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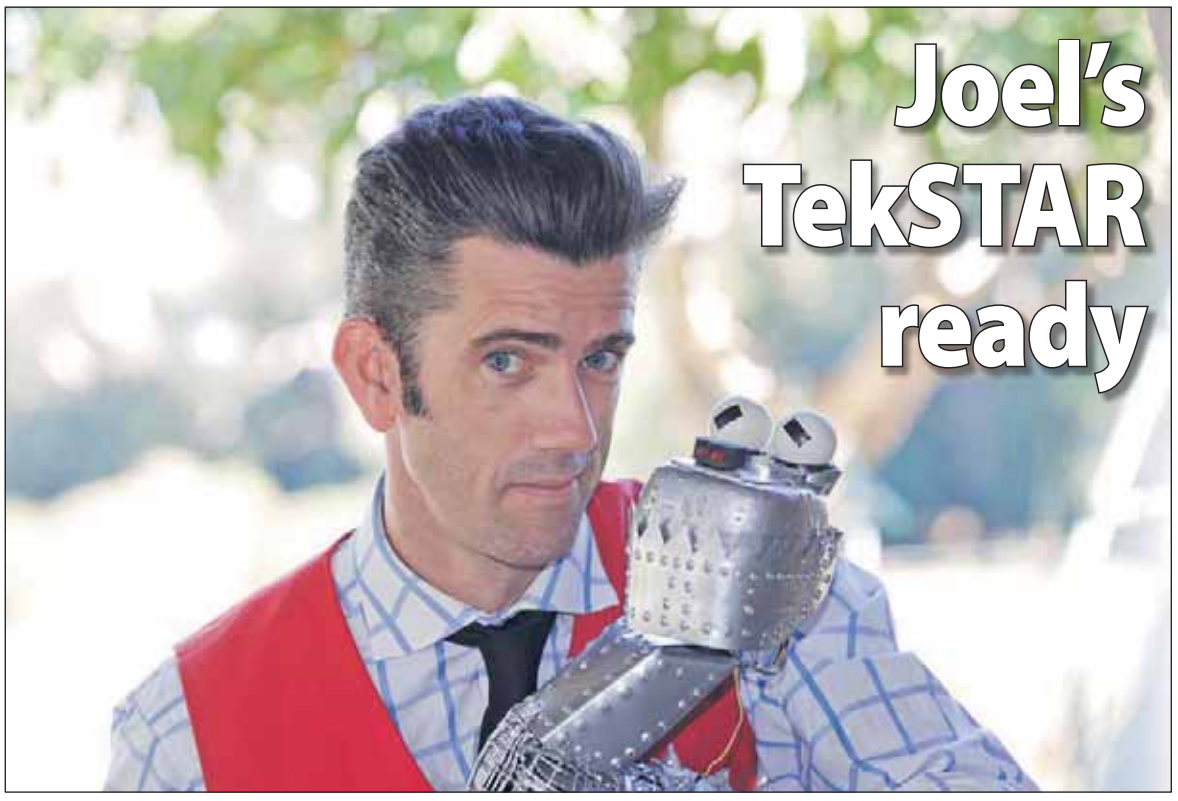

A meeting of minds: Joel Salom and his wire haired terrier, Eric, will be on the same wavelength when they hit the stage for the TekSTAR Konvergence this Thursday at the Byron Sport and Cultural Complex. The day features 12 hours of performances, workshops, panels, installations and more. It's part of a regional ten day festival of art and technology, and wraps up at the Lismore Lantern Parade. For full program visit www.tekstar.tv. Photo Jeff Dawson

State govt to overhaul environmental protection

Luis Feliu

Conservation groups across NSW have slammed the announcement on Friday by deputy premier and NSW Nationals leader, Andrew Stoner, that the Native Vegetation Act, the Threatened Species Conservation Act and related biodiversity legislation would be 'comprehensively' overhauled.

And despite NSW Farmers welcoming the move as simplifying current legislation, state Labor says land clearing is the single greatest threat to the biodiversity of NSW.

The North East Forest Alliance (NEFA) spokesperson, Dailan Pugh, said it amounted to a winding back of protections for native vegetation and an imminent 'gutting' of protections for threatened species. The laws are regarded as vital in tackling soil erosion, salinity and greenhouse gas emissions and protecting threatened species. Mr Pugh told *The Echo* the government doesn't want to let threatened species 'stand in the way of their assault on NSW's natural environment.'

Mr Stoner however told a state Nationals' conference in Bathurst that rules on land clearing under the former government had become 'a patchwork of laws that is fragmented, rigid and overly complex and which has had the perverse effect of limiting both environmental and economic outcomes'.

Meanwhile, Save North Coast Nature (SNCN) is urging residents to make a submission by June 28 on the government's proposed new planning system.

The Nature Conservation Council's submission guide is available online at http://nccnsw.org.au.

Big plans for Byron Hospital surrounds

Off for state approval: aged care, residential and retail proposal on lands surrounding Ewingsdale hospital site

Hans Lovejoy

Plans for seniors housing, aged care facilities, a supermarket, retail premises and medical facilities have been put to the state government by Council for 'Gateway' determination after they were tabled at last Thursday's meeting.

The proposed development would be located on lands either side of the future Byron Hospital on Ewingsdale Road.

But before it's given the nod, Councillors will seek to impose conditions, including traffic and noise impact reports, sewage management clarification, heritage assessment of 'buildings and surrounds' and an assessment of possible site contamination, due to its former usage as a cattle dip station.

Council has also requested a master plan that would 'adequately address' the requirement that the aged care facilities 'are constructed prior to, or concurrently with, the retail/commercial precinct to guarantee that the seniors housing component is constructed.'

Crs Di Woods and Basil Cameron voted against.

And despite no starting or completion dates being announced for the Byron Central Hospital, Belbeck Investments Ltd on behalf of Jewelbond Pty Ltd are seeking a rezoning to allow the development proposal.

Within the lengthy and repetitive 209 page document for the proposal, Belbeck Investments claim that Byron's ageing population, 'is expected to almost triple from 2,760 2011 to 7,660 in 2036, making up to 17 per cent of the population.'

And while it spruiks the economic benefits it would provide and its desirable location, the proposal is light on detail regarding neighbour impacts. However, a community consultation component is included on page 27, which would provide an opportunity for submissions.

Deputy mayor Diane Woods told *The Echo* that despite voting against, she is in favour of the development.

'My opposition was to the change in the recommendation that required the developers to make a plan that includes construction of the residences prior to or concurrently with the retail section.

'I don't think it is right of Council to instruct the applicants how to do their development as we are not privy to their financial arrangements and it may not be possible to comply with such a restriction

'If it is impossible to do so, then the whole development could fall over and that is not in the best interest of the applicants or our community.'

Within Council's agenda, planning staff commented that the proposal 'may be inconsistent with the relevant regional and local strategic plans…' However they say it 'does provide social and economic benefits for the community.'

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Mullum's 95.5 per cent

Pictured are three Gasfield Free coordinators at Mullum's declaration last Friday. From left is Wendy Royston (Brunswick Heads), Deborah Lilly (Mullumbimby) and Olga Tresz (whole of Byron Shire). Photo Magenta Appel-Pye

Crowds arrived with flags, smiles and CSG-themed placards to declare Mullumbimby gasfield free at last Friday's Farmers Market.

Mayor Simon Richardson was presented with parchment certificates mentioning each of the 76 streets surveyed, and a giant yellow key proclaiming 'Mullumbimby Is Protected By Community'.

Gasfield Free Mullumbimby coordinator Deborah Lilly told *The Echo* that 'an overwhelming majority of 95.5 per cent of those participating said 'Yes' to being gasfield free.

Of the 999 people surveyed, Ms Lilly said, 'Those 'Not sure' amounted to 3.4 per cent, or 34 people,' while 1.1 per cent said 'No', which equated to 11 people.

And at Council's Thursday meeting, support was given for the erection of signs 'on each trunk road' into Brunswick Heads, Mullumbimby and Bangalow. Staff will liaise and advise the gasfield free groups with the task, while all costs will be borne by the groups.

All voted in favour except Cr Di Woods, who despite supporting a gasfield free Shire, said in the meeting that it was 'sign pollution'.

Donny inspires Eli's art

Artist Eli Ashcroft with Donny and portrait. Photo Jeff Dawson

Among the many entrants in the Northern Rivers Portrait Prize was local artist Eli Ashcroft who has a studio/gallery in Byron Bay's Arts and Industry estate.

Eli took the advice of Minas, from Osho's House in Byron Bay, in selecting Donny as the subject of his portrait.

Minas says, 'I was inspired by Donny when I first met him cleaning up my street early one morning when he was pulling his wheelie bin behind him.

'As I approached him I found out to my great surprise that he didn't work for council nor is he paid by any of the businesses in town for doing the work that he does out of the goodness of his heart.'

Yet Donny was homeless. His gentle nature, his kindness in giving and his humility was just an inspiration for Minas.

Prints of 'Donny' are available from Eli's gallery at 1/18 Centennial Circuit, Byron Arts and Industry Estate and the portrait is on display in the Byron Bay Community Centre.

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A written statement of the Commissioners' reasons for making the proposed alterations is also available for inspection, at no cost, at the Redistribution website www.redistribution.nsw.gov.au and at the office of the Commissioners during office hours.

Any person or organisation may make suggestions or objections in relation to any of the proposed electoral districts. Any such suggestions or objections will be received by the Commissioners until Wednesday, 17 July 2013.

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C. Bratton, Secretary for the Electoral Districts Commissioners.

Writers' Festival reveals 2013 program

Words and big ideas will again combine for the home grown Byron Bay Writers Festival, to be held August 2–4.

Three days, five marquees, 130 writers, 90 panels, workshops, literary lunches and launches… like previous years the festival will feature both big names and new voices.

'The interest is testament to the enduring and stimulating program we offer,' festival director Jeni Caffin said.

'The festival offers a unique chance to rub shoulders with literary heroes, and discover debut authors.'

With a stellar line-up including Archie Roach, Maxine McKew, Simon Crean, Ross Coulthart, Michael Leunig, John Cantwell, Peter FitzSimons, Sarah Turnbull, DBC Pierre, Andrea Goldsmith, Peter Carey, M J Hyland, Anne Summers, Cate Kennedy and George Megalogenis, audiences will be spoilt for choice. And Sunday August 4 sees a marquee dedicated to young readers, hosted by Maddie and Possum, from Prime 7. A diverse range of local writers will also add spice to an already flavoursome program. From August 2–4, the North Byron Events site will transform with colourful silken flags and vast white marquees. The entire program is now online at www.byronbaywritersfestival.com.au. Tickets are limited.

Books, lovely lovely books. Jeni Caffin pictured with just a few of what's on offer for the Writers' Festival, to be held August 2 –4. Photo Jeff 'Booked But Always Available' Dawson

■ See centre liftout and book reviews on page 23.

Mullum's chamber of commerce update

Story & photo Eve Jeffery

What's the The Mullumbimby chamber of commerce been up to? For the last 14 months they say they have been working at promoting the town to visitors through the new Magical Mullumbimby campaign, as well as planning a sculpture walk, free Wi-Fi coverage and shopping vouchers.

Both president Dean Stanford, from the newsagency, and secretary Obi McDonald-Saint from Mullum Mac are encouraging Mullum businesses to join the chamber as a way to have their say in the town. 'We are helping to set Mullum in the right direction', says Dean. 'When you look around at the meeting it's a really good representation of the people. This is such a great town.

The pair estimate that there are between 200 and 250 businesses in the town and currently the chamber has 56 members from both business and community organisations.

The chamber is also lending support to several events, including the Mullum Music Festival, the Mullumbimby Living Earth Festival, Spaghetti Circus and the Magical Mullum Photography Competition. Dean and Obi also say that the chamber is not politically aligned and they plan to keep it that way.

Monthly meetings

The chamber holds their meetings on the second Tuesday of the month – membership is $100.

For more, visit www.mullumbimby.org.au.

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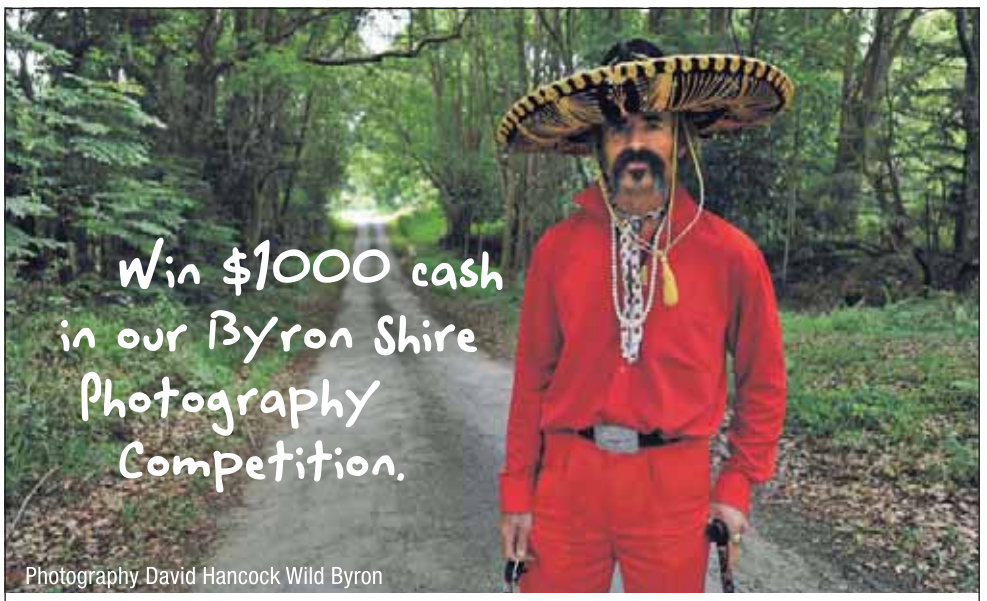

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Danger: poets ahead

Peter Mitchell, Anna de Vena and Victor Marsh get in theme for the Dangerously Poetic Madhatter's poetry and music tea party, to be held on June 23, 3pm–5pm, at the Bangalow Heritage House. Local poets and musicians will perform along with visiting poets Ross Donlon (Melbourne) and John Carey (Sydney). Photo Jeff 'Little Teapot' Dawson

Claims of hypocrisy over CSG support

Dominic Feain

The Greens have thrown down the gauntlet to the major parties on CSG, going so far as to call on the members for Page and Richmond to quit the Labor Party if it continues to support the industry.

NSW Greens coal seam gas spokesperson Jeremy Buckingham was in Lismore last week with his federal counterpart, senator Larissa Waters, to spruik their CSG credentials.

'It's up to Justine Elliot and Janelle Saffin to get serious on CSG,' he said. 'If not, they should get out of the Labor Party. You can't be the member of a political party that's pushing coal seam gas then tell your local community you're against it – if they can't represent their community then they should quit the party and run as independents.

'At the moment they're being hypocritical in their opposition to coal seam gas because they're in a party that unleashed this industry across NSW and Queensland and is still supporting it.'

Both Ms Waters and Mr Buckingham have moved amendments in the NSW and federal upper houses allowing landholders the right to refuse access to resource companies.

Ms Waters said, 'They should be given the legal right to lock the gate given we know coal seam gas has so many scientific uncertainties associated with it, and all of the science we do have is saying this stuff is dangerous.'

Fluoride challenge rejected

Luis Feliu

A NSW Court of Appeal ruling last week giving the go-ahead for drinking water across the northern rivers to be fluoridated may not be the end of the controversial issue, with the Greens set to campaign against it and a High Court challenge being considered.

Opponents say the legislation requiring the whole state to add fluoride to its water supplies to improve dental health is 60 years old 'and a lot of science has passed under the bridge' since then.

The court in Sydney unanimously rejected an appeal by anti-fluoride campaigner Al Oshlack to stop the construction of five fluoride-dosing plants in Lismore and Ballina shires. Byron Council has rejected fluoridation.

The plants are expected to be built by Rous Water and Ballina Shire and operating within 18 months at Knockrow, Clunes, Corndale and Dorroughby in Lismore shire and Marom Creek in Ballina shire. The court also ordered Mr Oshlack to pay legal costs.

Library sees increased borrowings

Liz Levy

Are you familiar with the old parody of a bespectacled librarian admonishing readers with a stern and sibilant shhh?

Always unfair, it's a far cry from today's reality as libraries play host to a wide range of programs that encourage noise!

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Encouragingly, those locals have stormed the new library's doors.

Since its February opening, it has seen an 81 per cent increase in borrowings as 837 new borrowers signed on, a 331 per cent increase since 2012.

And around 15,000 additional people walked through the doors, despite the three week relocation closure.

Appreciative of the vital service our librarians maintained, Friends of the Library are thrilled by the prospects allowed by a purpose-built facility – and the chance to keep *Echo* readers informed.

Ageing with adventures

Now in her 70s, Maggie Counihan will discuss her latest book *Bring on the Birthdays: Ageing with adventures* at the Byron Bay Library on Friday June 21 at 2pm. The book relates to the colourful and varied experiences of Maggie and her partner, Rollo, including teaching English in Hanoi, sleeping out with camels in the desert in India and supporting orphan boys in Cambodia.

'Ageing in our society gets bad press, but we see the latter years of life being full of fun and pleasure,' says Maggie, who describes herself as 'one of two happy bunnies who truly look forward to celebrating lots more birthdays'. Bookings are essential, phone 6685 8540.

■ Liz Levy is from Friends of the Library.

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Ya Kulcha can dance

'Ya Kulcha', a hip hop and salsa BBQ in Mullumbimby had a successful day on June 9. Aimed for 12 – 26 year olds, it's presented by Daniella Finkenauer and Satima Ornano in consultation with Woosung Yoon (break-dance) and Shoni Dawkins (hip hop). Both Byron Youth Service and Council are supporters. The next BBQ for youth will be Sunday June 30 at the Mullumbimby Scout Hall. If any young people would like to be involved, or for more info, call Daniella on 0431 108 791. Photo Jeff 'Jitterbug Shutterbug' Dawson

Spanish Film Festival at Bay

Wanting a taste of something Spanish?

The Spanish Film Festival opens with a bang on Thursday June 20 at the Palace Byron Bay Cinema with Cesc Gay's *A Gun in Each Hand* and continues through into Sunday. And there's much more to see, such as the gripping drama based on a true story about the rescue of a mother and child kidnapped by FARC guerrilla fighters in Colombia, a Mexican crime thriller set against the backdrop of the World Cup soccer finals, the trials and tribulations of a an eccentric Canary Islands family… See the full program at www.spanishfilmfestival.com.au.

Bruns holiday parks: 'strong growth'

Brunswick holiday parks management say visitor numbers were up over the Queen's Birthday weekend, which is 'bringing that tourism dollar to local businesses.'

According to public relations company Big Vision, 'accommodation figures for the June long weekend show strong growth, leading to a healthy spread of tourism dollars into the local business communities of Brunswick village.' Parks managers say much of the trade is returning guests. 'The North Coast Holiday Parks model is a good one for regional NSW,' manager of Terrace Reserve Paul Parsons said. 'All the parks are on Crown land, owned by the state government and managed by a trust. All the profits from our parks go right back into maintenance and capital works on the parks and other crown reserves.'

The press release concludes with, 'The north coast holiday parks model is unique and park guests can be confident that the profits from the dollars they invest are returned to the people of NSW and their coastal recreation zones.'

Craft Expo for Chrysalis

The annual Mullumbimby Craft Expo will be held in the auditorium of Mullumbimby High on Saturday June 22.

There will be a wide range of handmade products including knitting art, scrap booking, toys, Christmas decorations, woodwork, jewellery, ironwork, cottage craft, folk art, tatting, ceramics and patchwork.

Organiser Carolyn Reynolds says, 'We have always raised money for the schools and will continue to do so.

'We are pleased to announce that this year all funds will go to the Chrysalis Program for Girls.'

Chandelle Reynolds pictured at her grandmother's house with entry items for the exhibition. Photo Eve Jeffery

Camille scoops art award

Pictured is stART me up artshow comp winner Camille Wiseman, who received a swag of prizes and a six-month artist mentorship program, supported by Wings and professional Byron Bay artist James McMillan. stART me up was part of the Byron Bay Surf Festival held last October. Photo Jeff 'More Arts Than Class' Dawson

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Upgrading the Pacific Highway Tintenbar to Ewingsdale

Community information session

Roads and Maritime Services has awarded a contract to Baulderstone Pty Ltd to design and construct the Tintenbar to Ewingsdale upgrade.

The upgrade of about 17 kilometres of dual carriageway starts at the northern end of the Ballina Bypass at Ross Lane and extends to the Ewingsdale interchange.

You are invited to a community information session that will focus on the construction update, and a controlled blasting update with video. The session will also cover the proposed extension of construction hours and Clover Hill fencing options.

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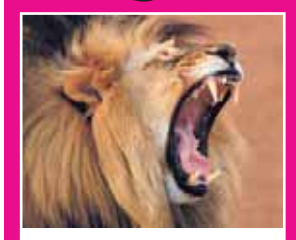

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OMFG, another council meeting

'One of the penalties for refusing to participate in politics is that you end up being governed by your inferiors.' – Plato

Hans Lovejoy

In Charles Dickens's great tome *A Tale Of Two Cities,* he writes in the opening paragraph, 'In short, the period was so far like the present period, that some of its noisiest authorities insisted on its being received, for good or for evil, in the superlative degree of comparison only.' And so herewith we delve into the depths of local governance.

Emergency housing reprieve

A proposal to evict three residents in emergency housing for extensive renovations has instead been delayed while the responsible governing bodies talk it out. And meanwhile, council will 'receive a report on the scope of urgent and immediate work required.'

Georgie Jeston from Byron Emergency Accommodation Project Inc (BEAP) told *The Echo*, 'Our organisation is greatly relieved that we are no longer in the position of having to relocate our residents within four weeks.

'The motion from Cr Paul Spooner creates an opening for all of us to come together and find solutions to what is a community problem, and we appreciate the Councillors' unanimous support for the motion.

'Getting all the stakeholders together potentially gives us the opportunity to address the ongoing problems we face. For example, statutory regulations apparently require the house in question to be listed as a boarding house, while in fact, it is like any other share house in the shire. Because of the listing, the extent of works proposed is beyond what our residents require. They need to be able to live with safety and dignity, but don't need the five-star proposal currently put forward.

'We hope to address the ongoing stress we face with the risk of losing this house every five years, the irony that this occurs to an essential service that addresses homelessness is not lost on us. As winter settles in, BEAP gratefully accepts donations of furnishings and household items that can be used in our various houses and the refuge. We are a registered charity and financial donations are tax deductible.

'This enables us to focus on the reason BEAP exists, to provide a scaffolding that supports individuals and families to regain their place in the community and live with dignity.'

For more phone 6685 8477.

BEC vs Council

Council's attempts to compromise on a long running dispute over the Byron Entertainment Centre in the Industrial Estate appear to have failed again. Thursday's motion offered conditions of consent which included increasing patronage and extending opening hours, but owner Gayle Hultgren told *The Echo*, 'It's just another Claytons approval – yes it's approved, but the conditions are so unreasonable we just can't use it. So now we're supposed to fix it with an s96 application, which experience has shown us gets us nowhere.

'Four years ago we were given approval for 16 events annually, for 900 people and 400 on other evenings and we paid all the fees. The only thing we need to do to get on with that consent is allow Council to amend our original DA. Twice in the past they have used amended DAs as an opportunity to take away use, so we won't do it. The new approval again allows 16 events for 900 people and 400 on other occasions. As Cr Ibrahim profoundly stated, it's not really a DA but a consent agreement, it doesn't approve any construction or change of use, because they are already approved, so the two sets of fees (that keep changing) shouldn't apply.

'Changing half an hour here, a few people there, so there is another set of conditions doesn't address the most important issues:

'We applied for an approval to sit on top of the two existing DAs, and instead, council have approved an amended DA. We don't see how that fits with planning law or council policy. We have tried to avoid court all these years, but we have run out of options and wasted too much of our time. It's such a waste to sort it out in court, but that appears to be the only way to end it.'

Markets saga update

Council's management of markets on crown lands was again tabled, with Council's Reserve Trust Committee voting to 'not call for tenders or conduct a similar competitive process until such time as the draft Market Policy is adopted.'

But fees and charges for operating on Council owned or controlled land will apply, along with an application and licence fee.

The full minutes are available at www.byron.nsw.gov.au.

Meanwhile, out on the ocean…

Whale season is upon us: this humpback was spotted last Friday in the bay.
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Game of drones

All this yabber yabber with the HBO series *Game of Thrones* has got to stop. For years, family and friends have been droning on about how great the show is, and on that principle alone it was ignored. But I had enough after someone said, 'You're just like Joffrey.'

What is it about this Tolkien-on-steroids fantasy that appeals to people with desk or lawn maintenance jobs?

Is it the soft porn and bloodthirsty violence? Perhaps it's the 'outstanding production, acting and script, with no expense spared'? Or perhaps it's because it examines power so directly – the tangible, head-chopping power of monarchy or hereditary lineage in contrast to the modern day where brute power is usually hidden from the populace.

For another way of examining power, it's worth looking at Niccolò Machiavelli's book *The Prince*, published in 1532.

Despite being in medieval Italian and without a huge modern production budget, the book advises how to gain and maintain political power.

Like Sun Tzu's *The Art Of War*, it's been described as a 'political handbook for rulers', and Joseph Stalin was apparently a fan.

One of the book's more interesting concepts, and one much taken to heart by present governments, is that a ruler has to know when to lie to the public to protect their interests.

In the book Machiavelli says of truthfulness: 'There is no other way of guarding against adulation, than to make people understand that they will not offend you by speaking the truth. On the other hand, when everyone feels at liberty to tell you the truth, they will be apt to be lacking in respect to you.' Eat that, Joffrey.

Hans Lovejoy, editor

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Dark clouds gather over Labor's future

Comparisons have been made with the Whitlam wipeout of 1975 and the Keating collapse in 1996, but it looks even grimmer.

by Mungo MacCallum

A handy working definition of a politician: a politician is a person who honestly and sincerely believes that the worst thing that could happen to the country would be for him or her to lose his or her job.

This is not as cynical as it sounds, because note the words: 'honestly and sincerely'. The self-belief is not a pose confected out of self interest – at least, not entirely, and often not even consciously. Almost all politicians think that they are on the side of the angels, that their thoughts and actions somehow contribute to the greater good and that the world, or at least the parliament, would be a worse place without them.

And of course, the higher up the greasy totem pole they climb, the greater the conviction. Julia Gillard has it in spades. As of last weekend, she was still insisting that she was the best person to lead the Labor Party.

All the evidence is against her – not some, but all. For almost the whole year, all the public polling has shown that the gap between the parties has been ten per cent or worse, and Labor's private polling is said to be even more dire. Back in 2010, when Kevin Rudd was hoisted from the leadership on the basis of private polls, there was some doubt about them; the polls were, after all, being conducted by those preparing to shaft him. In this case they are being done by Gillard supporters and what they are showing is far beyond the worst scenarios of 2010.

A couple of weeks ago I was invited to take part in a survey for the Fairfax press in which a number of commentators were asked to predict the number of seats Labor would win on September 14. I went for 48, less than one third of the 150 on offer, and thought I was being pessimistic; but in fact I was on the high side. Most of my fellow forecasters put the total at least ten seats fewer. Now Rod Cameron, Labor's long time pollster, says that the result could be as low as 30 – just 20 per cent of the House of Representatives.

Comparisons have been made with the Whitlam wipeout of 1975 and the Keating collapse in 1996, but it looks even grimmer. The more valid example might be 1931 when James Scullin's Labor government was swept from office by the Great Depression. Labor was reduced to a rump of 14 seats in a House of 75. In the process the party lost many of its best and brightest younger members, including John Curtin and Ben Chifley. They regained their seats in subsequent elections, but it was still ten long years before Curtin led Labor back to power and even then it took a total breakdown of the conservative forces to allow it to happen.

This is the kind of fate towards which Gillard is leading her followers. Sure, she's tough, she's resilient, she won't take a backward step. But then, nor did George Custer. There are times when raw courage is just not enough. The only outcome will be a massacre – unless Gillard can be persuaded to step down.

And this is the impasse. Some of the warlords who installed her are wavering: the AWU boss Paul Howes has graciously said that his union will not bind members of parliament to vote for her if the spill comes.

To do so, of course, would be a criminal offence, but this has never stopped him and his mates in the past. But other heavies appear to be sticking; after all, it's not their jobs at risk. And the backbenchers are still reluctant to move without a signal from the top – having spent a generation or more as creatures of their factions, even the prospect of hanging cannot concentrate their minds sufficiently to generate a grassroots uprising.

So all eyes have turned to the self-appointed future leader of the party, Bill Shorten. Shorten is a well known and generally respected public figure; he came to prominence as the face of the Beaconsfield mine disaster and has been an energetic minister, especially prominent in leading the charge to the National Disability Insurance Scheme, one of the government's few success stories. But his actual following in caucus is still small – six votes at best. If he is to tap Gillard on the shoulder he wants company: otherwise there is a real risk that she might, in the words of one of her minders, knee him in the balls and toss him out.

And in any case he is reluctant to lead the insurgency; he has already knifed one prime minister and does not want to get tagged as a serial killer. But if he doesn't, there is the very real prospect of inheriting a party without enough members to mount a credible lamington drive, let alone a viable opposition. And there is another factor: if Kevin Rudd were to return, there would be just the faint chance (very faint, but the polling suggests that it is there) that he might actually win the election.

If he did, of course, he would be the untouchable saviour – for a while, anyway. And Shorten would have to start the whole task of undermining him yet again before gaining what he believes is rightfully his. And he would already have earned the undying enmity of the remnant Gillard forces.

But the final deadline for a decision is looming. This is one position of power and influence that Shorten probably did not want, but the times and the media have thrust it upon him. And it is not absolutely certain that his intervention would bring about a solution; it might only intensify the war and make things worse.

On the other hand, he could be cast as John the Baptist, heralding the arrival of the Messiah and salvation for the party. But then, we all know what happened to John the Baptist.

It must be a real dilemma for the man, agonising over where his own best interests – and of course, those of his party and of the nation – lie. Perhaps he needs another focus group. But weren't they the problem in the first place?

■ See Mungo's video at Echonetdaily.net.au

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Fracking remains a genuine issue

■ In response to John Vaughan's letter (*Echo*, June 11), I would like to clear up some inaccuracies and assumptions on his part.

As coordinator of the Brunswick Heads Gasfield Free group, I approached Cr Duncan Dey with regard to erecting two signs on the two entrance roads to Brunswick Heads, declaring the town gasfield free. This was after a survey of all residents of the town returned a vote of 93 per cent who wanted to declare the town gasfield free.

At no time did we request funding from Council. Our group will pay for the signs from fundraising, as will all the other gasfield free groups in Byron Shire.

The request for assistance from Cr Dey and Council is for erecting the signs on suitable poles with an attempt at using existing ones so as not to add to the proliferation of poles on the roadsides and also for assistance with any protocols in relation to this.

Cr Dey and mayor Simon Richardson should be commended for assisting a project which an overwhelming percentage of their constituents would like to undertake. That is what we have voted them in for, in my view.

While it is true that Dart Energy, which has the mining licence over the area including Brunswick Heads, has withdrawn and there is talk that it is not economically viable for them to mine at this point, there is no guarantee as to their or any other mining company's intention in the future. That is why it is most important to give a clear message to the mining companies 'you are not wanted here and if you come you will have over 90 per cent of residents opposed to you'.

Wendy Royston
Brunswick Heads

■ There may well be no coal seam gas (CSG) under Byron Shire; however, this is no reason for relief. There is more to the story that the miners and some politicians don't want you to know.

Talk to a geologist outside the gas industry or not under a political thumb. Have a go at making sense of what is written on the NSW Department of Resources website and hidden in some of the maps and drawings.

Much of Byron Shire sits above the giant ancient Clarence Moreton Basin. This ancient Mesozoic Basin from the time of the dinosaurs over hundreds of millions of years slowly filled with eroded sediments, dead plants and animals. Anaerobic microbes devoured the organic material giving off methane gas. Over millions of years the gas became bound with the sediments to form rock.

Methane was locked into the various sedimentary layers of the Basin and not just in its coal measures/seams.

The gas that miners will be hoping to exploit in the ancient sedimentary rock below our shire is unlikely to be from coal seams; however, this gas, just like CSG is classed as an 'unconventional' gas.

Unconventional because it is bound to the rock and only able to behave like a gas when the bonds to the rock are broken.

To fully exploit the gas bound in the ancient sediments below our shire it is quite likely that both chemicals and massive hydraulic forces would be required. Just like much CSG, mining would involve the processes of fracking.

Fracking – here lies our immediate local concern for our kids' future health and water. Don't be misled into believing that there is no exploitable gas under our shire.

Garry Scott
Coordinator Gasfield Free
Myocum/Tyagarah

New surf break

If the controversial redneck rocks were dumped in the water to make a reef 50 metres offshore at Belongil they might protect the beach from big angry waves – without making it inaccessible and ugly – and save the houses, maybe not for ever but at least until current residents have stopped worrying. Create a new surf break, probably known as 'Vaughan's', and maybe even prevent some divisive and costly arguments.

Alistair Bell
Byron Bay

Bogan behaviour

Having worked with youth in Byron Shire for 13 years – street youth, depressed youth, suicidal youth, soon-to-be-jailed youth and everything in between – I am saddened and gobsmacked after last week's State of Origin.

As if Paul Gallen's left-right wasn't a bad enough example to our youth, the commentators talked about the Maroons' initiating a brawl to break up the NSW's rhythm. (Sounds like a deliberate push-in at the taxi rank or kebab queue.) Then Laurie Daley called the incident one of the great Origin moments.

I am totally aware of the reasons for Gallen's 'king hits' but people in such influential positions should understand the ramifications their actions have on our easily-influenced youth.

Award-winning Karl Stefanovic called Gallen a 'dog' after watching the game. My disgusted 13-year-old daughter said, 'Aren't they stupid?'

But the following morning on Karl's breakfast *Today* show, he commented, 'I like a bit of a biff'. Obviously hasn't been bashed, glassed or had his son killed by violence. Our youth, like the ones before them, are just trying to fit in. As Gandhi said, good leaders lead by example. How are we meant to influence our youth responsibly when their heroes act like something off *Jerry Springer*?

Channels 7, 9 and 10 flood our desensitised viewers every evening with sex and violence, and society tries to bandaid the problem by drugging or jailing our confused youth and asking for more police.

After the unprovoked assault on Simon Gramp in George Street, Sydney, by an unknown attacker, king-hit for no reason last week, you would think as a generalisation people would get it. With 3,733 recorded violent assaults in George Street alone, the effect of misdirected anger is obvious, coupled with all the

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alcohol companies that sponsor, advertise and pay such huge amounts of money for the privilege of promoting their products.

Having been king-hit, bottled in the face, kicked by 14 thugs while defenceless on the ground, I know the detrimental effects of violence. Enough of this bogan behaviour.

Stop trying to find the reasons for this behaviour on the outside, and start on the inside, with the biggest vehicles for sensentionalised violence being TV, movies, various internet sites and games.

Five years ago, I conducted a survey asking 200 under-15-year-olds what constituted tough and would they have a fight if they thought they would lose. The answers: mainly gangsters, and no, they wouldn't pick a losing fight.

Stop this lunacy now.

Peter Gauge
Boxation
Mullumbimby

CFS good news

There is good news for the increasing number of people who suffer from the debilitating collection of illnesses temporarily named 'Chronic Fatigue Syndrome' (also known as Myalgic Encephalomyelitis). One of the foremost research institutes with a focus on CFS is soon to be located at Griffith University on the Gold Coast. This will greatly aid in our battle for recognition, accurate diagnosis and, one day, treatment for what the World Health Organisation first recognised as a neurological disease in 1969.

People with ME/CFS of differing levels of severity, living from Brisbane to Byron, are needed to participate in research studies. Healthy people willing to be control subjects are also needed.

To find out more email sharni.hardcastle@griffthuni.edu.au or check out the National Centre for Neuroimmunology and Emerging Diseases on Facebook.

Jen Jacobs
Brunswick Heads

A healing experience

Both major political parties would have us believe that their main focus in the people smuggling/boat people saga is the saving of the lives of asylum seekers and breaking the business plan of the smugglers.

Has anyone considered the leasing of foreign-registered tourist ships and turning them into floating cities which have all the benefits of cities with facilities for processing, education, training, childcare and cultural exchange? We don't have to punish the already traumatised. We can give them an experience that tourists pay for, at a much lower cost internationally, politically and economically than the offshore gulags.

The ships would come in every so often to our territorial boundaries and transfer the processed candidates to an Australian vessel while reprovisioning.

If we really care about the plight of traumatised refugees we would give them a civilised (and civilising) experience, a healing experience, a dignified experience.

Jim Nutter
Main Arm

Public Access review

Last week the mayor indicated that Public Access practice is up for review. That's good; for too long there has been this arbitrary diktat that the session must finish by 10.15am so that the meeting proper can start at 10.30. Usually question time comes right at the end, meaning that I'm made to feel a nuisance for tending to extend the session. Sometimes, under our former mayor there'd be no time at all for questions, and sometimes she seemed to deliberately engineer it that way.

The other main problem has been the division of time in relation to each subject – five minutes for and five minutes against. If two speakers want to have their say then their five minutes is divided into two two and a half minutes each. This reached the height of absurdity when

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Stop wasting time on rocks

Thanks to *The Echo* for last week publishing a long-needed exposé on the demise of Belongil used-to-be-a Beach, to Cate Faehrmann for blowing the whistle on it and to Angus Gordon (*Echonetdaily*, June 7) for highlighting the answers on this saga. Angus was lead author of the first assessment in 1978 of coastal erosion (Byron Bay to Hastings Point). His June comment finishes with 'the coastal erosion problems of NSW, and there are now many, are a state matter and require state driven sustainable solutions'.

If rocks on gaps between other unapproved rocks is the answer at Belongil, then what was the question? I believe the real question is how best to help affected landholders establish lives in places not liable to erosion. No amount of rock will turn Belongil into that place. Just look at the current scene via your maps app's satellite view. You'll see properties on a man-made headland jutting into the sea plus a gully being cut in the surf-zone in front of it. Sustainable? I don't think so.

Won't filling in the gaps with approved rocks run the risk of creating responsibilities for the unapproved rock walls beside them? A bit like putting bog in holes in a rusty car – it's the start of a project, not the end. Will the state who just found $300,000 so easily for rocks keep the tap open on funding for more… for ever? Or at an increasing rate, if the sea is rising? Hey, that's unaffordable! And who's paying?

I understand there are 21 landholders affected at Belongil. And many more in the north of the Shire.

I've lodged a motion for June 27 that Council write to the minister for planning about erosion at New Brighton and South Golden Beach and seek funding towards a coastal zone management plan for the shire's coastline. Let's stop wasting time on rocks and debates at Belongil and get this sorted, and for the whole shire. Let's have proper debate, create the plan and inform the state about their (ie our) issue – one that we share with much of NSW.

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The night will end with the debut performance of Dream Drone Star Vision, Si Mullumby's didge journey combined with astro photography by Michael Worthington.

The TekSTAR Youth Program will run from 11am-2pm, offering interactive activities for families and young children, including a rainbow scavenger hunt with Dirtgirl and an Earth Guardians music recording studio, while kids of all ages can explore the hands-on vintage technology museum and a cinema of video art.

Speaking at The Konvergence will be experts from the International Symposium on Electronic Art (ISEA2013), researchers from presenting partner Southern Cross University, as well as a host of local and visiting thinkers on the cutting-edge of the digital age.

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Dear Resident,

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Our community's view is clear: We do not want risky CSG.

That's why I need your ongoing help to stop the National Party's plans to grow CSG fracking and mining operations in our region.

Get your friends, neighbours, and family to sign my petition and together we can make the North Coast *'CSG Free'*.

Justine Elliot

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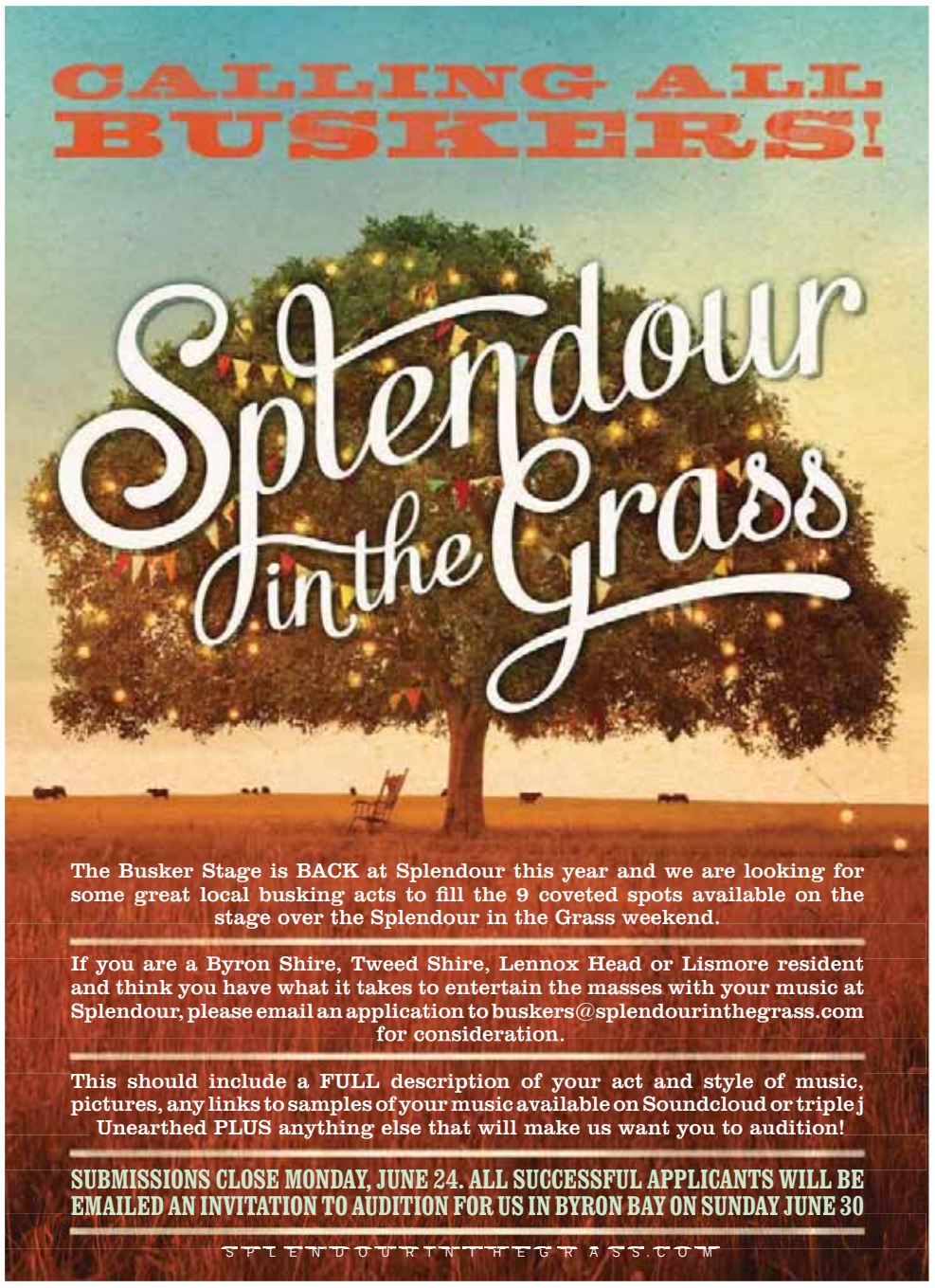

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the Blues Fest DA was up. There were four neighbours who objected and each was given one and a quarter minutes! Yet each of them had a distinct legal interest and a different basis for objection. Some re-thinking required there, councillors.

At the last meeting I wanted to put the heat on planning director Ray Darney with some questions regarding my court case, but I was more or less forced to trade them off for a submission. I'll summarise the questions here now (which is probably just as much heat). Why in a 2001 vote were those MO owners who wanted to convert to Community Title forced to do the following:

1. File a DA at the same time as their re-zoning application and pay all their fees up front?

2. Pay the cost of all council staff time and administration outlays, as well of consultants employed by council?

3. Do a fresh assessment of the impact of their proposal despite the fact that they already had consent for the same degree of site density?

Planner David Kanaley had already left Council when these punitive terms were imposed, but he tells me he received complaints from several owners and that he'd intended the conversion process to be simple. I'm amazed that none of the owners challenged this nonsense in court; certainly those who applied for Community Title from scratch (ie not having an existing MO) weren't hit with the same requirements.

The relevant resolution (01-1193) can be read in the preamble to the Rural Strategy. The heading says: 'Referred for action to: Environmental Planning Dictorate'. How very Freudian.

Oh, and many weeks ago I applied for a copy of the staff report that lead to that resolution; I wanted to see what the staff justification was. I'm still waiting. Indeed one of the questions I wanted to ask the GM was whether he considers it adequate that FOI requests can sometimes just vanish into thin air. Just as well the courts have a subpoena process, innit?

Fast Buck$
Coorabell

Photos for nothing

I was excited and about to enter the Byron Shire Council photography competition in the hope of winning a prize for one of my photos. Thought I'd just check that they only get exclusive rights if I was a winning entry, particularly because the advertisement says '…and the winning photos will be used to show the world who we truly are'.

So I sent an email to the council to check and I received the reply that the exclusive rights are for all photos entered. While copyright of each photo remains with the entrant, they are required to 'authorise and license all images to Byron Shire Council for unlimited use'.

These images may also be distributed to third parties, such as the Visitor Industry Association Byron, Brunswick Heads Chamber of Commerce and Destination NSW for marketing and advertising campaigns.

This means they are getting them and using them anywhere with anyone! Even exclusive use is rare these days, so to do this is unbelievable and I think most entrants won't actually even understand what they are giving away. This is the cheapest way to gain stock photos for nothing.

To any photographers wishing to enter thinking they might win, make sure you are happy giving your shots away for nothing.

Sonia Friedrich
Byron Bay

Road rage

Every occasion in which I find myself in a traffic jam on Ewingsdale Road, I curse the incompetence of both the Byron Council and the business organisations of this town. They fiddle with arguments about tweaking of the existing road network whereas the solution is staring them in the face. None, apparently, has either the intellectual capacity to see it or they lack the political guts to embrace it.

The traffic causing the problem is coming in from the north and is going out to the north. It's tourist traffic that is vital to the businesses of the town but it is choking the town.

We have a disused railway line running through the guts of town and out to the freeway, linking up just south of Grays Lane. The railway has acres of land right on the beach between First Sun Caravan Park and Belongil, ideal for pay-up beachside parking, meaning that most of the visitor traffic wouldn't even need to come into the CBD.

Physical encouragement could be given for visitors to walk into the CBD from this site. Ewingsdale Road would be left to the locals. Elsewhere within Byron the NSW railways have the capacity to completely transform the future of Byron town planning, but I leave that to others. I am only interested in getting to The Pass where, with my Tony Abbott endorsed Nazi

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Di Mahoney will speak about the 'Cringe the Binge' program at our meeting at 10am on 25/6/13 in the CWA rooms, Brunswick Heads. All welcome. Enquiries 6685 1982.

CWA at Primex

The Far North Coast Group of CWA will be again serving food including their famous scones at Primex (primex.net.au) this year. All money to providing scholarships for children.

Byron Sophia

Byron Sophia Philosophical Group: Even the Sun will Die – Discussion around Southern Hemisphere Solstice and questions raised by Eckhart Tolle in his CD and his book *The New Earth*. Thursday, 20 June 2013, 1–3pm, at Masonic Centre, 6 Byron St, Byron Bay. Info: Celia 6684 3623.

Author talk

Byron Bay Library invites you to a talk by Sunshine Coast author Maggie Counihan at 2pm on Friday 21 June on her new book *Bring on the birthdays: Ageing with adventures.* Bookings are essential on 6685 8540.

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style surfing helmet, my Julia Gillard brand self-interest focusing reflective surf goggles, my Christopher Pyne stainless steel knuckle dusters and my American brand telescopic truncheon with power head added (always down the front of the togs, baby, never down the rear) I can take my rightful place in the lineup as the self-appointed head of the Ageing Weak-Kneed Surfers Association.

Lester Brien
Byron Bay

End racist attitudes

Mandy's rave on racism was absolutely spot on. Claims that a person is not a racist accompanied by the defence of 'it was an accident' or 'it was said in private' are totally invalid. If someone lets down their inhibitions and makes a racist statement, then their true attitude is revealed.

Mandy's point that Australian culture fosters racist attitudes rings true. Thank you, Mandy, for your clear articulation of the issues and plea for an end to racist attitudes and an end to excuses.

Kate Lavender
Lennox Head

CFC v CO_2

Some people have been getting all steamed up about a hypothesis that CFCs cause global warming, not CO_2.

A paper by Professor Qin-Bin Lu in the journal of *Modern Physics B* claims that CFCs created global warming from 1950 to 2002. Prof Lu claims that average global temperature is now falling because CFC concentrations are declining. He questions the method the IPCC uses to calculate the warming contribution of CO_2.

However, when an 11-year running average is used to smooth the fluctuations of yearly global surface temperature, the underlying temperature is steadily increasing. Also climate scientists say CFCs only contribute ten per cent of warming and a recent rise in HFCs counters the fall in CFCs. If CFCs were the dominant source of warming, why did global temperatures rise in the decades before WWII when CFCs did not exist in quantity?

There is a lot of coal that wants to get out of its hole, but I'm putting my money on the IPCC in this stoush.

Sapoty Brook
Mullumbimby

Abuse of power

Is Carl Clark really an intelligence community whistleblower? He seems to have done one media interview and then disappeared. If I hadn't experienced a lot of what he describes, and knownmany others who have also, I would think it might be a hoax. See www.freedomfchs.com/cclarkintrvw.pdf.

To me it seems that stopping these sort of unofficial covert actions against citizens is far more important than whether we have our meta data logged by PRISM.

The latter is officially sanctioned, at least in the USA, and may soon be here too. What trouble can they cause us with that? Even reading our emails etc would not be a problem if the information was only used for security purposes.

What Carl Clark describes though are methods that, while maybe necessary tricks of the trade for agents operating in very difficult circumstances against legitimate targets, can also be turned to target citizens for other reasons: political, personal and even psychopathic.

I think we need more focus on ways to make sure this unofficial abuse of power can't continue, whether that abuse is from within intelligence organisations, discreetly outsourced or proliferating to who knows where.

Jed Stuart
Mullumbimby

Fluoridation farce

Fluoridation of water supplies is medication being forced upon the public.

For starters, fluoride has optimum effect on dentition when it comes into direct contact with tooth enamel.

Ingesting it has little or no effect on the teeth. Fluoride toothpaste is the most effective method of application and in this form consumers have a choice to use it or not.

Forced medication of fluoride may set an ominous precedent. Already folates have been added to flour and flour products because some people do not eat sufficient fresh fruit and vegetables so it is forced upon us all.

What next? Australia has a high rate of suicide. Will antidepressants be added to water supplies in the future?

If fluoridation of our water supplies goes ahead then those who object to it should have every right to, en masse, refuse to pay their water rates.

Maybe *The Echo* should consider conducting a community plebiscite in one or two of their editions so as to survey those for and against fluoridation.

Perhaps the following research should be presented in court as evidence: Mayo Clinic: Fluoridation & Bone Disease in Renal Patients www.fluoridealert.org/studies/mayo-clinic.

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- Ballina RSL Club, River St Ballina at 11am Thursday June 20
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S Sorrensen

The pelican is a relaxed bird.

One in this squadron of six has its neck lying back along its spine with its head looking forward from a feathery pillow as it swims towards shore. That's really relaxed.

The others have their heads in the more conventional pelican position: atop slightly and elegantly curved necks.

As the scoop of pelicans nears river's edge, they stand up in the shallow water. The pelican with the laidback head stands as well, but keeps its head folded back in that weird position.

Maybe it's more than relaxed. Maybe it's had an accident and its neck is broken.

Pelicans suffer in these modern times. They get tangled in fishing lines, choked on plastic and starved by overfishing. How will it fly? Swimming and standing may be okay with your head folded on your back but, flying? I don't think so.

The scoop waddles towards a tackle of fishermen who are readying their rods

on the sandy bank. Actually, they're not really fishermen; they're three teenage boys. Fisherteens, I guess. They're noisy too, laughing and shouting in newly deep voices.

Fishermen are usually older blokes with khaki shirts, shapeless hats and big bellies. This hormone of fisherteens wears bright t-shirts emblazoned with the names of American cities. And baseball caps.

One has a serious cough, barking as he baits his line, and spits into the sand.

There's a girl with the fisherteens but she isn't one. Sitting on a bleached tree trunk, she watches as the boys bait their lines, white cords running from her ears, her arms folded across her chest against the rising cold.

The pelicans waddle, in that relaxed pelican way, towards the fisherteens and the girl. Amazingly, the weird one waddles with its neck still folded – like an Ikea pelican, half-assembled.

Lines baited, the boys walk towards the water. The pelicans scatter. Well, scatter is not the right word. They separate with pelican nonchalance, allowing their fellow fishers access to their river.

A young man comes down from the carpark and unleashes a black and white puppy. It immediately runs at the pelicans. The lay-down neck of the weird pelican springs up like a party whistle uncurling. It and the other pelicans hurry into the water.

A motor boat chugs upriver, its wash making the fisherteens jump and the floating pelicans rock.

Plonk, plonk, plonk – the fisherteens cast their lines into the future. The motorboat kills its engine and starts drifting back past the fisherteens and pelicans. An old bloke with a shapeless hat and big belly casts a line from the boat's stern. A willy wagtail lands on the gutting table near me and attacks a bloodstained newspaper page flapping on about an election.

The river goes quiet.

The fisherteens stare into the river. The pelicans watch them with professional interest. The man, pup now under his arm, sits on the sand and gazes riverward. The girl pulls the earphones from her ears. The willy wagtail realises there's no sustenance in the election and flies off to the pub.

A stillness drops down like a raindrop on a river; its ripples connecting us all. Rivers are good like that. They are Earth altars at which all living things pray; portals to our collective soul.

A lowering pressure sucks a sigh from me; a sigh filled with pent-up sadness for all that once was, for all that is lost, for all we are losing.

But I'm happy the neck is not broken.

A cough cracks the silence. It startles the pup who escapes his owner's clutches and resumes chasing pelicans.

They fly up to where dark clouds are gathering, all holding their heads out on long, straight necks.

A dodgy hypothesis on old and new world writing styles

Michael McDonald

I like to compare and contrast literature from 'Old Europe' (as described by Donny Rumsfeld and his henchman) and New America – Henry James defeating my style generalisations. Kinky, I know.

Currently I'm reading *The Prague Cemetery* by Umberto Eco (Old Europe) and *The Paperboy* by Pete Dexter (New America). Interestingly, both the novels begin with frighteningly long sentences. From Eco we get convoluted cleverness and from Dexter brash clarity. As much as I admire the American style, I think I'm stuck in Old Europe, having imbibed its literature as a child and gone on to a teen fascination with the 'jewelled prose' of Nabokov. It would take major rewiring for me to write like Dexter.

So far I think *The Prague Cemetery* is a much better book than Eco's earlier work *The Name of the Rose*. While entranced at first look, I reread *The Name* earlier this year and found it clunky, Eco sacrificing storytelling to little lectures in semiotics. (I earned a High Distinction in semiotics from Deakin University by correspondence, so on this topic I know my onions.)

Here's a couple of sentences which might tend to disprove my hypothesis:

'No one mentions that now, and I suppose no one is inclined to bring it up, particularly not my father, who in other matters loves those things most that he can no longer touch or see, things washed clean of flaws and ambiguity by the years he has held them in his memory, reshaping them as he brings them out, again and again, telling his stories until finally the stories, and the things in them, are as perfect and sharp as the edge of the knife he keeps in his pocket.' – *The Paperboy*.

'A mystic is a hysteric who has met her confessor before her doctor.' – *The Prague Cemetery*.

Coincidentally, there is a clever dog named Eco who lives in Mullumbimby. As far as I know, he has never studied semiotics, but his minder says he always reads his peemail.

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People Smuggler is a case for mandatory reading

The People Smuggler by Robin De Crespigny, thepeoplesmuggler.com

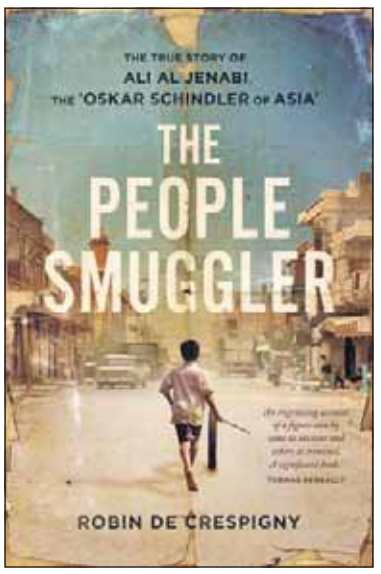
Review by Mandy Nolan

Like many liberal-minded Australians who feel immense compassion for asylum seekers and who personally oppose mandatory detention and offshore processing of refugees, I have believed that people smugglers were financial opportunists whose sole purpose was to profit on the misery of others.

But after reading Robin De Crespigny's powerful book *The People Smuggler*, the true story of Ali Al Jenabi, the first person to be prosecuted and convicted by the Australian government under laws introduced by the Howard government as part of the strategy to 'stop the boats', I was reminded that nothing is ever that simplistic. In a political climate that continues to vilify people smugglers as heartless profiteers, and believes that the continuation of people seeking asylum entering illegally through Australian waters can be stopped by simply stopping the boats – you can stop the boats, but these people are still refugees; they're just not here – a book like *The People Smuggler* should be made mandatory reading for all Australians.

I would challenge even the most right-wing xenophobic reader to maintain their 'get rid of the refugees' attitude after reading De Crespigny's narrative. Sadly though, they'll probably never read it, and they'll never know the truly amazing story of Ali Al Jenabi, a man who was forced to leave his family in Iraq when he fled Saddam Hussein's torture chambers.

And yes, Ali Al Jenabi did smuggle asylum seekers via boat from Indonesia to Australia but it was underwritten not by greed, but by compassion and in response to the frustration with the United Nations' tokenistic approach to assisting real



need and the vulnerability of his fellow country-less men and women. Jenabi's response to the inhumanity and corruption of the people smuggling industry was to do it himself, and to do it fairly and safely. Everyone who went on Jenabi's boats made it to Australia. No one died. Many people never paid. Children went for free.

That's why Jenabi has been called 'The Oskar Schindler of Asia'. Ironic that Schindler who did the same thing as Jenabi was revered in film and literature, yet Jenabi served time in both prison and detention centres here in Australia.

This book is a gripping read, which is unusual considering the subject matter is despair, torture, displacement, violence, hopelessness and detention. Yet this is a story of resilience. Not the kind we try and instil in our privileged first-world kids to teach them to cope with not getting a prize in pass-the-parcel, but the deeper resilience of the human spirit, the resilience that keeps a person going when they have lost family, material possessions, career, and country, when they have been tortured and imprisoned, when they have lost everything – and then they still have the capacity to start again.

That is the spirit at the heart of this remarkable story told by author Robin De Crespigny, told in first person with the author embodying Jenabi's voice. The epic story was told to De Crespigny over three years in long conversations that she would spend hours transcribing.

Somehow De Crespigny has performed an impressive authorial feat, piecing together not just the complex narrative of Jenabi's life but also his life changing moral choices and the emotional depths of his odyssey.

This is one of the most immensely readable and most deeply thought-provoking books I have read in some time. *The People Smuggler* is a reminder of the power of literature to capture stories that not only change the world but also change the way we think.

■ Robin De Crespigny is one of the featured writers at this year's Byron Bay Writers' Festival, August 2–4.

Romantic comedy with a twist is the Simsion project forte

The Rosie Project by Graeme Simsion, graemesimsion.com

Review by Lisa Walker

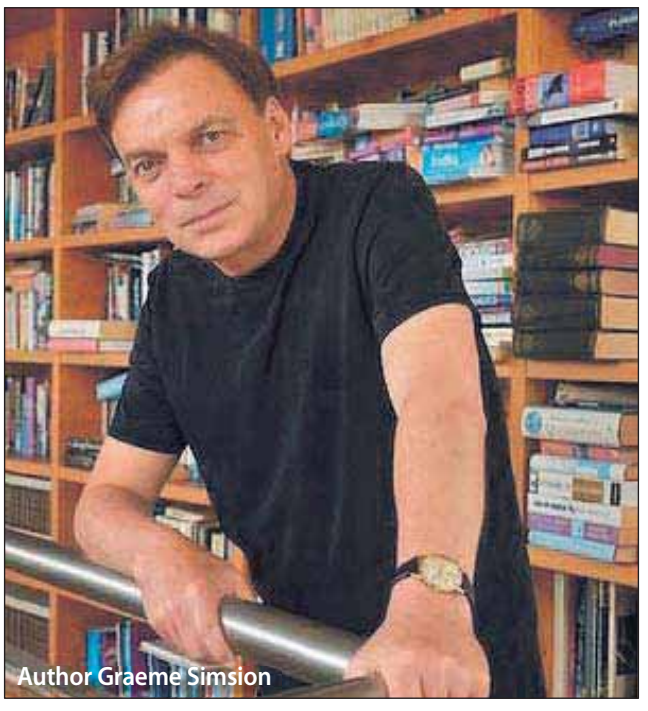
The Rosie Project is Graeme Simsion's first novel and it has taken off with a bang, already selling into 30 countries. Simsion has previously written two non-fiction books as well as short stories, plays and screenplays. *The Rosie Project*, which won the Victorian Premier's Literary Award in 2012, was originally a screenplay, written as part of Simsion's studies at RMIT.

Don Tillman is a professor of genetics. He has some unusual habits – his life is timed to the last minute, he eats exactly the same meals at the same time every week, he is a master of Aikido but has trouble with social situations. While the author never says as much, the reader deduces that Don may have Asperger's syndrome. Don himself doesn't recognise this, however. When he gives a lecture on Asperger's, a friend asks him if the symptoms remind him of anyone he knows and they do – one of the other professors.

When Don decides that he needs a wife, he approaches this task as he does the rest of his life, with efficiency. A questionnaire is what he needs, he decides, 'to filter out the time wasters, the disorganised, the ice-cream discriminators, the visual-harassment complainers…' Don's questionnaire for 'The Wife Project' is both extensive and discriminating. But then along comes Rosie – a smoker, a barmaid, a vegetarian. She is totally unsuitable, yet Don can't seem to stop himself from spending time with her.

Don is a wonderful character, who maintains his consistently original persona throughout. There are many delightful one-liners and a couple of laugh-out-loud moments due to the gap between Don's view of the world and that of others. When a woman who is clearly interested in him asks him out for a chat he quizzes her on how he should prepare, 'What specific topics are you interested in?' When Rosie says, 'You want to share a taxi?' Don reflects that it seemed a sensible use of fossil fuel. And when asked if he has ever had sex, Don confirms that he has, on his doctor's orders, but then ponders that it might become more complicated when there are two people involved.

Simsion acknowledges the inspiration he has gained from classic romantic comedy movies. 'Cary Grant would have made a perfect Don,' he says. This book is funny, witty and intelligent – I finished it with a smile on my face.


Author Graeme Simsion

Among the workshops this year

Laurel Cohn: Understanding Story Structure: Monday July 29, 10am–4pm, SCU Room, Byron Community Centre.

A story is like a creature. It can have a multitude of limbs and unusual features, but it needs to be able to stand on its own and deliver its creator's intent. Being able to identify the backbone of your story is crucial to help you work out whether you have unwanted growths that need to be excised or require additional material needed for balance.

In this workshop Laurel will introduce the idea of storyboarding for writers. This is a useful tool to help you discover the spine of your story, the key elements that your story can't do without, and ideas that can be trimmed away. In addition to storyboarding, through practical exercises we will explore other strategies to help you understand and hone your story structure.

Writers of fiction and narrative non-fiction who have completed at least the first three chapters of a book-length draft, or have completed a short story will benefit. Expect to gain an understanding of story structure and why it matters plus a suite of specific tools and strategies.

Participants need to: prepare a chapter outline (book-length work) to bring to the workshop – a couple of prose paragraphs or up to 8 dot points for each chapter: what happens, key characters introduced, time covered, major event/s.

GREEN SCENE

BYRON BAY WRITERS' FESTIVAL LOSES THE BOTTLE

In an effort to adopt a greener tinge and reduce its carbon footprint, there will be no plastic bottled water for sale at this year's Byron Bay Writers' Festival.

To be held from 2–4 August at the North Byron Events site, BBWF asks ticket holders to bring their own bottles, which may be refilled at the onsite water stations for the cost of $1. Steel bottles will be available for sale onsite, and water will also be sold in biodegradable cups.

'It used to sadden me, year after year, to see writers take one or two sips from their water bottles and then abandon them on stage,' Festival director Jeni Caffin said.

'This is just a small but significant step the BBWF is taking in 2013 to minimise its plastic legacy. We ask all our audiences and participants to take that step with us. Thank you to Neverfail for assisting us in this initiative, and to local solicitors/attorneys Bottrell van Kempen for supplying bottles to the writers'.

For information about the Byron Bay Writers' Festival and to book tickets, visit byronbaywritersfestival.com or telephone them on 02 6685 5115.

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TOP TIPS TO REDUCE PLASTIC CONSUMPTION

Buy food nude

Take your own jars, bottles and bags and purchase unpackaged/bulk foods. Opt for goods not wrapped in styrofoam, cling wrap or plastic bags. Bring calico bags like your grandma used to. If you simply *must* use a plastic bag, make sure it is an heirloom one from your collection that you've washed and re-used a hundred times.

It's in the bag

Don't be a dag – bring your own bag. Ja!

Store food in glass jars

Avoid using cling wrap and snaplock bags. Even plastic lunchboxes leak toxins into your food and eventually end up in landfill. Instead, try storing your food in re-used jam jars and suchlike. For the fridge, a ceramic bowl with a saucer as the lid works well.

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ECHO BEACH

Who is the best local surfer ever?

Willsy doing some nice rail work for Byron Bay Boardriders

IT IS AN IMPOSSIBLE QUESTION to answer, but it doesn't stop us all having an opinion. While we all surf to have fun the question of who surfs the best always comes up.

Echo Beach this week asked a bunch of the area's best surfers and industry gurus spanning a 40-year period to list who they think is the best local surfer from Ballina to Byron. Tough question to answer, but here is what they came up with…

FIRST

DANNY WILLS
Smooth with a combination of big moves and new style tricks, he can do the lot. Gary Timperley

Explosive, extremely talented and highest contest achiever of the area. Gunther Rohn

Family man and a great guy… tore the bag out of any decent section! Kieren Perrow

Beautiful style and a genuine ambassador for surfers in our local community. Brendan "Margo" Margieson

Perfect posture, concentrated attention to wave character and literally grew up on the waves here. Rusty Miller

EQUAL SECOND

KIEREN PERROW
Intelligent and for a little guy has heaps of guts to ride those big waves. Gary Timperley

Hellman and as a surfer still getting better. Runner Up Pipe Masters in 2010, winner 2011. Gunther Rohn

Such a charger considering growing up in an area without consistent big surf and his Pipeline win. Margo

GARY TIMPERLEY
Powerful with a great style and a great guy. Danny Wills

One of the area's and country's best of the times. Gunther Rohn

A force to be reckoned with. Bob McTavish

EQUAL FOURTH

ADAM MELLING
A powerful surfer who keeps his speed and pulls great lines. Gunther Rohn

One of the best surfers on the tour right now. Kieren Perrow

GARRETT PARKES
Amazing aerialist, looking to bust into the WT. Kieren Perrow

BRENDAN 'MARGO' MARGIESON
So explosive and innovative during his time in the spotlight, a humble and powerful surfer. Kieren Perrow

Unbelievable powerful moves and is one of the first free professional surfers. Timpo

SEVENTH

CRAIG WARTON
Always loved watching Warto surf, always exciting and made a huge push in the air. Kieren Perrow

EQUAL EIGHTH

CRAIG HOLLEY
Really smooth and different style. Danny Wills

GEORGE GREENOUGH
Inventive, unique, simple life. Gets wet daily. Lives how hippies dream of. Bob McTavish

BOB McTAVISH
His total commitment speaks for itself. Ed Sinnot

STUART KENNEDY
Keeps getting better, but lacks contest savvy. Gunther Rohn

JEREMY BYLES
One of the area's very best of the early nineties. Powerful and explosive. Beat some of the very best. Gunther Rohn

MICHAEL WRIGHT
Most progressive young surfer of the area. Surfs big Pipe and Chopes. Very big contest results already. Gunther Rohn

SOLI BAILEY
A huge future ahead of this kid, great style and approach to a wave. Kieren Perrow

MARCUS ABOODY
One of the best surfers at Lennox Point, super smooth style with great rail surfing. Kieren Perrow

EQUAL SIXTEENTH

Max Penderghast
Algy Reed
Lainey Reed
Johnny Keevers
Jimmy Keevers
Chris Brock
Phil Myers
Gary Harwood
Wayne Webb
Donny Campbell
Frank Latta
Torren Martyn
Duncan McNichol
Steve Mills
Josh Sleep
Geoff McCoy
Luke Stickley
Owen Wright
Rusty Miller
Tyler Wright
Neil Cameron
Shaun Munro
Anthony Walsh
Jenny Boggis
Steve The Mal Rider at The Pass
Rod Anderson
Peter Phelps
Noel Graham
Sasha Sleigh
Duncan Murray
Anthony Mikeledes (Miko)
Richard Beckers
Owen Walker
Simon Maltby
Ed The Islander
Kyuss King
Ray the old longboarder from Uki
Steve the lifeguard
Dave Rastovich
Guy Walker
James Woods
Ellis Ericson
Johnny Abegg
Yerrin Brown

Surfboard art comp WINNER!

Thanks to everyone for sending in your entries to our **Molotow Surfboard Art comp**. It was a hard decision but our art director has given first place to **Luke Kennedy** who has won himself a $250 Molotow paint pen pack. Check out more of his work at mynameislk.com

Wave of the week

The winner of this week's *Echo Beach* wave of the week is **Tony Cunningham** for this photo at Main Beach Byron Bay last Tuesday. Tony has scored himself $200 off his next ESP surfboard. Next week we will be giving away NRL tickets at Skilled Park for the Echo Wave of The Week winner. Remember the shot must be take on the North Coast over the next 10 days and entries close 27th June. Please email your entry to sport@echo.net.au

Surf report

Plenty of waves around for surfers this week. On Tuesday we have a dropping 4 -5 feet S/SW swell, but we will see and new S swell on Wednesday peaking at 4 - 6 feet on Thursday. Winds will be W/SW in the mornings and tend more S/SE in the afternoons. Great week to get in the water!

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Art goes Electric

TECHA BEAUMONT HAS BEEN THE CREATIVE FORCE BEHIND THE HIGHLY INNOVATIVE TEKSTAR – AN EVENT THAT SEES DIGITAL ARTS CONVERGE ON BYRON BAY.

Kicking off last week at Kulchajam, the event concludes this weekend with a spectacular all-day program called The Konvergence at the Byron Sports and Cultural Centre. The day (and night) includes a youth program, a SCU new media symposium, workshops, panels, programs and performances that showcase Australia's high ten creatives. Techa spoke with *SEVEN* about the event.

Can you tell me about the inspiration for the event? Tekstar festival was inspired by a desire to bring the artistic community of the northern rivers together to collaborate and share skills. We chose electronic arts as a platform because of the potential to invite new ideas and expand everyone's capacity of what is possible. To do something a little different and encourage us all to dream! At Kulchajam we have run some beautiful winter solstice gathering so we merged this to create the idea of a winter festival of light, sound, art and technology.

How have you managed to bring it all together? Was it a massive task? We received a regional partnership grant from Arts NSW that enabled three arts collectives Byron Bay, Uki and Lismore to come together to create the program. The inspiration for an annual festival has been borne from our desire to create lasting networks that can grow and to seed collaborations and connections in the community. It has been a massive task as a grassroots community-based initiative, fuelled by the energy of a small but dedicated team of volunteers.

What do you think the appeal of electronic arts is? Electronic art covers such a massive range of creative expression, and invites amazing innovations in traditional art forms such as painting and songwriting. In this way it touches everyone. The main evening show, the Konvergence on 20 June at the Byron Sports and Cultural complex brings together live digital painting and animation in a unique collaboration with local music legend Greg Sheehan. That is just one of seven amazing acts over the single evening ranging from motion sensor based audio-visual performances, a traditional DJ and VJ and a robotic dog as the mc for the night. The evening's opening incorporates paintings from local Arakwal man Sean Kaye animated into the building as part of a 'digital sunset' and closes with a magical star vision Dream Drone digeridoo journey. We will be revealing how digital arts can appeal to everyone and be potent fuel for our creativity in many ways.

What are the events that you think will attract the most attention? The Konvergence: the main event of the festival is definitely the crowd pleaser and also an incredible showcase event that the region may not ever have seen before. Running from 11am to 11pm, a youth program in the morning will include a visit by ABC Kids icon Dirtgirl while local 'Earth guardians' youth will set up a recording studio. Workshops, installations, presentations, 3D virtual reality demonstrations, video art, an interactive vintage 'tek' museum are just some of the treats in store during the day, while the evening show is an even more expansive and inspiring showcase of the magical worlds people can create when they merge creativity, art and technology.

How do people 'engage' with Tekstar? We want people to get involved, whether as volunteers, as participants in workshops, or our 48-hour Art Hackathon which has artists showcasing what they do in new ways, or audiences that want to come and interact. Participation and interactivity are two ideas we are exploring through the artists presenting at the festival, and there are opportunities for everyone to engage.

Do you think that work of computer geeks is the next frontier for visual art? Someone said to me the other day 'coding is the new beebop' I don't think we are quite there yet but there is definitely an amazing flowering of artforms incorporating 3D and virtual reality – which rely heavily on 'geek power' – enabling visual concepts to be realised in more powerful and sensory ways.

Can you describe some of the individual projects or installations to me? Melbourne based Ethno Tekh present an incredible audio-visual show that will have the crowd dancing, all triggered by movements of the performer on stage.

Si Mullumby, of Wild Marmalade will be presenting his dream drone meditative Didge Journey to end the Thursday evening show with star vision immersive visual projections. Greg Sheehan and other local musician maestros will perform live in an improvised narrative with contemporary artist Kellie O'Demspey whose digital painting is animated live during the show. Australian video remix artists show a feature length film *Hollywood Burn* in which they have cut together footage from iconic Hollywood films to create a feature length film that proposes a new 'cultural narrative'. That's just a little taster of the diverse acts that make up Tekstar2013

What should we expect for this coming weekend? We invite people to come on a winter wonderland tour of the region. It all starts in Byron on Thursday with our unique all day and magical evening show The Konvergence, a not to be missed winter wonderland experience. We then tour to Uki for a special immersive visionary art experience and winter solstice GLOdance event on Friday and take some installation and visual projections to add more colour to the Lismore lantern parade.

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GAY PARIS AT THE HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN ON FRIDAY

Watching Moldre

Mark Moldre has been recording music since the late 90s. On his latest album *An Ear To The Earth* he knew he didn't want to make any of his usual musical choices. He also decided that he would not write any songs about his feelings or himself. No heart on his sleeve stuff. No confessionals. No crying in his gin. He did want to combine the tapestry of his musical past to write an album full of diversity and ever-shifting genre. He called his old childhood friend Jamie Hutchings (Bluebottle Kiss) and asked if he'd be interested in producing. Jamie beat the arrangements into shape with his familiar spit, grit and sandpaper approach. *An Ear To The Earth* is filled with dark corners, tender romance, redemption and death, human struggle versus biblical consequences, dreams and bad weather. It's gritty and smooth, poignant whilst occasionally raucous, diverse – and yet somehow it all hangs together. It's Moldre's musical history across 10 varying chapters. The show at The Brewery will stand out as different from the rest of the tour as it will feature Mark with his acoustic duo, featuring sidekick **Adam Lang** on a drum kit made from a suitcase/biscuit tin and motorcycle disc brake, banjo, lap slide, xylophone and whatever else they can fit in the boot of the car.

Friday at the **Byron Brewery** with **Tall Tales** and **Creature Kind**.

REBECCA IRELAND AT THE SHEOAK SHACK IN FINGAL HEAD ON SATURDAY

A Very Nervous Story

The story of **The Nerve** started many years ago when Ezekiel Ox was in Full Scale, Lucius Borich was in Cog and Preshrunk had only just broken up. One night in a Melbourne venue, young shredder Glenn Proudfoot spotted Ezekiel fronting Full Scale and immediately knew that one day they would be in a band together. Glenn pursued Ezekiel via skype and email which led to The Nerve's first writing session in St Kilda in 2010. These tracks were the start of the relationship but were never used. Glenn then went back to reside in Europe and wrote the monstrous riffs that are littered throughout The Nerves' up coming debut album *Audiodacity*. Time to find a drummer. As soon as Ezekiel heard the riffs, he knew that Lucius Borich was the only drummer for the job. Lucius was immediately on the job. Still in need of a bass player, Davarj Thomas was introduced to the band by Reggie and The Nerve was born.

Get your Nerve at the **Hotel Great Northern** on **Friday**.

DOOT AT TYALGUM HOTEL ON SUNDAY AT 2PM

Gay Paris

Gay Paris are a dirty fucking rock band from Sydney. They play music that grabs you by the chest, hands you a whiskey and makes you dance well past your bedtime, every time. Super sharp, astoundingly inventive and often naked, they don't just play a set, they entertain the shit out of their audience. While the band are at home in the Blues/Swamp/Rock genres, they are also completely compatible with pop, metal and even folk bills, sharing stages with the likes of Karnivool, The Beards and The Snowdroppers. By focusing on creating great hooks and delivering an unstoppably energetic live show, the band is accessible to anyone looking for a good time, becoming a major draw card for festivals and events.

Friday at the **Hotel Great Northern**.

Beards Like Us

The USA, Canada, Germany, the Netherlands, Belgium, England and Scotland are amongst a list of first-world countries that can expect a visit this year from the kings of totalitarian beard-rock: **The Beards**. *The First World Tour* will take in a series of relatively well-off countries, including a run of shows in the group's homeland, Australia. 'People living in developed countries are more susceptible to shaving.' Said the band's frontman, Johann Beardraven. 'They are a high risk group, so it's important for our message to reach them before it's too late.' The message is: Grow a beard. Their refreshingly original and always-entertaining live act has made The Beards one of Australia's great underground success stories; but social media and other online resources have earned the group a significant international fan base too. For most of those fans, *The First World Tour* will be their first opportunity to see The Beards live.

At the **Hotel Great Northern** on **Saturday**.

International Indie Arts Organisation launches in Byron

RAW: Natural Born Artists, a US-founded multi-faceted independent arts organisation, is slated to make its second Australian debut in Byron Bay this July. It's the first outside Brisbane. Armed with the mission of connecting artist so they can grow together, RAW currently showcases independent artists in fashion, music, visual art, film, photography, performing art, hair and makeup in 80 cities worldwide on a bi-monthly basis. RAW focuses on providing these artists with the tools and resources needed to inspire and cultivate creativity.

RAW's first Byron Bay showcase titled *Elevation* will premiere at the **Beach Hotel** on **Wednesday 3 July**.

Doot Doot

From the north coast of NSW comes alt-country sensation **Doot**. With their roots in the wide open plains of this wide brown land, paired with well-travelled ears, Doot delivers a sound that is both classic and original, familiar yet surprising, rocking and rootsy, heartfelt and feel-good.

At the **Tyalgum Hotel** on **Sunday**.

Deep Fried Perch

The Perch Creek Family Jugband are a curiosity... Why did they turn out the way they are? Was it because they all drank and bathed in the muddy waters of Perch Creek from birth? Was it because they were forced to sing for each meal, or simply because their old man was nothing short of a lunatic? Either way, circumstances conspired to create a band of siblings with an incredibly unique and diverse sound that seems to find it's way through the cracks between a vast array of genres. Like the creek itself, the Perch Creek Family Jugband are at times raging and relentless and at others placid and haunting. Featuring five lead vocalists whose voices combine in sublime harmonies

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Sunday 21 July. Adults $30
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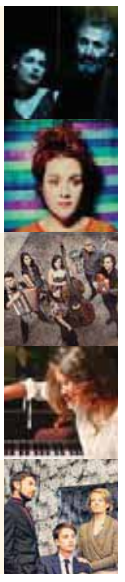

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RAPE MUSIC

Should rape be legitimised or represented in art? The Australian tour of US Rapper, Tyler, The Creator, has stirred up a vehement feminist backlash with online petitions calling for his shows to be cancelled due to lyrics which glorify rape and genital mutilation. At his Sydney show last week Talitha Stone, a 24-year-old blogger and campaigner and member of online feminist activist group Collective Shout, received 'a slew of rape threats on Twitter' followed up by a misogynistic tirade at an all-ages gig at the Enmore Theatre where Tyler ranted: 'fucking bitch, I wish she could hear me call her a bitch, too, fucking whore. Yeah, I got a sold-out show right now, bitch. Hey this fucking song is dedicated to you, you fucking cunt.'

Wow, the poster boy for misogyny. What can cause a man of just 22 to hate women that much? And how has he managed to gain an international profile promoting such atrocity? Doesn't he have a mother? A sister? A grandmother? An aunt? If he does, I reckon they'd be hiding under their beds hoping like fuck he's not coming home. One of the lyrics that sent Australian women over the edge was 'I tell her it's my house, give her a tour in my basement, and keep that bitch locked up in the storage, rape her and record it, then edit it with more shit.'

Perhaps Tyler's right for feeling personally vindicated. He's not the first rapper to embrace violence against women in his lyrical meanderings. In fact there is so much rape in rap I am surprised there isn't a sub-genre called Rape Music. Rape is ghetto. It's part of the whole glorified crack-dealing gangsta myth where cavemen can relive their primal urges to rape, pillage and rap. Even Eminem who has received mainly positive and glowing critical acclaim has slid a few rapey lyrics under the radar, like in *Celebrity* where he raps 'See me I'm all up on your bitch means I'mma rape her, All I got for these hoes is dick, duct tape and a stapler, So bitch you better look for the table scraps to scrape up.'

The tired liberal argument around freedom of speech dictates that artists, musicians, comedians and the like can tackle challenging subjects such as rape within the confines of 'art'. But art has changed. In the digital age we have live streaming, internet porn by the mega tonne, instant album downloads, YouTube. There is too much of everything, everywhere, and very little parameters about what exactly art is.

When does actual rape become performance art? If Children of the Corn (Cam'ron, Big L, Bloodshed) can rap 'Murder astrologist, mad cases of manslaughter, I rape this man's daughter, then put the shit on camcorder' at what point does the actual real-time video clip of this kind of stuff happening, either simulated or real, start becoming socially permissible? *The Daily Mail* in the UK reported that of the top 50 accessible 'rape porn' sites found through a Google search, 78 per cent advertise content depicting simulated rape of under 18-year-olds, in particular 'schoolgirl rape'.

Of the top ten Google search results for 'free porn' half the websites host free rape pornography. Sites include terms like 'brutal rape', 'real rape' and 'savage rape' in their web addresses. In the UK recent reports have found that rape victims who have been filmed live in fear of their footage being posted online. In fact there has been a surge in such activity. A rape crisis centre reported that in the last 12 months between 50 and 100 women reported that the attacker not only filmed the rape but said it would be posted online for others to see.

Desensitisation to graphic images and glorification of rape has put our young men at risk of being indoctrinated into believing misogyny and violence is a legitimate and desirable approach to women. Rape jokes, rape art, rape videos, rape fantasies and rape lyrics degrade and demoralise every woman on the planet, disempowering us, leaving us bound duct-taped to the rapist's chair. It should be illegal. If they were rapping about blowing up planes, glorifying and encouraging the planting of bombs at marathons, then they'd be arrested as terrorists. These men are terrorists. The country that they threaten to destroy is the one that lives inside every woman, where she can walk the streets without fear of rape or sexual violence. That is a country that we have fought hard to find.

I have created my own rap in response.

'I'm a fat angry bitch so why don't you rape me and tape me to a chair so you can make me scream like a bitch on the end of your cock but it's not a cock, it's a rolled-up sock because you're a little boy with a little toy so don't annoy me any more. Go home to your Mumma and beg for forgiveness, you stupid cockhead'

And for god's sake get an education and find something interesting to talk about in your music other than the adventures of your stupid boring and very, very tedious cock.

Read more of Mandy in her book, *What I Would Do If I Were You*, available at all good bookshops

Yanyuwa Women sing up their story for Boomerang

SHELLIE MORRIS HAS BEEN CALLED A 'CHANTEUSE OF RARE SERIOUSNESS AND GRACE'. This unique artist has traversed the most glamorous world stages to the humblest campfire concerts in Australia's remotest communities. Shellie's new release *Ngambala Wiji li-Wunungu* (*Together We are Strong*) is the first album by an Indigenous contemporary female singer/songwriter sung entirely in Indigenous languages of the Gulf Country. Working with family members from her grandmother's country in Borroloola, this collaborative work is something special.

Morris's story is the stuff mythic stories are made of. Opera-trained Morris was adopted as a baby and bought up in a loving white family with no knowledge of her Indigenous family or country. Shellie was working in a rental car company when a bloke turns up and says 'gees you got here fast'. Of course Shellie didn't recognise the gentleman who seemed to know her, so he laughed that she must have a twin wiser in Kakadu. Turns out she did. And so began Shellie's journey home to country, to family and to her self.

'It's been a gentle journey,' she says, 'and you know that from working in the 70 remote communities where I've been, the gentleness and the patience – allowing you to slip up with saying a word wrong or to be in that learning phase, it was very patient, and they said, we understand there will be a lot of learning.'

Ironically, this simple case of mistaken identity led Shellie to find her deeper identity.

'There was a great peace and a great sense of self for the first time in my life and the anxiousness that I carried from wanting and trying to fit in fell away.'

Fast forward to the Yanyuwa stories, a long-term project recognising the importance of language preservation, of story and of community. Sadly there are fewer than 10 fluent speakers of Yanyuwa language in the world.

'It took a lot of hard work to pronounce words properly,' says Shellie, 'but by the time I got to Borroloola, I was ready but very nervous. I thought there would be one or two songs sung in language. But they said the whole album is in language.'

For Yanyuwa women says Morris, 'there is a very strong culture of women speaking language. The women have been very strong, and it is crossing that generational line, the young people are still dancing their dances. So when we made this album we bought the young children into the studio and wrote a song. It was wonderful, they have a whole dance now, where all the young people from the different clan groups came together, it's phenomenal. The young people are knowing more of their language than they ever have before.'

'Track one is called l*i-Anthawirriyarra – Saltwater song*. It is the story of Borroloola, it has many islands and they used to travel from island to island, we know the sea and the sea knows me, and it is about the relationship with the ocean.

'The traditional songs were recorded acappella, sometimes slapsticks and boomerang and occasionally with didge, and they were recorded and translated into English for the album as well. I would read the translations when I wrote something in English and translate into Yanyuwa and talk with the women as I would have to check with them.'

In recording terms the production process was unconventional.

'We went in with one keyboard, the only one in the community. There is a lot of space in the recording studio. We wanted it to be cinematic, with lots of space. We were going to mix the contemporary and the ancient so we all went in and re-wrote and played it so the grandmothers could hear it. They were overwhelmed, they burst into tears, and the whole community loved it. It was incredibly overwhelming.'

The recording process wasn't just emotionally intense, it was also a lot of fun. Shellie says, 'There were so many times we couldn't breathe or couldn't record because we were laughing so much!'

'The grandmothers weren't used to a recording studio (that we'd built in an old morgue), so we got women to sing by themselves and they haven't sung by themselves before and that voice would come out and some would have cold and flu, and it would sound strange to them and then the laughter!'

At the live performance in Darwin, comedian and actor Magda Subanski phoned Shellie to tell her that it was the best show she'd ever seen – emotional, hysterically funny and very very real.'

'Just getting on stage was funny,' says Morris. 'I'm back stage with all these grandmothers, one of them goes out, and the audience cheered so hard she got the slapsticks and said, come on we gotta get this show started now. We finally get on stage and one of the grandmothers says 'should we start now?' I say yes, now is good. Another one says 'so now'. Now would be good. 'Now?' The audience were hysterical. It was a chaotic show, the audience loved it.'

'These are very powerful women and it comes across. Nothing phases them, especially if there's a cup of tea back stage. They are my heroes!'

Shellie Morris will be performing *Ngambala Wiji li-Wunungu, The Song Peoples Sessions* with the Borroloola Songwomen at the Boomerang Festival of Indigenous Music and Arts 4-6 October.

over instrumentation as diverse as the trombone, frailing banjo, washboard, double bass, overdriven blues harp, musical saw, tap dancing and a whole lot of other stuff including, of course, the jug.

They play the **Bangalow Bowling Club** on **Friday 28 June** (Tix at venue or www.kupromotions.com.au) and at **Jimmy Willing's Hillbilly Heaven** on **Thursday 27 June** at the **Gollan Hotel**.

No Woman is An Ireland…

Our own **Rebecca Ireland** plays along with her trio featuring guitarist, Alex McLeod and singer, Cassie Rose (BVs). The recent release of EP, *Wild Bear*, saw Ireland gaining national radio play and the band touring to festivals across Australia.

'There are beautiful melodies, that are not as simple as they first sound, and a lot of rhythmic complexity. The vocal harmonies, too, are quite amazing.' Barry Lenny, *Glam Adelaide*.

Saturday at the **Sheoak Shack**, Fingal Head from 3pm.

Spending a Penney at the Ballina RSL

Kel Penney has been playing his distinctive acoustic style of Blues, Jazz, R&B and Soul on the Gold Coast and northern NSW since November 2011. Boasting an impressive repertoire of well-known and much-loved songs and ballads, Kel will be sure to have you grooving in your seats during your dinner experience, or dancing till your feet hurt. His easy-going feel-good style is always a crowd-pleaser and he is proudly brought to you by Blue Devil Grooves Promotions.

Saturday at the **Ballina RSL** Club. 8pm.

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his own arrangements influenced by the greats like Ray Charles, Jimi Hendrix and BB King. Tommy has been making custom made guitars with his Dad for the past 3 years, searching for his guitar 'tone'. 'I now feel I found my voice and am ready to start talking, hopefully get some good chat going,' says Tommy referring to his new show.

Ballina RSL on **Friday** at 8.30pm.

Delicious birthday OnAssid!

Team Frou Frou have a special night coming to the Lismore City Bowling Club. It's their third birthday extravaganza and to help celebrate they have an awesome DJ line up. On the decks this Saturday **Jackie OnAssid**, always a firm favourite with punters, joining Jackie is **DJ Lady K** and Mr Frou Frou Craig Wilson aka **1iSamurai**. But here is the cream on the birthday cake is **Vonnstar** on sax. **Saturday** at 9pm, Entry is $15. **Lismore City Bowling Club**.

Maya Winter Solstice Festival

Maya Winter Solstice Festival kicks off the winter 2013 program of Electric Forest electronic music events with an event designed to create a unique festival atmosphere where self-expression, freedom and personal journeys can meld into a positive life-affirming experience through dance within an immersive multimedia environment.

This Friday's solstice event welcomes **DJ Kamos** to the Maya Winter Solstice Festival. Expect solid danceable music in a muscular mash-up of powerful progressive electronica.

DJ Kamos aka Alex Brine started DJing in 2003-2004 mixing house music and hip hop, playing at school parties and socials. After listening to his first psytrance album Infected Mushroom BP Empire Kamos was infected by the psybug and after being influenced and inspired by his older brother Kurt (Kismet/Dreamweaver) he began mixing psytrance after much schooling from his brother on how to beat match. Kamos started playing at doofs around the northern NSW area in 06-07. Also playing is everyone's favourite functor, **DJ Pop**, a local legend in Byron's local outdoor party scene known for his blistering upbeat psytrance sets.

Tickets are $20 on the door. Vegetarian Solstice feast catered for by Vego Gone Troppo, delicious samosa, spring rolls, salad, cake, coffee and chai. From 7pm. **Friday** at **Kohinur Hall**, Main Arm.

A LITTLE HULA HEAVEN AT THE MULLUMBIMBY EX-SERVICES CLUB ON SUNDAY 7 JULY

Winter Solstice Full Moon Dance

Medicine Music proudly presents a **Winter Solstice Full Moon Dance** at **Durrumbul Hall** this **Friday**. This is a call out for the community to connect, dance and celebrate winter's longest night with a blazing bonfire and a magical full moon. Featuring resident percussionist and samba king **Walter Piccolruaz** in an all-star gathering aptly named **Soul Sistas**, with didgeridoo legend and multi-instrumentalist **Si Mullumby** (Wild Marmalade), contemporary folk musician and producer **Cye Wood**, poetical songbird **Parissa Bouas** (Hottentots), multi-instrumentalist and original recording artist **Matt Ostila** (Osmosis), touring artist **Jamie Patugalan** and special guests.

Winter Solstice Full Moon Dance is family friendly. Doors open at 6:30pm till 1pm and tickets are $15/$20 (presale/door) and available from Santos (Byron Bay & Mullumbimby).

LOREN AT SPHINX ROCK CAFE AT MT BURRELL ON SUNDAY

Hombres at Banga Pub

The Hombres is the brainchild of four of the north coasts' best known and successful musicians. Singer Kurt Rettenmaier has been performing locally and nationally with his namesake outfit Kurtis for close to ten years, during which time he has received critical acclaim, and widespread radio airplay. With a reputation for electric live performances, Kurtis brings to The Hombres an exciting and polished performance. On guitar is Pat Davern, best known for his work as lead guitarist in legendary oz rockers Grinspoon. Pat has recently returned to the area, and has taken this opportunity to play some different music, with some old friends. On drums is Jonny, all the way from Ireland and now living here in the Bay, Jonny has played all over Europe and brings a real character to the band. And putting the 'Tre' in The Hombres, is bass player Mike 'Chilli' Mills. Mike is a locally-born musician recently returned from musical duties with Alex Lloyd, and touring Europe as Andre Reiu's musical director. Mike brings a solid foundation to The Hombres, with his driving, rock solid playing. The Hombres have a set of entertaining, upbeat classics and hits from the last 40 years, delivered with their own distinct flavour. **Bangalow Hotel** on **Friday**.

Camel Tones at the Billi

The Camel Tones are back again at the Billi this week dishing out more of their R&Bness to an ever-growing groovin crowd with Geoff Wright and Tim Longworth on guitars and vocals, Ric Crothal on da bass and with special guest drummer Grant Gerathy it's going to be big fun, so get yer dancin pants on and get to the **Bilinudgel Pub Friday** night 8.30pm.

Loren Rocks the Sphinx

Hailing from the little village of Uki **Loren** is a troubadour, dedicated to taking his music to audiences large and small, from festivals to living rooms all over the country. Ten years ago Loren hit the road on his first tour. Loren has played almost every festival in Australia, toured Canada, the US and New Zealand and traversed this country countless times, offering his soulful songs to the ears and hearts of folk wherever he goes. At **Sphinx Rock Cafe** on **Sunday**.

Playing Wolf

Having wowed the audience at the Music Marathon in March, international pianist **Newton Wolf** will give a special solo recital on **Thursday** at 6.30pm in the Concert Room of the **Northern Rivers Conservatorium**. Newton came to Australia this year as a scholarship recipient in the Sydney International Piano Master Class Festival, held by Kawai Australia and Pymble Ladies College, where he was featured soloist at the opening recital. For more information call 6621 2266.

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Lismore lights up for the Lantern Parade

This **Saturday** sees Lismore's signature community arts event, **The Lismore Lantern Parade** shine the most amount of light on the longest night. Every year around the solstice schools and community groups come together to light the streets with the whimsical and wonderful lanterns they have made during the year. It's not just about the walk in the street, which by the way is always magical, it's about the sense of community and collaboration that comes about when groups invest in a shared vision for their town. Artistic Director Jyllie Jackson never ceases to lose inspiration and is the driving force behind this very important night on the community calendar. The magic is perhaps that a NSW regional city becomes host to a medieval pageant, with kids and street performers, music and circus, markets, food and conversation. The parade will also feature the **Samba Blissta** team who are currently celebrating the tenth year of Carnival drumming. Carrington Street boasts a music line up that runs from midday until 10pm with acts like **Blind Willie Wagtail**, **Greg Sheehan** and **Time** closing.

Legendary musician Greg Sheehan has long been regarded as one of the finest percussionists in Australia, yet 'percussionist' doesn't really do justice to the kind of musician he really is. A pioneer of contemporary rhythm in Australia and with his propensity for experimentation and exploration on all sorts of instruments – tuned and un-tuned, man-made and earth-made, he is firmly in the realm of Australia's great musical innovators.

THE CUPCAKES, ONE OF THE MANY INNOVATE STREET PERFORMERS AT THE LISMORE LANTERN PARADE THIS WEEKEND

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Fri 21 June 10.30am - 12.30pm
Exhibition launch/floortalk: *After Afghanistan* with Curator, Laura Webster, AWM - Free

Sat 29 June 1.00 - 3.00pm
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Sun 30 June 11.00am
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This week it's worth finalising unfinished biz and attending to auto, electric or mechanical repairs before Mercury hits its midyear retrograde and little things cause trouble out of all proportion to their size…

♈ **ARIES:** Stressing out because you think you're responsible for making everything work? Sorry, you're not. Believing the world depends on your efforts is exhausting and unkind to yourself. Do your part only, not everyone else's, this week. Slow down and tune into others; snappy reactions could damage friendships.

♉ **TAURUS:** This week pressures us to decalcify our mindsets as huge readjustments take place in our personal and planetary evolution. We're all being challenged to identify and exchange destructive beliefs and attitudes for new behaviours to improve our relationships with everyone and everything in the world around us.

♊ **GEMINI:** If this week presents a niggly, critical, complaining edge, work towards positive outcomes instead of just grumbling. Change touchy subjects before they detonate. If your sense of humour goes walkabout, retrieve it immediately along with that notoriously cheeky, sweet-talking Gemini charm. Collaboration's paramount right now.

♋ **CANCER:** Certain friendships and circumstances leaving your life? Idealising the past only robs energy from the present, which this week is rich in new possibilities at the closure of one cycle and start of another. Winter solstice and weekend full moon are definitely best spent wherever your heart's at home.

♌ **LEO:** This week's group dynamic? Others will respond to your leadership style as long as you respect people's beliefs, needs and feelings – even if they're the polar opposite of your own. This week's balancing act? Between fresh and forward-thinking but risky, and safe but maybe outdated…

♍ **VIRGO:** If you find yourself grizzling this week, step back and widen focus. Remember that the remedy for dissatisfaction is gratitude, which shares the same root source as grace and gratis, meaning free – in this case from the frustration of things not going the way you want.

♎ **LIBRA:** Rumblings in your travel sector have you either on the move or involved with world affairs, while up close and personal you're likely to find out more than you bargained for about certain persons: the good, bad, ugly and wonderful, mostly all in the one package.

♏ **SCORPIO:** It's not easy to focus on positive outcomes with people more interested in tweeting, gossiping and comparing catbearding posts than actually cooperating. But still, don't be goaded into attack mode during late week Scorpio moon, which if you let it could restore your convictions and support your viewpoint.

♐ **SAGITTARIUS:** This week could come up with a surprising new side of someone, a sudden relationship change, an unexpected business rearrangement – any or all kinds of problematic shenanigans. While in full oratical flow, it's still necessary to be selective, to choose words carefully and express yourself with discretion.

♑ **CAPRICORN:** It's time for Capricorns to reflect on all the changes, great and small, you've synthesised and integrated lately. Congratulate yourselves for whatever positive results you've achieved, then use late week's winter solstice and weekend Capricorn supermoon for their traditional purpose: to break old habits and develop new ones.

♒ **AQUARIUS:** This week won't lack interactive stimulation, but as opportunities blossom check those heart-rending causes or deals too good to be true; you really do need to know you have the correct information. But there's no easier time to find that, and you'll be spoiled for choice…

♓ **PISCES:** This gregarious but cranky week mightn't offer quite the serenity you'd like, but get used to it because the coming month takes us all on a trip to Mood City. So better rehearse those existential dance steps like the Adaptability Tango, Changing Arrangement Chacha and Swift Rejig.

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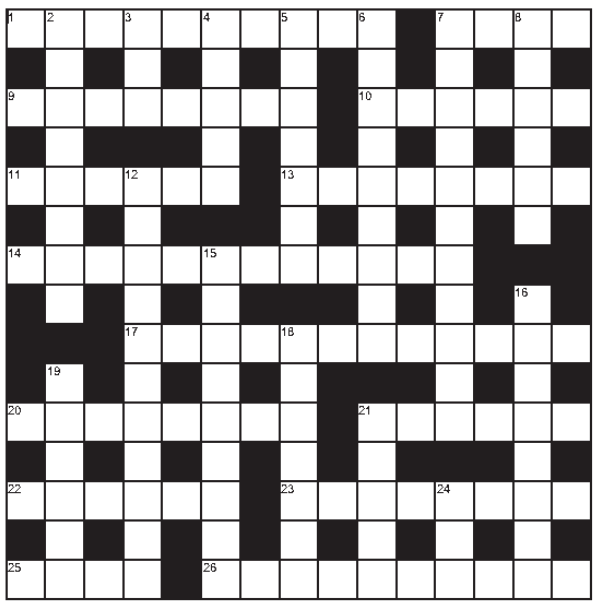

Quick Clues

ACROSS
1. Popular work by G F Handel (5,5)
7. Instance; condition (4)
9. Tobacco growing state of US (8)
10. Consumed by Kevin Rudd (6)
11. Low-growing eucalypt scrub (6)
13. Damaged, made worse (8)
14. One who strives for the enlightenment of all (12)
17. Error revealing psychological uncertainty (8,4)
20. Breaks down from overwork (5,3)
21. Genuine, truthful (6)
22. Long, narrow band of colour (6)
23. Pursue to a conclusion, especially of a story or sale. (6,2)
25. Rainbow goddess (4)
26. Bait fish (10)

DOWN
2. Maker of cartoon movies (8)
3. Ovum (3)
4. Skin disease, especially of dogs and cats (5)
5. Endurance (7)
6. Egyptian queen (9)
7. Pride, lust, gluttony for instance (8,3)
8. Reprieved, pardoned (6)
12. Small bananas (11)
15. Winter sport (3,6)
16. Castor and Pollux, collectively (8)
18. Obedient, pious (7)
19. Gambler (6)
21. Greeting on meeting (5)
24. Not in (3)

Cryptic Clues

ACROSS
1. George's river concert to make curate swim. (5,5)
7. Check out baggage. (4)
9. State six broadcast back about drink. (8)
10. Would it stop you hearing wheat grow? (6)
11. Scrub Brough and Bing. (6)
13. Crippled setter mated? (8)
14. Strangely vast odd habits for seeker of enlightenment. (12)
17. Sigmund's underwear – revealing error! (8,4)
20. Robbie dismissed, breaks down. (5,3)
21. Genuine drug, wild stone. (6)
22. Run naked – food overcomes resistance. (6)
23. Look back in the stream; rise and pursue to a conclusion. (6,2)
25. Hibernian cut flower. (4)
26. Bait for cowardly dog. (10)

DOWN
2. Topless cleaner covers mother for movie maker. (8)
3. English viceroy gets urge. (3)
4. Disease from New Guinea in west. (5)
5. Good man raises spirit; that's endurance. (7)
6. Queen's big wild cat loses tail, mates with domestic feline. (9)
7. Filipino cleric – one of seven. (11)
8. Pardoned – well left. (6)
12. Noblewoman steals fruit.. (11)
15. A game Julia Gillard might enjoy. (3,6)
16. Spanish gods dog one of Leda's twins. (8)
18. From the French note, almost complete and obedient. (7)
19. Is Ponting better? (6)
21. G'day – it's hard to bring up Andrew. (5)
24. Caught exposed. (3)

Last week's solution

Make Your Night

Prepare for an extraordinary theatrical experience when **Palace Cinema** screens Shakespeare's Globe Theatre production ***Twelfth Night*** this weekend. Filled with a cast of unforgettable characters, *Twelfth Night* is a moving comedy of loss and misplaced love and includes some of the most exquisite songs Shakespeare ever wrote. Mark Rylance, winner of multiple Olivier and Tony Awards, and much loved actor, raconteur and writer Stephen Fry star in the Tim Carroll directed production which was one of London theatre's biggest hits of summer 2012, completely selling out all of its performances at the Globe and creating queues around the block in the West End. Twelfth Night screens at Palace Byron Bay Cinema at 1pm on **Saturday and Sunday**.

PAUL MCMAHON AT THE COMEDY OPEN MIC AT THE BYRON BREWERY ON THURSDAY NIGHT

MANDY NOLAN AT TINTENBAR HALL ON SATURDAY AND AT THE ONE NIGHT STAND FUNDRAISER AT THE MULLUM EX-SERVICES ON FRIDAY 28 JUNE

Titty Bar for Tintenbar

That's if comedian **Mandy Nolan** has her way! Lots of jokes about the joys of motherhood, marriage, men and family says Nolan who reckons with 12 years of breast-feeding under her belt she could have registered herself as a legal and operational Titty Bar. Mandy Nolan and Nick Penn team up to create a 2-hour plus comedy show guaranteed to have the room in stitches all night at **Tintenbar Hall** this **Saturday**. Nolan has been performing stand up comedy for 26 years. It's something she believes that she only became better at when she gave up her girlish dreams of being rich and famous in the big city. 'I only really started to develop as a comedian when I became a mother. Becoming a mother made me very conscious about where I chose to live. I didn't want my kids growing up in the city. When I decided that I was going to live in a country area my comedian friends in the city were shocked. It was impossible to think that you could be a comedian outside of the city! But that has turned out to be completely untrue! Comedy is thriving in the regional areas!' Until locating to Nimbin a few years ago, comedian **Nick Penn** has spent most of his career headlining comedy clubs around the country. Penn's droll approach to the blasé approach of the everyday Australian has won him fans on nearly every stage he's worked. As the father of a young son Penn also made the decision to opt out for a country lifestyle. Tickets are $15 on the door.

If you aren't in that neck of the woods and want to catch them in full swing, try the **Mullum Ex-Services Club** the **next weekend** when they are joined by the gloriously funny **Ellen Briggs** in a comedy night to raise money for Mullum's local playgroup. With great prizes like tickets to Bluesfest and Splendour up for grabs, this is a seriously funny night you shouldn't miss.

Tintenbar Tix at the door, and for tickets to the Mullum show, try the newsagents or the club. Tickets can be booked on 6619 0529.

BellyLaugh Continues

BellyLaugh @ The Byron Brewery is the region's hottest new open mic comedy venue. With the first two open mic nights packed to the rafters and punters leaving fully satiated, promoter and comedy entrepreneur **Mandy Nolan** believes that the Brewery is 'just vibing for comedy!' Open mic comedy is a regular free monthly comedy night that offers new and aspiring comics, alongside professionals the chance to work new material and gain stage time. 'It's comedy creche,' says Nolan. 'This is where comics come into their own. It's risky, it's dangerous, and sometimes it's spectacular!' One such comic who has pushed himself through the ranks is **Paul McMahon**. Living locally Paul did Mandy's comedy course about five years ago, and since then he's gone from strength to strength. 'Paul is a natural,' says Nolan. 'He has great intuition for comedy and his material is as tight as a drum.' Enjoy a night of stand up comedy at the Byron Brewery on Thursday at 8pm. This month features four hot new comics from Brisbane who are making the drive to float their funny five! Free entry!

At Your Beckett Call

Samuel Beckett's classic absurdist's play, ***Waiting for Godot***, will be presented with quite a twist this June by DoubleMask Productions and Gap Year Theatre Company.

The play, which is about two tramps as they wait for the mysterious Godot, is being set in a pub after closing hours. The members of the Gap Year Theatre Company are living and breathing theatre for the whole year. DoubleMask has been running in Murwillumbah for seven years and has been known for the remarkably high quality of the performances it produces. The Byron Bay performance of *Waiting for Godot* is being held at the **Byron Bay Community Centre** on **Saturday**. $17 adults and $10 students/concession.

cinema review

After Earth

Call me a curmudgeon if you will, but I was off-side with this movie from the opening minute when the narrator said phenomena when he meant phenomenon. The phenomena [sic] is 'ghosting', a demeanour produced by having no fear when confronted by life-threatening situations. It's the pheromones exuded by fear that the blind monsters pick up on when they are on the rampage, eating people. I can't recall the last time I was so unengaged at the cinema (it was probably during a recent sci-fi blockbuster – I'm thinking *Prometheus*). This one is set in the distant future when, as per the script of all such apocalyptic flicks, our planet has been trashed and abandoned. Will Smith is one of the Rangers who, in nifty jumpsuits, have been responsible for safely seeing human beings to new lodgings in space and who now fly about the galaxy performing heroic deeds. On such a mission with his (real life) son Kitai (Jaden Smith), their rocket crashes on, you guessed it, Earth. Will is immobilised with a bad leg injury and might bleed to death if Kitai can't find his way across hostile terrain to retrieve something or other that will save his dad's life. It's all father/son stuff, with weird flashbacks. *Moby Dick* is also referred to as a sort of self-validation, so I gather that there is an analogy being drawn with Herman Melville's famous novel, but as I've not read it I can't comment, other than to say I was not tempted to race out and purchase the book. Since his marvellously creepy *The Sixth Sense* (1999), director M. Night Shyamalan has made a series of stinkers and this will do nothing to dispel the suspicion that he is a one-hit wonder.

Due to my couple of bevvies at lunch, nature called just after the giant monster was slain. Leaving the loo, I realised that I had not the slightest interest in how it all turned out for Will and his revolting boy, so I went home. **~ John Campbell**

The Internship

Predictability need not always be the kiss of death for a movie. There are, after all, only a handful of stories to be told, so what harm can it do if in a lightweight diversion such as this you feel that you've been down its well-worn path many a time? Certainly it didn't bother me, dispirited as I was by yet another example, in the form of the tasteless fundraising menu, of Australia's toxic political environment. The abrasive but somehow likeable, soft-centred Vince Vaughn and harmless, lumpy-nosed Owen Wilson were a welcome relief from the bottom feeders of Canberra. Showing no sign of flagging, the man/boy format operates most effectively in pairs and there are few better exponents of it than Vaughn and Wilson – physically, temperamentally and in styles of delivery, they are a perfect match. As highly successful sales reps, Billy and Nick suddenly find themselves on the scrapheap when their company folds, a victim of on-line marketing. With no prospects, the boys stick together and land an internship with Google. Only five out of the intake of one hundred will be offered jobs, but there is no way in the world that Billy and Nick won't be among that select group. Just as there is no way in the world that Nick won't get the girl, Rose Byrne, who is actually allowed to be Australian. (Nick thinks at first she's English but, when told, offers 'but it's a similar flag.' Sigh.) The guys are ancients compared to their youthful peers and, though not complete Luddites, they are nonetheless more computer-illiterate than you might reasonably expect. A series of tests and challenges will present themselves as Billy and Nick and the three misfits in their team make their bid to live the dream of self-fulfilment. Fast-paced and brightly coloured, it makes a genuine effort to bridge the broadening gap between fundamental human needs and the goose-step march of communications technology. Comfortably corny, this is a delicious mix of warmth, wit, excusable silliness and shameless positivity. **~ John Campbell**

The Place Beyond The Pines

The apotheosis of the screen anti-hero has resulted in an identifiable product that is rough'n'ready, solitary, vain and self-pitying – enter on a motorbike the stubbled, smoking Luke (Ryan Gosling), wearing (inside out) a T-shirt more battered and frayed at the edges than is strictly necessary for any Hollywood rebel. Then there is the incorruptible cop, Avery (Bradley Cooper), whose steely, ruthless ambition finds a perfect home in the environment of the police force (think Guy Pearce's character in *LA Confidential*). As in a Greek tragedy, their lives intersect and have consequences that will drastically impact on future events. When Luke holds the baby boy that he never knew he had, he quits his job as a stunt-rider with a touring roadshow in order to be near the kid. Soon after, he meets Robin (Ben Mendelsohn), a backwoods grease monkey who has spent too long in the make-up van. Though penniless, Robin generously offers the stranger a job in his workshop – it is a happenstance loaded with dire portent. Wanting to provide for his son, who is being raised by the mother (Eva Mendes) and her de facto partner, Luke is persuaded by Robin to join him in robbing banks. Down the track, malicious fate has planned the encounter with Avery. It is an unusually structured screenplay, insofar as Avery does not appear until nearly halfway through the story, which is further segmented by a third, concluding episode that is not too contrived to spoil the whole. Gosling, a mannered actor, is perfect in the part, while Cooper, asked to be more than just a handsome straight-man in an oafish comedy, is coldly convincing as one whose character is transformed by the choices that circumstance forces him to make. There is also a fantastic chase scene that actually bears some resemblance to reality, but at the heart of Derek Cianfrance's stylised and compelling movie is a dark cynicism that is all the more disturbing for the accuracy with which it reflects the mood of the times. **~ John Campbell**

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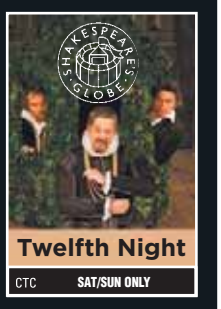

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Wed 26: 11.00, 6.15pm

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Wed 26: 8.30pm

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Tue 18, Wed 19: 11.00, 2.00, 5.00, 8.00pm
Thu 20: 1.30, 3.30, 8.30
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Sat 22, Sun 23: 11.30, 4.20

AFTER EARTH (M) ***No free tix***
Tue 18, Wed 19: 2.30, 4.45, 7.00pm
Thu 20: 11.30, 4.30, 9.30
Fri 21, Mon 24- Wed 26: 11.30, 4.30, 9.00
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- MARTY'S @ CABARITA **OPEN MIC NIGHT W DAVE MURRAY**

THURSDAY 20

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 8:30PM **PHIL & GAZ**
- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **LOREN**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON **THE SHOOFLYS**
- BYRON BREWERY 8PM **BELLYLAUGH @ THE BREWERY W PAUL MCMAHON MC**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 8PM **DJ JOHN**
- COCOMANGAS, BYRON **DJ JIMMY D**
- TREEHOUSE, BYRON 7PM **A LIQUID FUTURE FUNDRAISER WITH TIM STOKES**
- THE JUNCTION, BYRON 8PM **FAYA STORM BATTLE OF DJS REGGAE DANCEHALL**
- CHEEKY MONKEYS, BYRON **BYRON BEACH BIKINI COMPETITION**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 7.30PM **DAN HANNAFORD**
- ELTHAM HOTEL 6.30PM **BRAINTEASERS TRIVIA**
- CONCERT ROOM NORTHERN RIVERS CONSERVATORIUM, LISMORE **AN EVENING WITH NEWTON WOLF**
- NIMBIN PUB 6.30PM **ADAM BROWN**

FRIDAY 21

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 5PM **GUY KACHEL** 9:30PM **THE STEREOTYPES**
- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **THE NERVE, GAY PARIS, THE CHARGE & HAMMER**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON **KELLIE KNIGHT & THE DAZE**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK BYRON 8PM **DJ TURTLE**
- CHEEKY MONKEYS **TGI FRIDAY**
- BYRON BREWERY 6.30PM **ACOUSTIC NIGHT W MARK MOLDRE, TALL TALES & CREATURE KIND**
- TREEHOUSE, BYRON 7.30PM **JAMES MACDOWELL**
- THE JUNCTION, BYRON **DJ MANIE & DJ BANGO**
- HAMMER & HAND, BYRON A&I ESTATE 5PM **A LOVING SPOONFUL EXHIBITION OPENING**
- COCOMANGAS, BYRON **DJ JIMMY D & DJ QC**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7.30PM **THE HOMBRES**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 7PM **AMY CUSHWAY**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY 7PM **SOUL SHAKERS**
- KOHINUR HALL, MAIN ARM 7PM **MAYA SOLSTICE FESTIVAL DJ POP & DJ KAMOS**
- DURRUMBUL HALL 6.30PM **WINTER SOLSTICE FULL MOON DANCE W SOUL SISTAS, SPANKINHIDE**
- BILLINUDGEL HOTEL 8.30PM **CAMEL TONES**
- MARTY'S @ CABARITA **SALLY**
- CABARITA BEACH SPORTS CLUB 7.30PM **VICKI GRANT**
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- SALTBAR, KINGSCLIFF 8.30PM **PAUL ATKINS DUO**
- CURRUMBIN CREEK TAVERN 8PM **LILY WHITE & SCRUBBY PETE TRIO**
- UKI HALL AND PARK 5PM **GLO DANCE & TEK STAR WINTER SOLSTICE FESTIVAL**
- ELTHAM HOTEL 7PM **JOSH BOOTS**
- CLUB BANORA 7PM **CHRIS COOK BAND**
- BALLINA RSL 8.30PM **TOMMY GUN & THE HOLSTERS**
- MARY GILHOOLEY'S, LISMORE 9.30PM **RECHARGE DJ**
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- SEAGULLS, TWEED HEADS 8PM **PHIL GUEST**

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- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **THE BEARDS, LITTLE BASTARDS, ENOLA FALL**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON **JULIA ROSE**
- THE JUNCTION, BYRON BAY 7PM **HUNTER & SMOKE**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 7PM **WEAR THE FOX HAT, DJ KIRBY**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 8PM **DJ TURTLE**
- BYRON BAY COMMUNITY CENTRE 7.30PM **WAITING FOR GODOT**
- TREEHOUSE, BYRON 7.30PM **BRETT WINTERFORD**
- COCOMANGAS, BYRON **DJ JIMMY D & DJ QC**
- THE JUNCTION, BYRON **GUEST DJ**
- CHEEKY MONKEYS, BYRON **GIRLS ON THE TOWN**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7.30PM **LUKE YEAHMAN**
- LULU'S, MULLUMBIMBY 11AM **STEPHEN LOVELIGHT**
- BILLINUDGEL HOTEL 8PM **MICK BUCKLEY**
- TINTENBAR HALL 8PM **STAND UP COMEDY SUPER SHOW W MANDY NOLAN & NICK PENN**
- CABARITA BEACH SPORTS CLUB **DIRTY CHANNEL**
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- SALTBAR, KINGSCLIFF 8.30PM **NICKY CONVINE DUO**
- BALLINA RSL 8PM **KELLY PENNEY**
- ELTHAM HOTEL 2PM **BRENDAN LEGGATT**
- ALSTONVILLE BOWLING CLUB 7PM **CHRIS COOK BAND**
- LISMORE LANTERN PARADE 5.30PM **THE SAMBA BLISSTAS & LANTERN SPECTACLE**
- CARRINGTON ST, LISMORE 12PM-10PM **LISMORE LANTERN CARNIVALE FEAT GREG SHEEHAN & TIME, BLIND WILLIE WAGTAIL, THE CUPCAKES, THE BAREFOOT GYPSIES & THE PITTS**
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- MARTY'S @ CABARITA **PHIL**
- THE SHEOAK SHACK, FINGAL HEAD 3PM **REBECCA IRELAND**
- SEAGULLS, TWEED HEADS 8PM **VANILLA, THE BEATLEGS SHOW**

SUNDAY 23

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 4:30PM **LISA HUNT** 8PM **DJ TAYA**
- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **KYLE LIONHART**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON **RICHIE WILLIAMS BAND**
- THE JUNCTION, BYRON **JAMMING SESSIONS & OPEN MIC**
- TREEHOUSE, BYRON 3PM **DJ UPTOWN** 6PM **DJ BATHTUB**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 12.30PM **JACK THORNCRAFT TRIO**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 4PM **THE OZ HORNZ**
- BILLINUDGEL HOTEL 3PM **BILLI SUNDAY SESSIONS GUEST BELLE HENDRIK**
- MARTY'S @ CABARITA **DAVE MURRAY**
- RIVERVIEW HOTEL, MURWILLUMBAH 2PM **DIRK DUBOIS**
- SPHINX ROCK CAFE, MT BURRELL 1PM **LOREN**
- NIMBIN PUB 4PM **ADAM BROWN**
- TYALGUM HOTEL 2PM **DOOT**
- SEAGULLS, TWEED HEADS 12PM **JOE PHILIPS**

MONDAY 24

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **MATTY BARKER**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON **CANDICE MCLEOD**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 8PM **DJ TURTLE**
- THE JUNCTION, BYRON **BOOM FAYA NIGHTS: DOUGY AND CRASH BROTHERS AND REGGAE DANCEHALL DJS**
- CHEEKY MONKEYS, BYRON **FULL MOON NIGHT**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS CLUB 12PM **DAVID BARRY**

TUESDAY 25

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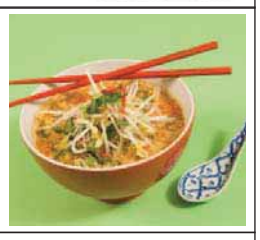

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Ashes to Treehouse

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Some say it has a Bali feel to it. Those thatched umbrellas, perhaps, set in a tree-enclosed space with levels and angles and nooks, all drawing you in for some serious fun. The beach over the road.

More importantly, this is a place reborn, resurrected from the ashes of a fire which closed it down for a year. Co-owner Nicholas Simpson tells me that they had originally thought it could be up and running within three months. 'The fire was pretty huge', he says. 'We thought it'd be a quick fix, but it was a year operation in the end.'

Apart from all those beautiful trees, Treehouse has a wood-fired oven: the mind boggles at damage done. And yet when I walk up the several steps which lead you there I would never have guessed at conflagrations and closures. It's early afternoon but, despite being mid-week and out of holidays, still peopled with small groups of post-lunchers or snackers. Nick tells me that when the fire happened he and partner Zac Simmons 'took a break and recharged our batteries.'

They had both set up Treehouse in 2009. Nick's a Brisbane boy and Zac is from Noosa but they had met in Spain working on yachts. As one does. Zac's father owns Sails restaurant in Noosa – hospitality, then, in his blood – but the boys always knew they wanted to be more than a restaurant. Since re-opening in March they have been quietly achieving this, shifting the focus from the pizzas by introducing a broader menu skewed toward sharing, and offering live music. 'What we're passionate about, apart from food', Nick tells me, 'is the music. It's all original and it's a good platform for musicians.'

They've snared Dan Stott as head chef. Dan, a New Zealander, was previously at The Balcony but spent a couple of years in Europe, heading up the kitchen at The Assembly restaurant near Tower Bridge in London. His leanings are Italian in terms of flavours; he makes his own pickles and chutneys and preserves. Every day there is a different braise on the menu, as well as soups. There's mulled wine and outdoor heaters (apart from an undercover area this is essentially an outdoors venue), retro furniture and three Italian pizza chefs. The clientele, Nick tells me, is an eclectic mix of families, 'hippies and highbrows'.

And the food? The night we dine the braise is lamb shoulder with mash, olives and shallots: lush shreddy mouthfuls of perfectly cooked meat on creamy silky potatoes and a swirl of good jus, a hearty rustic dish of very generous proportions. As generous is the soup-like barramundi with lentils, fennel and tomato, another blackboard special, gorgeously spicy and served with toasted ciabatta for soaking up juices. Shame we have hoed into several tapas beforehand – mushrooms on cauliflower puree topped with oozy brie; fabulous haloumi on a tangle of panzanella; sweet spicy pork ribs – as there is no room, now, for dessert.

The three-piece band is cranking up and there are people everywhere, regulars many as they are treat the place like home, helping themselves to water bottles. Because it's night there's the sparkle of tiny lights in trees and under the billowy marquee dim lamps glow. Casually attired waitstaff ferry vast pizzas to tables and the whole place feels like one big party: it's hard to leave. What with both its distance from and proximity to Byron Bay, its lovely beach, the fabulous Belongil Bistro next door, it's no wonder the area is drawing crowds.

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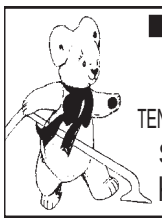

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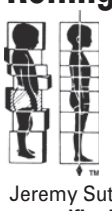
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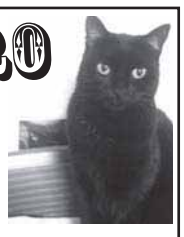

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Closing the Gap progress report: small steps make ongoing commitment vital

Australia is on track to halve the gap in child death rates between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and other Australians but a much greater effort is needed to achieve equality in life expectancy by 2030, an independent report has found.

Close the Gap campaign co-chairs Mick Gooda and Jody Broun welcomed the positive results in relation to lowering the child mortality gap.

In a media release last week Mr Gooda said addressing child mortality is critical in efforts to close the gap and will help drive improvements in life expectancy for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

However, Mr Gooda said more needs to be done because Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are still dying at nearly twice the rate of other Australians.

'The reduction in the death rate for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children is a real step forward, but there is a long way to go to improve child health outcomes more broadly.

'The good news is that 91 per cent of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in remote communities are enrolled in a preschool program.

'We welcome the new target intended to ensure that 90 per cent of enrolled children across Australia attend a quality early childhood education program before they start full-time school.

'We believe the improvements outlined in this report point to what's possible when we have co-ordinated and long term action from all governments,' Mr Gooda said.

The findings are part of a report prepared for the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) on behalf of the COAG Reform Council. The report assesses the progress of Australian governments against the Closing the Gap targets on education, employment and health.

Ms Broun said it is essential that all governments recommit to the National Partnership Agreement (NPA) on Closing the Gap in Indigenous Health Outcomes as a matter of urgency.

'We call on all Australian governments to put greater effort into closing the life expectancy gap by 2030,' said Ms Broun.

'So far, the federal and Victorian governments have renewed their funding commitment to the NPA. We urge all other Australian governments to commit to the future health of our people through a renewed NPA.

'In this federal election year, it's important to remember that the Closing the Gap agenda is a truly multi-partisan national project which must be backed by multi-decade commitments spanning policy cycles, funding agreements and governments.'

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MENSLINE 7pm–11pm nightly (phone counselling & referral for men)	**6622 2240**
NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS Meets daily	**6680 7280**
NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE	**6684 1286**
NORTHERN RIVERS GAMBLING SERVICE	**6687 2520**
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE 24 hour crisis line	**1800 656 463**
GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS Meet 7.30pm Tuesdays at Byron Hospital Group Room, Shirly St, Byron Bay	**0466 885 820**
NORTHERN RIVERS WILDLIFE CARERS	**6628 1866**
KOALA HOTLINE	**6622 1233**
GEORGE THE SNAKE MAN	**0407 965 092**
NSW Wildlife Information & Rescue Service (WIRES)	**6628 1898**

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◐ Third quarter	June 1	04:59
● New moon	June 9	01:57
◑ First quarter	June 17	03:24
○ Full moon	June 23	21:33
◐ Third quarter	June 30	14:54

JUNE 2013
Astronomical data and tides

Day of month		Sun rise	Sun set	Moon rise	Moon set	High tide, height (m)	Low tide, height (m)
1	S	0630	1656		1206	0156,1.60; 1453,1.47	0835,0.46; 2051,0.69
2	S	0631	1656	0027	1242	0300,1.50; 1551,1.52	0927,0.50; 2202,0.68
3	M	0631	1656	0124	1318	0402,1.42; 1645,1.57	1015,0.53; 2308,0.65
4	T	0632	1656	0219	1354	0500,1.38; 1733,1.64	1100,0.54
5	W	0632	1656	0314	1433	0552,1.36; 1817,1.69	0004,0.60; 1143,0.55
6	T	0633	1656	0408	1513	0639,1.35; **1857,1.73**	0052,0.55; 1223,0.56
7	F	0633	1656	0501	1556	0722,1.35; **1934,1.77**	0133,0.51; 1300,0.56
8	S	0634	1656	0552	1641	0802,1.35; **2010,1.79**	0211,0.48; 1337,0.57
9	S	0634	1656	0642	1729	0841,1.35; **2045,1.79**	0247,0.46; 1414,0.58
10	M	0634	1656	0728	1819	0919,1.34; **2121,1.78**	0323,0.45; 1451,0.59
11	T	0635	1656	0812	1911	0938,1.33; **2158,1.75**	0400,0.46; 1530,0.61
12	W	0635	1656	0852	2003	1038,1.33; **2235,1.71**	0437,0.47; 1609,0.64
13	T	0636	1656	0930	2056	1120,1.32; 2315,1.65	0515,0.49; 1652,0.67
14	F	0636	1656	1006	2149	1205,1.32; 2358,1.59	0557,0.51; 1740,0.71
15	S	0636	1656	1041	2243	1255,1.34	0640,0.52; 1833,0.73
16	S	0637	1656	1116	2338	0045,1.52; 1347,1.38	0726,0.53; 1935,0.75
17	M	0637	1656	1152		0142,1.46; 1443,1.44	0815,0.52; 2045,0.72
18	T	0637	1656	1229	0035	0244,1.42; 1540,1.53	0906,0.51; 2156,0.66
19	W	0637	1656	1310	0135	0350,1.40; 1635,1.65	0959,0.48; 2302,0.56
20	T	0638	1657	1356	0237	0454,1.41; **1729,1.77**	1052,0.45
21	F	0638	1657	1448	0342	0555,1.44; **1822,1.90**	0003,0.43; 1145,0.41
22	S	0638	1657	1547	0448	0654,1.47; **1915,2.00**	0100,0.32; 1239,0.38
23	S	0638	1657	1651	0553	0750,1.49; **2007,2.07**	**0155,0.22**; 1332,0.36
24	M	0638	1658	1758	0654	0846,1.51; **2100,2.09**	**0247,0.16**; 1427,0.35
25	T	0639	1658	1906	0749	0941,1.52; **2152,2.05**	**0340,0.14**; 1522,0.37
26	W	0639	1658	2013	0839	1035,1.52; **2244,1.96**	**0432,0.17**; 1618,0.41
27	T	0639	1658	2117	0923	1130,1.51; **2335,1.83**	**0523,0.22**; 1715,0.48
28	F	0639	1659	2218	1004	1224,1.49	**0615,0.30**; 1815,0.55
29	S	0639	1659	2317	1042	0029,1.67; 1320,1.49	0704,0.39; 1916,0.62
30	S	0639	1659		1119	0124,1.51; 1416,1.49	0753,0.47; 2025,0.68

Times are Eastern Standard Time.
Time lags: Ballina Boat Dock: 15 min; Byron Bay: nil; Brunswick River Hwy Bridge: high 30 min, low 1 hr; Mullumbimby: 1 hr 10 min; Billinudgel: 3 hr 55 min; Chinderah: high 1 hr 30 min, low 2 hr; Terranora Inlet: high 2 hr 10 min, low 2 hr 25 min; Murwillumbah: high 2 hr 30 min, low 2 hr 50 min. **Tides in bold** indicate high tide of 1.7m or more and low tide of 0.3m or less.
Data courtesy of the National Tidal Centre.

Echo

Devils choc-a-block after powerful performance

John Campbell

No sporting contest can ever be taken for granted – otherwise why would we bother to play them? But inevitably, there are footy games for which any ambitious team will have quietly banked the competition points beforehand.

The Byron Bay Red Devils travelled to McKittrick Park on the banks of the mighty Clarence River to take on lowly South Grafton knowing that anything less than a handsome victory would have drawn an ignominious curtain on their NRRRL campaign. Floundering mid-table and mixing their season with rather less sublime than ridiculous, the Devils re-established their credentials with an efficient, at times scintillating 58-16 victory.

On a lovely sunny arvo, nearly as many locals watched from outside the wire fence as were basking on the southern hill. The home side got off to a flyer, creating a two-man overlap that resulted in their centre going over untouched for an alarmingly easy try. If the Bay were harbouring any sense of complacency they were rudely shaken out of it. They immediately extracted the digit and within no time it was obvious that they were fitter, faster, better drilled and more skillful than their hosts. And they were on a mission.

Like a tattooed hunk of granite, prop Brett 'Choc' Harvey took a quick tap from a penalty and tore through the ruck on a blistering fifty-metre run that led to Joseph Gordon notching the first of the Bay's eleven tries.

In the next set from the kick-off, follically nude Duane 'Drano' Cahill did what all good backs do to capitalise on a forward's excellent lead-up, scoring after the demolition work of heavily involved Hemi 'Sphere' Mullen. The Devils had assumed a dominance that was never to be threatened.

The Red Devils' Joseph Gordon on the burst at South Grafton last Sunday.

Harvey, lock Sam 'Bob' Dwyer, collecting a gorgeous one-armed pass from Mick 'Twiggy' Lambert as he headed for the deck, and Noel 'the Eye' King, all added to the Rebels' misery before Byron went to the break with a deserved 26-6 lead.

Having established their superiority, what we needed to see from the Devils was an intimation of the killer within them – you don't win comps by resting on your laurels and thinking that the world will fall at your feet.

Coming off the bench, mercurial centre Chris 'BB' King, in a welcome return after breaking his arm, ran seventy metres following the resumption to make it apparent that the men in red were hungry for more points. The Rebels threw a Spaniard in the works when, as they'd managed earlier, they found a gaping overlap out wide to register their second try, but it was only a glitch in the Bay's controlled performance.

The King brothers got a couple more tries between them, Fraser 'Fletcher' Jones was rewarded with one, while Harvey, impersonating a kamikaze pilot in footy boots, racked up a well-earned hat-trick to take the Devils past their half-century. Only a desperate last-ditch tackle stopped replacement hooker Reece 'iMoo' Egan from pushing the Bay's score into the sixties.

The Devils are at home next Sunday to Lower Clarence. Their resurgence must continue. Go back them up.

From trials to state titles

Four boys from Ocean Shores Public School went to the recent opens rugby union trials at Grafton. All four, Max Meikle, Shaun Booth, Bo Browning and Kaine Oliss gained selection in the north coast team to travel to Sydney to play at the state titles.

Byron Magpies back on track

Joe Davidson

The Byron Coopers Magpies put last week's one goal loss behind them with a big win over Robina on Sunday.

The first half was all one way traffic for Byron with solid ruck work from Trent Spano and on-baller Dave Smith. Byron's forwards including Liam Afflick and Zeke Hower put on 11 unanswered goals in the first half. At the other end of the ground, strong defence from Zak Petty and Nick Baker denied any score for Robina. Half time scores were Byron 11.8.74 to Robina 0.0.0.

Byron continued to make the most of the perfect conditions in the third quarter. Rory Redfern and Kane Bullock got plenty of disposals in the midfield.

The final quarter repositioned the team to provide usual back line players with goal scoring opportunities. Dan Tiffen and Shan Davidson both grabbed the chance with shots at goal. Efforts at goal by some others confirmed their place as defenders.

The final score of 21.20.146 to 4.3.27 provided a satisfying win for Byron.

The Newy Crew are back

The Newy Crew are back by popular demand, bigger and stronger than ever.

The New Brighton Boardriders have a long history of talented surfers emerging from the club.

If you're looking for fun or wanting to develop your surfing skills, all levels of surfers are welcome. With men's and women's divisions for all ages – comps will be held on the third Sunday each month, with the inaugural club round this Sunday June 23 at New Brighton Beach (the car park behind the Newy store) at 7am sharp. There will be a BBQ and prizes on the day.

For any further information about the event, contact Crystal on 0416 924 028 or Brett on 0410 787 656.

Shiners Stand Up

Dean Trevaskis

The Mullum Moonshiners' only loss in season 2013 came in round three against Iluka. On Saturday the top of the table Shiners returned to the fishing village to make amends against the fourth placed Cossacks.

Improvement across the park has the young Shiners potent from the boot, the backs and the tight eight. They set up camp on Iluka's line early and cracked the Cossacks when Sati 'So Many Rivers' Siamoa exploded off the scrum to open the scoring.

With the Shiners' movie star front row of Arthur, Matchett-Oates and Stubbings (soon to be seen promoting the Wallabies v Lions series) dominant, the Cossacks were under the pump.

When inside centre Todd Arthur hit a ball at full tilt ten metres from the line Iluka's full back was the bunny in the spotlight. He was still trying to reassemble his ribcage as Nath Nicholls made the conversion for a 14 – 0 Moonshine lead. The icing on an excellent first half cake was a solo effort down the wing from the Shiners Galloping Gasometer Lachlan Stubbings, to send the Shiners into the break with a 19 – 0 lead.

Iluka's feisty fisherman are not known for waving the white flag and came out blazing with both barrels in the second half. The game deteriorated into a scrappy affair that played into Iluka's hands.

As Mullum scrambled to regain structure the Cossacks used their backs' lightning speed and 'keep the ball alive at all costs' mentality to turn the game on its head. Previously rock solid Moonshine defence was now strung out and rattled. The tries came in a rush, 19 – 7, 19 – 12 and fifteen minutes in the game was squared up at 19 all. Mullum reverted to basics with skipper Teale Pyne leading the way with his trademark bone jarring tackles and gunbarrell straight runs.

Breakaway Brett Hazlett shared 'players' player' honours for his outstanding efforts nullifying the Iluka playmakers, breaking the line and getting in the opposition's face when it counted.

With the game up for grabs the Shiners displayed a growing maturity to first stop the Cossack onslaught, then patiently win the arm wrestle for possession and field position.

Nathan Appel had dominated as Mullum's go-to man in the line out. His speed, dexterity and quick thinking proved the turning point in the game.

With more front than a rat with a gold tooth he pilfered the pill from an indecisive Cossack defence and scored his first try of the season. 'Mr Reliable' Nath Nicholls drilled the kick and followed up soon after with a penalty conversion to put the Cossacks to bed 29 – 19. The win has the Shiners perched on top of the table with a much anticipated clash with second placed Lismore awaiting on June 29 at Bruns following a general bye this week.

Soli's at World Junior Surfing Championships

Soli Bailey made it to the final of the Junior World Surfing Championships held on Jiquiliste Beach, Nicaragua. Soli, on 14.40, came a close second to Hawaii's Josh Moniz on 14.43

'I'm stoked about my results and making it to the final, I came a super close second but still happy. Big thanks to all my friends and family back in Byron, I know they have been watching the webcast. I appreciate their support. I can't wait to get home and celebrate.'

Byron Union continues streak

Peter Griffin

Third placed Byron Bay travelled to fourth placed Ballina on Saturday. And yes, the Bay's stellar season continued with a rousing 21-17 victory.

Ballina were heavily favoured to avenge their shock 20-10 first round loss to the Bay. Ballina are the only team to defeat competition leaders Lismore this season and they boasted a full strength squad brimming with representative quality.

Byron's much underestimated forward pack silenced the big crowd, dismantling their rivals in the first half to lead 11-0 at the break. Inspired by captain Pete Shaw, the white wall of Byron Bay defence was so effective it took Ballina close to 40 minutes to make their way into the attacking quarter.

Byron had taken a deserved 6-0 lead from two Will Cox penalty conversions before Ballina lost their prop to the sin bin midway through the half. Star No.8 Michael Armstrong was already unstoppable but against a depleted pack he was rampant. Armstrong scored from the back of the scrum with a familiar burst of acceleration.

The blast from the Ballina coach resonated around the ground at halftime and the home side returned with renewed purpose and venom to narrow the gap to 11-5. End to end rugby was now the order and Ballina were gifted the lead through a 60 metre intercept try. Byron Bay steadied and regained a 14-12 lead from a penalty to set up a grandstand finish.

Photo – Peter Moore

Ballina took the lead for a second time from a backline play of dazzling quality but minutes later Byron seemed to have stolen victory from their own sweeping play when Cox skirted the touchline, and rounded the fullback to score under the posts. The referee signalled try but the linesman was convinced the winger was out by a blade of grass.

Byron's belief was unshaken and with less than five minutes to play the visitors produced a stirring brand of ball in hand rugby to completely dominate the end of the game. Camped on the Ballina line with more than 30 phases of possession it was halfback Jack Dickson who found a way through to seal the match. Cue scenes of delirium from the Byron faithful.

In a victory paved by the forwards, Armstrong and Shaw were the clear standouts. Josh Smith was a force of nature close to the ruck, Jamie Blair was at his fearsome best and Dickson was all quality. Mark Ballantyne was outstanding in his first starting appearance in the back row after coming in for Tom Homer who was sidelined by a chainsaw related injury.

The games keep getting bigger for Byron Bay. The team travels this week to Wollongbar-Alstonville who have now moved into fourth place at the expense of Ballina. The Bay remain clear third behind Lennox Head and new frontrunners Lismore. The title race now appears wide open after Lismore stunned the Trojans 35-3 in Lennox on Saturday.

The Bay Rollers
vs
Northern Brisbane Rollers Raw Stars
Byron Bay Sports and Cultural Complex
Sunday – 2pm –$5

MONTHLY MARKETS

1st SAT	Bruns Heads	6628 4495
1st SAT	Murwillumbah	0417 759 777
1st SAT	Lismore Makers	0407 124 991
1st SUN	Byron Bay	6685 6807
1st SUN	Lismore Car Boot	6628 7333
2nd SUN	The Channon	6688 6433
2nd SUN	Lennox Head	6686 2139
2nd SUN	Alstonville	6628 1568
3rd SAT	Mullumbimby	6684 3370
3rd SAT	Murwillumbah	0417 759 777
3rd SUN	Uki	6679 5921
3rd SUN	Lismore Car Boot	6628 7333
3rd SUN	Ballina	6687 4328
4th SUN	Bangalow	6687 1911
4th SUN	Nimbin	0458 506 000
5th SUN	Lennox Head	6687 8618
5th SUN	Nimbin	0458 506 000
SATURDAYS		
Byron Artisan Market 4-9pm		6685 6807

FARMERS MARKETS

Each TUE	New Brighton	6677 1345
Each TUE	Organic Lismore	6628 1084
Each WED	7-11am M'bah	6684 7834
Each THU	8-11am Byron	6687 1137
Each FRI	7-11am Mullum	6677 1345
Each SAT	8-11am Bangalow	6687 1137
Each SAT	8am-1pm Uki	6679 5530

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ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING & ASSESSMENT (EP&A) ACT (SECTION 101 EP&A ACT 1979 AND CLAUSE 124 EP&A REGULATIONS 2000)

Development Applications Determined

The following development consents, together with any conditions imposed, may be inspected free of charge at Council's Information and Enquiry Counter, Station Street, Mullumbimby during normal office hours 9.00am to 4.00pm weekdays, excluding public holidays. The validity of these consents cannot be questioned in any legal proceeding except those commenced in the Land & Environment Court by any person within 3 months of this notice.

APPLICATIONS APPROVED

10.2013.226.1 – MYOCUM
282 The Manse Road (Lot 101 DP 1142776)
Tree removal – 14 trees

10.2002.610.3 – BRUNSWICK HEADS
25 Mullumbimbi Street (Lot 285 DP 755692)
S96 – modifications to internal layout (dwelling additions and carport)

10.2013.206.1 – OCEAN SHORES
1 Gin Gin Crescent (Lot 111 DP 238450)
Tree removal – six trees

10.2013.162.1 – SUFFOLK PARK
6 Brandon Street (Lot 15 Sec 12 DP 11632)
Residential development in two stages being Stage 1 alterations and additions to an existing expanded house habitable outbuilding and garage to convert the building into a secondary dwelling and Stage 2 construction of a carport

10.2013.138.1 – COORABELL
161 Coolamon Scenic Drive (Lot 3 DP 261449)
Use of existing alterations and additions to a dwelling and use of an existing studio ancillary to the dwelling

10.2013.143.1 – BYRON BAY
29 Sunrise Boulevarde (Lot 1 DP 843991)
Staged construction comprising conversion of garage to secondary dwelling and construct carport alterations and additions to existing dwelling and construct swimming pool

10.2013.122.1 – BRUNSWICK HEADS
28 Fingal Street (Lot 12 Sec 7 DP 758171)
Front fence and a gatehouse

10.2013.208.1 – BYRON BAY
1 Byron Street (Lot 3 DP 1134124)
Change of use to a business premises (pedicure and manicure) and coffee takeaway

10.2013.159.1 – BANGALOW
39 Byron Street (Lot 1 DP 933674)
Alteration and additions to commercial development and works within the footpath area, signage and footpath dining

10.2013.103.1 – MYOCUM
320 McAuleys Lane (Lot 1 DP 1150639, Lot 3 DP 1067849)
Boundary adjustment to create two allotments

10.2011.193.1 – SUFFOLK PARK
Bottlebrush Crescent (Lot 282 DP 1018663)
Subdivision (Community Title) to create five neighbourhood lots and one neighbourhood property

APPLICATIONS WITHDRAWN

10.2005.733.3 – BYRON BAY
19-23 Lawson Street (Lot 1 DP 876261)
S96 – alter the layout of the approved development

Byron Shire COUNCIL NOTICES

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COUNCIL CONTACT DETAILS

Council administration centre	6626 7000
Opening hours: Front counter 9.00am to 4.00pm	
Switchboard: 8.30am to 4.30pm	
Email	council@byron.nsw.gov.au
Web	www.byron.nsw.gov.au
Emergency after hours	6622 7022
Works Depot	6685 9300
Resident parking stickers	Fax: 6684 3018
Sportsfield information line	6626 7111
SES Controller	6684 3444
Rural Fire Service	6684 3662
Myocum Waste & Recycling Centre	6684 1870

Community Access Points: Documents on exhibition are available for review at the Council Administration Centre (Mullumbimby), Bangalow Post Office, PRD Real Estate Ocean Shores, Suffolk Beachfront Holiday Park and Libraries.

BYRON SHIRE DEVELOPMENT CONTROL PLAN 2010

Chapter 1 Part F Waste Minimisation and Management

Council adopted Chapter 1 Part F - Waste Minimisation and Management into the Byron Shire Development Control Plan 2010 (DCP) at its meeting held on 9 May 2013.

The purpose of the DCP amendments are proposed to facilitate sustainable waste management within Byron Shire in a manner consistent with principles of Ecologically Sustainable Development by considering both waste minimisation and management in developments. The Chapter 1 Part F – Waste Minimisation and Management amendments to the DCP are effective from Monday 1 July 2013.

Those persons interested in obtaining a copy of the DCP can view the plan at the Brunswick Heads, Mullumbimby and Byron Bay Libraries, at Council's administration building or on Council's website at www.byron.nsw.gov.au. Copies are also available for purchase at Council's administration building, Station Street, Mullumbimby.

Enquiries: Chris Larkin 02 6626 7000

Expression of Interest

Ideas wanted for New Year's Eve

Council and the Community Summer Safety and Cultural Activities Committee are calling for Expressions of Interest from the community and businesses to be involved in the planning and provision of community and cultural activities for the 2013/14 summer period, with a focus on New Year's Eve 2013.

We are looking for:

- community members and businesses that have activity/event proposals
- organisations that have ideas for cultural activities or events
- performers and artists who can provide entertainment and cultural activities
- service providers who can assist with the events during the summer period.

Our objectives are to facilitate a safety focussed New Year's Eve and summer holiday period based on community inclusive cultural activities and events.

Please send your ideas and proposals to Joanne McMurtry, Byron Shire Council, PO Box 219, Mullumbimby or email council@byron.nsw.gov.au Further information is available on Council's website www.byron.nsw.gov.au. Closes: **Monday 24 June, 2013**

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ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING & ASSESSMENT ACT, 1979

PUBLIC EXHIBITION OF DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

Council is in receipt of the following Development Application(s). Byron Shire Council is the Consent Authority. Any person may view the application(s) and the documents accompanying the application(s) at Council's Information and Enquiry Counter, Station Street, Mullumbimby from 9.00am to 4.00pm, Monday to Friday (public holidays excepted). Any submission needs to be received by 4.00pm on the last day of the exhibition period.

Any person may make a written submission to the General Manager in relation to any of the development applications. Where the submission is by way of an objection the submission must set out the grounds of the objection. If you are making a submission you may be required to lodge, now or possibly in the future, a "Political Donations and Gifts Disclosure Statement". It is your responsibility to ensure you meet your obligations to disclose reportable political donations and gifts. A failure to meet your obligations is an offence the penalty for which can include significant fines and/or imprisonment. A Guideline providing detailed information on the disclosure obligations is available at www.byron.nsw.gov.au/political-donations or from Council. Council strongly urges you to read the Guideline and satisfy yourself that you are complying with your disclosure obligations prior to lodging a submission. All Political Donations and Gifts Disclosure Statements will be public documents and all information contained in them will be available to the public and government agencies.

Submissions will be made public in accordance with Schedule 1 Part 3 Clause 1(a)(vi) of the GIPA Regulations 2009 as applicable including both the substance of the objection and the identity of the objector. For assistance with this please call Council's Records Coordinator on 02 6626 7113.

Council will not deal with the application until after the exhibition period has expired. All submissions will be taken into account in determining the application. **Please quote the development application and property description when making a submission.**

EXHIBITION CLOSES 24 JUNE 2013

10.2013.219.1 – TALOFA
684 Bangalow Road (Lot 1 DP 812810)
Mr I D Ritchie: *Addition of an accessible holiday cabin to an existing rural tourist facility*

10.2013.221.1 – BYRON BAY
33 Kingsley Street (Lot 1 DP 344191)
Chris Lonergan – *Town Planner: Construction of additional dwelling (dual occupancy), demolish garage and create vacant strata allotment*

10.2012.55.2 – BYRON BAY
36 Cowper Street (Lot 19 Sec 30 DP 758207)
Mr G B Marshall: *S96 – to amend the design and include staging in the development consent (dual occupancy (including alterations and additions to existing dwelling))*

10.2008.760.4 – BYRON BAY
6 Short Street (Lot 3 DP 7116)
Davis Architects: *S96 – modification to enclose pergola area and add a bathroom (demolition of existing dwelling and construction of dual occupancy comprising two unattached double storey dwellings)*

EXHIBITION CLOSES 1 JULY 2013

10.2013.220.1 – BYRON BAY
8 Scott Street (Lot 19 DP 244718)
Mr S B Michaels: *Single storey secondary dwelling*

10.2013.227.1 – OCEAN SHORES
2 Qui Court (Lot 1508 DP 245028)
Mr P J Wearne: *Alterations and additions to create a secondary dwelling*

10.2013.243.1 – BRUNSWICK HEADS
3 Newberry Parade (Lot 243 DP 755692)
Planners North: *Additions to existing medium density residential development comprising the construction of an additional one bedroom, two storey dwelling*

COUNCIL CLOSURE

from 3.00pm, Tuesday 18 June 2013

Please be advised that the Byron Shire Administration Offices, Mullumbimby and Byron Shire Depot will be closed from 3.00pm onwards due to a Staff Awards Function.

PROPOSAL TO LEASE OFFICE SPACE

Council is considering entering a lease of office space on community land at the Byron Regional Sport and Cultural Complex. The term of the proposed lease could be up to 5 years. In accordance with clause 47A the proposal is on exhibition for a period of 28 days. A written submission may be made to Council.

Submissions close: Friday 1 July 2013

Enquiries: Greg Ironfield 02 6626 7122

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council meetings are scheduled to be held at Station Street, Mullumbimby.

Ordinary Meeting – 10.30am Thursday 27 June 2013

Notices of Motion

- Deed of Agreement Unauthorised Dwellings
- Manfred Street, Belongil Erosion Issues
- New Brighton and South Golden Beach Erosion Issues
- Manfred Street Belongil – Reclassification of Council Land
- Coastal Erosion Issues New Brighton and Sth Golden Beach
- New Brighton Soccer Fields

Reports

- 2013/14 Black Spot Program Intersection Jonson and Browning Streets, Byron Bay
- CONFIDENTIAL Tender Assessment Supply and Delivery Pre Mixed Concrete 2013-0020
- Development of a Byron Bay Parking and Traffic Demand Management Plan
- CONFIDENTIAL Tender Assessment Supply of Quarry Products 2013-0021
- South Golden Beach Box Culvert Budget Increase
- Section 355 Committees/Boards – Appointments and Resignations
- Making of the Rate 2013/2014
- Adoption of 2013/2017 Delivery Program (including Operational Plan), Statement of Revenue Policy, 2013/2014 Budget and 2013/2014 Fees and Charges
- Access Deed for Telstra telecommunications facilities Suffolk Park
- Fletcher Street Cottage Lease
- Investments – May 2013
- Affix Council Seal to LPI Dealing Forms – Application for replacement Certificates of Title
- PLANNING – Draft Byron LEP 2012 – Submissions analysis and recommendations for Rural Zones and Control – 2nd report
- PLANNING Supplementary Report 10.2011.306.1 subdivision and tourist facility at Broken Head Reserve Road Broken Head
- Planning Proposed amendments to DCP 2010 Chapter 17 Public Exhibition and Notification of Developement Application
- Arts Byron Shire Forum
- Positive Ageing Strategy and Action Plan 2012-2016 Progress Report
- Outcome of key stakeholders forum regarding potential relocation of Byron Bay taxi rank
- Land Acquisition of Lot 26 DP1185516 – Laverty's Gap Water Treatment Plant
- Report of the Public Art Assessment Panel meeting held on 23 May 2013
- Report of the Community Summer and Cultural Activities Committee meeting held on 27 May 2013
- Recommendations Local Traffic Committee meeting 5 June 2013
- Recommendations Wilsons Creek Project Reference Group meeting 28 May 2013
- Recommendations Community Infrastructure Advisory Committee meeting 5 June 2013

Byron Shire Reserve Trust Committee Meeting – 2.00pm Thursday 27 June 2013

Reports

- Bangalow Showground Trust – Owners Consent to Lodge Development Application

The above listed items may change. Meeting agendas are available prior to the meeting on Council's website at www.byron.nsw.gov.au/meetings, at Council's administration centre in Mullumbimby and at community access points around the Shire.

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NSW budget to 'boost housing supply'

New home buyers are winners in the NSW 2013-14 Budget with extra funding for both first homebuyers and $99 million for essential suburban infrastructure, according to treasurer Mike Baird.

Baird and minister for planning and infrastructure Brad Hazzard said this year's Budget will continue the NSW Nationals and Liberals commitment to fast-track housing supply and deliver the critical infrastructure needed to support more housing across the State.

The NSW 2013-14 Budget will extend the state's first home-buyers scheme to further boost new housing supply, while councils will receive $99 million under the Local Infrastructure Growth Scheme to deliver essential infrastructure.

'As part of the Building the State package announced in last year's Budget, the NSW Government more than doubled the First Home Owners Grant for new homes costing up to $650,000 to $15,000 and we are already seeing signs of life in the critical housing sector,' said Mr Baird.

'First home-buyers of new homes get more than $35,000 in assistance and this has significantly increased the take-up, with 60 per cent more grants provided in the first few months of 2013 compared to 2012.'

Mr Baird said the NSW government has decided to extend its scheme for homebuyers of new properties (which was due to drop from $15,000 to $10,000 in 2014), for a further two years until January 2016.

'The turnaround in this important sector of our economy is proof that the NSW government's targeted incentives are working.

'This Budget continues to tackle the housing shortage across NSW to get more people into new and more affordable homes sooner,' said Mr Baird.

Minister for planning and infrastructure Brad Hazzard said the $99 million through the Local Infrastructure Growth Scheme funded the gap between what councils can charge developers in infrastructure levies and what it actually costs councils to build infrastructure such as new local roads and stormwater drainage.

'This funding demonstrates the government's commitment to assist local government to help deliver the new housing the state needs,' Mr Hazzard said.

'The state's new planning system will include a fairer, more transparent and more economically feasible system of infrastructure contributions that will help unlock the supply of new housing.

'In the meantime, the government is committing funds to meet the gap.

'This funding ensures that the supply of new housing is not blocked by exorbitant developer contribution charges, while still making sure the necessary infrastructure gets built.'

The Local Infrastructure Growth Scheme will mainly benefit councils with new land releases, due to the greater costs associated with providing infrastructure to previously undeveloped land, but is also available for new housing developments in existing urban areas.

To be eligible for funding, a council must have its contributions plan reviewed by IPART, showing that a gap exists between what it is able to charge and what the reasonable infrastructure cost will be.

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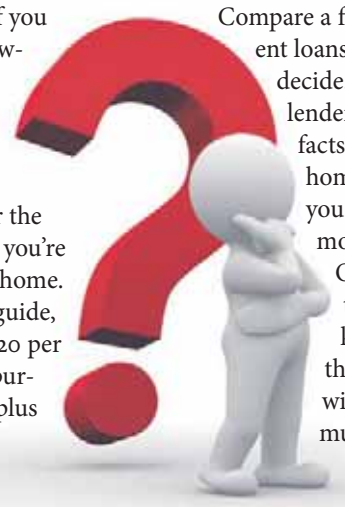

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Byron Bay, 12 Blackbutt Place

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We're happy to learn that police are now assisting in the investigation of a slaughtered wallaby found decapitated at Byron Bay last month. A NSW Police media spokesperson told *Echonetdaily* that the police take offences against animals seriously and that several agencies shared responsibility for such investigations. And it's not just a problem of cruelty to wildlife, though that is horrible enough. Those of you who have picked up a smidgen of forensic psychology from crime thrillers will know that psychopaths often begin their 'careers' by mutilating animals before moving on to humans. We hope in this instance it's not a taste of stranger things to come.

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Apropos of wildlife, the NSW Wildlife Information, Rescue and Education Service (WIRES) runs weekend courses on how to safely rescue and provide emergency care for injured and orphaned wildlife. The next course in Lismore will be June 22–23. Call the 24-hour hotline on 6628 1898 or see www.wiresnr.org to find out more.

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The cruelty does not stop with animals, however. It has been a bad week for women in Australia, with attacks on Julia Gillard, the misogynist porn ring in the defence forces uncovered and the visit of rapper Tyler the Creator to our shores. In her Soapbox this week Mandy Nolan gives a serve to rap lyrics which treat women as whores, best suited to being tied up in basements, raped and killed. This is not art; this is macho brutality, and we see no reason such blatant gender hatred should not be treated with the same legal force as racial hatred. Facebook has announced plans to 'renew its effort toward monitoring, and where appropriate, removing gender-related hate speech…' This comes after lobbying by groups such as Women, Action & the Media womenactionmedia.org.

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At Mullumbimbimby Library artist/collaborators Jill Keogh and Kim Brereton have created a mini 3D housing estate called *Shelf Life*. Everyday 'junk' materials including cardboard, op shop textile scraps and magazines create an urban narrative. These dwellings represent containers for memories, things loved or forgotten or maybe just 'put on the shelf'. We understand this is one occasion on which Council did not require a development application. Kim and Jill, both long-time residents of Byron Shire, first met as art students at Southern Cross Uni more than 20 years ago and have continued to work collaboratively. While we're at the library, don't imagine that the service is stuck solely in paper. You can borrow e-books (if you're a member) at http://eresources.rtrl.nsw.gov.au.

Reduce plastic packaging: that's the message from Paul Crebar, the nude strawberry known as Tasara, and Tomato Tommy (from Coopers Shoot Tomatoes) at a recent Byron Farmers Market. Stallholders are now offering alternatives to plastic bags. Read how you can make Positive Change For Marine Life at nudeyourfood.com.
Photo Jeff 'Wrapped In Plastic' Dawson

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Data analyst Edward Snowden has fled to Hong Kong after blowing the whistle on the US government's PRISM program which has been reading and recording emails, Skype messages, Facebook posts and phone calls for years. An Avaaz petition in support of Snowdon (at https://secure.avaaz.org/en/stop_prism_global/?fp) had garnered over a million signatures as of last Monday.

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