The COVID-19 vaccines are new, and it is very normal for people to have questions. There is so much information – and misinformation – it can be overwhelming. Together, we need to build vaccine confidence because each and every vaccinated person helps us move past the pandemic.

**TRUTH**

The vaccines are safe
Many people around the world worked together to create the COVID-19 vaccine, sharing money and scientists to get it done in just months, without missing any steps. Vaccines are only allowed in Australia after being tested and found to be safe and effective. All vaccines continue to be quality tested and monitored for safety.

The COVID-19 vaccines do not contain live virus and cannot give you COVID-19
The vaccines pretend to be the real virus and teach your body how to defend itself. This will help stop you from getting really sick and going to hospital or even dying.

**MYTH**

The vaccine was approved too quickly to be safe.

The vaccine could give you COVID-19.
We do know every ingredient that is in the vaccines
The vaccines are mostly water, with salt, sugar and fats. There is no graphene oxide, gluten, egg, wheat, bee venom, latex or animal products in the vaccines.

The vaccines are providing good protection against the new strains
Two doses of the Pfizer or AstraZeneca vaccine are very effective in protecting people from becoming seriously ill with the new variants, including the Delta strain.

You can choose to be vaccinated
You can make your own decision. Make sure you ask trusted people to help you find facts. False news can be very misleading and dangerous.

A microchip would not fit through the vaccine needle
This myth is based on a fake video circulating on social media.

COVID-19 vaccines can’t change your DNA
The vaccines deliver instructions to your cells to build protection (immunity) against the coronavirus. This does not happen in the part of your cells where your DNA is.

Receiving a COVID-19 vaccine does not make you magnetic - anywhere on your body
COVID-19 vaccines do not contain any magnetic ingredients that could do this. You would need a lot of metal to attract a magnet. For example, people take multi vitamins which often contain iron. This doesn’t make them magnetic because they are so diluted and spread through your body.