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Robert Badalotti aims for 'most sustainable retail development in Australia'

Electric vehicle charging facilities, grey-water systems and solar panels are just a few of the proposed features for Byron Bay's Jonson Street cinema and shopping complex re-development.

It's a major turn-around for Azzura International Constructions, headed by QLD-based developer Robert Badalotti. Residents, with the help of some councillors, previously fought off plans for a large-scale Dan Murphy's and a KFC on his property, located at the southern end of the Woolies plaza.

And the last plans submitted for the redevelopment of the entire site also caused concerns for not keeping with the town's character.

But project manager Julie Nutting says they are now aiming to create 'the most environmentally sustainable retail development in Australia.'

'We have consulted extensively with Byron Council and the Northern Rivers Design Advisory Panel members to develop a design that we hope Byron can embrace,' Ms Nutting said. 'It has been a great experience and the input from the Design Advisory Panel has been integral to the development of plans that can truly reflect the Byron Bay character,' she said.

While Council's public submissions recently closed for the Mercato on Byron proposal, Ms Nutting says community feedback is still welcome at www.mercatoonbyron.com.au and they are keen to engage with the community on the development.

The proposal would see a major facelift for the area, and includes

eight cinemas, a bowling alley, a 180m2 central art gallery, a 'park style' external meeting place and visual/performing arts area, 324 undercover car parks over two levels and 104 bicycle parking spaces.

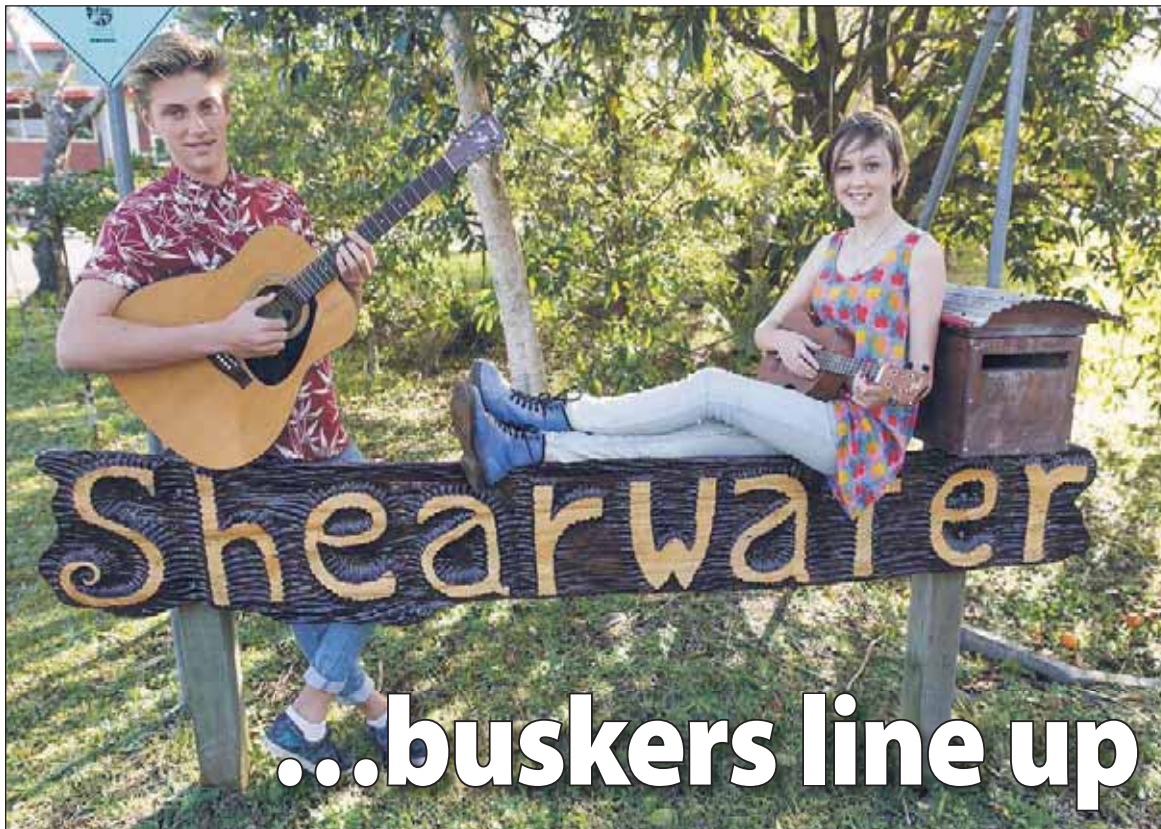
A subtropical design is a complete overhaul of an earlier scheme for the site, says Ms Nutting, and 'comes in response to community feedback and extensive consultation, including a full-day design charette.'

Ms Nutting says they are aiming for a 'family friendly community recreation venue, not just a retail space.' The street frontage will receive 'a significant makeover,' she says, 'with plans for 50 new trees and new planter boxes creating a green boulevard and entry park.'

'The planting and planned public art will make a significant improvement to Jonson Street's amenity and we are seeking further community feedback in relation to the art opportunities,' Ms Nutting said.

Ms Nutting says Azzura would be commissioning local artists to create artwork 'across the development which reflects the Byron Bay culture, creating a sense of vibrancy, fun, relaxation and understated coastal coolness.'

'We're looking for works to be integrated into seats, pavements and feature walls, and for a feature piece on the Jonson Street frontage,' she said. While parking will be metered, it will be free for the first two hours, she says. 'This is designed to limit long-term parking and ensure there are convenient spaces for visitors to the centre and broader precinct.'



...buskers line up

Year 8 students Chloe and Ben are two young buskers who will be competing for Mullum's Steiner School's inaugural Spring Fair Busking Competition. It's part of the school's annual Spring Fair, 'Threads of Life', which takes place on Saturday, September 6 from 10am. The comp is open to high school students from across the region and will take place from 1pm. Rules and registration details can be found on the Shearwater website at www.shearwater.nsw.edu.au/school-announcements or by calling the school on 6684 3223. Photo Eve Jeffery

All north coast councils now reject gas mining

Richmond Valley Council Shire (RVC) has now joined every other north coast council in opposing unconventional gas mining and fracking in their region.

Applause erupted from a packed gallery at last week's RVC meeting after councillors passed the motion (mayor Ernie Bennett and Cr Col Sullivan voted against).

The turnaround in Council's stand on gas mining is significant, given Richmond Council previously threatened Bentley blockade protesters with illegal camping.

Much of the push against protesters came from RVC's general manager John Walker. But a June meeting saw unanimous support for Council to review the policy.

Recently the community of Codrington celebrated a survey which saw 93 per cent vote to remain gasfield free.

In related news, the state government is reportedly negotiating with Metgasco over a possible compensation payout following the suspension of Metgasco's Bentley drilling licence, near Lismore. Also, Tweed Shire Councillors voted last week 5-1 (Cr Youngblutt against) to install CSG-Free signs on existing entry and locality signs around Tweed. And this Sunday, residents of Hayters Hill, Coopers Shoot and surrounds will gather to celebrate their gasfield survey completion. This will mark the completion of all gasfield free surveys in the Byron Shire.

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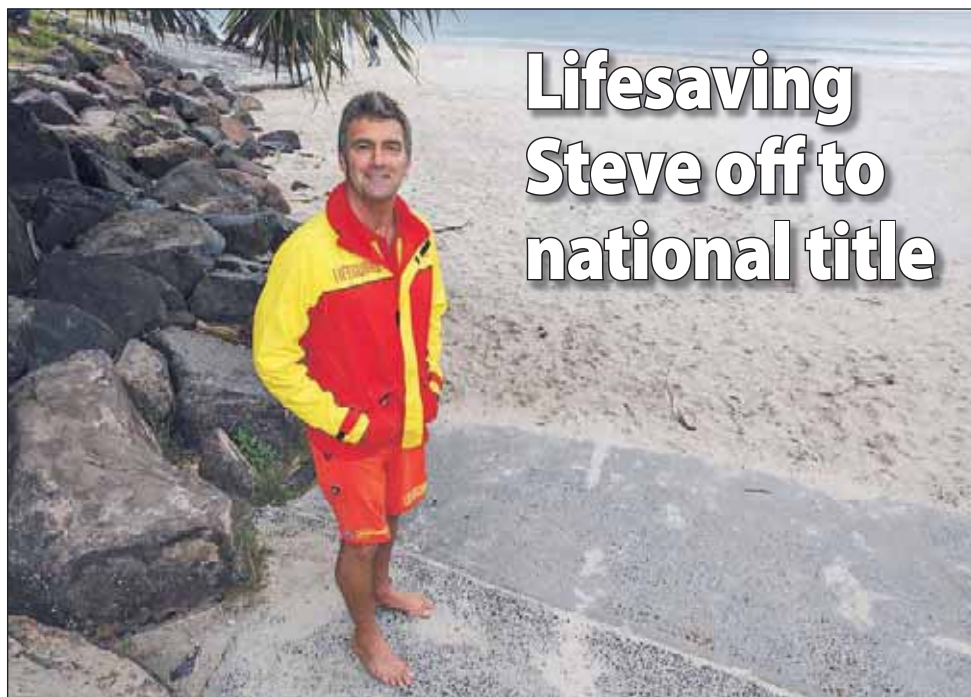
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Lifesaving Steve off to national title

Byron Bay lifeguard Steve Mills recently won the NSW Lifeguard of the Year award, and will now be contending for the national title in October. Steve has been a lifeguard for 17 years and has contributed over 4,421 hours' service. Good luck Steve! Photo Eve Jeffery

Cancer Council's blooming big day of daffodils

Ashley Thomson, from Edinburgh, is doing an events internship with the Cancer Council and was part of a very successful Daffodil Day outside the Byron Bay Woolworths last Friday. Close to \$2,000 was raised, she says.

Cancer Council says one in two Australians will be diagnosed with cancer by the age 85. For more information visit www.nswcc.org.au.

Photo Eve Jeffery



Mullumbimby sculpture walk plans up before Council

The creation of permanent public art sculpture walk at Brunswick Terrace, Mullumbimby, is on Council's agenda for the upcoming August 28 meeting.

An entry sculpture is proposed next to the scout hall comprising telegraph poles painted in various colours, which would then lead onto 12 further sculptures along 450 metres of the pathways. Malcolm Price from Creative Mullumbimby is one of the team that is pushing the idea, and says the art would provide ecological, cultural and historic references to Mullumbimby. 'In Mullum, we have a number of stories that we tell about ourselves; one is that we are a creative community and another is that we have a rich history. Yet in recent times, there hasn't been a lot of direct evidence of this creative culture in the public realm.'



Artist impression of proposed artwork.

Councils 'shortchanged' by fed grants

While local governments are looking at having their operating budgets slashed by the federal government, Page MP Kevin Hogan (Lismore-based Nationals) has attempted to spruik annual grants to councils as 'committed to supporting local communities.'

But Hogan's upbeat press release fails to mention that CPI to Financial Assistance Grants (FAGs) has been suspended. FAGs are no-strings-attached funding for councils to spend 'according to local priorities, including on infra-

structure, health, recreation, environment, employment and roads projects.'

The CPI freeze will 'cut \$925 million in revenue to local government by 2017-18,' according to The Australian Local Government Association (AGLA), and they have demanded it be reinstated immediately. Locally, mayor Simon Richardson confirmed that Council will have a budget shortfall, 'as we budgeted for the usual rise in accordance with CPI. With a freeze, in real terms we will get less,' he

told *The Echo*. He says that assuming everything else remains the same, Council will be down \$28,000 in 2014/2015.

'Over the next four years this impact will compound and it is estimated to cost Council \$264,200, Cr Richardson said.

When asked how cuts to NSW council budgets is committing 'to supporting local communities,' Mr Hogan's media spokesperson replied that councils are receiving no less than they did under the former Labor government.

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The fruits of Bay FM Radiothon



Bay FM's major fundraising event of the year, Radiothon, has kicked off its annual appeal for new subscribers, and runs until August 29. This year's main prize comes from Santos Organics Byron Bay and is a \$5,200 voucher for organic food and produce. Pictured is Santos Organics manager Andrew Haig, centre, with Evelyn Vanderaa, also from Santos Organics. Also pictured are Bay FM presenters Nicky, Brett, Yolanda and Ange. Each day Bay FM will be giving away a prize at 5pm, and the major prize draw will be at 6pm Friday August 29. You can subscribe by calling the station on 6680 7999 or online at bayfm.org. Photo Rudiger Wasser

Plans for Bangalow motel and townhouse

Plans for a significant development next to the Bangalow Bowling Club are underway, which would include an 18-unit two-storey motel, a two-storey manager's residence and four townhouses also two storeys in height.

But for the development to gain approval on the vacant land, Council's *Byron Local Environmental Plan 2014* (LEP) would need to be amended and the land rezoned; currently the land is zoned RE2 Private Recrea-

tion, according to Council's upcoming agenda.

That decision will come before councillors this Thursday, and while Council staff recommend the LEP amendment and rezoning, they say the council should also forward the planning proposal to the NSW government for a 'Gateway' determination.

A similar gateway decision is expected soon from the NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure on the land that surrounds the pro-

posed Byron Central Hospital.

Staff claim the development would fall under the Bangalow Settlement Strategy 2003 requirements, as the strategy 'acknowledges tourism as an increasing contributor to the Bangalow village.'

Staff support

The staff report also states, 'The subject site is of low environmental value given that it is largely clear of native vegetation and formerly used as netball courts.'

Byron Central Hospital plans on show

NSW health minister Jillian Skinner unveiled detailed plans for the new \$80 million Byron Central Hospital, now on display, when she visited the Ewingsdale site last week.

Mrs Skinner was joined by Ballina MP Don Page during the visit to the site to mark progress on the project.

Earthworks are expected to start there in the coming months.

In the 2014-15 state budget, the NSW government committed \$1.5 million to begin construction of the project.

Mrs Skinner said plans for the new Byron Central Hospital are now on display at Byron Shire Council and through the Department of Planning and Infrastructure website until Friday September 19.

'This project has been a labour of love for both local MP Don Page and members of the Byron community for many years,' Mrs Skinner said. 'It is anticipated the new



Byron Central Hospital will provide emergency services, acute medical beds, low-risk maternity services following the same model currently delivered at Mullumbimby, a new 20-bed mental health unit and X-ray and medical imaging facilities.

'Don Page and the local community have campaigned tirelessly for the new hospital for many years and I have fond memories of meeting with them at Byron to hear about their hopes for the site.'

Mr Page said he was incredibly proud to see local campaigns and support for

a new hospital have paid off.

'The community has never given up on its dream of new hospital for this area and I've been steadfast in my support to ensure a new hospital for Byron has been on the government's agenda,' he said.

'The new hospital will provide state-of-the-art equipment and attract more clinicians, which is good news for local residents.'

'The hospital will also be co-located with the new ambulance station, which has been providing fantastic care for the community since it opened in 2012.'

Lying Tweed/Byron cop sent to jail

Sydney [AAP]

Former Former Byron/Tweed local area command detective inspector Shane Diehm has been sentenced to at least six months in prison for lying to the Police Integrity Commission (PIC) at the Downing Centre Local Court last week.

While magistrate Ellen Skinner sentenced him to a maximum of 12 months, Ms Skinner said the sentence gave her 'no pleasure', but it was necessary to 'scare' politicians and police officers into

understanding that you cannot lie to watchdogs, such as the PIC and ICAC, without consequences.

'The only promise that is required for them [at the PIC or ICAC] is that they tell the truth.' People would continue lying to commissions, she said, unless there was a 'large stick' hanging over them and they knew if they got caught they would go to jail.

It comes after Diehm, 49, was hauled before the PIC in October 2011 to answer questions about a drug-

fuelled boys' weekend on Queensland's Gold Coast the year before. Diehm initially denied ever consuming drugs but eventually admitted he had. He pleaded guilty to two counts of giving false information in relation to this.

However, he claimed he did not lie to the PIC when he claimed he 'didn't remember' seeing other former and serving cops use drugs that weekend. Ms Skinner rejected this, saying there was no medical evidence to explain his selective memory failure.

Homeless increase: BU

The president of Byron Bay's chamber of commerce, Byron United, has made comment on the increase in the homeless in town.

BU's Michael O'Grady wrote in his newsletter that 'With a tight accommodation market and incoming budget cuts to welfare, expect that unfortunate element of our town to continue. Council has been notified and are addressing it in some way.'

'Thanks to them for doing that difficult work.'



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High standard for photo comp



Over 100 entries greeted the return of the Brunswick Heads Simple Pleasures Photo Competition after a year's rest. Veteran Bruns competition judges Ros Goodchild, far left, Billy Wrencher and Eve Jeffery noted that the standard had lifted noticeably since the last event and both of the new judges, mayor Simon Richardson, far right, and Kate Nutt, centre, were impressed by what photographers had delivered. Winners will be announced at an award ceremony on September 14 at the Bruns Bowlo. Photo Eve Jeffery

Eric Wright's historic photos at Byron Bay Library

On Friday August 29, 10.30-11am, Byron Bay Library will launch an exhibition of historic photos of Byron Bay from the newly acquired EJ Wright Collection. The opening of the exhibition will be attended by Eric Wright's children Robyn Faulks and David Wright. Representa-

tives from Byron Bay Historical Society, Brunswick Valley Historical Society and their Nortec work experience project will also be present.

Eric Wright was a local identity and historian who amassed a large collection of photos and memorabilia about the history of Byron

Bay. More than 20 years ago, Eric expressed a wish that his collection be preserved in the new Byron Bay Library. The collection is being digitised, thanks to the Nortec work experience project at the Mullumbimby Museum. The exhibition can be viewed in the library for two weeks.

Fluoride dosing plants move closer

Luis Feliu

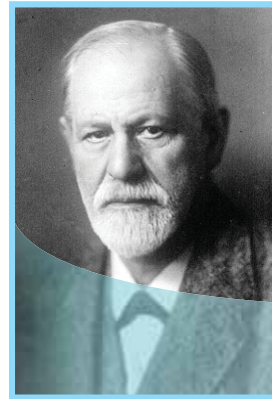
Fluoridation of the water supply to Lismore and Ballina moved a step closer last week after the award of the tender to build four dosing plants was accepted.

Rous Water announced that four plants are planned for Clunes, Corndale, Dorrugby and Knockrow, with the state health department to cover the initial cost of around \$2.7 million. The vote by Rous Water councillors to award the tender was carried 4-3. Chair of Rous Water, Cr Sue Meehan, told ABC North Coast the project was costly due to Byron Shire Council's decision to opt out of the plan.

Anti-fluoride campaigner Al Oshlack meanwhile told ABC North Coast he would continue to fight the plans.

He said the argument by pro-fluoride supporters was that it was given as a therapy to stop tooth cavities.

If that was the case, he argued, then fluoride would be a medicine requiring a licence from the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA).



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NSW Business Chamber not informed over govt's plans for 'two votes for business' bill

Hans Lovejoy

The NSW Business Chamber joins the state's peak body representing local government (LGNSW) in being left in the dark by the NSW Shooters & Fishers Party and the coalition over Sydney's CBD voting reforms.

The City of Sydney Amendment (Elections) Bill 2014 has been widely criticised for advocating that businesses receive two votes, giving them a greater say in local elections. Typically such a move is considered to be a gerrymander.

'Giving business a voice' is the catchphrase, and supporters such as local MP Don Page (Nationals) say that it would remove 'significant bureaucratic barriers' and allow businesses to remain enrolled.

The legislation includes provisions for the scheme to be rolled out state-wide, and has the full support of the

NSW Business Chamber.

But the Chamber's policy manager Luke Aitken confirmed with *The Echo* that the legislation came as a surprise to his organisation. He backed calls by executive director of the Sydney Business Chamber, Patricia Forsythe, saying the government needs to justify the 'two vote' proposal.

'The Local Government Act has always provided a mechanism for non-residents to vote in council elections,' he said. 'The principle behind this, however, is one person one vote. If you live in the city of Sydney and also have a business in the city, you can only vote as a resident.'

'If your business is in the city of Sydney and you live in Bondi (ie Waverley LGA), you can vote in the city of Sydney as a non-resident business owner and in Waverley as a resident.' When asked how such a program would work

across regional areas, he said that it's a 'little too soon to say exactly how things would roll out across the state, but simplifying the enrolment process for non-residents (who are currently required to re-enrol at each local government election) by implementing a permanent roll (so they enrol once and stay on the roll like other electors) would need to be a feature.'

But the Bill is also mired in politically motivated; ICAC recently heard disgraced Liberal MP Chris Hartcher explain that his former staffer Tim Koelma was preparing 'a local government strategy in relationship to the City of Sydney.'

Mayor opposed

Meanwhile, Byron Shire mayor Simon Richardson will seek councillor support at Thursday's meeting to oppose the bill. He is calling

for Council to 'commit to the basic democratic principle of "one-person one-vote" in local government elections,' and if supported, he will express Council's concerns to government heads and parliamentary representatives.

Retiree information session on federal budget impacts

Those who are confused about the changes to the aged care system and the impacts of the federal budget are invited to an information session at the Ocean Shores Country Club on Wednesday September 3 from 9.30am.

Presenters include Centrelink's Mark O'Dwyer and community educator Jan Fitzgerald.

To RSVP or for more information contact Karen on 6626 7224 or karen.ingleman@byron.nsw.gov.au

Breaking the political apathy: People In The Park, August 31

Byron and Ballina Shire residents are invited to unite for People In The Park on Sunday August 31 - a free family-friendly event exploring democracy in Australia, positive change and the importance of being active.

The event grew out of the wave of political activism sweeping across the country and in the wake of March In March earlier in the year, says co-organiser Timothy Pembroke.

'What we saw back in March was our community, young and old, side by side, passionately participating in democracy,' says the 27-year-old Suffolk Park resident.

'I can understand why media chose to focus on the "F*** YOU TONY" t-shirts - but they overlooked thousands of

us who were there to protect Australia's future.' He says since March there have been weekly public protests across the country about issues ranging from protection of asylum seekers, the Barrier Reef and most recently the broken election promises with budget cuts to Medicare, pensions, education and the ABC.

'Surely we all want a government that keeps promises, looks after our most disadvantaged and strives to protect environments like the Reef?'

Foster optimism

'We hope People In The Park can become an event that fosters optimism for voters sitting on all sides of the fence.'

Already a program has been announced, with the full lineup of entertainment and workshops to be revealed on Wednesday via Facebook.

Speakers include S Sorrensen (MC), acclaimed journalist/author Margo Kingston, Q&A opportunities with 2015 Ballina state election hopefuls Cr Paul Spooner and Tamara Smith, plus an open public soapbox.

Pembroke believes this type of event offers to break through the 'political apathy' that has existed for a long time in Australia. 'When it comes to being apathetic I

happily admit I've been as guilty as anyone. What has become apparent to thousands of us is that politics is about so much more than elections and one man wearing a suit and blue tie.

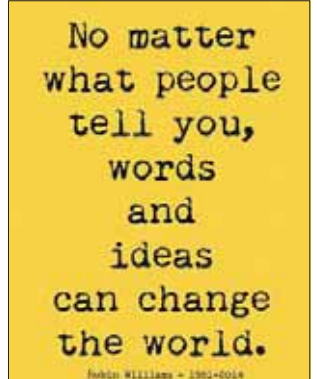
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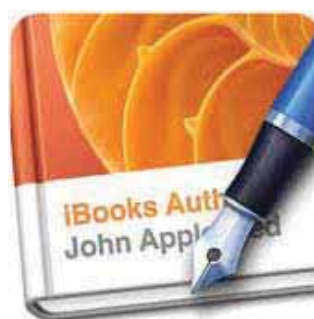
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Match economic growth with social equity: Swan

Hans Lovejoy

Of course Wayne thinks there is no 'budget emergency'.

A real budget emergency was during the 2008 global economic collapse, when he was federal treasurer.

It's Sunday and there's a small crowd gathered in the Community Centre to hear Labor stalwart Wayne Swan talk – it was also the launch of his new book, *The Good Fight*, a memoir of his six years in perhaps the second most important job in Australia.

As expected, there was much ridicule of the current Abbott government.

'It's absurd that this government is out there with this language of "lifters and leaners," he told the audience.

'It's straight out of an Ayn Rand novel! They are lunatics.'

Wayne's main narrative of course centres around the measures implemented to stave off the 2008 global crash: guaranteed bank deposits and the stimulus packages to name a few.



Wayne Swan at Sunday's book launch. Photo Eve Jeffery

Whatever was done, it worked because we were virtually unscathed while other western countries dipped into recession. Was Wayne just really, really lucky? While the mining boom could have been mentioned, Wyane reckons it was the first stimulus package that did it.

He briefly touches on his unwavering belief in Keynesian economic theory. 'We went into deficit not because of the stimulus spending, but because of revenue write downs,' he said. 'You go into deficit; you spend and you re-

store confidence. Jobs come back, the economy starts to stabilise and then grow again.'

Of all the developed countries in the last 100 years, he said, 'we have done a better job of matching economic growth with social equity.'

'The attack that came upon us [in government from Murdoch and big business] is about dismantling that.

'It's about shifting the tax burden from the big corporates onto the average people. And in the middle of all that there's not enough room to spend money on quality edu-

cation and healthcare.

'It's incredible that we have a government that says it looks to America for its policy inspiration. The Americans are looking at Australia!'

Eating its own

'There is a big battle going on,' he says. 'It's for the soul of the country, and it's also a battle internationally.'

'Lady Rothschild recently convened an "Inclusive Prosperity Conference" in London and the governor of the Bank of England said that capitalism is currently going through a period where it's "eating its own".'

'And the chairman of the IMF says policies for redistribution of wealth are absolutely imperative if capitalism is to be sustainable. And here? the government says "none of that, we need survival of the fittest". The US model has hollowed out their middle class and produced the most amazing concentration of wealth, which in itself is a drag on their economic future.'

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Crowd-funding tips for inventors

Crowd-funding will be the focus topic at the upcoming Innovation Pipeline, to be held on August 28 and 29 at the Byron Bay Community Centre.

Local inventor and en-

trepreneur Ric Richardson is co-organising the event, which hopes to attract fellow inventors from across the country to learn tips for turning a good idea into a commercial success.

It's the second in a three-part series hosted by Regional Development Northern Rivers, and Richardson says not only does crowd-funding offer a way to raise funds to test your idea in the marketplace, it's also a way to learn how to sharpen your business skills.

Richardson offers his top tips for running a successful crowd-funding campaign:

1. Be realistic – 'The Kickstarter campaign has to offer real value and you must be realistic about what you can deliver in terms of rewards for supporters' pledges to

you,' Richardson says.

2. Offer pledges at a clearly discounted price – 'The second most important thing is to have pledge rewards that are priced at a clearly discounted price and ideally in the range of between \$70 and \$300,' Richardson says.

3. Be open and honest – 'The integrity of the team and the product is directly related to how open you are about the level of work you've done to date and how much effort has gone into getting the product ready,' Richardson says.

'People also don't really want to be involved with a campaign if the inventors haven't thought about what it's going to cost them or about the likelihood of their product's success.' Tickets are available at <http://bit.ly/YLjXhU>.

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Question time on steroids

It's that time of year again which political junkies love and state politicians in power hate: the annual NSW budget estimates.

Before the eyes glaze over, it's worth pointing out that it's a rare opportunity to witness our elected ministers and unelected senior public servants squirm under questioning from their political opponents, away from the noise of parliament.

The setting is intimate – they sit opposite each other over tables in a small room – and it's all streamed live, online.

Expenditure, performance and departmental effectiveness are all on the table. Awkward? You bet. And yes, incredibly boring at times due to incredibly boring MPs and bureaucrats.

It requires great stamina to persevere, as those with a dull tone may in fact be attempting to deflect all manner of inadequacies and questionable conduct.

Take Treasury's inquiry on Friday, starring 40-year old newbie Andrew Constance (Liberal) and his bureaucratic sidekick.

Treasurer Constance sat mostly with chin in hand, staring with pure contempt and disdain at Labor and Greens MPs as they asked him questions. Didn't everyone know who he thought he was?

And in the background, Liberal MP and Lennox Head local, Catherine Cusack, continually interjected with shrill indignation at the questions. She was told to 'shut up' on more than one occasion.

Besides mindless politicking – did we learn anything?

Shadow minister for the environment Luke Foley seized on comments by NSW environment minister Rob Stokes, who apparently flubbed his government's policy on meeting a declared target of 20 per cent renewable energy by 2020.

'The minister was confused as to whether the state even has a 20 per cent renewable energy target or whether only the Commonwealth's target applies,' Foley said. 'The *NSW Liberals & Nationals Plans to Boost Renewable Energy* policy, released before the 2011 NSW election, clearly states their intention to 'provide a blueprint to increase the proportion of energy from seven per cent to meet the target of 20 per cent renewable energy consumption by 2020.'

Meanwhile there were no surprises that health minister Jillian Skinner (Liberal) supports the federal government's \$7 GP co-payment policy, which has been roundly criticised by doctors, nurses and the Australian Medical Association. Shadow health minister Dr Andrew McDonald claims Ms Skinner has not commissioned economic modelling on its impact.

And proposed large-scale Crown lands legislation which would give state bureaucrats almost total control of public lands seems to be on indefinite hold, after minister for lands, Kevin Humphries, told the committee that there was 'a lot of interest in it.'

'There will need to be a focused response from certain sectors of the community that have a significant stakeholding in Crown land. We have received 650 submissions... we might have to go back to some of those sectors for more consultation.'

And lastly – not included in budget estimates – was the bizarre revelation that minister for primary Industries, Katrina Hodgkinson (Nationals), read a joint AGL/Dairy Connect press release to answer a question about the ability of coal seam gas to coexist with the dairy industry. Greens Jeremy Buckingham, who asked the question, called her an industry mouthpiece. In typical tit-for-tat schoolyard fashion, Buckingham was then labelled by the minister as 'anti-mining, anti-agriculture and anti-development.'

Yes, the political tide is at an incredibly low ebb – thankfully there's a public rally to encourage debate at a higher frequency. People In The Park, Missingham Park in Ballina. 2pm, Sunday.

Hans Lovejoy, editor

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Islam's silent majority drowned out

This take on Islamic perspectives was published in TheConversation.com on August 22

Stretching from north Africa to east Asia, many Muslims are engaged in a life-and-death tussle with extremists who are bent on extinguishing the diversity of opinions within the Muslim community.

Atrocities perpetrated by so-called Islamists grab the headlines: Boko Haram and slavery markets, the genocide of minorities and videotaped executions of westerners by Islamic State (IS) militants.

In addition to these atrocities, more mundane human rights violations are routinely carried out by theocratic regimes in Saudi Arabia and Iran.

But what about the rest of the Islamic community? Why have their voices remained unheard?

Incorrect generalisations and minimisation of Muslims are offered up in explanation of every new terrorist atrocity.

However, the reality is different from this perception: there exists more than one Islamic faith.

Islam is an umbrella term, which covers multiple differences within the religion.

While Muslims hold similar beliefs concerning Allah, the prophet Muhammad, and the holy Quran, a wide diversity exists when it comes to the details and interpretation of religious doctrines. Tunisian Muslim scholar Abdul Majid al-Sharafi described this phenomenon as the 'municipality of Islam.'

Diversity of opinion is not a recent feature of Islam; evidence of broad shades of opinion can be traced back to its origins. But today the global Salafist movement, funded greatly by the Saudi regime and other sources, has great

mosques, institutes, universities and schools. Its strong organisation and powerful media outlets enable them to publicly occupy most of the Muslim world and parts of Muslim communities in the west.

The Quran is typically cited as the ultimate source of terrorism and extremism among Muslims. This inaccuracy is based on cherry-picking selected verses; favourable words are accentuated while contradictory verses are ignored.

The reality is that the Quran

Many Muslim scholars, such as Nasr Hamid Abu Zaid, Muhammad Arkoun, Abdol Karim Soroush and Mujtahid Shabistari, believe that the Quran is not the words of Allah directly, but rather is the expression of Muhammad from his spiritual experience.

For Muslims, this opinion opens the door for criticism of holy text and allows them to not obey parts of the Quran that are considered historical and not belonging to the core of Islam.

The same situation exists

such as Ismailism believe that sharia law is no longer valid.

For them, sharia is just the ethical principles of Islam, which are mostly the same as other religions.

Many other scholars, not just today but even in the first centuries of Islam, believe that wide sections of sharia are not essential parts of Islam and can be disregarded – just as happened with the Jewish Torah, which is not dissimilar to its Islamic equivalent.

The traditional Shi'ite opinion is that their imams have banned the political and juridical parts of sharia, and no one has the authority to revive these laws today.

What is agreed is that an overwhelming majority of the Muslim population has nothing to do with terrorism.

However, they are under pressure from small but powerful extremist groups and religious regimes. The silent majority of Muslims therefore shouldn't be blamed for these people; they are instead victims of radical Islam themselves.

Islam should not be considered from the perspective of fundamentalism as, in the end, this will strengthen the extremists' position. Rather, it should be understood by opening a dialogue, supporting and co-operating with the moderates who offer a different understanding of Islam.

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■ We wish Mungo all the best in a speedy recovery

Sharia's most controversial element is the Islamic punishment law, which not all Muslims agree on.

by Ali Mamouri

– like the Bible and many other sacred books – uses religious language that is open to multiple interpretations. Many verses that could be seen as motivating violence can also be found in the Bible.

Muslims, like Jews and Christians, have a variety of interpretations of these texts.

The word *jihad*, for example, is understood by Sufist Muslims as an esoteric term for fighting the evil instincts inside the human soul to gain ethical virtue.

Muslim scholars are also not in agreement on the authority of the holy text. Salafists claim that the apparent meaning of the Quran must be followed. Other schools of thought believe that this very simplistic view collides with the long historical distance between the revelation of the Quran and today, which makes the interpretation of the Quran difficult and requiring great expertise.

in dealing with Islamic history and tradition. For example, many Muslims do not consider the Islamic conquests that occurred after Muhammad as a religious action and criticise them strongly.

When people hear the term *sharia law*, what springs to mind are images of beheading, stoning, lashing and amputations in the name of Islam.

While these do form a small part of sharia, again there exists a wide diversity of interpretations of sharia law among Muslims. Sharia law includes the religious lifestyle of Muslims in both personal and social spheres. A significant part of it is acts of worship, personal status law and other regulations, including dietary restrictions concerning food and drink.

Sharia's most controversial element is the Islamic punishment law, which not all Muslims agree on. Some Muslim sects

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The search for affordable housing

Byron Council, at its August 7 ordinary meeting, started a review of the Affordable Housing Strategy. The S94 planner reported that 'the one successful strategy has been the waiving of S94 contributions for secondary dwellings', which was done on April 11, 2011. Since then the council has registered 218 secondary dwellings.

However, the meeting resolved to consider restoring requirement of these S94 contributions. One of the reasons given for this is that many of these garden flats could be being used for holiday letting, not for affordable housing. Some would be, but maybe the proposed holiday-let strategy will make that less likely. Perhaps that

could be enhanced by allowing garden flats for holiday letting in those zones, with S94 contributions, and more than one per dwelling where there is space. This would give tourists more options and also make it easier for larger families who want to holiday together. The current limit of five bedrooms total seems way too small for the party zone.

Meanwhile, the many other strategies are in limbo, not so much through lack of attention but more, it seems, due to the continually rising cost of land here and tourism pressures. More traditional housing development in the right places will help some wealthier people, but for low-income, long-term residents,

who are being squeezed out, that will be irrelevant. So, the simpler downsized options detailed in the AHS need more consideration.

That is, caravan parks for permanents and manufactured housing estates. The latter are known in their retirement village form, an expensive, often very well setup, and sociable place, in which to end your days. Byron could do its own version of MHEs and quite differently in a not-for-profit way.

The AHS identifies large areas of Council-owned land around Mullum as worth investigating for that. Much of it is floodprone, however, and not so suitable for caravan parks, but cabins raised above the flood level would

work. Flooding is a rare event and, as long as you keep your stuff out of it, not much of a problem.

In MHEs the dwellings have to be mostly made off site. Fortunately, the strategy identified as potentially available for affordable housing the Council works depot in Coolamon Scenic Drive, with sheds probably big enough to build them in. Given that Council owns the land, that could be of great benefit to the whole community and Council. Perhaps we could also do a professionally supervised fair work-for-the-dole project to produce them. Of course it's all way more complicated than that, but...

Jed Stuart
Wilson's Creek

Refuting claims

In a recent edition (*Echo*, August 19) your correspondent Fast Buck\$ wrote some drivel about the Byron Bay bypass and using the railway corridor. To the best of my knowledge, Council first considered using the rail corridor as a possible bypass in 1993 when staff and councillors walked the line, inspecting the town drainage pipes into the Cumbebin Swamp. It was not considered for long or very deeply.

Buck\$ finished his letter with a bunch of lies.

Buck\$ claims that NSW state government Nationals party member Duncan Gay, minister for roads, is a 'good

mate of mine. While I have met Mr Gay twice, it was in relation to council business. It is a lie that he is a 'good mate' of mine.

Buck\$ possibly owes Mr Gay an apology for the slur of being closely associated with me.

Buck\$ then states that Mr Gay was a witness for me during my defamation action against *The Echo*. There are two lies here. My successful defamation action was not against *The Echo*. It was against Fast Buck\$ and *The Echo*. And Mr Gay did not give evidence.

Because he did not give evidence, Buck\$'s next claim that Mr Gay gave evidence

that we had known each other since army days is also a lie. I don't know if Mr Gay was ever in the army. I doubt it, but if so we did not serve together.

Buck\$ then goes on to state that my councillor pecuniary return shows that Mr Gay and I trekked together in New Guinea. Another lie. I did patrol and trek in New Guinea, as a soldier and as a civilian, but never with Mr Gay and my pecuniary return does not say that I did.

It may seem that my calling Buck\$ a liar is strong language. I do it because I know he knows these statements are lies.

In the defamation case

Buck\$ represented himself ('A man who represents himself has a fool for a client' - Abraham Lincoln) and sat at the bar table in the Supreme and High courts. He cross-examined me and my witnesses. Therefore he knows who gave evidence for me and what they said.

Ross Tucker
Mullumbimby

Mullum Telstra site

Resolution 13-481 of Council calls for the sale of the ex-Telstra site in Mullumbimby by either public tender, with a process of vetting for community benefit, or by auction. The latter method was chosen as it will likely yield a higher return to Council. The majority of councillors want it sold and many say it should never have been bought. I agree

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► continued from page 11 with selling but not that the purchase was wrong.

The 'gateway' location of the site makes it important for our big little town. Council has tried for years to get someone to step up with a community-minded plan and some dollars for the property. It didn't happen.

On the brighter side, I was involved in the cam-

paign against Woolworths' supermarket and very aware of its worst aspect: that Woolworths overrode the town's plans for keeping retail in the real CBD. Council purchasing the site prevented Woolworths from expanding southwards, at the time when they were designing their big box. Woolworths complained that their property was too small to allow

their standard-sized store. That was also why they then took Council to court, to get special permission for an on-site sewerage system with a substandard footprint. They won the court case but lost all respect in Mullum. That change of our heart was one reason we now have such an awesome farmers market (the opposite of the supermarket philosophy).

There is risk with all change. My fingers are crossed that we'll get a decent outcome from the auction and from subsequent development of the site.

Cr Duncan Dey
Main Arm

Bypass blues

Those who think a bypass along the rail corridor along Butler Street will work have rocks in their heads. That proposal won't stop the traffic jams along Ewingsdale Road.

Tourists from the north or south and residents have to use Ewingsdale Road or Bangalow/Broken Head roads.

What's the point of a bypass if travellers on the Pacific Highway are heading to Byron? If they are not they will stay on the highway going north or south, won't they?

Paul Jones and his group want to use the rail corridor

for tourism. Well, TOOT has been waiting for ten years for the commuter rail service to come back, too.

That's how long we've been putting up with broken promises from NSW governments.

Paul Brecht
Mullumbimby

■ I don't know why Hans Lovejoy suggested in relation to the Butler Street bypass last week that Council may not have given 'proper' consideration to a cost-benefit analysis of the proposal. Quite clearly Council has undertaken no consideration of the analysis whatsoever; the GM has indeed made it clear that even he hasn't seen one.

Mr Gainger is being evasive when he suggests that 'Council does not currently have the financial resources to build the... bypass. Accordingly it has put a proposition to the government that it should fund the bypass.' This might give readers the idea that because it is the government's money which will build the bypass, it is up to the government to do the cost-benefit analysis, nothing to do with Council.

The problem for Mr Gainger here is twofold. Firstly, Council has already

collected \$2.75 million in bypass levies, which it clearly must spend on the bypass. Secondly, governments never give grants for 100 per cent of any project.

Mr Gainger's press release also suggests that there is no problem with failing to put any kind of cost-benefit analysis to the elected councillors before they voted. Nice try, Ken. The fact is that you have left Council open to a legal challenge. Your off-the-record admission that Council never properly considered the railway option only serves to increase Council's legal vulnerability (duh).

I will withhold any legal challenge until we know whether Roads & Maritime Services agrees to release its analysis, whether that document is then made available for wider scrutiny, and whether Council then agrees to reconsider its position. I'm not holding my breath; Mr Gainger has already floated two reasons why the document might not be made available: it is a 'ministerial briefing' document and it 'belongs' to the RMS. I may have to obtain it via the subpoena process.

Regardless of what is or is not done with that particular document, in my opinion

Mr Gainger had and has fiduciary responsibility to give councillors such an analysis, even if Council has to prepare one itself. Meanwhile I will file a Code of Conduct complaint against the GM for not giving councillors sufficient information to perform their functions.

This will of course meet with the same response as the last one I filed against him over Splendour noise issues: denial, obfuscation, assertions that, 'it was all a misunderstanding', etc.

Fast Buck\$
Coorabell

Koala survival

Although disappointed that Minister Hunt chose not to bite the bullet and direct Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) to re-route Stage 10 of the Woolgoolga to Ballina Highway Upgrade project, Friends of the Koala welcomes his intervention.

By putting the onus back on RMS to demonstrate that the impacts on the long-term viability of the koala population of the NSW-approved route will be acceptable, the minister is definitely upping the ante. The question is whether the ante will be high enough to ensure the koalas' survival.

CHESS by Ian Rogers

Play at Byron Services Club, Mon 7pm

One day before the end of the Tromso Chess Olympiad last week, the story broke that Judit Polgar was retiring.

The announcement came just before Polgar's team Hungary was due to play for a top placing at the Olympiad. However, Polgar probably knew by then that she was to be dropped for the final match with Ukraine. (Hungary drew 2-2 and thereby secured the silver medals behind China.)

Polgar is simply the greatest female player of all time. She has been the top rated female player in the world since 1988, the player who first broke Bobby Fischer's record as the youngest Grandmaster, as well as being the only female to break into the top 10.

Since 1990, when Polgar led Hungary to the Olympic Women's gold for the second time, Polgar has eschewed gender segregated competitions, preferring to test herself against

the best at every opportunity.

Polgar, now 38, was one of three sisters who were brought up in Budapest to be chessplayers from a young age, but it was Judit, the youngest, who had the greatest passion for the game and was happy to study eight hours a day seven days a week with the appointed coach Laszlo Hazai.

After an extremely serious but unsuccessful attempt on the tournament World Championship in 2005 Polgar's career has been slowly winding down, Polgar preferring short tournaments which took her away from her two children for less time.

'It's been an amazing 25 years,' Polgar tweeted in confirming her decision - though she has not ruled out an encore if substantial funding could be found for a match between her and the new female number one Hou Yifan.

Polgar will always be remembered for breaking through multiple barriers and encouraging female players to raise their sights.



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■ *Backlash* offers a shallow critique (*Echo*, August 19) of Naomi Klein's new book *This Changes Everything: Capitalism vs the Climate*, which is consistent with her previous books *No Logo*, *The Shock Doctrine*, *Disaster Capitalism*, as examples that critically examine the modern history and development of global free market (neo-liberalism) capitalism.

The crass comments 'it's a bit of a stretch to see all business as "anti life". Most businesses apart from those stuck in oil and coal will willingly change if consumers lead the way' – really?

Talk about totally misguided and ignorant in understanding not only the causes of social, ecological problems today, but suggesting a solution to these problems is merely accepting if we remove oil and coal it will fundamentally change things is short-sighted and wrong. Then to naively believe consumer power will force businesses and the economy to change is absurd.

It should be abundantly clear to any political observer that today's conservative political economic agenda is unfettered economic growth at any expense, irrespective of the duplicitous rhetoric from government and business.

The minister's decision acknowledges the high level of public interest which has generated thousands of submissions. He's also remarked on his careful consideration of the population viability modelling submitted by Dr Steve Phillips and the findings of the earlier Ballina Shire koala habitat study which he delivered to Ballina Council in late 2013.

Friends of the Koala, co-sponsor of the Save Ballina's Koalas Campaign with the

Local business is not immune from opportunistically changing business practices to accommodate popular sentiment.

The northern rivers is renowned for its 'alternative' utopian image and visionary ways of sustainable living. However it's time that we recognise the political and economic reality, as we are experiencing it today under arch-conservative ideological governments which are 'anti-life' and backward in their policies towards the environment and the most vulnerable.

Boyd Kellner
Newrybar

■ Mr Hockey says we must punish students, unemployed etc, while ramping up ecological exhaustion. This he says is in order to pay the interest on previous loans from private banks. No-one questions this; yet it is perfectly possible and constitutional for Australia to create its own credit.

This is what private banks do; they create credit out of thin air and then demand compound interest. Whole countries are indebted, whole families are shattered by this process which transfers vast wealth from the poor to the top five per cent of the population. Moreover, private banks tend to fuel speculation and

Ballina Environment Society, wishes to warmly thank everyone who has emailed, called or written to a politician and/or signed a petition over the past seven months expressing concern for the survival of the Blackwall Range and its nationally significant koalas.

We also thank members of the Blackwall Highway Action Group, the staff of IFAW's Oceania office for their wonderful guidance and support and the regional

housing bubbles, not small business, which creates jobs. A public bank could create a new era of job-rich prosperity, and weaken the anti democratic power of the Big Four. Private banks such as Westpac and Citibank and Goldman Sachs have controlling interests in most big corporations, and vast lobbying power.

Australia created its own very low-interest credit with the original Commonwealth Bank. New Zealand, Japan and Canada used to, and the BRICS countries – Brazil, Russia, India and China – still mainly do this; all of these countries boom during the eras of self-financing. It is easily done, it is proven, it liberates countries. Credit is like the blood of the economy and a public good like roads or water. North Dakota, with a state bank, is the only American state to avoid the recent GFC disaster. Upcoming GFCs are likely, since all our banks are more exposed than ever to shadow banking/derivative meltdown.

The current private appropriation of a public good is reinforced by the Bank of International Settlements (BIS) in Geneva, which decrees all European states must borrow privately and cannot exceed three per cent deficit, effectively consigning weaker

media for giving this critical issue prominence. Finally, we thank Steve Phillips for his enormous pro-bono contribution and Jeff Johnson for his tireless work co-ordinating the campaign.

The work needed to save Ballina's koalas is far from over. For more information visit and like Save Ballina's Koalas on Facebook.

Lorraine Vass
President, Friends of the Koala Inc

In Gough's time

I too have 'long and first-hand memories of the Whitlam government', Tim Harrington (*Letters*, August 19). I remember that it funded badly needed new hospitals across Australia, introduced community health centres, support for the homeless, women's refuges, funded the building of over 13,000 homes for low-income families, doubled support for home carers, introduced support for single mothers, increased pensions and other welfare benefits to liveable levels, and introduced universal health care (which the

states to being unable to rescue their people via public job creation.

When the world's people wake up to how simple it would be to create their own independent public banks, alongside the private system, a whole new era of social and ecological wealth could arise.

Dr Liz Elliott
Mullumbimby

■ Milton Friedman's 1970 article *The Social Responsibility of Business to Increase its Profits* scoffed at the very idea of corporate social responsibility, explaining that the sole duty of business is to make profits.

So the fury from the promoters of Milton's brand of free-market capitalism at NewsCorp over the recent leaking of an internal financial document this week was interesting. The so-called 'blue book' – providing business-by-business results not available in the statutory accounts – revealed that *The Australian* newspaper cost Rupert \$27 million in 2013.

But I suggest that money was very well spent. Milton loved to say that 'there's no such thing as a free lunch'. He's right, of course – influence is not cheap.

Dave Lisle
Mullumbimby

Fraser government, like the current one, tried to dismantle), increased funding to the neglected schools sector and abolished university fees, initiated reconciliation and self-determination for Aboriginal people, passed the Racial Discrimination Act, lowered the voting age, ended conscription, abolished capital punishment, enacted 'one vote one value' electoral reforms, established the Australian Legal Aid Office, introduced our own national anthem and honours system, extended the minimum adult wage to include female workers, instituted no-fault divorce and established the Family Court, cleaned up corporate behaviour with the Trade Practices Act, brought oversight to ownership with the Foreign Investment Review Committee, provided work to 32,000 otherwise unemployed Australians, enacted environmental protection legislation, protected the Great Barrier Reef (Bjelke-Petersen wanted to drill for oil), ratified the World Heritage Convention (which later enabled the

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► continued from page 13 protection of the Franklin River), signed up to RAMSAR, CITES AND JAMBA conventions to protect endangered species, created the Australia Council for the Arts and the Film Commission, brought sanitation to Australian cities through the National Sewerage Program, and prevented the destruction of Glebe and Woolloomooloo, among other things. All this was done while the western world was in recession due to the oil crisis, and having to fight an election every 18 months. They may not have got everything right, but they transformed a backwater into a progressive member of the international community and laid the foundations for much of which Australia can be proud today.

Alan Watterson
Mullumbimby

Potholes and WWII

While I have spent a fortune on repairs to vehicles caused by unseen or 'seen-too-late' potholes, the impact upon my pocket is of lesser concern than the impact upon my body. I suffer from numerous orthopaedic injuries – including spinal. Suddenly hitting unseen and 'seen-too-

late' potholes has been the cause of severe pain and the need for medical treatment (physio).

I would like to thank the pothole artist/s for the numerous times I have been spared suffering, pain and injury via the colourful notification of a pothole, including the numerous potholes currently on Fletcher Street. Love the heart on the footpath at the top end of Jonson Street, too – prevented me from face planting into the footpath. My reconstructed knees and damaged spine appreciate your thoughtfulness – even if Council and/or the police do not.

Morgan
Byron Bay

■ Would you rather prevent potholes in the road or prevent World War III (WWIII)?

In my last unpublished letter, I asked if you supported WWIII? The answer is, Australia is already an active participant in WWIII through the sanctions we placed on our new and nuclear-armed enemy. We have already chosen sides in the conflict.

There are no anti-war protests any more. Just the call by the masses around the western world and in Australia for

Harvesting the red gold

The red cedars are the 'red gold' that brought the first wave of fortune hunters onto this Bundjalung land in the mid 1800s. It was this time of year, when these deciduous trees sprout new leaves, that the cedar-cutters would walk the ridgeline and draw a map of where their red crowns appeared in the forest canopy. Then they'd hack their way up the valley armed with cross-cut saws and axes.

They must have worked so hard! Sawing mature cedars up to two metres across, snigging them out on horse-and-bullock drays, floating

war, even nuclear war.

When this war is eventually over, one of the only habitable places on Earth left for people to flee to will be right here.

Peter Olson
Goonengerry

Appalling hypocrisy

German chancellor Angela Merkel's reaction to Israel's blitzkrieg of Gaza was to simply state that Germany stands by Israel. This is the best she could muster after more than 2,000 mainly civilians had been bombed and



shelled with the most advanced weaponry in history. However, contrast this with her horror over the beheading video of American journalist James Foley by Islamic State militants which sparked government condolences to Foley's family.

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Michael Balson
Upper Wilsons Creek

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to children in Gaza, however, did not merit a mention. Merkel's behaviour is tragically typical of the appalling hypocrisy of politicians in the West and in Australia which is the biggest impediment to a peaceful and just resolution of the Israel/Palestine conflict.

Gareth Smith
Byron Bay

Reef destruction

I am really ashamed to be an Australian, with the pending coal mine dump site at Abbot Point given approval by both the federal government and the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority.

The first coal mine is owned by Indian billionaire, Guatum Adani, while a second mine is planned, in the Galilee Basin, by another Indian billionaire and Gina (no heart) Rinehart, along with the big Clive Palmer. (Why do we give him so much attention when he is a major partner in the rape and pillage of the Great Barrier Reef?)

Dumping has been approved for three million cubic metres of dredge spoil inside the marine park, with plans to expand the coal port at Abbot Point. Epic, irreversible damage to possibly

the most important World Heritage area on the planet.

This damage caused by the dumping of slurry will result, in among other things, turbid water, killing of coral (needs light to photosynthesise and feed), dugongs, turtles, fish and other marine species. It will further contribute to acidification of ocean and more greenhouse gases.

It is unconscionable that this magnificent ecosystem and beauty could be destroyed for ever.

Along with this the Great Barrier Reef has already significantly declined, according to scientists, in the last five years, quite possibly due to a similar port at Hay Point, near Gladstone.

It may be over the border, but it would be great if we could muster as much momentum to this potentially tragic issue as we have seen in this area regarding objection to coal seam gas mining.

I urge anyone concerned to act to stop this. Sign petitions, write to the minister for environment Greg Hunt and the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority. Do whatever you can to put a halt to this flabbergasting madness.

Sally Freeman-Greene
Byron Bay

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Newrybar news

Newrybar now has its own local seasonal market and we welcome visitors to the Spring Fair on Saturday 6 September at the hall 8am-2pm. See www.newrybarhall.org.au.

Coral Tree project

We have received a \$100k grant to eradicate coral trees from Wilsons Creek and Huonbrook, so come along

to our project launch/AGM to learn more and get involved, Wed 3 Sep at Wilsons Creek Hall from 6pm for soup and 7pm for AGM. Enquiries and RSVP to wilsonscreeklandcare@yahoo.com.au or 6684 0242.

Aged Care AGM

Byron Aged Care Aux are holding their AGM in the activities room of the Home on Monday 1 Sept, commencing at 10am. New members are always welcome. Enq to Jan 6684 7241.

Lifeline support group

Lifeline Northern Rivers is inviting enquiries from people who wish to participate in a support group for adults who have experienced the loss of someone

close to them through suicide. Contact Niall Mulligan, counselling centre manager – 6622 4133, niallm@lis.net.au

Byron Forums

Thursday 4 September: Strategic Thinking on Precepts of Love, Truth and Justice, presented by Dudley Leggett, director, Sustainability Research Institute. 6pm, Cafe Oska, 1 Carlyle St, Byron Bay. Dinner \$10, 6-7pm.

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Big Scrub day

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Uniting churches

'Uniting for the common good' Sunday 31 Aug 9am at Bangalow Anglican Church, Ashton St, led by the Uniting and Anglican churches.

Probus Club

The Brunswick Valley Probus Club will hold their next meeting on Tuesday

2 Sept at 10am at the Ocean Shores Country Club. Guest Speaker will be Frank Levy from Queensland Rail. Enquiries Veronica 6680 2025.

Byron Bereavement

Next meeting of Byron Bereavement group on Monday night 22 Sept, Bangalow Community Health Centre. Enq bereavedinbyron@gmail.com, Carl 6677 9359.

USA Ballina/Byron

Enjoy a poetry session with Don Brown at the CWA rooms, Mullumbimby, at 10am on 2/9/14. All welcome. Enquiries 6680 7350.

Lone Goat art

Lone Goat Gallery presents *Exploration into Strength*, an exhibition by third-year visual arts students from SCU, Judie Richardson & Emma Gardner. The show runs from 28 August until 10 September, and opens on Friday 29 August at 6pm. Contact Emma Gardner 0468 626 181.

Parenting teenagers program

Byron Youth Service – Free eight-week Parenting Teenagers Program each Tuesday 5.30-7.30pm from 21 Oct to 2 Dec at Byron Youth Activity Centre. To book call Rosalie Bryant 0431 524 044.

A Big Day for CWA

CWA Far North Coast Group Council will be celebrating their international day and cultural event at Bangalow Bowling Club on 28 August at 9am for morning tea and the event at 9.30am.

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Get along to the Ocean Shores Art Expo. Opening Night Friday 29 at 7pm at O S Public School, Shara Blvd, with award presentations, wine, food, great art to see and buy. Weekend open from 10am to 4pm Friday to Sunday. See www.osartexpo.com.

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Autism meeting

The Far North Coast Centre for Autism meets Friday 29 August at the Far North Coast Centre for Autism, 23 Commercial Rd, Alstonville, 10am-12 noon. Enquiries 6628 3660.

Op Shop

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Orchid show

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Bush regen

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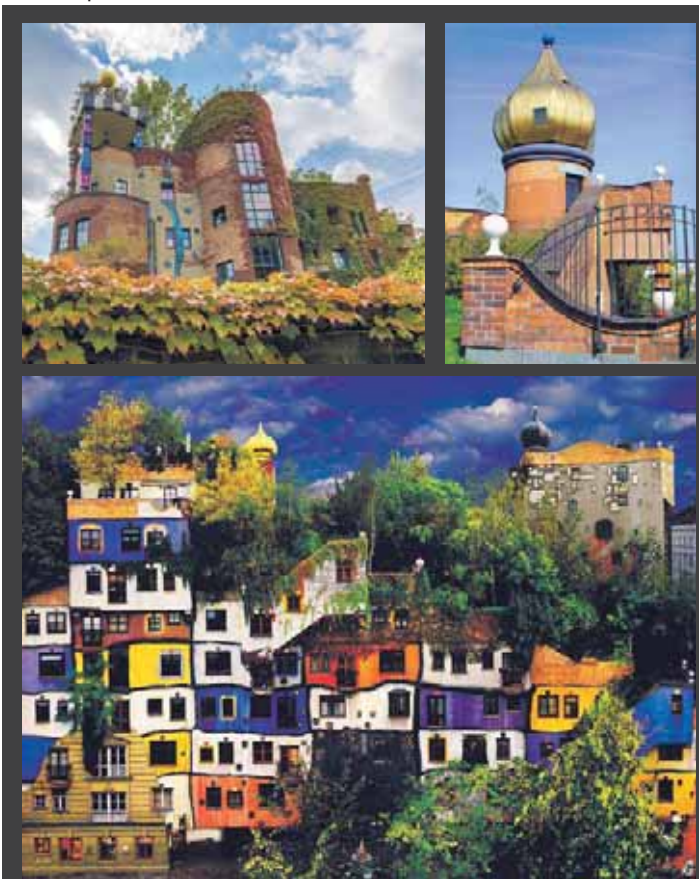
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Writing the wrongs

Over the years I've been asked about the process of critique, I've had people curious as to how I sum up a dish, a restaurant or an experience in a few fleeting words.

Matthew Michaelis

Translating an experience of any kind can be a difficult task at times; for example I watched our own Russell Crowe in his latest role in *Noah* last night... Perhaps I should have been working instead; the story was not engrossing, the direction was dated at best and the subject matter was treated like a cross between Transformers and a Bible class. See – that wasn't hard, was it? Probably, though I'm not sure, the consensus would have my opinions in its corner; however, what about the director and our very own Russ? Do you think they'd love this review? I dare say they wouldn't.

Most people may think it, some people may speak it and a few folks are entrusted to judge it; in the case of *Noah* – movie critics and a load of home critics too. These days everyone's a critic. Every Joe and Mary thinks it can be their comment that leads a fellow consumer to righteousness and the way forward – and they'd be right. Just take a look around: Trip Advisor, Urban Spoon and the list goes on. What the home critic may not realise though, is that sometimes you can't really critique fairly based on a momentary experience. Perhaps there should be a balance? Anyhow, the reality is that the online world feeds on passing comments. Those writing the comments are directing some folk away from, or into, a business without perhaps thinking that, if their comment were actually taken seriously, it may add a destructive punch that can break those businesses.



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The only parallel to a movie I can draw with critique is the metaphor of Noah's tale. In the movie he's about to make some really questionable decisions, no-one understood him 'cept perhaps his 'Creator' – this is sometimes how experience works. The smart critic keeps this in mind. Not everyone has the same understanding as a seasoned prophet like Noah. Okay, it's time to leave this metaphor alone before I need an ark to rescue me!

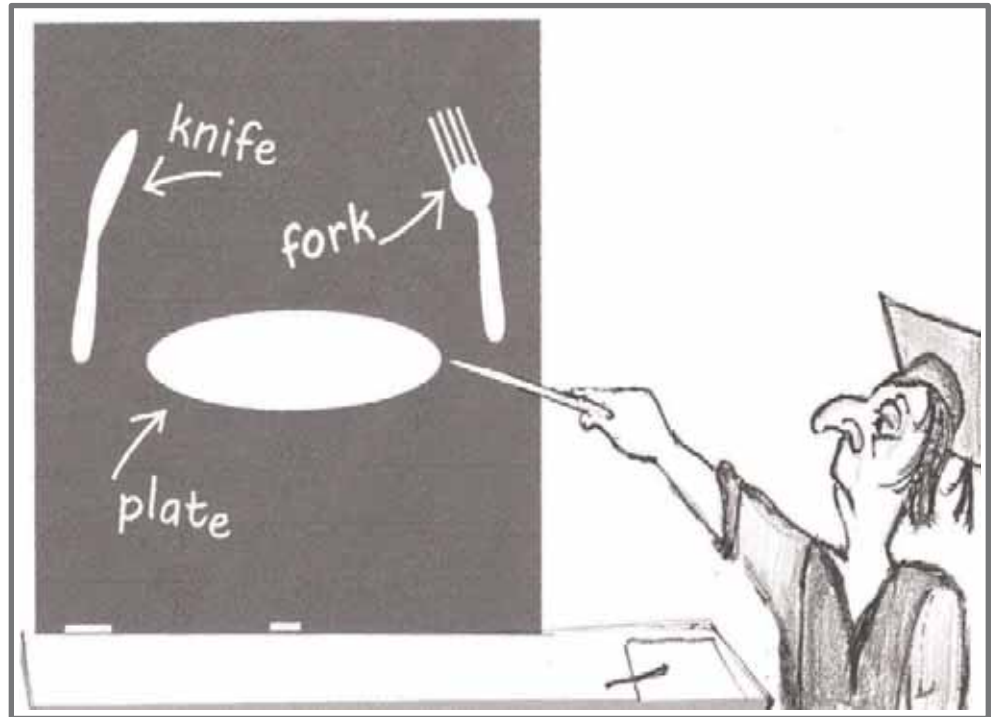
Here's my checklist if you're a critique enthusiast.

No 1: Give credit where credit's due

Don't slam people and businesses unnecessarily. They (or you) may be having a bad day. Unforeseen circumstances are abundant in the world of business so if you don't know the place well, breathe and hold off seeking revenge online. Next time you're doing an online review, remember that sometimes you can black-mark a place that is, nine times out of ten, okay. Often you have to look to your own mood first and check that you're not acting-out. In my first eatery, we'd compete to turn nasty customers around; the first to do it received a bonus of \$20. It nearly always worked. I'm not suggesting that a customer should have to turn their waiter around; I'm just counselling a little temperance. Hold it 'til you have another try or have a look at the positive aspects, if there are none and the place is full of people then leave them to their own demise.

No 2: If it's that bad don't bother

I've had a firm policy throughout my years as a critic – if it's that bad, I don't write it. If I'm feeling generous I'll let the owner know what went wrong through an anonymous email. If I'm looking for a story, I'll return on a different day/night and try it again. If still predominantly bad, I won't waste my money or time again. The standard review gets a few constructive comments that I feel may serve them if they were shared. Sometimes you won't win either way – I've had the most generous reviews slammed by the business owners, simply because they don't accept any honesty in regards to their business. Remember that it's fair and reasonable to expect people to be too close to their own

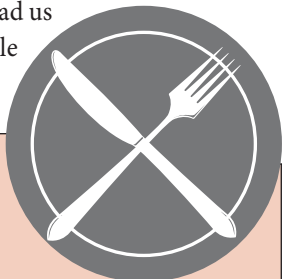


baby. What's provided by the internet is a sense of anonymity and access to instant revenge – use it humanely and, if you can, with balance, and remember your comments can have consequences for you as well.

No 3: Go to where the action is

Ask around if you're not familiar with an area or cuisine. Locals provide an endless list of off-mainstream and favourite spots. That way you'll have a better chance at starting off on the right foot, in an experience sense.

Leaving it up to the gods can lead us back to Noah and his questionable judgments.



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Stop the train, I want to get off...

Matthew Michaelis

I make it no secret that Japanese cuisine is one of my favourites. It's a food that's mostly light, it's generally made with energy, veneration and a respect that's inherent in the Japanese culture.

When I came to this area, I started an eating affair with

the local Japanese food outlets; Sushi Wave was the first, the 'mother', the original if you like, then O-Sushi restaurant came to Byron Bay. These eateries held my attention with a consistency and quality that I appreciated (and missed) after leaving the big smoke. Now years on, I consider the fact that many of the new Japanese

restaurants have been spawned from these sushi stops. Chefs from O-Sushi have set up their own places, while other familiar faces pop up all over the place: some working, some operating and others planning to. The Japanese community is rapidly growing in the Byron Shire along with our taste for their cuisine and I suppose

after working many years to produce successful outlets for others, you'd want to stop the train and get off into your own obsession. This is a tip of the hat to the folks that thought it a good idea all those years ago, and a nod to the new Japanese eateries. Here's a selection to try if you haven't already.



Above: The newly renovated O-Sushi train
Photo Matthew Michaelis

O-Sushi: making waves with big changes

For those who aren't yet in the know, this Japanese tour de force is one of three restaurants owned by two very smart local women. Karni Shai and Chaya Regev are those two. Karni opened the doors of O-Sushi in July 2004 with Chaya's late husband, Danny, as the original partner. After enjoying the Japanese food served in the first and original sushi in Byron Bay, 'Sushi Wave', Karni saw an opportunity to provide more of a good thing to us all. The rest is history. On Danny's early passing last year, his wife Chaya continued the partnership with Karni in the businesses. Sushi Wave later moved and

became Kinoko Sushi Bar and Restaurant, now operating on Jonson St in Byron Bay near the first roundabout.

'O-Sushi came together in 2004 and was blessed with four amazing chefs. Takayuki and Takashi, now of Doma Cafe in Federal, and also Taka Fumi and Kane now of Izakaya Yu in Mullumbimby, all worked for seven and a half years with us', Karni told me. 'They then went on their own way, firstly doing the markets and Bluesfest, then their own restaurants.'

The recent renovations here were completed from start to finish in an amazing 2.5 weeks. 'It was challeng-

ing and intense', Karni says. The project was designed by Mariko Miyagishima from Sydney: 'She started drawing and the plans were laid', Karni told me, 'Chaya and I, with Zuika Aloni as project manager, worked non-stop to complete the renovations in the shortest time possible'. It may have been fast, but the subtle and clean atmosphere they've created here is a credit to all involved. A fitting Japanese fitting.

The menu hasn't changed. Teriyaki with the optional base of bio-dynamic, organic local brown rice. The train pulls out plated with all the nigiri and nori you could



Left: Teriyaki chicken. Above: Karni Shai and Chaya Regev.
Photos Matthew Michaelis

■ O-Sushi. Eat-in/takeaway. Fully licensed. Open 7 days 11am-9pm (Winter), 11am-10pm (Summer).

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does custom-made organic sugar-free chocolates. Max Brenner chocolates are coming too. There's a good wine selection and some serious graded sake. O-Sushi definitely looks to be on track with their latest changes.

Arigato Doma

This quirky renovated Federation building is surrounded by ground, grass and dirt. A doma, in Japan, connects all the parts of an area or household together, so you can leave your shoes on in these places. All nations can come as they

are and enjoy the casual concept, hence the name *Doma*. I can't see a fireplace anywhere (common in a doma) but this place is connecting the community in a nice way.

Pop into this unique east-meets-west eat-in takeaway

and you'll be confused as to whether it's going to be a hamburger day, a chook katsudon day, or perhaps the right time for some freshly sliced sashimi. This is a truly free-ranging menu.

Takashi Yaguchi and Takayuki Kuramoto are the owners, originally both from O-Sushi and both still held

in high regard by the owners of that restaurant. This early relationship inadvertently created a Japanese Eden for the local community. What exceptional choice we now enjoy in the northern rivers. Gorgeous landscapes minutes from the beaches and some of the world's best are cooking lunches and dinners right under our noses. Gosh, if you can't get excited about these sorts of places up in the hills, then you're simply a sourpuss and nothing's going to float your boat.

Now, reality denotes that if something is popular and without an overly big staffing, then service may be a little slow at times. At these times, just remember that good old saying 'good things come to those who wait'. This is not to say that you'll die of old age waiting for your tucker either. A coffee from Moonshine Roasters along with good and reasonable cafe fare has the West covered. The East is well represented with temaki (nori cones) their speciality, and Japanese staples like nigiri, sashimi, and the family dish of katsudon. This dish is made normally with a schnitzel of pork atop rice. Doma has anglicised it and turned it upside down with a schnitzel of chicken on the bottom and rice on top with egg. Week-

ends bring with them local musicians that match nicely with the lively dining crowd.

I'm constantly hearing the 'Takas' and their team receiving warm accolades from locals. I'm sure they'd be embarrassed by such positive appraisals. I've met unassuming Japanese folk like Tetsuya Wakuda of Tetsuya's restaurant fame. He started his career washing dirty dishes in Surry Hills for another restaurateur, then opened his own place - now he's one of the world's top chefs.

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Left: Doma wedding feast catering. Right: (from left to right) Mizuki, Yuko, Takashi Yaguchi (owner/chef), Takayuki Kuramoto (owner/chef), Hiroko, Michi. Photos Simon Hunter

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This small Japanese diner is the best thing that could have come to this otherwise typical Aussie shopping centre. Japanese people have an aesthetic eye; beauty and grace sit in their culture in about the same measure as the meat pie and footy sit in ours. This sushi diner has been built and designed as its name suggests, with an uncomplicated and tasteful style in mind. They're not trying to be fancy, it's practical and accessible dining.



Unusual version of agedashi tofu. Photo Matthew Michaelis

Apart from its philosophical billboarding, Sabi has an unusual speciality and it's not a Japanese creation. Here they house an espresso machine and serve a coffee that's surprisingly good. Allpress comes complete with coffee art and a proud barista to make it for you - go figure! I've been known to wait at the door for a cup in the morning.

Sabi, like O-Sushi, has plenty of parking. It's not a bad thing to exist on the edge of a carpark after all and, like O-Sushi in Byron Bay, they flank a major grocer too. So, you can go shopping for dinner and end up taking dinner home instead. I've snacked here too, instead of the alter-

natives for an afternoon lull, healthy Japanese sushi and a miso soup will get you going again (it's a blessing for my toddler when his blood sugars are running low).

Skilled staff and recognisable faces, some former O-Sushi stalwarts, hand make the fare. All forms of good Japanese food are available here, from the standards on the train - salmon, scallops, prawn nigiri, nori rolls and seared salmon (fresh fish daily comes in from Bay Seafood) to the popular salmon nori roll, deep-fried with a tempura batter. Here you'll find an unusual version of agedashi tofu with shredded daikon radish and ginger flavours hidden under the tofu, sitting with other popular choices from the kitchen: teriyaki, seared salmon and tempura all a la carte and available throughout the day and night.

Wabi-Sabi refers to an ancient Japanese aesthetic - an appreciation of beauty that's imperfect and comes with age. And, like I have, this nondescript shopfront has waited years for the right people to come and create a simple, elegant restaurant... now it's a beauty.

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'Yu' may be pleased

Tapas is not an uncommon concept. Practically every culture has a version of it. Izakaya is the Japanese equivalent and as a style it seems to work for this petite Mullumbimby restaurant. Izakaya Yu is the polar opposite of the newly sized-up O-Sushi, yet the atmosphere remains comfortable and makes a diner feel as though it's roomier than it actually is.

You get the sense that the two owner-chefs Takafumi and Kane decided on the name and concept for this little diner as a standard to pursue, and a statement to all who entered, rather than just tagging it. The Yu in Izakaya Yu is Japanese for pleasure and I'm sure these founding chefs from O-Sushi restaurant take pleasure in the fact that they now own a well-patronised and loved local eatery.

The restaurant's location itself is strangely magnetic. Not the kind of attraction you'd have to a beachfront or mountain retreat; rather this goes to the primordial in us



Generous serves. Photo Matthew Michaelis

all - it's mostly out of sight, and a cosy cave.

People love tripping down side streets to reveal to their friends a hidden gem. It's a buzz for the new diner to suddenly stumble upon it, though during lunches and dinners it's a packed cavern. Don't try to walk in here without booking between 6 and 8 any night it's open; you'll be waiting a while if you do. Again, this is not sizable dining and only sits a modest amount of diners.

The Japanese are a consistent people. The menu here is as good as any I've tried in the neighbourhood and has all the goodies that we've come to expect. Seared salmon and the well-liked agedashi tofu come perfectly plated. Nigiri, nori and glistening sashimi are less than a metre from your mouth. Of course when

in an Izakaya diner try some sake. Super premium sakes are available or try a Yu cocktail: Sake Mojito with sake and fresh mint. Hai!

Izakaya Yu has two Japanese chefs at the helm committed to pleasing through their food. They too joined O-Sushi in 2004 and contributed to the popularity of that restaurant for years. This is now their culinary expression and one that has easily won the approval of the Shire folk since it opened two years ago.

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A view from The Balcony

Matthew Michaelis

Take a small group, a dinner and show and a severe time constraint. We ended up at The Balcony for some lively and timely tapas. This is a place that I've eaten in only a few times.

I arrived late and choices were already made for me. The young guy serving us drinks was alerted to our time restriction. We asked if he could send along someone to take our order. With a studied and polite manner, he quickly made our host feel at ease and offered to take our orders, then and there. No pad, no pen and no mobile device – this guy was in a sense 'free-balling'. There were six of us, and there was the usual confusing backward and forward flow of ideas with many changes and thoughts on the selections. The waiter was taking note

of every order, a guest asked if he needed a pad. 'This is what I do all day', he reassured, and off he went with our complex list of foods, drinks and exclusions. Impressive – a savant perhaps? While waiting for our meal another older, more composed waiter came forth, enquiring if we would like anything. This was a serious type armed with an acerbic wit combined with very proper service, a combination that might make some diners uncomfortable. The addition of this subtle friction didn't however detract from the service: it was good and efficient; the atmosphere soft and pleasant.

The food came and everyone enjoyed it immensely, including me: Mejillones – a serve of organic black mussels with sherry, coriander, chilli, garlic and the addition of a crusty organ-

ic sourdough; Paletilla de cordero – a slow-cooked lamb shoulder with cumin, lemon and coriander yoghurt; arancini, an Italian fave of mine, filled with wild mushroom, thyme and goat cheese with truffle aioli; salt-and-pepper squid, pickled fennel and preserved-lemon aioli; with a finale of 'Stone & Wood'-cured salmon with blood orange-pickled baby vegetables and goat cheese (Salmón curado). Nicely plated and carefully balanced dishes.

The other guests ran off to their show and I stayed to observe one of my favourite courses – dessert. I asked our sharp old waiter if he could reseal me as the long table wasn't a fit for one person alone. He jumped on it, and in the fashion that appears to be his style, organised me in a flash. So we worked together. For dessert I asked for his recommendation without sighting the menu. I wasn't disappointed. A superb chocolate fondant floated onto the table and I went off into a chocolaty coma (I hoped the drool wasn't apparent). All that was left on the plate was the reflection of my smile.

The tapas concept is found in every cuisine if you look. This isn't a cheap eat to accompany a drink as would probably be the case in Spain but, keeping this in mind, a few glasses of good



Above: Quick and lively tapas. Below left: Hot and lovely choc fondant. Below right: Soft and pleasant atmosphere. Photos by Matthew Michaelis

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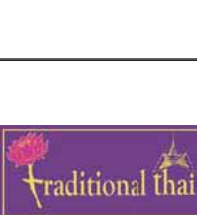
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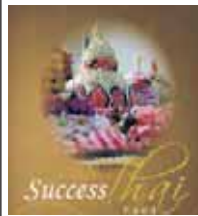
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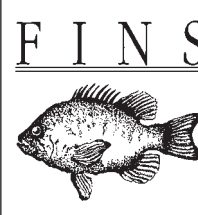
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Lou Bradley breaks on through to *The Other Side*

With a guitar in her hand and a song in her heart, Lou Bradley launches her third studio album *The Other Side* at Wilsons Creek Hall this Saturday.

The girl is the quintessential quiet achiever. Since her courageous/opposite lifestyle move with her family of five from Sydney's northern beaches to Huonbrook in the hills of Mullumbimby in 2000, she has forsaken city life for mountain country, something reflected in her music.

'I remember writing my first few songs and deciding that I wanted to make a professional recording. I was so excited about what I recorded that I remember seeing John Butler in the streets of Mullum and had to give him my little EP. It was shortly after that I received the inaugural John Butler seed grant. It was then that I decided take my career seriously,' says Lou.

'Although the local music scene is fruitful, I always knew that if I were going to get anywhere with my music, then I would have to step up and beyond it. So I did.

'I set myself a task to learn about this mountain music that I was apparently writing. After I realised that mountain music actually came from the mountains and had a very long history, dating way back to the early 1900s, I felt comfy in what I was writing. So I went to the best country music producer in Australia – Rod Mc McCormack. I sent him my demos for a full-length album, thinking that he would at least brush me aside, but he didn't. We made an album. It was ARIA nominated. Nobody knew who I was. It was brilliant. It really helped me believe that the 'system' may not be rigged after all!

'So then the roller-coaster began. I got bounced around like a pinball a bit. Signed a record deal for my next album with none other than EMI! I always secretly dreamt of doing that. Little did I realise that the economy was crashing. I took my eye off the ball, lost my farm in Huonbrook, EMI died... It was a total dead end!

Tough times, but after all, ain't this the stuff of the best country songs?

'After losing everything, I decided to pack it in. Then one day I was waiting for my youngest daughter to finish her netball training and I was in



the car where I was in my PJs reflecting on all the heartache and loss that had come before, when I thought once again about the music industry and whether or not it was worth my while. Distant thoughts of my children telling me in the toughest times, even once we had lost our family home, not to give up, came to me and tempted me to give this one last try. So I took out my iPhone and safaried local producers. I thought WTF. Maybe I should try local again. Full circle. I've heard we have world-class producers. Whatever. The first name I came up with was Anthony Lysenko. Apart from my checking him out and deciding he was pretty hot, I looked at his accolades: George Martin (The Beatles), Elvis Costello, Pete Murray, Busby Marou. So I emailed him from my phone, introduced myself and said I had about \$5 if he was interested in making an album! He wrote back pretty much straight away saying that it was one of the best emails he'd ever had and wanted to meet me straightaway! So we met and started making an album. And what a journey it has been!

I was pretty bitter about the music industry and damaged still from losing our home, so I knew this album would be very different from the others but I was determined *not* to conform.

'The album took me two years to make. I had to save every penny including busking and pumping petrol to pay for it, and it actually evolved as I did, and by the end of it I felt like I'd reached the 'other side' of whatever the hell I was going through. Hence the title I guess!

Catch **Lou Bradley at Wilsons Creek Hall on Saturday**. Tickets are at The Bookshop Mullumbimby, Wilsons Creek Public School or on the door on the night. \$25/\$18 and 12 and under free. Tickets include soup and bread. Doors at 6pm.



McHugh channelling the wisdom of the mummies

Local troubadour Mick McHugh has shown himself to be both a prolific writer of songs and player of gigs. He launches his new CD *Choose Who You Wanna Be* at the Rails on Sunday.

What was the inspiration for the new album?

To write positive inspirational lyrics with an upbeat feel – drums, bass and adding whatever melodic instruments we felt best suited the songs – so from banjo, mandolin, electric guitar, harmonica, fiddle, Irish uilleann pipes, even hammer dulcimer.

How has your style changed or evolved since you first started?

When I started out, I wrote more slower tempo ballads. But from playing live so much to pub- and festival-goers, it has influenced me in writing more uptempo songs. I still write and love a slow ballad but it's not always easy in a pub delivering a heartfelt message about anti-CSG mining and the effects it has on our water and environment... and what about the children! So with this CD, I've written songs with a strong Celtic beat behind them, but still with a big emphasis to deliver inspirational messages.

What are the major hurdles you have overcome to be a working and recording musician?

My mental health, especially with lack of sleep from late-night gigs and travelling, and then you're up the next day working on the recordings, and also the business side of things. Anxiety about getting enough gigs, and depression, creep into my head when I'm tired, keeping the family fed, roof over our head and the car going... are the songs good enough, how will I get everything done... I get overwhelmed. But the flame never burns out, and so my positivity picks up and I ride into the night again.

Who are the people who have been instrumental in your music career?

Damien Dempsey (Ireland) – for his socially conscious lyrics. Ralph McTell (UK) – he had a huge hit with *The Streets of London* in the early 70s. I loved his song growing up and I have been lucky enough to tour and get to know him. He has become an industry mentor for me. U2 – their live shows are so inspirational and moving. And so many other people on different levels.

What advice would you give to young musicians starting out?



Be yourself, do your own thing, and be prepared to work hard. Just do it! No-one will come looking for you. If you've something to say, something to share, get out there and start learning your trade. And enjoy the journey as much as possible.

Can you tell me the story of one of the songs on the album perhaps?

Song #4: *Ready or Not* – I was on the phone to my mam (who's in Ireland) for an hour, and I never said a word! She's reeling out all her sayings and expressions that she's been saying forever like, 'I see says the blind man a hole in the wall. You're a liar says the deaf man, you can not see at all'. I put her on loudspeaker and make myself some tea and toast. She's still talking so I started writing down her sayings and put them into a song. There's so much under lying wisdom in the mummies that I wanted to capture hers.

What should we expect for the launch at the Rails?

Fun. I have a brilliant trio – an amazing fiddle player, Sallie Campbell, who has toured with the likes of Kate Miller-Heike. And Will Swan, a kickarse piano-accordion and whistle player from Sydney who is heavily influenced by The Pogues.

Mick McHugh Trio play The Rails, 6.30pm this Sunday.

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ALL HAIL OUR PRINCESS DIANA



After nearly a year in the studio with English producer Steve James (Screaming Jets, Skunkhour) independent rocker **Diana Anaid**, who captured our hearts in the 90s with the Triple J acoustic hit *I Go Off*, returns to the **Hotel Brunswick**, showcasing her gutsy and dynamic performance, with brave and unsparing songs and poetic lyrics that swell with emotion and passion. **Saturday from 7pm.**

THE GRASSY NOLL

Shannon Noll is one of Australia's most successful singer/songwriters, proving his longevity ten years after being named runner-up in the first series of *Australian Idol*. Since rising to prominence in 2003, Noll has released five top ten albums, had 17 platinum and three gold accreditations, and boasts a reputation as the only Australian male artist in national chart history to have ever achieved ten consecutive top ten singles. His first album *That's What I'm Talking About* was certified three times platinum with 17 platinum and three gold accreditations to follow. He appears at **Twin Towns on Friday 5 September**, tix \$40.

THREE CORNERED SQUARE

Imagine wandering into a New York warehouse in the present day. You have The Doors in one corner, Led Zeppelin and Pink Floyd in another. Andy Warhol is taking photographs... In the front and centre is psychedelic band twisted with a dramatic costumed female lead singer playing the theremin... If Jim Morrison and Velvet Underground gave birth to a band, their love child would be **Three Cornered Square!** Hailing from Bangalow and signed to boutique record label Dragging Canoe Records, the band have just finished recording their debut EP with producer Paul Pilsneniks (The Tea Party, Angus Stone, Alanis Morissette, Boy & Bear, Pete Murray, The Medics). Characterised by theme, drawn from the 60s post-rock movement of psychedelia sound and poised with poetic lyrics, their debut EP is a conceptual collection that is untamed and sound defining. Flirting with the 1960s underground music scene, but pioneering a sound all their own, these are a band worth catching when they play the **Bangalow Bowls Club on Saturday** from 7:30pm.

THE BOY GOT X FACTOR

Taylor Henderson made his mark on the Australian music industry when he found his way into the spotlight as a finalist on *Australia's Got Talent* back in 2010 playing in a duo with his dad. By 2013 he'd gone solo and was a finalist and a firm fan favourite on *X Factor* last year. Now, almost a year on, this talented young singer/songwriter has signed with Sony Music, and has put down his brand-new debut album *Burnt Letters*. Debuting on the ARIA charts at number one, it seems that Henderson just can't put a foot, or a note wrong! He plays the **Bangalow A&I Hall on Sunday 7 September**. Tickets and information through www.taylorhendersonofficial.com or on the Ku Promotions website.



SOAP BOX!

See Mandy live in *Echo* www.echo.net.au/soap-box

Sometimes no matter how hard you try, everything goes pear-shaped. Today I had an interview with Cheryl 'Salt' James, one half of the American hip-hop duo Salt-N-Pepa, who are headlining Falls Festival this year. Actually I guess they are not strictly a duo; it's just that with Sandra Pepa Denton and Cheryl Salt James are on stage no-one really took too much notice of Deidra Roper, aka DJ Spinderella, but she be the sister who lays down the beats.

I interview a lot of people, and generally I don't fuss too much, but these girls are solid 1985 hip-hop hall of fame contenders; they have five Grammy awards and they were on MTV for 10 years! And well, I will admit it, I even chose *Push It* as the song I delivered my first child to. It was very encouraging and I have always felt that the video that I made could have been a contender for MTV as well.

I have to admit when it comes to interviewing people, sometimes I have to pretend to know who they are. I can't possibly know who everyone is. Usually you get away with it, but occasionally it backfires, like the time I asked Lloyd from The Necks about how he wrote his lyrics and he said 'All our songs are instrumental. In 11 albums there's never been one lyric.' And then I say, 'Oh really? Because I could have sworn you were saying something.' Awkward!



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Can I speak to Mandy?

But this wasn't one of those situations. You would have had to have been in a coma in the 80s and 90s not to be seduced by the powerhouse sexuality of Salt-N-Pepa. Why, these girls made their way into the genre at a time when women tended to be the only topics that hip-hop artists rapped about. Lyrics about women tended to be sexist and, of course, accompanying video clips objectified women's bodies and sexy bitch-ho hood ornaments.

Salt-N-Pepa pushed their way onto the hip-hop table and changed the script. Sure, they wore itty-bitty scraps of clothing, and they were super-sexy ladies gyrating and jumping and pumping around the stage, but these girls were not being sexually objectified; why, they were having a crack at objectifying men. Who didn't leap up to the dance floor fist pumping into the air when *Let's Talk About Sex* came on? Any man in a 100-metre radius had his balls retract into his body in fear.

I mean, a woman aggressively talking about sex, forcing a bloke to have a very uncomfortable conversation *about sex*, and namely their less-than-impressive performance in the bedroom. The girls insisted, *Let's talk about sex baby, Let's talk about you and me, Let's talk about all the good things and the bad things that may be, Let's talk about sex... it keeps coming up anyhow, don't decoy, avoid, or make void the topic, cause that ain't gonna stop it.*

So I had my questions ready. I was gonna talk about sex, about women being bitches; I was going to ask the big questions of the girls, like can there be romance without the finance? I'll admit, I was a bit excited, nervous even. I should have known when the woman from the conferencing centre kept insisting I was a man that it was a bad omen. 'Hello, I am calling to speak to Mandy Nolan to connect her to Miss Cheryl James.' It's coming in from Malaysia somewhere and clearly women aren't quite as butch as I over there. 'I am Mandy.' Now she's getting confused. 'I am sorry sir, I am wondering if Mandy Nolan is there please.'

I try to change my voice but make it worse. 'I am a woman,' I croak. Any woman that has ever said that will have experienced the same mild feeling of offence. I feel all Hilary Swank. I am not

having much luck convincing the woman at the conferencing centre, who seems very confused about this annoying bloke who keeps saying he's a woman and won't get off the phone. After almost a minute of this gender crisis I start doubting myself. Maybe I'm not a woman. God, don't tell me my balls have finally dropped. I have secretly suspected there was something mannish about me. Hence the name... Man—Dy.

Finally the woman accepts that the man on the phone is a woman, or at least she no longer cares. Phone patches through, and I hear her, for a moment caught off guard talking to her son: 'The pizza is in the oven. You'll have to cut it yourself. I'm doing interviews...' Cheryl realises she's been connected to her next interview, some woman from Australia who sounds like a man; she laughs. 'Kids don't care if you are a superstar! You are just Mumma Mumma! Actually, they do like it when they want your Instagram followers.'

Then nothing. A dead line. I say, 'Hello?' about 20 times. But that's it. Clearly she didn't like me. So that was my big interview for the week down the gurgler. I don't care. It was exciting to hear her giving her son instructions on serving his own pizza. That's my kind of Mumma.

■ **Salt-N-Pepa headline Falls Festival** December 30 till January 3. For the full Falls lineup: fallsfestival.com.au.

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Byron Bay's international ambassadors of the groove, **Wild Marmalade**, are back from their European summer shows for a **Sunday Session at Hotel Brunswick, from 4pm**. This is Wild Marmalade's first local show after playing some of the largest European dance festivals – BOOM in Portugal and OZORA in Hungary – as well as other shows around Austria, Italy, Spain and Germany.

SOORLEY THERE

The **Soorleys** are a bohemian outfit with all the sounds of home raised on sweet tunes of Crowded House and Fleetwood Mac. Sisters Beth, Laura, Shelley and Millie are up front, with husbands Sam and Christopher in tow, rounded out by honorary cousin Phil. The Soorleys are here to get you dancing it what they call their 'funk folk'. **Beach Hotel Byron on Friday from 9pm**.

BACK TO THE 80S BABY!

It's 80s Night with Miss Amber and Stukulele as they present this month's themed **Uke Night at The Court House Hotel** in Mullum on **Thursday**. With special guests Kathryn Jones and Chris Mallory and the Uke Night band, come and belt out classics from Dolly Parton, Simple Minds, Cyndi Lauper, George Harrison, Blondie, Bon Jovi... even the Boss gets a airing! Join the mailing list at www.ukenight.com for the link to the songbook. This will be another doozey... a great family night whether you're strummin' and singin' or taking it all in. Adults \$10, kids under 15 \$2.50. And of course dress up because there are prizes for best in show!

CLEVELAND BLUES MUSIC

One of the hottest two-piece acts in Australia at the moment is **Cleveland Blue**. Hailing from the Sunshine Coast, the outfit consists of two unique artists: Ihaia (Cleveland) Pirere who is the singer, songwriter, guitarist, and Andrea (Bam Bam) Norden on drums and percussion. Smashing out some dirty rollin' riffs at the **Byron Brewery on Saturday from 8pm** and the **Sheoak Shack in Fingal on Saturday from 7pm**. Free.



MIRIAM'S KORA

Sydney-based singer/songwriter **Miriam Lieberman** presents a captivating performance on blues-infused melodies and soaring vocal harmonies told through the strings of African kora. The stories speak of Lieberman's musical journey, which has taken her from Mali, where she studied the kora – a West African harp with a beautiful evocative tone – to central India and South America. These places have left an indelible imprint on Lieberman. Catch this renaissance woman at the **Byron Community Centre on Saturday**. Tickets at the venue.



Singing till you're horse

it was during his final year of university that **Cheyne Murphy** found three chords on his guitar and, in the process, the truth. He dropped the corporate marketing career and walked into the spotlight. Murphy has just released *A Horse Called Freedom*, his latest – and very impressive – musical offering.

Tell me about recording this album. What was your inspiration? What feel were you going for?

One day driving back from work I heard the lyric *Burnished Gold* in a poem and it felt timeless and evoked American Indian imagery, which in turn inspired other songs on the album. This imagery, which seeps through some of the lyrics, was supported sonically by the guitarist Toby, who was playing a lot of deep baritone, giving it a Wild West feel. Ultimately though it's a folk rock record aided very much by the deft engineering and producing skills of Paul Pilsneniks, ex-301 engineer who's worked with Pete Murray, Angus Stone, Powderfinger and Jeff Martin to name a few.

Can you tell me about who played on *A Horse Called Freedom*?

I had been playing for the past year or so in a 3-piece band featuring Mat Akehurst (Walrus and the Carpenter) on drums and Toby Andrews (my neighbour across the road when I moved up here) on electric guitars. We got Matt Bone to fill on bass on the recording but he was busy with Starboard Cannons commitments so we contacted Maurice

Cernigoi, who is a local legend, who completed bass for the project and is now in the band.

What are the challenges that you face as a musician?

Well one of the themes in the record is the warrior. We don't have painted faces these days but hell, one week of balancing a blended family of six, five jobs, 150 students as a teacher, and a masters degree, you need to be a warrior just to cope. Combine that with the pipe dream of an aspiring music career and all the DIY tasks it requires, especially online; it's no surprise some days I don't know who I am! I am actually doing some research around the whole process of conceiving an album idea through to its online delivery.

What do you think are the strengths of your songwriting?

My strengths I think are vocalising human emotions we all feel and somehow turning the struggles we face into some form of cathartic inspiration. I write more poetically than literally. I'm not trying to be groundbreaking in the progressiveness of this music but I like melody, harmonies, and I pay a lot of attention to song arrangement. The song *Burnished Gold*, for example, had 13 drafts. I am also rather fond of my Maton 12-string, which frames a lot of the songs.

Tell me the story of *A Horse Called Freedom*.

For the title I think I subconsciously drew on the Richard Harris movie I watched as a young boy with my dad. It was called *A Man Called*



Horse and depicts a cowboy captured and assimilated into an Apache Indian tribe. This indigenous imagery and symbolism integrates with the modern warrior and the emotional endurance required by life today. The album became a conceptual journey of someone coming to terms with the balance of life and the rapidity of change. It also deals with the losses we may face along the way – people close to us, our possessions, or even the loss of our own personal identity. Enter the mythical horse called Freedom, representing a more elevated perspective on how to best face the ordeals of life with less struggle and more freedom.

What should we expect for your local gig?

We have some good local supports in the way of Rich Latimer, and Mullum faves Walrus and The Carpenter. I'll have the whole band and we have some special guests appearing along the way. It's very family friendly.

Cheyne plays the Court House Mullumbimby on Saturday with Walrus and the Carpenter and the infamous Rich Latimer.

And for those planning a special outing for Dad on Fathers Day, **Cheyne Murphy is the featured performer at the Byron at Byron Fathers Day Luncheon** on Sunday 7 September. Bookings 6639 2105.

A BAND WITH SUBSTANCE

Substance are proud to be releasing their long-awaited EP *Rhythm and Poetry*. The EP is a blend of creative styles from New Zealand, Australia and America. Working in collaboration with world-class producers and MCs, Substance have created an EP to be remembered. True lyrical substance is at the essence of their music, bringing a balance of politically and spiritually conscious rhythm and rhyme poetry. Their funky fresh flavour, fluent flows and Boom Bap beats take you back to the cultural roots of the original hip-hop movement. Catch them at the **Byron Brewery on Saturday night from 8pm**. Free.



SOY DIVISION AT THE BILLINUDGEL

Soy Division are running hot of the back of the local band competition a few weeks back and are all fired up to deliver a high-energy show at the **Billinudgel Hotel**. The trio are joined by Lighters are Fluid and James Brook. **Sunday from 2pm**.

RIDING THE CAMEL TO THE RAILS

The great band with a funny name are at the **Rails this Saturday**. Not many bands these days can lay claim to the career experience of Byron Bay's **Camel Tones**. Individually they can boast tenures with some of the world's biggest acts including JJ Cale and Tina Turner, as well as world tours opening for Santana. So expect a gig delivered with humour and a passion for the groove that is as infectious as it is powerful.

LENNOX FORTUNE

This Saturday sees popular local band **Jezabels Fortune** return to the **Lennox Head Hotel**. The lineup features Geoff Wright on guitar. Geoff is a truly gifted guitarist who has played with many well-known acts including Tina Turner and JJ Cale. The rhythm section is solid with the

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The Voice of Mullum

Three years ago Byron Shire's most famous brother-and-sister duo, Gabe and Cecelia Brandolini, found themselves selected for the Mullum Music Festival's Youth Mentorship with Lucie Thorne. This year saw them hit screens nationwide with mentorship from Will.i.am on *The Voice*. With a sell-out return show a few weeks back Gabe and Cecelia are looking forward to playing Mullum Music Festival, this time as a headline. It's amazing how far these two have come in such a short time!

Seven spoke with Gabe about the Brandolini star, which seems to have an infinite capacity to rise!

How would you describe the last 12 months?

Otherworldly. I think we surpassed our own expectations time and time again, which just made it incredibly exciting and shocking at the same time. It's been utopia and it's been torturous, and if there was one way we could describe our experience it would be that we pushed both ends of the emotional spectrum to places we didn't know it could go.

Have the last twelve months, being on *The Voice*, having all that national attention, changed anything in the way you approach your music?

No, not really. That's what we sort of had to fight for while on *The Voice* - the integrity to play how we want to play. If anything it helped us establish a bit of an identity to our style because we finally had to own and defend it. The national attention can change a lot of things. But the way we work creatively and the way we write and play music hasn't been changed. If anything it's just been identified.

How do you two complement each other?

In terms of complementing each other creatively... While we were on *The Voice* we had to have a kind of rushed system (given only one day to create a rendition of a song to then record for the iTunes sales). I would do the sketch of the song and Cecilia would colour it in. I am better at creating interesting rhythms and progressions where as Cecilia is stronger at creating powerful melodies and deciding on harmonies. So under pressure we operated by both concentrating on what we were strongest at to make up for each other's weaknesses.

What are your achilles heels when it comes to making music?

Cecilia: Taking a long time to finish a song. Gabriel: Struggling to feel original.

What did you get out of the mentorship last year with Mullum Music?

A great enjoyable experience where we got to hang out with Lucie Thorne. She really



Photo Ingrid Pullen

You had a massive 500 roll-up for your Mullum Civic Hall show recently. What was it like to return home to a crowd like that?

That was the most wonderful gig we had ever played. It topped any of our *Voice* performances because of the intimacy of the relationship we had with the people who came. These were all people who had to come to see us. Not Ricky Martin. Not a television concept. Not someone who would play after us... US.

How does it change how you play, if at all?

We both play better when we feel comfortable. Basically every *Voice* performance we were affected negatively by the nerves, and so without that stress hanging around and when there is so much encouragement and support in the room, we are able to focus on how we play and actively consciously be aware of what were playing and singing.

What should we expect for your Mullum music show?

We will be playing all the songs from both of our CDs, plus many in the works and a few antiques, as well as all our *Voice* performances! We hope that we can show people something they've never seen before, a new form of artistry but also still relevant enough for people to enjoy.

Gabriel and Cecilia are one of the featured headlines at Mullum Music Festival this year and are a shining example of the talent that has been nurtured over the past seven events. Stay tuned next week for Youth Mentorship program announcement, application dates, categories, and of course mentors!

■ Read the extended version of this interview online in *Echonetdaily* - go to echo.net.au/2014/08/voice-mullum Echonetdaily.net.au

■ For tickets to this 20-23 November event and mentorship enquiries go to mullummusicfestival.com.

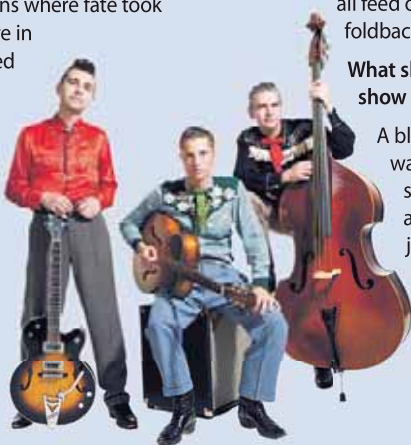
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On the road to Gympie via The Rails!

The Rechords are a little trio out of Melbourne who have been making themselves known for their brand of Americana. Making their debut Gympie performance at this year's Gympie Music Muster the lads saddle up between shows and head to the Rails in Byron for a Friday gig.

Tell me how you guys first got together?

It was one of those situations where fate took over. Back in early 2009 here in Melbourne, I was introduced to Leo Francis by a fellow musician, and within a few short weeks after that I ran into a friend, Felix, an amazing guitarist whom I had met several times through the rockabilly band scene. Felix was originally based in Perth but had moved to Melbourne recently and only had one other musical project going,



so after chatting to both of them about what I was hoping to put together band-wise, I was surprised to find out that all three of us had some very similar ideas of what we wanted play.

What is the essence of a good show for you guys?

Without a doubt, great feedback from the crowd... if the crowd is into it and that vibe is there then we all feed off that. Oh, that and really good foldback from the PA.

What should we expect from your show at the Rails?

A bloody good time. If you don't walk away from our show with a smile on your face and your toes-a-tappin' then we're not doing our job. Our music is meant to make you feel good, simple as that.

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This week's concord of planets in diligent, disciplined Virgo is celestially tailored for deleting bad habits and embracing new health routines...

♈ ARIES: Whatever you've put energy into during the past two years should take off this week. If that's not happening, take a sneak peek at your goals: Are they realistic? Do your strategies need tweaking? Even a slight adjustment, if it's the right one, will get rave results.

♉ TAURUS: Planetary emphasis in a fellow earth sign works well for you sensible sensualists, though its tendency to nit-pick can be tedious. The bright side includes willingness on other people's part to be more organised and supportive, on yours to adopt healthier, more balanced fitness regimes.

♊ GEMINI: This week calls for order and organisation. Loves spreadsheets, plans, to-do lists. Wants clear communication, detailed instructions. Could inspire new resolutions. Sounding too much like hard work? Then plenty of value-for-outlay shopping's on offer, and late-week moon issues play invitations just too alluring to resist.

♋ CANCER: This week's people could be critical and picky, but possibly offer something worth taking on board. If you overspent this month (and who didn't), someone's whingeing could actually steer you towards more organised, energy-efficient, cost-effective technologies that give more bang for your bucks.

♌ LEO: Affectionate Venus and expansive Jupiter combine in your heart-chakra sign to provide opportunities for expressing your love: of life, others, and your passions. Though your inspirational example of positive leadership this week involves being realistic and not taking anything on trust, no matter how attractive.

♍ VIRGO: Mercury moving from Leo's roar to a more considered Virgo voice gives you credibility and authority, while annual Virgo new moon presses the refresh button on personal goals, dreams and desires. Don't overthink, do relax and enjoy fine-tuning your birthday wish-list to the universe...

♎ LIBRA: There's no pleasing some people this week, and best not ask their opinions either unless you're ready for a forensic analysis. Virgo Mercury pressures for a choice regarding something you've put off for a long time, so make a decision you can celebrate by late-week Libra moon.

♏ SCORPIO: With Mars applying its finishing touches to this year's intense internal makeover on Scorpios, low-key's your best look. As this week adds high anxiety to everyone's life mix, a pragmatic, down-to-earth approach is recommended. Ditto getting clarity on intense feelings before engaging in angsty confrontations...

♐ SAGITTARIUS: Your ruling planet Jupiter in Leo supports self-sovereignty. With Mars replaying ancient scenarios, it's worthwhile conducting an honest, discriminating assessment of your current status, so you can rewrite the script to include refinement and quality control as new friends enter your changing social circle.

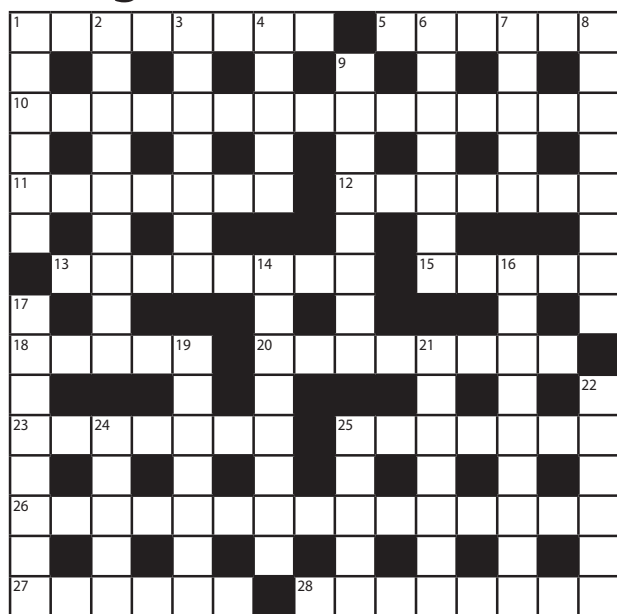
♑ CAPRICORN: Fellow earth-sign vibes promise a week of sensual pleasures for the zodiac's practical Capricorns. So while you're having a good time, remember that sharing the love spreads goodwill ripples like pebbles dropped in the cosmic pond – which inevitably find their way back to you.

♒ AQUARIUS: This week wants you taking care of deets, ditching excess mess, completing unfinished biz. Aquarians have their undeniably quirky side, but you're also capable of great determination and the awesome ability to make lightning-swift course corrections when necessary. Which this week may call for...

♓ PISCES: This week ignites a burning yearning for an orderly environment and a tidier life. Urges clutter-clearing and creating a sense of structure. Best achieved by small progressive steps one after another rather than multi-tasking. Sound too dull? Not when late-week moon's alive with desire...

Mungo's Crossword

N034



Cryptic Clues

ACROSS

- Autograph letter? Well, it should have at least one name on it (4,4)
- Reach up to a steeple (6)
- Driven icon – a load that makes a genius (8,2,5)
- Jacket for a 20th century 1 down, perhaps (3,4)
- Cold-shouldered soldier retreats: communists absent! (7)
- Small horn for a harlot (8)
- A year old, we went around the island and found an apeman! (5)
- Covered chicken? (5)
- Peculiar itch? It's covered by the male principle, sport (8)
- Throw up over mother? Play it again! (7)
- For example corkscrews first pair in (7)
- Idle line officer, perhaps, but some say a 20th century 10 across – certainly a compatriot (8,7)
- Owing 51 to island turn (6)
- This causes a reaction and makes everyone awfully green (8)

DOWN

- Seductress who put commercial transaction over honour (6)
- Gunk to ooze over the road, but march aggressively (9)
- Flatten out mountain raised above tellurium and gold (7)
- Raise a little bit like Egypt's Anwar (5)
- Nothing odd in enclosure, but that's all you're allotted! (7)
- Bar the queen? Good shot, but not quite (5)
- English more obscene about act for sinner (8)
- These days atmosphere rises; temperature 99 in the sea off Croatia (8)
- Clairvoyants offer a sound of regret followed by cheap thrills, they say (8)
- Rambling and fading away as the wine rises inside (9)
- Contemptuous of a little callous and nasty flu (8)
- Old town in African city; it's perfectly normal (7)
- Surprises come out of the fight (3,4)
- Allot idiot one general direction (6)
- Old Iranian, a wife for Jason (5)
- Rotten Gore – liver, maybe (5)

Quick Clues

ACROSS

- Roadside marker giving directions (4,4)
- Long for, aim for (6)
- Renaissance Italian polymath (8,2,5)
- Raunchy Hollywood star of yesteryear (3,4)
- Shunned, took no notice of (7)
- Loose woman, prostitute (8)
- Australian apeman, big foot (5)
- Castrated cockerel (5)
- Olympic water sport (8)
- Return bout (7)
- First two batsmen (7)
- Famous Italian film director (8,7)
- Responsible, answerable (6)
- Substance causing allergic reaction (8)

DOWN

- Daughter of King Herod (6)
- Nazi marching gait (9)
- Tableland, mesa (7)
- Former Egyptian president Anwar (5)
- Three score and ten (7)
- Interior, not outer (5)
- Offender, sinner (8)
- Sea between Italy and Greece (8)
- Clairvoyants, telepaths (8)
- Rambling, meandering (9)
- Contemptuous, mocking (8)
- Not artificial (7)
- Where the unexpected comes from: out of (3,4)
- Allot, appoint (6)
- Daughter of King Aetees abducted by Jason (5)
- Meat organs such as liver and kidneys (5)

Last week's solution N033

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CULTURE

BLOWING YOUR FLUTE

Opera Australia artistic director and one-time local Lyndon Terracini returns to the area to conduct workshops with the children from the Murwillumbah and Uki primary schools and the Tweed Small Schools Choir towards their production of *The Magic Flute* – an Indiana Jones-inspired tale of adventure. Mozart's much-loved opera retains the original storyline but the setting has been transformed to suit the infusion of young talent. *The Magic Flute* includes 12 principal artists plus a live touring orchestra of nine under the baton of Simon Kenway and Paul Fitzsimon. Director Michael Gow believes 'it's a classic quest... a young man seeks enlightenment and true love, but he's got it all the wrong way around and has to deal with his own ego. Wow, that's certainly a contemporary tale! The show will be staged at the Murwillumbah Civic Centre auditorium on Saturday at 7.30pm. Tickets are \$59, \$45 concession and \$25 for children. Go to www.murwillumbahopera.com or phone 0424 895 979.

DARREN SANDERS SHOW GOES BIG

Darren Sanders has been performing standup comedy for 20 years. A regular on *Stand Up Australia*, *Rove*, *In Melbourne Tonight* and *The Russell Gilbert Show*, Sanders is a master of his craft, with his signature dry wit seeing him headline at major comedy clubs around Australia. 2012 saw The Darren Sanders show air nationally in Australia and New Zealand and in 2013 Nine Network's Go Channel



DARREN SANDERS

also joined in to screen four episodes of the big fella's work. He appeared in the Working Dog feature film *Any Questions for Ben* and even has the honour of having the last line in the film! He ran one of Sydney's legendary comedy rooms, The Laugh Garage, for well over a decade and to this day Sanders just seems to get better. **Headlining at the Ballina RSL's Big Gig Comedy on Thursday**, with **Steven J Whiteley** as support and **Mandy Nolan** as MC. Starts at 8pm. Free!

SYDNEY COMEDY SHOWCASE

The **Sydney Comedy Festival** is back on the road with an awesome lineup of the hottest international and local comedians from the 2014 Festival! The lineup this year includes Ray Badran (MC),

Jacques Barrett, Luke Heggie, Smart Casual, Sam Campbell, John Cruickshank and Jared Jekyll. **Friday at the Byron Community Centre – 7.30pm.** Bookings 6685 6807. **Saturday at the Ballina RSL.** 18+ show. Tickets are only \$30pp and can be purchased online at www.ballinarlsl.com.au or from the box office on 6686 2544.



SAM CAMPBELL SYDNEY COMEDY FESTIVAL SHOWCASE

Baby You ARE on fire!

Bellydancer Corrina Beacham is launching a **Fire Bellydance Workshop in Byron**, making it the first one in Australia. *Seven* caught up with this hot-bellied woman to find out what it's all about.

Tell me – what is Fire Bellydance?

Fire bellydance is bellydancing with a fire belt strapped to your hips. The design of the belt makes it so that belt has the appearance of mobility and can emphasise the subtle movements of bellydance, ie hip flick/drop and shimmy.

How did you first learn to do it?

After many years of bellydance I wanted to add some more bling to the practice, so I created a design and taught myself.

What do participants get out of a practice like this?

For people who like to play with fire, they get something spectacular and new, plus the added bonus of the technique of bellydance to support posture and improve core strength, and those who already bellydance have something to add to their performance range and exciting new pastime.

Is it just for women?

Like all bellydance no, it is not just for women. For example, when I was studying in Turkey I saw more men dancing than women. Male bellydancers are becoming far more popular as performers and teachers in the professional bellydance world.

Is it dangerous?

Like all fire practice there is, of course, the element of danger, but as the belt is strapped to your body (with an easy-release clip) it is a little safer as there are no loose flames flying about. And of course common sense would have you wearing little synthetic.

What would you say to encourage people who were nervous about participating?

I would say give it a go. I have been using the fire belt for eight years and have never once been in danger. It's exciting and definitely keeps you fit.

How do people get in touch and register?

I have a website www.soulfirebellydance.com, a Facebook page www.facebook.com/soulfirebellydance, and email info@soulfirebellydance or phone 0412 566 816.

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HORSEY ART

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WHY MISS KITTY!

Kitty Flanagan at the Byron Community Centre on Thursday 4 and Friday 5 September. The delightful Ms Flanagan presents a sneak preview of her brand-new show so don't miss this opportunity to see one of Australia's most creative minds at work as Kitty gives the inside scoop on gravediggers, cops, Cubans and spaghetti sows. There's advice on how to speak to doctors, funny music from Sister Penny, plus a serious attempt to quantify one of life's biggest mysteries: 'Just how much do old people love salt?' Book online at byroncentre.com.au or phone 6685 6807.



GETTING TOGETHER TO GET FRACKED UP

This Saturday at 7.30pm, Down The Gas Hole Productions presents the **No Fracking Way Cabaret at the Nimbin Town Hall**. The crew honour what has been noted as one of the most pivotal points in the history of the northern rivers with a cabaret celebrating the epic tales and memorable moments with spoken word, song, dance and celebration! Dinner will be available to purchase from 6.30pm; show starts at 7.30pm. Tickets are \$12/\$15 and are available at the door, or pre-sale from The Nimbin Environment Centre.

ART ON THE SHORES

If you really want to know what's happening in the visual arts in Byron Shire, get along to the **Ocean Shores Art Expo** this weekend. Every year for the last eleven years artists have painted up a storm for the themed event, which this year is titled *Home*. Along with paintings, there are dozens of exhibits in sculpture, mixed media, photography, pastels and printmaking. Celebrating at the Opening Launch Party you have a chance to rub shoulders with the artists and creatives who come out of their studios and garages to share their mark-making with the rest of the community. It's a rare chance for artists to exhibit and sell works as well as be awarded prizes over \$5,000. Get to the **opening on Friday at 7pm** in the auditorium of the Ocean Shores Public School, Shara Blvd, where Laura Targett romances the sound waves with her sensual music, food and wine are abundant, and hundreds of new artworks are yours for the picking!



CHARLIE'S COUNTRY

Director Rolf de Heer and actor David Gulpilil were co-writers of this sometimes confronting, often heartbreaking (in part thanks to Graham Tardif's haunting score), but mostly dull and essentially negative movie. As such, it is intriguing to guess who was responsible for which pieces of dialogue. After Charlie is shaved of his wiry, tangled locks and incarcerated in Darwin, he is visited by his mate Black Pete (Peter Djigir). The pair sit in silence for a long time before Pete says 'it's hard to talk to you when you don't look like you.' It is a beautifully simple sentence, loaded with poetry and metaphor. Earlier, with Charlie lying in a hospital bed, being treated for exposure and malnutrition, the duty doctor glibly asks, "do you mind if I call you Charlie? I have difficulty with foreign names." I could not accept the veracity of the latter utterance and decided that, heavy-handed and tendentious in the extreme, it must have come from de Heer, who is not afraid to press hard on the white guilt button. The former line, I am equally sure, would have been contributed by Gulpilil, whose physical grace and wrecked beauty dominate throughout. Charlie's community has been subjected to the Federal Government's policy of intervention. The money that his people can no longer squander on grog is spent on over-priced processed foods and Charlie yearns for the old ways – it is, after all, his ancestral land. But the Law makes it virtually impossible for him to fulfill this longing – the spear that he makes to go hunting with is confiscated by the police as a dangerous weapon. The film is a weary lament from the same school as *Samson And Delilah* and, wallowing in victimhood, is a million dispiriting miles from the vigorous, uplifting and positive *Mad Bastards*. Most frustrating, it perpetuates the deep-rooted and for some reason sanctified notion that indigenous Australians are so attached to the area in which they were born that they are incapable of adaptation, of moving on.

THE INBETWEENERS 2

Every now and then the only thing you can do is let your guard down and go with the flow. After the unending, unspeakable ugliness of the nightly news, I have to confess (a little shamefacedly) that I had tears of laughter streaming down my face during this gross-out movie's fantastic poo scene. It was cathartic, which is the last thing I expected to be writing about what is basically a tsunami of crudity. Will, Jay, Neil and Simon (Simon Bird, James Buckley, Blake Harrison and Joe Thomas) are back and looking rather too old to be continuing on as the teenage prats whom we first encountered on holiday in Crete in 2011. But the group's history of collaboration, beginning with the British TV series (2008–10), has made of them an accomplished comedic unit. The story is set in Oz, where Jay has been spending part of his gap year and letting on to his mates that he is shagging himself silly. The others fly out to join him and the truth is exposed – Jay is working in a toilet and living in a tent pitched on the front lawn of his Australian uncle's suburban quarter-acre (David Field, in blokey overdrive). Fired by romantic ambitions,



Will follows the beautiful Katie (Emily Berrington) to Byron Bay and the gang all check into the Arts Factory. Katie, however, is also being courted by the muscular, dreadlocked Ben (Freddie Stroma), and it is Will's clashes with Ben that introduce at least a modicum of clever and biting satire to proceedings – at one point they are involved in a drumming/healing session inside a tent that takes a delicious bite out of the Bay's 'spiritual' mumbo-jumbo. The narrative tends to fizzle out when they head to Birdsville (the whole is little more than a series of gag set-ups), but the boys are such hopeless nongs that it is impossible not to become swept along in their follies. An offensive film of no redeeming qualities and rarely rising above groin-level – I loved it.

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WEDNESDAY 27

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **LUKE & SEBASTIAN**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **BO JENKINS**
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- COCOMANGAS, BYRON **DJ JIMMY D**
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- SERPENTINE GALLERY, LISMORE 6PM 'I'LL BE YOUR MIRROR' **KNITTED LOU REED TRIBUTE**
- SOUTH TWEED SPORTS CLUB 6.30PM **NEW VOGUE DANCING**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS 11AM **THE KAMIS**

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 8PM **MUSICAL BINGO**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON **CLUB RAIDERS DJS**
- BYRON BREWERY 7PM **ARTSEXPOSURE: GRAFFITI ARTISTS, DJS**
- BYRON MASONIC HALL 1PM **THE HEALING POWER OF ART W SUSANNA CARMAN**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL **WARREN EARLE**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 7PM **MILAN MILAN**
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- BALLINA RSL 8PM **BIG GIG COMEDY W DARREN SANDERS, STEVEN J WHITELEY & MANDY NOLAN**
- NORTHERN RIVERS COMMUNITY GALLERY, BALLINA 5.30PM **EQUINE INSPIRED EXHIBITION OPENING**
- TATTS HOTEL, LISMORE 6.30PM **VICTIMS OF GEOGRAPHY**

THURSDAY 28

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **HELL & WHISKEY**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **MR BLACK & BLUES**

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FRIDAY 29

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **LYALL MOLONEY, FRANKIE, CHRIS BRADLEY**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **THE RECHORDS**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 5PM **GUY KACHEL 9PM THE SOORLEYS & GARRETT KATO**
- BYRON THEATRE 7.30PM **SYDNEY COMEDY FESTIVAL SHOWCASE**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON **DJ DANIMAL**
- BYRON BREWERY 8PM **CLEVELAND BLUES**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL **ALEX WATTS**
- PIZZA PARADISO, SUFFOLK PARK 6.30PM **MARK RIDOUT**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7.30PM **HORRY & JOHNNY SHOW**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 7PM **BRIAN WATT**
- ST MARTIN'S HALL, MULLUMBIMBY 6.30PM **HOUSE OF BLISS, HEARTS ON FIRE COMMUNITY CHANTING**
- MULLUMBIMBY EX-SERVICES CLUB 8PM **OPEN MIC WITH DONI RAVEN**
- OCEAN SHORES TAVERN 8PM **ELEMENTAL DJS**
- OCEAN SHORES PUBLIC SCHOOL 7PM **ART EXPO WITH LAURA TARGETT**
- BILLINUDGEL HOTEL 8PM **DEMON DRINK BAND**
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- ELTHAM HOTEL 7PM **ROD MURRAY DUO**
- TATTS HOTEL, LISMORE 5PM **CHRIS FISHER 8PM MIND OVER MATTER**
- KINGSCLIFF BOWLS 7.30PM **ADAM BROWN**
- POTTSVILLE SPORTS CLUB **BILL JACOBI**
- CHINDERAH TAVERN 6PM **MESCALITO BLUES**
- RIVERVIEW HOTEL, MURWILLUMBAH 7.30PM **LOREN**
- NIMBIN HOTEL 7.30PM **SOLE OUTPUT**
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SATURDAY 30

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **DEAD BEAT BAND, HYPNOTIC BEDROOMS, BETH LOWEN, DJ TAYA MILLS**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **THE CAMEL TONES**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 9.30PM **RHYTHM & CUTLOOSE**
- BYRON BREWERY **SUBSTANCE**
- BYRON COMMUNITY THEATRE **MIRIAM LIEBERMAN ON THE KORA**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 8PM **DJ SANCHEZ**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL **ARA BIOTO**
- PIZZA PARADISO, SUFFOLK PARK 6.30PM **TIM STOKES**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7.30PM **ROO**
- BANGALOW BOWLO 7.30PM **THREE CORNERED SQUARE**

SUNDAY 31

- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 7PM **DIANA ANAID DUO**
- CAFE DOMA, FEDERAL 12PM **CHRIS MALLORY**
- COURT HOUSE, MULLUMBIMBY **CHEYNNE MURPHY + WALRUS & THE CARPENTER, RICH LATIMER**
- DRILL HALL, MULLUMBIMBY 7.30PM **TEMPTATION**
- WILSON'S CREEK HALL 6PM **LOU BRADLEY**
- BILLINUDGEL HOTEL 8PM **SHYBABY**
- LENNOX HEAD HOTEL 8.30PM **JEZABELS FORTUNE**
- CHERRY STREET SPORTS CLUB, BALLINA **WILSON COOPER BAND**
- BALLINA FAIR FRENCH FILM FESTIVAL 2PM **CHINESE PUZZLE 5PM MICHAEL KOLJAAS**
- BALLINA RSL 6.30PM **GLENN MASSEY DUO 8.30PM SYDNEY COMEDY FESTIVAL SHOWCASE**
- MARY G'S, LISMORE **PUSH**
- TATTS HOTEL, LISMORE 8PM **FLANGIPANIS, SNATCHETTES, SELFISH ACT, SPANX 9PM CRACK UP COMEDY CLUB**

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **THE SWAMPS**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 6.30PM **MICK MCHUGH TRIO**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 4.30PM **RAGGA JUMP 8PM ELEMENTALS DJS**
- THE EATERY, BYRON 4PM **DJ KAYCI**
- BYRON GOLF CLUB 2PM **LIVE MUSIC**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL **FUNDAY DJS**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 4PM **WILD MARMALADE**
- CAFE DOMA, FEDERAL 12PM **JOHN BUSHELLE & FRIENDS**
- BILLINUDGEL HOTEL 2PM **SOY DIVISION, LIGHTERS ARE FLUID, JAMES BROOK**
- CLUB LENNOX 4PM **OZ LATIN BROTHERS**
- BALLINA FAIR FRENCH FILM FESTIVAL 2PM **THE FRENCH MINISTER**
- BALLINA RSL 6.30PM **GLENN MASSEY DUO**
- ELTHAM HOTEL 2PM **LEIGH JAMES**
- NIMBIN HOTEL 4PM **ROB YEATMAN & DARKLIGHT**
- SPHINX ROCK CAFE, MT BURRELL 1PM **LUKE VASSELLA**
- RIVERVIEW HOTEL, MURWILLUMBAH 2PM **THE 3 LEGGED DOG**

MONDAY 1

- NIMBIN TOWN HALL 7.30PM **BENTLEY BLOCKADE NO FRACKING WAY CABARET**
- NIMBIN HOTEL 6.30PM **TROMBONE KELLIE**
- CHINDERAH TAVERN 6PM **DIRTY CHANNEL ACOUSTIC DUO**
- SHEOAK SHACK, FINGAL HEAD 3PM **CARL WOCKNER 7PM CLEVELAND BLUES**
- MURWILLUMBAH CIVIC CENTRE 7.30PM **THE MAGIC FLUTE**
- HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, UKI 7PM **SONGWRITERS ON THE SONGLINE**
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- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 8PM **VELOCIRAPTOR & BLOODS & SKEGGS**

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **ZIGGY ALBERTS**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **NICK CUNNINGHAM**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 8PM **DJ DANIMAL**
- SOUTHPORT BOWLS CLUB 7PM **GOLD COAST JAZZ AMBASSADORS WITH ANDREW MONTFROY**

TUESDAY 2

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **LOREN**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **CHRIS ARONSTEN**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7.30PM **BRACKETS OPEN MIC**
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☉ First quarter	September 2	21:11				
☽ Full moon	September 9	11:38				
☽ Third quarter	September 16	14:05				
☽ New moon	September 24	16:14				
Day of month	Sun rise	Sun set	Moon rise	Moon set	High tide, height (m)	Low tide, height (m)
1 M	0600	1731	0947	2325	1231,1.47	0600,0.48; 1856,0.56
2 T	0559	1732	1033	0051	0159,1.19; 1434,1.50	0650,0.53; 2005,0.56
3 W	0558	1732	1125	0022	0315,1.19; 1545,1.57	0904,0.54; 2231,0.43
4 T	0557	1733	1222	0120	0430,1.25; 1649,1.67	1015,0.48; 2331,0.31
5 F	0556	1733	1323	0215	0531,1.35; 1748,1.78	1117,0.39
6 S	0555	1734	1428	0309	0626,1.46; 1842,1.86	0024,0.20; 1215,0.29
7 S	0553	1734	1535	0359	0716,1.57; 1933,1.90	0113,0.11; 1311,0.21
8 M	0552	1735	1643	0447	0805,1.65; 2023,1.88	0200,0.07; 1404,0.16
9 T	0551	1735	1750	0533	0853,1.71; 2113,1.81	0245,0.08; 1458,0.15
10 W	0550	1736	1856	0617	0941,1.73; 2202,1.68	0329,0.13; 1551,0.19
11 T	0549	1736	2000	0700	1029,1.72; 2252,1.54	0413,0.21; 1645,0.26
12 F	0548	1737	2103	0744	1117,1.67; 2344,1.39	0457,0.32; 1740,0.35
13 S	0546	1737	2203	0829	1207,1.60	0542,0.43; 1839,0.45
14 S	0545	1738	2300	0915	0037,1.25; 1300,1.52	0630,0.53; 1943,0.53
15 M	0544	1738	2354	1003	0138,1.16; 1400,1.46	0725,0.61; 2051,0.57
16 T	0543	1738		1052	0248,1.11; 1504,1.42	0829,0.65; 2158,0.57
17 W	0542	1739	0045	1142	0359,1.13; 1608,1.43	0935,0.65; 2225,0.53
18 T	0540	1739	0131	1233	0458,1.18; 1703,1.46	1037,0.62; 2342,0.48
19 F	0539	1740	0214	1324	0545,1.26; 1749,1.50	1130,0.56
20 S	0538	1740	0254	1415	0625,1.33; 1830,1.54	0020,0.43; 1215,0.50
21 S	0537	1741	0332	1507	0700,1.40; 1907,1.57	0055,0.38; 1255,0.44
22 M	0536	1741	0407	1558	0734,1.46; 1943,1.58	0127,0.35; 1332,0.40
23 T	0534	1742	0442	1650	0807,1.51; 2017,1.57	0157,0.33; 1409,0.36
24 W	0533	1742	0516	1742	0840,1.56; 2053,1.54	0228,0.32; 1446,0.35
25 T	0532	1743	0551	1835	0915,1.59; 2130,1.50	0259,0.33; 1526,0.35
26 F	0531	1743	0627	1929	0951,1.60; 2210,1.43	0331,0.35; 1607,0.36
27 S	0530	1744	0705	2024	1030,1.60; 2254,1.36	0407,0.39; 1652,0.39
28 S	0528	1744	0746	2120	1114,1.58; 2343,1.29	0446,0.44; 1743,0.43
29 M	0527	1745	0831	2217	1203,1.55	0532,0.50; 1841,0.46
30 T	0526	1746	0921	2313		

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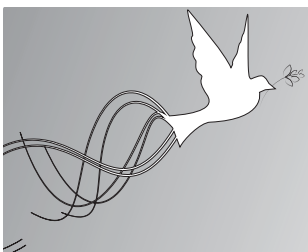
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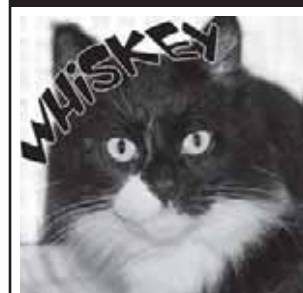
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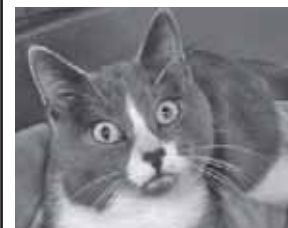
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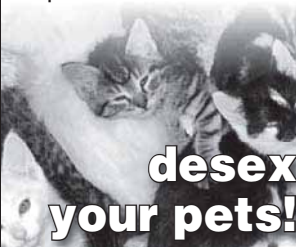
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A swooping magpie is protecting the nest at breeding time. Not all magpies swoop, only those that perceive an intrusion to their territory. Avoid the area for the short

time the magpie is nesting. You could carry an open umbrella or wear a hat. Do not try to interact with the magpie as this will make it more aggressive. The nest is the most dangerous place for a juvenile bird, as predators can easily find them, so the parent birds will encourage the young to leave as soon as possible. They will leave the nest before being able to fly and will flutter from bush to bush being fed by the parents.

An all-volunteer organisation, WIRES relies heavily on the generosity of caring people for support. Its next training course will be September 20-21. If you are interested, call the 24-hour hotline on 6628 1898 or go to <http://wiresnr.org/Helping.html> to find out how you can help.

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Qigong in the Garden 9.15-10.15am Wednesdays. Gold coin donation goes to the Garden. Contact: 0401 643 337 or dhyansandhya@icloud.com.

Bangalow CWA

Bangalow CWA meets each Wednesday in their rooms at 31 Byron St, Bangalow, 10am-2pm, for craft and friendship. Contact Di Campbell 6685 4694.

Heartcircle

Heartcircle devotional singing, sharing, meditation group every Sunday at South Golden Beach Community Hall 10-11.30am. Enq Linda on 0415 412 514.

Toastmasters

Byron Cavanbah Toastmasters practise public speaking and leadership skills in a supportive environment 1st and 3rd Mondays 6.15pm, St Finbarr's

school. www.byrontoastmasters.org. MullumMagic Toastmasters meet 2nd, 4th and 5th Mondays at 7pm, Presbyterian Church Hall in Mullum. Call Robyn for more info: 6685 1836.

End-of-life choices

To learn how to make the right decisions about your end-of-life choices, come to the meetings held quarterly. Phone Elaine for more details 0421 796 713.

Byron young mums

Byron Young Mums' Group meets every Friday at 10.30 at the Byron YAC; free for young mums and expectant mums 25 and younger. Contact Lotte 0477 591 555 or email byronyoungmums@gmail.com.

Buddhist meditation

Teaching and practice Wednesdays 6-7.30pm, SIA Centre, 1/22 Fawcett St, Brunswick Heads. Info 6685 8842, mishaela@si.org.au.

Narcotics Anonymous

Narcotics Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women for whom drugs had become a major problem. We are recovering addicts who meet regularly to help each other stay clean. For information and meetings: 6680 7280.

Lions meeting

Lions Club of Brunswick-Mullumbimby meets every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at the Ocean Shores Country Club at 7pm. Phone 0417 019 343 for more information or write to PO Box 12, Mullumbimby 2482.

Co-dependents Anonymous

Co-dependents Anonymous (CoDA) is a worldwide network of groups of men and women learning how to develop and maintain healthy and fulfilling relationships. For more information, and meetings in your area, visit www.codependentsanonymous.org.au or phone 9281 3330. CoDA is also holding its first Australian national convention, in Bangalow, on Saturday 27 September. To register visit www.ozcoda.webs.com/coda-convention.

Gas shortage a furphy, Tweed council told

Luis Felio

Tweed Shire Council is urging the Liberal and National coalition to support north coast communities opposed to coal seam gas (CSG) by introducing an immediate ban on all CSG activities and licences in the region.

The move follows increased pressure from state Labor and Greens for the ban and comes as the NSW parliament was told the gas industry was keep-

ing the government 'in the dark' about claims the state could face a gas shortage if mining did not go ahead.

The gas-shortage claim, widely discredited by experts and anti-CSG campaigners, was the subject of some heated debate at last night's Tweed Shire Council meeting when it was repeated by National Party councillor Phil Youngblutt.

Cr Youngblutt, the only one to oppose deputy mayor Michael Armstrong's motion

calling for the moratorium for Lismore, Ballina, Clarence and Tweed and for the region to be declared CSG free, said CSG was 'almost non-existent' in the Tweed.

But his comment that it was 'safe', and 'needed' because 'even Sydney is running out of gas' was seized on by Greens Cr Katie Milne who accused him of spreading misinformation.

She said Cr Youngblutt's assertion that Sydney would run

out of gas was a very worrying example of this misinformation, sparking an interjection from Cr Youngblutt that 'they'll run out in two years, they said it today'.

Cr Milne continued, saying Australia was exporting gas, domestic gas prices were 'hooked up' to the international market, and the gas shortage was 'a line promoted by the gas industry'.

■ Read more on [Echonetdaily echo.net.au](http://Echonetdaily.echo.net.au).

Byron Shire Council Notices

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS DETERMINED
COMPLYING DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATES ISSUED
Section 101 EP&A Act 1979 and
Clause 124 & 137 EP&A Regulations 2000

The following development consents and complying development certificates, together with any conditions imposed may be inspected free of charge at Council's administration centre during ordinary office hours. 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

10.2014.366.1 – OCEAN SHORES
4 Yengarie Way (Lot 515 DP 238451)
Use of existing alteration/additions to double storey dwelling

10.2014.358.1 – BYRON BAY
5 Wollumbin Street (Lot 6 DP 18567)
Alterations and additions to an existing dwelling-house

10.2014.443.1 – EWINGSDALE
109 Kennedys Lane (Lot 5 DP 596593)
Tree removal – one tree

10.2014.454.1 – BANGALOW
4 Green Frog Lane (Lot 15 DP 1156103)
Tree removal – two trees

10.2014.440.1 – BYRON BAY
11 Butler Street (Lot 1 DP 781101)
Tree removal – five trees

10.2014.123.1 – BYRON BAY
73 and 95 Old Bangalow Road (Lots 1 and 2 DP 857103)
Change of use from rural tourist facility to tourist facilities including demolition of five cabins, moving two cabins, a new storage shed, construction of new access roads and other works

10.2014.477.1 – MULLUMBIMBY
55 Dalley Street (Lot 8 Sec 8 DP 758725)
Rebuild of single storey building being the Mullumbimby Neighbourhood Centre Annexure Building

10.2014.461.1 – OCEAN SHORES
12 Barkala Court (Lot 3043 DP 249562)
Tree removal – three trees

10.2009.297.2 – NEW BRIGHTON
8 Park Street (Lot 312 DP 755687)
S96 to alter positioning of dwelling house and vacant strata lot, retain dwelling design and alter conditions of consent. (Reconsideration of 10.2008.73.1 for proposed subdivision to create a 2 lot strata subdivision)

10.2014.374.1 – BRUNSWICK HEADS
1 Park Street (Lot 3 DP 360297 Road Reserve)
Install retractable freestanding awning on footpath in front of existing restaurant

10.2014.377.1 – TALOFA
49 Tinderbox Road (Lot 6 DP 713964)
Alterations and additions to dwelling to relocate patio roof and construct additional room

10.2014.451.1 – BRUNSWICK HEADS
47 Tandys Lane (Lot 2 DP 378303)
Shed to include storage and workshop

10.2006.272.2 – TYAGARAH
12/23 Prestons Lane (Lot 12 DP 286372 Lot 1 DP 748585)
S96 – delete condition No 3 and change description of development to "The use of carport and bedroom extensions"

APPLICATIONS WITHDRAWN

10.2014.421.1 – TALFOA
622 Bangalow Road (Lot 2 DP 259991)
Change of use of garage to studio/garage

10.2014.255.1 – MYOCUM
282 The Manse Road (Lot 101 DP 1142776)
New two bedroom single storey bed and breakfast establishment

10.2014.368.1 – MYOCUM
211 The Manse Road (Lot 2 DP 1103913)
Subdivision to create two lots

10.2013.380.2 – BYRON BAY
Cemetery Road (Lot 193 DP 755695)
S96 to stage consent (Subdivision one into four lots)

DEFERRED COMMENCEMENT

10.2014.433.1 – BANGALOW
Palm-Lily Crescent (Lot 84 DP 1153084)
Relocate a dwelling onto the site

COMPLYING DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATES ISSUED

16.2014.59.1 – OCEAN SHORES
12 Yalla Kool Drive (Lot 1214 DP 243480)
Rear covered deck

16.2014.49.1 – OCEAN SHORES
8 Jarrah Crescent (Lot 1191 DP 243480)
Dwelling

EWINGSDALE ROAD – BANKSIA DRIVE TURNING LANE CONSTRUCTION

Road users are advised that Council intends carrying out road construction works on Ewingsdale Road, from 120m west of Banksia Drive, for the purpose of constructing a turning lane into Banksia Drive. Works will commence from Tuesday, 12 August 2014 for approximately three weeks (weather permitting).

Motorists are advised that delays could be experienced and they should allow additional travel time in this area. Motorists are encouraged to use alternative routes where possible and as directed by site signage. A partial road closure of Banksia Drive will be necessary during some phases of the works.

Motorists are requested to approach the area with caution and to observe all warning and directional signage. Working hours during this period will be from 7.00am to 5.00pm Monday to Friday, and 8.00am to 12.00pm Saturdays with Traffic Control in place for the duration of the works.

Byron Shire Council apologises for any inconvenience caused during these essential works.

Enquiries: Kristian Penrose 02 6685 9328

IMMUNISATION CLINICS

Free Immunisation clinics are held in conjunction with the North Coast Area Health Service each month at:

- Bangalow Community Health**, 35 Granuaille Road, Bangalow, Thursday 11 September 2014 (**2nd Thursday of each month**), 1.30pm-3.30pm;
- Brunswick Heads Community Centre**, South Beach Road, Brunswick Heads Thursday 25 September 2014 (**4th Thursday of each month**), 1.30pm-3.30pm.

The following vaccines are provided: **Infanrix-Hexa** (diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, hepatitis B, HIB and polio); **Prevenar** (pneumococcal); **Rotarix** (rotavirus); **Menitorix** (meningococcal and HIB); **Priorix-Tetra** (varicella and measles, mumps, rubella); **Infanrix-IPV** (diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, polio); **MMR** (measles, mumps, rubella).

PLEASE NOTE: Appointments are required and can be made by phoning 02 6685 6254. Also bring your child's immunisation records (Blue Book) and Medicare card.

Immunisation enquiries: Contact Community Health Immunisation Co-ordinator 02 6687 0012 or Environmental Services at Byron Shire Council 02 6626 7054.



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
 BRSCC (Byron Regional Sport and Cultural Complex) 6685 5911

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

PUBLIC EXHIBITION OF DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979

The following development applications have been received by Byron Shire Council and may be viewed on Council's website at www.byron.nsw.gov.au/development-applications-on-exhibition, or at the Council administrative centre during ordinary office hours.

For further information on making a submission please refer to the factsheet 'Making a submission on a development application' available at Council or online at www.byron.nsw.gov.au/submissions-on-development-applications.

There are also requirements in relation to the disclosure of political gifts and donations. Refer to Council's website to satisfy yourself that you are complying with your disclosure obligations prior to lodging a submission at www.byron.nsw.gov.au/political-donations.

Please quote the development application and property description when making a submission.

EXHIBITION CLOSSES 1 SEPTEMBER 2014

10.2009.299.2 – BYRON BAY

16-18 Lawson Street (Lot 1 DP 791604)

Planners North: *S96 to alter staging and carparking (additions and alterations to existing hostel including increase in guest beds from 160 to 304 and provision of additional carparking spaces accessed by a car lift)*

10.2014.100.2 – BANGALOW

6-10 Station Street (Lots 3, 3A, 4 and 4A DP 367355)

Chase Bangalow Developments Pty Ltd: *S96 to alter the location and use of approved buildings (change of use from Hardware and building supply to art studio/gallery; six retail outlets for arts/crafts and associated carparking)*

10.2014.456.1 – MULLUMBIMBY

29 Casuarina Street (Lot 19 DP 261910)

Planners North: *Four lot subdivision, tree removal and construction of three single storey dwelling houses*

EXTENDED – EXHIBITION CLOSSES 1 SEPTEMBER 2014

10.2013.587.1 – BYRON BAY

108-110 Jonson Street (Lots 6 and 7 DP 619224 and Lots 8 and 9 DP 617509)

Global Centres Australia Pty Ltd: *Amended Proposal – Redevelopment of existing shopping centre including ground level supermarket, shops, restaurant, and kiosk and associated streetscape/landscape works including a performance stage. First floor level shops, restaurant (including verandah over road reserve), bowling alley, art gallery and extension of existing cinema. Two levels of basement parking. Subdivision of existing 4 lots into 2 lots and demolition works.*

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Thursday 28 August 2014

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

9.00am – Ordinary Meeting

The following report has now been added to the list of reports being presented to Council:

- Future of County Councils

To see the full list of items that will be discussed at the meeting, please refer to Council's block advertising in last week's Echo, Echonetdaily or go to Council's website at www.byron.nsw.gov.au/meetings.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ROAD NAMES

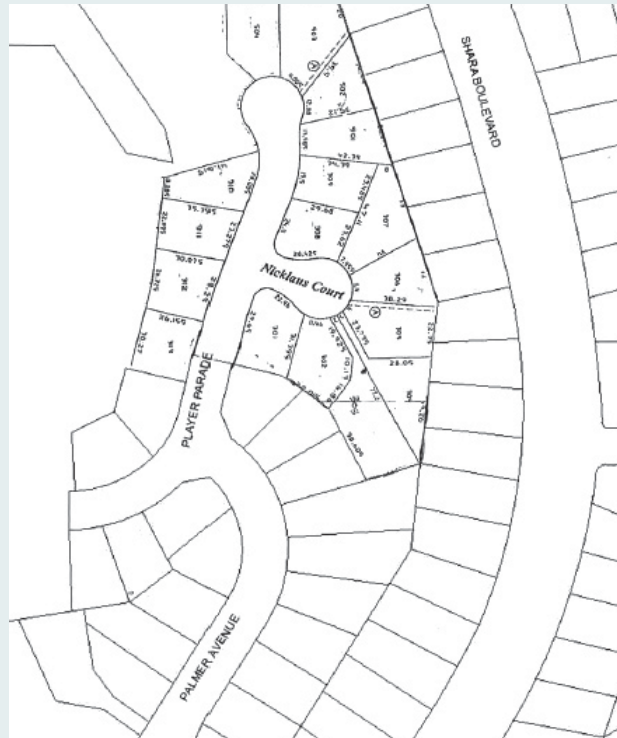
Byron Shire Council announces that **Nicklaus Court** is proposed for a road within the Council boundaries.

Locality: Ocean Shores

Background: The names of adjacent streets, Player Parade and Palmer Avenue have been named after golfing professionals Garry Player and Arnold Palmer respectively. In keeping with the golfing theme, the name Nicklaus Court is named after golfing professional Jack Nicklaus.

Reason: The road name is required for the newly constructed road in a subdivision.

Location: A new cul de sac extending in an easterly direction off an extension of Player Parade to be dedicated in a plan of subdivision of Lot 146 DP1124615, Shara Boulevard, Ocean Shores.



Written submissions on the proposed names may be made to Byron Shire Council within 14 days of the date of this notice. Submissions can be provided by postal mail to: General Manager, Byron Shire Council, PO Box 219 Mullumbimby 2482 or submissions@byron.nsw.gov.au. Emailed submissions to this address only will be acknowledged.

Enquiries: Jeff Begovic 02 6626 7050

Submissions will be made public in accordance with Schedule 1 Part 3 Clause 1(a)(vi) within Schedule 5 Part 2 of the GIPA 2009 Regulations as applicable including both the substance of the submission and the identity of the author. For assistance with this please call Council's Records Coordinator on 02 6626 7113.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Community Representatives

North Byron Parklands Regulatory Working Group

In 2012 the New South Wales Planning Assessment Commission approved a five year trial of the North Byron Parklands festival site at Yelgun. A condition of the consent requires North Byron Parklands to form the North Byron Parklands Regulatory Working Group (RWG) to oversee the environmental performance of events during the trial period.

Council is required under the consent to nominate two Community Representatives to sit on the RWG for a term of two years.

The first two year term is coming to a conclusion and the North Byron Parklands RWG is now seeking two new community representatives for the next two year term on this Group. RWG meetings occur quarterly for approximately 2 hours during business hours.

Council therefore is seeking Expressions of Interest from persons that are interested in being nominated and appointed as a Community Representative on the RWG.

A copy of the RWG Terms of Reference is available on Council's Web Site and community access points.

All expressions of interest will be reported to Council at an Ordinary meeting to be held in October for consideration and nomination as a Community Representative to the RWG.

Expressions of Interest close: 4.00pm Tuesday 16 September 2014

Enquiries: Gayle McCallum 6626 7045

SECTION 356 DONATION GRANTED

Under Section 356 of the Local Government Act 1993 - "A council may, in accordance with a resolution of the council, contribute money or otherwise grant financial assistance to persons for the purpose of exercising its functions."

Council wishes to advise that at its Ordinary Meeting held on 7 August 2014 it resolved to grant the following Section 356 Donations:

Name/Organisation/Event	Purpose	Donation Amount
Section 356 Donations under Council's Policy Assistance for Festivals and Community Functions		
Byron Lighthouse Run 28 September 2014	Assistance with road closure application fee	\$350
Bangalow Billy Cart Derby 17 May 2015	Assistance with road closure costs	\$600
Mullum to Bruns Paddle May 2015	Assistance with road closure application fee	\$600
Bangalow Christmas Eve Parade 24 December 2014	Assistance with road closure costs	\$600
Festival of the Fish and Chips – Twilight Market Component 17 December 2014	Assistance with road closure costs	\$600
White Ribbon Day/ DV Event November 2014	Assistance with road closure costs	\$600
St Finbarr's Christmas Fair 6 December 2014	Assistance with provision of litter bins / removal	\$400
Living Community Festival and Street Parade 7 September 2014	Assistance with road closure costs	\$600
General Section 356 Donations		
Rous Water Big Scrub Open Day October 12 2014	Assistance with street banner booking fees	\$285

Enquiries: Gayle McCallum 02 6626 7045

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Bangalow A&I Hall Board of Management

Would you like to contribute to the betterment of our Shire by joining a committee?

Council is currently calling for nominations for an additional member to the Bangalow A&I Hall Board of Management to assist the Board with the management of the Bangalow A&I Hall.

All Expressions of Interest must be submitted on an approved nomination form.

Nomination forms and Guides to Operation of the Board can be obtained at the Council Administration Centre, community access points and are also available on Council's website www.byron.nsw.gov.au/section-355-committees

Nominations close: 4.00pm Tuesday 23 September 2014

Enquiries: Gayle McCallum 02 6626 7045

FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT ON RETIREES AND PEOPLE IN AGED CARE

Are you confused about the changes in the aged care system and the impacts of the Federal Budget?

Byron Shire Council, in collaboration with Centrelink and Positive Ageing Community Educator, Jan Fitzgerald, will be facilitating an information session to provide you with new information and the opportunity to ask questions relevant to you.

For example:

How can I access support systems while living in my own home?

Who can make decisions for you?

Why plan for the future?

WHEN: Wednesday 3 September 2014

TIME: 9.30am–11.45am (tea and coffee available from 9.15am)

WHERE: Ocean Shores Country Club, Orana Road, Ocean Shores

FREE MORNING TEA – RSVP essential

To **RSVP** or find out more information please contact Karen Ingleman on 02 6626 7224 Tuesday – Thursday, or email karen.ingleman@byron.nsw.gov.au.

Last home appearance a triumph for Red Devils

Story & photo John Campbell

One of the great attractions of bush footy (apart from there being no mind-numbing video replays) is the possibility that you might see something out of the box, something unheard of in the NRL.

Byron Bay were leading the Casino Cougars 12-6 in their NRRRL knock-out semi at Red Devil Park on Saturday. The Cougars, who had beaten the Bay just a week earlier, were pressing hard in the home side's territory.

A pass went astray. It was swooped on by Simon 'Toothless' Kelly and the prop set sail for the distant, northern tryline. Eighty metres he sprinted, and the further he ran the wider was the gap between him and his chasers. They didn't get to within cooee of the big fella. Ridden every inch of the way by the Devils' ecstatic fans, it was an awesome effort from Kelly, mighty in every way - and



Byron's James Griffiths takes it up, with Simon Kelly, Scott Stapleton and Jared DeThierry in support, at Red Devil Park on Saturday.

he's a front-rower! That's not supposed to happen.

Despite the miserable conditions, a bumper crowd nearing 7,438 turned up to see Byron hang on to win a thrilling encounter by 32-24.

After a topsy-turvy season of unavoidable bumps and bruises and worse, the play-offs are the games that everybody wants to be part of. The ante is lifted noticeably, the intensity ratcheted up. In

striving for the opportunity to take another step towards a coveted grand-final berth, nobody wants to have any petrol left in the tank when the day's journey is done.

Centre Chris 'BB' King

opened the scoring when he surged on to a delightful off-load from second-rower James 'Buddha' Griffiths and had too much pace for the cover in a blistering dash to the line. Almost immediately upon the resumption, his brother Bill 'the Lion' King shifted to the wing for the occasion, refused to give up on a kick chase and managed a miraculous try in the corner only centimetres before the ball ran dead. William 'Peppi' Goldsmith converted both - his unerring left-footed shots at goal are a real bonus for the Devils - and the Bay were cruising at 12-0.

Aided by a flow of refereeing decisions, the Cougars lifted and clawed their way back to 18-all before a Goldsmith penalty saw the Devils take a 20-18 lead to the sheds.

The floodlights glowed in the primordial grey, the mercury was plummeting and the rain steady as both sides slugged it out over a nail-bit-

ing second forty.

Kelly put Chris 'Jawbone' Coleman in under the sticks to give Byron some breathing space, but Casino answered with a superb, many-hands try that brought the score back to 26-24.

Patrons in the clubhouse, supporters huddled under tarps, and the mob on the hill, wound up by a frenzied Prophet Elijah, were put through the wringer as neither side was prepared to give an inch.

Victory was finally sealed when Cale 'JJ' Rowston plunged over from dummy-half.

It was a fab game of footy.

The Devils now travel to Murwillumbah on Saturday to continue their quest for the premierships' holy grail.

Earlier, Mullumbimby maintained the Giants' impressive record at junior level with a gritty 20-4 win over the Ballina Seagulls in the Under-18s.

Off-the-hook diehards



Jack Van Delft with a Richmond River Mulloway

Great weather for ducks is all that I can say! The weather over the last two weeks has made recreational fishing near impossible for all except the keenest of diehard anglers.

We have experienced gale-force winds, an influx of cornflake weed on Main Beach, buckets of rain and a very unpredictable swell.

This swell has now turned easterly making it extremely dangerous for anyone even thinking about heading off-shore. I would strongly advise against rock fishing around Broken Head and Cape Byron for the remainder of the week as the swell is looking like it will hit close to four metres

from the east/southeast.

Once this swell swings south, the beaches inside the Bay will be okay as they are protected by the Cape; however, exposed beaches such as Tallows all the way up to Cosy Corner will be dangerous for all. I know the surfers will be excited by this; however, please exercise due caution and give the ocean the respect it deserves.

The deluges that we are experiencing will end up flushing the rivers and pushing mullet and prawns down towards the river mouths. A focus on eddies near breakwalls will find hungry mulloway feeding as this smorgasbord is directed

into their waiting mouths.

If the breakwalls are safe to fish from (observe them for a good 15-20 minutes prior to venturing out), you will find success casting large soft plastics and hard-bodied minnow lures into these eddies on the ebb tide.

A mulloway weighing more than 30kg was taken from a breakwall this last week, so they are there!

The rivers are brown from the rain, and if you are chasing bream I suggest using a more pungent bait to assist the fish in finding your hook.

Try mullet or chicken gut on a 1/0 or 2/0 hook with as little weight as possible. If

Billygoats head to grand final



The Billygoats under-10s will contest the junior rugby union grand final on Friday 5 September at Crozier Oval Lismore. Kick-off against Lismore, who they defeated 14-5 in the last outing, will be at 5.30pm. The Billygoats presentation for all grades will be on Sunday September 7 at The Brunswick Surf Club, 12 noon start.

you are taking your boat out, there is only one direction to go and that is upstream.

Please exercise caution when navigating in the rivers as there will be a lot of debris floating down from the rain that will pose a safety hazard.

Finally, the powerful surf conditions will create a new array of gutters and channels along the beaches so find a nice vantage point at low tide, identify these areas, and come back and fish these spots on the high and you will be rewarded.

Doug Benjamin
Byron Bay Charters
0400 946 066

Mulumbimby Tennis Club

There will be an open day of tennis on Sunday September 7 from 10am

All welcome

Club championships 2014 will be held the week of November 3 (nights as required)

Finals Sunday November 9

Entry forms via email or the clubhouse.

Byron Allsox Softball Inc.

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Address: 797 Fernleigh Road, Brooklet
 Insect: Saturday 10 – 10.30am
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 1 Thomas Street, Bangalow. Sat 10-10.30am
 23 Rifle Range Road, Bangalow. Sat 11-11.30am
 12 Thomas Street, Bangalow. Sat 11-11.30am
 2 Elliot Road, Clunes. Sat 12-12.30pm
 106 Eureka Road, Eureka. Sat 1-1.30pm
 82 Tooheys Mill Road, Fernleigh. Sat 2-2.30pm
FIRST NATIONAL BYRON BAY
 58 Brandon Street, Suffolk Park. Wed 2-2.30pm & Sat 11-11.30am
 15 Bottlebrush Crescent, Suffolk Park. Wed 2-2.30pm & Sat 11-11.30am
 5 Koonyum Range Road, Wilsons Creek. Thu & Sat 11-11.30am
 1 Bobra Glen, Ocean Shores. Thu 1-1.30pm & Sat 1-2pm
 3/84 Centennial Circuit, Byron Bay. Thu 2-2.30pm & Fri 11am-12pm
 4/8 Hazelwood Close, Suffolk Park. Sat 11-11.30am
 15 Cape Vista Drive, Ewingsdale. Sat 11-11.30am
 9 Red Bean Close, Suffolk Park. Sat 11-11.30am
 5/6 Prestons Lane, Tyagarah. Sat 12-12.30pm
 14 Citriadora Drive, Ewingsdale. Sat 12-12.30pm
 142 Parkway Drive, Ewingsdale. Sat 1-1.30pm
 43 Federal Drive West, Eureka. Sat 1-1.30pm
 1 Jackwood Court, Suffolk Park. Sat 2-2.30pm
GNF REAL ESTATE BANGALOW
 5 Thomas Street, Bangalow. Sat 11-11.30am
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 4 Namoi Glen, Ocean Shores. Sat 11-11.30am
 22 Beach Ave, Sth Golden Beach. Sat 11-11.30am
 44 The Terrace, Brunswick Heads. Sat 12-12.30pm
LJ HOOKER BYRON BAY
 Figtree Fields, Ewingsdale. Daily 10-11am
 906 Coolamon Scenic Dr, Byron Bay. Thu 3-3.30pm
 14-2/18 Oodgeroo Gdns, Byron Bay. Fri 2-2.30pm
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 3/60 Centennial Circuit, Byron Bay. Sat 1-1.30pm
LOIS BUCKETT REAL ESTATE
 58 Brandon St, Suffolk Park. Wed 2-2.30pm
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 2/20 Gibbon St, Lennox Head. Sat 10-10.30am
 30 Amber Drive, Lennox Head. Sat 10-10.30am
 2/6 Meadows Drive, Lennox Head. Sat 11-11.30am
 40 Alison Ave, Lennox Head. Sat 12-12.30pm
 3/18-20 Allens Pde, Lennox Head. Sat 12-12.30pm
 58 Brandon St, Suffolk Park. Sat 1-1.30pm
 17 Ballina Rd, Lennox Head. Sat 2-2.30pm
MCGRATH BYRON BAY
 3/2 Bryce Street, Suffolk Park. Sat 10-10.30am
 39 Hardy Avenue, Ocean Shores. Sat 10-10.45am
 264 Friday Hut Rd, Possum Creek. Sat 11-11.30pm
 2 Tincogan Street, Mullumbimby. Sat 10.30-11am

10/2 Cemetery Road, Byron Bay. Sat 11-11.30am
 'Seacliffs' - Agent on site. Sat 12-1pm
 335 Federal Drive, Federal. Sat 12-12.30pm
 30 Coachwood Court, Federal. Sat 12-12.30pm
 21 Rifle Range Road, Bangalow. Sat 12-12.30pm
 4 Blackbutt Place, Byron Bay. Sat 1-1.30pm
 Lot 4 Teak Lane, Federal. Sat 1-1.30pm
 335 Federal Drive, Federal. Wed 3-3.30pm
 21 Rifle Range Road, Bangalow. Wed 3.30-4pm
 3/2 Bryce Street, Suffolk Park. Wed 4.30-5pm
 4 Blackbutt Place, Byron Bay. Wed 4.30-5pm
 39 Hardy Avenue, Ocean Shores. Wed 4.30-5pm
PROFESSIONALS MULLUMBIMBY
 31 Dalley St, Mullumbimby. Sat 11.15am-12pm
RAY WHITE BYRON BAY
 10 Comet Close, Byron Bay. Wed 12.30-1pm & Sat 11.30am-12pm
 3 Orara Court, Byron Bay. Thu 10am-10.30am & Sat 1-1.30pm
 4 Coogera Circuit, Suffolk Park. Thu 11am-11.30am
 Lot 1 Station Street, Mullumbimby. Thu 1-1.30pm & Sat 9.30-10am
 42 Paterson Street, Byron Bay. Sat 11-11.30am
 11 Mackay Street, Byron Bay. Sat 12-12.30pm
 4 Coogera Cct, Suffolk Park. Sat 1-1.30pm
SCOTT HARVEY REAL ESTATE
 Lot 4, Rancher Court, Wollongbar. Sat 10-10.30am
 Unit 2, 23 Arrowsmith Drive, Alstonville. Sat 12-12.30pm
 23 Blackwood Crescent, Bangalow. Sat 11-11.30am

AUCTIONS

ELDERS BANGALOW
Auction 2pm onsite September 6
 797 Fernleigh Road, Brooklet
Auction 6pm September 25 in our rooms
 53 Fox Road, Rosebank
Auction forthcoming
 28 General Stubbs Drive, Rosebank
FIRST NATIONAL BYRON BAY
Auction 12pm onsite this Friday
 3/84 Centennial Circuit, Byron Bay
Auction 2pm onsite this Saturday
 1 Bobra Glen, Ocean Shores
Auction 12.30pm onsite September 6
 5 Koonyum Range Road, Wilsons Creek
Auction onsite September 13
 58 Brandon Street, Suffolk Park
GNF REAL ESTATE BANGALOW
Auction 11am onsite Saturday September 13
 5 Thomas Street, Bangalow
LOIS BUCKETT REAL ESTATE
Auction September 13
 58 Brandon St, Suffolk Park
Auctions October 8
 40 Alison Ave, Lennox Head
 3/18-20 Allens Pde, Lennox Head
 30 Amber Drive, Lennox Head

MCGRATH BYRON BAY
Auction 4pm onsite Friday September 5
 4 Blackbutt Place, Byron Bay
Auction 5pm onsite Friday September 5
 10/2 Cemetery Road, Byron Bay
Auction 10am onsite Saturday September 6
 2 Tincogan Street, Mullumbimby
Auction 11am onsite Saturday September 6
 2 Tincogan Street, Mullumbimby
Auction 12pm onsite Saturday September 6
 335 Federal Drive, Federal
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 21 Rifle Range Road, Bangalow
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 3/2 Bryce Street, Suffolk Park
Auction 1.30pm onsite Saturday September 20
 30 Coachwood Court, Federal
Auction 1pm onsite Saturday September 27
 264 Friday Hut Road, Possum Creek
Auction 2.30pm onsite Saturday September 27
 Lot 4 Teak Lane, Federal
RAY WHITE BYRON BAY
Auction 10am onsite Saturday August 30
 Lot 1 Station Street, Mullumbimby
Auction 10am onsite Saturday September 13t
 3 Orara Court, Byron Bay
Auction 10.30am onsite Saturday October 4
 42 Paterson Street, Byron Bay

NEW LISTINGS

BANGALOW REAL ESTATE & BYRON HINTERLAND PROPERTIES
 • 1050 Eltham Road, Pearce's Creek, 7 Bedrooms, 4 bathrooms on approx. 30 acres
FIRST NATIONAL BYRON BAY
 • 1 Jackwood Cr, Suffolk Park. Interest Over \$510K
 • 1A Coachwood Cr, Federal. Interest Over \$269K
 • 231 Goremans Rd, Eureka. Interest Over \$699K
LJ HOOKER BYRON BAY
 • 1/1 Wollumbin Street, Byron Bay
LOIS BUCKETT REAL ESTATE
 • 8/161 Tamar St, Ballina. \$290,000
 • 17 Ballina Rd, Bangalow. Offers over \$700,000+
 • 2/20 Gibbon St, Lennox Head. \$550,000
 • 3/18 Gibbon St, Lennox Head. \$550,000
 • 2/6 Meadows Drive, Lennox Head. \$580,000+
 • 30 Amber Drive, Lennox Head. Auction 8 Oct
 • 40 Alison Ave, Lennox Head. Auction 8 Oct
 • 3/18-20 Allens Pde, Lennox Head. Auction 8 Oct
 • 6 Satinwood Place, Lennox Head. \$700,000
 • 6 Tallowood Place, Lennox Head. \$850,000
 • 56 Survey St, Lennox Head. \$695,000
 • 58 Brandon St, Suffolk Park. Auction 13 Sep
RAY WHITE BYRON BAY
 • 42 Paterson Street, Bryon Bay. Auction. Original 2-3 bedroom home on 717sqm with dual access.
 • 4 Coogera Cct, Suffolk Park. 3 bed, 2 bath brick home with DLUG on 606sqm block

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Stunning & spacious family home

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40 Alison Avenue, Lennox Head.

- ✓ 4½ years old, this home has been finished to exacting standards
- ✓ High ceilings, stone kitchen bench, landscaped gardens & bamboo flooring
- ✓ Quality 4 bedroom home with office or 5th bedroom with NE aspect
- ✓ Open plan spacious kitchen, living and dining, with separate media room
- ✓ Master suite w. ensuite on both levels
- ✓ Salt water pool, covered deck, landscaped gardens, granite edge coping

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Vendors will listen to offers prior to Auction.
Auction 5.30pm October 8 at Lennox Hotel Function Room.
Contact Mark on 0429 868 001 or Lois 0428 877 399.

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OPEN HOUSE
Saturday 2-2.30pm

All class and charm

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17 Ballina Road, Bangalow

- ✓ Located at one of Bangalow's highest points, less than 1km from the CBD
- ✓ Charming 120 year old home with fabulous rural views at the front & rear
- ✓ Stunning combination of modern & antique. Features include pressed metal, breezeways, french doors & hoop pine flooring
- ✓ 2 spacious bedrooms plus study/office with dual access from front verandah
- ✓ New kitchen with granite bench tops

✓ Perfect retirement home
The price range of this property also makes it a candidate for the recently increased capped price for the first home buyers' grant.

For Sale – offers over \$700,000.
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Beachfront Suffolk Park

2 1

- ✓ Ideal for both holiday & rental income
- ✓ 2 bedroom house plus 858m² beachfront land
- ✓ Open layout with separate living and dining room
- ✓ Neatly appointed kitchen
- ✓ Easy access to wide balcony

✓ Front entertainers deck
Price \$799,000.
Contact Liam Annesley 0417 780 795

LJ Hooker



OPEN HOUSE
Saturday 11-11.30am

Modern, Stylish Home in Bangalow

3 2 2

12 Thomas Street, Bangalow.

- ✓ Fabulous, popular Bangalow location
- ✓ Huge modern home with generous living spaces
- ✓ Large 1016m² landscaped block
- ✓ Well established, tropical gardens
- ✓ Spacious, covered outdoor patio
- ✓ Solid, rendered home, Colorbond roof

✓ Great family home or investment
For sale – offers over \$680,000.
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OPEN HOUSE
Saturday 11-11.30am

A hidden Treasure in Bangalow

5 Thomas Street, Bangalow

- ✓ Dress circle location high on the hill by the church
- ✓ Expansive elevated rural views from quiet cul de sac.
- ✓ Protected and private 1065 sqm block with established trees.
- ✓ Suit renovation, new home or future development (STCA)

Offers considered prior to auction.
Auction 11am onsite September 13.
Contact Alli Page 0403 498 648.

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OPEN HOUSE
Saturday 11-11.30am

You'll be proud to call this Home!

4 Namoi Glen, Ocean Shores.

- ✓ Delightful home filled with character and charm
- ✓ Deep verandahs on 3 sides, private fenced garden
- ✓ Open living design, wood fire, & high ceilings
- ✓ 3 bedrooms, single garage, quiet location

✓ Close to shops, beaches, stroll to public parkland and tennis courts
Price \$459,000.
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LJ Hooker Brunswick Heads.

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OPEN HOUSE
Saturday 11-11.30am

ON SITE AUCTION
September 13

Tasteful Living

4 2 2

23 Blackwood Crescent, Bangalow.

Beautifully presented, this as-new, single level home has everything ready for family life. You will love the two living spaces, modern kitchen with gas cooking, enormous workbench and the 4 large bedrooms, the oversized main with ensuite. Discover the easy care garden positioned to capture the winter sun, the undercover entertaining area and delightful in-ground pool, reverse air

con, solar hot water and storage. Great for the kids and entertaining. A double garage completes the picture.
Price guide \$645,000 – \$695,000.
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Other features include, reverse-cycle air-conditioning, roof insulation, solar hot water and plenty of in home storage. A double garage completes the picture.

Primary and high school bus stops just minutes away, as are the local sports ground, cafes and shops. In fact, there is everything to make life as convenient as possible in picturesque Bangalow.

Outdoor entertainment area, terrace/paved, inground pool.

Address: 23 Blackwood Crescent,
Inspect: 11-11.30am Saturday August 30
Auction: On site 13th September, 2014
Contact: Scott Harvey 0412 296 872

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24 James Street, Dunoon

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- 63 acres of seclusion, undulating scenery, magnificent views and meandering creeks
- Superbly renovated, as new home with up to 5 bedrooms including granny flat
- Fully integrated gourmet kitchen featuring German appliances and designer range hood
- The ultimate fully enclosed outdoor entertaining area – perfect for all year round use
- Beautifully landscaped gardens, unlimited water, 2 large sheds, solar and 3 phase power

Interest Over \$1,250,000

Open: By Appointment
 Enquiries: Sharon McInnes 0408 659 649
 First National Byron Bay or
 Sharon Dowling 0416 242 772



5 Koonyum Range Road, Wilsons Creek

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- 'Fly like an eagle' spectacular ocean and hinterland views
- Set 300m above sea level offering 17 acres of pristine nature
- Private timber home showcasing indoor/outdoor living
- Sought after Koonyum Range Road only mins to Mullumbimby
- A special property with rarity value – you must see to appreciate!

Open: Thursday, 28 August 11.00 – 11.30am
 Saturday, 30 August 11.00 – 11.30am
 Auction: 12.30pm onsite, Saturday 6 September
 Enquiries: Tara Torkkola 0423 519 698 or Paul Prior 0418 324 297



15 Bottlebrush Crescent, Suffolk Park

3 2 2

Interest Over \$699,000

- Character home with elevation, privacy and guest accommodation
- North aspect and filled with natural light and breezes
- Large downstairs room ideal for separate guest accom or 4th bed
- Plenty of space to build a granny flat
- Walk to Tallow Beach and shopping centre

Open: Wednesday, 27 August 2.00 – 2.30pm
 Saturday, 30 August 11.00 – 11.30am
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5/6 Prestons Lane, Tyagarah

Interest Over \$1,100,000

- 8600m² of prime land with panoramic ocean and lighthouse views
- DA approval to build a superb 5 bedroom, 5 bathroom home with pool
- Set in an exclusive subdivision high on a private and elevated sunny ridge
- The ocean and beach are a short bike ride or stroll down the lane
- Only a 7 minute drive to Byron Bay CBD. This is a truly outstanding property!

Open: Saturday, 30 August
12.00 – 12.30pm
Enquiries: James Young 0419 856 840
Tara Torkkola 0423 519 698



1 Bobra Glen, Ocean Shores

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Interest Over \$479,000

- Large family home with endless opportunities
- 2 separate levels, rental \$640 per week
- Ideally located close to beaches and shopping centre
- Modern and light with great outdoor entertaining areas
- This property will be sold; your inspection is a must!

Open: Thursday, 28 August 1.00 – 1.30pm
Saturday, 30 August 1.00 – 2.00pm
Auction: 2pm onsite this Saturday, 30 August
Enquiries: Tara Torkkola 0423 519 698 or Paul Prior 0418 324 297



142 Parkway Drive, Ewingsdale

3 2 3

Interest Over \$1,175,000

- Stunning, north facing home in park-like surrounds
- 1 elevated acre, spacious yard and established gardens
- Triple garage with high ceilings, ideal granny flat conversion (STCA)
- Contemporary design with timber features and outdoor entertaining
- Minutes' drive or bike ride to beaches, shops and the Steiner School

Open: Saturday, 30 August 1.00 – 1.30pm
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AUCTION
This Friday 12pm
29th August



3/84 Centennial Circuit, Byron Bay

Interest Over \$349,000

- Selling well below replacement value
- 'Lightforce Computers' building with fabulous fit out
- Outstanding freehold property with strong income potential
- 124m² ground floor, large mezzanine, 2 entrances and car space
- This quality property will be sold with vacant possession

Open: Thursday 2.00 – 2.30pm or Friday 11.00 – 12.00pm
Auction: 12pm onsite this Friday, 29 August
Enquiries: Tara Torkkola 0423 519 698 or Paul Prior 0418 324 297

AUCTION
Saturday
13th September



58 Brandon Street, Suffolk Park

Interest Over \$870,000

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- Perfectly positioned only a short walk to beach
- Spacious and renovated family home set over 2 levels
- Downstairs is an approved 2nd living space, great options!
- Set on a 732m² allotment with large double garage

Open: Wednesday, 27 August 2.00 – 2.30pm
Saturday, 30 August 11.00 – 11.30am & 1.00 – 1.30pm

Enquiries: Paul Banister 0438 856 552 or Lois Buckett 0428 877 399 loisbuckett.com.au



1 Jackwood Court, Suffolk Park

Interest Over \$510,000

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- Excellent location, walk to beach and shops
- Light and bright family home with north aspect
- Flowing open plan kitchen/dining and lounge
- Quiet and elevated street in popular Byron Hills
- Single lock up garage and sunny courtyard

Open: Saturday, 30 August 2.00 – 2.30pm
Enquiries: Paul Banister 0438 856 552



2/11 Alcorn Street, Suffolk Park

Interest Over \$850,000

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- Beachfront living in absolutely premium position!
- Free standing duplex on 331m² of prime land
- Lush tropical environment offering total privacy
- Sensational indoor/outdoor living and entertaining
- Great local shops and bike track into Byron nearby

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- Over 100 acres of total privacy • Panoramic northerly outlook to Nightcap Ranges
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Sale

Guide \$500,000 to \$550,000
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Auction



Sale



Build That House You Want, In A Premium Location

Byron Bay Lot 3 Wollumbin Street

Enjoy the Northerly sun in winter in a premium address only minutes from town. There are not many quality Byron Bay vacant blocks left in these prime locations.

- North facing backyard, elevated position
- Quiet cul-de-sac in Byron township
- Set amongst quality newly built homes
- Popular cafe & general store close by
- Walk to schools, shops & town

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Expressions of Interest

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property ID 1036408
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Lovable Lilli Pilli Area

Byron Bay 3 Orara Court

Here is your opportunity to buy an affordable, freestanding character filled home on approx 450sqm, ripe to renovate and turn into your dream home. This is a great opportunity to get into the Byron Bay property market and with a home that has so much potential in a lovely area.

- Polished timber floors
- Open plan living onto sunny decks
- Quiet beautiful treed area
- Great garden space

Ray White Byron Bay

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Auction

Sat 13th Sept 10.00am On Site
Inspect Thu 10.00am—10.30am
Sat 1.00pm—1.30pm

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Auction this Saturday

AUCTION

High Profile Location

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This is a stand out opportunity to buy one of the few remaining vacant CBD sites in Mullumbimby.

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Public reaction seems to be in favour of the altruistic (and artistic) pothole painters of the Shire. We can understand the safety concerns of the police and Council, especially the way some drunken drivers infest the roads around here, but the artwork has probably saved lots of undercarriages and preserved public goodwill. And the number of dangerous potholes is unlikely to decrease, given the state of funding for councils.

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‘It’s like a game of Monopoly where there are rules set out in a little book but no one is expected to play by them. In fact, the game is how to get around them. Except here the board – all those mining rights and rail lines and spot rezonings – is our world. It’s where we live, and these guys are tramping all over it.’ So says Elizabeth Farrelly in her article demonstrating the contempt in which many of our politicians hold the responsibilities of public office: <http://bit.ly/Farsmh>.

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While on the subject of contempt: Vatican City has been described as the ‘smallest internationally recognised independent state in the world’. If its representatives keep abusing citizens of our own sovereign state, isn’t it about time we imposed sanctions against it, or at least gave its leaders here a severe talking-to? Oh that’s right, most of our senior federal politicians are in thrall to the magical thinking coming out of that state.

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In related news, Cardinal George Pell has publicly insulted every truck driver in Australia, the chair of the



THE PRIME MINISTER SAID WHAT?!

Australian Trucking Association, Noelene Watson, said last week. She was responding to Cardinal Pell’s comments to the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse, when he stated that the Catholic Church was no more responsible for priests who abuse children than a trucking company would be if they employed a driver who molested women. ‘These comments are a desperate attempt to deflect attention from the Royal Commission being faced by the Catholic Church and other institutions that deal with children,’ Ms Watson said. ‘Cardinal Pell must realise that he cannot solve these problems by insulting Australia’s hard-working truck drivers, who deliver the goods we use every day.’ Unfortunately Pell is hardly of a mindset to realise anything.

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‘Never pick a fight with someone who buys ink by the barrel,’ Mark Twain once said of newspaper proprietors. But what would Mr Twain say to Clive Palmer’s ambition to start a national daily in opposition to Murdoch? The everyman billionaire helping to ruin our atmosphere has registered

the *Australasian Times*, and it’s fairly obvious that it’s an attempt to create an alternative voice to everyman billionaires like Murdoch who are also helping to ruin our atmosphere. Meanwhile Murdoch’s News Corp – Australia’s biggest and most influential media company – is acting like a baby without its dummy. It threatened online media outlet Crikey

with legal action after it leaked confidential information detailing its declining print performance. That’s despite News Corp gleefully publishing confidential details on Fairfax and the ABC. It’s a tough gig, newspapers. Perhaps it’s time to again mention a big thanks to our advertisers who make the job of reporting possible. Unlike Murdoch, *The Echo* does not side with corporations and governments that are ruining our atmosphere.

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After watching ABC *Catalyst’s Gut Reaction* program, *Backlash* thought he better check his coffee intake’s impact on gut bacteria. It seems to be positive. (But don’t discount the impact of coffee on other body systems.) Find out more at the ScienceNews website <http://bit.ly/gutcof>.

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Basil mango dressing
(4 per serve)

OCTOPUS 14
Potato aioli, lemon, almonds

QUINOA AND PUMPKIN SALAD 12
Chilli salsa, apple, toasted almonds

POLENTA CHIPS 10
Smoked paprika aioli
(4 per serve)

BURRATA & PROSCIUTTO 11
Rocket, green olives

EGG & HAM 23
Smoked ham hock, asparagus, hen's egg

PUMPKIN & GOATS CHEESE 23
Rocket, pine nuts

MARGARITA 22
Mozzarella, tomato, basil

SEARED TUNA 26
Lemon and potato aioli, jalapeno salsa
Fresh rocket

VEGETARIAN 23
Cherry tomato, eggplant, roast red onion, zucchini

PROSCIUTTO 25
Kipfler potato, Parmesan, truffle oil

SPICEY PORK 24
Sukimis chilli pork mince,
Tomato, mozzarella

NAPOLI 23
White anchovies, capers, olive cheeks, roast garlic

6 HOUR SIRLOIN 26
Slow cooked (served pink), tomato relish,
kipfler potatoes

BRAISED LAMB 28
Quinoa, pomegranate, mint, pine nuts

OSSO BUCCO 24
Tomato-braised veal shin, slaw

FLOUNDER, WHOLE FISH 27
Pan-fried with capers, butter, fresh lemon

PASTA

CLAMS VONGOLE 28
Clams, white wine, chilli, garlic oil, fresh parsley

ROAST PUMPKIN GNOCCHI 27
Pan-fried gnocchi, salumis chorizo paste, tomato, asparagus

BEEF PENNE 26
Shredded braised veal, wild mushrooms, cream sauce,
parmesan

PUTTANESCA 26
Olive cheeks, capers, white anchovies, tomato sauce

SIDES

ROAST KIPFLER 7
Smoked paprika aioli

BRAISED LIMA BEANS 11
Spiced pumpkin and tomato, shaved fennel

ROCKET & GOATS CHEESE 10
Apple, walnut

RADICCHIO 9
Orange, fresh chilli, pistachio, citrus dressing

GREEN BEANS 10
Chilli garlic oil

DESSERT

TIRAMISU 10
Our traditional recipe

CHOCOLATE MOUSSE 12
Rich chocolate mousse, chocolate crunch,
passionfruit

BANANA AND NUTELLA PIZZA 15
Yoghurt, banana ice cream

LEMON CURD PARFAIT 12
Fresh strawberry, candied pistachios,
meringue

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