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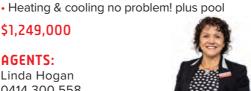
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# BY-ELECTION DELIVERS A CLEAR-CUT MANDATE

Amanda Hay, newly elected Councillor for Division 1, celebrated a resounding by-election result. Following a rigorous campaign, she reflected on her objectives as the representative for Tamborine Mountain's residents and the larger Scenic Rim area for the 11 months until next year's whole of council election.

Amanda expressed appreciation for the congratulatory calls from Council CEO David Keenan and Deputy Mayor Cr Jeff McConnell. She highlighted her remarkable victory, capturing 57.77% of the total first preferences, which rendered secondary preferences from other candidates irrelevant. She recognised her win as a distinct mandate from Division 1 voters, based on her qualifications and her platform's 15 core principles.

She acknowledged the likelihood that her votes were swayed by the community's response to the ill-treatment of former Division 1 Councillors Swanborough and Waistell by the elected Council. She extended her gratitude to numerous supporters from the Scenic Rim and beyond for their assistance in her campaign.

Additionally, Amanda praised the three other candidates - all women of integrity with distinct expertise - who were prepared to serve the local community if elected. She remarked on the positive engagement and idea-sharing among them throughout the campaign.

Looking ahead to the next 11 months, Amanda anticipates working in collaboration with fellow councillors, the CEO, and Council staff. She outlined her strategy for her Council tenure, which encompasses:

- Ceasing the squandering of resources on insignificant complaints to the OIA and hoping the State Governmentappointed Advisor can shift the mindset leading to discord and wastefulness.
- Giving priority to Division 1 voters' issues, such as local ecology, environment, employment, development, and safeguarding their amenities, over developers' and tourism-focused concerns.
- Casting votes based on comprehensive research and weighing the advantages and disadvantages for both Division 1 and the entire Scenic Rim, rather than simply voting as part of a group.
- Refraining from using the gender equity argument, as all four candidates were female and chosen on merit.
- Excluding State and Federal politics from Council

- decisions.
- Opposing unsuitable development that contradicts the Planning Scheme, as tourism-driven developments can impact residents' amenities when infrastructure lags behind growth.
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# SCENIC RIM WELCOMES ITS NEWEST COUNCILLOR



The Scenic Rim's newest Councillor has hit the ground running, having been sworn in this morning and attending her first Ordinary Meeting after being declared the successful candidate yesterday following Saturday's Division 1 by-election.

Councillor Amanda Hay's Declaration of Office was taken by Council's Chief Executive Officer David Keenan *(pictured above left)*, who said the role of local government was critically important and complex.

"The Councillor who has been elected by her community has a great responsibility ahead," he said.

"Along with the executive team and employees of Council, I am looking forward to working with the Councillor for the benefit of the region."

Cr Hay declared she would faithfully and impartially fulfil the duties of her office, in accordance with the local government principles and Code of Conduct for Councillors under the Local Government Act 2009, to the best of her judgment and ability.

Photo: Scenic Rim's newest Councillor, Amanda Hay, is sworn in prior to last week's Ordinary Meeting, pictured here with David Keenan.



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ESTATE WINES





The tenure of Mr Gary Stevenson, the Queensland Government-appointed Governance Advisor to Scenic Rim Regional Council, has been extended until 9 June 2023.

Since Mr Stevenson's appointment on 9 January 2023, he has worked with the Scenic Rim Mayor and Councillors, its Chief Executive Officer and Managers across the organisation with a focus on governance and reviewing Council's meeting procedures.

The extension of Mr Stevenson's appointment by the Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning will provide ongoing welcomed support for Council to continue to build on the positive progress already achieved this year.





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Despite its name, the insect is found on many plant species, including kiwifruit and lantana. With wings spread, it was no bigger than my thumbnail. This Australian native occurs from northern coastal and adjacent inland Queensland to western coastal South Australia and Tasmania. The photo, taken in the second week of April, is a much closer and clearer shot of the insect, than the one I took at the end of January, which it replaces in my Other Fauna album. The great benefit of living where I film and photograph, is the chance for another sighting and a better shot. I just didn't think I would encounter the species again so soon. The wings of all the planthoppers I have filmed or photographed previously, were folded

**Peter Kuttner** 



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**MONDAY (17-APR-23)** 

- 1. 63.19% DAVID DONALDSON HEIKE EDRICH
- 2.54.86% LEWIS ADAMS MARIAN GIBBONS
- 3. 52.78% KEVIN HAMILTON-REEN MARY SIMON

# WEDNESDAY (19-APR-23)

- 1. 72.92% WENDY CHRISTIE SHEENA POLLOCK
- 2. 52.08% KAREN SCOTT SUE STEVENS
- 2. 52.08% JENNY STRACHAN LAWRENCE BEUTEL

# THURSDAY (20-APR-23)

NS 1. 59.92% WILHELM NATROP - COL BURNES

NS 2, 59.52% ROSS BARNES - EDDIE HEINEMEYER

NS 3. 45.83% JOANNE EVANS - MARY SIMON

EW 1. 61.11% HEIKE EDRICH - CAROLE COOKE

EW 2. 60.71% DAVID DONALDSON - GAYLE DONALDSON

EW 3. 43.06% SUE STEVENS - KAREN SCOTT

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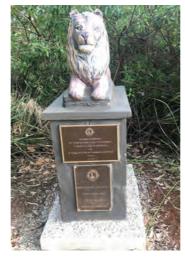
# LIONS ON THE GROUND

Two recent Lions projects have seen Lions members out and about in the community, enjoying the fresh autumn air and putting in some hard yakka in the process.

Refurbishment of the Lions statue at Lions Park (corner Curtis and Long Roads) was carried out by past president Roger Baker, with help from President Mark Inwood, Vice-president John Elford, Secretary John Hammond and Lion Helen Hammond, with the assistance of Connie Maloney to get the new Lion looking spick and span.

Lions Park has long been the Club's project. Many of the fixtures, including the fabulous nature-based playground, are Club initiatives. The plaque on the newly revamped lion celebrates 2022 as the 75th anniversary of Lions in Australia, and the Club's 30th anniversary on Tamborine Mountain.





The Club hopes to see Scenic Rim Regional Council install a toilet facility soon in this well-used park.

At Club Tamborine on Beacon Road (aka the Bowls Club) Lions members Gloria McKenzie, Trish Wilson, Helen Hammond and Janis Bailey, and community volunteer Alicia Munn, worked with Mountain Mates families to create a new native garden. It'll look glorious as the seasons progress. R & J Dingo Hire were the heroes of the day, rooting out some recalcitrant agapanthus which defied shovel and spade.

The Club has a whole range of charity fundraising initiatives and practical, communitybased projects. If you'd like to know what Lions is about, and find out more about what

membership entails (in three words: Service, Fun, Fellowship), ring Membership Co-ordinator Barbara Hams on 0411 758 514.

Top right: Roger Baker and Mark Inwood hard at work Above The refurbished statue and new plaque At right: The Mountain Mates gang rest on their laurels at the Bowls Club garden Below: R&J Dingo Hire to the



rescue Below right: Gloria McKenzie gets down and dirty









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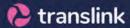
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Uniworld offers a unique version of river cruising, when I first saw their brochure, I was a bit overwhelmed by the lush décor on board the ships ... until I sailed with them, and then I realised that these vessels are like floating boutique hotels reflecting the regions you are sailing through. There are exquisite original paintings (think Picasso for example), there are chandeliers made of Burano glass (an island in the Venice lagoon), there are local wines and local produce and the staff are wonderful. Uniworld employ their crew permanently; many of the other companies contract staff, so the Uniworld staff are dedicated, proud and loyal to brand. Their smallest ship takes an exclusive 32 passengers exploring the Amazon and most of the European vessels have a maximum around 126 – compare this with many other river ships that take around 200 passengers.

Most of us think Europe... castles down the Rhine, concerts on the Danube, wineries in Bordeaux, quintessential France on the Rhone or the Seine; the history of Portugal or indeed, unique to Uniworld, a week pottering around the Venice Lagoon. There is so much more offered.

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# Councillor's Comment

**AMANDA HAY DIVISION 1** 



### **UPDATE ON WEEK 1**

Thank you to the many residents who have contacted me to offer their congratulations and words of support.

What a whirlwind week! By-election result announced Monday, Declaration of Office completed Tuesday and then full participation in my first Ordinary meeting the same day. Whilst 57% of valid votes went my way, clearly there are 43% of voters whose votes went elsewhere. A divisional Councillor needs to represent the entire Division, not only those who voted for him/her, which is what I intend to do. I was across most items on the Agenda but abstained from voting on one item - 10.6 Waste Asset Development, Operations and Services Expression of Interest - Progress Update, as I could not offer an informed vote.

I raised the issue of the legal costs associated with Council's successful appeal against the Beaudesert Pig & Calf Saleyards Heritage listing as this was an outstanding item from the meeting of 24 January 2023. A Council update will be provided in the near future. As Council's legal costs are an expenditure item of interest to ratepayers, it is necessary to have full, voluntary disclosure on what court appeals have cost the community.

The untimely Agenda item 10.3 Annual Review of Deputy Mayor 2023-2024 was withdrawn.

Of most interest to me as Councillor for Division 1 was item 10.4 Scenic Rim Nature-based Tourism Strategy 2023-**2032.** I voted against the adoption of the 10-year Strategy as, although it rightly comments on visitor overcrowding on the Mountain "frustrating local communities...", some areas of the region being "loved to death", and there being an opportunity for regional dispersal away from hotspots to spread visitors more evenly across the region, there is no real plan to mitigate the impacts already evident and yet to emerge. I am an advocate of the Precautionary Principle which implies that there is a social responsibility to protect against potential harm. I feel that the Strategy, whilst comprehensive in its support of tourism, needed more work, and whilst other Councillors also raised concerns, ultimately the majority vote, which I acknowledge, was to adopt the Strategy.

For those interested in the discussion, Item 10.4 commences at the 42minute 06 second marker on the audio recording available at: Scenic Rim Regional Council Ordinary Meeting 18 April 2023 - YouTube (QR code at right). The meeting audio has attracted 175 views to date.



Out and About: I attended the launch of Eat Local Month held at Towri Sheep Cheeses - a wonderful rural venue operated by a passionate mother and daughter team, producing excellent

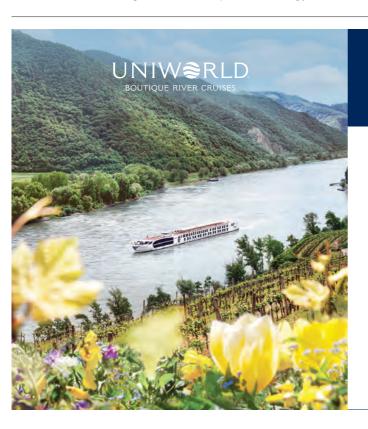
I am told that the Towri Twilight Woolly Cup (sheep-racing!) is an event not to be missed on 25 June. Get involved and support our local businesses: www.eatlocalmonth.com.au/ events/

I have also visited Tamborine Mountain Community Care and the Tamborine Mountain Repair Café briefly, and had a catchup meeting with our State MP, Jon Krause, Member for Scenic Rim and thank him for his mention of my appointment in Parliament in his speech on 18 April 2023. Two local concerns re:- significant unapproved development have been brought to my attention.

Community consultation: The Draft Budget and Capital Works Program has been released for comment. Those interested are encouraged to attend the session to be held from 5.30pm to 7.00pm on Thursday 27 April at TMSS. Feedback can also be provided via **letstalk.scenicrim.qld.** gov.au/residents

**OIA Complaint:** I did not need to be an elected Councillor to have an OIA complaint. In the interests of transparency, I am currently the subject of an investigation, which commenced in November 2022, with the intent of finding me to be a vexatious complainant relating to an e-mail I sent to Council last year. To that end, I have been invited to attend an interview in May under a formal warning of my right to silence and accompanied by my solicitor... and so it begins...

I can be contacted on 0448 376 650 or via e-mail at amanda.h@scenicrim.qld.gov.au and will soon also have a Councillor Facebook page.



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# JON KRAUSE MP

**State Member for Scenic Rim** 

This week on Anzac Day we honoured the sacrifices service men and women made for

our country in all conflicts. We are reminded how blessed we are to live in a free country – a privilege we should be thankful to our veterans for all year round.

Anzac Day is a solemn time for us as a community. I paid my respects at a number of services around the Electorate and also with the school communities at Tamborine Mountain State High School and Tamborine Mountain State School. We remember not only those that have gone before us, but those men and women recently returned or are still serving around the world.

The Anzacs left a legacy that must never be forgotten. Lest We Forget.

# TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN WATER MORATORIUM TO CONTINUE

Residents on Tamborine Mountain need affordable water security - and, in dry times, that means local water from local sources. In late 2019 and early 2020, I requested the State Government to consider how it could improve availability of water for locals. The Council then (and now) heavily regulates new extraction operations, but the State did not regulate the water at all. The State did change that stance in a limited way by restricting new bores – and thanks to many locals who also lobbied for that change. The change doesn't stop off-Mountain extraction, nor increase local supply - but it is better than no regulation.

I received a letter from the Minister for Water recently outlining that for now the Moratorium for Tamborine Mountain and Springbrook, which prevents the construction of new underground water works (bores) for commercial purposes, will continue without change for another 12 months when it will be reviewed again. I'll continue to work with all levels of government to ensure Mountain locals can access Mountain water.

#### **TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN ROADS**

Road works have started on Tamborine Mountain Road approximately 500 metres north of Songbirds Rainforest Retreat, with the road reduced to one lane to allow for slope stabilisation and drainage repair. Works are mainly between 6am-6pm, Monday-Friday with occasional weekend work required.

Roads continue to be the number one issue that gets raised with me in Scenic Rim. I've been lobbying for improvements on Tamborine Mountain Roads for years now – occasionally we have a win and works get done. Most of the time the \$6 billion backlog of road repair and maintenance under the Queensland Labor Government makes it difficult for anything to be done.

# **SCENIC RIM ELECTORATE OFFICE**

You can contact me by phone, toll-free, on 1800 813 960, or email scenicrim@parliament.qld.gov.au, so I can lobby on your behalf in Brisbane. In an electorate as large as the Scenic Rim, there are lots of issues and I appreciate your feedback that helps me do my job as well as possible.





# HIT THE GROUND RUNNING

Well-deserved congratulations to Councillor Amanda Hay, the newly elected Councillor for Division 1. With almost 58% of the primary vote and more than twice the vote for number 2, the outcome was uncomplicated and confirmed on the Monday after the Saturday election. Then it got interesting with legislation requiring she be sworn in before the next Council meeting which happened to be the Tuesday. So, by 9.30 Tuesday morning, Division 1 had a new and worthy Councillor.

That abbreviated process had one odd outcome. Due to some regrettable scheduling, the Agenda contained an item of great significance to our plateau township even though it was probable no Division 1 Councillor would be present. The item was consideration of a Draft Scenic Rim Nature-based Tourism Strategy 2023-2032. Generated by the Administrative Arm of Council, under the present regime it would probably have been giver an automatic tick. However, Tamborine Mountain obviously had issues and Cr Hay immediately made her presence felt. Supported by Division 2 Cr McConnell, Amanda put up good arguments for a review. Ultimately, she was the only one to vote against adoption but there is provision for some review. Cr Hay had not wasted any time.

I really enjoyed being there but a black cloud was looming. Later checks showed that, throughout Council Meeting, the Mayor had failed to congratulate or welcome Cr Amanda Hay. He even managed to avoid referring to her by name. We must see an end to such lack of professionalism with its questionable attitude to Division 1 Councillors.

For better understanding, I downloaded and quickly read the 36 pages of the Tourism Strategy. There are obvious potential



Pictured at the Tamborine Mountain State High School Anzac Ceremony: Phil Hunter – Tamborine Mountain RSL President, Cr Jeff McConnell and Jon Krause MP.

# Letters to the Editor

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

benefits but the Strategy is unacceptably blinkered. Limitations include:

- Maximising tourism business is the overriding objective.
- All consultation appeared to be with tourism related organisations...
- There is little mention of Tamborine Mountain operators.
- Simpler approval for tourism business is foreshadowed. (Planning Schemes?).

Tamborine Mountain did get a mention. "Visitor Overcrowding: Some areas of the region are being 'loved to death' with visitor overcrowding at Tamborine Mountain frustrating local communities.... The development of additional accommodation facilities and activities in these hotspot areas may further compromise the locals treasured peaceful way of life and diminish wildlife corridors." While the Strategy recognises that these damaging impacts already exist, there is nothing included to address the problem.

In the above context, there are some numbers that really have to be looked at. The Strategy states the Scenic Rim has 788,000 tourist visits per year. However, for years visitors to Tamborine Mountain are regularly estimated as in excess of 1,500,000 per year. This while accommodating about 20% of the Scenic Rim's population in a tiny 0.3% of the whole Shire.

Give credit to decades of careful planning and management with huge local input.

The Strategy tacitly admits that Tamborine Mountain should have its own rules, but this must be formalised.

**Phil Giffard** 

# CHALLENGE AHEAD

Well done, Amanda. So many years of dedicated hard work have paid off. Our new Division One Councillor has been able to hit the deck running. Thrust into her first Council meeting straight after voting finished, Amanda was able to inject meaningful comment in a number of agenda items, particularly the controversial Nature Based Tourism segment and its potential adverse impact for Tamborne Mountain.

What is interesting for the 107-year-old environmental Tamborine Mountain Progress Association is the level of informed support Amanda received. This reflects the passion residents feel for their environment and lifestyle and have understood the necessity of appropriate skills to defend our broad particular values.

Local government, at least in Scenic Rim, doesn't work the way it used to. **Too many Councillors** since amalgamation have delegated Councillor powers to the bureaucrats. Today Council is an autocratic entity dictating what largesse they are willing to dish out to the community.

Except for ex-Division One Councillors Swanborough and Waistell, Councillors today (whether they like it or not) are adjuncts to the Council (unelected) bureaucracy. They can comment on the reports presented by bureaucrat sections at Council meetings about all the work they have been doing. To inject something meaningful here, Councillors would need to have sound knowledge of the planning schemes, finance and appropriate sections of the *Local Government Act* etc. Bureaucrat recommendations take place with Councillors in secret meetings prior to general meeting ratification

As with ex-Councillors Swanborough and Waistell, Amanda, besides her usual Councillor duties, will be mindful that Tamborine Mountain residents elected her to act as their local government representative to protect their unique lifestyle.

Protection of our valued environmental lifestyle can happen only with sound knowledge of local regulations and relevant laws. As secretary of Tamborine Mountain Progress Association, Amanda spent many years at general meetings with its "Councillor Comments" segment debating issues not just concerning Tamborine Mountain but the whole shire as well. Accumulated knowledge is something one cannot achieve in a short space of time.

For many years Amanda has been corresponding with Council (CEO, Councillors). She has asked leading questions, pointed out inconsistencies, advised other Councillors, attended Council meetings or listened to recordings of same. She has kept track of what Council has been doing online.

Faced with the daunting mayoral whole of shire vision with no distinction between the shire's diverse communities, the gem which is Tamborine Mountain is being smothered by rate producing urbanisation. **Scenic Rim Shire cannot build up by tearing down its foundations.** On the mountain, too many inappropriate development applications threaten wildlife, vegetation and obliterate wildlife corridors. This is the foundation which underpins our semi-rural environmental lifestyle. That one and a half to two million visitors arrive each year to enjoy the plateau confirms the value which Council doesn't recognise. We are fast becoming a Gold Coast look-alike.

Amanda, our good wishes go with you in the formidable task ahead.

Jeanette Lockey President Tamborine Mountain Progress Association

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# Letters to the Editor — cont'd

# **BY-ELECTION OBSERVATIONS**

The problem we have today is that we don't know who to trust anymore. More so the young people entering the political discussion seeking idealism.

The protection of our natural environment with fresh water, green trees and wildlife should be our first concern. We need homes for everyone, and equal opportunities.

So, we turn to the Greens with thoughts of Bob Brown and Christine Milne fighting to save the Tasmanian wilderness and winning. Greenpeace's brave exploits over every ocean on their Rainbow Warrior.

Where are they now? The Greens party has now become aligned to a political power movement that is driving social change and threatening our freedoms and standards of living.

Socialism is promoted as equality for all. A universal wage, where no one owns their own home or their own business. It is all under the control of the state. My question is, "Who runs the State?" Can we trust those in positions of power, or is it a step back in time to the feudal system where greedy landlords controlled entire villages and farms? The villagers paid rent as well as working the land to provide a percentage of their produce back to the landlord (State).

Some landlords were generous, some were greedy. The people were at their mercy. It is the uncertain nature of humans. We know how power corrupts.

No! Socialism has never worked. We have equality now, without oppression. Socialist systems are formed to control the masses. The individual has to conform. But what about those who are intellectually advanced. They are the ones being imprisoned in socialist countries today. Be wary of those who want to take away our freedoms, in a free country, by making promises of something better.

Our experience in the last local election saw the New Greens ramp up their planned infiltration into local council. A pretty face on a campaign ad, but no policies.

Greens party members and supporters, imported from the surrounding

cities, swarmed the polling booths in a show of strength, outnumbering the local independents. I counted 11 at one voting venue, Including a pigeon in a harness and two tethered dogs. So much for animal liberation!

Those who had no connection to the



Mountain were instructing local residents on how to vote, even claiming to support the environment. 'We support,' they say. But they only appear during elections.

Their main motive seemed to be to promote the Green political party and attract supporters, with even the attendance of a Green, State Senator becoming involved in a local Council election.

Our own version of Christine Milne, (Amanda Hay) who was actively fighting to protect the environment, was relegated to last on their how to vote cards.

Amanda is a local resident who has dedicated the last decade to defending the Mountain environment by actively opposing inappropriate development through the courts, successfully negotiating and achieving a water moratorium, generously offering her time to help individuals complete documents and appeals (against increasing land valuations).

Amanda stood to lose everything, including her home, due to court costs. The Court, Developers and Council all trying to silence her... as well as the Greens.

"And so hold on when there is nothing in you, Except the will which says to you, Hold On!"

## **Rudyard Kipling**

I wonder what Bob Brown would have to say?

Julie Wilkinson



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# TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN DENTAL

EAGLE HEIGHTS SHOPPING VILLAGE (above Foodworks) 14/17 Southport Ave, Eagle Heights

# SCENIC RIM'S GATEWAY THE OPENER FOR EAT LOCAL MONTH WEEKENDS

The eastern gateway to the Scenic Rim - Canungra, Beechmont and Tamborine Mountain - will provide the opener for Eat Local Month in June, hosting the first in a series of weekends celebrating the flavour of the region.

Against the backdrop of stunning mountain-scapes and World Heritage-listed Gondwana rainforests, the first flavour-focused weekend of 2 to 4 June will set the scene for the Scenic Rim's lavish month-long celebration of its farmers, growers, producers, artisans, chefs and quality food and beverages.

As a taste of what is in store during Eat Local Month, Friday 2 June begins with the Crop-to-Cup Brewing Class for coffee aficionados and javaphiles alike at Tamborine Mountain Coffee Plantation and ends with the first-ever Blume x Witches Falls Degustation Dinner hosted by acclaimed chef, Scenic Rim Food Ambassador, Jack Stuart, at Tamborine Mountain's award-winning Witches Falls Winery.

There will be plenty of tipples to tempt across the weekend with Australia's most awarded distillery since 2000, Tamborine Mountain Distillery, hosting tastings and classes while the nearby Cauldon Distillery will be sharing the secrets of successful gin blending.

Foodies are invited to dine in the sky when Binna Burra at Beechmont presents its Parrots Picnic Lunch on Saturday 3 June and to linger a little longer by staying over at this spectacular Scenic Rim destination.

Enjoy an early winter afternoon when My Country Escape at Canungra hosts A Country Cook and Taste with Mrs Frost's Kitchen or end the day Scenic Rim-style with the Sunset Soiree at the Copperhead Restaurant on Tamborine Mountain.

Tamborine Mountain's tipples and sips will be the toast of the town on Sunday 4 June. There will be Grape to Glass classes at Witches Falls Winery, a tour of the Tamborine Mountain Distillery, lunchtime Burgers and Beers on the Grass at the Picnic Real Food Bar on Main Street and afternoon drinks to round off the weekend at Fortitude Brewing Company or Hampton Estate Wines.

Scenic Rim Mayor Greg Christensen said the opening weekend of Eat Local Month marked a number of 'firsts' for the region's greatest-ever *continued page 35* 

# TM UNIVERSE OPEN DAY

On Easter Sunday the community was invited to participate in a first-ever open day on the future site of the Tamborine Mountain Universe project, on their land at 379 Long Rd, Tamborine Mountain.

This was the first occasion on which families, friends and local residents were invited to attend such an event on the actual premises of the Planetarium and Education Centre.

The theme of the day was 'Let's go Fly a Kite' in celebration of the progress the Directors have made in acquiring the land and gaining recent council approval for the project to proceed.

Kite flying in perfect conditions, face painting, colouring-in and looking at the future facility concept design through a Virtual Reality apparatus where among the activities. Attendees were excited about the prospect of a Cosmic Planetarium, especially being able to walk through a fully projected 360-degree sphere of astronomy.

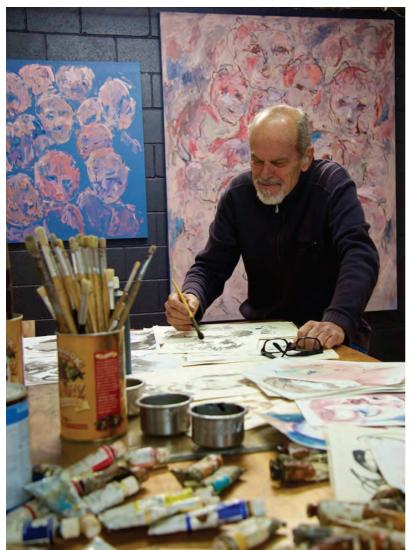
The event culminated in the most competitive Easter egg hunt through a haystack of straw, where all junior competitors walked away with some significant spoils.

Many thanks to Leading Edge Kites (Burleigh) Maria and her team at Consuelas-Haus, the Tamborine Mountain Gelato Co., and Farid Shahidinejad and his freshly squeezed, fruity iced tea.

We thank the community for supporting us, and for the exceptional behaviour of the children involved. The four-acre block was left completely litter-free.

The activities were organised by Paul and Rosie, Lyn, Julie and Guy.

Photos by: Julie Wilkinson – Top right: Jensen Ramsey of Tamborine MT opted for the orbital theme on his face. Right: Never too small to fly.







At left: lan Milton, below: Lilly Pirri, participating in the Open Studios Trail on Mothers' Day Weekend.



# **OPEN STUDIOS TRAIL ON MOTHER'S DAY WEEKEND**

Tamborine Mountain Arts Collective is running an Open Studios program over the Mother's Day weekend: May 13-14th. Follow the trail and meet talented Tamborine Mountain artists in their own creative space and environment and treat your Mother to a unique artwork and experience on the Open Studios Art Trail.

Art enthusiasts and collectors can enjoy a rare opportunity to see behind the scenes, meet and directly support local makers.

The 2023 Open Studios Trail weekend, coordinated by Tamborine Mountain Arts, invites the public to a unique opportunity to visit artists in their studios. Arts represented this year include original ceramics, painting, drawing, glass, mixed media, print, sculpture, textiles, jewellery and more. A group exhibition showing six local artists will be hosted at The ArtPost.

This is a fantastic opportunity to experience quality local artwork and purchase art straight from the artists themselves.

For participating artists, it's a wonderful way to connect with new audiences, inspire young visitors, and share deeper significance of how and why they make what they make.



Participating artists include:

**Painters**: Margaret Goldsmith, Maki Horanai, Susan Lhamo, Bronwyn Davies, Ian Milton, Lilly Pirri, Cassi Ashton Thomas, Lynette Harvey, Nathan Hoad.

**Pottery, Sculpture & Glass:** Nicci Parry-Jones, Kate French-McClean, Radley House Ceramics, Tamborine Mountain Glass Blowing.

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Take a break during the trail at the cafés, restaurants and beautiful national parks that Mt Tamborine offers.

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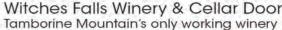
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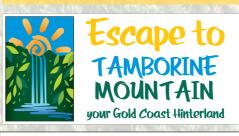




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# DOG ATTACKS IN THE NEWS HEADLINES



Annastacia Palaszczuk has announced she will be looking at new dangerous dog laws and more powers for Councils to intervene. However, all dogs can be dangerous, because they are all closely related to a top predator, it's mostly the size and power of a dog that makes them more dangerous.

It has been well established that it is the owners/handlers that are the main influencers in dog behaviour. Much of the blame has been attached to COVID restrictions, but dogs can still be exercised, trained and socialised with friends and family.

#### The Boerboel dog breed

On March 17th this year, a two-year-old girl in Adelaide was attacked by the family dog. She was taken to hospital with facial injuries. The dog, a Boerboel is a South African, large mastiff, a guarding type. I searched and read about this breed, and one thing that really stood out under 'Breed description' is that this dog can become jealous for its owner's affection. There are at least six breeders of the Boerboel in Australia, so the demand is there.

**April 10th, 2023** – in Woodridge, a young girl climbed over a fence to play with friends but she was attacked and mauled by 2 dogs that lived on the property. She was hospitalised.

**April 11th, 2023** – a Melbourne woman was attacked by a dog that escaped from an open gate, she was dragged by the dog and her ear was bitten off along with facial and head injuries.

**April 12th, 2023** – a three-year-old was attacked by her grandmother's dogs, she was rushed to hospital with serious head and neck injuries.

In every case the dogs are euthanised and an investigation into the incident is carried out, but we never hear about the investigations: what are they investigating?

A study on dog aggression conducted in Spain at Cordoba University a few years ago observed 711 dogs, half male, half female. Most of them were purebreds and the rest mixed

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breeds. Sixteen various breeds, from Pitbulls and Mastiffs, to the Poodle, Chihuahuas and Pekingese – which also showed dominant attitudes. They found breed has little to do with aggressive behaviour and those with innate tendencies that show some aggression; it can be modified. The study demonstrated that dog owner factors had the biggest influence on dog behaviour by:

- Understanding canines, their behaviour and husbandry.
- First time dog owners struggle, early socialisation for the dog is VERY important.
- Over pampering with no boundaries means the dog may take on leadership.
- Leaving a constant supply of food, which needs guarding.
- Failure of basic obedience training, lack of authority and discipline.
- Lack of exercise and little time spent with the animal.
- Having more than one dog, can increase wandering and pack behaviour.

**Conclusion:** dogs that are socialised and trained accordingly do not normally retain aggressive and dominant behaviour.

The fist positive action for dog control is to reduce the number of breeders. The national kennel club 'Dogs Australia' had 68,950 registered dog breeders in 2022. Add hobby, backyard breeders and unwanted litters and the number could be well over 100,000. The next step is to look at countries like the Netherlands and Germany that have less problems with dogs and dangerous dogs. They have strict rules and high fines (which help to support the system financially). Citizens there need a dog permit, which means they have passed the knowledge questionnaire and demonstrated they have a safe physical environment.

Pam Brandis, Dip. Canine Prac.



# **HOWARD CREEK CAUSEWAY NEARS COMPLETION**



Federal Member for Wright, Scott Buchholz said despite some initial weather delays early on, the Howard Creek Causeway on Tamborine-Oxenford Road at Wongawallan is progressing and nearing completion.

Mr Buchholz said the project, secured and funded with a \$8 million dollar contribution by the previous Federal LNP Government, and an additional \$2 million from the State Government, should be completed in the coming months.

"It was promising recently passing through the site to see the substantive works complete and the guardrails and lines on the project," Mr Buchholz said.

"While the road is currently open to motorists, the vital link, when completed will assist those on Tamborine Mountain

and in the Gold Coast hinterland with the increased flood immunity over Howard Creek, especially as we approach the winter months."

Mr Buchholz also wanted to thank locals for their patience over the past 18 months, while construction was in progress.

"It can sometimes be frustrating to be stuck in traffic delays with roadworks underway for an extended period of time," Mr Buchholz said.

"However, I just wanted to thank our Mountain and Hinterland communities for their continued patience with the project as we sought to build a better road and causeway, which will improve safety and accessibility over this notorious crossing."

# SCENIC RIM COUNCIL'S FINANCIAL OUTLOOK DETERIORATES

The Queensland Treasury Corporation (QTC) has raised concerns about the Scenic Rim Regional Council's financial outlook, due to the acquisition of the Mt Tamborine Vineyard & Winery for its intended Gallery Walk carpark.

QTC informed the council in a letter to CEO David Keenan in February that SRRC's credit rating outlook would be downgraded to 'developing'.

The 'developing' outlook (the lowest financial rating), reflects rising debt levels that could affect the current credit rating. If the Council could not sell its surplus land at 122-128 Long Road, Tamborine Mountain, as planned, the Council's sound credit rating would likely be downgraded.

Council bought the Long Road land for \$6.5 million in September 2022, hoping to sell the portion unneeded for the carpark for \$3 million. However, no subdivision application has been filed, and the land has not yet been listed for sale.

This update on the Council's financial situation came after the QTC's mandatory credit review, conducted every two years for councils with borrowings between \$20 million and \$200 million.

Council's financial outlook was downgraded to a 'negative' outlook in 2020, indicating a potential deterioration in the Council's ability to meet its financial commitments. The latest downgrade to a 'developing' outlook signifies a potential event with a "heightened probability of a significant direct impact on the financial sustainability of the local government," and the extent of which remains uncertain.

In last July's budget meeting, former Division 1 Councillor Derek Swanborough criticised the \$6 million allocated for purchasing the winery and vineyard site for Gallery Walk parking as "panic buying." He had advocated for the compulsory acquisition of only the land portion needed for a carpark. After that budget meeting, Cr Swanborough expressed concerns about the potential financial loss due to declining valuations and economic activity, which he considered "totally foreseeable" when the land was bought in a "panic purchase decision." He believed that compulsory acquisition would have significantly reduced that risk.



# EMPATHS AND HIGHLY SENSITIVE PEOPLE

With the onset of the cooler weather, we are starting to embrace more warming breathwork in yoga class, targeting the 3rd chakra

(solar plexus area). In yoga, your 3rd chakra is your centre of personal power and can be badly affected by negative energy, aggressive people and overwhelming surrounds, like big shopping centres. For empaths and highly sensitive people (HSP), stimulating this area can help them build resilience and cope with life's stressors better.

I would say at least 60% of my yoga students are empaths or HSPs or a combination of both. Sensitive and introverted, these are gentle, highly attuned souls. The other 40% of my students are more resilient and can bounce back from stress better. Approximately 15% of the general population are empathic/HSP and their most defining characteristic is their immune response to ordinary life. An empath/HSP filters less information through their nervous systems and they take in more from their environment. It's theorised this can often be a survival mechanism set up in the womb or as a baby, particularly if the baby or toddler did not feel safe. Often this can be due to the emotional state of the parents, a high stress pregnancy perhaps or if a caregiver was emotionally or physically volatile. But often, we are just born this way.

Babies can't regulate their own nervous systems. They need their caregivers to attune to them in order to regulate. If they don't get that, their nervous systems adapt and they develop a high degree of sensitivity so they can pick up on any threat at the earliest possible moment. You know these little people. As babies they hate loud noises and bright lights. They cry a lot and need to be carried constantly. As toddlers they can't bear loud aggressive children and meanness. They often become very shy. Even as adults, they simply don't have the resilience or armour to cope with the aggressive bits of life. Where a normal person might get annoyed or a headache, for the HSP, their body arcs up into a full flight or fight response. Those with HSP have a higher chance of developing things like autoimmune conditions and allergies.

So, what to do? Start by embracing your empathic/ HSP nature and come to yoga. The physical asanas, the breathwork, the mindfulness and the friendly people in class will calm and soothe your immune response. Come regularly, and this calm state will become your new normal. Avoid people who constantly make you feel disempowered, sad and shamed and remove yourself from situations before you are left exhausted. Clean up your diet and remove foods that inflame your system. Embrace your empathic/HSP nature as a gift, as a superpower, and shine your light for other souls to follow suit. It's kindness that will heal our world.

# Margot Wagner Yoga Under the Bodhi Tree

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# Relationships



# THE SILENT TREATMENT

When you were a child, how did you express your annoyance to the adults in your life? Without the skills to communicate their viewpoint, children resort to various behaviours to flag their displeasure. My strategy of choice was the silent treatment. Whenever I was not happy I would batten down the hatches, close off all communication and take on a permanent scowl. It never achieved the desired outcome; I was usually ignored until I eventually got over it.

The silent treatment is a shift from regular relationship conversation to minimal or no engagement. It might be total silence or a passive-aggressive "whatever" attitude. I resorted to my childish technique early on in our marriage. The silent treatment may have got my husband's attention, but it didn't resolve any issues between us. We once had a friend staying with us who was not happy with something said. My husband was quick to apologise but her silent treatment went on for the rest of the day. The atmosphere was horribly uncomfortable, and it gave me insight into how my own behaviour had impacted those around me. I decided that day to break my unhealthy and immature pattern and learn how to communicate my desires and needs in an effective way.

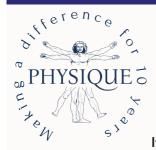
Silence has significant psychological and emotional repercussions for the person on the receiving end. Being left in silence is painful, as it involves the loss of connection, love, intimacy, and family participation. It feels unfair and unkind, leading to anger and further fighting. The darker side of silence is its potential to manipulate, punish or control. It creates a power imbalance in the relationship. The receiver can feel like they are at the silent person's mercy. They may feel the only way for the silence to be broken is to do all the repair work by apologising, making promises, or whatever it takes for reconnection. However, when only one person is taking responsibility, resentment is sure to follow.

Silence can also be a functional response if you are feeling overwhelmed. You may be feeling really angry or hurt and wish to avoid saying something that will make the situation worse. In this case, it's helpful for each person to take time to cool off before getting back together to discuss the issue calmly.

If you're in a relationship with someone who resorts to silence, try this response: "I'm feeling hurt and frustrated that you aren't speaking to me. I would like us to find a way to resolve this." This invitation lets them know that their feelings are important and paves the way for open conversation. On reflection, as a child I wanted someone to notice and ask why I was unhappy. Perhaps you are a person who lapses into bouts of silence. Start a conversation with "I know I've been quiet lately and that's not fair to you. The truth is I'm hurt and confused. Can we talk about it?" Establish a new pattern of expressing your needs and it will benefit you and your relationships.

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# Physio Talk



# BUT, WHY JUST SURVIVE?

Over the Easter break, Owen and I headed south to the base of the Blue Mountains to take part in a 4-day survival course.
It was fantastic and it was hard.

The lack of food, lack of water and difficult sleeping conditions made it very challenging. It was difficult for both me and for Owen. He was by far the youngest on the course and I am incredibly proud of his toughness and what he achieved. The understanding of the ability to change your mindset and to push beyond what you think you can achieve is something that will stay with him for the rest of his life.

And the knowledge we have gained is astounding. Everything from shelter building, fire starting, water procurement and purification all the way through to navigation, trapping and making primitive tools. Without a doubt our ability to survive in a survival situation in the bush has increased dramatically.

One of the things that stood out to me was the fact that food is not a survival priority. Most survival situations are dealing with the first 72 hours, and a lack food doesn't become something that will kill you for at least 3 weeks. I like food, and I missed it. In fact, within an hour of finishing the course, both Owen and I had devoured quite a few burgers. And when we usually camp, we usually do make sure we have the food sorted out, well and truly! So, I now know what I need to do in a survival situation, but I actually don't want to ever be in that situation. Yeah sure, I can do it. But why would I want to JUST survive?

A great chunk of the course was focused on making sure you take the necessary steps to ensure you don't end up in the situation where you need to rely on your survival skills, and this got me thinking about how we approach our health. I know of a great many people (and I have been certainly guilty of doing this in the past) who only attend physiotherapy when they are in dire

straits, essentially when they have gotten themselves into a survival situation. Whether that is a tweaked lower back or a wry neck or a pinch in the shoulder that they have ignored for months and now they can't lift it. The



with Neil Bell

pain and suffering associated with the situation can be debilitating.

Now, fortunately the physios at Physique are experts at getting us out of these situations, but something I have learnt over the years is that it is undoubtedly better to take the necessary steps to avoid getting myself in that predicament in the first place.

So, here's a checklist of what I now do to do my best to avoid getting into a survival situation with my musculoskeletal health:

- Regular exercise. Research shows that it doesn't even need to be high intensity or particularly prolonged. Just get out and move. Choose your favourite things and do them 5 times a week.
- Maintain a healthy weight. Think about the pressure on your joints. Trust me, I know about this. I have lost 18 kilos in the past 18 months and the difference in joint pain in my knees, ankles and lower back is incredible.
- Regular physiotherapy treatment. Oh man! I love my regular sessions with Jess. And I also know the patients that get regular maintenance treatment have much less pain through the year and almost all of them avoid getting themselves into these survival situations.

So that's it. Simples. Get stuck in, make some changes and live life to the full.

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# **KIDS AND CURLS**

Hello Scenic News readers. I'm Rebecca from Naturally COS, and in this edition, I'm here to shine a little light on kids and their curls.

Recently I found myself "Scrolling" through loads of comments from a mum on socials asking for advice on curly hair for her daughter. Let me tell you, there were some very questionable suggestions. especially when we remember that applying toxic hair products to your scalp is giving those toxins direct access to the bloodstream and your nervous system. Symptoms can include change in behaviour, headaches, feeling sick etc.

Now, as a child my mother didn't know anything about how to care for curls. So as a result, I sported a mullet for most of my childhood. Yes, primary school and some of high school was a very unpleasant

But luckily, I grew up and started to respect and understand curls. What they need and don't. For example, curls don't like anything that takes away moisture. And now my daughter (toddler) has developed some well-defined ringlets, it's time to start educating her and getting her used to the routine. Some mornings it's hay-like and dry.



Every morning we go through this method and same result, well defined curls.

Before we look at the method, I wanted to share a bit of insight as to why curls are often dry and can be unruly. Curly hair doesn't have the same ability for the natural oils to travel from the root to the ends – like straight/wavy hair. It's literally like a rollercoaster of twists and turns. So those curls need moisture: loads of it and a way to retain it. Many conditioners and shampoos strip your hair of moisture and are applied using silicones and fillers.

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I also use this method on myself and my daughter.

This method can be used every morning and if we need to go somewhere and its crazy, I do it again.

- Dry or wet, apply a pea size amount (for my daughter, I require more) of conditioner (again I use my brand, Naturally COS Hair Boost and Shine Conditioner) to your palm.
- 2. Add water, around 1 Tsp.
- Rub hands together to mix
- Apply to the hair, mids to ends first then the top.
- At this point the hair should be damp/lightly wet, not drenched.
- Then with two hands, gently finger combe through
- Lastly, I like to finger curl the ponytail area to help absorption of the moisture.
- Once dry my daughter's hair automatically separates into little ringlets.

My method is based on using my products (Naturally COS). I cannot guarantee the same results using a different product.

I NEVER brush my daughter's hair. My husband used to and now we finger comb only. This method gently removes knots and tangles and you can feel it as you do it.

You may be more of a visual learner, so I will be posting a video tutorial of the above steps on my Instagram page @naturallycos

Lastly and as always, spread kindness like it's jam on toast.

Rebecca

















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# **SPICY THAI BASIL CHICKEN**

This recipe is my take on the classic Thai dish called Pad Kra Pao Gai. Full of fragrant Thai ingredients with silky, soft chicken morsels coated in a spicy, salty, slightly sweet sauce finished with loads of basil and served with a steaming bowl of rice.

In Thailand this dish may be likened to fast food as it's something quick, easy and full of flavour that lots of Thai people eat regularly. To find Pad Kra Pao in Thailand you simply have to follow your nose as it's one of the most popular street foods. You will find its alluring aroma at a simple food vendor but also on many restaurant menus. My favourite is when the Thai vendors make it fresh for you at their roadside stall, cooking it up there and then. Other times, they have it pre-made in a big tray, and they just scoop it up and pour it over some rice. Sometimes they mix up the protein or it comes with a crispy fried egg on top too.

**Did you know?** Thais have been adding so-called holy basil to their dishes for at least 4000 years. It was discovered around 2450-2500 B.C.

Chef Dylan's tip: In Thailand they use holy basil in this dish, and it has a wonderful aroma and has a lovely lemony bite. It is very similar to Italian basil so I use the Italian stuff if I can't find holy basil. I like to use smaller organic chicken breasts for this dish, as the bigger birds tend to have more water content and you want to fry the chicken really quickly on high heat.

### Koh Phi Phi, Thailand 2013

I'm awoken by the excited giggles of two of my fellow passengers as they pass our cabin. An image of last night's hair-raising overnight voyage flashes through my mind, so I quickly focus on the gentle lapping of waves on the side of the yacht, and I take a big sigh of relief re-orientating myself to my surrounds. We have arrived, safe and sound in the calm waters of Maya Bay. The very place the iconic movie "The Beach", starring Leonard DiCaprio, was filmed. "First boat to shore leaves in 30 minutes!" I hear the captain of the yacht yell.

As I clamber up onto the upper deck from the sleeping quarters, the beauty of this place takes my breath away. Under a vast clear blue sky, huge limestone cliffs loom over us like ancient monoliths seemingly floating upon the crystal-clear aquamarine sea, shimmering as mesmerisingly as a freshly polished opal. The air is fresh and as I take a

deep long breath it tastes slightly salty. "This is what dreams are made of" I turn and say to my sweetheart "I can't wait to taste some authentic Thai food" I add, rubbing my hands in delight. "You won't taste anything if you don't hurry up and get on the boat to shore" says Lochie, our skipper for the day and our voyage to land, and we quickly descend down the ladder to the awaiting inflatable rib.

"All Aboard" cries Lochie. "Next stop, the idyllic island of Koh Phi" and the whole crew cheer "Ahoo! Ahoo! Ahoo!" as we gain speed skimming across the bay. In only a short time we make our way to shore and Lochie expertly beaches the rib onto the sand, nestling between the myriad uniquely shaped Thai longboats. Each boat with their own set of ribbons displayed with all the colours of the rainbow as far as the eye can see. "Ok guys, you've got two hours to explore and then we'll meet up for lunch at the 'Blue Lagune' my favourite restaurant" Lochie informs us with his hands cupped around his mouth.

We set off to explore with a stroll along the irresistible pristine white sandy beach. The buzz of the island is wonderful as we take it all in. It's a stark contrast to our previous days at sea. We watch the keen fishermen loading up their boats surrounded by backpackers tanning themselves while sipping coconut filled cocktails. There's lots of nationalities with Russian tourists taking selfies and haggling with the local beach vendors, and we make our way past a bunch of bare-chested British lads passing a rugby ball to each other in-between sipping beers from a cooler. The hours pass quickly, and we join the rest of the group who are seated in the courtyard of the 'Blue Lagune' restaurant.

"Are you ready to order?" asks the waitress with her pen poised. Around the table orders begin flying at her, finally she looks at me expectingly with raised eyebrows "I'll have the Pad Kra Pao please" I reply. "Very good choice, sir. It's the house specialty". "You like spicy?" she asks. "A little" I reply. "Thai spicy or white man spicy?" she jokes, and the whole table bursts into laughter "white man spicy please" I say blushing. "No problem" she winks and flips the pad closed and heads to the kitchen.

If you are looking for a quick weeknight whip up give this recipe a try. You'll then know why the Thais love this dish so much.

Prep Time 5 mins Cooking Time 5 mins Serves 2



## Ingredients

- 1 small red chilli, or to taste
- 5 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 red cayenne chilli or another mild chilli , chopped
- ½ small onion, diced
- 300g chicken breast, diced into small pieces 2-3mm
- 3 tbsp Luck dragon Asian sauce\*
- 1 tsp fish sauce
- 2 tbsp water
- 1 ½ tsp brown sugar
- 1 ½ cup basil leaves, loosely packed
- vegetable oil, as needed
- 3 cups cooked jasmine rice for serving
   \* Chef Dylan's Gourmet Food Co. Luck Dragon Asian Sauce

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# Method

- In a wok or a large fry pan, fry the onion garlic and chilli in a little vegetable oil over medium high heat until the garlic starts to turn golden. Remove from the pan and place in a small bowl.
- Turn frypan up to high heat then add some oil and fry the chicken and cook for 3 mins.
- Add the fish sauce, my Asian sauce and chilli and garlic mix back in and stir to combine until the chicken is cooked (1 min or so).
- 4. Remove from heat and stir in the whole basil leaves (or roughly chopped).
- 5. Serve with cooked rice.

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- 4. The Hanging Gardens of Babylon were built by Nebuchadnezzar II to impress his wife, Amytis of Media.
- 5. The Harappan civilization, also known as the Indus Valley civilization, is the oldest known civilization in the world.
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- 8. The Roman Empire was founded by Julius Caesar in 27 BCE.
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- The ancient Aztec capital city of Tenochtitlan was built on a group of islands in Lake Texcoco.
- 11. Hammurabi's Code, one of the earliest known legal codes, was created by the ancient Sumerians.
- 12. The Phoenicians are credited with creating the first alphabet.
- The ancient Egyptian civilization was primarily centered around the Amazon River.
- 14. The Spartans were a militaristic society in ancient Greece, known for their emphasis on physical fitness and discipline.
- 15. The Maurya Empire was an ancient Indian empire founded by Chandragupta Maurya around 322 BCE.
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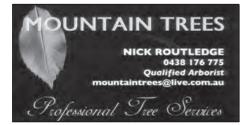
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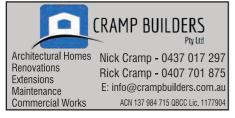
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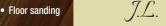
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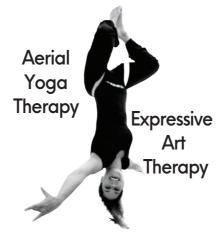


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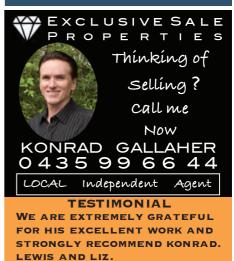
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"For the first time we are celebrating Eat Local Month, from 1 June to 2 July as the stellar success of Eat Local Week saw this landmark event mushroom from just 10 events in 2011 to 125 events in 2022, so nine days, with just two weekends, was no longer enough to showcase all our region has to offer," he said.

"In another 'first', the Eat Local Month program features three flavour-filled weekends across the Scenic Rim so locals and visitors can make the most of the delicious menu of events in

Eleven local wineries and breweries will be open across the Scenic Rim every weekend during Eat Local Month, with the Cauldron Distillery on Tamborine Mountain also offering gin blending classes on Sunday 11, 18, 25 June and 2 July.

On Sunday 11 June, Cedar Creek Lodges at Thunderbird Park will be hosting a three-course Tastes of the Forest lunch showcasing native ingredients.

For those who like to eat local year-round, The Paddock restaurant at Beechmont Estate offers an a la carte menu, by Executive Chef Simon Furley, featuring the region's finest seasonal

"The concept of 'paddock-to-plate' has become something of a culinary cliché, but here in the Scenic Rim it's something we embrace not only during Eat Local Month but also year-round," Mayor Christensen said.

"It's authentic food experiences like these that have contributed to the Scenic Rim's inclusion in The Lonely Planet's list of top 10 regions in the world to visit in 2022 and its naming by delicious magazine as one of the top five places to visit in 2023.

Eat Local Month has something for every taste and budget, from \$5 family-friendly fun to lavish gourmet experiences at \$299 per person.

Running from Thursday 1 June, it culminates in the Winter Harvest Festival at Aratula on Saturday 1 July. The full Eat Local Month 2023 program is available for downloading from the Scenic Rim Eat Local Month website eatlocalmonth.com.au/ from Thursday 20 April.

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