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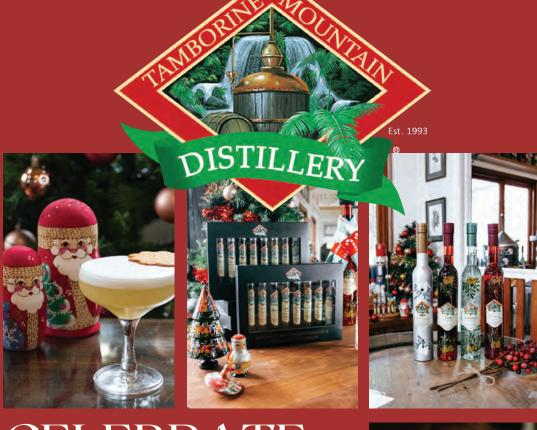
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TRIPLE TWINS READY FOR NEW ADVENTURE



In January 2015 three sets of cute twins started prep year together at Tamborine Mountain State School. Tomorrow they say farewell to TMSS and prepare to begin the next stage of their education as secondary school students. They are (from left) Harry and Emily Greenwood, Cordelia and Helena Newnes, and Ciarran and Cruz Meighan. Story and photo page 4.





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TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN HIGH DOMINATES TV, FILM AWARDS

Tamborine Mountain State High School film and television students dominated the recent Bond University Film and TV Awards (BUFTA), winning Best School and Best Music Video in the nationwide competition.

With more than 160 films entered, the top 35 nominations for the awards featured seven TMSHS films across the music video, documentary, experimental and comedy categories. The nominated films were the products of film and TV students Emily Ross, Cameron Ayers, Julian Fair, Courtney Rae and Leila Mulcahy.

When judges whittled down the entries to the top 21, it was evident that TMSHS was assured a winner in the music video category with Emily, Cameron and Julian's music videos the top three nominations. Emily's entry, Contracts in Candlelight, won the Best Music Video prize and she was also nominated for the Gold Coast Filmmaker Award.

Twilight Sedation Teeth Whitening

Emily wrote and recorded the song which can be heard on Spotify and iTunes. Of her award-winning achievement, Emily said: "It was so exciting. All the hard work acknowledged, especially on such a large platform. It gave me new motivation, so as well as songwriting, I'd actually love to work on sound in film."

Emily has been accepted to study a Bachelor of Songwriting and Music Production at SAE in 2022.

Due to COVID-19, the BUFTA gala ball reverted to a live stream again, so the school decided to host its own red carpet event to celebrate the students' achievements. Head of Department Cheryl Dundas and FTV teachers Alison Smith and Colette Weeden were elated to take out the top prize of Best School

"Our school has incredible facilities and we run a terrific arts program. The students worked very hard, so to have



six films nominated in the competition was testament to the great work we have been producing at our school. We won Best School in 2017; taking it out again in 2021 was exactly what we were hoping for," Alison Smith said.

All BUFTA entries, including Cameron Ayers' documentary on bees featuring local beekeeper Dan Blunt and Courtney Rae's comedy *I Don't Want Up* can be viewed at www.bufta.com. au/peoples-choice/

Top right: Music video winner Emily Ross

From left: Cameron Ayers, teacher Alison Smith, Julian Fair, Leila Mulcahy, Emily Ross, Courtney Rae and teacher Colette Weeden





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TRIPLE TWINS SAY FAREWELL TO TMSS



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Tomorrow they say farewell to TMSS and prepare to begin the next stage of their education as secondary school students.

The above photo was taken on their first day of school nearly seven years ago.

Emily and Harry are, of course, fraternal twins, while Cordelia and Helena, and Ciarran and Cruz are identical twins.

As 12 year-olds, Emily, Harry, Ciarran and Cruz will begin secondary school next month at Tamborine Mountain State High School, while Cordelia and Helena will attend Coomera Anglican College.

WORKS OF VITALITY AND COLOUR

Local Margaret Goldsmith is a university graduate in visual arts, and is well known for her colourful abstract impressionist and semi-realist paintings, through numerous successful solo and group exhibitions in commercial and regional galleries. Her art has received acclaim through gallery acquisition, awards and representation in collections, both in Australia and overseas.



Margaret, in collaboration with her husband Neil, has been working in studio art glass in their Mountain studio over the past 25 years, the skills of which they learned in workshops and conferences both nationally and internationally. The Mountain gallery opened in 1994.

The glass studio is located adjacent to the gallery, and has two electric kilns. Painting classes are run each Saturday from 1pm - 4pm. Beginners and advanced painters stand to learn a great deal (please call for more information).

Margaret and Neil have lately been busy completing many large and smaller commissions destined for private and corporate collections.

Should you be looking for a special anniversary, wedding gift or Christmas present, the gallery can provide you with a gift voucher for the person who is celebrating, and they can then choose which painting or piece of glass they would prefer.

The gallery is at 83 Bateke Road, and is open Wednesday to Sunday 10am – 4pm. Phone 07 5545 2727 and 0407 145 535. You are welcome to visit, immerse yourself in the art, and also enjoy wonderful views of the Hinterland and Gold Coast. margaretgoldsmithartist.com.au

POTHOLES DRIVING PEOPLE POTTY

Is it a Scenic Rim Council Road or a State Government Road? The civic minded painter responsible for bringing this monster pothole on Tamborine Mountain's Guanaba Road to the attention of motorists is clearly of the opinion it is Scenic Rim Council – but he may well be wrong. Not that it matters, because at the weekend Tamborine Mountain was starting to look like the pothole capital of Scenic Rim, and most of its roads are a council responsibility.

There's no denying that the Mountain, and much of the surrounding region, has just experienced some of the heaviest ever November rainfall and road damage is an inevitable consequence.

People are reasonable and understand this. What they don't understand is the slow, inexorable deterioration of their local roads.

There is hardly a road without its share of potholes. For some considerable time now, the community has been witnessing road gangs turning up to carry out repairs following the latest bout of wet weather – more often than not repairs of repairs of repairs. Most repair work seems to consist of hastily thrown shovels of hotmix into the potholes which are then tamped down – waiting to be washed out again in the next storm or prolonged bout of wet weather.

The situation begs the question: When can people expect Scenic Rim Council and the Department of Transport and Main Roads to initiate road maintenance and repair initiatives that are up to the task?

The Courier-Mail recently reported on a court case in which a motorcyclist who hit a pothole and crashed secured a six figure payout in court – and there has been growing legal speculation on the responsibility of public authorities with respect to personal safety and vehicle damage caused by

potholes and road conditions.

One of the most concerning aspects of potholes is that when they are full of water, drivers and motorcyclists have no way of knowing how deep they are, or how potentially dangerous.







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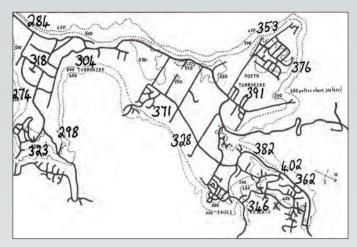
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Tamborine Mountain Rainfall



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We have had a very wet November. In fact, last month's total at Fern St. of 318mm has only been exceeded on six occasions since 1888.

The month was dominated by large areas of low pressure well into the upper atmosphere across northern Australia drifting in from the west. The month started with the remains of such a mass from October. The next cloud mass started rain here from the 6th and went on to the 13th, and there were occasional minor thunderstorms. The next cloud mass brought the heaviest rain from the 19th to the 27th and there was widespread flooding in southern Queensland and northern NSW. The month finished with another which gave us rain recorded on the 30th, which continued into December. This is officially a La Niña season.

The map shows the north of the Mountain with appreciably more rainfall than the south for a change, due to an intense fall on the 23rd in that area.

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TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY CARE ASSOCIATION Being with your 'senior'



Family members and carers can sometimes struggle to share meaningful experiences with their senior, particularly when 'caring' for the senior takes the driver's seat.

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Participating in a 'planned" activity together with your senior, could promote relaxation and reconnection, without continually worrying about *what to do*. These activity evenings may be held as often as you like. They usually enhance positive communication and your senior will sense the undivided attention and feel loved. You will too.

An idea for your activity: choose a light-hearted and seasonal theme, such as 'SPRINGTIME ROLLS'.

Many happy memories are created around a dining table laid with delicious food. Testing and tasting new types of meals can be made into an evening activity surrounded by music... a picnic–style table dressed with hand-picked, wild flowers from the garden would work well. For example, an evening meal of two varieties of spring rolls (vegetarian and chicken), salad and dipping sauces... is all you need. You may get your senior to pluck the flowers from the garden (if they are willing and able) and help you lay the table. Your senior may even enjoy a strawberry milkshake with dollops of fresh cream and fresh strawberries.

After dinner, a craft activity or a game of Chinese checkers, will keep everyone entertained with a lot of family bonding. Invite other family members, a friend or neighbour over to join in, and enjoy the laughter and the friendship.

Often, your senior may forget the activity a few days later. Remember to capture these precious moments – **take photos** and show it to them. Name your fun event and watch it grow into a family tradition. Doing fun things together enhances the value of 'being together'.

Patricia Arora TMCCA

TIME TO COLLECT FIRE ANT TREATMENT KITS

Tamborine Mountain residents are reminded to collect their fire ant treatment kits to ensure their properties are free of the pest in time for the holiday season.

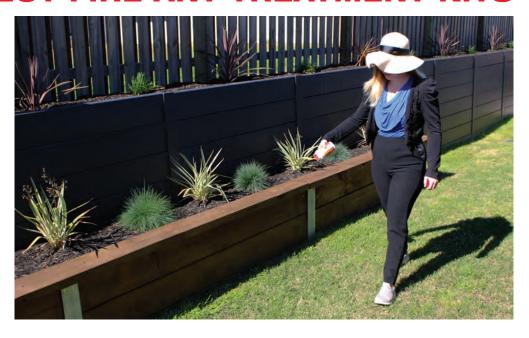
In phase two of the National Fire Ant Eradication Program's community treatment project, all households can once again obtain free fire ant bait from the Visitor Information Centre.

National Program General Manager Graeme Dudgeon said no one wanted fire ants on their properties, especially at Christmas.

"As Queenslanders we tend to spend a lot of time outdoors during the warmer months – having barbecues, picnicking and playing sports," Mr Dudgeon said.

"By collecting your fire ant bait and treating your yard, you will be able to do this without the constant threat of being attacked by the pest these holidays."





Getting involved in the community project is easy. Just pop into the Tamborine Mountain Visitor Information Centre to collect your free treatment kit. Your details will be taken on collection; there is no need to pre-register.

"Now that the weather is warming up and we are moving into the wet season, it's a good time to treat fire ants," Mr Dudgeon said.

"Fire ant nests tend to be more visible after rain and the pest more active during the warmer months, increasing the chance of someone being stung. "Each household can collect two treatment kits between now and the end of March.

"We need all households taking up the fight - the more people on the Mountain treating their yards for fire ants, the better chance we'll have stopping them moving in for good."

For more information or to report fire ants visit **fireants.org.au** or call 13 25 23.

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BORDER MOVEMENTS AND COVID-19

The Premier announced this week Queensland's border will re-open from 1am on 13 December. This is still subject to entrants having had two COVID-19 vaccination injections, and a negative test within 72 hours of entry.

FINALLY, people who have been waiting just over the border will be able to drive into Queensland – something that should have been possible weeks ago. I have received some emails and other messages – especially from small businesses – questioning why they are being required to police whether or not people are vaccinated, and also the practicalities of enforcement for the Government's controversial proposed mandates. These are valid concerns, which have been consistently raised by our team. The Government has a lot of explaining to do between now and 17 December if they are to continue with the proposed mandates, including why people with genuine medical or other reasons for not being able to receive a vaccination are to be excluded from some parts of the community.

As of 29 November, 84.1 per cent of the Scenic Rim Regional Council area had received at least one vaccination dose. Experience with South Australia's re-opening shows that we will have more COVID-19 cases in the weeks and months ahead after travel within Australia returns to a more normal state (that is, a country where people can more or less go where they like). The science shows that vaccination reduces the chance of death from COVID-19 significantly, so I want to acknowledge all of those who have taken this step and encourage those who haven't, to consider doing so.

CONGRATULATIONS TO YEAR 12 GRADUATES

It's the time of year again when we say farewell to all Year 12 students graduating from schools across the Scenic Rim. Congratulations on completing your final assessments and finishing this chapter of your lives. In the next steps outside of school, whether you're starting study, starting a trade, or full-time work, I wish you all the best in your future endeavours.

CHRISTMAS ROAD SAFETY

With Christmas and school holidays approaching, motorists are reminded to slow down. The festive period means more cars, caravans and holiday makers are 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.

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. 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.

REMINDER: Buy Local Christmas 2021 local collection points are at Charlie & Me on the Walk, Spice of Life Café, Granny Mac's Fudge, Lux & Gather, Tamborine Mountain Visitor Centre, Mumma Duck's Sweets & Treats and Witchscents Organics.

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.



SCOTT BUCHHOLZ Federal Member for Wright

COMBATING ONLINE TROLLS

In a world first, the Morrison Government will

introduce new powers to unmask online trolls. Under new laws, social media companies will be held accountable for defamatory comments posted on their platforms. Companies will be able to avoid liability if they are able to provide information that allows victims to commence proceedings, should they choose. Media companies will also be required to establish a quick and simple complaints process so that victims can have defamatory remarks taken down. Read more at www.pm.gov.au/media/combatting-online-trolls-and-strengthening-defamation-laws.

Also this week, the Prime Minister announced the establishment of a new committee to examine the spread of toxic materials on social media. The Inquiry, to be chaired by Robertson MP Lucy Wicks, will give organisations and individuals an opportunity to air their concerns about how social media platforms currently operate, and for big tech to account for their platforms.

TAKING ACTION TO STOP SCAMMERS

The Morrison Government is taking action to shut down scammers, by empowering telcos to identify and block SMS scams at the source. Scammers are increasingly using bulk text messages to infect devices or to trick victims into handing over personal and financial data. This year, SMS and phone scams reported to Scamwatch more than doubled from 2020, resulting in over \$87 million being lost by Australians. The Morrison Government is committed to working with industry to tackle new and emerging threats to the community, including scammers who exploit digital technologies.

REVIEW INTO COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARY WORKPLACES

This week, the Government received the Independent Review into Commonwealth Parliamentary Workplaces, from Sex Discrimination Commissioner Kate Jenkins. The Prime Minister thanked over 1,750 individuals and organisations who contributed to the Review. This important review contains a series of findings and recommendations that the Government, Opposition, minor parties and crossbench must all carefully consider and respond to. These experiences, observations and insights will be crucial to driving the positive change that is required.

A RECORD NUMBER OF SENIOR AUSTRALIANS RECEIVING HOME CARE PACKAGES

A record number of Australians are receiving a Home Care Package according to the latest data, which shows an increase of over 41,000 older Australians in the past 12 months. More than 204,000 older Australians are now supported with a package allowing them to stay at home and connected with their community for longer. The Morrison Government is investing \$6.5 billion for an additional 80,000 home care packages to support senior Australians who choose to remain in their own home. This investment has seen the number of people waiting for a home care package at their approved level fall by 25 per cent over the last year.

INVESTING TO IMPROVE END OF LIFE CARE

The Morrison Government will invest more than \$56 million to improve end of life and palliative care for Australians. More than \$37 million will be provided to the 31 Primary Health Networks across the nation to expand the Greater Choice for At Home Palliative Care program Australia-wide. In addition, \$19 million will go towards three programs at the University of Wollongong and Queensland University of Technology, to improve end of life care in residential aged care. It is estimated approximately 50 to 90 per cent of those who die in Australia each year would benefit from receiving greater palliative care. As people approach the final stage of their lives it is only right they have access to the level of care they need.

\$50 MILLION INVESTMENT IN SUPPORT FOR HIV AND BLOOD BORNE VIRUSES

The Morrison Government is investing over \$50 million in new funding to extend access to HIV treatment in Australia. This investment will allow an estimated 1,000 people currently living with HIV in Australia each year, who are not eligible for Medicare, to access the treatment they need. Funding will also be available to better support the health and mental well being of people living with blood borne viruses and sexually transmissible infections. In 2020, there were 633 new diagnoses of HIV in Australia and more than 29,000 people living with HIV. The Morrison Government will continue to work with the States to implement the Eight National HIV Strategy as we seek to end the transmission of HIV in Australia.



Letters to the Editor

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CONCERN IS ONGOING...

My letter published in the *Scenic News* of 25 November expressed serious concern about the way the administrative arm of Council seems to be pursuing its own agenda. What is really going on is largely hidden in an impenetrable cloud of confidentiality. Those notorious Confidential Workshops and Briefings of Councillors, and the disappearance of the open Standing Committees have been obvious examples.

Then, in the *Scenic News* of 2 December, Cr Derek Swanborough in his *Councillor Comment* and Frederick Beel in his *Letter to the Editor* have independently addressed the same theme. Both identify the need for the use of 'minor changes' to existing approvals to be rigorously reviewed. Cr Swanborough is already taking action.

However, Cr Swanborough also detailed how a very sensitive development on Tamborine Mountain was approved in an entirely closed meeting. We cannot be told the reasoning behind the decision with the councillors gagged. Even worse, this procedure is prohibited in the *Local Government Act* with planning decisions required to be made in open meetings. Very shaky justification for closing the meeting was that legal advice was to be discussed. However, this can be done in a short period with the meeting closed for that specific purpose. It should be seriously questioned whether the approval decision was valid.

As pointed out by Cr Swanborough, the problem basically arises from the excessive delegation of approval powers by councillors to administration officers. The authority has been transferred, but the associated responsibilities to residents are not being effectively exercised.

Changes are necessary and the Mayor is in the hot seat. We may start to smell smoke.

Phil Giffard

TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN BRIDGE CLUB RESULTS

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The Bistro is currently open from Wednesday to Sunday, and is proud to support local suppliers, musicians, and staff, and the operators are always endeavouring to encourage the Tamborine Mountain community. There are weekly events being introduced, live sports on the big screens, *Turkey Time* Friday nights, and the increasingly popular 'husband day care' is available.

The Bistro caters for any and all event types: head on down and have a chat with front-of-house manager Tom, or contact the team at **bushturkeybistro@gmail.com** to plan your next big event.

The entire catering team would also like to take this opportunity to give thanks for the incredible amount of local support received, making this and all their ventures possible.

The Bistro is currently open Wednesday to Sunday from 10am.



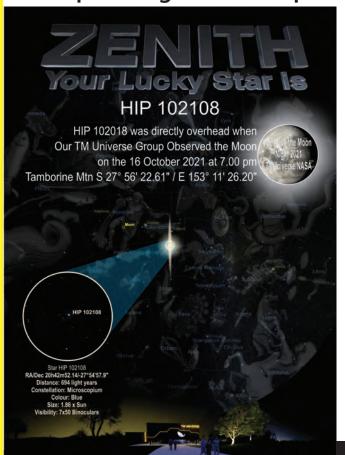


The team at The Bush Turkey Bistro – at left: Tom, Lorene, Chris and Darryl

Below: Tom, Lorene, Eve, Belle, Libby and Emily



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With second-hand bookshops now few and far between, Canungra Books and Art attracts customers from Brisbane. the Gold Coast and beyond.

"Being able to create more space will be great for our customers," said Jan.

"We plan to expand the art section, along with new spaces for gardening and cooking, music books and records," said Jan. "Plus we want to give more space to new books by our fantastic local authors and art by local artists."

"I am also looking forward to being able to bring our wonderful collection of antiquarian and rare books into the shop that we simply haven't had room to display until now," said Jan.

The children's section will get a makeover too, and the vintage clothing section will have its own room, and brings the opportunity to create something special for the vintage clothing fans.

"And yes, we are definitely going to add a few comfy seats for people to relax and enjoy their time browsing and take a little time out in a quiet corner."

Jan is hoping the new space will start to open up by Christmas, with a full opening in January - it's heavy work moving books!

The shop has a wide range of Christmas gifts in-store, including beautiful 2022 Art Calendars, notebooks and prints, plus local artisan gifts, garden lanterns, statues, and more.

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MOUNTAIN LOCAL OFF TO PONDER THE OCEAN DEPTHS

Vikki Lowe studied Marine Geoscience at Macquarie University and did an honours year with the Australian Rivers Institute (ARI). Her main focus through her undergraduate years was Antarctic studies, and she worked on projects that estimated past sea surface temperatures and sea ice using microfossils. While she worked at ARI, Vikki spent quite a bit of time in the field during the summers on research vessels in the Gulf of Carpentaria. It was hot, humid work, and she realised she wanted to get back to her original love, the cold climate of the Southern Ocean and Antarctica. So, Vikki decided to do a doctorate studying the Southern Ocean and the role it played in global climate during the last 160,000 years. As part of her doctorate, Vikki will be travelling to East Antarctica this summer to look at the Antarctic Shelf region just offshore from Cape Darnley. The group will be close to the Mawson and Davis stations, although they will not be going ashore.

Their main objective is to understand how Antarctic Bottom Water (AABW) forms in this region and is distributed down the canyons and along the sea floor. The reason it is important to know this is because AABW is a crucial component for ventilating the oceans, taking oxygen to its depths, and locking in accumulated carbon dioxide for hundreds of years while it flows along the global ocean floor. It is therefore a climate change buffer. We understand that the properties of this water will change as we move into warmer periods, and this will mean it has less capacity to store carbon dioxide (warmer water can't hold as much carbon dioxide), and so will not buffer the climate as well as it currently does. Carbon dioxide also changes the chemistry of the water, and could drastically affect the biogeochemical balance of the oceans. oceanservice.noaa.gov/facts/seaice-climate.html and doi.org/10.1029/2019RG000681 (an open access article on ocean acidification).

The group will be drilling several sediment cores in this location, and is aiming for one that will cover the last one million years, back past the time when our climate started to swing between glacial and interglacial periods at around a 100,000 year pace. We want to understand what changed, and how that can inform our future. In December, the Australian Antarctic Division will start a 5 year project to attempt to drill a 1 million year ice core in East Antarctica (www.antarctica.gov.au/science/climate-processes-and-change/antarctic-palaeoclimate/million-year-ice-core/). The group's sediment core will complement their ice core.

They will also be releasing 12 ARGO floats – these are autonomous probes; there are currently 3884 floats in operation around the globe which provide critical data that allow us to study ocean processes and conditions. These are some of the most important tools available to the marine science community, and have opened up our ability to study the deep oceans (from the surface down to 2000 m). argo.ucsd.edu/

The group is also going to be mapping the sea floor in the region. This will be done as part of the **Seabed2030** global initiative, in which it is hoped to map 30% of the world's ocean floor by 2030. We currently know more about the surface of Mars than we do about our ocean floor. This initiative will benefit us all, from improving ships' navigation, to providing scientists with critical information that will help when researching ocean processes and hazards. **seabed2030.org/**

As part of the voyage, the group will be communicating their findings along the way to the general public through the **CANYONS2022** podcast. This will provide science updates as well as look into the more human side of being on a research voyage. These will go out every Tuesday (science update) and Friday (life at sea) from January 7. The podcast can be found on Anchor, Spotify and Apple Podcasts using **CANYONS2022** (https://anchor.fm/CANYONS2022). Schools can also be a part of the voyage, and ship-to-shore education sessions for primary and high school students will be offered. There will be an educator on board running this program. It is a major focus of the work, that the group



communicates with and provides access for the public to its work and research. "It is so important to not just give people the opportunity to learn about their world and how it affects them, but also to encourage students to consider a career in research. Oceanography and Marine Sciences are growing in importance, and we are well positioned in Australia to be a world leader in these fields. We need to encourage the next generation of students to consider this as an exciting and fulfilling option for a career," said Vikki.

Not at all by design, this will be an almost completely female crew. This is a great message to get out there, that careers like this are open to everyone. The group will be at sea during **International Women and Girls in STEM Day.**

During the trip, the group will be on 12 hour shifts for the duration – midnight to midday or midday to midnight. The sun will barely set, so there will be no real night time until the journey home. Cape Darnley is a hotspot for the whales and emperor penguins during this time, so it's a sure thing to see plenty of life.

Vikki Lowe is a PhD Candidate at the School of Earth and Environmental Sciences at The University of Queensland



SLOW SPACE – AN INTRODUCTION TO RESIDENTIAL DESIGN

What is Slow Space? First, we need to look at what it isn't.



Have you ever wondered when visiting a major shopping centre why the architecture disappears? It's not like it isn't there! In most circumstances, great effort has been undertaken to capture the passer-by. The problem you would be experiencing is the fact that there is so much detail that it blurs into nothing, everything competing for attention.

A few years back, this was further confirmed to me when visiting my in-laws' house in Victoria. At the time, they owned a stunning block of land located in the Dandenong Mountains. Forty-odd years ago, they constructed the home to make the most of the view. Each bedroom, including the public areas, had floor-to-ceiling glass. The rear walls also had massive glass

mirrors reflecting the vista. Experiencing the space for the first time was jaw-dropping; however, as the days went on, the significance of the view dwindled, simply because one could not escape it.

Like the Westfield example, when we try to create space that is so 'desperate' to give its all, it ends up giving nothing as it tries to deliver everything in one hit. Slow Space, like the slow food movement, deliberately offers the contemplative. This might be through a wall texture that you can run your hand over while passing by. It might be a perspective that is framed and can be engaged with only when sitting. It might also be a wall whose only purpose is to act as a backdrop to a landscaped courtyard.

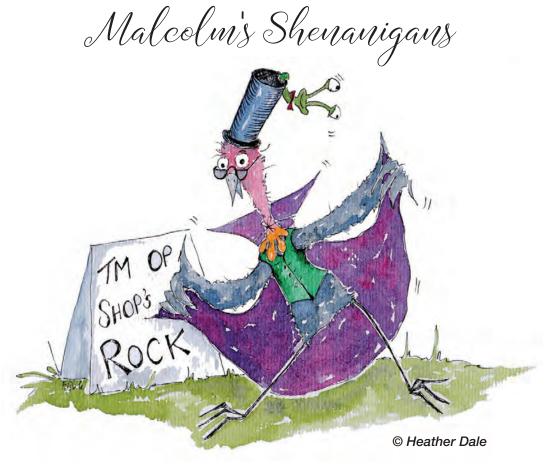
In essence, Slow Space is about journey, discovery, and reward. It is about micro and macro delights. It is about allowing for moments to be appreciated day-by-day or season-by-season. My all-time favourite

architect is Tasmanian-based Timothy Hill. I once heard him make a statement that has forever stuck in my mind - it is as follows: "We aspire to create spaces that anticipate memories." This epitomises the fundamental philosophy behind Slow Space.

I believe that here in the Scenic Rim, there is a unique opportunity to respond to 'place' in a slow space kind of way, due to the beauty of our surroundings. Our location is such that it deserves our attention. Wouldn't it be nice if more of our buildings facilitated this appreciation?

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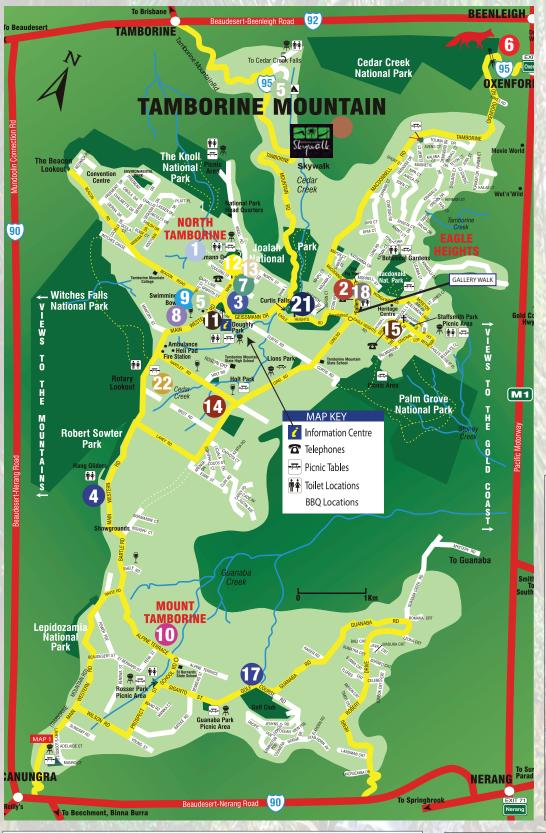
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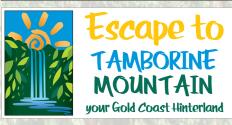
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Pets & the Pandemic

Information from recent research has shown that staying at home, or working from home has provided the opportunity to acquire a pet, and it has been the biggest boom Australia has ever seen in pet ownership.



A row of 10 kennels, many rescue centres may have 5 or more rows.

In a time of significant uncertainty and reduced social interaction during the pandemic, Aussies turned to pet ownership as a source of comfort and joy. The pandemic also showed that pet animal welfare must be explicitly protected as an essential service/activity. Households that have a pet are currently at 69%, up from 61% two years ago. Some animal rescue centres were emptied or almost emptied during the pandemic, however, there has been a sharp spike of returned dogs because many people failed to consider returning to work and the impact of having a pet when time and supervision can be a problem or is too difficult.

The biggest surge in pets has been dog ownership, dog owners enjoy a more active lifestyle (mostly) and their pets brought more routine and discipline into their lives. The ongoing cost of care is the strongest deterrent for those wanting to add a cat or dog to their household. On average, a medium-sized dog costs approximately \$3,200 per year for food and health care products, and approximately \$2,100 for a cat.

According to Newgate Research, two out of five dogs (or 40%) have been acquired through a breeder, while 24% are from family, friends or neighbours, 13% from rescue shelters and 11% from pet shops. The remainder were acquired through miscellaneous other means.

Purebred dogs are the most commonly sought after and many breeders have increased the price for their animals, some unscrupulous people are finding free animals from online classified ad sites and re-selling them while others steal cute looking or purebred pets, either for themselves or to sell.

In conclusion, a statement from Animal Medicines Australia says that pet owners have a duty and legal responsibility to ensure their pets' welfare needs are met. And that this responsibility should always be facilitated by public policy makers. The problem is that the number of unwanted and discarded pets is not decreasing, which indicates there is a major problem with policies, policy makers and individuals that exploit the loophole or have no regard for animal welfare.

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WISDOM

If the internet has given the world something, it is an abundance of knowledge. Devices are constantly used to access every kind of information, from current events to ancient history. We no longer have lingering arguments over how many times Phar Lap won the Melbourne Cup or the name of Australia's first prime minister. We have Google at our fingertips to resolve our disagreements and answer all our questions. Technology has permitted us to increase our knowledge on any topic.

Has our abundance of information resulted in a greater depth of wisdom? The dictionary defines wisdom as the ability to use your knowledge and experience to make good decisions and judgements. When determining a course of action, we combine our library of knowledge with our personal experiences. Wisdom is the process through which we develop our judgements, decisions and actions. Someone once said "knowledge is being aware that tomatoes are a fruit, wisdom is not including them in your fruit salad".

There are a couple of important factors that determine the depth of our wisdom. One factor is the quality of the information that makes up our knowledge. With so much information available to us, we need to be discerning about what we take on board. When you see or hear information it's a good idea to conduct some basic research on the source of the information. Since we draw our wisdom from the well of our knowledge,

we won't make wise decisions if our well is full of misinformation.

Wisdom knows that it may need to draw on more than one facet of knowledge in order to make a prudent decision. Take Christmas shopping as



an example. You may have extensive knowledge of all the things that little Johnny wants for Christmas but you also need to take into account your knowledge of your financial situation. Wisdom accesses all stored data, defines limits and makes a reasonable choice by balancing Johnny's wishes with the current state of your budget.

How do we grow in wisdom? An important factor is how we respond once we make a poor choice. If we allow shame or guilt to prevent us from taking responsibility, we are destined to repeat our poor choice. We will get trapped in a defensive stance which makes no space for change. If we are willing to acknowledge our mistakes, reflect on them and let them teach us what we could do differently, we grow in wisdom.

Wisdom comes not only through personal experience but through an open mind that is open to new possibilities. Listen with curiosity to others' perspectives and opinions. This doesn't mean indiscriminately changing your viewpoint whenever another opinion is raised. Make it your practice to discerningly consider alternate perspectives before choosing a course of action.

A wise philosopher once wrote "Wisdom is the most valuable commodity - do not forsake her and she will protect you. Cherish her and she will exalt you; embrace her and she will honour you." Sounds like wisdom is a companion worth keeping.

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Returning to Running

After sitting through our two amazing Women's Health evenings this year, it suddenly dawned on me that I may be classified as "middle aged". How did that happen? This sudden realisation emphasised to me my increasing risk for the development of osteoporosis - bone loss, and sarcopenia - muscle loss (at the rate of 5 percent each year!). If I was planning on hanging around for quite a few more years on this planet, I really did not want this to impact what I wanted to achieve in my life.

However, on further analysis, the thing that struck me most was my mindset surrounding my ability to change my current situation. I realized I truly believed I was not capable of returning to a better level of fitness. I had started to believe I was old; pretty well doomed to get weaker and less active. I was in a "stuck" mindset state which was really limiting my potential to achieve the

things in life that I was capable of achieving. With this story I was telling myself, it really wasn't going to help me. Even if I wanted to do it and could visualise the end result – if I didn't believe I could do it – so why bother even trying. Right? Pretty stupid, hey?

In my late teens and early 20s I discovered running. Up until that time, never being terribly coordinated or sporty, I was pretty unfit. But I was surprised at how running made me feel - both physically and mentally. It was quite remarkable. I had always wanted to get back into running, but life seemed to get in the way. And of course, with my mindset being pretty stinky, this didn't help. However, the realsation that I was middle-aged and that I needed to be in charge of what I wanted for the next 45 years of my life, was enough to kickstart me again.

I started slow and steady – ignoring my usual "all or nothing" approach. Baby steps – pushing

through the healthy pain – mental and physical. Thankfully, I have some good physios that have supported me along the way! Learning that a bit of pain is OK when we are asking something of our bodies that they have not done in a looooong time. Learning to listen to my body, but to keep my mind in check too.

And so here we are - several months on. No - I will never be an ultra-marathon runner. But I feel so much better and more positive about the future for my health. I am sleeping better, am stronger and fitter. I can keep up with my kids and hopefully will - one day - with my grandkids too. I want to encourage you to discover what is important to you and if there is something you are putting off, so take this first baby step. One foot in front of the other, moving further towards what you visualise for your future. Because you CAN do it. Make the decision to start and don't be afraid to reach out for help when you need it.



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TRAVELLING PLACES

By Gina Storey

It is interesting how often food and wine trigger memories of travel. A glass of pinot from Central Otago has encouraged me to reflect on the many trips I have had to the region over the years. Long before the 'terroir' was recognised as one of the world's great pinot producers this South Island of New Zealand region was known by the student Gina as a pretty fruit growing district to drive through between the coastal university town of Dunedin and the ski slopes of Queenstown.



After a gap of decades, I returned with my children to learn to ski and found quite a transformation. Still wildly beautiful with a backdrop of the snow-capped Southern Alps and glacial lakes, you can explore hidden valleys of alpine grasses and sleepy villages with a history to tell. Potter around in a campervan and stay overnight where the whim takes you; base yourselves in Queenstown or Wanaka and explore by day; or perhaps indulge at a luxury lodge where you can trek in the high country or helicopter into remote dramatic landscapes and yet be pampered at your luxury lodge.

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Do stay awhile in Queenstown - there is a wide variety of accommodation options and so many experiences to be had. Winter sports are plentiful, and the slopes pretty much guaranteed every season to offer powder snow. In summer this region can be hot and dry. There are lots of activities take the SS Earnslaw across Lake Wakatipu to a working sheep farm for lunch. Visit the home of bungy jumping and launch yourself into the abyss. Wander the pretty boutiques of Arrowtown and explore the historical gold rush site. Drive south to Milford Sound to sail on the extraordinary fiords. Head up the narrow west coast, stopping to walk on a glacier and also through the ancient temperate forests. Further north walk the beautiful trails of Queen Charlotte Sound, kayak along the water's edge or pick up some wonderful local produce for a picnic along the way. The Marlborough Sounds are beautiful.

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WINE CHAT

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THE ULTIMATE CHRISTMAS FOOD AND WINE **PAIRING GUIDE**

It boggles the mind to think December is here already. On top of the usual ups and downs of any given calendar year, 2021 has been notably challenging. January brought optimism, and for some, faith that the



worst of the pandemic was behind us. The months rolled on, and between lockdowns, zoom calls, and check-ins - so many of our best laid plans have come asunder.

Everyone celebrates the festive season in their own way. We all have that friend who will deck the halls - tree and all - mid-November; their Christmas shopping done and dusted before the rest of us summon the strength of mind to begin the process. There are others who have a more laid-back attitude and can do without the fuss and bother of decorations, gifts, and extravagant cooking, Likewise, there are those who don't celebrate at all. But if there's one thing we can agree on, it's that we all deserve a moment of repose - a chance to unwind, share a drink with friends and family, and feast on something scrumptious. Read on for our take on what wines are best to pair with popular Christmas fare. Keep in mind that these pairings are suggestions only - while it's fun to experiment and try new wines, nobody knows your palate better than you do. Without further ado...

Seafood. In my family, fresh seafood at Christmas time is nonnegotiable. Whopping great prawns. Rock oysters with a tangy vinaigrette. Garlic butter scallops. Smoked salmon. Juicy Moreton Bay Bugs. For all of the above, there are a number of sensational pairing options. Sparkling wines like Champagne and Prosecco go beautifully. as do refreshing table white varietals like Sauvignon Blanc and Vermentino.

Turkey. If you're going for more traditional Christmas fare this year, a medium-bodied Chardonnay will perfectly complement a juicy roast turkey. The fruitiness of the chardonnay will bring out the tender sweetness of the meat.

Ham. There are a number of different pairings to suit a wood-smoked Christmas ham. If you're in the mood for a red - opt for a mediumbodied Shiraz full of juicy ripe fruits, oak, and spice. Shiraz pairs particularly well with glazed ham as it adds flavour and balance. If you're a white drinker, I tend to think the sweet pineapple notes in a Verdelho compliment the saltiness of the ham.

Roast Vegetables and Game. Meats like duck, goose, boar, or venison – as well as roast vegetables – often possess an earthy and multilayered depth of flavour. Wines with herbaceous and earthy undertones will highlight the richness of these foods – varietals like Pinot Noir and Cabernet Sauvignon are perfect examples.

Pavlova. A sparkling Moscato will match the Pav's sweetness and complement its layer of fresh fruit. Bubbles add a bit of fun and a

textural contrast to the cream and meringue layers.

Cheeseboard. An aged Muscat or Tawny Port is the perfect companion to a cheeseboard. The addition of dried fruit, nuts, chocolate, or charcuterie will add a little something special to any holiday celebration.

Cheers,

Alexandra Douglas and The Witches Falls **Winery Team**





FOOD FOR THOUGHT

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BLACK FOREST MOUSSE CAKE

These little beauties are a crowd favourite and the low sugar content in this recipe makes it a guilt-free treat for everyone. With Christmas fast approaching, many of you will be looking forward to spending quality time with friends and family and catering for the descending hordes can be stressful. So why not take the stress out of dessert and have these little cups of joy pre-made so all you have to do is simply pull them out of the fridge, garnish and serve, much to the delight of all those present.

There is no added sugar in this recipe so it is not sickly sweet, something I hate in desserts; there is enough sweetness in the cake and the chocolate. I would often put these on my function menu for parties larger than 20 people because of the speedy nature of serving them and the easy delivery for the waiters, and they were always a huge hit with the punters. Clean up is a breeze too.

Did you know? A common misconception is that the Black Forest gateau takes its name from the region of its origin: the Black Forest or (Schwarzwald) mountain range in south-western Germany, whereas, the Black Forest gateau actually takes its name from a distinctive and fiery kirsch alcohol made from Black Forest sour cherries, known as Schwarzwälder Kirsch or Kirsch Wasser: cherry firewater. This iconic cake now enjoys a protected status, which means that without the inclusion of the specialty kirsch a cake cannot be classified as Black Forest gateau.

The famous confectioner and pastry chef Josef Keller (1887-1981) is claimed to have invented the modern style of Kirschtorte in 1915 at the Café Agner, near Bonn in Southern Germany. Keller's claims of fatherhood to the cake that would eventually morph into what is now known as the Black Forest gateau were unfortunately never verified, though it is documented that he was serving up his version of the cake and helped to popularise the dessert. The cake appears in written recipes for the first time in the mid-1930s and by the 1940s its popularity was becoming well established.

Chef Dylan tip: When you heat the cream to melt the chocolate this creates what we call a ganache; it must be cooled in the fridge for a few minutes to come down to room temp (not warm at all) before you

fold in the whipped cream because if it is too warm you will melt the fat in the whipped cream, and release all the micro bubbles.

When whipping the cream, you want stiff peaks for the mousse and soft peaks for the plain whipped cream layer. Always whip cream cold.

There are many recipes out there for Black Forest cake. But they all have the same basic building blocks – chocolate cake, whipped cream, dark cherries. The cake is usually finished with chocolate shavings, and more whipped cream, and more cherries. Sounds

delicious, right? My combination of Kirschsoaked mud cake and delicate chocolate mousse leaves you feeling light and easy, especially after a big meal. You can make you own chocolate shavings or for ease simply use a Cadbury flake.

You can even make some gluten-free cups by using a gluten-free chocolate cake, and trust me, you will never be forgotten as dessert is one of the things many glutenfree diets have to miss out on.

Serves 8/10 cups

Time 30 minutes

INGREDIENTS

Mousse

- 100g milk chocolate
- 100g dark chocolate
- 200 ml thickened cream
- 1 gelatine sheet

(Whipped cream)

- 400mls thickened cream
- 1 iar of morello cherries
- 4 tbs kirsch (optional)
- 300mls thickened cream,
- · whipped to soft peaks
- 1 x Small pre-made or store-bought mud cake
- 2 x Cadbury flake bars
- Few leaves of fresh mint (optional)

METHOD

1. Cut mud cake in thirds and spoon or



- 2. Cut cake into 2cm (ish) cubes
- Bloom gelatin sheet in some cold water
- 4. Combine chocolate in a heat-proof bowl
- Boil the cream and pour over the chocolate to melt it and mix well to combine (if it all doesn't melt place bowl over a small pot of boiling water making sure the bowl doesn't touch the water and stir until melted)
- 6. Add gelatine sheet to chocolate mix and cool in the fridge for a few mins
- 7. Whip 400mls cream until hard peaks form and gently fold into chocolate mix (do not overmix)
- 8. Pour mix into a jug
- 9. Strain the cherries and cut in half

Assembly:

- In each glass place 3/4 pieces of cake;
 3 cherries.
- Pour in the mousse mix making sure to leave room for the whipped cream.
- 3. Set in the fridge for 6hrs or overnight is better.

To serve:

- 1. Whip the Whip 300g cream until soft peaks form and pour into a piping bag or a ziplock bag and cut off the corner pipe into glasses.
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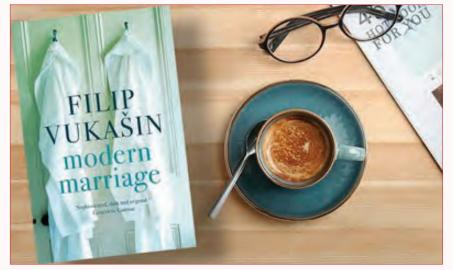
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- 5. What kind of musical instrument is a Fender Broadcaster?
- 6. Who wrote The Glass Lake?
- 7. A 'Saanen' is a breed of which animal?
- 8. How many Brandenburg Concertos were composed by J S Bach?
- What kind of political union was advocated by Oswald Mosley in 1949?
- 10. Queen Maud Land is to be found on which continent?
- 11. For which band was *A Funk Odyssey* a No 1 album in 2001?
- 12. The Walker Art Gallery is to be found in which English city?
- 13. Which organisation started with a meeting between a Bill Wilson and a Doctor Robert Smith in 1935?
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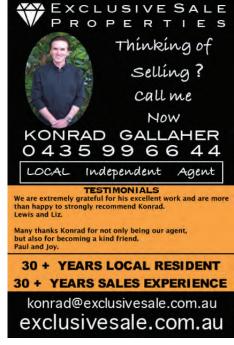




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