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From all of us at the Scenic News, a heartfelt 'thank you' to all our readers, advertising supporters, columnists, community groups and contributors – both regular and occasional. It has been a year of massive change and challenge. We wish you all a safe, restful holiday season! Photographer Gerard Ellen found himself in just the right spot to witness this impressive takeoff into yet another breathtaking Mountain sunset sky. May 2023 be welcoming and kind to you all!

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AMENDED SCENIC RIM COUNCIL *PLANNING SCHEME* 2020 TO BE PRESENTED TO MINISTER FOR REVIEW

A draft major amendment to the *Scenic Rim Planning Scheme 2020* endorsed at Council's Ordinary Meeting on December 6 will be submitted for approval for adoption by the Minister for State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning.

The draft amendment covers a range of planning issues across the region, and received 28 submissions during the community consultation between 18 May and 3 July 2022, although nearly 100 matters were raised in the consultation process.

Submissions were considered, and resulted in a number of improvements to the amendment items, which included:

- facilitation of small-scale craft breweries and distilleries in the Minor Tourism Zone, Township and Centres Zones;
- enabling of groundwater extraction in the Tamborine Mountain Rural Precinct to support opportunities for the provision of bulk water, strictly for domestic purposes only;
- amendments to the Dual Occupancy provisions in the Low and Low-medium Density Residential Zones to enhance amenity and neighbourhood character;
- enabling of sub-division of land in the Rural Zone where it is dissected by a State-controlled Road in limited circumstances, and
- inclusion of an administrative map and definition for the existing Mountain Community area defined in the

Planning Scheme to more clearly define the land where the special outcomes that seek to protect the unique qualities of Tamborine Mountain in the Planning Scheme apply.

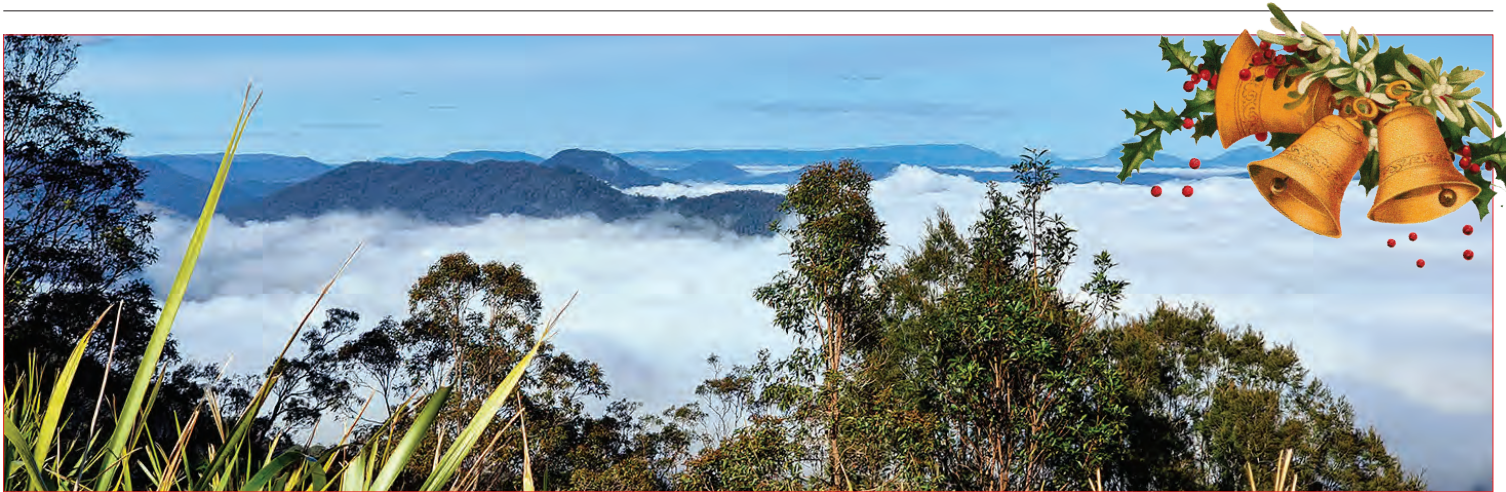
At the request of Cr Derek Swanborough, it was moved to change the 'Mountain Community' definition to 'Tamborine Mountain Community' in order to better represent the mapped area in the Scheme.

Amendments were meant to align with Council's commitment to the community, in order to ensure that the Planning Scheme remains current and reflects the changing region.

"A strong campaign to encourage feedback was promoted through Council's *Let's Talk Scenic Rim* online community engagement platform," said Mayor Christensen.

"*Let's Talk Scenic Rim* enabled members of the community to provide properly made submissions, and its ready availability of supporting information, including a Fact Sheet, provided the key information needed to inform their decision.


"Council's Strategic Planning team reviewed all 28 submissions and have used the information to make recommendations, which we will now submit to the Minister, so that the proposed amendment can be adopted in line with the *Planning Act 2016* and the Minister's guidelines and rules."



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Aiden John Duke was admitted to the legal profession as a lawyer on 15 August 2022. Aiden's admission was moved by well-known Senior Counsel and former Solicitor General, Mr P.J. Dunning KC.

Aiden completed Grade 12 at the Tamborine Mountain State High School in November 2015 and, as a law student, took up employment on the Mountain with Varro Clarke & Co Lawyers in February 2016. Following completion of his law studies and, as an Honours Graduate, Aiden completed his registration requirements under the supervision of Varro Clarke & Co Lawyers earlier this year.

Aiden was fortunate as a law graduate to obtain much valuable experience in the workplace, with Court appearances, mediation participation, property transactions, matrimonial matters and Wills/Estates.

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Samuel Willoughby

(TOP) Leiawyn Taylor, junior winner, TMSHS

(BELOW) Emily Kinnish, senior winner, TMSHS



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2. 52.08% GLORIA BLANC - LAWRENCE BEUTEL

THURSDAY (8-DEC-22)

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NS 2. 54.67% DAVID DONALDSON - GAYLE DONALDSON
NS 3. 54.33% KATE HEAD - JOHN LODGE
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Students will also utilise this station as a component of their sustainability studies at the school. They will be able to monitor and track the power output that the wind and solar panel generates through a remote app connected to the 'green energy' station, and analyse its effectiveness at any time of the day. They can then relate this to the weather of the day, and how wind and sunshine might increase or reduce the power output of the station.



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COURT AWARDS COSTS

SRRC utilised Delegated Authority to file an application for a costs Order against both the Tamborine Mountain Progress Assn Inc and myself personally in the matter of SDA Property Nominees Pty Ltd -v- SRRC & Others (the Eagles Retreat Place "Disability Cabins" appeal). The decision of 09 December 2022 is that we are each to pay 50% of Council's and the Appellant's (developer's) costs PLUS the costs of seeking a costs Order. Council had sought a "jointly or severally" award which meant that if one could not pay partially or in full, the liability fell partially or entirely on the other.

Time for a review of Council's Delegations Register perhaps?

As Cr Enright stated in the Ordinary Meeting of 25 October 2022, in relation to Council seeking the costs order (ie after it had already been done), "I think given the circumstances it is reasonable to progress this action for the benefit of all our ratepayers". Commendable indeed – but where was this noble stance when Council had the opportunity to seek a costs order against the Developer/Appellant in December 2021 for its waste of 8 weeks of court time and the legal expenses incurred by Council (ratepayers)? The Judge in that matter made scathing comments and the following quotation reference in his decision in favour of TMPA Inc: "*Wetting the saliva of lawyers with one hand on the guillotine can only frustrate rather than meet the ends of justice*" and made the comment that ".....[8] The TMPA seeks such a relief to the extent it requires it and the appellant's counsel sensibly obtained instructions not to oppose such relief. I can think of few stronger cases for the exercise of the discretion" and yet Council did not pursue a costs order against the Appellant.

In fact, I doubt that the option to do so was ever raised by Council's legal representatives with its bureaucrats, let alone our Councillors for a vote. Delegated Authority was not utilised in that instance, yet Council incurred legal costs for which it could have sought recovery. Precedent case: www.queenslandjudgments.com.au/caselaw/qpec/2019/9 Sincere International Group Pty Ltd v Council of the City of Gold Coast [2018] QPEC 53. I mentioned this in the evidence I gave under oath.

A level playfield? Perhaps not, but that is what we have come to expect from the current regime.

I suggest that the actual costs not pursued or recovered in that part of the appeal be deducted from the total of the as yet to be determined quantum of costs against us. This would seem to be the ethical and moral way forward, yet I have a "suspicion" that this may not go down well with some Councillors.

Amanda Hay
Resident and soon-to-be-poorer Ratepayer

A MESSAGE TO THE MAYOR

Harry Truman was the US President who had the unenviable task of weighing up the number of casualties resulting from continuing the World War Two Pacific Campaign against the number arising from dropping the first atom bombs on Japan. His decision was both courageous and terrible. He also showed courage by firing a popular army general (Douglas MacArthur). He famously once said "If you can't stand the heat, get out of the kitchen". Well, Mayor Christensen, it seems obvious that you cannot stand the heat of responsibility, transparency and honesty in government, so I say to you, GET OUT OF THE KITCHEN.

I was once a supporter of yours, but no more! Hopefully, Mayor Christensen, the state government-appointed advisor to the Council will check your perceived proclivity to autocratic despotic rule. You seem to react badly to any dissent from your view of how things in the Scenic Rim should be run. It appears that you try to silence Cr Swanborough by continually referring him to the Office of the Independent Assessor in what can only be described as a vexatious and frivolous attempt to sidetrack and politically emasculate him. In so doing, you disenfranchise Cr Swanborough's constituents as well as perpetrating on him a great wrong.

For those not in the know, Mayor Christensen seems hell-bent on crushing two other sources of dissent in the Scenic Rim. These are the 107-year-old Tamborine Mountain Progress Association (TMPA), which provides a conduit by which concerned ratepayers can voice objections to Council's often ill-considered decisions, and a very articulate Ms Amanda Hay who, on occasion, altruistically represents a number or other ratepayers at proceedings in the Planning and Environment Court.

In what can be described as an outrageous attempt to (a), have TMPA disbanded, and (b), bankrupt Ms Hay (and therefore be made ineligible to nominate for Council elections), the Scenic Rim Council is pursuing an award of court costs, which could amount to many, many thousands of dollars, for their participation in a recent Planning and Environment court case where they represented a great number of adversely affected Tamborine Mountain residents. Costs awarded would become a dangerous precedent and deterrent for any citizen who tries to go against a questionable decision by Council.

Truly reinforcing the concept that one can obtain only as much justice as one can afford... This pursuit of costs against TMPA and Ms Hay, and not against the developer, makes the bias and vindictiveness of Council's actions glaringly apparent.

Both Ms Jeanette Locky (president of TMPA) and Ms Hay have been nominated for an Australia Day award for selfless service to their community, and for Council (perceived as directed by Mayor Christensen) to try to silence and render impotent these two courageous women is an abomination! I say once again, Mayor Christensen, GET OUT OF THE KITCHEN.

Roland Lindenmayer

COUNCIL AT IT AGAIN

I attended the Scenic Rim Regional Council Meeting on 6 December. As seems to be the norm for the Gallery these days, I came away angry and depressed. How could our Council Meetings have been permitted to sink into dysfunction for so long and so deeply? Inevitably, serious doubts arise about the whole organisation. The State Government only now promising an advisor.

There was a small but very significant incident at the start of the Meeting. Council's new Chief Executive Officer will play a critical role as Manager of the whole Administrative arm of the SRRC. The Mayor had delayed the appointment of a new CEO for months. At long last, the new CEO, Mr David Keenan, was attending his first SRRC Meeting. The Mayor failed to formally introduce Mr Keenan to the Councillors or the Gallery. Not a good start.

The first couple of hours of the meeting saw Mayoral manoeuvring to have Councillors barred from voting on a matter, due to his suspicion (and that is all it takes) that they had a conflict of interest due to bias. He seems to overlook that, by strongly supporting his own views, he is, by his own standards, clearly biased. This unaffordable nonsense has gone on for months. Where is the advisor?

The Councillors finally got down to meaningful business. There was a major item in the Agenda detailing twenty proposed amendments to the Planning Scheme. Some time ago, these appeared in Draft form for public comment. A report by Council officers reviewing the submissions was placed before Councillors, with a recommendation all be adopted. Now this is very serious stuff that can have highly significant consequences. Surely, each amendment justified discussion before applying the rubber stamp. Only two of the twenty got any mention at all. Both relate to Tamborine Mountain.

One amendment concerned Ground Water Extraction on Tamborine Mountain for Water Supply. It was confirmed that off-Mountain was included but there was limitation on delivery to wholesale water suppliers, whatever that is. Restraints on putting down new bores were greatly relaxed, but there was no consideration of the sustainability of the resource. When it was pointed out that there is a long running study by QUT, the response that applicants could be given an exemption in the meantime. I can't work that one out. Also, some applications are to be ode rather than Impact Assessable. It was believed that that Council Officers could better identify impacts than those who would actually suffer the impacts! Regrettably, there was no motion for revision.

The other amendment proposed change of a definition from 'Mountain Community' to "Tamborine Mountain Community." Sounds innocuous, but it manages to wipe out any name or identity of our Plateau Town. We would be absorbed in nameless anonymity into an area extending from the back fences of Tamborine Village, to the North and East of the Shire, to the back fences of Canungra and even touch Mundoolun Connection Road. A weird dismissal of a town housing 20% of the Shire's population while isolated on a mountain top. At least Councillors agreed that that one should be looked at again.

Merry Christmas to all with hope for a happier Scenic Rim next year.

Phil Giffard

TM UNIVERSE RESILIENT

It is with great personal strength and belief in commitment that the Management of the TMU Trust has withstood the actions of the past year of what I described as an attempted, hostile takeover.

The extent of the accusations of wrongdoing and complaints to Government watchdogs have failed to provide any evidence of infidelity by the Management and have never advanced past accusations, to a hearing. The plaintiffs ended up withdrawing all claims against the trust.

Now TMU is fulfilling its promise to the original investors, and even encouraging more. A great outcome for the tenacity of the team of volunteers in management.

It is not an easy road being an unfunded entrepreneur. Many will see their life's vision plagiarised or lose their independence by succumbing to financial backing.

Both the Tamborine Mountain Universe Association and the Trust has survived all these obstacles and will grow into the magnificent venture envisioned by Jaap Vogel when he was given safekeeping of an old family telescope.

Another example of the monumental achievements of the Mountain's volunteers.

Julie Wilkinson

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CALLING OUT THE MAYOR

I have taken the step to call on Qld Parliament to Dismiss Cr Greg Christensen, due to what I consider as unacceptable actions against our community.

The cost to ratepayers of Council incompetence, and meetings descending into chaos without productive outcomes, is alarming.

What we have experienced is neglect of democratic process, denial of basic rights of free speech without Council condemnation.

I have done all I can. It is now up to the State Government to step in, as they should have done a long time ago.

Please sign and share this petition.

Julie Wilkinson



COOK ROAD DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION



Perspective view of proposed development from Cook Rd

A development application for Short Term Accommodation at the corner of Eagle Heights Road and Cook Road is currently before Council. Whilst it is near Gallery Walk, the developer (DAT Property Investments) is seeking a Material Change of Use (rezoning) in the Minor Tourism Zone of the Scenic Rim Planning Scheme. Because this development is three storied, it is Impact Assessable and is currently open for public comment.

The block is just over half an acre. The twelve unit complex proposed will contain four two bedroom units and eight one bedroom units. There is also a meeting room or function facility on the ground floor. This is accessible to guests but it is not intended for rental for any functions independent of the guests.

This suggests it could be used as yet another wedding venue. At last count we already had twenty-six such formal venues on the mountain. That is not counting the many other sites that are used for such events from time to time.

Access to the complex for short time parking (four spaces) is from Eagle Heights Road whilst the main parking (13 spaces) is from Cook Road. Pedestrian access is from Eagle Heights Road.

With town planning advice, TMPA includes (at right) a pro forma listing some basic planning points which raise issues with this development. Serious concerns have been raised by residents of Eaglebrook, immediately below the subject site and other residents may be concerned with the over-development of the site.

Particulars for submissions and how to lodge are listed in the pro forma on page 13. These need to be in to Council by Friday, 16th December.

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**The Assessment Manager
Development Assessment Unit
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Dear Sir,

**Re: Development Application MCU22/088 – Short Term Accommodation and
Function Facility, 84-86 Eagle Heights Rd., Tamborine Mountain**

I wish to object to the above development application for the following reasons:

- The proposed development is an overdevelopment of the site. The scale of development, building size and dimensions are inconsistent with that elsewhere in the Minor Tourism Zone. The site is on the outer extent of the Minor Tourism Zone and is not complementary in scale and appearance to nearby residential areas.
- The septic absorption treatment plan does not achieve necessary setbacks from the downhill property boundary.
- The height viewed from Cook Road exceeds the 8 meter limit. The approximately 9.5m building height is clearly visible from Cook Road. The built form is immense and lacking diversity in building character, as an unbroken wall of considerable length and height.

(delete, or add additional comments as you see fit)

Name _____ Signature _____

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Please ATTACH any further personal comments and return this form by C.O.B.
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or by email to **mail@scenicrim.qld.gov.au**

TAMBORINE NETBALL LOOKING TO BUILD ON INCREDIBLE SUCCESS AS NEW SEASON DAWNS

Following a hugely successful season, which saw every one of its Junior Teams head to finals, Tamborine Mountain Netball Club (TMNC) is looking forward to an exciting 2023 season.

Competing in one of Queensland's largest netball associations, Hinterland District Netball Association (HDNA), all six TMNC Junior Teams made the finals in 2022, with two teams clinching the Grand Final trophy.

TMNC President Michael Taylor believes the club's coaching program, and positive attitude from players is what had the teams exceed in such fierce competition.

"All teams, and coaches, worked so hard, whether in their games each Saturday, or in training. They put in a lot of work to build on their skills individually, and as a team",



Mr Taylor explained.

"So, it was extremely pleasing to see all of them make the finals in what is one of the state's largest associations."

Also running a NetSetGo netball program for kids aged 5+, TMNC is hosting two Come and Try sessions at the Long Road Sports Centre on January 12 and January 19, 4pm-5.30pm, for anyone interested in playing netball.

Catering for all abilities, TMNC Coaching focuses on skills, participation, friendships, and most importantly, having fun.

"One important thing to note is that it's not all about the competition. We have players of all abilities who just love to play in a team format", Mr Taylor said.

TMNC also provide a fun and active social netball competition on Wednesday evenings, with a Come and Try Social session on Wednesday 25 January at 5.30pm.

PHOTOS: (left) Social Netball Season 2 Grand Finalist - Mustangs and Warriors, (top right) TM Topguns Grand Final Winners and (right) TM Thunder Grand Final Winners



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Played on Wednesday evenings (in school terms), our social competition is for anyone over the age of 13, and is great for any gender and ability.

PLAY PICKLEBALL ON THE MOUNTAIN

The Tamborine Mountain Pickleball Association is up and running at the Sports Ground, having recently marked 3 courts on the netball courts. The SRRC provided a grant to enable this line marking, and the purchase of nets and other equipment.

Pickleball is a fast game played by the young and old, and all ages in between. Check out YouTube if you wish to see how the skilled perform.

The Association plays at Vonda Youngman Community Centre on Wednesday at 8.30 am and Thursdays at 5pm at a cost of \$7 for members, and at the Sports Ground at 8.30am on Tuesdays and Saturdays at a cost of \$5 for members. Membership fees are up to \$50 per annum. Your first tryout is free and we have equipment available.

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CHRISTMAS 2022

Christmas is upon us, so exciting! And digging through my old posts from this time last year (so I don't repeat my favourite Christmas topics: shopping locally, connecting with loved ones and walking the middle path) I realised that on the 17/12/21, Australia was forced into a two-tiered society. Those of pro-choice status had many of their civil rights removed: barred from

restaurants, places of employment and from hospitals. Overnight they became the pariahs of society, denied basic human rights as a taxpayer and as a world citizen under the Nuremberg code. Wow, what a horrible revisit of very recent history. The unreality of that time just 12 months ago all came back and made me realise how easy it is to be distracted, never learning from history and encouraged in recent months to kiss and make up and forget how we treated this group of people who did not agree with the mass rhetoric.

This societal ruling went against many Institutions of democracy like the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights 1966 (ICCPR) that states that: Everyone shall have the right to hold opinions without interference. Obviously that UN ruling was ignored, but history proves that we as societies dislike and ostracise people who conflict with our strong held beliefs. The world was steeped in fear, held hostage by the coronavirus. We feared catching it, we feared for our loved ones and that fear was fuelled by a nonstop mass media rhetoric. And no matter what your belief was and what stance you took, the majority caught this virus anyway. Morally, economically and socially we are now experiencing the fallout of many of those policies.

And maybe those naysayers were onto something. Did you know that according to Oxfam, from 2021 to 2022 the wealth of the world's billionaires' has risen more since COVID-19 began than it has in the last 14 years? At \$5 trillion dollars, this is the biggest surge in billionaire wealth since records began, and this is the biggest transfer of wealth from the common man to the world's richest people. In 2022, Moderna and Pfizer are expected to make \$64bn (USD) from COVID vaccines alone which we, the world taxpayer, will pay for. Considering the 2022 GDP in

Burundi is expected to reach \$3bn (USD), do you notice the disparity in wealth distribution?

In the world of yoga we are encouraged to embrace tolerance and uncertainty. We attempt to confront the apartheid of our beliefs. As we get to know our dark and light sides, we learn to accept the differences of others. Taking inspiration from one of the greatest prophets ever, Jesus, who never went along with popular rhetoric as he lived and preached freedom and truth: "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:32).

The Yoga studio is closed from 18/12/22 and reopens 16/1/23. Wishing my students and readers a wonderful Christmas and New Year!

Margot Wagner
Yoga Under the Bodhi Tree

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XMAS CAN BE A DANGEROUS TIME FOR DOGS



Xmas is typically a busy time of year at emergency veterinary hospitals when dogs consume items or food they should not have, whether given by someone, stolen or scavenged left overs. Even the Xmas tree is a cause for a few vet visits, with tummy upsets from chewing pine needles, bowel obstruction after eating tinsel, baubles, ornaments, wrapping and ribbon. Electrocutation is a risk if Xmas tree lights are chewed.

Typical Xmas plants such as poinsettias, lilies, cactus, berries, holly leaves and mistletoe are all poisonous. Swallowed batteries can be very dangerous, a common emergency with young children.

Food overindulgence and pancreatitis – just a little bit of Xmas foods can't hurt, right? Well, a little here and there adds up. Eating too much of something outside the dog's normal diet, especially if high in fat, is a very common cause of illness. Overindulgence can cause stomach pain, vomiting, diarrhoea and pancreatitis, which often requires hospitalisation, and can be fatal. Some of the worst offenders are:

Alcohol – this is a no-brainer as there is no safe amount, including food products containing alcohol. It can cause vomiting and diarrhoea and lead to abnormal blood acidity, coma and death.

Ham – is high in fat and salt.

Onions & Garlic – if eaten to excess, they can cause issues with a dog's red blood cells, which may lead to anaemia.

Raisins, grapes, sultanas – can cause vomiting and in severe cases kidney failure. It is unknown what constituent is so toxic.

Cooked bones – only give dogs raw bones, because cooked bones are brittle and can splinter, causing internal damage and intestinal obstruction. Don't underestimate your scavenger pooch; a BBQ should not be left unattended, scraps and fat removed.

Xylitol – a sweetener found in lollies, gum and some baked goods. It can cause a drop in a dog's blood sugar and lead to hypoglycaemia (dangerously low blood sugar).

Chocolate – the darker the chocolate the more dangerous because of theobromine, which can cause abnormal heart rhythm, tremors and seizures.

Macadamia nuts – may cause vomiting, tremors, hyperthermia, in severe cases paralysis. Most nuts including, almonds, pecans and walnuts contain high amounts of oils which can cause vomiting and diarrhoea in dogs and that can escalate to dehydration and electrolyte imbalance.

Pam Brandis,
Dip. Canine Prac.



GIFT GIVING

This time of year brings joy and anticipation but also stress. A common stress is the decision of what to buy for loved ones. There's valid reasons why we feel this pressure. We want to clearly communicate our love and appreciation through our gift giving. Gift exchanges reveal how people think about others, what they value and enjoy, and how they build and maintain relationships. Much research has been conducted on the various aspects of gift giving and receiving. There is, in fact, a whole area of psychology dedicated to the subject of how gifts affect relationships.

When we give a gift, we generally have two goals. The first is to make the recipient happy and the second is to strengthen the relationship between giver and recipient. It may seem obvious, but if you want to make someone happy, give them a gift they would buy for themselves. People sometimes use gifts as jokes, encouragement to change one's ways or to signal something about themselves. These types of gifts rarely bring happiness to the giver.

Relationships are strengthened by a thoughtful gift that communicates 'I know you'. Successful gift-giving is a result of spending time really getting to know the person. Often, it is a lack of intimate knowledge that keeps us in the dark as to what to give. Knowing what someone is like is different to knowing what they would like to receive. You could assume that someone who is into gardening would appreciate a plant but spending time with them might reveal other interests or dreams to pursue a new hobby. Rather than focusing on a gift that matches someone's stable traits, think about the person's multiple varying wants and needs.

Research has found little correlation between the monetary value of the gift and recipient's happiness. It is the thoughtfulness of the gift that counts. Even a gift card can communicate that you know where their favourite things can be found and you want them to have the pleasure of selecting exactly what they like best.

Research also shows that money spent on doing provides more enduring happiness than money spent on having. Giving an experience produces greater improvements in relationship strength than material gifts, regardless of whether the gift is consumed together. According to research, the relationship improvements that recipients derive from experiential gifts stem from the emotion that is evoked when the gifts are consumed, rather than when the gifts are received. Experiences create anticipation, making the days or weeks leading to the event more pleasurable. The event itself can create long lasting memories and emotional attachment.

The most precious gift you can give this Christmas is the gift of yourself. Spend quality time with your loved ones. Sit down, have a conversation and get to know each other more deeply. If you do that well, come next Christmas you'll both know exactly what gift to get each other. Have a blessed season, stay safe and look out for one another.

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LOCALS EMBRACE ST GEORGE'S CHRISTMAS MARKET

Many folk gathered as the wandering Carollers sang at the recent St George's Christmas Market. The spirit of Christmas joy radiated as they joined in raising their voices in the words of the traditional Christmas Carols. Folk searching for that special unique Christmas gift from the array of market stalls went away satisfied.

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Adding seafood to Christmas for a lot of us has become a family tradition, just like mangoes and cherries, and for a lot of us, prawns are high on the list and are by far one of my favourite ingredients to use. It takes on flavour well, and the abundance at this time of year means you can get them fresh. Head straight to your local seafood guy and ask for Mooloolaba king prawns. They are large, fresh and are perfect for this dish. Fresh banana prawns or tiger prawns will also work.

Did you know? The ancient tradition of eating fish on Christmas Eve is thought to have come from the Roman Catholic custom of abstinence from meat and dairy products on the eve of certain holidays, including Christmas. After the 16th century in Britain however, the seafood meal associated with Christmas Eve as a traditional Catholic fast day had totally declined, and the festival became a decidedly meat-oriented affair. Be assured, fish had no defined role in the menus destined for a Christmas feast the British brought with them to Australia, but rather it was roast fowl, beef and ham which dominated Christmas tables for almost 200 years. Noticeable change did not begin to be seen until the early 1980s; it started to really gather some pace in the 1990s, as an Australian culinary identity developed, increasing in confidence and which embraced new flavours. Also, the influx of post-war migrants, especially from the Mediterranean, helped shape change, too: bringing not just their love and delight of seafood-filled traditional food, but which also taught us lessons in the art of cooking and eating outdoors.

Chef Dylan's tips: The important thing to ensure is that the prawns are fresh, so whilst at the fishmonger, be sure to look at the head of the prawn for signs of any black stains; if that's all clear, then simply ask the fishmonger if you can have a quick smell of one. Don't worry, you won't look silly, you are not the only person who likes fresh seafood, which means they get asked all the time – moreover, the fishmonger will admire your dedication to fresh produce.



Prawns should smell slightly sweet and remind you of a day by the beach. As always, trust your instincts.

Memory Lane - Tamborine Mountain, Christmas 2017

"Ok, so what do I need to do to these prawns?" says my brother Ryan, while looking at me lightheartedly. "You just need to peel 'em like this," I say, as I pick a large prawn the size of a small lobster. "Pull the head off like this, then pull away the shell and feet so as to twist off whilst leaving tail on". "Easy as, my brother." He quickly peels one "Like that? Good?". "Perfect" I say as I rest my hand on his tall frame. "We are just going to marinate them in some Creole and finish them on the grill." "These are going to be demolished; I'm so looking forward to enjoying a few of these." says Ryan. "I'm also really glad that Pop and Nan have made the trip up this year with Dad and Kerry.

"Me too." I add.

"This year has absolutely flown by for me and another Christmas has come round. So fast! It's like each year it is getting quicker and quicker". "It's like that for me too!". "Take a look at Pop: if we think, he is in his 80s now. I can't help but think about the fact that someday I could be that old and it kinda scares me how little time we actually get". "Me too mate, but if I get to 80 and can move around like Pop and be just as witty, it also excites me, because imagine the times we are going to have as a family as we get older." "Yeah agreed. Totally and it's strange, but have you noticed how ever since we all did the Camino together, we are way more fully bonded as a family somehow. It's like we were able to speak about things and really get some things off our plate." "Yeah bro, and I could go on with you for hours, but speaking of time right know, we've got to get this Christmas lunch organised. Because a little elf told me

Santa is VIP and is coming for a lunch visit today".

**I just wanted to add how very much I have enjoyed sharing my recipes with you all for yet another year. It's also been a real pleasure to meet so many of you at our local community markets and hear how you've been getting on with trying out new dishes and cuisines.*

I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and am excited to continue our culinary journey together in 2023!

Serves 4, prep 20 mins, cook 8 mins

Ingredients

- 16 king prawns peeled deveined and butterflied
- 2 tbs Creole*
- 3 tbs Oil
- Zest of 1 lime
- Juice of 1 lime
- 8 tbs Whole egg mayonnaise

* Chef Dylan's Gourmet Food Co. Creole marinade

Method

1. In a large bowl big enough to hold all the prawns mix Creole with the oil and coat prawns evenly.
2. Leave to marinate for 20 mins.
3. To make the mayonnaise dipping sauce simply add the whole egg mayonnaise, the zest and the lime juice to a bowl and mix until combined.
4. Heat the BBQ grill to high until the grill is nice and hot. Turn down to medium heat and then cook prawns on one side until opaque, a few minutes or so. Turn with some tongs to continue to cook for another minute or so until just cooked.
5. Serve with the dipping sauce.

HOT LIST RECOGNITION FOR TM STATE SCHOOL



Across Australia's education landscape, teachers are demonstrating their influence in extraordinary ways, ranging from pioneering school-industry partnerships and vast networks of influential educators to helping supercharge students' STEM education through world-class entrepreneurial learning programs.

The innovative spirit of Australia's teachers and leaders not only survived the disruption that befell Australia's schools during the COVID-19 pandemic but also supercharged and upended conventional norms, paving the way for new thinking and practices in classrooms.

To identify those who have been at the cutting edge of this noble cause over the past 12 months, *The Educator* (Australia) asked schools to submit nominations for their eighth annual Hot List Awards.

After receiving over 800 nominations, *The Educator* began the arduous task of evaluating each nominee based on the overall impact of their work in the P-12 education sector over the past 12 months, demonstrating expertise in linking theory and practice, and designing and implementing innovations that provide students with high-quality educational experiences during these unprecedented times.

Jason Smith, Principal of Tamborine Mountain State School has been recognised as a shining example of educational excellence in action for his innovative and inclusive leadership. Mr Smith was also the recipient of this award in 2018, 2020 and 2021.

ABOVE – Mr Smith and his School Captains and Vice Captains

TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN BRIDGE CLUB WINS SRRRC GRANT

Tamborine Mountain Bridge Club is the grateful recipient of a grant from the Scenic Rim Regional Council, which contributed towards the purchase of a new whiteboard and a new barbecue.

With continuing bridge lessons next year, the whiteboard will be a welcome asset to the Bridge Club and other community organisations that use the clubhouse. The purchase of the barbecue will be a wonderful addition to our busy social activities schedule at the club.



EVENING BRIDGE LESSONS IN 2023

The Bridge Club is keen to hear from anyone who would like to learn bridge but cannot attend lessons during the day. If you like playing cards, particularly 500, you would probably be fascinated by the game of bridge. We are planning to run lessons in the evening, starting early 2023, and would like to hear from you if you are interested.

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3. On which date is St Nicholas' Day?
4. From where did Boxing Day get its name?
5. Which country was home to Good King Wenceslas?
6. From which country did St Nicholas come?
7. On which date is Christmas Day in the Russian Orthodox church?
8. In Germany, what would you be likely to eat in place of turkey?
9. Who banned Christmas in England between the years 1649 and 1660?
10. Which country presents the annual gift of a Christmas tree which stands in Trafalgar Square in gratitude for Britain's help during World War II?
11. The names given to the Three Wise Men who presented gifts to the baby Jesus are Caspar, Melchior and which other?
12. By what name is Father Christmas known in France?
13. In which European country is there a theme park called 'Santa Claus Land'?
14. Where would you hear Merry Christmas expressed as 'God Jui'?
15. In which Christmas pantomime would you see Widow Twankey?
16. According to the song, what was sent on the fifth day of Christmas?

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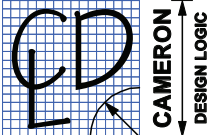
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 the poor, 5 Bohemia, 6 Turkey,
 7 6th or 7th January
 (depending on the Julian
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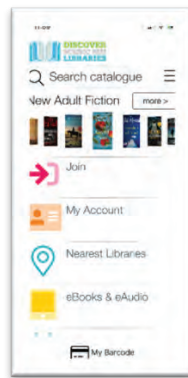
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