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Election day voting will take place this Saturday, April 15th, 2023, between 8 am and 6 pm at Tamborine Mtn State High School and St. Bernard State School. Candidates for the Division 1 position (pictured above, left to right, are Kerri Cryer, Amanda Hay, Jennifer Sanders, and Nicole Thompson.

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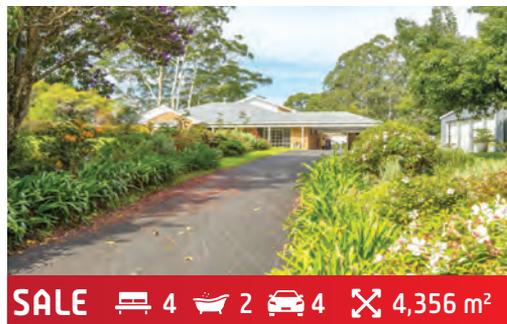
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CRUNCH TIME FOR MOUNTAIN REPRESENTATION

Four candidates have been announced to contest the Scenic Rim Regional Council Division 1 by-election, according to the Electoral Commission of Queensland (ECQ). Following the nomination deadline on March 27th, the ECQ conducted a ballot draw, revealing the candidates in the order that they will appear on the ballot paper. The candidates running in the by-election are Kerri Cryer, Amanda Hay, Jennifer Sanders, and Nicole Thompson.

Election day voting will take place on Saturday, April 15th, 2023, between 8 am and 6 pm at Tamborine Mtn State High School and St. Bernard State School. Those who wish to cast their votes via postal ballot have until 7 pm on Monday, April 3rd, 2023, to submit their applications.

Given that the by-election will occur over the Easter holiday period, the ECQ has arranged for ample access to early voting, which will be available from April 3rd to April 14th from 9 am to 6 pm, excluding weekends and public holidays on April 7th and 10th, at the Vonda Youngman Community Centre in North Tamborine.

It is important to follow the instructions on the ballot paper carefully to ensure that your vote is counted. Voting is mandatory for the approximately 5,500 enrolled electors in Division 1 of the Scenic Rim Regional Council, and fines for failure to vote have been increased to \$143.75 from July 1st, 2022.

Information about the election, including polling booths,



early voting locations and hours, and postal voting applications, is available on the ECQ website or by calling 1300 881 665.

PICTURED ABOVE, from left: Kerri Cryer, Nicole Thompson and Amanda Hay. (absent: Jennifer Sanders) – image supplied courtesy Beaudesert Times.

DEPUTY PREMIER NOT TO ACT ON PETITION

Deputy Premier Steven Miles has publicly supported Scenic Rim Mayor Greg Christensen and dismissed a petition signed by 970 people calling for his dismissal. According to Mr Miles, the Queensland Government has "no intention" of dismissing Mayor Christensen from his democratically elected position.

Mr Miles emphasised that the government only utilises its powers to dismiss individual councillors, including mayors, judiciously and takes any intervention action with local government seriously. He also noted that the Local Government Department appointed an Advisor to support the council in areas such as governance and meeting procedures.

Although the petition called for Mayor Christensen's removal and for an Administrator to be appointed, citing concerns of a loss of democratic process, denial of free speech, loss of public respect,

and a toxic culture within the council, Mr Miles confirmed that the government stands behind Mayor Christensen and has no plans to dismiss him from his position as Mayor of Scenic Rim.

The petition also alleged that meetings were in chaos, with the Mayor attempting to control speakers through repeated points of order and accusations of conflicts of interest. In addition, it claimed that one councillor (Derek Swanborough) had faced nearly 70 complaints of inappropriate conduct to the Office of the Independent Assessor, with only three being upheld.

Mr Miles clarified that an Interim Administrator is only appointed to act in place of councillors where a local government is dismissed or where every councillor is suspended. He stated that the current circumstances at the council do not trigger the appointment of an Interim Administrator.



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COMMUNITY CONSULTATION COMMENCES ON SCENIC RIM COUNCIL'S DRAFT BUDGET

Community consultation commenced April 5 on Scenic Rim Regional Council's Draft 2023-2024 Budget following its acceptance at today's Ordinary Meeting.

Drafts of the 2023-2024 Budget, Capital Works Program and Schedule of Fees and Charges were approved for Council's first ever budget public consultation, which will inform preparations of the final budget to be adopted in June.

Scenic Rim residents and business operators are able to provide their feedback online from Wednesday 5 April until Wednesday 3 May by registering on the Let's Talk Scenic Rim community engagement platform or by attending one of the three community consultation sessions at Boonah, Beaudesert or Tamborine Mountain later this month.

Mayor Greg Christensen said he and his fellow Councillors were pleased to present the Draft Budget which reflected Council's determination to continue to build a strong future for the Scenic Rim and provide best value to ratepayers through the responsible allocation of its limited financial resources.

"This draft budget has been framed in the context of fiscal responsibility based on robust planning and analysis to ensure sustainability, a strategic approach to service delivery to meet community needs and expectations and, above all, good governance," he said.

"Planning for the year ahead has taken place against a backdrop of increasing cost pressures reflecting the current economic climate, as well as ongoing recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and extreme weather events which have impacted our region."

Mayor Christensen said Council was committed to minimising the financial burden on ratepayers and had continued to focus on cost recovery in setting its fees and charges for the year.

"We understand the cost of living pressures facing members of our community and have aimed to keep our revenue needs to a minimum level," he said.

"However, balancing the aspirations of the community captured in the shared vision of the Scenic Rim Community Plan 2011-2026 against the pressures of maintaining public assets and protecting our future financial sustainability are all key factors we must consider in determining our budget settings."

The Draft 2023-2024 Budget is aligned with the Draft Operational Plan which is underpinned by the Corporate Plan, Scenic Rim 2026, and the broader Scenic Rim Community Plan 2011-2026.

As well as providing feedback online through letstalk.scenicrim.qld.gov.au/ residents and business operators can contribute to the budget discussion through community consultation sessions on:

- Thursday 20 April 2023 at Boonah Cultural Centre from 5:30pm to 7:00pm
- Wednesday 26 April 2023 at The Centre Beaudesert from 5:30pm to 7:00pm, and
- Thursday 27 April 2023 at Tamborine Mountain State School from 5:30pm to 7:00pm.

"I hope everyone will make the most of the opportunity to take part in the consultation process and provide constructive feedback that will assist in achieving our shared goal of shaping a successful future for our spectacular Scenic Rim," Mayor Christensen said.



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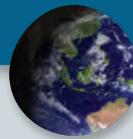
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BUCHHOLZ TAKES TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN RESIDENTS' CONCERNS TO THE FEDERAL HEALTH MINISTER

The Tamborine Mountain Medical Practice are pleading for a Modified Monash Model (MMM) re-evaluation for their region, to gain essential access to permanent general practitioners.

The MMM was set up as a new classification for the provision of health care, with an independent board and has no ability for ministerial intervention.

Scott Buchholz met with the Minister for Health and Aged Care, Mark Butler (pictured at right), who advised “that under recent changes, Tamborine Mountain can apply for an exception circumstance review. Once applied for, the application will be looked at by an independent panel.”



“I encourage locations like Tamborine Mountain to submit an application if they feel they are experiencing exception not remedied by the current MMM,” Mr Butler said.

Federal Member for Wright Scott Buchholz said the introduction of this new classification has seen our regional mountain community in the Gold Coast Hinterland classified as MM1, as a major city, therefore, medical practices on the Mountain have had to compete with Brisbane and Gold Coast practices for general practitioners.

Mr. Scott Buchholz said, “The Mountain is simply seeking that their classification of MM1 be reconsidered, given the unique aspects of the community, including, remoteness, distance from medical services, and regional nature of town.”

“The Tamborine Mountain Medical Practice has been working with my office to seek a sensible resolution to the introduction of MMM healthcare boundaries, which has had a number of unintended consequences across Australia.” Mr Buchholz said.

“Tamborine Mountain has seen a reduction in doctors from 22 in 2018, down to 8 in 2023, and like most rural areas in the same boat, cannot afford to wait any longer, they need doctors now.” Mr Buchholz said.

Doctor Leeann Carr-Brown, of Tamborine Medical Practice said, “being MM1 instead of MM2 in our location means we are stuck in the middle when it comes to recruiting GPs to Tamborine Mountain, unable to recruit GP’s from overseas like MM2-5 areas.”

“This along with the loss of Medicare Funding in the change to MM1 has spurred both reduced access to health care and driven up the cost of health care,” Dr Carr-Brown said.

“While we appreciate Scott’s support and it is an important part of the role of the local sitting MP to improve access to something as important as health care; to tell the truth, we don’t hold out much hope that it will make a difference in the near future. We would however appreciate his continued exertion to influence this problem in any way he can,” Dr Carr-Brown said.

Mr Buchholz said, “Whilst we have been working with Tamborine Medical Practice since 2018 on the MMM classification, we can share in their frustration of the current circumstances”.

“If we can’t get the MMM classification changed for Tamborine Mountain Medical Practice, we alternatively want a Distribution Priority Area (DPA) re-evaluation, to access overseas doctors,” Mr Buchholz said.

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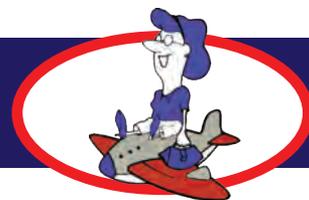
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Letters to the Editor

PLANNING AUTOCRACY

Has anyone wondered why there is such a long – more than a decade long – trail of “deemed refusals” by developers challenging Scenic Rim Regional Council in the Planning & Environment court?

We can sheet this home to “planning autocracy”. It is Council town planners who make the recommendation to approve or refuse a development application. Councillors supply the final stamp of approval – or not – at a Council general meeting.

The problem arises when a development application is unpopular with residents, has obvious conflicts with the Planning Scheme according to local values, and is likely to attract a large number of objections.

On shaky ground, the developer holds a pre-lodgment meeting with Council planners. These meetings are not privy to public view, but suffice to say that if Council, having requested the developer to massage his application at great cost, conveys what the applicant considers a green light without reference to possible/probable resident input, it would find itself in a sticky situation.

Unlike anywhere else in the shire, Tamborine Mountain has constantly been the magnet for perceived inappropriate development proposals which breach the intent of the local planning scheme. To protect an enviable lifestyle and its treasured environment, residents regularly protest in large numbers.

Over the years in these problem situations, Council has stretched out required decision times beyond which the developer is able to file an appeal against a “deemed refusal” in the Planning & Environment court. This is called “sitting on the fence”. Here the developer then has an advantageous lead position, and Council avoids a possible compensation claim.

More than a decade ago, the Tamborine Mountain Progress Association began electing to stand as a Co-Respondent together with numerous residents in these appeals. This was to counter Council’s growing propensity to fall over very early in the proceedings.

In the decade-long Gillion commercial water extraction appeal at leafy residential Power Parade, resident input funds exceeding \$300,000 enabled TMPA and lead residents to engage a barrister for the first of three Gillion appeals. Had we not done so, it is highly probable we would be seeing commercial water mining on residential land across the plateau. In the second and third appeals, Council changed lawyers and fully endorsed winning. It even encouraged co-operation between its lawyers, TMPA and residents. All three appeals were rejected by the courts **mainly on planning grounds**. We were lucky.

In this Gillion case, although Councillors rejected the Council town planner’s recommendation (on the eve of an election), the fact that it existed drove the developer through the three appeals against Council. This became clear on the second last day of the final week’s hearing when the court addressed via phone link the town planner on holiday in Adelaide. The developer’s highly priced silk ran through all his points in the recommendation for approval. The town planner still stood by them all.

Council too often is paralysed by town planning recommendations for approval for problem development applications counter to resident expectations. It is critical that any Councillor for Tamborine Mountain plateau residents has a sound knowledge of our planning scheme and our key values. At stake is our envied lifestyle and stunning environment, together with the semi-rural character of Tamborine Mountain.

Jeanette Lockey
President
Tamborine Mountain Progress Association

BY-ELECTION A MINEFIELD

Due to the odd nominations and the uncertainties arising from the distribution of preferences, the results of the Division 1 by-election could be weird, and with unfortunate consequences. This could be not only locally but for the whole Scenic Rim, due to the present balance of numbers around the Council table. The next year will be critical and there will be little time for a newcomer to learn the complexities and how to cope with the pressures.

Being a Councillor is not just chatting with locals and then, every couple of weeks, having a pleasant meeting with the other Councillors while quickly sorting out everything to make everyone happy. Life is not that simple. There is an over-riding responsibility that must not be forgotten. The Councillors are effectively the Directors of the Scenic Rim business with an annual budget of over \$100 million. That is the pot into which we pay our rates and service charges and we have to be assured we receive sustainability and a fair return.

Unfortunately, for some years, there have been serious deficiencies in the way the Council operates including:

- Failure to abide by the Principles of Local Government as enshrined in the *Local Government Act*. In particular, the prescribed transparency doesn’t happen in the Scenic Rim Council. There is far too much hidden behind impenetrable walls of confidentiality, with horrendous penalties.
- The complex Planning Scheme developed with community input (particularly from our aware residents on Tamborine Mountain) seems to be often treated with scant respect and with outcomes which are damaging. This must not go on.
- Policy making seems to have slipped from the Councillors to the Administrative Arm managed by the CEO and overseen by the Mayor.

The new Councillor will be tossed straight into this minefield and the short year to the next election is critical. It seems to me that Amanda Hay is the candidate with the professional skills, hard-won understanding of what is going on and a record of assisting local residents to resist unfair impacts. She is equipped to hit the ground running. The others seem not up to speed with the problems peculiar to Division 1. Further, under the *Act*, they must represent the interests of all residents, not just those in their Division.

But where does preferential voting come into this? Amanda Hay stands alone and the others are trading preferences. That seems to indicate they may have an incomplete understanding of our needs. Even if Amanda led on the primary vote but without an overall majority at that point, she could be beaten by an outsider, but which?

By all means, vote for whom you think will do the best job, but think hard about the preferences. You don’t have to vote in accordance with a how-to-vote card or even allocate preferences, since preferential voting is optional.

Phil Giffard

A HEARTFELT ENDORSEMENT

Many of you don’t know Amanda Hay as I do. She is one of the very few people I trust completely.

To her friends, neighbours and family she has a much softer side. Very forgiving and supportive.

Please limit letters to 200 words. Publication is at the discretion of the editor and subject to space availability.

Always available to help, given yet another problem to solve.

And generous. Always first to reach for the check and quick to offer transport if you are going in the same direction, which usually includes lunch.

Her pockets are deep, as is her dedication to this Mountain and the lifestyle we value.

She has the same persona when speaking to a severe judge in Court as when speaking to a friend in the street. No frills, totally honest, quick-witted and no pretence.

Her determination and resilience are always there but only drawn on when necessary. She has learnt to be tough, as only an intelligent woman can if she intends to survive.

Amanda received a scholarship from high school and chose to seek a job in public service. As was the custom back then, women were systematically dismissed as care givers. She was offered a post in Papua New Guinea in an attempt to test her ambition. Amanda accepted the post.

One of my favourite experiences with Amanda was when she defended me in council against compliance officers for alleged breaches of council regulations.

"Are you recording this?" she asked the two compliance officers, as she placed her phone on the table between them. "Yes." They admitted but were too uncomfortable to produce their own hidden devices.

Amanda had Council's Head of Department asking her to show him his Department regulations, which she was quoting from, in front of him. "No." She said. "Get your own."

Amanda is one of the smartest people I know. Informed, fast thinking, quick witted and always on her game. Yet never mean nor authoritarian.

She is always amicable and there is a hint of humour in her presence, waiting to be released at an inopportune moment.

My favourite was when Mayor Christensen ordered Amanda to leave the Council Gallery, for clapping. Amanda stayed put. With the usher moving forward to escort her out and the eyes of the whole council chamber and gallery pinned on her, Amanda stood her ground. "No, Your Honour! I won't. I will refrain from clapping again, though."

The Mayor had to withdraw his direction when the councillors voted to rescind his order as being too harsh. He accepted the compromise stating that it was the best he could expect to get.

There is something Margaret Thatcher-ish about Amanda.

But I have seen her cry. The news of the death of a friend or the shock of the possibility of losing her retirement home, due to having to pay court costs to council for opposing an inappropriate development that affected others, but not herself. A sample of her selfless courage.

I have seen her overcome with emotion when she first received the anticipated call that a water moratorium would be put in place over Tamborine Mountain and Springbrook.

This was the result of months of negotiation and meetings with Government Department heads, and Amanda's broad knowledge of the issue, as to why Government needed to reject the Todd report and protect the mountain water from commercial operators.

We were sworn to secrecy. However, once the news was released publicly, others were quick to take credit.

It would be a serious oversight of the mountain residents to not put this amazing woman in public office, where she naturally belongs, and where she can do the most good.

She will keep them honest. Those who try to oppose her will eventually give up and become her friend. This has happened in the community with some she opposed, on issues, becoming her greatest admirers, quick to recognise her strengths and integrity.

Amanda is actually very popular at Scenic Rim Regional Council.

There is not much to dislike about her. It is much easier to be her friend, and you will be the better for it.

Even with other Councillors, who quietly agree with her behind the scenes.

The current Mayor is one of the few who doesn't appreciate her humour. I think Amanda will outlast him.

My advice: don't vote for the one who says they care but for the one who shows they care. You only need to fill in one square on the ballot paper.

Julie Wilkinson

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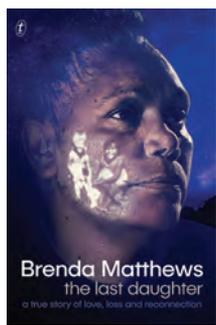
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2. 53.12% LEWIS ADAMS - MARIAN GIBBONS
3. 51.04% PETER ZAREMBA - ANN ZAREMBA

WEDNESDAY (5-APR-23)

1. 70.42% LINDY WILLIAMS - EDDIE HEINEMEYER
2. 52.50% KATE HEAD - LAURENE HASSARD
3. 49.58% JENNY STRACHAN - LAWRENCE BEUTEL

THURSDAY (6-APR-23)

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Scenic Rim Regional Council is seeking community feedback on its planning to improve the management of waste during and after a natural disaster.

With a focus on the health and wellbeing of residents and the environment, the Waste Service Resilience Roadmap aims to enhance Council's ability to maintain the continuity of waste services during a disaster and better manage waste in the aftermath.

Community members are being invited to comment on the roadmap by providing feedback on Council's roles and responsibilities, communication processes, facility and service planning and post-recovery actions to increase waste management resilience now and into the future.

A detailed Fact Sheet is available on Council's community engagement platform Let's Talk Scenic Rim, where residents can have their say on the roadmap until Thursday 4 May 2023.

Register and join the conversation today at <https://letstalk.scenicrim.qld.gov.au/>

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SCENIC RIM DIVISION 1 BY-ELECTION

MAKE YOUR VOTE COUNT - ELECT AN ENGAGED, PRO-ACTIVE LOCAL CANDIDATE

Firstly, let's address the elephant in the room. I am hearing that perhaps I am "too old" to be Division 1's Councillor and can't relate to those "of working age" with young families. My age is an asset – I have been there, done that and experienced mortgage rates in excess of 20% whilst raising a young family on one income (mine)...and survived. I am healthier, fitter and more active than many people 20 years my junior and am not on any prescription meds. You can often see me wielding the hedge trimmer outside the Showgrounds and there is plenty of life in this old pup yet.

I am green but with a small "g" for those who have asked, and no, I am not in favour of Tamborine Mountain moving to the Gold Coast City Council. I am not looking to reinvent the wheel, simply to eliminate the flat spots in the current one. Our Council is not yet beyond saving.

There are only 12 months remaining of the current 4-year term of the Scenic Rim Regional Council and you will be electing a candidate for that short period only at this election. The by-election was not caused by former Cr Swanborough's resignation but rather by what led up to it and there will no doubt be several new Councillors and a new Mayor following the 2024 SRRC elections and I look forward to positive change and fresh attitudes. Expect to see highly visible works on the Mountain in the lead-up to that election, such as the footpath on Alpine Terrace and the Vonda Youngman Centre facelift – but what did you see over the past 3 years following the last election?

Unfortunately, it has taken the State Government's appointment of an Advisor to bring some semblance of procedural fairness, compliant governance and transparency to our Council's meetings. Will this last once his term is up shortly or to the 2024 election?

It is good to see that two of the changes I have actively sought at Council were included on the Agenda for the Ordinary meeting of 04 April 2023: the inappropriate issuing of Draft Conditions of Approval to developers by unelected staff before a development application is voted on by elected Councillors and the introduction of a Right To Information Disclosure Log. Another step in the right direction for transparency at Council. You pay rates, either directly as a property owner or indirectly as a tenant, and have a right to open, transparent and responsive governance, not simply lip service to these concepts.

Our Planning Scheme needs a re-write to tighten up its loose provisions which invariably lead to costly court appeals against Council's development assessment decisions (or deemed refusals - of which there should be none). Ratepayers fund our Council's court appeals – but we are not able to ascertain just how much it spends on these. I have tried.

Yes, when "our" council works well as a team, with a sense not of camaraderie but rather effective and collaborative decision-making where every Councillor's input is valued and one Division is not treated as a second-class participant, great things can be achieved which benefit not only Division 1 but the entire Scenic Rim. Let's move forward with an elected Council which works together. Councillors from across a wide age spectrum contribute to better perspectives.

Division 1 deserves a Councillor who will not simply nod for the sake of maintaining the status quo, nor vote purely to avoid confrontation or to enable the use of a casting vote when a vote is tied, and one that won't play the gender equity card nor is accountable to a political party. There is no place for party politics at local government level – look at Brisbane City Council and see how well that works there.

If you are happy to elect a Councillor for Division 1 who won't stand up for integrity and total transparency in decision making but will simply "go with the flow", I am not your candidate. If you want value for your money, and real representation, I am your candidate. Let's put residents before tourists for a change.

Regardless of this election outcome, be informed and have your say: attend the public consultation for the Draft SRRC Budget 2023-2024, the Corporate Plan Theme Summary, and, importantly the Draft Ten Year Capital Program 2023-2024 to 2032-2033. This meeting will be held on 27 April 2023 from 5.30-7.00pm at the Tamborine Mountain State School.

Have the other candidates read the 76-page Draft? I have, and there is very little in it for our Mountain, other than Gallery Walk, for which in excess of \$10m has been set aside, over the next 10 years. But what about our sports and recreational facilities?

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A QUICK Q & A WITH NICOLE THOMPSON

Over the last few weeks, I have been doorknocking and talking to people on the Mountain. Here are some of the questions asked.

Q: Are you a Mountain resident?

A: Yes, I am. I have lived on the Mountain for 15 years. My daughter attended Coleman Square Kindy. I live in Division 1.

Q: You are a nice person but will you be tough enough for council?

A: Yes, I will be. My daughter was profoundly disabled and to get services and assistance pre-NDIS was really tough. No one is tougher than a mother of a special needs child trying to get everything they need for their child. You can be kind and strong.

Q: Have you been in council before?

A: No but I have been on numerous committees over the years. A couple of examples: I was a member of the executive committee of the Northern Beaches Midwives Association and actively involved for many years fundraising for the Alola Foundation. The Alola Foundation supports mothers and babies in Timor Leste, one of the poorest countries in the world. I have also been on several other committees for schools, community organisations and political parties.

Q: Will you support things for the kids to do on the Mountain?

A: Yes. I fully support the masterplan for the Long Road Sports Centre. It will have a variety of sports grounds and courts, change rooms, play park, skate park and regenerative gardening area.

Q: Will you be like the last councillor?

A: My style will be different. I am going into council fresh, with no history. I look forward to working with the other councillors. Being part of any group requires listening, negotiating and advocating for what you need. I am persistent and resilient. I don't think the recent combative approach is constructive.

Q: I didn't know you could be part of a political party as a councillor?

A: Yes, you can. There are more than 100 Greens councillors and even Greens mayors across Australia. Many councillors run as independents but are actually aligned with a political party. This is not honest. I am transparent and believe being Greens is going to serve me well in council. I have the resources, advice and full backing of the Queensland Greens. Just what we need for protecting our Mountain environment and village lifestyle.

You can find me at:

Facebook: Nicole Thompson - The Greens

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EASTER EVENTS A WELCOME HIT WITH LOCALS

Live performances and live music (Blind Corners – pictured below), artisan market stalls, classic cars, food trucks and loads of kids' activities went down a treat at the Long Road Sports Grounds on a beautiful albeit windy Saturday evening at the Tamborine Mountain Sports Association Easter Big Bash. Earlier in the afternoon, TM Universe staged an activities fest on its property across the road, which included kite design and flying (pictured at right), which proved an admirable challenge in the high winds.



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The Springer Spaniel is Welsh and was developed in the 20th century, it is generally heavier and bigger than the cocker and was given its name because of the way it caught prey, by surprise – literally springing on it. According to the American Kennel Club, Springer spaniels should never have a solid coat colour, but always a combination of black, white, red and liver. The springer type has shorter ears and longer muzzles. They also have shorter fur with feathering around their legs and stomach and they have an undercoat which makes them well equipped to work in cold and wet weather. Both types of spaniels are easy to train and they have loads of energy that needs somewhere to go, they make great family pets and are gentle and good with children. Both types need regular coat grooming and the occasional trim.

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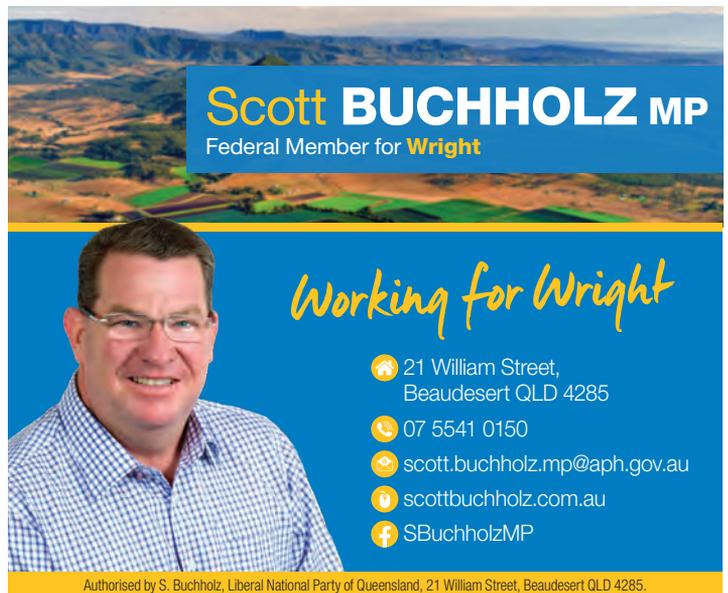
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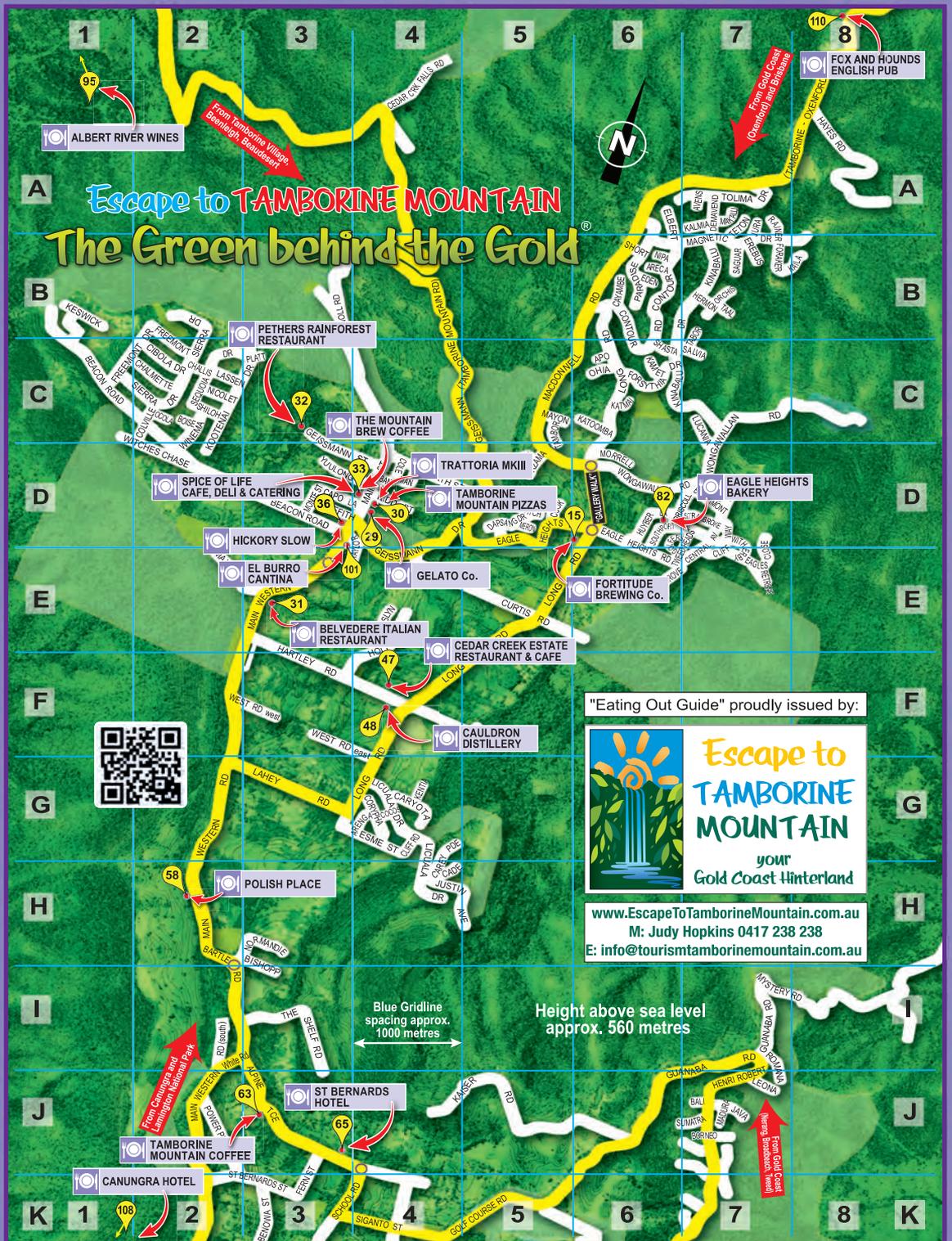
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 RESERVATIONS RECOMMENDED	Cuisine	Breakfast	Brunch	Lunch	Afternoon Tea	Dinner	Entrees/Desserts	Mains	Children's Menu	Licensed/BYO	Outdoor Seating	Seating Capacity	Functions	Air Conditioning	Open Fire Place	Take Away	Disability Friendly	Parking	Phone Number (07)	Map Reference
Albert River Wines	Modern Australian	-	-	Wed to Sun 11:30am to 2:30pm	-	-	\$19 - \$22	\$26 - \$54	●	Lic	100	130	●	-	-	-	●	100	5543 6622	A1 95
Belvedere Italian Restaurant	Authentic Italian, Wood Fired Pizza	-	-	Fri + Sat + Sun 11am - 3pm	-	Tue - Sat 5pm to 9pm	\$7 - \$35	\$20 - \$40	●	Lic/ BYO	25	70	●	●	-	●	-	30	5545 4063	E3 31
Canungra Hotel	Family Dining	Open 7 Days 7am to 5pm					\$10 - \$25	\$20 - \$35	●	Lic	25	60	●	●	-	●	-	30	5543 5233	K1 108
Cauldron Distillery	Modern Australian	-	KITCHEN OPEN Friday 1pm - 7pm Saturday 11 am - 7pm Sunday 11am - 5pm			-	\$16 - \$25	●	Lic	100	200	●	●	-	●	-	●	100	5545 0156	F4 48
Cedar Creek Estate Restaurant and Cafe	Contemporary Australian	-	From 10am	11am to 3pm	to 4pm	-	\$8 - \$22	\$26 - \$36	●	Lic	40	80	●	●	●	●	●	100	5545 1666	F4 47
Eagle Heights Bakery	Cuisine - Bakery	-	Open 7 Days per week			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5545 4011	D6 82
El Burro Cantino	Mexican	-	-	-	-	Tue to Sun 4 - 8pm	\$13 - \$16	\$24 - \$30	●	Lic	●	50	●	-	●	●	●	20	5545 4003	D3 101
Fortitude Brewing Co.	Pizza, Home Style Hospitality	-	Mon, Tues, Wed, Thur 11am to 3pm Fri till 9pm Sat + Sun 5pm		-	-	\$10 - \$18	\$20 - \$26	●	Lic	-	60	●	-	-	-	●	50	5545 4273	D6 15
Fox & Hounds English Pub	English to Modern Australian	-	-	7 Days 11am to 2:30pm	7 Days 11am to 4pm	7 Days 5pm till late	\$10 - \$18	\$18 - \$34	●	Lic	70	100	●	●	●	-	●	20	5665 7582	A8 110
Gelato Co.	Authentic Artisan Gelato	-	Open Wed/Thurs - 12pm to 6pm Fri/Sat/Sun - 10am to 9pm Closed Mon and Tues			-	\$10 - \$18	\$20 - \$26	●	-	-	12	-	-	-	●	●	10	-	D4 29
Hickory Slow	Smoked Meats	-	-	-	-	Thur to Sun 5pm to 8:30pm	\$14 - \$24	\$20 - \$69	●	Lic	15	20	●	-	-	●	●	20	5677 6604	D3 36
Pethers Rainforest Restaurant	Contemporary Australian, Fine Dining	-	-	-	-	Sat Only 6pm to 10pm Booking Essential	\$15-\$20	\$28-\$35	-	Lic	-	20	●	-	●	-	●	10	5545 4577	C3 32
Spice of Life Cafe, Deli and Catering	Multi Cultural Cuisine	Open 7 Days 7am to 5pm				-	\$5 - \$12	\$9-\$20	●	BYO	50	50	●	●	-	●	●	50	5545 3553	D4 33
St Bernards Hotel	Traditional Australian Country Restaurant & Pub	Breakfast Sat+Sun 7am to 10am	-	7 Days 12pm to 2pm	-	7 Days 6pm to 8pm	\$12 - \$22	\$23 - \$54	●	Lic	30	70	●	-	●	●	●	46	5545 1177	J3 65
Tamborine Mountain Pizzas	Pizza Takeaway and Delivery	-	-	-	-	7 Days 5pm to 9pm	-	\$22 - \$33	●	Lic	15	15	●	-	-	●	-	20	5545 3888	D4 30
Tamborine Mtn. Coffee Plantation	Good Food and Pizza's	Brunch Menu: Thurs - Monday 7am-2pm Plantation Pizza: Fri+Sat+Sun 12pm - 7pm				-	\$14 - \$23	\$20 - \$30	-	Lic	30	60	●	-	●	●	●	35	5545 2777	J3 63
The Mountain Brew Coffee	Cafe, Australian	Open 7 Days 7am to 4pm			-	-	\$9 - \$15	\$7.50 - \$19	-	Lic	●	80	●	-	-	●	●	●	5545 1186	D4 33
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Trattoria MKIII	Licensed Restaurant Classic Italo-American styled Trattoria bar	-	Open Wednesday to Sunday 2pm to late			-	\$6 - \$18	\$24 - \$34	-	Lic	-	30	●	-	-	●	●	30	5545 3795	D4 30

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BOUNDARIES

We've just come back from yoga retreat, and what a blast! The theme of the retreat was your microbiome, and one of the emotional states we explored while workshoping the biome was your personal boundaries. It makes sense. Your emotional boundaries reflect your microbiome

boundary. How many times have you come across that sweet, anxious person, eager to please, can never say NO who coincidentally has lots of gut issues. Not always, but pretty common.

Think of your Life boundaries as a metaphor for the boundaries of Self. If there is a breach in any of your boundaries: physical, emotional, mental or spiritual, this will play out in your life and your body. With regards to the Biome, consider a leaky gut. What has stressed you for so long that the mucous lining of your gut has got thin and porous, and this barrier to your inner digestive world then allows undigested particles of food to enter your blood stream often causing a huge, negative immune response in the body? I would see the boundary of my gut as an analogy of my boundaries to the world and the people in it. Good boundaries will give you space to protect your energy and manage daily stress and relationships.

So why do some of us struggle to establish firm boundaries in our lives? A lot rests in childhood. If you didn't have the space to express your separateness – separate emotions, separate opinions, separate realities or if you were engaged in family “groupthink” (WE do this, not that, WE don't like those people, WE are this kind of family), you'll struggle to develop your separate self. In this type of family enmeshment emotional lines blur with parents over invested in their children's lives and almost constant contact between family members. True closeness involves mutual sharing together with clear boundaries.

Your boundaries are also porous if you cringe at the word NO. You'll feel guilt, shame and fear when you put yourself and your own needs over the wants of someone else. Wanting to be liked or avoiding conflict is normal, but it shouldn't come at the expense of you own feelings.

So where does one start? Start with your physical boundary, your personal space and personal contact. Don't tolerate anything that seems a violation of this space. Your emotional boundaries. Don't tolerate intrusive verbal comments or feel pressured to overshare all your thoughts, beliefs and opinions with others. Your time. Does someone violate this resource by emotionally dumping or expect you to “fix them”?

Keeping boundaries is a skill and takes practice. Watch for guilt trips. Be prepared to be shamed and deemed selfish for establishing the boundary. If this boundary is important to you and your physical and mental health, then hang in there. Your boundaried, honest life is a metaphor for your healthy, happy biome!

Margot Wagner
Yoga Under the Bodhi Tree

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Relationships



KEEP YOUR HOPES UP

You might remember the devastating 1997 landslide in Thredbo, NSW which claimed eighteen lives. Stuart Diver was the lone survivor who was rescued after being trapped under rubble for 66 hours in freezing conditions. Stuart tried in vain to save his wife Sally from drowning. He was devastated, but determined that he would survive, and Sally's memory would live on. Rupert McCall was so touched by Stuart's story that he penned this poem:

*Have you ever underestimated one man's will to live?
Have you ever been inspired as to what one heart can give?
In the darkness of an hour when the world has fallen down,
In the loneliness of silence - when pain is all around.
Have you ever felt the spirit that can rise to find a way,
That can fight its way through anything to see another day.
Where hope is held unsparingly despite the clouds of doubt,
Have you ever seen a miracle- a voice that reaches out?
A pulse rate in the rubble - a bare hand to unearth it.
The hope, the prayers, the bravery - everything was worth it.
A thousand hearts combining for the rescuing of one,
A million eyes were crying when at last he saw the sun.
Today I see the sky but with more appreciation.
Today I take my challenges with more determination.
From the bitter face of tragedy we learn from a survivor
When the slightest hope is all you have - remember Stuart Diver.*

Stuart's remarkable survival was possible because he kept his hope. He was in a hopeless situation: icy cold water soaked him to the bone; concrete and mud had injured him; pitch darkness surrounded him; his wife's dead body lay alongside him. He was totally alone. Yet, he refused to give up hope. No matter what the level of pain or disappointment you are experiencing, there is nothing more powerful than hope. It will secure your grip on a better tomorrow.

Your story of hope will not only influence you, it will also inspire others. Stuart's survival made a huge difference to the rescue crews. Captain Bob Garven was involved in the rescue and reported that the night before Stuart was found the personnel were becoming very depressed. A 6am call that someone was alive changed the whole atmosphere. Rescuers were now motivated by saving lives, rather than purely recovering bodies. The whole nation witnessed this glimmer of hope in the midst of terrible tragedy.

One argument against hope is that it can be irrational and not factual. Hope is no more irrational than our fears. Fear dwells on the worst-case scenario; hope looks forward to better outcomes. While fear will drain your resources, hope will energise you toward the better outcome.

Don't be content to admire hope from a distance. Decide what you will hope for. The only time your situation is hopeless is when you give up. Stuart Diver discovered a reservoir of untapped strength within. Make it your pursuit to discover yours.

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Physio Talk



with Jacqui Graf



HERE TO HELP!

I love my job. It's a bit of a cliché but it genuinely is such a privilege to help out people every day of my working week. Physiotherapy is such a diverse, multi-faceted profession it amazes me. Physique has so many uniquely talented therapists who are across so many disciplines.

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Jess works with Bec very closely and is our lead Pelvic Floor and Women's Health Physiotherapist - until she has a couple of bubs of her own!

Hayden has a ton of experience in musculoskeletal and sports physiotherapy as well as persistent pain, paediatrics and neurological rehabilitation.

Steve is our Physiotherapy Wizard who has more years working as a Physio than I have been alive!! Such a wealth of knowledge, and we're so lucky to have him at Physique.

Caitlin is our resident Paediatrics Physiotherapist who also runs a specialised Paediatrics service at Jimboomba. She is so amazing with kids and helping them reach their goals.

Robyn is so amazing with Pilates, rehabilitation and reformer exercise classes. She is crazy experienced and is so very talented at getting the best out of people.

Matt and Dave have taught me so much about musculoskeletal and sports physiotherapy it's crazy. They work so hard for their patients and really have shown me what we can do as a physio.

Me?

I love exercise, because it is unique to everyone. It has a different value and purpose for every single individual.

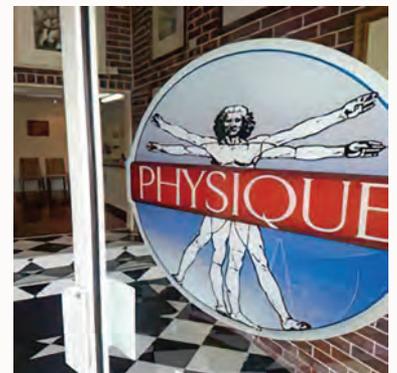
Just last week I drove past a construction site full of tradies doing yoga in Brisbane. You don't have to be a coach or an athlete and you don't have to have any level of expertise to get moving. Exercise

is a safe space that you get to choose. Often for me, it is about creating the space for challenge and a feeling of discomfort. Often it is about outperforming myself, day by day, month by month, year by year. Some days, the intention is just to move, in whatever way feels good. It is an investment, not only in your body but in your habits, and your state of mind! Exercise should make us feel awesome!!

As a physio, I get to support and educate people around the benefits and importance of exercise! I have the pleasure of meeting so many different, very incredible people every day... and I get to help each person set and work towards their exercise goals. From reducing your blood pressure, to strengthening your bones, from increasing muscle tone or making the heart stronger, I would go so far as to say that it is not possible to lead a life with top physical and mental health unless you live in a body that moves.

We offer an array of classes at Physique to help people exercise and move as best they can. I love running my Pilates classes - they are crazy fun and I love challenging and helping our participants. We have at least one class running every single day. Robyn also runs our awesome Fit for Life classes - perfect for those needing some more gentle exercise, balance and general strengthening.

I love working up here on the Mountain and getting to know the community around Physique - what a place to live and work!



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THE BATTLE WITH SCARS

Hello *Scenic News* readers. I am writing this to you almost knee deep in chocolate and celebrating divine weather on this lovely Easter Sunday. Forgive me if my impending chocolate coma arrives before I sign off.

Today's topic is *scars* and it is close to me. Many things are of course. But I recently had a mole removed, and it was a large one. The wound area is large, so I anticipate the size of the scar will be equally significant. Over the years, I've had approximately 15 moles removed. Not because I am **not protecting** my skin outdoors necessarily, but I have been genetically unfortunate to inherit skin that loves to attract nasty moles. Despite my Spanish heritage, I didn't get the tan skin. Most of my scars have been easy to cover up. I go to some detailed lengths to cover them up because I was embarrassed to show them. Yes, I know the quote "Scars are a symbol of the battles you've endured" which is lovely, but sometimes, just sometimes you don't feel the need to showcase your battles – won or lost. Scars can really hit a person's confidence hard. Or they promote this idea that people can ask what happened. Sometimes it's a battle you want to forget.

And here we are, two weeks after the procedure, and I had the stitches removed. No easy feat because again (thanks skin), my skin was very advanced in its mission to repair and commenced growing over the stitches. So that was a journey, and a painful one all in itself.



BEAUTY & WELLNESS



with *Rebecca Mander*

Thinking about the healing process, glancing at my array of tonics, botanicals and herb garden at my disposal and then actually feeling the scar. The elevation and size had me immediately research a potential ointment to help scar tissue. This comes with a solution to reduce its visibility and genuinely help its natural healing too.

I am currently trialling a version – which I won't share just yet. But it seems to be working well. What I will share is some very powerful common ingredients you could try yourself to help that scar tissue look and feel less intense.

3 key ingredients you probably have at home that are key players in skin cell regeneration:

- **Aloe Vera** – If you have a plant, slice it open and pop that goodness straight on.
- **Vitamin E** – Pierce open a tiny capsule and drip it on. A little goes a long way
- **Honey** – Apply a small amount of honey to your scar nightly. Covering with a band aid and removing and washing in the morning.
- You can follow my journey of creating a scar treatment and seeing my progression, head to my website and sign up to my newsletter.

Although Easter for you has now come and gone, I do hope it was filled with love, laughing and whatever you choose to fill your bucket with. Mine certainly was.

And as always, spread kindness like it's jam on toast!

Rebecca




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Master this one super simple potato recipe and you will have scores of people telling you they are the best wedges they have ever eaten. Trust me, I know this from personal experience. These beauties are perfect for an after-school snack for hungry teenagers or as a light bite for guests for casual get togethers. The sour cream works wonderfully as a buffer to cool down the fiery cayenne spice, and keeps them going back for more. The secret is to simply boil the potatoes first.

Did you know? Potatoes are one of the main staples of Creole cooking. Let me tell you how that came to be. It all began on an overcast, hot humid day back in the early 15th century. Climbing the steps to the court of King Charles I is the now-sweating Spanish explorer named Gonzalo Jimenez de Quesada (1499-1579). He holds in his hands, wrapped in a silk cloth, a remarkable new food he'd recently been gifted from the Inca King Huáscar, something the Inca called 'papas'. Touted as a magical food cultivated high in the Peruvian Andes, this little beauty was his gift to King Charles in lieu of the gold he was tasked to find but alas had not.

Upon presenting the silk bundle to Charles he was seemingly impressed but not as impressed as he would have been had Gonzalo actually found the gold of the mythical El Dorado. Gonzalo was instructed to plant the bushels of potatoes he'd brought back, and they subsequently became a huge hit. The Spanish believed that they were a kind of truffle and called them 'tartuffo'. Much to the delight of King Charles, potatoes were soon a standard supply item on the Spanish ships; moreover they noticed that the sailors who ate 'papas' (potatoes) did not suffer from scurvy. A once terrible plight endured on long journeys at sea.

Now we fast forward in our tale to a glorious dawn day in 1682. As the sun pokes its head above the horizon, the French explorer Robert Cavalier de La Salle lay peacefully asleep in his cabin aboard "La Belle", he is suddenly awoken by the tremendous cry "Land ahoy!". Sitting bolt upright he rushes out to lay his weary eyes on what he has been desperately

searching for, a new world and more importantly for him, a new world of furs, for that's how a fur trader makes his living. Please let this not be a dream he thinks and slaps himself for good measure. Nope this is real! Relieved, he then yells "Man the boats". Setting afoot on the new soil he triumphantly declares ownership in the name of King Louis the XIV naming the new territory La Louisiane. Unfortunately for France they will eventually lose this newly acquired territory when in 1762 the Treaty of Fontainebleau is secretly signed in which the Kingdom of France "La Louisiane" is ceded to Spain.

It is at this point in time the Spanish bring with them the potatoes and with them the culture of the Creoles is born. The Creoles are a remarkable people of mixed heritage that came to life in this abundant new land. This new class of people were the result of the mixing of the bloodlines of freed West African slaves and French and Spanish settlers. They were to build in the new capital of La Nouvelle-Orléans a new world society that rivals the most cultured of European states at the time. Creoles become famous for their enthusiastic entrepreneurial spirit, remarkable farming techniques, fine food and exquisite musical talents. A testament to their success the creole culture is still very much alive and well and continues to flourish till this very day.

Chef Dylan Tips: Potatoes need a fair bit of room to cook in the saucepan so don't cram them into a small saucepan. Cook the potatoes until they are almost falling apart, this is what gives them the super soft billowy centre. Also leave the skin on the potato.

Why not honour this remarkable food that began life high up in the Peruvian Andes and after centuries and having traversed across the globe try it with a Creole twist. This is a very easy recipe and with a little planning you will soon be eating like an adventurer!

Prep time 10 mins
Cook time 50 mins
Serves 4

Ingredients

1. 600g white washed potatoes
2. 1/4 cup oil
3. 2 tbs Creole*



4. Sour cream

*Chef Dylan's Gourmet Food Co. Creole marinade

Method

1. In a small bowl mix together the oil and Creole marinade until well combined
2. Fill up the kettle and boil.
3. Wash the potatoes and cut into wedges roughly the same size.
4. Pre-heat oven to 190°C.
5. Place the potatoes in a medium sized saucepan, pour in the boiling water from the kettle and cook until soft – about 15-20 mins until a knife goes through very easily but they don't break apart.
6. Strain the potatoes and make sure to get rid of any water residue (you can place the strainer on top of the saucepan for a couple of mins).
7. Carefully pour the potatoes into a large bowl and gently coat the potatoes with the creole and oil mixture.
8. Line a large baking tray with baking paper and the place the potatoes onto it, making sure there is a little space between each wedge so they can crisp up nicely.
9. Bake for 30-40 mins.
10. Remove and serve with a good dollop of sour cream.

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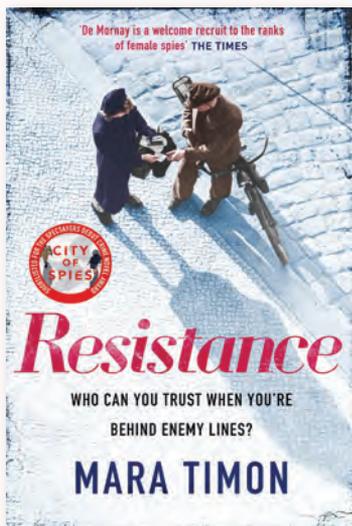
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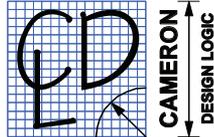
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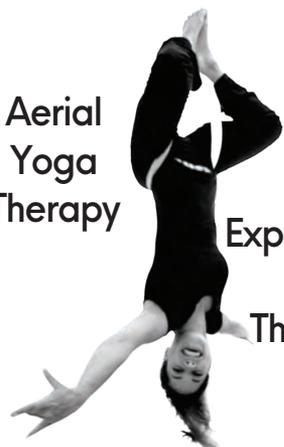
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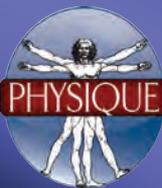


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1. False.
2. True.
3. True.
4. False. Frogs are amphibians.
5. True.
6. True.
7. False. The atomic number of oxygen is 8.
8. True.
9. False. Mercury is the closest planet to the Sun.
10. True.

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13. False.
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The Scenic Rim's resilience was highlighted in the Regional Prosperity Annual Report Card 2021-2022, presented at the recent Ordinary Meeting of Council, and detailed the Council's achievements across the five pillars of the Scenic Rim Regional Prosperity Strategy 2020-2025, despite the pandemic and disaster events impacting the region since late 2019.

The first pillar, Business and Industry Development, saw 1710 business engagements surpassing Council targets. The launch of the Shop Scenic Rim gift card program during Queensland Small Business Month in May 2022 included 19 events with 230 participants. Council also provided financial support for local events to Tamborine Mountain Chamber of Commerce and Industry and the Boonah District Chamber of Commerce.

The Council adopted the Scenic Rim Smart Region Strategy 2022–2032 in June 2022, focusing on investment in smart technologies. Consultation with Scenic Rim agribusiness and agritourism operators led to the adoption of the Scenic Rim Agribusiness and Agritourism 10-Year Roadmap and Three-Year Action Plan in September 2022.

A Draft Major Amendment to the *Scenic Rim Planning Scheme 2020* aligned with the Investment Facilitation pillar, supporting tourism and industry development. Building approvals for 2021-2022 reached \$182 million, the highest since the peak of \$195 million in 2016-2017.

Under the Education and Workforce Development pillar, the Council supported training opportunities for those in or considering joining

the agricultural industry, resulting in 104 qualifications awarded in fields such as horticulture and building construction.

Council's Marketing and Promotion pillar achieved a gold award in The Richard Power Award for Tourism Marketing and Campaigns at the Queensland Tourism Awards in November 2021 and a subsequent Highly Commended at the Australian Tourism Awards in March 2022. The Scenic Rim ranked eighth in Lonely Planet's Top 10 'must-visit' regions for 2022.

Scenic Rim Eat Local Week generated \$1.9 million for the local economy, while ten destination-driven events supported by the Regional Events Grants Program contributed an estimated \$5.3 million in economic impact.

Council's Advocacy for Infrastructure pillar secured over \$59.215 million in combined Australian and Queensland Government funding, with total co-contributions of \$18.161 million. The SEQ City Deal announced in March 2022 will provide \$7.76 million for priority transport, economic, and liveability projects across Scenic Rim. The Water for Warrill irrigation project could potentially provide \$305 million in direct economic benefit and 1,340 jobs upon completion.

Mayor Greg Christensen concluded that the report card demonstrated the early success of the Scenic Rim Regional Prosperity Strategy 2020-2025 in supporting a shared vision for a sustainable and prosperous economy. The Council plans to continue engaging with local businesses and the agribusiness and agritourism sector to capitalise on opportunities and promote investment in tourism.

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