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CSG TERMINATED IN THE SCENIC RIM



State MP Jon Krause has been, over the past decade, a tireless campaigner against coal seam gas mining in the Scenic Rim – his persistence, and that of others in the community has finally been rewarded. Story page 3 (image supplied)

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- 11 - 11.30 7 Mayon Court
- 11.30 - 12 15 Tolima Drive
- 12 - 12.45 1/59 Wilson Road
- 12.15 - 1 12 Magnetic Drive
- 1 - 1.30 6 Nipa Court
- 1.30 - 2 99 Guanaba Road
- 2 - 2.30 33 Corypha Court

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- 11.30 - 12 10 Laurina Dr, New Beith
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Review: Seller- 6-8 Lassen Drive

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6 Nipa Court, Tamborine Mountain

- Quiet cul-de-sac, gorgeous gardens
- Views to the Gold Coast
- Timber floors, open plan with fireplace
- Timber deck on both levels of home
- Fully fenced, workshop under home

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SALE 🛏️ 4 🚿 2 🚗 4 5,667m²

49 Landman Court, Clagiraba

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\$1,495,000 price guide

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CSG TERMINATED IN THE SCENIC RIM

The last remaining coal seam gas rights in the Scenic Rim are to be extinguished.

Member for Scenic Rim, Jon Krause, has welcomed the announcement made in Queensland Parliament by Minister for Resources Scott Stewart on Friday 24 June, one that he lobbied the Minister for personally.

"This is the culmination and final chapter in a campaign that began in the Scenic Rim over 10 years ago," Mr Krause said.

"I was elected in 2012 with a clear commitment to stop CSG in the Scenic Rim. The LNP did that in Government – I staked my reputation on it – and this announcement by the Government will see the final rights held by Arrow Energy to explore for CSG in our region cancelled."

"It took 10 years of persistence, but it's the right outcome."

"Our tourism industry across the region has grown enormously since 2012, thanks to some very hard-working and passionate small businesses in the Scenic Rim, and with everything that's going on in the world we need to look after our farmers in southeast Queensland more than ever."

Exploration rights under state legislation were granted to Arrow Energy, a joint venture owned by Royal Dutch Shell and PetroChina, in the late 2000s by the then Bligh Labor Government. A significant amount of exploratory drilling was carried out in the region between 2009 and 2011, and led to community unease about the impacts the activity could have on farming, tourism and the local environment and residential amenity.

Arrow's final test wells were sealed permanently in 2018, and while they have retained legal rights under state law until this time, Arrow has stated on various occasions after the intervention of the Queensland Government from 2012-2015

that it no longer had any intention to develop coal seam gas in the Scenic Rim.

It's fair to say that Jon Krause, as a Liberal National Party MP, faced some scepticism from local voters early on about the genuineness of his commitments to ending CSG in the Scenic Rim. Concerns were held that the promise would fade away once the election was over, and a pro-business government would fail to heed the community's concerns. He says he never wavered, putting the interests of the community first and foremost, and re-iterating time and time again the importance of the commitment to his senior colleagues who made up the LNP Government from 2012-2015.

"Of course, you put the community first always, but especially on an issue like this. I used to sit down with Ministers who had something to do with these types of matters, and after a while they knew what I was going to say – no to CSG in the Scenic Rim – and the reasons why, without me saying a word. It takes persistence, it takes consistency, and it takes a willingness to let those in power know that there will be consequences if they don't follow through on what they had promised to do."

"This decision, for me, is the final closure on permits that should never, ever have been issued," Mr Krause said. "People are opposed to CSG for a whole range of different reasons, and yet even back in 2011 and 2012, I could confidently state that it was just incompatible with our farming sector, our growing tourism industry and the nature of our interconnected small communities. I was backed in 100% by the senior Ministers of the LNP Government, and we turned back the tide on CSG."

Job well done, Jon Krause.

QLD GOVT HALTS COAL SEAM GAS IN SCENIC RIM

Arrow Energy has formally withdrawn from two gas exploration leases in the Scenic Rim.

Resources Minister Scott Stewart said the leases, near Beaudesert, have been removed from prospecting maps.

"My department has accepted these withdrawal applications, meaning these exploration permits no longer exist," he told parliament on Tuesday.

Arrow halted operations in the region in 2012 following an 18-month community blockade of its drilling sites.

The company quietly applied to extend its two leases in 2018, and as part of those applications had to submit a plan for commercial gas extraction by 2033.

Scenic Rim Mayor Greg Christensen, local Liberal National Party MP Jon Krause and activists were deeply concerned when they found out about Arrow's plans earlier this year.

Mayor Christensen said his priorities had centred on the region's environmental and agricultural areas.

"I look forward to the conversations to follow today's announcement, but most importantly, to celebrating having the weight of a significant risk lifted from the shoulders of our community," he said. *Keep the Scenic Rim*

Scenic spokesman Innes Larkin was ecstatic to learn gas exploration and drilling have effectively been banned from the region.

"It's beautiful news, it's fantastic, it's had me

screaming and yelling and jumping up and down," Mr Larkin said.

"And I'm now super excited to ring my community and start spreading the news."

Mr Krause said he was glad the Scenic Rim will be protected from coal seam gas development, an issue he campaigned on when he was first elected in 2012.

The MP said his community, farmers and the tourism sector had made their views clear about gas over a long time.

"I acknowledge the position taken by the government today which looks like it has put the issue to bed permanently," Mr Krause told AAP.

"It took over 10 years of persistence, but the outcome is welcome."

Mr Larkin said while Scenic Rim locals were celebrating, his thoughts went out to other communities fighting against coal seam gas developments.

He said the Scenic Rim campaign against coal seam gas mining had succeeded because the mayor, local MP and *Lock the Gate Alliance* were united behind the community.

"When you have that leadership shown by magnificent people in power the world can change," Mr Larkin said.

"Our mayor came out and from the bat was going: 'I want to stand by my community. This is not appropriate for this region.'"

"The local state member (Jon Krause) is not in power, but was instrumental from 2012 in stopping coal licences, also came out and did that, and that sends a really powerful message.

"If only other communities had that same sort of leadership that we had behind our community, then I think we would see massive change across Australia."

Marty Silk
Australian Associated Press

Photo: Minister for Resources Scott Stewart MP and Scenic Rim Mayor Greg Christensen



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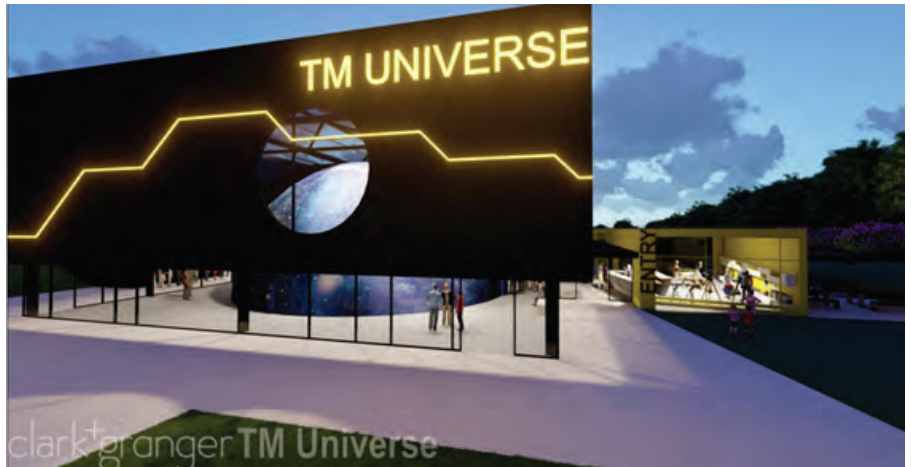
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Thank you again for the continued support; this would not be possible without all of our members, volunteers and supporters. We are moving forward as we “reach for the stars”.

You may obtain a copy of the application at www.scenicrim.qld.gov.au search **MCU21/117**

Regards,
TM Universe Team

POTENTIAL SCAM ALERT

Scenic Rim Regional Council is aware of local residents being telephoned by people who are stating they are calling from Council and are conducting a survey, which we believe appears to be a scam.

Please note that Scenic Rim Regional Council is not currently conducting a telephone survey at this time.

Council conducts its official community engagement through a community panel via the Let's Talk Scenic Rim website. If you wish to join this panel, please go to <https://letstalk.scenicrim.qld.gov.au/> to register.

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact COUNCIL.



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EXCITEMENT BREWING AS FORTITUDE FALLS INTO A NEW CATCHMENT



The new gang at Fortitude: (left to right) Alex Sey (Group General Manager), Matt Newberry (Chief Executive Officer) and Ryan Fullerton (Head Brewer)

Catchment Brewing Co. West End has acquired 100% ownership of the Fortitude Brewing Co. business and brands. The latest consolidation in the Australian craft brewing Industry sees an authentic craft boutique brewing brand acquire a larger craft brand for growth and market share in the craft segment, rather than the continuation of major mainstream suppliers actively acquiring craft breweries. Founded in 2012 as one of the original craft brewing companies, Fortitude Brewing Co. has been an institution in pioneering the craft beer industry, leading with Australia's most well-known light craft beer "Fortitude Pacer".

The acquisition comes with a fully operational taproom, restaurant and functions business on historic Tamborine Mountain, as well as a large brewery facility capable of producing over 500,000 litres of beer per annum.

Catchment Brewing Co. CEO and major shareholder

Matt Newberry said "We are delighted and excited to acquire the Fortitude Brewing Co. business and brands. Our West End brewery is running well over its capacity, and this brewing facility gives us the ability to bring all our contract brewing back in house.

"We are excited to take ownership of this award-winning brewery and its wonderful brands, and are looking forward to working and engaging with the locals, loyal followers, members, tourists and our great team members on-site to continue to grow the Fortitude business and brand in the community and industry in general. There are no plans to change any of the beers, brands on offer – we'll just try to add our passionate hospitality values and love of craft beer, great food and hospitality experiences to add value to the business. Our aim is to fully reboot the on-site brewing business and deliver a great brewing facility and tourist attraction as well."



ST BERNARD STATE SCHOOL - UNDER 8'S DAY 2022

St Bernard State School provided our Mountain community with a morning of excitement to celebrate Under 8's Day. This is an annual event proudly initiated by Early Childhood Australia. It has been running for 60 years across Queensland and this year the theme was "Play in a Changing World".

With more than 20 activities to choose from, St Bernard State School offered children opportunities to increase confidence and engage with others. Children developed their curiosity, creative thinking, problem solving and investigative skills. Activities included face painting, necklace creations, making stress balls, badges and easel painting. Emergency services were also on hand to interact with the children.

StoryFest provided a local author/illustrator, Rebecca Marshallsay, to speak with us about her amazing work. Later in the day, Rebecca read her book, *Facing the Wave*, and spoke with all our P-3 students about being an author.

A very big 'Thank You!' to the dedicated parents, the many volunteers from TMSHS and our local community, teachers and staff of St Bernard State School for creating this wonderful opportunity for our Mountain.



MEALS ON WHEELS JULY 2022 ROSTER

Fri 1st	Keith ATTWOOD	Pam FRANKLIN
Fri 8th	Athol & James MCDONALD	Glenys KELLY
Fri 15th	Harry O'NEILL	Stephen FORBES & Lauren VENN
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THE ENIGMATIC POTENTIAL OF SPACE

Piglet sidled up to Pooh.

“Pooh!” he whispered.

“Yes, Piglet?”

“Nothing,” said Piglet, taking Pooh’s paw.
“I just wanted to be sure of you.”

A.A. Milne, *The House at Pooh Corner*

One of the defining characteristics of play is that it becomes this ‘enigmatic withdrawal from the everyday’, ‘a stepping out from “real” life into a temporary sphere of activity with a disposition all of its own’. A look at the world of kids’ toys shows that children possess the ability to translate any ordinary setting into an imaginary and exciting world. Especially the items that are old, independent from their sacred origins; these are liable to become a toy. Children dancing in our living room transforms its somewhat narrow and limited space into a broad and wide stage.

Here are our spaces of participation. Our spaces of inclusion. Our spaces of rehearsal. I close my eyes. I breathe deeply. The muffled laughter in our living room is in a language I don’t always understand, but in tones that I do. Such expressions are at once about the source of the sound and the space in which they are expelled and circulate. There is no reason to oppose an interior to an exterior. No reason to think of breath and air or sound and speech as alternative. Everything said in this narrowness is ‘enigmatic’. Its muffled words take me somewhere new. My own suspended breath is equally loud. Deleuze would note a moment in poetry where “[t]he entire language spins and varies in order to disengage a final block of sound a single breath at the limit of the cry, Je t’aime passionnément (‘I love you passionately’)”. (1)

We free our narrow rooms through the tools of design. We come here as one thing. We leave as another. We move outside ourselves by fixating on the soft line of a narrow timber bench set against the curvature of Pooh’s paw. This living room might say I love you, not as a loved one does; but as intense as a loved one might. In truth, the creator of toys and the building designer gives us the confidence to take our humanity seriously, and in ways that we might otherwise never have thought to acknowledge. For example: how might these tools of design allow a narrow space that is generous, and in so doing, perceptually enlarge the experience of an



otherwise slender and limiting space?

There is nothing self-conscious about the use of materials in our narrow living room. What is wood is wood; what is tin is tin; and what is cast is beautifully cast. Like the handrail on the bridge across to the Querini Stampalia Foundation in Venice that curves in your palm like an oar. What is clear though, is that our delight is found in confrontation with the directness of things. Piglet and Pooh are made up of qualities, substances, and events. Our narrow living room, with its dancing, muffled noises, and its dramas, becomes an opening to new ways of thinking about life and by so doing creating new ways of living. The generosity of our narrow living room, along with Piglet and Pooh is not only greatly appreciated but a necessity.

Anthony Rigg Bluescape



1. Gilles Deleuze and Félix Guattari, *Anti-Oedipus*, (Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 1983), 170 and 4 (respectively). Translated from *L’Anti-Oedipe*, (Paris: Les Editions de Minuit, 1972), Volume 1 of *Capitalisme et Schizophrénie*, by Robert Hurley, Mark Seem and Helen R. Lane.

TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN BRIDGE CLUB RESULTS

Monday 20/06/2022

NS	1	53.33%	Alex Hood - Ashley Anderssen
NS	2	52.92%	David Donaldson - Heike Edrich
NS	3	50.00%	Sheena Pollock - Tony Hall
EW	1	62.92%	Eddie Heinemeyer - Robert McCathie
EW	2	55.42%	Derek Merrin - Denise Merrin
EW	3	49.58%	Gayle Donaldson - Pam Warrell

Wednesday 22/06/2022

	1	63.89%	Laurene Hassard - Peter Morris
	2	62.50%	Ann Zarembo - Peter Zarembo
	3	55.56%	Mary Simon - Kevin Hamilton-Reen

Thursday 23/06/2022

NS	1	57.92%	Max Irvine-Brown - Tony Hall
NS	1	57.92%	Keith Bowman - Peter Zarembo
NS	3	54.17%	Denise Merrin - Sheena Pollock
EW	1	61.79%	David Donaldson - Gayle Donaldson
EW	2	58.93%	Mary Simon - Kevin Hamilton-Reen
EW	3	48.21%	Marian Gibbons - Sheila Irvine-Brown

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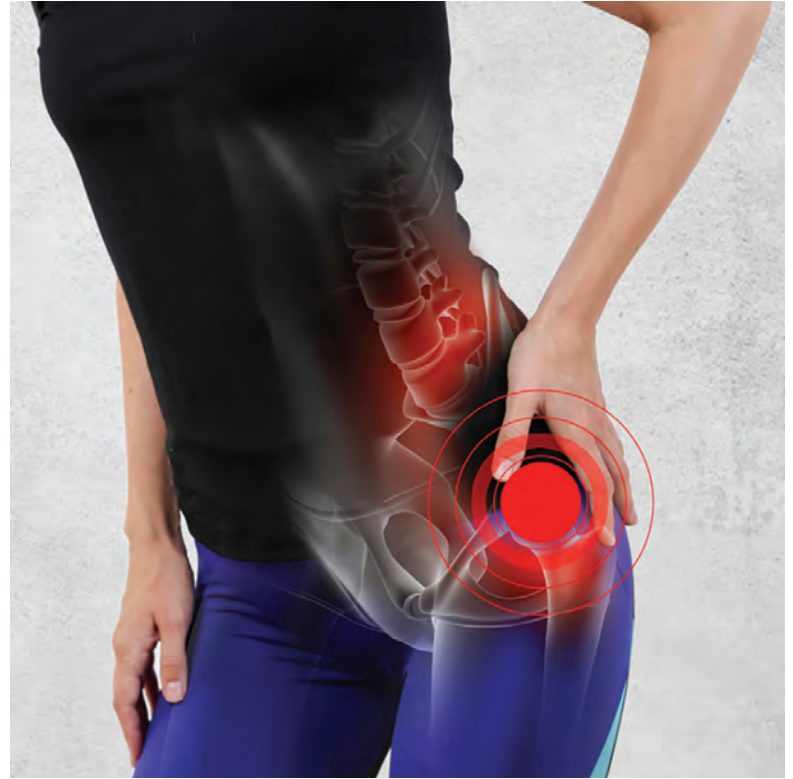
HAS HIP PAIN STOPPED YOU IN YOUR TRACKS?

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Pain on the side of your hip is a common condition that causes alarm as it can often be confused with hip osteoarthritis. This pain can be severe, referring down the side of your leg, affecting walking and stair climbing, and prevent you from sleeping on that side at night. It can even come on with standing or sitting for a long period. However, this pain does not come from the bones in the hip joint, as it is caused by a non-inflammatory problem from the tendons of the gluteal muscles on the side of the hip and is called gluteal tendinopathy. This condition often affects inactive people who have stopped exercising, but it can also be a problem in active people, especially runners. It is usually more common in women than men.

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soft tissue release is included in the treatment, as well as advice on the avoidance of postures and positions that aggravate the problem, and the correct footwear to improve your biomechanics.

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JON KRAUSE MP

State Member for Scenic Rim

CSG PUT TO BED IN SCENIC RIM

I made a commitment when I was elected in 2012 to stop coal seam gas in the Scenic Rim. The LNP did that when we were in Government, and since then I have advocated for any remaining CSG rights in Scenic Rim to be cancelled. I personally lobbied the State Minister for Resources on this issue, and on Friday last week, it became reality. 10 years of persistence and consistency paid off – a good outcome.

QUEENSLAND STATE BUDGET

The 2022-2023 Queensland Budget was handed down last week. It saw new and increased taxes after the Treasurer promised there would be none during the 2020 election – a significant broken promise. By my count, there's been at least 10 new or increased taxes on Queenslanders since this government was elected. Eventually, these taxes filter down to everyone, increasing our cost of living to prop up this Government's finances.

Locally, my lobbying to replace the Beaudesert Courthouse has paid off. It is in the budget. This will bring the court up to standard – it hasn't been for so long. Our area is growing, and replacing or upgrading essential public facilities and services is a necessary part of good government, but sadly one that is overlooked too often. Public transport for this district is one of those very issues. Unfortunately, there was no real new funding for roads on Tamborine Mountain and surrounds. As I said in Parliament during the budget debate:

“Roads funding is always a major issue in the Scenic Rim electorate. I cannot emphasise enough how much more needs to be done to fix roads in the region. Barely a day goes by when I am not writing to Main Roads with issues. Tamborine Mountain was recently voted as Top Tourist Town in the Queensland Tourism Industry Council awards. The Scenic Rim was this year put in the top 10 regions in the worlds to visit by *Lonely Planet* this year, yet visitors could be forgiven for thinking the Minister for Main Roads had forgotten about the area given the state of some roads. We need to see a dedicated package to address the state of roads on Tamborine Mountain, especially the dire condition of Tamborine Mountain Road heading towards Tamborine. I acknowledge there is work underway in some parts, but the recent wet weather has highlighted the awful state of the roads. Roads in bad condition fail a lot worse than roads in good condition when the rains come. That is why the nearly \$6 billion backlog is such an indictment on the government.”

ON BEHALF OF NEO'S FAMILY, A THANK YOU

There was a great show of community spirit recently when dozens of people turned out a number of times to look for a missing young pup called Neo. I've been in touch with Neo's human family and on their behalf I'm extending a big thank you to everyone who took the time to help look for him, including the 28 who helped on the last big search day last week. The communities I represent have such terrific community spirit, and this is an amazing example of that on display.

If I can be of assistance, please email scenicrim@parliament.qld.gov.au or call 5515 1100.

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COUNCIL FINALISES RECRUITMENT PANEL FOR UPCOMING CEO APPOINTMENT

A recruitment panel for the appointment of a new Chief Executive Officer was resolved by Council at yesterday's Ordinary Meeting.

The recruitment panel consists of Scenic Rim Mayor Greg Christensen, Deputy Mayor Jeff McConnell and by way of nomination, Councillor Marshall Chalk and an external independent member, Gary Kellar, who has extensive experience as a senior executive in local government.

The decision to include an external independent party and an additional Councillor on the recruitment panel was endorsed at the Ordinary Meeting held on 10 May 2022 to support Council's commitment to conduct a comprehensive, equitable and merit-based recruitment and onboarding process to appoint its CEO.

To assist with the recruitment process, Council has also recently appointed recruitment agency, McArthur, who are experienced in executive local government.

General Manager People and Strategy Caroline McMahon said the panel will seek a new Chief Executive to lead the organisation in the delivery of Council's strategic priorities as the region's population continues to grow.

"The panel will look to appoint a Chief Executive who will build on the current platform of values-based leadership and a strong foundation of financial sustainability, working with Council, the Executive Leadership Team and the broader workforce to deliver positive outcomes for our community and organisation. Council will continue to keep customers at the heart of everything we do."

The CEO recruitment process will commence in July 2022.

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NO PLACE FOR NINJAS

May I politely advise early morning joggers, bike riders, striders, and dog walkers, that investing less than \$20 in a high-vis vest may save them from serious injury, or worse. I often leave for work in the early hours, and it amazes me the senseless behaviour of some of the aforementioned group.

This morning, I was driving along Prospect Street around 6:00am. A reflection of an animal's eyes in my headlights suggested maybe a hare was ahead, encroaching on the left-hand verge of the road. Almost upon it, I realised it was a small dog, on a lead, held by a person wearing dark clothing! The fact the dog had turned to look at me, alerted

me to the potential hazard, and had it not done so, I would have driven perilously close to both the person and dog. Incredibly, there is a footpath on the opposite side of the road, but this dog walker had not chosen to use it.

Sadly, it's not the first time I've experienced similar situations. Winter is the worst period, due to later sunrises and cool mornings, when these people put on their winter gear, which is usually black! I'd like to add a note that some 'pre-sunrise' car drivers have similar kamikaze tendencies. The fact that you can 'see the road' and therefore don't need lights, doesn't mean other drivers can easily see you. Turning on your lights costs you nothing, and may well save you heaps.

**Sincerely,
Richard Lysnar**

NIGHTTIME HIGHS AND LOWS

As someone who spends more nighttime hours driving on pothole-ridden Mountain roads than is strictly pleasurable, I constantly shake my head at the lack of consideration and more importantly, the lack of awareness of road users at these times.

The legitimate and legal use of high beams seems to be a mystery to many: the Queensland road code says that you are not allowed to switch on your high beams if there are any vehicles less than 200 metres ahead of you, whether they are driving in the same direction as you or on the other side of the road. This basically means that if you can see the car on the road ahead of you, you are probably too close to turn on your high beams.

Common sense dictates that you should dip your high beams when approaching a crest, and when going into a curve

– these are two of the most dangerous scenarios, when you risk temporarily blinding the oncoming driver at very short range. Please: learn to read the lights of approaching traffic!

A critically related issue is that the high percentage of higher-set SUV-type vehicles means that their headlights are at a much elevated level, and even on low beam, the extra powerful (especially LED) lights are directly impacting on lower-set sedan drivers. When these headlights (even on new cars) are badly aligned – and I'm guessing that's at least 30% of vehicles – the danger of dazzling oncoming drivers is unacceptable. Please, have them checked and adjusted.

If you don't care enough to be aware of when your high beam is turned on at night, it might be time to just stay off the roads.

Jack Wright

WORRIED ABOUT YOUR MATE, BUT NOT SURE WHAT TO SAY?

It takes courage to talk about mental health.

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1. Ask

Start by picking a place where you both feel comfortable. Ask if they want to talk about it. You could try "You haven't seemed yourself lately – is everything OK?"



2. Listen

Try asking open ended questions to keep the conversation flowing, such as "Just take your time, there is no rush. I know talking about this can be difficult."

3. Support

Support is the most important thing you can offer and if they refuse, help them explore their options for how they could begin to feel better.



Try "What can I do to support you?"

4. Check in

Keep checking in with your mate - set a time and date to check back in and keep inviting them to do stuff, even if they don't accept. Try "You want to grab a coffee on Saturday? It would be awesome to see you."



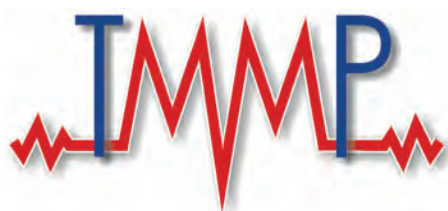
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WINTER HARVEST FESTIVAL TO CAP EAT LOCAL WEEK

The Winter Harvest Festival is back, bigger and better than ever, serving up a delicious day of family fun at the Aratula Community Sports Complex on Saturday 2 July.

The long-running festival will cap off a huge Scenic Rim Eat Local Week program for 2022, starring over 125 fun and flavoursome events from 25 June to 3 July.

Mayor Greg Christensen said that it is an honour to showcase our region's fresh food and drink, incredible producers and resilient community, who join forces to deliver Australia's most authentic food festival.

"We are thrilled to be welcoming revelers to the festival after a two-year hiatus," he said.

"The Winter Harvest Festival will be the cherry on top of this year's bumper Eat Local Week program. The whole region is looking stunning, the weather forecast is looking great, and we have the best-ever line-up of stall-holders and entertainment, ready to host a fantastic day out for the whole family."

Gates open at 10.00am and visitors will be able to sample the delicious offerings and have a yarn with more than 40 local stallholders.

The event attracted over 12,000 enthusiastic attendees the last time it was held in 2019, and with 2020 and 2021 having to be cancelled due to the COVID 19 pandemic, organisers expect to top that number this year, with people keen to get back to what they have missed.

Division 6 Councillor Duncan McInnes said that the Winter Harvest Festival truly has something for everyone.

"From tasting tables to food trucks, rustic bars overflowing with beer, wine and spirits, a fashion on the field competition, cooking demonstrations, live music, kids' entertainment, and the always-competitive Bendigo Bank

Kalbar & District Community Bank Tractor Pull event testing people-power against a 12-tonne tractor!

"The Winter Harvest Festival brings the best of the Scenic Rim's local producers, suppliers, retailers and chefs together for an excellent celebration of our region and I look forward to showcasing Aratula and the Scenic Rim to both locals and visitors next weekend."

For more information and tickets visit www.eatlocalweek.com.au

BELOW - *Cooking Demonstrations, some of the 40-plus Food Stalls, Steve Moffatt of Moffatt Fresh Produce and*

BOTTOM RIGHT (opposite page) - *Bendigo Bank Kalbar & District Community Bank Tractor Pull event*



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Councillor's Comment

DEREK SWANBOROUGH
DIVISION 1



APPOINTMENT OF INTERVIEW PANEL FOR THE RECRUITMENT OF THE CEO

At the Ordinary meeting last week there was some competition for the appointment of another Councillor to the four-person interview panel. Both councillor West and councillor Chalk were nominated.

Since November last year when Council decided not to renew the CEO's employment contract, there have been great differences of opinion on anything to do with the recruitment of the new CEO, including the choice of recruitment firm, the choice of external member, the new position description, how future performance reviews will be undertaken, and last week, the last Councillor to be placed on this panel.

The Mayor, Cr Christensen, Cr West and Cr Enright have mostly supported the views argued by Scenic Rim's General Manager People and Strategy, whereas Cr McConnell, Cr Chalk and myself, have often shared different views. The same Councillors did not support the original decision to not renew the CEO's contract, and we remember the extraordinary delay in carrying out Council's decision to advise the CEO his contract would not be renewed at the end of its term.

Before the vote for the final member last week, Mr Gary Kellar had been appointed as the external member of the panel, after a fierce debate in confidential session, followed by a vote in open session when he was appointed, with the Mayor and Cr Enright voting and speaking against the appointment.

Mr Kellar comes with vast experience and a contemporary understanding of Local Government and is one of the few people in Queensland that I can remember who have worked in the Local Government for over 40 years. He started off in the Department of Local Government, when I

was in my early 20s, became the CEO of Logan City for over 25 years and has worked as a Local Government consultant to scores of Councils and Government Advisory Boards to this day. There is no one better than a highly respected former CEO to guide our panel in its search for a strong and independent leader to guide the Council in future years and ensure your Council is performing at the highest level.

Last week's agenda was to appoint one more councillor to the panel. The debate for those supporting Cr West centred around gender diversity. All good arguments followed with the Mayor, Cr Enright, Cr West, and the General Manager People and Strategy supporting gender diversity, meaning Cr West (our only female Councillor) was the only choice. On the opposite side the other Councillors supported Cr Chalk, the youngest councillor, and argued that age diversity was of equal importance. Of course, there were likely many more underlying reasons for each side's choices other than diversity. Finally, on a vote of four votes to three, Cr Chalk was appointed.

The Panel chosen now comprises: Mayor Christensen, Deputy Mayor Cr McConnell, Cr Chalk and Mr Gary Kellar who, with the assistance of McArthur Management will choose and interview a shortlist of applicants.

The final decision will be made by the full Council in a few months' time.

Lately, there is never a dull moment at our Council meetings on this issue.

BUDGET DISCUSSIONS ARE CONTINUING

This week Council is finalising its budget and it is likely to be adopted as soon as possible in the next few weeks.

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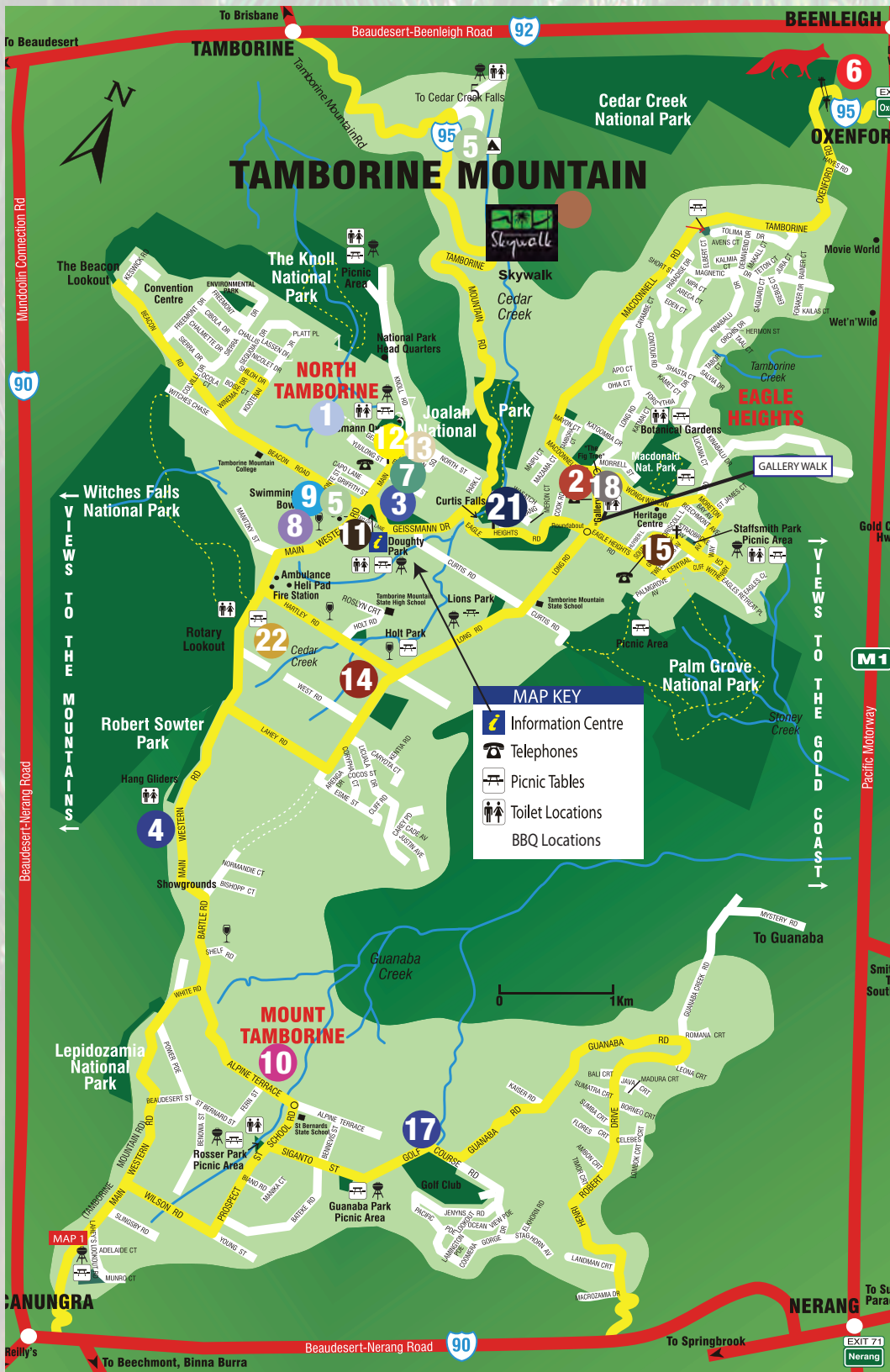
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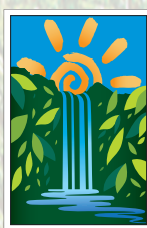
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YULIN, CHINA'S DOG-EATING FESTIVAL RETURNS

It was thought that after COVID-19, this relatively new festival 'celebrated' each year would be shut down. Approximately 10,000 dogs are cruelly slaughtered and eaten, many do not survive long journeys without food or water, and some are injured and have broken limbs from being stacked and thrown while in their cages.



The festival began in 2009 and lasts for about ten days; participants eat lychees and dog meat, which is supposedly very good for one's health, according to traders who were responsible for promoting the festival which took off and has grown. This festival draws criticism both locally and abroad. Many of the dogs appear to have been stolen pets, with their nice collars still on. Thousands of dogs are reported stolen.

Millions of Chinese citizens support a legislative proposal to ban the trade. A Chinese petition in 2016 received 11 million signatures (wikipedia.org/lychee and dog meat festival), yet it continues, partly as an antagonistic rebuttal to western nations. It is not as if western nations have the kindest laws and protection for animals, yet it is within our culture that a part of our purpose as human beings is to look after nature and animals, to prevent suffering.

Under the leadership of Mao Zedong, animals and especially dogs kept as pets were seen and described as a debased ideology. Local dog meat traders today with their supporters argue that to ban the festival is just a harmful western ideology being introduced into China, which has for centuries (on and off) eaten dogs – making it "cultural".

Yet, Chinese Professor Peter J Li from the university of Houston replied that the opposition to eating dogs began with the Chinese people, and that "the bond between companion animals and humans is not western. It is a transcultural phenomenon." Welfare groups estimate 30 million dogs are slaughtered and eaten in SE Asia every year, China being the largest followed by Vietnam, South Korea, Cambodia, Laos and the Philippines.

**Pam Brandis,
Dip. Canine Prac.**



BLUE DOOR MOMENTS

Who remembers the TV comedy show *Thank God You're Here*? Celebrity contestants were given a costume to dress up in and then directed through the infamous blue door on to a stage play in which they were the lead actor. They had to quickly figure out the plot and improvise their lines while the other characters fired questions at them.

The blue door was the point where the host would banter with the anxious contestant who had no idea what awaited them. We all experience 'blue door' moments. Those times when we are about to venture into the unknown; tackle a new challenge; commence a different role; initiate a new relationship. There is uncertainty as to what we are about to dive into and whether we will be able to keep up with whatever we face.

Sometimes we have our hand on the door handle when fear takes hold. We overthink what unseen possibilities await us, convincing ourselves that we are not equipped for whatever lies beyond. None of us begin new experiences with competence; we learn through experience. What we need to get off the starting blocks is courage. Taking that first step through the blue door requires bravery. Once we venture through the door, however, we often fail to acknowledge our brave act. Instead, we proceed to beat ourselves up for any mistakes we make, believing we should get things perfectly right from the start. We try to hide our lack of competence from others as if it is something we should be ashamed of.

At a training course I attended, the facilitator posed the question, "Who here has felt a fraud, that they don't really measure up and at times they have no idea what they are doing?" I was surprised and somewhat comforted by the response. Nearly every person in the room put their hand up. This was a room full of experienced practitioners. Imposter syndrome affects just about all of us and robs us of confidence. We believe that we are not as competent as others perceive us to be. We worry that someone will expose us; that it will become transparent that we don't know how to do things, or that we are completely inept. Imposter syndrome gets in the way of authentic analysis and feeling capable and satisfied with what we are doing. Develop a realistic picture of your accomplishments by noticing your successes. Notice when you are being self-critical and foster a more constructive way of relating to yourself. Not only will your competence will grow but so too will your confidence.

When facing a 'blue door moment' dig deep into your well of courage, it will carry you until you become competent. Whether in a new role or a new relationship, ask questions and don't hide behind a facade of knowing it all. Courage, competence, confidence; three essential ingredients that take us from our blue door to a lead role on the stage that is our life.

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BENEFICIAL EFFECTS OF REGULAR PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES

Tamborine Mountain Community Care Association hosts regular Social Support Groups, available to registered clients, who care to participate in physical activities such as - Chair Yoga, Gentle Exercise and Table Tennis. For non-clients you are welcome to call us to book your seat and attend subject to space restrictions.

Chair Yoga improves flexibility, strengthens muscles, improves posture and balance, helps blood circulation, improves joint function, stimulates brain function and improves lung function - just to name a few. Physical and mental stress may be managed helping calm the mind and relax the body. Chair Yoga is run by Kathy Cook at TMCCA, on Tuesdays and Wednesdays (8:45 am – 9:45 am) for a fee of \$5 per session.

Gentle Exercise helps maintain muscle tone, combat bone density, improve balance and delay cognitive ability loss associated with ageing. They are led by a qualified Personal Trainer from the local Main Fitness gym. The trainer guides everyone through a routine with light weights and resistance bands while doing chair-based and standing exercises that are adapted to all abilities. Gentle exercise is run at TMCCA on Thursdays (9 am – 10 am) for a fee of \$5 per session.

Table tennis improves emotional wellbeing among other benefits. Scientific tests have revealed that playing table tennis was particularly good for keeping the brain active and healthy as a counter to ageing diseases such as Alzheimer's. Dr Matthew Kempton at King's College, London, claims



“Table tennis is a very interesting activity to look at because we know it's very fast-moving, there's a competitive angle and there's hand-eye co-ordination as well. We think that might lead to changes in blood flow to the brain and changes in cognition as well. Table tennis participants also had fewer negative emotions and stated that they felt better for having taken part in exercise in a social group.” Table Tennis is run at TMCCA on Thursdays (12:30 pm – 2:30 pm) for a gold coin donation.

Being active helps with daily tasks such as cleaning, gardening, carrying and stocking groceries. Exercise helps reduce pain, increase range of motion and helps you maintain your independence.

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MAKING GOOD AT PROBUS



We had the pleasure of welcoming Susan Rallings as our guest speaker at our June meeting at the Vonda Youngman Centre.

Susan is a founder and director of Making Good Alliance (MGA).

MGA is a local social enterprise that champions climate resilience. Its vision is for a regenerative, resilient and inclusive community that is good for people, place and the planet.

She provided our members with an overview of the organisation and how she and husband Mark, on retirement, made a commitment to develop a "living laboratory" for the co-creation of solutions to real world problems.

Having purchased the building next to the VYCC, previously Scruffy Marine premises, back in 2019, they proceeded to refurbish the site and have transformed it into a very user-friendly space for the locals to use.

As chief collaborator for MGA she has been active in involving many different and varied facets of our community.

They have also arranged several community functions at their premises which has attracted many people to the Mountain.

Their next community engagement event for the "Living Lab" is on the 9th of July from 9.30 to 12 noon, and Susan welcomed all members of the community to attend.

Our members were entertained and well informed by Susan's very professional and impassioned presentation and we wish her and Mark all the best for the future development of this project.

Thanks, Susan.

If you know of any retired or semi-retired men that would be interested in being involved in our club's many and varied special interest groups, contact Bob Hepple on 0411 776 888

LA NIÑA ENDS WITH POTENTIAL RETURN LATER IN 2022

The Bureau of Meteorology has announced an end to the 2021-22 La Niña in the tropical Pacific, with the status changed to La Niña WATCH.

Whilst the 2021-22 La Niña has ended, there is around a 50 per cent chance of a La Niña event forming again during 2022.

Most of the observations and surveyed climate models of ocean temperatures and winds over the tropical Pacific Ocean indicate neutral El Niño–Southern Oscillation (ENSO) levels – neither La Niña nor El Niño – are likely to persist during the southern hemisphere's winter.

The Bureau of Meteorology's head of long-range forecasting, Dr Andrew Watkins, said the Bureau has been monitoring this trend of a weakening La Niña over several weeks.

"A La Niña WATCH does not change the outlook of above average rainfall for most of Australia over coming months," Dr Watkins said.

"The Bureau's long-range outlook remains wetter-than-average, consistent with model outlooks from other global forecast centres, reflecting a range of climate drivers including a developing negative Indian Ocean Dipole (IOD) and warmer-than-average waters around Australia," he said.

"Sea surface temperatures are currently warmer than average for much of the Australian coastline, particularly to the north and west. This pattern is likely to increase the chance of above average winter-spring rainfall for Australia."

Currently, the IOD is neutral. But all climate model outlooks surveyed suggest a negative IOD is likely to form in the coming months.

Rainfall across eastern and southern Australia is typically above average during winter and spring during a negative IOD.

For the latest information about climate drivers visit the Bureau's website at: www.bom.gov.au/climate/enso/

La Niña and El Niño are important climate patterns that are part of a constant flux of winds and water that keep the planet on an even temperature keel. But where El Niño thwarts damaging tropical cyclones by adding wind shear to the environment, La Niña subdues that wind shear allowing for more and stronger storms.

1. The El Niño–Southern Oscillation, or ENSO, is an umbrella term that encompasses La Niña, El Niño and when the Earth is in a neutral phase.
2. La Niña occurs when the waters of the central and equatorial Pacific are cooler than normal after wind blows warm water at the ocean's surface from South America to Indonesia. The change in water temperatures shifts where towering thunderstorms form, which then changes the upper-air patterns high in the atmosphere.
3. The wind pattern change reduces westerly wind shear, which works to tear apart hurricanes in the Atlantic basin during El Niño years.
4. A La Niña pattern, which is known as the "cold phase" of ENSO, typically follows an El Niño and usually lasts 9 to 12 months. For Florida, it means a drier and warmer winter, which can sometimes increase the wildfire threat.
5. Not all La Niña patterns have the same strength, but they usually develop in the spring, reach peak intensity in the fall and then dissipate the next spring or early summer.

WINE CHAT

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A WINEMAKER

with Witches Falls Winery

Ever thought about becoming a winemaker? For a budding wine-lover, it can seem like a dream come true. One imagines days filled with leisurely strolls through the vineyard, long lunch breaks, not to mention the non-stop swirling, smelling, and tasting wine (of course)!



However—like many occupations that fall into the food, wine, and culture category—winemaking is a profession that is often presented as overly-glamorous in the media, leading to romanticised public perceptions of the trade. While (of course) winemakers must take the time to taste and consider the wine they produce—tasting is just the tip of the iceberg. What the consumer can't see is the hours upon hours of planning, hard work, and dedication that goes into creating a wine that meets the mark in terms of desired quality and style.

A day in the life of a winemaker is dynamic and subject to constant change. Depending on whether you're preparing for harvest, in the thick of harvest, or focusing on post-harvest tasks, the makeup of your day will vary.

During vintage (what winemakers call harvest), tasks are numerous, and it will feel like there aren't enough hours in a day. At this time, so many important decisions will fall on the shoulders of the winemaker. To successfully make it through vintage is a mammoth task that requires logistical expertise and months of planning. A million questions will course through the minds of a winemaker at this time. Are the grapes ripe enough to harvest? What are the consequences of delaying harvest? Which vessels will be used to process and store the pressed juice? Is all our equipment clean and working properly?

Winemakers also need to be science geeks as they will perform hundreds of lab tests on a developing wine to track important changes. For example, a wine's pH level, malic and titratable acidity levels, heat and cold stability, alcohol content, density, and residual sugar levels are all super important. Tests like these are often repetitive but need to be performed several times throughout the winemaking process to ensure quality. The ability to think on one's feet when unexpected test results arise is also crucial, as creative solutions are often required.

Want to learn more? If you're a wine enthusiast and want to hear more about the world of winemaking, don't miss the chance to attend *Meet the Winemaker* on Friday the 1st of July. Part of Scenic Rim's Eat Local Week, this event gives you the chance to meet our winemaker and taste a range of fabulous wines, all while grazing on some scrumptious local produce. There are still some last-minute tickets available from the Witches Falls Winery website. Don't miss out!

If you can't make Friday, be sure to come along to Eat Local Week's main event—the Winter Harvest Festival. Witches Falls' Wines will be available at the festival, alongside live music, cooking demos, a wealth of local produce, and a host of food & market stalls. What's not to love?

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ROGAN JOSH

While winter knuckles down to it, why not enjoy this Chef Dylan-inspired Rogan Josh made from scratch using my Creole* dry marinade. If you haven't ever made your own curry paste then this is a great one to start with. You will be amazed at the end result and so will the family.

Now this is not a spicy curry by Indian standards. However, it does have a small amount of warmth on the palate, so by all means if you like it with a bit of kick feel free to add a bird's eye chilli into the garlic and ginger mix.

One of the best Rogan Josh curries I've ever had was in a little town called Shimla high up in the Himalayan foothills. Shimla (formerly Simla City) now the capital of the Himachal Pradesh state, northwestern India at an elevation of some 2169 metres, has breathtaking views of the Himalaya snowcapped peaks on the horizon. **Did you know?** Shimla became India's summer capital in 1864 and also the headquarters of the British Army in India. It gained popularity as a summer retreat of the British Raj because of its cool climate and scenery in comparison to the tortuous, stifling heat in Delhi. Spread over a series of steep hills, Shimla was first only accessible by a gruelling trek of many days on horseback.

The idea of connecting Shimla by rail with the rest of the Indian rail system was first raised by a correspondent to the Delhi Gazette in November 1847; construction of the Kalka-Shimla railway on 2ft narrow-gauge tracks was only begun in 1898 by the privately funded Delhi-Ambala-Kalka Railway Company following the signing of a contract between the company and the Secretary of State. The contract specified that the line would be built without any financial aid or guarantee from the government. The government, however, provided the land free of charge to the company. The Kalka Shimla railway opened in 1903 and is the finest example of narrow-gauge engineering skills, made particularly arduous in mountain terrain and a testimony to the audacity of the British Empire in India.

Standing on the now famous platform in Kalka to embark on the Kalka-Shimla UNESCO World Heritage journey with my parents-in-law and my wife, I take a look around and am reminded of just how incredibly beautiful India can be. We are waiting for the Thomas the Tank Engine-like steam train to arrive; we hear it chug chug chugging before we see it, then as it rounds the bend to my surprise it looks just like a toy. It is bellowing steam out the chimney and I'm delighted, as is Mum who can hardly contain her excitement. The train journey begins and we start to climb, with forests and valleys as far as the eye can see. 'Chaaaaaaai Chaaaaaaai' I hear as the chai walla calls out in his sing song

kind of way; I ask him for a round for all of us. Mum is super excited and is giddy like a little schoolgirl. "This has been a dream of mine," she says to me for the 100th time. I enjoy the view and the sweet, spiced tea.

The train is 112-years-old, and its dark blue leather seats feel hard yet sturdy. As the train trundles along, a sense of gratitude washes over me and I am astonished at my fortune. The route twists and winds from a height of 656 metres at Kalka past the small villages of Dharampur, Solan, Kandaghat, Taradevi, Barog, Salogra, Totu (Jutogh) and Summerhill, to Shimla at an altitude of 2075 metres. The difference in height between the two ends of the line is a whopping 1419 metres. The wondrous thing about this train is that you can open the doors as the train is moving which means you get an absolutely stunning view.

When we arrive at Shimla I feel on top of the world, and it's cold. We are greeted by our driver who informs us we are the only guests at the 100-room hotel as it's off-season. As we pull up to a massive grand old hotel, it has all the hallmarks of the movie *The Shining*, Mum jokes nervously in my ear. "You must be hungry", quips our driver in excellent English. We have a feast awaiting you. "Would you like to eat in the dining hall or shall we bring it to your room?" Indians sure know how to feast and as I bit into the tender goat that was in a rich Rogan Josh sauce, I knew I would have to try and reproduce it. This is the result. Enjoy!

Prep Time: 20 minutes

Cook Time :1 hour

Serves 4 to 6

INGREDIENTS

Base:

- 1 brown onion diced
- 1 tbs Water

Garlic and Ginger:

- 3cm piece ginger, peeled and finely chopped
- 4 garlic cloves, peeled and finely chopped
- 1 tbs Water

Rogan josh Spice Mix:

- 1 tsp fennel seeds
- 1 tsp cumin seeds
- 3 tps coriander seeds
- 2 tbs Creole*

Lamb:

- 4 tbs oil
- 1/2 red capsicum
- 1 tbs tomato paste
- 2 tbs canned diced tomatoes or 1 tomato, diced
- 600g lamb shoulder, cut into small bite sized pieces
- 1 1/2 tbs natural yogurt
- Salt to taste
- Chopped coriander or mint leaves, to garnish



METHOD

Onion Paste:

Place onion in a small food processor. Add water and puree to a smooth paste. Transfer onion puree to a small bowl. Set aside.

Ginger Garlic Paste:

Place ginger and garlic in the food processor. Add water and puree to a coarse paste. Set aside.

Rogan Josh Spice Mix:

Heat a small frying pan over low heat. Add fennel, coriander and cumin seeds. Roast, stirring, for 2 to 3 minutes or until aromatic. Cool. Place in a spice grinder or mortar and pestle and grind to a coarse powder.

Combine together fennel, coriander, cumin mix and Creole marinade. Set aside.

Lamb Rogan Josh:

Heat oil in a large casserole over medium-high heat. Add onion paste. Cook, stirring, for 1-2 minutes or until fragrant.

1. Add ginger garlic paste. Cook, stirring, for 2 minutes or until fragrant.
2. Stir in spice mix. Cook for 1 minute or until aromatic.
3. Add tomato paste and cook stirring for 2 mins add canned tomatoes. Cook, stirring often, for 1 to 2 minutes.
4. Add lamb. Season with salt. Cook, stirring occasionally, for 10 minutes.
5. Stir yogurt into the curry and cover lamb with about 250ml of hot water.
6. Bring to the boil.
7. Reduce heat to low, and simmer, covered and stirring occasionally, for 30 to 40 minutes or until lamb is tender.
8. Garnish with chopped coriander and mint leaves.
9. Serve with buttery naan and basmati rice.

*Chef Dylan's Gourmet Food Co. Creole marinade

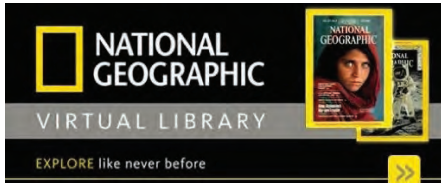
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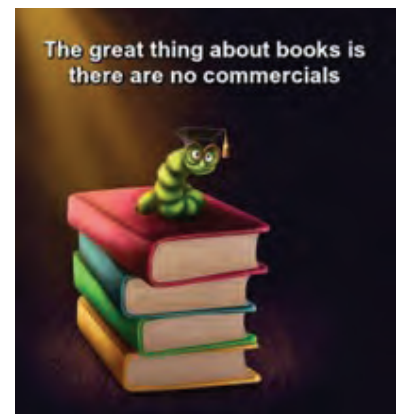
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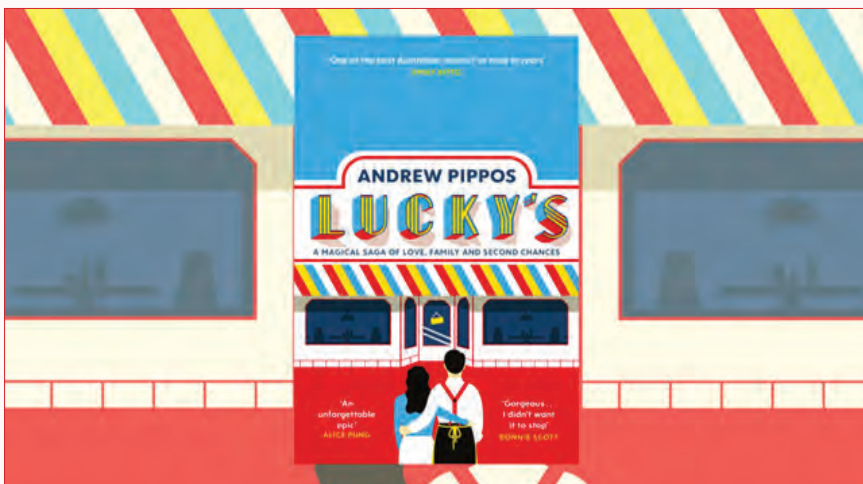


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4. Who was Yogi Bear's best friend?
5. Where in Scotland are the original Highland Games held?
6. What is the name for the making and fitting of artificial limbs?
7. What nationality was the famous tenor, John McCormack?
8. Who wrote *A Town Like Alice*?
9. In which cathedral was Thomas à Becket assassinated?
10. What kind of animal is the gharial, or gavial?
11. What is a baldric?
12. What was the legendary vessel from which Jesus drank at the Last Supper?
13. Which metal is derived from sphalarite?
14. In Russia, what is the approximate equivalent of the British SAS?
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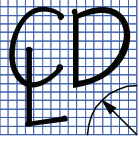
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