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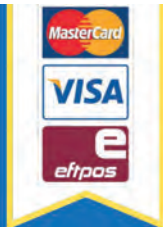
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## MOUNTAIN LIONS CLUB YOUTH OF THE YEAR

*Tamborine Mountain Lions Club Youth of the Year participants (from left) Emily Ross, Cameron Ayres, Dylan Sippell, Lewi Ikorimana, Cleah Sullivan and Willant Hassell. Final judging in this year's quest was held at The Manor, with Martyn Haynes, Stephanie Lorimer and John Young presiding as judges. Following an earlier personal interview, participants were asked to speak for two minutes each as a response to an impromptu question based on current events and then present a five-minute speech without visual aids on a topic of their own choosing. More details Page 4.*



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# ROTARY TO PRESENT CASE FOR MOUNTAIN BUS SERVICE



*Zoe Ross and David Power, from Rotary Tamborine Mountain, on the day they presented a submission to the office of the Minister for Transport, Mark Bailey, on the urgent need for a public transport service for the Mountain.*

**A delegation from Rotary Tamborine Mountain, comprising members Neil Smith and Zoe Ross, will meet with representatives of the Queensland Minister for Transport, Mark Bailey, in Brisbane on April 7 to discuss the subject of a public transport service for the Mountain.**

Mr Smith said they hoped to receive a fair hearing and the opportunity to express the need for equality with similar or less populated areas that currently have a public bus service.

Rotary is actively pursuing the creation of a new regular public transport bus service that operates both around the Mountain and down to the Helensvale shopping centre and transport hub via Upper Coomera and the Oxenford shopping centre.

The aim is to provide regular, reliable, comfortable and convenient transport options for all Mountain residents. These would include

commuting to work, access to medical and hospital services, tertiary facilities, onward travel connections and shopping.

To help achieve this, the club last year formed a steering committee to research and combine all the various elements involved to get the project under way. The medical profession and Tamborine Mountain Community Care are represented on the committee to ensure that these needs are well catered for in the design of a new bus service, both on and off the Mountain.

Rotary has proposed that there should be a circular route running around the Mountain a number of convenient times each day, seven days a week, linking all the residential areas and the village centres. The bus would then go down to the Helensvale transport hub to link with its trains, buses and light rail. It would then return to the Mountain and repeat the circular route, picking up and dropping off passengers as requested at numerous designated bus stops.

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## MOUNTAIN LIONS CLUB YOUTH OF THE YEAR

**Each year, Lions clubs across Australia participate in the Youth of the Year Quest, aiming to encourage student interest in leadership and the qualities required to take an active and constructive role in their community.**

A high level of academic, leadership, sporting, public speaking and citizenship achievement is sought. Tamborine Mountain Lions Club works with its two local high schools to encourage year 12 students to become involved.

This year's participants were Dylan Sippel and Cleah Sullivan from Tamborine Mountain College, and Cameron Ayers, Willant Hassell, Lewi Ikorimana and Emily Ross from Tamborine Mountain State High School.

Final judging at club level was held at The Manor, with Martyn Haynes,

Stephanie Lorimer and John Young presiding as judges.

Following an earlier personal interview, participants were asked to speak for two minutes each as a response to an impromptu question based on current events ("*Is the Federal Government justified in asking Facebook to pay for Australian news content?*"), and then present a five-minute speech without visual aids on a topic of their own choosing. Topics included Plastic Pollution; Happiness; Youth, Laws and Enforcement; Racism Towards Indigenous Australians; and Abuse of Power.

This year's winner for Public Speaking was Cleah Sullivan, while the overall Youth of the Year winner was Willant Hassell. Willant will now progress to the District level of the competition.

## EASTER CATHOLIC SERVICES

**Thu 1 April 7pm:** Mass of the Last Supper: John the Baptist Church, Beacon Rd Tamborine Mountain

**Thu 1 April 7pm:** Mass of the Last Supper: St Mary's Church, Beaudesert

**Thu 1 April 7pm:** Mass of the Last Supper: Marian Valley, Beechmont Rd, via Canungra

**Good Fri 9am:** Stations of the Cross, John the Baptist Church, Beacon Rd Tamborine Mountain

**Good Fri 3pm:** Passion of Christ Liturgy, John the Baptist Church, Beacon Rd Tamborine Mountain

**Good Fri 10.30am:** Stations of the Cross, St Mary's Beaudesert

**Good Fri 3pm:** Passion of Christ Liturgy, St Mary's Church Beaudesert

**Good Fri 2pm:** Stations of the Cross, Marian Valley, Beechmont Rd, via Canungra

**Good Fri 3pm:** Passion of Christ Liturgy, Marian Valley, Beechmont Rd, via Canungra

**Sat 3 April 6pm:** Easter Vigil Mass, Marian Valley, Beechmont Rd, via Canungra

**Sat 3 April 7pm:** Easter Vigil Mass, John the Baptist Church, Beacon Rd Tamborine Mt

**Sat 3 April 7pm:** Easter Vigil Mass, St Mary's Church, Beaudesert

**Sun 4 April 7.30am:** Easter Sunday Mass, St John the Baptist Church, Beacon Rd Tamborine Mountain

**Sun 4 April 9am:** Easter Sunday Mass, St Margaret Mary's Church, Canungra

**Sun 4 April 9.30am:** Easter Sunday Mass, St Mary's Church, Beaudesert

**Sun 4 April 10.45am:** Easter Sunday Mass, St Joseph's (O'Reilly's - Green Mountains)

**Sun 4 April 11am and 4pm:** Easter Sunday Mass, Marian Valley, Beechmont Rd, via Canungra

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**JEFF McCONNELL**  
DIVISION 2

## COUNCIL

I have been asked by several residents that given the vitriolic nature of anti-council posts on Facebook, why I chose to become a councillor. Well, it's because I enjoy helping people and making a difference. I know that some of the community issues that I support will not be popular with every resident. I'm not going to take a poll on every issue. The residents of Division Two, after looking at my character and employment history, elected me to be their voice. I will always look at the long-term strategic impact of all my decisions i.e., what will be the benefit and cost over the next 20 years to the region.

I also don't get to choose who the Mayor or other elected councillors are; that is done by you the residents. I must, however, work with them to form a cohesive and functional council that should be free from personal conflict. The Mayor is the elected head of the council and the Scenic Rim is too small to have an opposition party like

Brisbane and the Gold Coast, so I will not be opposing contentious issues the Mayor supports just to go against him because I don't like him and to score political points. I will, however, ensure that the Mayor works with the councillors to achieve a common strategic vision i.e., Corporate Plan. The Community Plan is formed from consultation with the community and then this drives the Corporate Plan which all councillors have equal input into. The Corporate Plan then drives the direction of the Council through a yearly Operational Plan.

### COUNCIL MEETINGS

Just to dispel some media and Facebook posts, there are no secret council meetings. There is, however, a Councillor Workshop that is confidential; this is standard across all levels of government and they have been happening since before amalgamation. This is where agenda items for future council ordinary meetings are brought forward and councillors can query the report to ensure that we have all the information we need to make a decision at an Ordinary Meeting. We do not make a decision at the workshop and in fact

the Mayor has shut down discussion when councillors have gone down that path as this goes against regulations.

I have, however, asked the Mayor and CEO to look at some of the briefings that we get in the workshop that get turned into a media release to see if they can somehow be conducted in a public setting.

I encourage you to listen to one of our Ordinary Meetings on YouTube and compare it to other councils.

### Thought of the day:

*"Don't always believe everything that you read on Facebook."* – Cr Jeff McConnell

### CONTACT ME

I will always be available to talk with residents on my mobile **0436 327 434** or email **Jeff.m@scenicrim.qld.gov.au**

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Jeff McConnell  
Councillor for Division 2  
Scenic Rim Regional Council

I am happy to meet with anyone who requests a meeting and hope to start regular meetings soon.



# Council Notices



### CALLING ALL CREATIVES

Applications are now open for our free Artrepreneur and Arts Plus programs.

Artrepreneur is aimed at aspiring artists aged 18 to 35 years who would like to develop their business skills to shape a creative career. This 12-week mentoring program begins with a three-day workshop commencing 18 May and is facilitated by Goat Track Theatre Company founder Andrew Wright.

Arts Plus, a three-day workshop beginning on Friday 28 May, is for those already working in the arts sector and aiming to make money - as well as their mark - as a successful business leader in their field. Places in both programs are limited and applications close Friday 30 April 2021.

Find out more at [liveatthecentre.com.au](http://liveatthecentre.com.au)

### COMMUNITY DISASTER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Council is calling for Community Disaster Volunteers to fill new roles in improving on-the-ground communications and local leadership before, during and after a disaster event.

We are seeking key community members from each of our townships, who will be provided with training and ongoing support.

Applications close mid-May 2021. Download a Fact Sheet and Volunteer Application Form from Council's website [scenicrim.qld.gov.au](http://scenicrim.qld.gov.au)

### LIBRARIES

#### SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

##### NAME THE GAME

A morning of quick thinking and hilarious games. Book through the Library catalogue Events page on Council's website.

**Boonah** | Tuesday 13 April | 10am - 11am  
**Beaudesert** | Thursday 14 April | 10am - 11am

##### METAMORPHOSIS ACTIVITY PACKS

Scenic Rim Libraries are celebrating the change of seasons through poetry and art.

The Metamorphosis Kit includes Haiku instructions, origami paper and material for children aged 8+ to create a collage.

##### STORYTIME IN THE PARK OUTREACH

<b>BEECHMONT</b>	1 April
<b>CANUNGRA</b>	14 April
<b>RATHDOWNNEY</b>	19 April
<b>BEAUDESERT</b>	20 April
<b>TAMBORINE VILLAGE</b>	27 April

##### STORYTIME SESSIONS

Bookings are essential. Space and number limits apply.

**BEAUDESERT** Monday 9.30am | Wednesday 9.30am  
**BOONAH** Monday 9.30am | 10.30am  
**TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN** Monday 9.15am | Storytime for children 2-5 yrs  
Friday 9.15am | Baby Rhyme Time 2 yrs and under

##### QUEENSLAND MUSEUM KITS

Suitable for home-schooled students, educators and families, these kits are available for loan from local libraries. Contact your local library for information.

### LIVE + ONLINE AT THE CENTRES

For more information or bookings [phone 5540 5050](http://phone.5540.5050) or [www.liveatthecentre.com.au](http://www.liveatthecentre.com.au)

#### LIVE ON STAGE

##### AM CONCERT

**Tickets** Adults \$16; Groups of 10+ \$12.50 p/p  
**DARREN COGGAN'S CAMPFIRE**  
**Friday 30 April** | 11am | The Centre Beaudesert

Join Darren around his campfire and enjoy a morning of heart-warming and timeless tunes that have had the whole world singing.

##### PM CONCERTS

**Tickets** Adults \$34; Conc \$29; Groups of 8+ \$29 p/p  
**TOPOLOGY - WE WILL RISE**  
**Friday 26 March** | 7.30pm | Boonah Cultural Centre

We Will Rise is music for our time, with a message of strength, courage, hope and resilience.

##### CHAMELEON

**Friday 23 April** | 7.30pm  
Vonda Youngman Community Centre

Catch this high-energy cabaret which invites audience members to shape the storyline.



### HELP US PLAN FOR THE FUTURE

Be part of planning for the future of the region through the first Scenic Rim Growth Management Strategy.

Don't miss this opportunity to have your say on where you would like to see projected growth occur, including the location of growth areas, housing types and land for employment opportunities.

Visit Council's Have Your Say web page to find out more about the growth management strategy and complete the survey online. [scenicrim.qld.gov.au/have-your-say](http://scenicrim.qld.gov.au/have-your-say)



### MENTAL HEALTH FITNESS

Help yourself and others to build resilience through a series of free Mental Health Fitness workshops to be run across the region this month. Presented by Mental Health First Aid Australia for Scenic Rim Regional Council, this project received grant funding from the Australian Government. Sessions will be held at the following locations on these dates:

**Tamborine Mountain** | Wednesday 24 March  
**The Centre Beaudesert** | Tuesday 30 March  
**Boonah Cultural Centre** | Wednesday 31 March

Book through [events@scenicrim.qld.gov.au](mailto:events@scenicrim.qld.gov.au)

### SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

School holidays are just around the corner! Our libraries and cultural centres will be running a range of boredom-busting free and low-cost activities, workshops and family movies. Visit [liveatthecentre.com.au](http://liveatthecentre.com.au) or [scenicrim.qld.gov.au/libraries](http://scenicrim.qld.gov.au/libraries) for details.

**Council correspondence should be addressed to:** Jon Gibbons, Chief Executive Officer, PO Box 25 | 82 Brisbane Street, Beaudesert QLD 4285 | Telephone 07 5540 5111




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- 11 - 11.45 LOT 7/59 Wilson Road
- 11.30 - 12.15 30 Curlew Ct, Tamborine
- 12.15 - 1 L2/ 75 Guanaba Road
- 1 - 1.45 161 Eagle Heights Road



### Review Buyer: 27 Coleman Square

I don't do online surveys but want to thank you for providing all the assistance we needed for the sale to go through smoothly. We love it here and although there is a bit of work to do we feel really blessed to call this beautiful part of the mountain HOME....Linda & Stewart

**AGENTS:** ★★★★★  
Barry Chick  
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**SALE** 🛏️ 3-4 🚿 3 🚗 10 🗝️ 5 acres

**Lot 7/59 Wilson Rd, Tamborine Mountain**

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Amidst the excitement of preparing the building of the future TM Universe science centre and expanding the network of experts and volunteers supporting it, a project this size also needs a solid structure.

We are delighted to welcome Jane Skimmings as the Volunteers Manager, a role on the Advisory Board. Her main role is to fulfill the theme of our team: "If you want to go fast, go alone; if you want to go far, go together".

Jane will coordinate the roles of all volunteers and ensure that we are all happy with how we contribute to the project .... and to ourselves. Volunteering is not only about giving, but also about gaining: learning from experiences, getting new knowledge, meeting interesting people and above all, working together to contribute to this shared community project.

All volunteers will sign a volunteer's agreement that explains not only the rules and ethics of the organisation, but also the rights of volunteers, including insurance policies. At the last board meeting a set of new policies was accepted bringing the total to 18; all can be found on the TM Universe website (a link called Policies and Constitution). A few examples of policies are Code of Ethics, Transparency and Accountability, Confidentiality, Media Relations, Copyrights and Workplace Health and Safety. Another 22 policies are in preparation.

At the General Meeting on 6 April the board will also propose an addition to the constitution. To operate as a not-for-profit social enterprise, it is necessary to not only explain the word 'enterprise', but also 'social'. The proposal is to use the profits of TM Universe not only to sustain the organisation, but also to contribute to opportunities for children (and others) from disadvantaged schools, suburbs and regions to get access to the science we offer at TM Universe.

Therefore, the slogan "If you want to go fast, go alone; if you want to go far, go together" not only applies to our team, investors and members, but also to the future visitors. TM Universe will be an inclusive, commercially run not-for-profit social enterprise that will make everybody proud.

Not a member yet, or considering volunteering? Go to the website [www.tmuniverse.com.au](http://www.tmuniverse.com.au)



Jane Skimmings

Attending general meeting? Tuesday 6 April, 6 for 6.30pm  
St. Bernard's Hotel.

Lunar eclipse night? Wednesday 26 May, 5-11pm,  
379 Long Road (our land).

More info? [secretary@tmuniverse.com.au](mailto:secretary@tmuniverse.com.au) or 0473 818 908

Jaap Vogel

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## JON KRAUSE MP

State Member for Scenic Rim

### THANKS TO EMERGENCY WORKERS

The heavy rainfall event earlier this week highlighted once again the extraordinary efforts of our SES and Energex crews, as well as other emergency service personnel. I'd like to thank them for their hard work.

No doubt there will be plenty of potholes to be fixed on roads around Tamborine Mountain and surrounds, and I will be urging Main Roads to fix them in a way that makes them better able to withstand future rain. Many of you have raised the issue of roads crumbling even after small falls in the past and it is an issue I have continued to raise with Main Roads.

This week's events also highlight why the Howard Creek Crossing upgrade needs to commence as soon as possible. This \$10 million project is 80 per cent funded by the Federal Government but has been delayed for some time. Main Roads has told me this delay was due to Cultural Heritage finds around the crossing, but that weather permitting the project should be underway in the coming few weeks. In all of this I will continue to urge the State Government to invest in better infrastructure on the Mountain.

### FIRE ANT FAILURE - THE SLOW MARCH SOUTH

The Labor State Government has spent more than \$100 million of taxpayers' money on a program to eradicate fire ants, but still they keep spreading. There has been no urgency in eradicating nests and no commitment to do the job properly, and fire ants continue to be found outside previous boundaries in various areas. They've now advanced to Josephville, Canungra, Witheren, and Tamborine Mountain, as they continue their slow march south through the region. Fire ants can create huge problems for our local community including damaging our farms. If you think you have fire ants in your area, visit [ants.daf.qld.gov.au](http://ants.daf.qld.gov.au) or contact Biosecurity Queensland on 13 25 23.

### GAMBLING COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND

Congratulations to all 16 community groups in the Scenic Rim that were successful in Round 107 of the Gambling Community Benefit Fund. On the Mountain, the Tamborine Mountain Croquet Club, Eagles Soccer Club and Tamborine Mountain State School P&C were all successful in receiving funding to go towards various projects and facilities. Round 109 of the Gambling Community Benefit Fund opened in mid-March and community organisations have until 30 April 2021 to apply for grants of up to \$35,000. I have provided letters of support for numerous community groups, and together with other grant initiatives, our region has received more than \$18 million in grant funds for community organisations since I was elected as your representative in 2012. Please contact my office for more information or to request a letter of support, and visit [justice.qld.gov.au](http://justice.qld.gov.au)

If you have an issue that you think should be fixed, I encourage you to contact my office, toll-free on 1800 813 960, so I can lobby on your behalf in Brisbane.

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## SCOTT BUCHHOLZ

Federal Member for Wright

### MORE IN WORK THAN BEFORE COVID

New employment data from the Australian Bureau of Statistics shows that the Australian economy continues to recover in 2021, with 88,700 jobs added in February. More than 80 per cent of these new jobs were taken up by women and more than 40 per cent went to young people. This has seen the unemployment rate fall from 6.3 per cent to 5.8 per cent. Over the last nine months we have seen 876,400 jobs created and now there are more Australians in jobs than before the COVID-19 pandemic hit.

### \$1.1 BILLION TO EXTEND RESPONSE

The Australian Government will invest more than \$1.1 billion to extend our national COVID-19 health response and suppression strategy. This investment includes an extension to our partnership with the states and territories to manage COVID-19, continue telehealth services until 30 June and support for rapid pathology testing and tracing. This \$1.1 billion is in addition to more than \$22 billion spent in these areas to date, including \$6 billion to support the COVID-19 vaccine roll out.

### SUPPORTING PAPUA NEW GUINEA


Australia is working with Papua New Guinea to support its response to a concerning spike in COVID-19 cases. This includes the earliest possible supply of 8000 AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccines from Australia's stock. It will enable vaccination of the country's essential health workforce, with an initial rollout for the National Capital District. Australia is also deploying a forward team of three AUSMAT health specialists to Port Moresby. The specialists will work with Papua New Guinea's health authorities on infection control, triage and emergency management, and public health measures.

### GENERAL PRACTICES JOIN VACCINE ROLLOUT

More than 1000 general practices joined the COVID-19 vaccination program this week. This number will progressively increase to more than 4000 by the end of April as part of Phase 1B of Australia's COVID-19 vaccine program. Australians eligible for Phase 1B will be able to find a vaccination provider through the new national vaccination information and location service on the Department of Health website.



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# Letters to the Editor

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## COMMUNITY UPDATE ON THREE WATER ISSUES

The following is an update for the community on three water issues that I am following.

**Issue one:** 11 Holt Road. In 2004 this property received approval to extract water for the use of Tamborine Mountain residents only. In 2014 Scenic Rim Council received legal advice which reinforced this use i.e., Tamborine Mountain residents only. In 2020 Council officers made a decision to allow the new owner to export the water off the Mountain.

In December 2020 I had a meeting with Council officers and expressed my concerns over this decision. Council, in January 2021, advised me that they were reviewing the decision.

I have had, since then, a discussion with the Department of Local Government and the Queensland Ombudsman. The latter has requested that I give Council a period of six weeks to provide a formal response and I advised the council of this decision.

On 3 March, I received a response from Council that the review was under way and progressing. On 16 March, I had another response from Council which stated that they do not expect to have a further response until mid to late April. I have responded to Council advising that I will wait until 28 April.

**Issue two:** 2 Holt Road. The owner of this property made an application to Council seeking a change in timings for hours of operation and a change in the number of trucks allowed, from 40 to 20, and their size, from 14,000 litres to 28,000 litres, but with no change to the water volume per week. I made a representation to the applicant and Council expressing my concern that the size of truck was a major change and, in my view, could only be dealt with by the courts. The applicant has agreed with this view and their application has been amended and now only seeks a change of timings. The issue of the size of trucks they agree has to be submitted to the Planning and Environment Court.

I have no objection to Council agreeing with the change of operating hours as they are minor. However, Council should not agree to the changing of truck size when it goes to court. We do not want to see more of these large trucks going up and down our narrow mountain roads on a daily basis. even

if the total amount of water going off the Mountain does not change.

**Issue three:** With the decision made by Council officers in Issue one, Tamborine Mountain has lost a water supply and now only has two water suppliers. When I arrived on the Mountain, there were six. Council needs to make it easier for a potential water supplier for the Mountain only to apply for a licence. At present, the new Planning Scheme has water extraction, both for off-the-Mountain supply and on-the-Mountain supply, as an inconsistent use. I believe that water extraction for on the Mountain supply only should be made a consistent use and this would reduce the application fee. As a review of the Planning Scheme is coming up, I have approached Council. Their response was: "The differentiation in the planning scheme between domestic and commercial supply of groundwater on Tamborine Mountain was identified as an outstanding matter for investigation. The issue will be explored, and options considered in the preparation of the major amendment to the Planning Scheme. It is anticipated that the amendment package will progress to public consultation in the last quarter of 2021."

**Nigel Waistell**

## A CALL FOR STATE TO INTERVENE AT SRRC

In the immortal words of Emile Zola's 1898 letter "J'Accuse" to the Paris newspaper *L'Aurore*, I accuse. I accuse our Mayor Greg Christensen of misrepresentation on a grand scale in the run-up to the 2016 council elections. In the *Tamborine Times* of 24 December 2015, after stating, "I will be spending time across the Scenic Rim in the New Year talking to as many people as I can, listening to your ideas and concerns", he listed the following dot points:

- I believe our council needs regular public forums across divisions, with more open question times at meetings.
- Council must listen to its communities, work with them and inform on decisions.
- I want to change the way Council delivers services, to be less bureaucratic and better aligned to quality customer service.
- I will support the new planning

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scheme, ensuring there's a focus on preserving and protecting the unique character of our different communities.

- A priority of mine will be to protect our unique rural and forest environments, address local environmental issues, and help maintain the lifestyles which locals rely on.
- I want to ensure compliance focuses on genuine risks, and not just petty nitpicking.
- I want to find and eliminate waste, in order to ease the burden on ratepayers.
- Council needs to act with openness and integrity, developing greater transparency in decision making, in order to bring confidence back to our communities.
- I will encourage jobs growth within the Scenic Rim by building on our existing strengths, and attracting suitable new enterprises to the area that match community values and expectations.

The Mayor has had more than four years to honour his promises but I, along with numerous other disappointed citizens and ratepayers, have come to the conclusion that we have been had - or 'sold a pup' as my grandfather was wont to say. I pose the following community-interest questions:

- Where are the regular public forums and more open question times?
- Where is the working with communities before informing on decisions?
- Where is the reduction in the bureaucracy?
- In the push to amalgamate and centralise control, where is the protection for the uniqueness of different communities?
- In the face of destruction of koala and other native habitat, what happened to the promise to protect our unique rural and forest environments?
- Why is genuine concern for the people, their ambience, the environment, the ecosystems and the lack of good governance relegated to the term, 'nitpicking'?
- Why is the rate burden so unfair and disproportionate across the whole shire?
- Where is the promised transparency when decisions are made in closed session meetings and councillors are not allowed to represent their constituents

to the full by being forbidden to consult and engage directly with the bureaucracy over contentious community issues?

- COVID-19 has been with us for only one year, so why has unemployment across the whole of the Scenic Rim not been subject to closer scrutiny since 2016?

As part of an organisation that actively campaigned for Cr Christensen in the 2016 elections, I feel that I and all of us have been duped and betrayed. I believe there must be State intervention and investigation into the despotic mess that is the Scenic Rim Regional Council.

**Roland Lindenmayer**

## MOUNTAIN CHARACTER AT GREATER RISK THAN EVER

**The nature of future development of Tamborine Mountain and the character of its community are at greater risk now than they have been since the early 1990s.**

The first step towards a Development Control Plan for Tamborine Mountain appeared in the mid-1980s in the Appendix B amendment to the Beaudesert Shire Town Planning Scheme. However, this is no longer of relevance since it was entirely superseded by the stand-alone Tamborine Mountain Development Control Plan No. 1. This was gazetted in September 1997 after a four-year gestation period. It completely replaced the previous plan. Council officers deserve criticism for recently calling up a clause in the obsolete version to justify approval of a current application.

The first draft of what became the 1997 DCP was tabled in late 1993 and had massive community response. Progressively updated drafts went round and round the Community/Council/State Government loop until everyone was satisfied. It was very much a bottom-up process. I was our councillor for most of the time and was greatly impressed by the whole-hearted support given by all councillors and Council administrators.

They recognised as very well-founded the priorities identified by the community. The ultimate DCP document was short, precise and very accurately aimed. It gave a firm base for the development of the present Tamborine Mountain so deeply appreciated by the broad community. I don't claim credit. I was just there

as a facilitator for the community which I believed had got it right. As time went on, the actual document had to be revised to make it look like the prevailing DCP format, but the basic aims and objectives largely remained intact.

But now the ground rules have changed, and the risks are huge. The contrast to the development of the 1997 DCP could not be greater. Significant aspects include:

- The defined process appears to be very much top-down with procedures and preferred outcomes already defined.
- The present council is not on our side. It seems to regard us as a bunch of noisy hillbillies to be ignored even though we are a diverse and multi-skilled lot with much to offer in the development of the shire. Consistent with this attitude, our representatives in Council are treated with little respect.
- Council seems happy to ignore that Tamborine Mountain has about 20 per cent of the shire population and is the largest centre of urban population in the shire. We probably pay a disproportionate share of rates for minimal return.
- There seems to be a preference for a one size fits all plan. However, Council must recognise that population strategies suitable for Beaudesert or Boonah would be unsustainable on Tamborine Mountain and would wreck its attractiveness as a residential and regional tourism resource.

It is going to be hard to shine some light into that block of opaqueness which is the Scenic Rim Council, but we just have to try. Incidentally, I don't favour going to Gold Coast.

**Phil Giffard**

## FLOOD IRRESPONSIBILITY

**"If it's flooded, forget it." - "Don't drive through flood waters."**

How many times have you seen everyone from the Premier, Police, SES chiefs and others say those words on TV News bulletins recently?



And yet, almost invariably, one or two minutes later, video clips are shown on TV of cars and trucks driving successfully through flood waters. Surely this is the height of irresponsibility by the news media. It would be far better to show cars abandoned in flood waters instead of those driving through them.

**John Noble**

## AROUND AND AROUND WE GO

On 4 March I wrote to the Office of the Queensland Ombudsman seeking details about a notation in Scenic Rim Council's 2019-20 Annual Report that states that "council sought a moratorium from (that)

office around complaint reporting requirements".

The response received was: "As the Annual Report is a document created by council, in the first instance, I encourage you to approach council to request the information you are seeking." I wonder why this could not simply be addressed by the Ombudsman's Office, since the "moratorium" was sought from that office and presumably a response was provided.

It does not advise what to do in the second instance ... or the third ... or the fourth, after this has done the rounds.

I expect to have an answer from the council by this time next year.

I can feel another Right to Information application (and a \$51.70 fee) coming on. I might have to start crowd funding to cover the cost of obtaining information which should be in the public domain.

**Amanda Hay**

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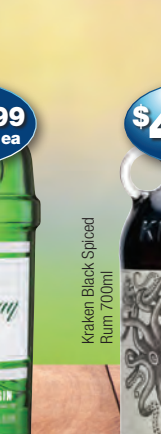
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# Artrepreneur and Arts Plus give creative opportunities

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Expressions of interest are now open and close next month for the Artrepreneur and Arts Plus programs to begin in May 2021.

Artrepreneur is aimed at young and emerging artists, aged 18 to 35 years, who would like to develop their business skills to forge a creative career, while Arts Plus targets those already working in the arts sector and aiming to make money, as well as their mark, as a successful business leader in their field.

The Arts Plus workshops will be run by Goat Track Theatre Company founder and artistic director, Andrew Wright, over three days from 28 May at the Vonda Youngman Community Centre, Tamborine Mountain.

The Artrepreneur program, also facilitated by Andrew Wright - who ran the highly successful Youth on Fire mentorship as part of Arts Ablaze Queensland Regional Arts Conference 2019 - begins with a three-day workshop from 18 May at the Vonda Youngman Community Centre and continues as a 12-week mentoring program.

Community arts worker Sarah Seton, who participated in the Youth on Fire program, sees enormous potential for other young creatives in the Artrepreneur program.

"Andrew is not only a fantastic career mentor but also great at understanding people on a personal level," she said.

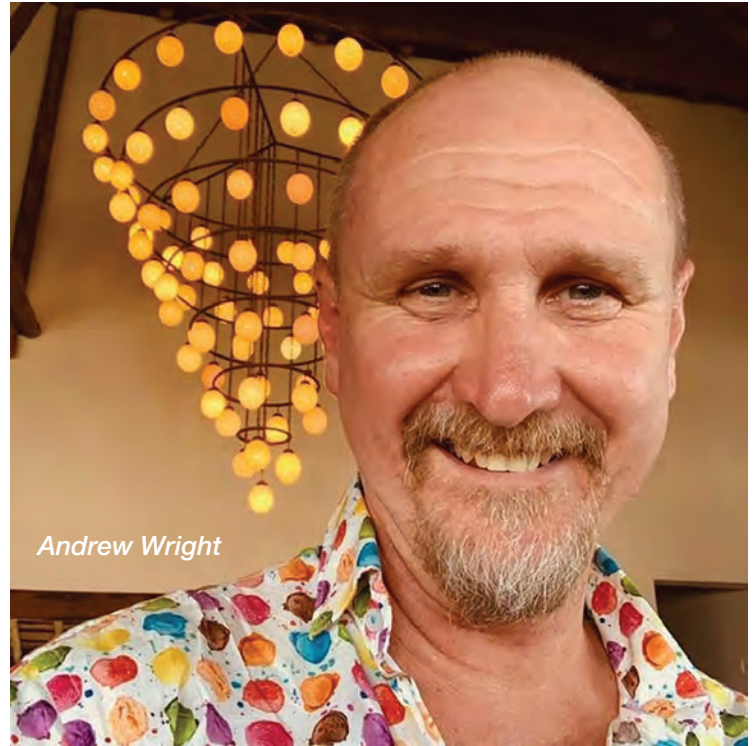
"I gained so much self-confidence from the experience and feel I learned a lot about public speaking and making connections with people in the industry."

The Artrepreneur mentoring program has been funded as a strategic initiative of the Scenic Rim Regional Arts Development Fund and aims to develop participants' art form, business acumen and leadership skills.

Arts Plus is a three-day professional development retreat for established working artists covering three key themes of art, business and leadership delivered by Andrew Wright in a uniquely creative environment.

"When these three days come together, they create an arts business leader who is artistically prolific, financially sustainable and meaningfully engaged," he said.

"This creates personal resilience for one of the most vulnerable sectors in our community and also enables these



Andrew Wright

same artists to head sector-led recovery defined by cultural vibrancy, economic development and social cohesion."

Applicants for Artrepreneur are asked to submit a 300-word application outlining why they would like to participate in this free mentoring program and what they hope to achieve, their capacity to commit fully to the 12-week program and any record of achievement in arts practice, business and leadership.

Prospective participants in Arts Plus are asked to submit a CV as well a 300-word statement detailing their goals, what they believe they will achieve and why they are committed to attending the three-day workshop and growing their arts practice.

Applications for both Artrepreneur and Arts Plus close on Friday 30 April and should be emailed to [thecentre@scenicrim.qld.gov.au](mailto:thecentre@scenicrim.qld.gov.au)

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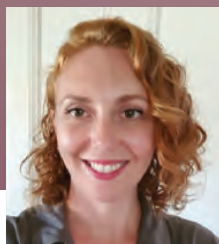
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The majority of women will go into spontaneous labour before 42 weeks. However, we know that beyond 42 weeks there is an increased risk that the placenta no longer works as well and there is a higher risk of stillbirth. If you have not gone into labour spontaneously by 41 weeks and three days, the recommendation is for an induction. You may be offered an induction sooner if you have a pre-existing medical condition (e.g., diabetes) or if you develop complications (e.g., very small baby, or pre-eclampsia). If you are unsure why it is being offered, speak to your care provider about their rationale for recommending an induction and alternatives.

Depending on how many babies you have had before, your genetics, and position of the baby, the induction process can be lengthy. The aim of induction is to get to the stage where we can break the bag of water surrounding the baby and start an oxytocin drip. This drip causes regular contractions that dilate your cervix. Before the induction, however, your cervix may not yet be open enough to break the bag of water and so you may need to do something else first.

The balloon catheter is our first line in this process. Essentially this is a small rubber tube that goes into the cervix. The tube has a small balloon at the other end, and we inflate that balloon with water. Some balloons are single, others are double so there is an inflated balloon on each side of the cervix. This balloon puts pressure onto the cervix and helps it to dilate. You can get some period like cramps while it is in. The balloon stays in for 12 hours if a single balloon, or 12 to 18 hours if it is a double. The balloon is then deflated and removed, and we see if we can break your waters.

If we can't break your waters at that stage, or if there is another reason, we can't put the balloon in to start with (e.g., if the baby's head not in the pelvis) then we can give you the prostaglandin gel. This is inserted in the vagina behind the cervix and can make you have uterine activity that makes your cervix open enough to break the waters. You can have a maximum of three doses of the gel, and you are assessed vaginally eight hours after each dose to see if we can break the waters.

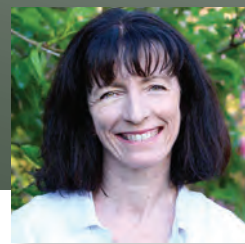
When your waters are broken, we can start the oxytocin drip. This again is different for everyone. Some people experience contractions straight away; sometimes it can take a few hours for the contractions to start and get into a rhythm.

There is a time and a place for inductions, but the reason we do not do them without being very overdue or without another clinical reason is because they are an intervention that can interfere with the natural processes of labour. They can involve a very lengthy process, and are associated with increased interventions such as instrumental birth or caesarean section.

You can find out more information about inductions at <https://ranzocg.edu.au/womens-health/patient-information-resources/induction-of-labour> and speak to your Midwife or Obstetrician about the induction process and why it is being recommended.

*(Bree Lowing is a Registered Midwife and provides bulk-billed in-home antenatal and postnatal services through The Mountain Midwife: [www.themountainmidwife.com.au](http://www.themountainmidwife.com.au))*

## Relationships



### SELF-COMPASSION

Most of us try to be kind and considerate toward our loved ones when they make a mistake, feel inadequate or suffer a misfortune. We may offer words of support and understanding to let them know we care. We may ask them what they need right now and consider what we can do to help. Interestingly, we often treat ourselves very differently. We make a mistake and instantly arrives the voice of self-critic. We say harsh words to ourselves that we would never say to a friend.

What makes us like this?

Sometimes we have misconceptions that self-compassion is selfish. We think that if we spend time and energy being kind and caring toward ourselves, we will somehow neglect others. The opposite is true. Think about times you have been absorbed in self-criticism. In those moments are you self-focussed or other-focussed?



When we fall into self-judgement, we tend to have less resources we can draw on in showing compassion for others. Being kind to yourself actually equips you with the emotional resources to be kind to others. Think about your closest relationship. If you are indifferent toward yourself and rely on your partner to meet your emotional needs, you will react when your needs are not met. However, if you are able to give yourself care and support, you'll have more emotional resources available to give to your partner.

Self-compassion is different from self-esteem. Self-esteem is a positive evaluation of one's self. However, self-compassion isn't an evaluation. Instead, it is a way of relating to ourselves, with kindness, especially when we fail or feel inadequate. While self-esteem can rise with our success and fall with our failure, self-compassion offers us emotional stability and a source of comfort.

Self-compassion is not about feeling sorry for yourself but is an antidote to self-pity. While self-pity emphasises and exaggerates the extent of our personal distress, self-compassion allows us to connect our own suffering to that of others. Willingness to accept, experience and acknowledge difficult feelings with kindness, helps us process what happened to us and move on.

Self-compassion is not just about attitude or self-talk, it requires action. Think about how you show compassion to others. What action do you need to take to protect yourself from further harm? What do you need to say "no" to? Self-compassion means knowing and giving yourself what you need.

Do you need to stand up and act decisively? Or do you need to give yourself permission to retreat? Self-compassion can also be a motivating coach. It gives you the inner encouragement to keep pursuing dreams and aspirations as well as the strength to cope with hurdles along the way.

How we relate to ourselves when the going gets tough determines our ability to survive and thrive. Make a conscious decision today to treat yourself with compassion.

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# YOGA: A SOMATIC APPROACH

We are on yoga retreat this weekend. And one of the things I like to point out to my students during the opening ceremony is the idea of practising mitre, or mindfulness.

Mindfulness has become a bit of a trendy word, but it's a basic tenet of Buddhist meditation techniques and all it means is witnessing the emotions that arise in your body. Paying attention to how you feel and not getting enmeshed in your head and your history. Easily said, not so easy to do.

It's a yoga approach - ground yourself in your physical body and try to ignore the mind, the judgements and the voices in your head. Stay with the body and feel where you are holding the tension, the fear and the pain. It's a bottom up (somatic) approach and has been around for 5000 years. In yoga we like to see our bodies as our biographies. These incredible bodies store our histories and are a reflection of how we have processed our lives so far. And if there were parts of your life that you were not able to process effectively, these feelings and emotions are often held in the tissues and the organs as stress, as trauma and sometimes they can become part of an illness response.

The bottom-up response is just the way yoga works. By opening, stretching and breathing into our bodies we start to release long held tension. Slowly and naturally the mental body, emotional body and the spiritual body follow this physical release.

In psychotherapy circles the bottom-up approach is called somatic psychotherapy. It's a holistic therapeutic approach which incorporates a person's mind, body, spirit, and emotions in the healing process. Somatic psychotherapists believe that the sensations associated with past trauma may become trapped within the body and reflected in facial expressions, posture, muscular pain, or other forms of body language.

It's a little different to Talk therapy, the top-down model, where thoughts are used to change feelings, behaviours and experiences. The top-down model is the basis of modern psychology and has been the preferred approach for the last 50 years or so. One of the limitations of the top-down approach is that long-held trauma in the body is often stored through our sensory, nonverbal experience, and often talking about it just can't release that kind of trauma. This is where body-based healing modalities are so effective.

But for many of us, in yoga class and on retreat, we have no intention of using either model. We just want to stretch out the tightness, create a bit of an endorphin buzz, calm our minds and have a good time. If something bubbles up in the midst of our practice, we resort to mitre, and witness it with compassion, curiosity and kindness for ourselves.

**Margot Wagner**  
**Yoga Under the Bodhi Tree**

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# TECHNOLOGY AND ASSISTED INDEPENDENT LIVING IN AGED CARE

Technology is revolutionising industries, whether in child development, online meal orders and deliveries, remote workforces; the list rolls out to embrace Aged Care as well.



Enhanced care for seniors to assist them enjoy a safe, quality lifestyle independently in their own home, is available via **apps** delivered through a smart phone/device, even robots.

Many seniors do not favour the thought of moving out of their home. Technology supports them to stay at home as long as possible. Seniors can use these apps to monitor and record relevant information. If the daily lifestyle pattern changes, carers/family members are alerted.

Apps help monitor heart rate, track location, movement, even perform physical therapy. **Motion Doctor** is one such app that helps seniors stay in shape and keep injuries at bay by providing about 60 exercises and stretches to suit your lifestyle, whether you play golf or enjoy gardening.

Apps can track when people get out of bed, open and shut doors, even fall (**Fall Detector**). **Pillboxie** on App Store is a classic medication reminder app, trusted by thousands of people, that has an alarm installed on your pill box. Health monitors record vitals - blood pressure (**iBP**), oxygen, sleep patterns, sugar levels and even hydration.

Apps such as **Spotify** and **Netflix** provide entertainment at one's fingertips.

**FaceTime** and **WhatsApp**, connect seniors to family and friends at no cost.

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**There are obstacles:** The current healthcare industry is not quite keeping up with the escalating pace of data growth. High cost is another obstacle.

Technology steers the way we live and though it's a paradigm shift for some seniors, there's no denying that technology plays a large role in assisting them when they choose to or have no choice but to live by themselves.

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## “If music be the food of love, play on.”

From the opening of William Shakespeare’s Twelfth Night, this famous line has come to be synonymous with music’s power to inspire passion. However, while Shakespeare was definitely onto something, I think we could expand his analogy a little further.

Music is not just the food of love; it’s the food of connection, of joy, of life.



To find proof for this, we need to look no further than our experiences with COVID-19.

As a society, we rely heavily on communal events such as sporting games, festivals, and live music performances to connect with others and develop our appreciation of culture. These events act as key cornerstone moments to look forward to and reflect back on. However, in a year like 2020, most of these unifying experiences were lost to painful, yet necessary, restrictions on everything from social gatherings to the number of toilet rolls you could buy at a time.

In the realm of music, COVID regulations meant that live performances practically ceased to exist. Not only did this prove to be a massive blow to the entertainment industry

and the livelihoods of musicians throughout Australia and the world, but it also deprived music-lovers of something, which for many, is a beloved staple of life. And while ‘zoom concerts’, video recordings and even music streaming apps sought to fill the live-music shaped hole in our hearts, any musician will tell you that nothing beats the real deal.

There’s something about the audience’s tangible anticipation as they wait for the sounding of that very first note; the honesty of witnessing performers create and blend their melodic, harmonic and rhythmic lines in real time; the moment of stillness as the final chord reverberates through the air, that just can’t be matched. As suggested by Dhani Jones, “there’s nothing better than live music. It’s raw energy, and raw energy feeds the soul”.

So, as we refine and improve our national coronavirus response and begin the rollout of vaccines, the possibility of maintaining a ‘COVID-normal’ becomes increasingly achievable. But moving forwards, what lessons will we take away from 2020?

For me, time away from live music has made me reflect on how lucky we were to have it in the first place.

In light of this, I urge you to take advantage of the countless opportunities to hear music in person, whether that be by visiting a live-music bar with some friends, booking tickets to a musical production, or attending a concert by one of your favourite artists. For something more local, the Tamborine Mountain Orchestra’s performance of ‘Selections from the Stage and Screen’ on March 27 will be an unmissable afternoon of classics from your favourite musicals, movies and video games.

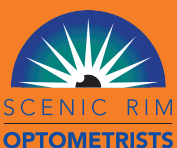
Check out our Facebook and Instagram pages (@tamborinemountainorchestra) or website ([tmo.org.au](http://tmo.org.au)) for more information and booking.

Regardless of where you source your music, make listening to live performances a priority in 2021. After all, such luxuries as these are far from guaranteed, so we must not take them for granted.

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# Gum Tree Hawk Moth

Gum Tree Hawk Moth – *Coequosa australasiae*, garden Eagle Heights.



I was visiting friends one afternoon early last month, when I was alerted to the moth on a tree next to the front path. I immediately returned home to collect my camera. This is probably the biggest moth in my album, certainly in body size. Each female normally lays more than 100 eggs. The caterpillars are 11cm long. This moth is a male. Its wingspan is 12cm plus. The species occurs in the Northern Territory, Queensland, New South Wales and Victoria.

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## TRAVELLING PLACES By Gina Storey

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# POLICE NEWS

## We did tell you, right?

Firstly, I must know, how's the mould and mildew going at your place? Actually, on second thought I really don't want to know; I just pulled the leather boots from the cupboard and some sort of spore creature yelled at me...

Last time we spoke, I mentioned that Queensland Police have launched Operation Tango Anaconda – targeting drug driving on our roads. This also involves breath testing drivers. It's disappointing when the message isn't read, as we have had in the past couple of weeks three high range (over 0.150 per cent) and one low range drink driver, driving on our roads. It's selfish, it's endangering our community, and I make no apologies for enforcing the law in this regard. If you have the opportunity to intervene and stop someone getting behind the wheel whilst intoxicated, take it.

With the amount of water that is about, and further expected to be about, some trees will possibly fall over; hopefully only minor landslides will occur (which has already happened), and most definitely the roads up here will fall apart. Most local residents by now will know which way to zig and which way to zag around the recurring potholes that occur. I nearly lost one of my constables doing a foot patrol down one of the deeper ones! Thankfully, I did see some of them getting filled the other day. Take care on our roads.

With school back into full swing, the vast majority of people have received the message about safety in and around schools. Take note of where you stop to collect kids and observe the signage and road markings as we will be looking to issue infringements moving forward. Kids' safety is far more important to me and the team than some driver's inability to heed warning signs and road rules.

With the impending Easter school holidays, if you plan on travelling please enjoy your trip and arrive safe. Remember the little things before going away, like locking your house and vehicle; if you have trusted people around you let them know, and don't leave pets alone.

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.

Sgt Mark Shields  
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## THE HUNGARIAN PULI AND KOMONDOR

These ancient sheep dogs of Hungary were introduced by the migration of Magyars from central Asia more 1000 years ago and the breed may be 2000 years old or more. The Puli (right) is a small to medium breed weighing around 14kg. They are intelligent, high energy, agile and fast; and they are known to be able to 'turn on a dime'. These dogs are also good guard dogs and can be suspicious of strangers, therefore they need training.



The **Puli's** corded coat developed as a result of the environment, protecting the dog against brutal winter frost and against summer heat by creating an insulating layer; the coat is also waterproof. Clipping the coat will not make the dog cooler; it simply removes the protective layer, although trimming hair from the belly and paws will help to keep dogs cooler. All dogs regulate heat via panting and heat loss through the paws; the black colour absorbs more heat.

The distinctive coat starts growing when the dog is around nine months and it can take up to four to five years to grow in-cord completely. The cords do need regular trimming to prevent the dog tripping over its own hair. The cords allow for a very elastic type of movement by being non-restrictive.



The **Komondor** (above) is another Hungarian sheepdog with a corded coat, only this dog is large with a white coat. They are used as livestock guardians. A coin has recently been minted with the breed's image on it. The Komondor dog is much larger than the Puli and can weigh up to 50kg. Because the Komondor is a guard and protection dog they tend to be always alert and 'on the lookout'

They have a loud bark, and it can be a problem for neighbours, especially in suburbia. They are an affectionate dog that likes to keep an eye on their human companions. They are intelligent but independent with high grooming needs and this can make the breed ill suited for many.

**Pam Brandis**  
Dip. Canine Prac.

with Nadia O'Carroll

## FLIPPING POLES

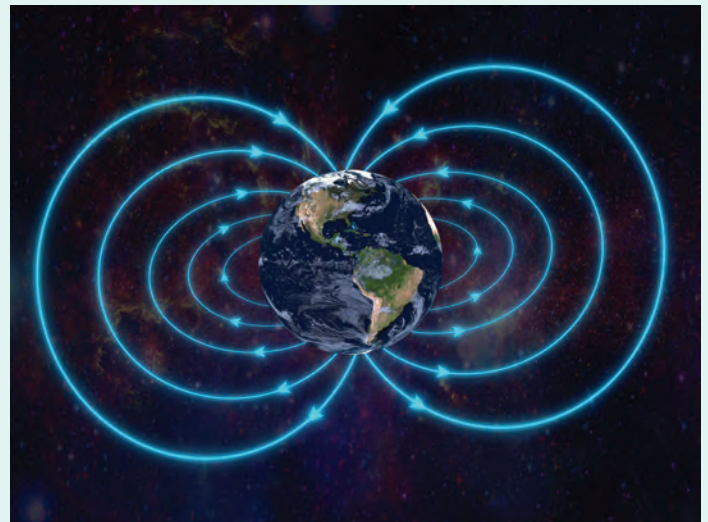
Life on Earth depends upon Earth's magnetic field which forms a shield around the planet, protecting it from ultraviolet radiation, solar winds and cosmic rays. The magnetic field extends from the Earth's interior into space and is produced by complex geodynamic processes in the Earth's core.

Earth is an approximation of a bar magnet with north-south poles representing opposing polarities and magnetic fields encircling the planet between them. However, it's not perfectly aligned or stable.

Geomagnetic poles are commonly understood as positions on the Earth's surface where the geomagnetic field is vertical, 90 degrees downward at the north magnetic pole and 90 degrees upwards at the south magnetic pole; these positions are called dip poles. While there is a general approximate alignment with the Earth's axis, the north dip pole and the south dip poles are not necessarily on the antipodes (opposite each other) nor are they fixed; the two poles migrate independently over time.

Not only do the poles move but at intervals the Earth's magnetic field becomes unstable and reverses, causing north and south magnetic poles to switch places. The record shows that the Earth's magnetic poles have reversed multiple times with intervals ranging from tens of thousands to millions of years. The most recent geomagnetic reversal occurred around 780,000 years ago.

Geomagnetic excursions are more frequent phenomena; this occurs when the north-south pole axis temporarily moves across the equator, then back to their original polarity again.



The Laschamps event was the most recent geomagnetic excursion that occurred around 41,000 years ago when the north magnetic pole came down to the southern hemisphere then returned north. More evidence has recently been discovered in a sediment core taken from Lake Selina in Tasmania. Rock, sediment and soil contain magnetic particles which become a fossil record of Earth's magnetic field. Radiocarbon dating and analysis of an isotope called beryllium-10 which is formed when high energy particles bombard Earth indicated a significantly weaker less protective magnetic field.

Evidence was also discovered in New Zealand in ancient kauri trees that were alive during the Laschamps excursion and were found well preserved in wetlands. When the Earth's magnetic field is weak the protection from cosmic rays decreases and a certain form of carbon is created and is stored as wood is laid down. By analysing these tree's growth rings it was possible to measure and date atmospheric radiocarbon levels and magnetic field variations.





# food for thought

with DYLAN GITTOES

## TANDOORI CHICKEN

**This meal will make you very popular. It's one of those dishes that ticks all the boxes when it comes to flavour. If you are throwing a dinner party, this is a wonderful recipe to have in your tool kit, as it is super quick to prepare and is a real showstopper when you plate up. It's one of those dishes that really evokes the feeling of feasting with your closest family or greatest of friends.**

There are many different recipes out there for tandoori paste and most of them use an artificial red colouring to get that 'authentic look'. I personally despise using artificial colours, so I've used an all-natural recipe. You can get the spices from your local supermarket, but I recommend googling 'spice market near me' and heading down to see them. The place will smell amazing, and you will get fresher spices which always makes a real difference. This dish is made with a butterflied chicken, as it cooks more evenly. Feel free to head to YouTube and have a go at butterflying the chicken yourself, a very handy skill to learn, or just ask your local butcher to do it for you.

There is no other place that I've ever been quite like incredible India. The airport in Delhi is newly built and is an architectural masterpiece. However, on arrival as we moved through customs with our luggage in tow, the heavily tinted glass doors of the airport exit opened to reveal the harmonious chaos that is modern day India. Our taxi driver masterfully weaved his way through the heavy traffic consisting of yellow and green painted tuk-tuk's, huge elephants dressed in military regalia, sacred white cows wearing garlands of flowers around their necks and moped bikes ingeniously carrying up to five people.

I was starving, as usual after a long flight, so after checking in to our modest hotel and dropping off our luggage to the room we headed to a nearby restaurant. It was a sight to behold. A three-metre-long trough filled with simmering coals, covered with wire mesh and laden with chicken pieces, all skewered neatly in rows. The sizzling sounds of the grill and the smell of the spices cooking instantly made my mouth water. I was mesmerised by the cook who was expertly fanning the coals and checking the doneness

of the meat with a small knife as he turned each skewer methodically, just like clockwork.

Then came a polite voice asking in English, "Table for two sir?" It was the tout on the street out the front who explained to us, "It's special time, happy hour you get 10 per cent off your bill, come in, come in." We took a seat at a red plastic table with white plastic chairs all sponsored by Coke; the place was packed with locals feasting from heavily loaded shiny stainless steel plates, expertly using their hands to eat. We decided to order the house special BBQ tandoori chicken served with rice, naan and raita and added on a couple of bottles of coke. Our meal was served within minutes and we relished the sight of the genuine feast before us. "This is living," I said as I tucked straight in.

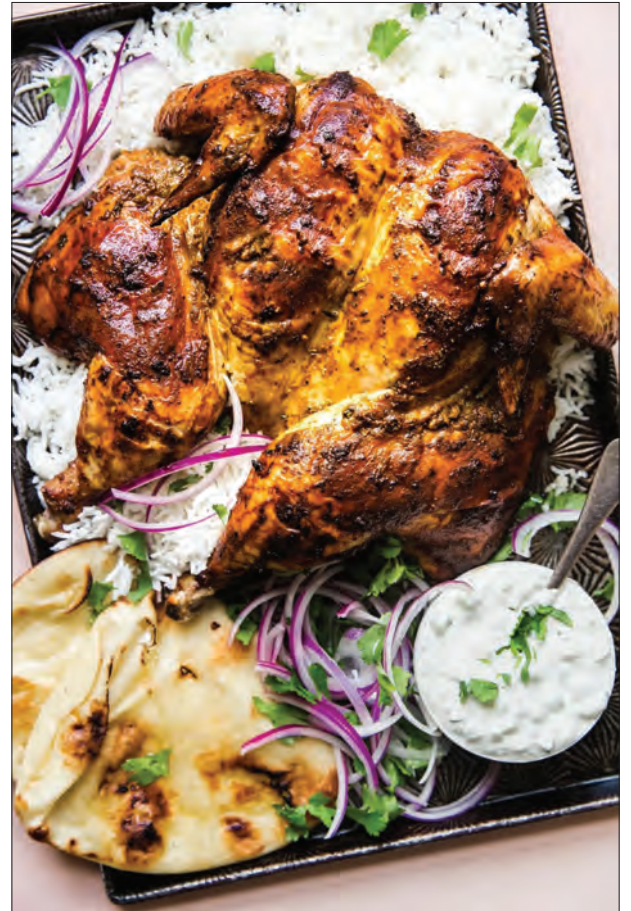
The chicken was unbelievably good, juicy on the inside and crispy on the outside and so full of flavour. "This is the best!" I exclaimed to my wife who replied, "Sure is!" as she devoured the meal.

As we went to pay, I reminded the cashier that we should receive the 10 per cent discount for happy hour. He looked at me like I was a little backwards in thinking perhaps. "Sir, there is no happy hour or discounts at this restaurant". "But the guy at the front said ..." I stammered. "Who sir? Show me," the cashier responded politely. At which point I looked out to the street where a different gentleman was now standing "Aaahhh ... I think they got us good," I registered, handing over the rupees. "Well, at least the food was amazing!"

**SERVES: 6**  
**PREP TIME: 15 minutes**  
**COOK TIME: 1 hour 25 minutes**

### INGREDIENTS

- 1/2 cup Greek yogurt
- 3 tbsp lemon juice
- 1 tbsp ginger, grated or minced
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tsp ground turmeric



- 1 tbsp chilli powder
- 1 tsp cayenne powder
- 1/2 tsp ground cinnamon
- 2 tsp ground cumin
- 1/4 cup chopped coriander
- 2 tbsp sea salt flakes
- 1.8kg whole free-range chicken butterflied

### METHOD

- Preheat oven to 180°C.
- In a medium sized bowl combine yogurt, lemon juice, ginger, garlic along with all herbs and spices. Mix well.
- Coat chicken entirely in yogurt mixture. Let it sit for 1 hour.
- Arrange chicken on a baking sheet that is lined with a cooling rack (for extra crispy skin, but no worries if you don't own one).
- Bake chicken on centre rack for about 1 hour 25 minutes or until internal temp of the chicken reads 70C.
- Serve the chicken with fresh coriander, basmati rice, naan bread and raita.

Match with a Kingfisher lager or craft IPA.

# hooked on books



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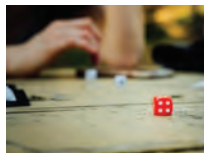
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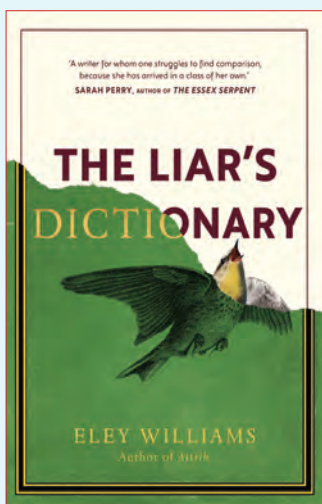
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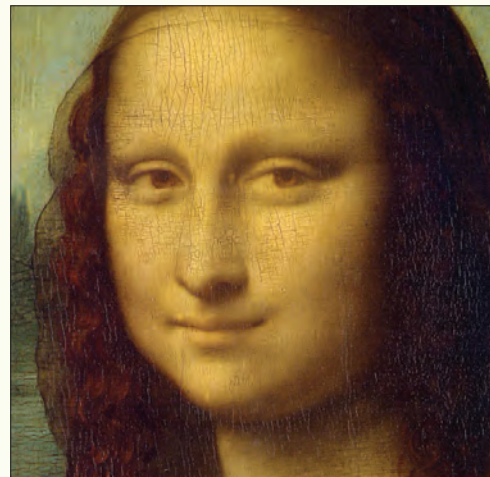


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4. Adolf Hitler was born in Germany.
5. The New Zealand flag has five stars on it.
6. An A4 sheet of paper folded in half across its width becomes A3 size.
7. The regulation minimum length of a soccer field in international matches is 100 metres.
8. Elvis Presley's first UK No. 1 hit was Jailhouse rock.
9. No bird can fly backwards.
10. Copper is extracted from bauxite.
11. The Sun is not perfectly spherical.
12. Mars has one moon.
13. Vinegar is an essential ingredient in bread making.
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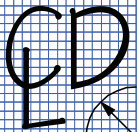
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2. False
3. False
4. False
5. False
6. False
7. True
8. False
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10. False
11. True
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