forget, at 7pm tomorrow (Friday) we're drawing our mega Christmas raffle.

For details on any of these events, or for more information about membership of either Club Tamborine, the Tamborine Mountain Bowls Club or the Tamborine Mountain Croquet Club, please call 5545 1308 or just pop in and have a chat with our friendly staff.

Hope to see you at the Club soon.

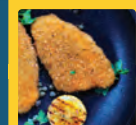
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JON KRAUSE MP

State Member for Scenic Rim

LOCAL GOVERNMENT MADNESS

In July 2020, I blew the whistle on ridiculous changes to the Local Government Act that would see a runner-up become Mayor or Councillor if a vacancy occurred in the first 12 months of a Council term.

This has now come to pass, with Rockhampton seeing its Mayor resign – a Mayor who received nearly 70 per cent of the vote in a two-person race. The runner up, with a mere 30 per cent support, is entitled by law to become Mayor – that is what I labelled a disgrace and an undemocratic farce. Now, the Government is backtracking and saying they will change the law to prevent this person becoming Mayor (presumably they don't like his politics).

Why didn't they fix this in September, when they had the chance and myself and others were calling on them to fix it? There is still no logical explanation why these changes were ever passed, although no doubt there is a nefarious political reason that would benefit Labor behind the changes. As I have said many times before, this Government always puts politics before policy – and here we see it again.

The Government needs to stop fiddling with our electoral system (State and Local) to suit itself, and just focus on getting on with the job of building roads, improving our schools and hospitals and running the State in a way that gives business the confidence to grow, invest and create more jobs.

LET'S CONTINUE TO BUY LOCAL

In the Scenic Rim we have thousands of small businesses run with dedication and hard work. They are the backbone of our local economy. There's been so much great support for these businesses from locals lately, and as we move further down the path in the COVID-19 era, I encourage everybody to keep on supporting your locals whenever possible – think local for your Christmas shopping! Government at all levels need to make it easier for these businesses to grow – get rid of the red tape, the costs and the regulations – so they can create more jobs.

CHRISTMAS ROAD SAFETY

With the Christmas season approaching we will see even more cars, caravans and holidaymakers on the road and drivers should be more alert than ever. Many people are unaware that around half of all speed-related crashes, resulting in injuries or fatalities, happen at just 10 km/h or less over the speed limit. Every extra kilometre over could cause harm or damage to others on the road – speeding to shave a few minutes off your journey could lead to consequences that last a lifetime. Stay safe on the roads this festive season.

MY OFFICE

In addition to helping with Queensland Government matters, my office can provide assistance in procuring Queensland Flags and letters of congratulations for significant birthdays and anniversaries. As well as this, we can provide letters of support for community groups seeking grant funding. Anybody considering becoming a Justice of the Peace/ Commissioner for Declarations should contact my office to complete the nomination form.

If you have an issue that you think should be fixed, I encourage you to contact my office on 1800 813 960 or email scenicrim@parliament.qld.gov.au so I can lobby on your behalf in Brisbane.



SCOTT BUCHHOLZ

Federal Member for Wright

NATIONAL ROAD SAFETY WEEK

National Road Safety Week (15 to 22 November) is a joint annual initiative of the Safer Australian Roads and Highways (SARAH) Group, road safety organisations and all levels of Government.

Such an important week, National Road Safety Week highlights the impact of road trauma and deaths on our roads. In particular, the week focuses on vulnerable road users and those affected by road trauma in their daily lives, such as traffic managers, heavy vehicle drivers, police and emergency services, roadside assistance operators and road workers.

National Road Safety Week started as an annual event eight years ago, with the intention of remembering and honouring those lives lost on our roads and encouraging the community to take the pledge to drive safely. It is recognised as a key event on the road safety calendar, with multiple initiatives taking place across all jurisdictions.

This National Road Safety Week, we honour and remember the lives lost on our roads. Our Government takes this opportunity to encourage the community to drive safely.

Road safety is everyone's responsibility. When you get behind the wheel, be it of a car, truck, bike or bus you're responsible for doing the right thing. Do not drive under the influence of alcohol or drugs, wear your seatbelt, stop for regular breaks, slow down and do the right thing.

The Federal Government continues to make strategic investments to improve road safety under our \$110 billion, 10-year infrastructure pipeline. This includes delivering the \$2 billion Road Safety Program to fund lifesaving works on rural and regional roads, as well as protecting vulnerable road users in urban areas.

This builds on the Government's existing funding to improve road safety, which includes \$500 million for targeted road safety upgrades announced as part of the infrastructure stimulus package in June 2020. Through our various programs, such as the Black Spots Program, Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Program, Roads to Recovery and Bridges Renewal, we're investing in our road network to get road users home sooner and safer.

We have a laser eyed focus on improving road safety in Australia. This National Road Safety Week take the opportunity to remind your loved ones, your friends, your family and any road user you know; to be safe on our roads.



From left: Peter Frazer (SARAH Group), Assistant Minister for Road Safety and Freight Transport Scott Buchholz, and Jeff Doyle (Altus Traffic - Australia's largest provider of traffic management services).

CR SWANBOROUGH DOING WHAT HE SAID HE WOULD

In response to Ian Langdon's unfair criticism of our Councillor, Derek Swanborough, may I just remind him that in the recent election Derek had only one item on his platform, the idea that Tamborine Mountain would be better off by leaving the Scenic Rim and joining the Gold Coast.

Obviously a good many people here agree with him because he was elected on that single issue. Mr Langdon has the wrong end of the stick when he calls Derek's actions unethical. He is now doing what he said he would do prior to the election, and for keeping his promise he should be honoured, not criticised.

Roland Lindenmayer

THE BACKWOODS OF BEAUDESERT

I refer to Ian Langdon's Letter to the Editor "Derek, "It's Time to Resign from Council" (12 November 2000). How much did Scenic Rim Council pay you to write that article?

You no doubt are happy with the way Council treats Tamborine Mountain as the backwoods of Beaudesert.

Fred Ericson-Miller

MY JOB IS TO LISTEN AND DO WHAT PEOPLE WANT

These are my own personal views. I do not speak on behalf of Council. Decisions of Council are only made by resolution.

I refer to Ian Langdon's article in the Scenic News dated 12 November 2020, headed "Derek – It's Time to Resign from Council".

I welcome Ian's viewpoint but am disappointed he is advocating people not participate in the preparation of a Yes and No case for a proposed household vote next year, on Including Tamborine Mountain in GCCC via a boundary change. I was keen to invite Ian and others to present the No Case at a public meeting, if it can be

arranged, prior to the plebiscite. The invitation is hereby extended anyway, and I hope he may consider acceptance.

Ian says I have a conflict and can't represent the Mountain and should resign. But that is far from the truth. He says I'm unethical. I refute this. I am representing the Mountain very well, working very hard and providing residents with good advice and keeping them informed. Not only that, but I am also representing the interests of all residents across the region, and without being a trumpet blower, I think I am doing my job, and I am earning my salary.

Ian, the better Tamborine Mountain is treated by the Scenic Rim Council, the more capital works are spent here, the more they lower our excessive rates, the better they consult and listen to the residents, the more they improve their service and protect our environment, and the more they respect their councillors and actually allow them to do their jobs, the harder it will make my job to convince residents to move to the Gold Coast.

Please join me in trying to convince the Scenic Rim Council to do this. It's a simple concept; it's not just up to me; it's up to the Council and the residents of Tamborine Mountain. I'm just the facilitator, and I know my job is to listen and do what the people want.

You say I'm not earning my salary. I say it would be far easier for me to go to Council and agree with everything, tick all the boxes, not keep you informed, never challenge inequity, a secretive culture, the dilution of Councillors' authority and a lack of transparency and open decision making etc. But I have chosen a much harder, time consuming and difficult process to get a better deal for you and all residents of the Mountain, my only motivation.

Cr Derek Swanborough

ELECTED TO REPRESENT INTERESTS OF VOTERS

Cr Derek Swanborough (Move to Gold Coast, Scenic News 5 Nov.) makes for interesting reading. Cr Swanborough was required by law to make the Declaration

of Office at the commencement of his tenure as a councillor. Every person within Scenic Rim Regional Council area is entitled to hold Cr Swanborough to account through the prism of that declaration.

The Local Government website sets out the duties of a councillor subsequent to the heading What Happens If I Get Elected? I believe that Cr Swanborough has made it clear that his first priority and only promise to Tamborine Mountain is to shift us out of SRRC and into the Gold Coast City Council.

If there is to be a debate regarding council boundaries, let it be had robustly and honourably and let the protagonists be transparent and accountable as to vested interests and sources of funding. At this point in time, Cr Swanborough is being paid by SRRC to discharge his declared duties: 'Rates, Roads and Rubbish'; the stuff of local government.

Cr Swanborough was not elected by a majority of first preference votes. It is gilding the lily to suggest that he has a mandate for this crusade. Right now, I feel as though Cr Swanborough is putting my money where his mouth is without my assent. Through the complexities of preferential voting, Cr Swanborough was elected to represent the voters of Division I of SRRC and their interests under the Local Government Act. May it be so!

Frank White

INITIATIVE WAS MINE ... AND MINE ALONE

These are my own personal views. I do not speak on behalf of Council.

Mr Frank White has kindly forwarded a copy of his draft Letter to the Editor prior to publication and I advised him I would respond with a reply if it were to be published.

Mr White says the protagonists, meaning myself and others, must be transparent and accountable as to vested interests and sources of funding for this move. Does that suggest some possible hidden agenda or even impropriety? This initiative prior to the election was mine and mine alone, and I funded my own election campaign.

I did it because after 12 years of belonging to the Scenic Rim it

has proved the worst outcome for Tamborine Mountain. Enough is Enough. I am addressing the root cause of why we are going backwards, our infrastructure is tired, and run down and rates excessively high while other parts of the region are moving forward with many tens of millions of dollars to be spent in Beaudesert alone in the next three years and tens of millions of dollars on roads and bridges, with little on Tamborine Mountain to meet our needs. We are in the wrong council.

I have received no funding for this campaign; however, I am considering how the community may contribute to the modest budget needed for the plebiscite. All funds will be held in a registered trust account at arm's length and be transparent and audited. There is nothing for me to gain, in fact if it proves successful, I have no guarantee of continuing in Local Government beyond the next election.

I reiterate not a dollar received by anyone else. My election return reflects this. For transparency Mr Frank White stood beside me handing out flyers for Mayor Christensen at the last election. So, we have perhaps opposing views and that is the democratic process and there's nothing wrong with that.

I remind Mr White however, that all Mayoral candidates at the Vonda Youngman Community centre "Meet the candidates public meeting", advised the community that if I was elected, and it could be shown the Mountain wanted to move to the GCCC, they would not stand in our way. It was recorded. Is that not an endorsement of this democratic process? Not one suggestion then it was unethical or would breach my responsibilities. This process now is to statistically discover the views of all residents in this matter as I have said publicly in my columns a number of times, I don't know the answer to this at this stage, based on the primary vote. That's why the next step needs to occur.

The Local Government Act itself allows this process, it is lawful and appropriate, and Mr White and the community can be assured there are no vested interests or impropriety at work here.

Cr Derek Swanborough

NEW ERA FOR SCENIC RIM TOWN CRIER

Following a cry-off before a panel of judges, Syd Norman of Tamborine has been selected as Scenic Rim's new Town Crier.

He will be ably supported in his duties by the region's new Assistant Town Crier, Peter Brown, of Boonah.

The two criers will carry on the legacy of retired Scenic Rim Town Crier, John Deeks, who was recognised for 20 years of service before his retirement in 2019.

Scenic Rim Mayor Greg Christensen thanked Mr Deeks for his contributions and congratulated Mr Norman and Mr Brown.

"John has set a wonderful threshold of expectation for those who come after him, and we acknowledge the gift he has given our region over a long period of time," he said.

"We had two spectacular candidates in Syd and Peter, and because of the expansive range of events in our region, the wonderful, joyful opportunities our community presents for visitors, we'll have a Town Crier and Assistant Town Crier."

Mr Norman used his cry to thank Mr Deeks for his service and to introduce himself.

"Our most respected John Deeks, the first and only Town Crier for our area, has retired after 20 years of carrying messages to our community and I



would be honoured to follow in his very-hard-to-fill footsteps," he said.

"If I may briefly introduce myself, I'm a retired marine engineer, master mechanic, Freemason, Scottish by birth, happily married and supported by my lovely wife Pauline, and at 73 years young hopefully with many years to spread the word."

In his cry, Mr Brown pledged to extol the virtues and attractions of the Scenic Rim.

"We have many varied and interesting of activities to excite and interest the most discerning of visitors. Our mountainous areas and rich farming land, numerous towns and villages, all with their own individual identities and friendly residents, make you feel welcome," he said.

Scenic Rim Town Crier Syd Norman, retired Scenic Rim Town Crier John Deeks, Mayor Greg Christensen and Assistant Town Crier Peter Brown.



Letters to the Editor

Readers are reminded that letters to the editor must show full name of writer for publication.

INTERRUPTIONS THE NAME OF THE GAME AT SRRC MEETINGS

I refer to Ian Langdon's Letter to the Editor in last week's edition.

I cannot agree with Ian's statement that Cr Swanborough is "effectively denying residents of Tamborine Mountain real and effective representation". I suggest ratepayers listen to the audio recording of SRRC's Ordinary Meeting of 12 October, commencing at the 23 minute 50 second time mark through to the 2-hour 43-minute mark:

<https://youtu.be/c2ZGQzSjeKE>

I lost count of how many times Cr Swanborough was interrupted (around 17 from memory), prevented from completing a sentence, let alone permitted to finish a question. No other councillors are treated in this manner. No other councillors bring this seemingly inappropriate meeting

behaviour to account. I think this clarifies who is effectively denying us "real and effective representation", and it isn't Division One's councillor.

All attempts by Cr Swanborough to gain clarity and ascertain sufficient information upon which councillors could base an informed vote in the Coles development application matter were effectively stifled by the Chairperson, Mayor Christensen.

One councillor's entire contribution to the agenda item was "I second the motion". Cr Enright and Cr McConnell at least make regular, meaningful contributions in council meetings. Some others could simply be classified as "bums on seats".

At the Ordinary Meeting held on 9 November the majority of councillors

voted to continue discussing planning applications in "confidential briefings" rather than in open Planning Committee meetings which were open to the public. On 12 October new Queensland legislation was introduced – which came about as a result of the CCC's investigation into and sacking of Ipswich City Council (Belcarra) – with the intent of increasing transparency in councils. That message is clearly lost on "our" council.

Rather than realigning our Mountain with Gold Coast City Council, there is a third option – Tamborine Mountain "go it alone". Who better to manage our Mountain than ourselves? I am interested to hear from other like-minded locals, who can contact me at: frangipani1956@msn.com

Amanda Hay



“Can we PLEASE do Boxing Day this year?”

It is starting to feel like Christmas. We have had the ceiling fans on at our house. A sure sign that summer has well and truly started as there is certainly no other season when our fans get turned on in our Mountain home. There have been some massive storms ripping over our Mountain, reminding us of the fact that with the heat often comes the wild weather. And the real kicker, Christmas beetles have started turning up inside again.

I was discussing this with Owen, my amazing 10-year-old son and I reminded him of something he had done five years ago when he was still only in Prep at school. He had woken me up very early in a very agitated state with a very important question to ask. “Dad,” Owen had said excitedly, “Can we PLEASE do Boxing Day this year?” “Ok,” I remember thinking to myself, “this should be interesting.” “Aaahhhh, yeah buddy,” I had said as I tried to open my weary eyes. “Boxing Day? We’ll totally do it this year,” hoping that I would be able to go straight back to sleep. Not to be put off by my eyes closing again, Owen had happily punched the air and exclaimed “Yes!” Then after a pause he had then asked with a quizzical look on his face, “So do we all just wake

up and start punching each other or what?”

This got me thinking about how our perceptions influence our actions and our beliefs greatly. Owen was excited about Boxing Day when he thought he could go to town on his big sister’s head while she was still asleep. He was far less enthusiastic about it when he found out it meant a day of lazing around while Dad and Grandad watched the cricket!

It is the same way with things that are good for us. A lot of us have a perception that the things that help us with our health are hard work, unpleasant and impossible to find the time to fit in. Consequently, our perceptions shape our actions and often lead us to never follow through on our New Year resolutions to eat healthier and exercise more.

However, if a doctor said to you, there is a treatment that has been shown to: decrease the effects of knee arthritis by 47 per cent; reduce progression of dementia and Alzheimer’s by 50 per cent; decrease the progression of people at risk of diabetes by 50 per cent; reduce the risk of hip fracture in post-menopausal women by 41 per cent; reduce anxiety by 48 per cent; relieve depression 30 to

47 per cent of the time; lower the risk of death by 23 per cent; and generally improve your quality of life – what would you say?

Most of us would be asking to start treatment immediately. Well, the treatment is exercise. To be precise, the research demonstrates that it is walking just 30 minutes a day.

Just 30 minutes!

It is time to change our perception about this. Rather than how can I fit in some exercise? it is time to ask ourselves, is it possible for me to limit my sitting, sleeping and working to only 23-and-a-half hours a day? Surely, all of us can find the time to fit in just 30 minutes of walking every day? The benefits are extraordinary.

If you don’t know where to start, the physios at Physique are experts at helping our community change their lives. Give us a call and get moving on the road to a healthier future. Maybe, if we focused on the benefits and the minimal amount of time commitment required, then maybe, just maybe, we might end up being as excited about changing our health as a five-year-old boy was about doing Boxing Day.



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BRIDGES

The word 'bridge' has a multiplicity of meanings: a card game; part of a stringed instrument; false teeth; part of a song; a structure that spans an obstacle. It can also refer to a relational connection between two people. A relational bridge is built on the same premises as that of a structural bridge.

Bridges are required to span a gap between two separated bodies in order to provide a passage between them. Bridges overcome obstacles. Civil engineers need to be visionary, creating what may be described as a masterpiece of modern engineering. Safety often relies on untried designs or unproven materials as engineers put faith in their own knowledge and expertise.

It is this type of measured visionary faith that is required when we embark on the adventure of building relationships. We draw strength from our belief that our commitment to each other will overcome differences and bridge the gap that separates us. If we do not believe in the power and safety of the relationship, obstacles will grow in our minds and undermine the foundation of the bridge which will eventually be swept away.



Another aspect of bridge building is that bridges serve a necessary function. Bridge building requires a huge investment and sacrifice. Sydney Harbour Bridge cost the lives of 16 bridge builders. The sacrifice involved is driven by a belief that our investment will serve a useful purpose.

The Humber Estuary Bridge in Yorkshire was the longest span of any cable-suspension bridge in the world when constructed. It was regarded as an outstanding example of engineering. Problem was, the community did not believe that it was necessary and chose not to use it. It was labelled the bridge from nowhere to nowhere. The same can be applied to the formation of relationships. Once the obstacles have been overcome, transport (communication) can take place. However, if we don't fully grasp the necessity of a relationship it will quickly become obsolete in our thinking and we will abandon it.

A new relationship is like a bridge under construction. It starts out like a shaky rope bridge. It is initially fragile. Saying the wrong thing could mean it doesn't survive. Over time our long-term relationships get strengthened. As obstacles arise, we take a risk and trust the relationship will take the weight. The relational bridge sees an increase in traffic. Over time pylons and cables of trust are added and the bridge is reinforced. We learn to give feedback, risk self-disclosure, and have confidence that the relationship can bear the weight.

Constructing relational bridges begins when we overcome obstacles in our mind. If previous bridges have collapsed, we have to conquer fear of failure. There is always an element of risk. Winning the mental battle requires faith in the project and overcoming fear of the unknown. The fulfilment of genuine connection makes it all worthwhile.

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TRAVELLING PLACES

By Gina Storey

In the last couple of weeks, I have started to feel some positivity in the air. With the announcement of a hopeful vaccine everyone is starting to feel more confident to travel regionally in the coming months.

One thing that has struck me is the number of enquiries for expedition cruises in Australian waters. These expedition vessels carry under 200 passengers and offer you an up close experience, appealing to travellers who seek an immersive experience, who enjoy the interaction with locals, who are fascinated by the sharing of stories reflecting the history, culture and environment of the region.

True North is one of Australia's most wonderful small expedition vessels carrying a maximum 36 passengers. This truly is an adventure in style with comfortable cabins and fantastic catering; you will soon feel at home as you get to know both your fellow passengers over a convivial meal or on a share excursion, and the crew as they lend a helping hand to ensure your journey is exceptional.



Small enough to enter rivers, a fine example is when in PNG, True North can venture 100 miles upstream on the Sepik River to interact with remote villagers, to glide through untouched jungle listening to bird calls in the hope of a glimpse of the world's most exotic birdlife.

Another classic example is experiencing the Kimberley's majestic twin falls. Guests on the True North sail up the King George River, sipping champagne and listening to classical music on the ship's sundeck. When the True North arrives at the falls – the master positions the boat under the falls allowing the guests to have a shower on the bow. Return to your cabin and change into dry clothes to hike to the top of the falls or take the onboard helicopter flight over the falls – how amazing would that be?

Daily excursions are on one of the six on-board runabouts; comfortable and spacious, these are ideal for everyone to enjoy experiences that appeal to them. There are the cultural and environmental excursions but also True North is small enough to also allow the crew to offer a much greater range of activities, for example fishing, mud crabbing, collecting oysters and sunset drinks on the beach. The small group also allows the crew greater opportunity to cater for personal preference and specific interests such as birdwatching and photography excursions.

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Travelling Places will design a trip for you including your flights, accommodation and expedition cruise – there are some specials available, so don't hesitate to enquire.

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PJ POTTERY STAYS NICCI'S LOVE CHILD



PJ Pottery is the love child of Nicci Parry-Jones who has been working with clay since her children were young and she sculpted fairy castles and dragons and sold them at the Tamborine Mountain Country Markets.

From then on, she was hooked and progressed through various courses, workshops, masterclasses and art residencies abroad. Twenty six years on, her passion to create with clay remains stronger than ever.

PJ Pottery operates from a purpose-built studio on Tamborine Mountain from where Nicci creates her well-known quirky teapots and commissions of domestic and café ware. She also runs classes and workshops for beginners through to advanced students, as well as conducting private teaching sessions.

"Sharing discoveries with the people who buy my work or with other potters is something that makes me happy and keeps my enthusiasm for the craft alive," said Nicci.

"I quit my day job in arts administration three years ago, sold everything and moved from New South Wales back to Queensland to become a full-time potter. Apart from falling in love with an old Queensland friend and moving back to Tamborine Mountain, it was the best choice I have ever made.

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"I feel incredibly fortunate to be able to live on this beautiful Mountain and run a business from home that I love, and I gain much satisfaction from passing on my skills and love of ceramics to others," she said.

Nicci can be contacted at hello@pjpottery.com

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FREE MOVIES IN THE PARK TO SCREEN UNDER STARS

It will be BYO chairs and blankets as Scenic Rim Regional Council presents its Free Movies in the Park program in coming weeks.

Families are invited to get into the spirit of the festive season early with the animated version of Dr Seuss' The Grinch screening under the stars beginning at Jubilee Park, Beaudesert, at 6.30pm on Saturday 21 November.

Based on the much-loved classic by Dr Seuss, The Grinch is the heart-warming story of a cynical grump whose mission is to steal Christmas but who is changed by a young girl's generous holiday spirit.

Scenic Rim Mayor Greg Christensen encouraged everyone to join in the fun of a film with a message about the power of optimism.

"After the challenges of the past year, the

Free Movies in the Park events are a great opportunity for communities across our region to celebrate the spirit of the Christmas season," he said.

"Whether you're young or just young-at-heart, the Free Movies in the Park are a great way to connect with others in your community.

"These early evening events are not only for families but also aim to bring the community together in a relaxed setting."

The Free Movies in the Park will screen at 6.30pm on the following dates at these locations:

- Saturday 21 November: Jubilee Park, Beaudesert
- Saturday 28 November: Geissmann Oval, Tamborine Mountain, and
- Saturday 5 December: Coronation Park, Boonah.

At each location local clubs will be selling food and drinks and Council will have free fruit and giveaways.

COVID-safe plans are in place for each of the events and participants will be encouraged to continue to maintain social distancing.

"I hope you will join us in celebrating the spirit of the season and the spirit of our communities," Cr Christensen said.

CHARTER PRESENTED TO TAMBORINE MT ROTARY

Rotary Tamborine Mountain has just celebrated the presentation of the Charter for the newly founded Tamborine Mountain Rotary Satellite Club of Coomera River.

The Charter was presented by Mr Andy Rajapakse, District Governor, at a dinner event at Eagle Heights Mountain Resort that was attended by past and present Rotarians and community members.

Andy shared a brief overview of the history of Rotary. The first Rotary club was formed in 1905 in Chicago by Mr Paul Harris. Initially it was set up as a platform for networks, friendships and sharing of ideas. The name 'Rotary' derived from the early practice of rotating meetings among members' offices.

Rotary's popularity spread throughout the United States in the decade that followed; clubs were chartered from San Francisco to New York. By 1921 Rotary clubs had been formed on six continents.

Over time Rotary's reach and vision gradually extended to global humanitarian service.

The first motto of Rotary International in 1911 was: He/she Profits Most Who Serves Best.

Rotary International was invited by the United States to serve as consultant to its delegation at the San Francisco conference where the United Nations was founded and chartered?

Today Rotary International is an international service organisation whose stated purpose is to bring together business and professional leaders in order to provide humanitarian service and to advance goodwill and peace around the world.

It is a non-political and non-religious organisation open to all. There are more than 35,000 member clubs worldwide, with a membership of 1.2 million individuals, known as Rotarians. Rotary also embraced a code of ethics, called the 'four-way test':

Is it the TRUTH?

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NIGHT AND DAY – INSECT CHORUS

A sure sign that the warmer weather has arrived is the constant chorus of insects.

Higher ambient temperatures trigger increased activity in insects, including calling. During the day we are serenaded by cicadas and in the evening the Orthopterans – grasshoppers, locusts, crickets and katydids, take the stage. We can only hear the calls within human audio range and much of this insect chorus is above or below the auditory sense abilities of humans.

The well-known song of the cicada is a mating call, which is made only by males. A broken erratic distress call can also be emitted when an individual is captured.

There are more than 200 species of cicada in Australia, each species has its own distinctive mating call. Australian cicadas are the loudest insects in the world; large species such as the double drummer and greengrocer can produce noise intensity in excess of 120 decibels.



Organs called tymbals, which are ribbed membranes at the base of the abdomen, produce the cicada's song. Contracting and relaxing the tymbal muscles produce a pulse of sound.

Male and female cicadas can hear through a hearing organ known as a tympana, but the male also has the capacity to crease his tympana when he sings to prevent being deafened by his own song. Some cicada species only call at dusk; usually these are weak flyers which do not sing during the day as they would be vulnerable to predators.

As darkness falls, the Orthopterans start their chorus. This is a blend of many species producing different sounds for a variety of purposes including courtship, territory, communication and distress calls. Each species creates and recognises its own distinct calls and can discern very small change in vibrations.

Orthopterans create their calls by stridulation of specially adapted parts of their legs and wings which act as files and scrapers to make sounds. They have hardened upper surfaces of their forewings and a row of pegs on their legs which are scraped together, or they may produce sounds by scraping edges of their wings together.

In both methods the fine membrane of the wings vibrates, thereby amplifying the sounds. Some species also produce sounds by grinding their jaws. In order to hear the calls, these insects have a range of sound receptors including sensory hairs, sensory cells in antennae and tympanal organs on their abdomen or front legs.

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Saturday 21 November	Beaudesert, Jubilee Park
Saturday 28 November	Tamborine Mountain, Geissmann Oval
Saturday 5 December	Boonah, Coronation Park

6.30pm ★

DR SEUSS THE GRINCH (PG)

The Grinch (animated version), based on Dr. Seuss' beloved holiday classic. The Grinch tells the story of a cynical grump who goes on a mission to steal Christmas, only to have his heart changed by a young girl's generous holiday spirit. Funny, heart warming and visually stunning, it's a universal story about the spirit of Christmas and the indomitable power of optimism.

Local clubs will have food and drink available for sale!

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one small place on earth



Banana Bush

Banana Bush – *Tabernaemontana pandacaqui*, property, North Tamborine.



This Australian tropical rainforest plant occurs in Queensland and north-eastern New South Wales. Its fruit sufficiently resembles a banana to give the plant one of its common names, the other being windmill bush. The plant is also native to China, Thailand and Papua New Guinea, inter alia. It grows to a height of six metres or more.

My book, *one small place on earth*, makes a unique and beautiful Christmas present from Tamborine Mountain - with over 300 images of its flora and fauna, \$39.95 hard cover. Stocked by Under the Greenwood Tree, The Piccabee Bookshop, the TM Skywalk, the North Tamborine and Eagle Heights Post Offices and Canungra Books & Art.

Peter Kuttner



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Digital and e-Commerce Grants: Scenic Rim businesses can now apply for Council grants to access digital technologies and services to maximise online opportunities.

Facade Improvement Scheme:

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FREE TREE DISTRIBUTION DAYS

Council's Free Tree Distribution Day will be held on:

Saturday 5 December 2020 | 8am to 12 noon
Springleigh Park, Boonah

Residents must present their Free Tree Voucher (delivered with their July 2020 rates notice) to collect their free trees.

COVID-19 restrictions and processes will be in place during the plant distribution.

Please read the advisory notes on the back of your Free Tree Voucher before attending Council's distribution day.

BE HEALTHY AND ACTIVE

Spring into spring with Council's Be Healthy & Active Spring Program, which is jam packed with a variety of activities to keep you active and healthy this season.

Check out the 'events' section of Council's Facebook page or Council's What's On Calendar www.scenicrim.qld.gov.au/whats-on for a full list of activities.

FREE MOVIES IN THE PARK

It's BYO chairs and blankets for these fun family-friendly events under the stars, with **Dr Seuss' The Grinch** screening from **6.30pm** on these dates at the following locations:

Sat 21 Nov | Beaudesert Jubilee Park
Sat 28 Nov | Tamborine Mountain Geissmann Oval
Sat 5 Dec | Boonah Coronation Park



This animated movie is based on the holiday classic by Dr Seuss about The Grinch, a cynical grump on a mission to steal Christmas, whose heart is changed by a young girl's generous holiday spirit. Local clubs will have food and drink available for sale at each location.

LIVE + ONLINE AT THE CENTRES

Friday 4 December | 11am | Boonah
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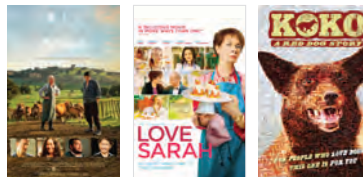
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Boonah Cultural Centre | 10am | 1pm | 7pm
Tickets are \$10 or Conc \$7.50 and must be purchased in advance.

20 November Bellbird (M)
4 December Love Sarah (M)
11 December Koko: A Red Dog Story (G)



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Boonah | Beaudesert

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RELAX AT THE MEMORY CAFE

Friday 4 December | 10am-12 noon | Beaudesert
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AUSSIE TRIVIA

How well do you know the night sky?

- Which of the following statements about the Moon is true?
A) We never see the new moon B) The moon's phases are caused by Earth's shadow falling across the Moon C) We only ever see one side of the Moon D) Only people living in the Northern Hemisphere get to see a 'man in the moon'
- The Southern Cross and Sagittarius are two of the best known constellations. How many constellations are there altogether?
A) 99 B) 88 C) 77 D) 12
- The star closest to Earth (other than the Sun) is:
A) Alpha Centauri A B) Alpha Centauri B C) Proxima Centauri D) Beta Centauri
- Io is a moon that orbits which planet?
A) Jupiter B) Saturn C) Neptune D) Uranus
- The Geminid meteor shower is the best meteor shower in the Southern Hemisphere. When does it happen?
A) May B) October C) November D) December
- The 'saucepan' is the name many Australians give which constellation?
A) Sagittarius B) Orion C) Crux D) Scorpius
- The middle of the Milky Way is in which constellation?
A) Scorpius B) Sagittarius C) Capricornus D) Aquarius
- Which Indigenous constellation has the 'Coal Sack' as its head?
A) The Emu in the Sky B) The Stingray C) The Dancing Youths D) The Seven Cockatoos
- The Southern Cross can be seen in the evening at any time of the year from anywhere in Australia. True or False?

Answers on page 23



CHEF DYLAN'S
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Most people who have ever been to an Indian restaurant know about tandoori lamb cutlets, but I bet you have never had a butter chicken flavoured lamb cutlet.

Last Sunday I had one of my old apprentices come up from Tasmania where he is the sous chef in a one hatted restaurant. His love of fine dining food came after I sent him on a three-month stay at my friend's two Michelin starred restaurant in Holland.

I created this hybrid dish as part of a seven-course degustation I cooked for him and his new partner.

When I think back to my childhood, there were three restaurants we went to - a Chinese, a Sizzler and an Indian. Just before I left to go to Oxford to start my two-year working visa, my father invited me to a leaving dinner at his favourite Indian restaurant. We had been going there for years and knew the owner very well. We would always order the same thing: a butter chicken, garlic naan, rogan josh (mild) and rice to share. In this particular restaurant all diners would get some papadums, mango chutney, raita and diced red onion served as a gift to whet the appetite (this is the reason my father came here).

My father had never been overseas and was quite anxiously finishing the last of his papadum when he asked: Aren't you worried you won't find a job?" Just as I was about to answer I got the very distinctive whiff of tandoori lamb. It's a wonderful smell as you

may well know. Anyway, suddenly the owner placed a beautifully presented rack of six tandoori cutlets down in front of us, garnished with some cucumber and lemon; the protruding bone was beautifully wrapped with foil. "We didn't order this," said my father suddenly worried (they were the most expensive thing on the menu hence the reason we had never had them). The owner looked at my father with kind eyes then looked at me and said: They're from my wife and I, as a farewell gift. A good luck blessing has been placed upon them he said proudly.

My father sat there googly eyed with his mouth open like a Venus fly trap, his brain not quite computing what had just taken place. "WOW, that's very kind of you both; thank you so much," I blurted out. "Please enjoy" said the owner, smiling and wobbling his head in the Indian fashion.

My mouth instantly began to salivate. I picked one up and tenderly squeezed on a little lemon and took my first bite. OMG! The lamb was beautifully charred on the outside from the intense heat of the tandoor oven and the succulent meat was super tender but the flavour was what blew me away. The acid from the lemon balanced out the crispy fat that boarded the fillet perfectly. It was truly magical. I nibbled on the bone like a starved hamster getting every skerrick of meat from the little morsel of the gods. I had found my new favourite Indian delight. Tandoori lamb where had you been all my life?

I've tried to make it at home but it's very hard to recreate the intense heat in the oven.

The trick is you have to cook it on a Weber style BBQ; leave it on high with the lid closed for about 20 minutes, then very quickly place the lamb cutlets on the grill and close it up before too much heat escapes. They only take 5 minutes, and they taste amazing. And the great news is they are super easy to prepare. I got the lamb from Jo the butcher down at Canungra, one of only a few butchers who open on a Sunday.



Did you know lamb is a fantastic source of Iron? As a red meat, lamb inherently has a lot more iron than other protein sources like chicken or fish. It's also a Vitamin B powerhouse and is loaded with immune-boosting zinc. Lamb does contain fat, but a significant portion of that fat is anti-inflammatory Omega-3 fatty acids. Grass-fed lamb meat provides its consumers with conjugated linoleic acid (CLA). CLA has been shown to help aid fat loss and improve lean muscle mass.

INGREDIENTS (SERVES 4)

- 12 lamb cutlets
- 3 tbs Greek yogurt
- 4 tbs Mudgeeraba spice butter chicken paste

METHOD

- In a bowl mix yoghurt and butter chicken paste together.
- Coat each lamb cutlet and marinate for 2 hours or overnight.
- Heat BBQ with lid down for 20 minutes until screaming hot and grill for 3 minutes with the lid closed, then only 2 minutes on the other side (if you like it pink).
- Serve with fresh lemon wedge.



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Our Book Choice: *Do Not Say We Have Nothing* by Madeleine Thien



In a single year, my father left us twice. The first time, to end his marriage, and the second, when he took his own life. I was ten years old."

Master storyteller Madeleine Thien takes us inside an extended family in China, showing us the lives of two successive generations—those who lived through Mao's Cultural Revolution and their children, who became the students protesting in Tiananmen Square. At the center of this epic story are two young women, Marie and Ai-Ming. Through their relationship Marie strives to piece together the tale of her fractured family in present-day Vancouver, seeking answers in the fragile layers of their collective story. Her quest will unveil how Kai, her enigmatic father, a talented pianist, and Ai-Ming's father, the shy and brilliant composer, Sparrow, along with the violin prodigy Zhuli were forced to reimagine their artistic and private selves during China's political campaigns and how their fates reverberate through the years with lasting consequences.

With maturity and sophistication, humor and beauty, Thien has crafted a novel that is at once intimate and grandly political, rooted in the details of life inside China yet transcendent in its universality.

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1. The dark parts of the Moon are dark for the same reason the night side of the Earth is dark - they're facing away from the Sun. As the Moon orbits Earth it is at various angles to the Sun. But we only ever see one side of the Moon because it takes 27 days to fully rotate, which is the same time it takes to orbit Earth once.
2. In 1928, the International Astronomical Union decreed that there would be 88 constellations. The constellations were the same star groupings that had been recognised since antiquity, but some minor groupings that had fallen out of use were incorporated into the major constellations.
3. Proxima Centauri is our closest neighbour. It is roughly 4.25 light years away from us. It is the dimmest star in a three-star system called Alpha Centauri. The other two stars in the system — Alpha Centauri A and Alpha Centauri B — are around 4.35 light years away. The star system, which is in the constellation of Centaurus, is the brightest of the two "pointer stars" that lead to the Southern Cross. Io is the third largest of Jupiter's moons. Altogether Jupiter has at least 67 moons. The other three largest are: Ganymede, Callisto and Europa.
4. The Geminids meteor shower, produced by debris from the asteroid 3200 Phaethon happens in December. The Eta Aquarids meteor shower, produced by debris from Halley's Comet, is one of the most reliable meteor showers in the Southern Hemisphere.
5. The 'saucepan' is in the constellation of Orion the hunter. It's actually Orion's belt, but because Orion is upside down in the southern hemisphere it looks like a saucepan. You can see Orion in Australia from November until mid-May
6. The centre of the galaxy is located in the constellation of Sagittarius or the 'teapot' as you might know it.
7. Just above the spout of the teapot, at the boundary between the bright star clouds of the Milky Way and the dark dust lane, is the heart of our galaxy.
8. Unlike the more familiar constellations, the Emu is a "dark constellation" made up of dust clouds that form the dark lanes of the Milky Way so it is really only visible away from urban light pollution.
9. You'll have a hard time finding the Southern Cross in the evening skies in December if you live in Darwin. But it's not that much easier further south, where it just skims the surface of the horizon from Sydney.

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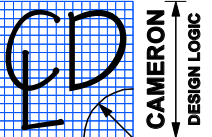
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