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## NEW LIBRARY FACILITY TO OPEN NEXT WEEK

*Tamborine Mountain Library services will be moving into their new space in early July 2023.*

- From Thursday 6 July to Saturday 8 July, the Tamborine Mountain Library will be closed to finalise the relocation of the remaining resources. Unfortunately, from Monday 3 July to Saturday 8 July, there will be no programs offered at the library to safeguard the public during the process of moving books and shelving.
- As a compensatory measure, all school holiday programs initially planned for this week were rescheduled to the previous week, ensuring no such program is cancelled. Meanwhile, the Vonda Youngman Community Centre is conducting children's programs during this period.
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# ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT CAPTURES SCENIC RIM'S STRONG GROWTH

The Scenic Rim economy exhibited a strong performance in 2021-2022, witnessing a 9.81 per cent growth in Gross Regional Product (GRP), nearly twice that of Queensland's 4.99 per cent growth.

The Scenic Rim Economic Snapshot, presented at the recent Ordinary Meeting by the Council, underscored this robust economic performance and emphasised the role of local industries in providing jobs and contributing to the Scenic Rim's \$2.09 billion economy.

The recently released figures by the National Institute of Economic Research for 2021-2022 shed light on the Scenic Rim's robust job growth, investment measured through the value of building approvals, and the GRP.

According to Mayor Greg Christensen, the snapshot reflects the accomplishments of the Scenic Rim Regional Prosperity Strategy 2020-2025, which provides a clear roadmap for supporting the business community and fostering new businesses that generate employment.

Mayor Christensen highlighted the increased investment confidence in the Scenic Rim, pointing to the \$182 million in building approvals in 2021-2022, which was the highest since the region's peak in 2016-2017.

Almost 200 new businesses registered for GST in the Scenic Rim in 2021-2022, propelling economic growth and creating further job opportunities.

The last five years saw the creation of more than 1700 local jobs, with an increase of more than 820 net jobs during 2021-2022.

Despite a slightly higher unemployment rate (5.4 per cent) compared to Queensland's overall rate (4.5 per cent), Mayor Christensen remained optimistic due to strong job growth in health care, social assistance, education, training, and agriculture. He projected a decline in unemployment, backed by December 2022 figures that showed an unemployment rate of 4.8 per cent.

The Scenic Rim's 9.81 per cent growth in GRP was mainly driven by the agriculture, construction, professional, scientific and technical services industries. The region's lifestyle has attracted an increasing number of professionals.



Scenic Rim Regional Council  
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Division 4 Councillor Michael Enright lauded the creation of 827 additional jobs and the increase in the Scenic Rim's GRP to over two billion dollars.

Enright appreciated the significant growth in agriculture and its position as the strongest industry along with forestry and fishing, while healthcare and social assistance provided the most jobs (over 2000). He attributed this strong growth to the region's businesses and the Council's support through the regional prosperity strategy.

Mayor Christensen acknowledged challenges like supply chain constraints, labour shortages, and housing affordability but saw numerous growth and development opportunities in the Scenic Rim through the expansion of large-scale industries and significant infrastructure projects like the Beaudesert Enterprise Precinct.

He expressed optimism for the Scenic Rim's potential to leverage increased international and domestic tourism and structural economic changes, which would continue to bolster the region's \$38.9 million in international exports as trade conditions improve and return to pre-COVID-19 conditions.

**Full details of the Scenic Rim Regional Council Economic Snapshot 2021 – 2022 visit via the QR code.**



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## PROBUS PRESENTATION PART OF THE PASSION FOR BRENDA

We recently had the pleasure of being entertained and informed by local foodie, and passionate real food advocate Brenda Fawdon. She is a chef, author, food educator, presenter, recipe developer, and food and wine tour leader. She is the co-founder and co-owner of the recently opened North Stores and Picnic Real Food Bar on Tamborine Mountain in the Gold Coast hinterland, and a food ambassador for the Scenic Rim region in Southeast Queensland.

Brenda co-authored *Eat Local – Food, Farming and Conversation in the Scenic Rim Volume 1 (2016) and Volume 2 (2018)* with Christine Sharp, published by the Scenic Rim Regional Council. Her first cookbook, *Wholehearted Food*, was published by UQP in 2013, and she was a contributing author to QAGOMA's award-winning book, *Harvest*, published in 2014.



Brenda was a restaurateur and chef for over thirty years, and co-founded award-winning restaurant, catering business and cooking school Mondo Organics in Brisbane in 2000, which she later sold in 2015. In 2014 and 2017 Brenda and business partner Sonja Drexler led food and wine tours to Italy with UK company Tastes of Italy. In 2018 Brenda and Sonja founded and grew Real Food Farm Gate, a farm-

gate-to-farmers'-market business, which they then sold to a local farming family in 2021.

She was very well received, and it was obvious by a show of hands that the majority of our members have already enjoyed the fare they have on offer at Picnic.

So, if you have not been there to check it out, it is highly recommended.

Thanks, Brenda...

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## TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN BRIDGE CLUB RESULTS

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NS 2. 57.08% PETER ZAREMBA - WENDY CHRISTIE

NS 3. 53.75% JOHN YOUNGMAN - CHERYL FINLAYSON

EW 1. 60.42% HEIKE EDRICH - DAVID DONALDSON

EW 2. 55.00% GAYLE DONALDSON - PAM WARRELL

EW 3. 49.17% CHRIS PENDER - MAX IRVINE-BROWN

### WEDNESDAY (28-JUN-23)

NS 1. 65.42% LINDY WILLIAMS - EDDIE HEINEMEYER

NS 2. 62.08% PETER ZAREMBA - ANN ZAREMBA

NS 3. 55.00% SUSAN STEWART - ROGER BELL

EW 1. 63.21% DI LARCOMBE - BILL LARCOMBE

EW 2. 50.00% CHERYL FINLAYSON - JULIE GUTHRIE

EW 3. 47.86% SUE STEVENS - KAREN SCOTT

EW 3. 47.86% SHEILA IRVINE-BROWN - JANE DOYLE

### THURSDAY (29-JUN-23)

NS 1. 56.51% HEIKE EDRICH - CAROLE COOKE

NS 2. 51.56% BILL LARCOMBE - DI LARCOMBE

NS 3. 50.52% PETER MORRIS - PATRICK RASMUSSEN

EW 1. 69.05% JOHN YOUNGMAN - MAX IRVINE-BROWN

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# ‘MY FIRST SPEECH’ – BUCHHOLZ CALLS ON ALL STUDENTS TO MAKE THEIR SPEECH IN PARLIAMENT HOUSE

**Federal Member for Wright, Scott Buchholz calls on all students in grades 10 – 12 to take part in the national ‘my first speech’ competition.**

This competition will provide the opportunity for three lucky students from across Australia to be flown to Canberra with a parent or guardian to present their speeches live and undertake a program at Parliament House.

The competition asks year 10 to 12 students to consider what they would say if they were a newly elected Member of the House of Representatives and record themselves presenting the speech on video.

“This competition is a wonderful way for the next generation of community leaders to have a say in our national parliament. I hope every student can take this opportunity to be heard as the speakers for the younger generation.” Mr Buchholz said.

“Opportunities like this do not come around too often, so I encourage all to take the bull by the horns and give it your best shot, it is a very rare opportunity for anyone to speak in our Parliament House,” Mr Buchholz said.

“I look forward to seeing what the bright and determined students of Wright put forward for this competition,” Mr Buchholz said.

A website has been established for the competition at: [www.aph.gov.au/myfirstspeech](http://www.aph.gov.au/myfirstspeech) Entries for the competition close at 5pm EST, 11 August 2023. For more information on the competition contact the House of Representative, Information Management Office, email: [comp.reps@aph.gov.au](mailto:comp.reps@aph.gov.au)



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# Councillor's Comment



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**Congratulations** to local Ian Langdon OAM, Kings Birthday honours award recipient, for his service to the community and primary industries over many decades and, until now, an unsung hero. Thank you, Ian, for your contributions.

**Recently lodged Development Applications (DAs):** MCU23/088 – 127-129 Guanaba Rd. Code assessable – change from existing dwelling to short-term accommodation. Building envelope amendment – 1-5 Eagles Close – to accommodate proposed impact assessable dual occupancy. Setbacks: 10-14 Romana Court. Setbacks: 14 Moreton Bay Ave. **Approved:** 487-493 Henri Robert Dr – secondary dwelling. 23 Kinabalu Dr – short-term accommodation “Holiday House”. Anyone seeing a theme here? MCU23/062 – 60 Hartley Rd – shed.

**Out and About: The Tamborine Mountain Lions International Changeover** meeting held at St Bernards Hotel. “Our” Lions have raised and donated over \$22,000 to local, national and international causes in the past financial year. Farewell to two of our very experienced wildlife carers Sherryn and Bruce, whose contributions were recognised by Lions.

**Tamborine Mountain Community Care Assn Inc - Friday Friendship Group.** What an excellent and invaluable service to our community. The TMCCA provides and advocates for services and educational programs to enable residents who are frail, aged or with disabilities to live independently in their homes on Tamborine Mountain.

**Scenic Rim Agricultural Workshop for Agricultural Producers and Operators, Kalbar.** This was an opportunity for primary producers (and Councillors) to hear about the latest advances in pro-biotics, resilience planning, traceability in the food chain, farm automation and current and future plans for the NBN in the Scenic Rim. Of particular interest is an Australian world-first bee-friendly, non-toxic plant extract botanical pesticide product called SERO-X, derived from the plant *Clitoria ternatea*, and which requires no withholding period. Further info: [Sero-X - Innovate Ag \(innovate-ag.com.au\)](http://Sero-X - Innovate Ag (innovate-ag.com.au))

**Scenic Rim Winter Harvest Festival, Aratula.** This was the culmination of Eat Local Month and featured a wide range of the Scenic Rim's growers and producers, cooking demonstrations and heritage poultry. Several Tamborine Mountain businesses were represented and the event was very well attended.

**Council Ordinary Meeting agenda 4 July 2023:** Includes an application for assistance – legal/financial – re: the inappropriate conduct matter in respect of Cr Greg Christensen – following determination by resolution on 20 June 2023 that an independent investigator is to be appointed.

**Budget:** Not much in the budget relating specifically to Tamborine Mountain in the 2023-2024 capital works program: \$500,000 for 600m of footpath joining the top of Gallery Walk to the Heritage Centre – Let's hope it doesn't require a handrail; funds for Detailed Design (but not any actual work) – Gallery Walk Stage 1 Pedestrian Boulevard Redevelopment – Off Street Carparking and Public amenities. The extensive silt accumulation in the pond at the Botanic Gardens is also to be dealt with. Cost and funds allocated to be advised.

**Community feedback:** I am still awaiting Council feedback re: the handrail and footpath on Alpine Terrace.

**Topics of concern raised recently:** The closure of vehicle access and parking at the National Park lookout at the end of Beacon Road. This action was not initiated by council and was taken in response to the irresponsible and unlawful actions of the idiotic person/s who took it upon themselves to chainsaw mature trees within the National Park to “improve the view”. Coupled with the illegal dumping of rubbish and emptying of toilet cannisters, this was a step too far and it is no wonder

the section not under Council control has been blocked off to all but pedestrians. Allegedly large-scale unapproved clearing and earthworks in two different locations was also high on the list. At some point compliance by the big boys – who seem to think that rules only apply to others – needs to be enforced. Graffiti, dumped vehicles and overgrown public walkways also featured.

**For information:** Mayors and councillors make local laws and determine policy and other matters at a strategic level. They are responsible for setting the overall direction of the local government. Ultimately, the elected councillors are directly responsible to the community for the local government's performance. This applies across the entire Scenic Rim and Councillors are not solely tasked with addressing issues within their own Division, so, for the person who wrote and stated that I should only report on Division 1 because “that's what you are paid for”, I beg to differ. Your rates are utilised right across the region, so presumably the uses to which they are put would be of interest to those who pay them.

**This week's reading:** Agenda Ordinary Meeting 4 July 2023: 503 pages; Cr & Executive Workshop 05 July Agenda: 438 pages.

**My Councillor Facebook page is up and running:** Cr Amanda Hay - Division 1 - Scenic Rim Regional Council. Please note that due to legal liability issues re: inappropriate comments which may be posted by others, this page will be for information purposes only. I can be contacted on 0448 376 650 or via e-mail at [amanda.h@scenicrim.qld.gov.au](mailto:amanda.h@scenicrim.qld.gov.au)

*“Do No Harm”*

**Amanda Hay**  
Division 1

## COUNCIL RAISES THE STANDARD IN SHOW OF SUPPORT FOR INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY

**Council raised the Rainbow Pride flag on Saturday 24 June as a symbol of its support for inclusion and diversity within the Scenic Rim community.**

Mayor Greg Christensen said flying the flag outside Council's Beaudesert administration building would help to raise the standard against intolerance and discrimination.

“The flag is an important symbol for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, intersex and questioning people (LGBTIQ+) and raising it outside Council's offices is an outward sign of Council's support for inclusion and diversity within the Scenic Rim community,” he said.

Mayor Christensen said he is personally proud of the Scenic Rim community's spirit of inclusion.

“Our community recognises that intolerance and discrimination have no place in modern society and these values of respect and inclusion are shared by Council,” he said.

“By flying the Rainbow Pride flag, we affirm that all people, regardless of sexual identity, are entitled to live their lives with dignity and respect.”

Mayor Christensen said he was concerned about the impact the recent rise in negative online commentary and vilification has had on members of the community who have been targeted by hurtful and hateful comments.

“I support the proper application of free speech in a democracy. I do not support the misuse of this liberty to intimidate and disparage people,” he said.

“I am disappointed by the disrespectful dialogue that has emerged recently both physically and in online forums.”

# \$4 MILLION IN NEW FUNDING FOR RESTORATION WORKS WELCOMED

The Scenic Rim Regional Council is poised to initiate work on eight projects throughout the region, including fire trail reconstruction, courtesy of approved funding exceeding \$4 million.

Key projects supported by the Community and Recreational Asset Recovery and Resilience Program include the removal of silt from ponds in the Tamborine Mountain Regional Botanic Gardens in the Scenic Rim, and the renovation of park roads.

Funded jointly by the Australian and Queensland governments under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements, the program is designed to restore and boost the resilience of community and recreational assets and facilities damaged in numerous disaster events between July 2021 and June 2022.



Scenic Rim Mayor Greg Christensen expressed gratitude for the Queensland Reconstruction Authority's funding approval for the projects, highlighting their potential benefits for the entire region.

He indicated that the removal of more than a metre of silt will aid in restoring the health of the Botanic Garden ponds and safeguard their flora and fauna.

The restoration of access to the historic Lahey Tunnel entrance at Canungra will be facilitated by the removal of fallen trees and debris, and potential measures to protect the structure from future landslips and damage, such as the installation of a protective cage, will be explored.

The Mayor noted that council reserves at Beaudesert and Tamborine Mountain, previously affected by landslips and ineligible for other funding, will undergo reconstruction to ensure fire trail access.

The funding will further assist in the renovation of access roads to parks in Canungra, Beaudesert, and Harrisville.

Mayor Christensen acknowledged the Australian and Queensland governments for providing the crucial funding under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements, expressing his belief that the various communities will appreciate this support.

## FUNDING BOOST AIMS TO REDUCE SCENIC RIM REGION FLOOD RISKS

The Scenic Rim will bolster its preparedness for intense rain events following the approval of \$637,000 in funding from the Queensland Reconstruction Authority. This funding will support eight projects intended to mitigate the region's flood risks.

The recent Ordinary Meeting of the Council acknowledged the aid from the Flood Risk Management Program, co-funded by the Australian and Queensland governments under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements. This will facilitate the Council in conducting a thorough analysis of all potential risk sources to bolster its flood preparedness.

Mayor Greg Christensen highlighted the Council's efforts in enhancing flood modelling and infrastructure resilience in line with the 2011 Queensland Floods Commission of Inquiry's recommendation.

He stated: "As the Scenic Rim sits at the headwaters of a number of catchments, intense rain events result in rapid stream rises in our region."

He further noted the necessity for better rainfall and river height data and said: "Our success in securing funding for this means we will be in a better position to understand the impacts of a range of rain events in each catchment."

He emphasised the benefits of the funding for flood studies, critical infrastructure mapping, and the development of a Flood Intelligence Strategy, indicating: "Council will be able to provide more information to the community before, during and after flood events."

The Flood Intelligence Strategy will facilitate the development of schematic catchment plans, identifying rainfall and river height gauge locations, and the corresponding downstream areas impacted during intense rain events.

The flood modelling of five creeks (Logan River, Purga Creek, Albert River, Warrill Creek, and Teviot Brook) will augment the Council's understanding of flooding in the Scenic Rim.

The Council will identify and map critical infrastructure, including community places refuge, to aid in flood impact forecasting.

The Council's incident management system will also be enhanced by incorporating information on flooding and flood gauges.

Mayor Christensen mentioned that the Council has previously conducted flood studies in all catchments and continues to refine these studies.

He emphasised the Council's enhanced ability to understand and respond to rainfall events and subsequent flooding within the Scenic Rim region, supported by the Australian and Queensland governments.

The Mayor concluded by stating, "Working with the Queensland Reconstruction Authority, we have maximised use of the Disaster Relief Funding Arrangements, combined with Council's own funds, to further our understanding of floods and reduce the risks for our community."

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What kind of seeds are you sowing? Do you allow scary or fearful thoughts to take root? Or do you look out into nature or a well-kept garden to notice where choices are being made. What is the owner deciding to nurture. Taking out weeds so the softer more beautiful plants take hold. What you focus on feeds the seeds.

This affects all of us, as we all start with a mind that jumps around and feeds on everything. Don't have a filter. Many feel that such thoughts happen to us and yes, they do, but having consciousness makes the difference. Generally, any thoughts based on fear and anxiety are unhealthy, while those that are uplifting are healthy. Of course, you must make sure you're safe, but if you're sitting safely in your home with fearful or scary thoughts, you may do some weeding. Create some lovely images in your mind and focus there and notice the difference.

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# SAVE THE DATE FOR SCENIC RIM'S 2024 EKKA HOLIDAY

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Council's community consultation during May 2022 showed that the first Monday of the August show week was the preferred public holiday for Scenic Rim residents and business operators and this was adopted

for 2023 onwards.

Following endorsement of Scenic Rim's 2024 Ekka holiday at Council's Ordinary Meeting today, the Queensland Office of Industrial Relations will be advised of the date for next year's Show holiday.

The countdown is now on to this year's Ekka public holiday, which will be Monday 14 August 2023.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Scenic Rim Regional Council

Adoption of Planning Scheme 2020 Amendment No. 3 and Amendment No. 7

SCENIC RIM  
REGIONAL COUNCIL

Notice is given that on **20 June 2023**, Scenic Rim Regional Council adopted **Scenic Rim Planning Scheme Amendment No. 3 (Major Amendment) and Amendment No. 7 (Administrative Amendment)** made in accordance with the **Planning Act 2016 and Chapter 2, Parts 1 and 4 of the Minister's Guidelines and Rules (Version 1.1)**.

The amended Planning Scheme will have effect on and from **Friday 30 June 2023**.

The purpose of Amendment No. 3 is to update a range of policy matters that have been identified through the implementation of the Planning Scheme or matters that were outstanding from the public consultation of the draft Planning Scheme.

The purpose of Amendment No. 7 is to correct or change:

- an explanatory matter about the Planning Scheme;
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- a factual matter incorrectly stated in the Planning Scheme;
- a redundant or out-dated term in the Planning Scheme;
- inconsistent numbering of provisions in the Planning Scheme;
- cross-references in the Planning Scheme; and

h) terms used in the Planning Scheme to reflect amendments to the regulated requirements under the Planning Act 2016.

The Scenic Rim Planning Scheme 2020 and amendments are available for viewing on the Scenic Rim Regional Council website: [scenicrim.qld.gov.au](http://scenicrim.qld.gov.au) and for purchase at the Beaudesert Customer Service Centre located at **82 Brisbane Street, Beaudesert**.

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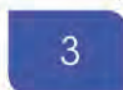


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## Creating a Wine Cellar at Home: A Cozy Retreat for Wine and Spirits

By Jez Clark

Principal - Clark+Granger



**Whether you prefer red, white or rosé, most wine-lovers can agree that a private cellar at home would be an absolute dream!**

With the colder winter months upon us, our minds may find themselves drifting to the idea of a cozy wine cellar, a retreat where we can unwind with a glass of red wine or indulge in the warmth of a few whiskeys. While there are plenty of simple wine storage options available on the market, those with a vivid imagination might envision a walk-in cellar or a dedicated room with displays and an entertaining area. In this article, we will explore the essential elements of creating a wine cellar at home, along with some additional considerations to keep in mind.

At its core, a wine cellar is a cool room designed for storing wine, often featuring ample storage space and a comfortable area for sampling the collection. Traditionally, wine cellars are located in basements, shielded from daylight and maintaining a reliably cool and humid environment, typically between 12-15 degrees Celsius. In Australia, where temperatures can vary significantly, it is advisable to incorporate temperature control mechanisms to ensure the optimal storage conditions for your wine collection.

However, a wine cellar doesn't have to be limited to wine alone. If your taste extends to other spirits, you can create specialized areas such as a whiskey room. For example, we recently designed a whiskey room for a client in Maudsland. Unlike wine, whiskey is less temperature-sensitive, allowing for greater flexibility in designing the space. In this instance, we utilized a corner of the large basement garage, transforming it into a cozy room where one can savour a wee dram or two. To enhance the ambiance, we opted for dark décor and illuminated the display shelving, showcasing the rich amber hues of the whiskey and cognac. Additionally,

the inclusion of two leather wingback chairs created a comfortable and private space for relaxation.

When it comes to wine racks, timber proves to be the best solution, offering both functionality and

aesthetic appeal. The warmth of wood complements the bottles, creating an inviting atmosphere. To elevate the overall ambiance of your wine cellar, consider incorporating elements such as stone accents, rich wallpapers, or luxurious furnishings. These additions can enhance the visual appeal and contribute to a more immersive experience.

Proper lighting is crucial in any wine cellar. It is important to use UV-free lighting that emits minimal heat, as excessive heat and ultraviolet rays can negatively affect the quality of the wine. LED lights or soft pendant lighting are excellent options that provide the necessary illumination while creating a captivating atmosphere. The right lighting not only showcases your collection but also sets the mood for an enjoyable and relaxing space.



While a wine cellar can be a dream come true for wine enthusiasts and connoisseurs, it is essential to consider other practical aspects as well. Adequate insulation and moisture control measures are vital to maintaining the desired temperature and humidity levels within the cellar. Additionally, proper ventilation and air circulation systems will ensure a fresh and odour-free environment.

In conclusion, creating a wine cellar at home offers the opportunity to have a dedicated space where you can immerse yourself in the world of wine or spirits. Whether you opt for a simple integrated wine fridge or go all out with a walk-in cellar or specialized room, careful attention to details such as temperature control, storage solutions, lighting, and ambiance will contribute to a truly remarkable and enjoyable wine cellar experience. So, as winter approaches, why not embark on this exciting endeavour and create a retreat that combines elegance, functionality, and the pleasure of indulging in your favourite wines and spirits?

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reminder, when each time I look in the mirror or see a recent photo the grey hair and wrinkles are well and truly appearing. Injuries also take longer to recover from, as joints and muscles are definitely stiffer than twenty years ago. However, it is often a surprise when I can't remember something, recall someone's name or an appointment date. Because there is no visible reminder, it is not as obvious that our brains are also ageing. To exercise the mind is just as important as to exercise the body.

Contrary to the old saying that you can't teach an old dog new tricks, there is growing evidence to say that we can, and do, learn throughout our lives. Neuroscientists are learning that our brains remain relatively "plastic" as we age, meaning they're able to reroute neural connections to adapt to new challenges and tasks. Certainly, within the clients we see at Physique, as people age, they can often slowly begin to lose their confidence in their own abilities. A fixed mindset of becoming old can slowly start to creep in. So, what should we do about it?

Firstly, there is strong evidence that maintaining regular physical activity can reduce the risk of dementia. The current recommendation is to do about 150 minutes of moderate intensity aerobic activity, or 75 minutes of vigorous aerobic activity weekly. In addition to this, performing some strength building activity on at least two days per week is also important.

Secondly, simply use you brain! Continue to do things that are new and challenging to stimulate the strengthening of your brain cells, called neurons, and their connections to each other. Practising a new skill can also strengthen these neural pathways by make our processing time faster.

In addition to these things, having a growth mindset is so important. To be open to new experiences and gently pushing ourselves outside of our comfort zones. This may be physical or cognitive.

For example - push yourself to try to remember something before "googling it", memorise your shopping list after writing it down, try to add up something before jumping for the calculator (guilty here). Taking up something you have always wanted to try is a good way to push yourself out of your comfort zone. I always wanted to learn about horses and most importantly how to ride. I started about nine months ago and knew it would push me physically but I did not anticipate how much it would make me use my brain. I love it so much, thanks to my beautiful instructors - human and horse!

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A friend of mine lost his mum recently and was left her collection of Lladro ornaments. From the China shepherdess to the pair of Golfers in their cute outfits,

these expensive ornaments, lovingly collected over decades, were unwanted and unappreciated by this bewildered and ungrateful relative. More clutter for his already cluttered life. Many of us have cupboards and lofts filled with sentimental items given to us by loved ones or passed down through the generations. Items we are loathe to get rid of because we feel guilty.

According to *Forbes*, more than 10% of USA households rent storage space to hold their extra stuff. Families who use them spend as much as USD \$1,000 a year on storage. And, *Forbes* again, the average American woman owns thirty outfits, one for every day of the month. In 1930, that figure was nine.

Clutter clogs energy, and clutter held through guilt clogs up those energy channels even more. And when you die, someone has to sort through that clutter. Enter the concept of Swedish Death Clearing, made famous by the book of the same name written by Margareta Magnusson. Once you reach the end of middle age (or sooner if you feel like it), you get rid of all the stuff you've accumulated that you don't need anymore, so that no one else has to do it for you after you pass. In Margareta's words: "Some people can't wrap their heads around death. And these people leave a mess after them. Did they think they were immortal?"

It's a very yogic concept, this death clearing. Yogis for the most part are reconciled to the fact that we will all die sometime (unlike the Western World's Disney wannabees who want to live forever) and a yogic life is one filled with truth, space and light. Yogis like to confront the gaps, there's usually some wisdom in the gaps which would never be revealed if those gaps were filled with stuff. Materialism, constant shopping and clutter is bad for us and studies show that people who are more focused on materialistic pursuits, like getting rich and buying stuff, are at higher risk of becoming unhappy, anxious, having low self-esteem and even developing problems with intimacy.

Decluttering will bring about an immediate energy shift. Your space will feel lighter and calmer. The positive chi or good energy will flow, making you more energetic and enthusiastic about doing your work. You will also find it easier to relax at the end of every day. And Swedish death cleaning can occur many times throughout one's life: at the end of a relationship, when the kids leave home, when moving house or downsizing, or taking care of what remains after a family member's death. A decluttered life is an energised life.

**Margot Wagner**  
**Yoga Under the Bodhi Tree**

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# THE POINTER DOG BREEDS

There are ten kinds of Pointing breeds; the pointer dog originated from Spain. There are the English, Spanish, Danish, French, three German types, the Weimaraner, Vizsla and the wirehaired Griffon. Some experts believe the German short haired pointer to be the most versatile and capable of all-round hunting dogs.



*German shorthaired pointer*

This German breed type is a result of crossing the English, Spanish and now extinct German bird dog. The German nation always has had, and still does have a special connection and interest in dogs, designing some of the most popular and useful breeds.

Pointer dogs have been bred for over 700 years and come under the classification of hunting/sporting dogs. The breed's name is its job description; they sniff out prey and point with their nose and sometimes their tail, some, as in the picture above raise their paw. Usually, they are used to locate birds but also small animals like rabbits. Some can also flush out and retrieve prey.

These dogs are a combination of power and grace, they have high energy and are capable of great speed and have a beautiful carriage. Generally, they are healthy, yet breeders still need to check their breeding stock for hip dysplasia and eye disease. Like all deep-chested dogs they can experience bloat – a sudden life-threatening twisting of the intestines. Their short, shiny coat requires minimal maintenance, perhaps brushing once a week to remove dirt and loose hair. The ears need to be inspected occasionally and cleaned if needed. Nails that become over long can cause discomfort and problems with walking and running.

The Pointer breeds require a lot of regular exercise and mental stimulation, as they are active and intelligent dogs. Their even and easy-going temperament makes the Pointer a great companion, both in the field and at home. They have been known to excel as service and therapy work as well as in search and rescue.

Owning a dog is a too-easy and much abused privilege, but it comes with responsibility.

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# FOOD FOR THOUGHT

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## SPICED SPANISH CHORIZO SOUP

This hearty homage to Spanish cuisine is a delightful combination of succulent, spiced chorizo and protein-packed chickpeas, poached in chicken stock and ripe tomatoes. If you're in search of a super-fast, flavour-packed winter's meal, look no further.

This recipe is incredibly easy, allowing you to have a bowl of steaming deliciousness on the table in under 30 minutes. In fact, it only takes 10 minutes to get everything started, then simply turn the heat down low and let the flavours develop. While this soup has a nice kick to it, you can easily adjust the spiciness by reducing the amount of Creole\* seasoning you use. For those who enjoy an extra-spicy kick, feel free to garnish with some freshly chopped chilli.

**Did you know?** Chorizo as we know it today was born when the Conquistadors brought back newly-discovered paprika or *pimentón* from the New World in the 16th century. These new chorizo sausages quickly became the domain of peasant farmers, evolving into a culinary treasure coveted by the wealthy elite. It was during this time, with the introduction of exotic spices like *pimentón* and pepper, that chorizo began to rise in prominence. However, it was a fortuitous encounter that truly propelled chorizo into the royal spotlight. Legend has it that while out on a hunting expedition, King Charles IV was approached by a humble chorizo-maker who offered him a taste of his delectable creation. Captivated by the rich and robust flavours, the King was instantly enamoured and promptly appointed the talented chorizo-maker as the official purveyor of chorizo to the royal court. From that moment on, chorizo ascended to a place of prestige and favour, forever linked to the palates of kings and nobles. This chance encounter not only elevated chorizo's status but also solidified its position as a beloved symbol of Spanish cuisine, cherished for its distinct taste and cultural significance. Nevertheless, it wasn't until the nineteenth century, with the rise of industrialisation and increased food production, that chorizo transitioned from a luxury item to a more common everyday foodstuff. In recent decades, it has become readily available, and even here in Australia.

**Chef Dylan's Tips:** 1. Choose high-quality chorizo: opt for a good-quality, flavourful chorizo for your soup. Whether you prefer a mild or spicy variety, the quality of the chorizo will greatly impact the overall taste of the dish. 2. Render the chorizo: Before adding other ingredients, take the time to render the chorizo fat. This step helps release the flavourful oils and enhances the taste of the soup. Cook the chorizo in a hot pan, allowing it to brown and release its oils, creating a rich base for your soup. 3. Balance the flavours: chorizo can be quite robust and salty, so it's important to balance the flavours in your soup. Taste as you go and adjust the seasoning accordingly. If the soup becomes too salty, you can dilute it with additional stock or water. Adding a squeeze of lemon juice or a splash of vinegar

can also help brighten the flavours and cut through the richness of the chorizo.

**Memory Lane Ponferrada, Camino del Santiago, Spain, 2004**

I glance down to see the familiar yellow painted arrow that has been guiding me to my destination for the last 560 kilometres. Each step has brought me closer to the end of this incredible pilgrimage, and I can't help but feel a mix of exhaustion and exhilaration. To my left, a small pillar adorned with a delicate scallop shell tile catches my eye. The golden rays of the Spanish sun dance upon a small brass plaque beneath, displaying the words 'Ponferrada 2 km'. Inhaling deeply, I stretch out my neck, feeling the tension in my shoulders from carrying my trusty 15kg backpack for the past four weeks. With a slight twist of my body, I reach around to grab my water bottle, seeking temporary relief from the persistent hunger gnawing at my belly.

I take two long gulps of water, savouring the refreshing liquid that momentarily quenches my thirst. As I lower the bottle, a worn and weathered piece of cardboard emerges from my pocket - my pilgrim's passport. Its pages bear the imprints of countless stamps, each one representing a milestone along this sacred path. I trace my finger along the route, following the twists and turns that have led me to this very moment. Looking up I catch a glimpse of the majestic mountains on the distant horizon. Their grandeur and beauty leave me in awe, but they also serve as a reminder that my stop for the night lies at the base of these rugged giants. A quick mental calculation tells me that another 18 kilometres await me before I can rest my weary legs. "C'mon, you can do it. Four hours, tops" I silently reassure myself. The thought of arriving around 4-ish brings a sense of comfort amidst the physical strain.

Continuing on, my tired but determined legs lead me through the charming medieval town of Ponferrada. Its narrow, cobbled streets are steeped in history, each corner holding secrets and stories of pilgrims who have walked these paths for centuries. The allure of the town's rich heritage tugs at my heart tempting me to explore its hidden corners. Yet the unyielding arrows painted on walls and imprinted on the ground remind me of my purpose and beckon me forward.

All of a sudden, as if transported to another era I make a turn and find myself facing a massive castle. It stands tall and proud, a testament to the valour and dedication of the Templars who once protected this town and the weary pilgrims who sought solace within its walls during the 12th century. The imposing structure before me, with its high, thick walls and intricate architectural details, fills me with a sense of reverence and awe.

Just a stone's throw away, my ears catch the faint hum of activity. Following the sound, I discover a small restaurant tucked away in a



cozy corner. The aroma of hearty, comforting food wafts through the air tempting my senses. As if in response my stomach growls reminding me of its persistent emptiness. A blackboard propped outside the restaurant catches my attention and my eyes focus on the words written in chalk lettering 'Sopa: Chorizo and Chickpea'. The price, just 3 Euros, seems insignificant compared to the satisfaction it promises. Beside it, a tempting offer of a cold beer for just 1 Euro seals the deal. With a rumbling stomach and the promise of a warm, nourishing meal, I gladly make my way through the small opening of the restaurant's door.

**Serves 2 Prep time 10 mins Cook time 20mins**

### Ingredients

- 1 1/2 tbsp olive oil
- 350g chorizo (3 pieces), sliced into 1/2 cm slices
- 3 garlic cloves, minced
- 1/2 brown onion, diced
- 1 tbs tomato paste
- 1 tbs Creole\*
- 400g can crushed tomato
- 400g can chickpeas, drained
- 2 cup chicken stock

\* Chef Dylan's Gourmet Food Co. Creole seasoning

### Method

1. Heat olive oil in a large saucepan over medium high heat. Add chorizo and cook for 3 minutes or until nicely browned on both sides.
2. Add onion, garlic, and stir until fragrant, add Creole, stir in then add tomato paste and stir in for 30 seconds.
3. Add tinned tomato, chickpeas, chicken stock. Stir, bring to a simmer then lower the heat down to medium low so it is simmering very gently.
4. Now just stir regularly to ensure the base does not catch, until the sauce has reduced and thickened a bit. (About 15/20 mins)
5. Time to serve. I love this with warm baguette or Turkish toast with a good wedge of butter.

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# NEED A GOOD CLEANSE?

Hello *Scenic News* readers! I hope you're all happy and healthy. For those of you new to my column, I'd love to introduce myself. I'm Rebecca and I am the proud owner and formulator of Naturally COS, which is all about nourishing skin organically.

Fun fact about me – I love my carbs. Carbs do not love me. I love sugar, sugar does not love me. And for the last few months, my skin and gut health has declined. Predominantly because I got lazy. Poor food choices, relaxed routines and stress. A week ago, I embarked on a liver cleanse to change that.

Why a liver cleanse you may ask? I'll explain. I was bloating, uncomfortable, severe indigestion, acne in places I've never had acne and abnormal skin and health issues arising. My liver was struggling. A healthy liver supports many things, digestion, skin health and immune support. It was very disappointing for me to realise I hadn't been looking after myself like I encourage others to do.

I am now at day 6 of the 7-day cleanse. It's a complex carb-free meal plan, no refined sugar, no dairy, no gluten. The first 3 days I experienced a withdrawal of the toxins leaving my body. It was surreal. And I experienced cravings, moodiness and headaches.

By day 4 I noticed a decrease in my bloating, my skin had cleared up, my water intake increased, I had more energy and I started to feel lighter.

One of the greatest things I noticed about the last week is how much less food I'm eating, because what I am eating fills me up unlike complex carbs. And did I mention saving money!? One large box of fresh produce from the farmers'



# BEAUTY & WELLNESS



with Rebecca Mander

market, with some chicken and pork, and we're sorted. Oh, and I didn't mention – this liver cleanse is free of red meat too. And although I don't love red meat, when something is forced away from you, suddenly you want it all. But I am pleased to say I have literally been eating a rainbow and feel so happy about it.

What's next after a cleanse? Maintain it. I have zero intention of living without my pasta or an occasional doughnut. And zero interest in trying to find comfort in a celery stick and peanut butter. Moderation is key – yes that magic word is key. But each day I will start with a brekky smoothie, and a shot of green leafy juice. Both things support long term liver function and support your liver daily. And if needed, I will do an annual cleanse to keep on top of any nasty habits.

Livers love green leafy goodness – so if you think your liver could use some TLC, and you have a juicer at home – here's some quick ingredients to create your own juice at home:

- 1 cup baby spinach or Kale
- 2 celery stalks
- 1 green apple
- A head of parsley
- 1-inch fresh ginger

I am ridiculously fussy and I may or may not look like child drinking this, so if you need to, block your nose and down the hatch. Or if you're not a fuss-pot, drink like a grown up and enjoy.

*As always, spread kindness like it's jam on toast.*

Rebecca – Naturally COS



  
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6. What bird is known for its elaborate courtship dance?
7. What is the world's most poisonous fish?
8. Which reptile has a 'third eye'?
9. Which land animal has the longest lifespan?
10. What animal has the most teeth?
11. The Goliath frog is the largest frog species in the world. Where can it be found?
12. What creature is known as the 'unicorn of the sea'?
13. Which animal is the world's fastest two-legged runner?
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16. What type of reptile is a Komodo dragon?

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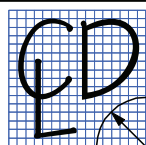
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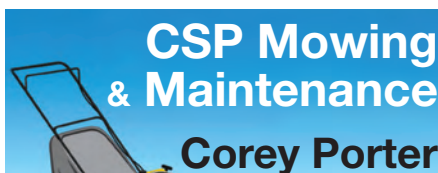
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