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Byron sidesteps Marcia's wrath



Top, Police Rescue negotiates a Main Arm crossing, still from Sharon Shostak's video; top right, the Channel 7 news team set up at Billinudgel, photo Jeff Dawson; above, Ukiah Truscott and Bodhi Jenas enjoy a bit of boarding in a paddock, still from Sharon Shostak's video; and above right, a couple of likely lads tempt fate at Snapper Rocks on the Gold Coast, photo Jeff Dawson.

Tropical Cyclone Marcia had pretty much fizzled out by the time it hit Byron Shire, though the strong wind, flooding and coastal erosion were a timely reminder of the potential for harm.

The huge falls of rain expected by last Friday night failed to eventuate though constant showers helped to soak most backyards. The minor flood warning for the Brunswick River was also a precautionary measure and little impact followed, with just a few road closures at creek crossings troubling the Shire.

The Shire's new weatherwoman Magdalena Roze told *The Echo*, 'I've reported on many flooding events over the years but this is the first time that my own property was

under threat. Our road was cut off but it was great to see so many locals helping each other get through flooded causeways in appropriate 4WDs and the like. Plus it's good to know the rain tank's full!'

The State Emergency Service was on duty across the north coast just in case. SES spokesperson Phil Campbell said the damage caused by wind had been minor.

'We have had strong winds up in northern NSW with some gusts up around 90 kilometres per hour at Cape Byron,' he told ABC radio.

'This has resulted in some minor property damage with some trees and branches down.'

According to Bureau of Meteorology data, for the week ending

February 22 the north coast including Byron Shire received around 150-200mm in rainfall, depending on location. The top fall for Mullumbimby was 100mm for the 24 hours to 9am on last Friday, while Byron Bay received 96mm in the same period.

The Mullumbimby SES is now recruiting for new members in a range of positions, both indoors and outdoors. An information session is being held on Tuesday March 3 at 9am and Saturday March 7 at 12pm. Find out more on 0418 663 836.

■ See Sharon Shostak's video of the flooding and the SES at work Echonetdaily.net.au www.echo.net.au/flood-scouting

Labor aims to 'terminate' West Byron plan

Michael McDonald

If elected, NSW Labor will take plans for West Byron development back to the drawing board, according to its Ballina candidate Paul Spooner.

Mr Spooner said Labor would terminate the State Environmental Planning Policy (West Byron Bay) 2014 that amended the 1988 Byron LEP so that the West Byron area sits within the 2014 Byron LEP. The desired effect of this is to rescind the recent rezoning of West Byron which enabled the go-ahead of the planned residential and commercial development of some 55 hectares on a 108ha site.

Bigger lot sizes

If the site sits within the 2014 Byron LEP, minimum lot sizes for low-density residential would go up from 450m² to 650m², and from 200m² to 400m² for medium-density residential.

Labor would also commit to handing back the development and approval of any development

control plan for the site to Byron Shire Council.

Mr Spooner said Labor would support the proposition that any new proposal must include traffic reduction strategies for Ewingsdale Road, include larger and fewer blocks, support low-cost housing and ensure the protection of Belling Creek and the local koala populations.

'We need to act'

'If I am elected to Parliament and Labor forms government, West Byron will not go ahead,' Mr Spooner said. 'The first conversation I had with [NSW opposition leader] Luke Foley was about the West Byron development and how we needed to act.'

'I want to see Byron Bay preserved, not wrecked. If this development proposal in its current form goes ahead, it would change life in our community forever.'

Local conservation activist Dailan Pugh and Cate Cooney of the **continued on page 2**



Cate Cooney, Paul Spooner and Dailan Pugh rip up the West Byron SEPP at the proposed development site.



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Byron Residents' Group have welcomed Labor's position. 'This is an essential move, Mr Pugh said. 'It will remove a lot of the residential density. 'We hope we can go back to square one and have proper consideration of traffic impact, acid sulfate in the Belongil estuary and koala habitat.'

Ms Coorey also emphasised the need to consider social impact. 'The existing plans could raise Byron's population by thirty to forty per cent,' she said.

NSW Nature Conservation Council CEO Kate Smolksi had planned to meet with residents protesting outside Council's Mullum offices last Friday while Department of Planning staff met with

Council staff inside. However, the wild weather meant the meeting was abandoned.

Ms Smolksi said in a media release that the NSW planning department's handling of the West Byron development 'is one of the worst instances of administrative heavy-handedness we have seen.'

Flawed planning

'Planning minister Pru Goward needs to explain to the community why the West Byron development has been fast-tracked, because this is not a development of state significance and it does not deserve to have a separate planning policy to ram through development that the people clearly oppose very strongly.'

'Sadly, this is a consequence of the state's flawed planning system giving developers undue influence.'

'The minister's actions in relation to West Byron are a flagrant breach of the promise the coalition gave before the last election to return power in the planning system to the people.'

The Byron Young Residents Alliance (BYRA) in conjunction with the Byron Residents' Group are hosting an all-ages community event and rally to Protect Byron on Sunday March 1. It will begin at 3pm with a march from Railway Park to Apex Park, Byron Bay, followed by entertainment from 4pm till sunset.

Parkway Drive leader Winston McCall will MC the event which features a number of local performers and appearances by surfer Dave Rastovich, Arakwal spokesperson Delta Kay and the Mana Aloha hula troupe.

See more information on the Protect Byron Rally Facebook page.

Ms Coorey said in relation to the Protect Byron Rally, 'We hope to get a commitment from all [NSW election] candidates on the West Byron development.'

Kia recycles from closet to costume



Story & photo Eve Jeffery

Kloset 2 Costume: Celebrity Couture is a free six-week group course held at the YAC and led by Kia Wasley.

Kia, who has just completed year 12, has received a Small Change Grant from Byron Shire to realise her vision of recycling/upcycling discarded clothes and turning

them into unique costumes.

'I have always liked dressing up and I thought "why buy it when I can make it?"' said Kia. 'You can make old into new, recycle and remake.'

Kia has organised the free (for 16- to 21-year-olds) course to design and create theatre costumes that stand out and to promote sustainability while building posi-

tive and creative relationships between young people in the Shire.

'I have always wanted to do a textiles course and I have always been interested in fashion and costume design,' says Kia.

'I have always wanted to make op-shop clothes into new high fashion.'

Kia hopes to learn more about textiles and fashion and start her own label one day, with one part of her stock being unique one-offs made from the oppy.

'I'd like to get my fashions out there as well as working behind the scenes in movies and Broadway and make costumes for productions.'

For more information about the course, call the BYS on 6685 7777.

Photos of koalas in local catchment sought

In a joint project the Byron-Belongil Group and the Byron Young Residents Alliance are calling for photos koalas of seen anywhere in the Byron-Belongil catchment: from Tyagarah to Broken Head, and round back up to St Helena. 'We are compiling a story map about Byron's koalas to get a better under-

standing of the koalas, their locations and the ways people observe them,' the groups say.

Email photos of koalas to byronkoala@gmail.com and include the location and date

of photo(s), as well as time and any other comments about the sighting. For more information contact Mary Gardner

0423 742 792 or Caitlin Weatherstone 0448 054 820.

Correction

The Echo spelt Jebez Reitman's last name incorrectly in the story on the top of page 3 last week.

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RMS leaves Maca Castle in limbo

Story & photo Eve Jeffery

The Macadamia Castle is about to fall off the radar as the Roads and Maritime Services prepares to open the new section of the Tintenbar to Ewingsdale Pacific Highway upgrade.

Castle owner Tony Gilding is fighting to get the tourist attraction back on the map but says he is getting no joy from the RMS. Mr Gilding says that he is not getting any sort of useful response to his concerns and he has sent a long list of questions to RMS project director Bob Higgins.

Distressed

'Our worst nightmare will be when the upgrade opens and none of the signs will be there,' says Tony, who is very distressed about the possibility of his business literally disappearing.

'We need some response from the RMS. The local member [Don Page] could be trying harder to force the RMS to treat the residents and businesses with a bit more respect and reply to their letters.'

'The RMS is accountable



Macadamia Castle owner Tony Gilding.

to the people of NSW and the local MP is an elected representative.'

Tony says he has had multiple conversations with the RMS but has had no written resolutions. 'Until it's in writing we can't be sure that they are going to do what they have indicated they are going to do.'

Gilding also says that the

Castle does not have a new address allocated to it for when the old address becomes defunct.

'We print our brochures a year in advance. We need a street address!'

'We can't print our brochures unless we know what the signage is going to say. We don't know how to tell people how to find us.'

RMS responds

Roads and Maritime say they been working with the owner of the Macadamia Castle for more than three years as part of a business signage strategy focus group for the Tintenbar to Ewingsdale Pacific Highway upgrade.

'There has been ongoing consultation and discussions with various community groups about the plan between 2012 and 2014, including with Mr Gilding,' said an RMS spokesperson. 'The project team has met with Mr Gilding many times to address and finalise his issues with signage.'

'The signage plan will be finalised before the project opens to traffic, which is expected in the second half of 2015, weather permitting.'

Tony says he feels that there is an enormous amount of power at one desk at the RMS. 'We feel there is a bottleneck which is ultimately affecting our plan to deal with the highway. A signage plan is a very important part of the process and it hasn't been given any sort of priority and that's frustrating.'

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Bangalow meets on rail trail impact

Bangalow Progress Association is inviting the general public, BPA members and representatives of other local community organisations to a meeting to hear presentations on how the various options for new uses of the Murwillumbah to Casino rail corridor could impact upon Bangalow and neighbouring areas.

The NSW government is making up to \$50m available to assist rail trail development or for commercial use of disused rail corridors in two areas of NSW of which the

longest stretch is the Casino to Murwillumbah railway. Expressions of interest are due by the end of March 2015.

Potential loss

BPA president Tony Hart said, 'Bangalow already attracts many tourists, often day trippers plus visitors staying in Byron Bay and other coastal resorts and the surrounding hinterland.'

'While these are very welcome, there is potential for Bangalow losing its attractiveness should we have too many tourists or differ-

ent types of tourists merely using the town as a starting off or end point for a walk or ride on the rail corridor.

'BPA is encouraging more open debate about how Bangalow will be impacted upon by the various options.'

Representatives of at least three separate groups planning to submit expressions of interest to the state government will speak at the meeting in Bangalow Heritage House in Deacon Street 5.30-8pm on Thursday March 5.

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Meeting to mull meth in Mullum

According to community workers at the Mullumbimby Neighbourhood Centre, addiction to Ice or crystal meth and the subsequent co-morbidities – domestic and family violence, mental health issues, and homelessness – are issues for the Mullum community.

‘There is a real need for community dialogue,’ says Julie Williams, manager at the Mullumbimby Neighbourhood Centre. ‘We need to talk about the issues that we face as a regional town, particularly as a town that has been historically renowned for a permissive drug culture.’

‘What we are seeing now is different from anything we’ve seen before. In order for the community to be equipped to deal with the impact of addiction, it needs to develop strategies and resources to protect itself.’

Michelle Walter, the women’s resource worker at the neighbourhood centre, be-



Comedian Mandy Nolan and Michelle Walter, the women’s resource worker at the Mullumbimby Neighbourhood Centre. Photo Eve Jeffery

lieves education, awareness and open dialogue are key factors in creating the infrastructure needed to combat the affects of Ice.

‘While we are keen to do what we can to assist those in addiction, we are keen to prevent more members of our community becoming regular Ice users and eventual drug dependants,’ she said.

Walter believes one of the

keys in open dialogue is to de-stigmatise the topic, and so she has invited comedian and *Echo* writer Mandy Nolan to facilitate a panel conversation. Nolan is keen to participate and believes these types of informative and robust conversations are exactly what the town needs.

‘We are wanting to do a series of conversations in the pub called “Community

Matters”, addressing some of the key social issues affecting Mullumbimby,’ Nolan said. ‘The Court House Hotel instigated the idea after identifying the growing problem with Ice addiction.’

‘I don’t think anyone is immune and it’s been shown that the opportunistic nature of the drug has meant that more people than you would think are using in our community. I am interested in addressing myths around Ice use.’

Speaking on the night will be Michelle Walter, Clency Bernard, a counsellor, psychotherapist, psychiatric and general nurse, and Jenny Lemmon, youth drug and alcohol worker for Byron Shire. It is also hoped on the night that a representative of local policing will also be present, along with a former Ice user.

The conversation runs 7pm–9pm at the Court House Hotel on Monday March 16. Questions from the audience will follow.

Council stages ‘drop-in’ sessions on Roundhouse plans

Byron Shire Council staff will be on hand at the Ocean Shores Country Club 2pm–6.30pm on Wednesday February 25 and at the Ocean Village Shopping Centre 2pm–6pm on Thursday February 26 to discuss a planning proposal currently on public exhibition which aims to re-classify the Roundhouse site to ‘operational land – interest changed.’

Byron Shire Council has owned the controversial site since 1990, rezoned it to residential in 1996 and reclassi-

fied to ‘operational’ land in 2002.

Funds raised from the Roundhouse subdivision are proposed to be reinvested back into community assets primarily in the north of the shire.

‘As recently as December 2014, Council resolved that the proceeds from the first Roundhouse block sale would go towards improving Waterlily Park amenities,’ said Council’s director of infrastructure services Phil Holloway. ‘With little

development land available at Ocean Shores, acquiring funds through developer contributions for Waterlily Park would otherwise take many years.

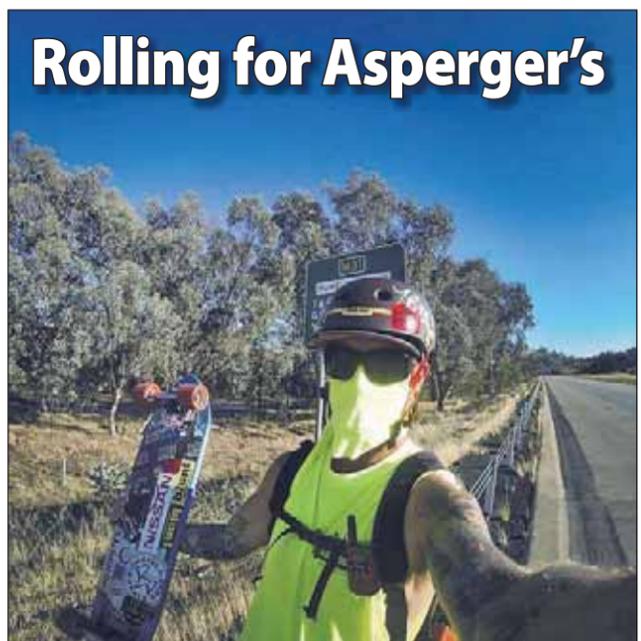
Back into assets

‘Subdividing and reinvesting the Roundhouse proceeds back into assets such as roads, drainage and sport fields will help deliver greatly needed infrastructure for the north of Byron Shire.’

The public exhibition ends on Wednesday March 4 and

further information can be found at <http://bit.ly/Roundhouseplans>. Submissions should be made in writing and addressed to the General Manager, Byron Shire Council, PO Box 219 Mullumbimby 2482 or emailed to submissions@byron.nsw.gov.au.

Following the public exhibition period, a hearing will be held for members of the public to air any concerns. The date for the hearing will be set following a review of the submissions.



Charlie Duncan is skateboarding from Melbourne to Byron Bay to raise money for Asperger Services Australia. He hopes to reach his destination of The Rails by Wednesday February 25 at 6pm. See more about Charlie’s campaign at <https://give.everydayhero.com/au/rollingforaspergers> or <https://www.facebook.com/rollingforaspergers>.

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New political party launched in Lismore

The Renewable Energy Party held its first meeting last week at the Lismore Workers Club.

The political hopefuls announced they were in the process of signing up the 500 members required to form the party.

Campaign manager Jim Moylan said membership was not likely to be a problem.

'Aussies are really passionate about climate change,' Mr Moylan said.

'Our Facebook page has gone off like a skyrocket. All we did was set up a news-feed to climate change news - and a big audience appeared.'

'Well funded'

The secretary of the new party, Byron Bay lawyer Peter Breen, said, 'We are well funded, well organised and mainstream.'

'We have advertising people, political insiders, fundraisers, social media specialists and other professionals. The Renewable Energy Party wants science and the public interest to dictate the terms of the climate debate - not coal, gas and oil companies.'

Among the party's executive membership are Jim



From left, members of the Renewable Energy Party executive John Adam, Sussan Perrow, Dianne Thomas and Peter Breen. Photo supplied

Moylan and Graham Askey, who is the registered officer of the new party. Both were heavily involved in the HEMP party.

'The HEMP party has gone about as far as it will go as a federal political party,' Mr Moylan said.

Also involved is well-known Byron local Susan Perrow, who founded the Byron Bay Periwinkle School and helped establish the Cape Byron Steiner School. She travels extensively giving workshops and training seminars for teachers, parents

and therapists. Her son is the noted pro surfer Kieren Perrow, now retired.

Most colourful of the executive, however, is the party's secretary Peter Breen. Originally a member of the Liberal Party he became a NSW Upper House MP in 1999.

Call to resign

Breen joined the Labor Party in 2006 but then premier Morris Iemma called on him to resign after he refused to apologise for remarks made in his book *Life As A Sentence: The True Story Of*

The Janine Balding Murder in support of convicted killer Stephen 'Shorty' Jamieson. Following his departure from the Labor Party Mr Breen went on to form the Human Rights Party.

Mr Breen's latest foray into politics was in 2014 as an adviser to Senator Ricky Muir of the Australian Motoring Enthusiast Party (AMEP). According to an ABC report, he 'became the third staffer to be dismissed or resign from Senator Muir's office, after he used a sick day to attend the Byron Bay Writers Festival.'

Mr Breen told ABC Radio he did author a leaked confidential report to parliament about 'certain things that happened in the office' between AMEP boss Keith Littler and sacked chief-of-staff, 'preference whisperer' Glenn Druery.

'I had absolutely no involvement in the release of that report to the press,' Mr Breen said. 'And the person who did release it is Glenn Druery, as most people would know.'

The Renewable Energy Party is online at www.renewableenergy.org.au.

Tallowood to go ahead with sports grounds

The Tallowood estate at Mullumbimby plans to begin work on sports facilities after a 'compromise' was reached with Byron Shire Council.

In a report to residents the estate managers say that one regulation-size tennis court with a four-metre high ball fence and a basketball/netball half-court will be constructed on the south bank of Tallowood Creek near newly completed Cockatoo Crescent.

A regulation-size football field with a cricket pitch over-

laid in season will follow, to be constructed on the area of Tallowood designated for sports fields. The sports fields will include 30 paved carpark spaces.

The managers said that last year 'Council informed our team that the councillors were looking for ways to reduce ongoing costs of providing services and requested that Tallowood Ridge substantially reduce or eliminate the planned sports facilities. The current Council inherited an

unsustainable financial future and has little option but to look for opportunities to bring the Shire back to a responsible financial position.

'While we understood their concerns, consent had been issued to construct the sports facilities and Tallowood Ridge had represented to residents that the sports facilities would be built.'

Following on controversy over three residential lots proposed for uphill from Parakeet Place, Tallowood

Ridge has agreed to dedicate as nature reserve 'several areas of the site that border the three lots.'

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Jobs for robots

In his July 2014 article on a 'jobless future', Vivek Wadhwa (wadhwa.com) recounts a remark by Autodesk CEO Carl Bass: 'The factory of the future will have only two employees, a man and a dog. The man will be there to feed the dog. The dog will be there to keep the man from touching the equipment.'

It's a cute quote, and futurists and sci-fi writers have been telling us in joyful tones or stern warnings about the rise of the robots for several decades, at least since Czech playwright Karel Čapek popularised the robot in his 1920 work *R.U.R.*

Much of it has not materialised. People still do much of the grunt work as well as the nerdy stuff on computers, especially in developing nations. It all seems something of a futurist's wet dream.

But the exponential rise of modern software employing advanced algorithms, translating into hardware such as the 3D printer and the driverless car, may now start to put a dent in our 35-50 hour working week. It will certainly further damage the myth pushed on us by campaigning politicians, that of 'full employment', and the consequent scapegoating of those unemployed as dole bludgers.

There's certainly a case for working less and playing more and for employing robots for the shit jobs such as finding and exploding land mines, seeking out and neutralising toxic contamination and screwing lids on jam jars in factories. And while it's a future still pretty alien to my conditioned mind, there's a lot to be said for taking the steering wheel out of human hands and letting robots drive. You can imagine the fractal burnouts.

But hard work for humans still has its uses. There's a certain camaraderie in volunteers stacking sandbags at the levee when the waters are rising that an automated sandbag-stacker cannot recreate. Work is a part of our complex society and we're unlikely to want to sit on our arses, drinking mint juleps 24/7 - though I'm sure we'd give it a good try.

What really needs rethinking in a future co-habitation with robots is our fixation on work and play as of different value. On our day divided into segments, some of which we get paid for. On a society as slave to a money system rather than the other way around.

It is perhaps the failings of human nature which make us look to full employment of robots as a release from our millennia-old quandary.

Michael McDonald

Abbott gaffe may prove deadly

Once more our prime minister has hit the international headlines, and once more for all the wrong reasons.

It is not unusual for Tony Abbott to find himself an object of ridicule - it happens regularly in Australia, and his gaffes have made him a favourite target of irreverent talk shows overseas, especially in the United States and Britain.

But to find himself all over the Indonesian internet as an object of scorn and contempt is neither new nor nice. And more worryingly, it is not good-humoured satire, the kind you can laugh off.

The campaign against Abbott, and by extension the country he governs, is based on anger and resentment. A sign seen in Jakarta last week, 'Australians need a prime minister not a Shylock and drug dealer's cousin,' reveals the depth of the outrage at Abbott's latest blunder.

And of course it was a blunder, a well-intentioned but reckless overstepping of the kind Abbott has made his personal trademark as prime minister and even before then. He was genuinely trying to help the cause of Andrew Chan and Myuran Sukumaran as the apparently remorseless path towards their executions draws ever nearer. So what went wrong?

First, it was a bit of what Abbott would no doubt call plain speaking: Australia could not just ignore the impending executions and if they went ahead, Australia would feel 'grievously let down.' The clear implications was that there would be consequences; and while everyone, but especially the Indonesians, were considering that and wondering just what Abbott had in mind, he went back to the airwaves to note that Australia had given a billion dollars in

tsunami aid just a few years ago, and perhaps Indonesia might like to reciprocate the goodwill.

It may not have been meant as a threat, but it surely sounded like one, and Jakarta, always sensitive when it comes to what it still sees as formerly colonial powers, took it as such. Its government let fly: Indonesia was a proud and sovereign nation, and did not take kindly to threats.

Julie Bishop rushed to the phone and tried to pacify the vice-president, Jusuf Kalla, to assure him that there was no link between the aid and the

claim that it was what Australians wanted to hear from their leader and bugger the Indonesians and the drug smugglers too; shoot the lot of them and cancel the aid, and bad luck to them. Abbott and Bishop were just playing good cop, bad cop in order to get an outcome.

Which, if it were true (which it wasn't) was precisely the problem: good cop, bad cop is the game you play in the interrogation room when you are trying to browbeat a suspect into confessing to a crime. It is not the game you play when you are trying to elicit sympathy from

department had been tirelessly and quietly working through diplomatic channels, massaging potential sympathisers and concentrating on the main game: saving the fugitives from death. It may not have worked, but it was the last, best chance. Had Abbott warned them of his intentions, they would have tried to jump on him.

But instead, he impetuously barged ahead, providing Widodo and his fellow hardliners the excuse - if they need one - to ignore Australia's pleas from now on. Indonesian law, it appears, will take its course. Even if Abbott were to apologise publicly to the aggrieved Widodo - as Widodo has reportedly requested, although there is absolutely no sign that he is likely to get it - it would be too little and too late.

Another captain's call, and given the issue involved, a deadly serious one. In the end, relationships between the two countries will once again have to be papered over; the link, if only one of geography, is too important for open conflict. But that will be of little comfort to Chan and Sukumaran and their families, friends and supporters, and not much for the Liberal Party either.

Abbott is already on probation in the party room, and this, in the very first week of good government, has not been a promising start. Once again, Abbott has tried to shirtfront the opposition in the hope that it may be persuaded to back down. Once again, he has been dismissed with derision.

While he is getting over it, he might ponder just what he will do with quite a lot of Indonesian coins which are on their way. Perhaps he might like to purchase a simple guide to Javanese culture; or, failing that, a Bahasa version of *How to Win Friends and Influence People*.

Australia is regularly seen as an object of suspicion in Jakarta, with Abbott as a particular focus.

by Mungo MacCallum



executions, but while apparently mollified, he reportedly called the statement 'most unhelpful', which it obviously was, and particularly to the hapless prisoners of Kerobokan gaol. What little hope of reprieve they still entertained were dashed yet again.

President Joko Widodo reiterated that the executions would go ahead, and advisers urged that the process should take place as soon as possible to end the pleas for clemency. And the backlash against what was seen as arrogance and bullying from Abbott began - first in Aceh, the island most affected by the tsunami, and then spreading across the vast and populous archipelago. It is not clear who started the movement to collect loose change to pay Abbott back for his aid, but it had a devastating impact, and if the authorities did not actually encourage it, they certainly condoned it.

Some of Abbott's remaining advocates are trying to

a proud and fiercely independent head of state whose own interests are considerably more compelling than your own.

Australia is regularly seen as an object of suspicion in Jakarta, with Abbott as a particular focus; he has never really been forgiven for his high-handed dismissal of the bugging of the phone of the former president Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono and his wife and associates, nor of the stubborn refusal to countenance Indonesia's resistance to turning back the boats of asylum seekers and the inadvertent breaches of Indonesia's maritime borders that resulted.

And before then, of course, there had been an underlying distrust engendered by Julia Gillard's unilateral suspension of the cattle trade and, more lastingly, John Howard's intervention in East Timor. Abbott should have been super cautious; but old habits die hard.

Bishop could have told him to tread carefully; she and her

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NHCP disempowers the locals

Last year I helped do a letterbox drop around Brunswick Heads and Mullumbimby alerting locals to the Brunswick Heads Plans of Management (POM) that would see large stretches of Brunswick Heads foreshore developed and local families excluded from recreational areas they had used all their lives.

We asked local residents to submit their objections to the plans via an online petition that would email their objection to the stated POM email address. Don Page and the then minister were also copied in on all objections.

In an amazing show of support this hastily organised petition attracted 1,500 responses in the first week. It

eventually got 2,558 responses before it closed. Over 600 people not only signed this objection but they also added their own words of disgust to these disgraceful plans.

When the report about the POM came out we were outraged that all of these objections were totally ignored and concerns about foreshore developments were reported at only around 50 submissions. We obviously complained about this but are yet to get a response as to why 2,500 objections were not recorded.

Now my letterbox indicates something else is seriously amiss. The Brunswick Heads Progress Association (BHPA) is obviously questioning the credibility of the POM as well, otherwise it

wouldn't be calling residents to a public meeting at 7pm on Monday March 2 at the Memorial Hall in Fingal Street, Brunswick Heads.

If they didn't have anything substantial, then why bother?

I have been informed that in seeking approval for the POM, North Coast Holiday Parks (NCHP) have relied on a desktop review of documents, principally from development forums organised by the Brunswick Heads Chamber of Commerce (BHCC) and a key stakeholder meeting in April 2012.

Appendix E to the POM for the foreshore parklands says it all! Not one residents' group was represented at that April meeting, yet the organisations represented, being the BHCC,

All Purposes Playgrounds, the Woodchop Committee and McGregor's Carnival are cited as key stakeholders. Most of these people don't even live in Brunswick Heads! What an absolute joke.

How can NCHP defend the indefensible? What does it say about all the other POMs prepared by NCHP? Tactically, NCHP have pre-empted the development plans for our foreshore parklands and disempowered the locals in their preparation.

I most certainly will be attending the meeting because, unlike NCHP, I consider my family who use these foreshores daily the real key stakeholder!

Kelly Dodd
Brunswick Heads

West Byron window

Last Friday February 20 came and went, with no Dept of Planning and Environment arriving to oversee the rubber stamping of the Draft Plan with Council for Terry Agnew's grand estate at West Byron, filled with mansions on blocks from 450sqm down to 150sqm. The irony is that it was the intense cyclonic over-spill here that kept the DoPE away as the rain squalls stopped flights and stopped them from seeing, from a bird's eye view, that West Byron will be almost at flooding point.

If only Terry Agnew could have a future vision of his mansions sinking slowly in acid sulfate soils, built on huge concrete blocks to lift the houses one metre above sea level. Nowhere now for the waters to gently flow across the wetlands into the

estuary; they will be channeled into huge storm pipes that will gush into the estuary and destroy all the remaining biodiversity of our degraded estuary, flora and fauna.

However, we have a reprieve! We can continue to raise awareness of the insanity of this huge development. We can show the DoPE that we are entitled to have a say in this development, and that to have the environment as part of their mandate is laughable, as they have *not* considered the environment at all.

We are not prepared to let them come and rubber stamp this DCP. Baird stated that communities have a right to have a say in what goes on in the local areas. If you want to be a part of asking for a rescission on this development, there is still time.

The rain has extended

our window of opportunity for some weeks. Go to www.facebook.com/ByronResidentsGroup.

Robbie Winter-Blick
Byron Bay

ALP RET deal

What's this about the ALP doing a deal with conservatives to water down the Renewable Energy Target? We need this desperately to hire more people and reduce unemployment. What's Bill Shorten up to?

David Dynes
Federal

Data defined

What the government seeks to retain is not meta-data. It might be better described as infra-data or extra-data. It is like by-catch that accompanies data. Meta-data exists at the level of analysis of data, together with extra-data,

which in turn becomes data when observed analytically.

Meta-data is the currency of the sports commentator, the political analyst and wherever an artform culminates in words and jargon.

PS: Don't tell Tony.

Jim Nutter
Main Arm

Extend compassion

It is good to see that our prime minister has discovered his heart and is speaking up on behalf of our Aussie drug smugglers. Can he extend his compassion a bit further and act on behalf of the hundreds of children incarcerated for no crime, for no good reason and for the rest of their lives just for being children of refugees?

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Local hula troupe Mana Aloha is looking for recruits to join in the dance, and says that 'dancing hula is designed to bring both participants and audience to a heightened state.'

'Aloha means love, and beautiful Hawai'ian hula ex-

presses delight and gratitude for the joys of the natural world.

'Mana Aloha (the name means Powerful Love) love to share their hip-swinging, feelgood dances from the Hawai'ian islands with smiles, flowers and lovely hula hands.

'Since 2013 they've been bringing island style to local celebrations, gatherings, festivals, functions, fundraisers and aged-care homes.

'Physical benefits of hula

include increased fitness, flexibility and stamina. It promotes self-confidence and positive body image, lessens tension, relieves stress, lifts the spirit, is graceful, fun and a major beauty treatment!

The troupe's 2015 intake of new students starts in March with Hula Basics.

For bookings and information go to www.facebook.com/ByronBayHula, email lilith@byrononline.net or call 0417 633 080.

Photo Veda Turner

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so much easier to tackle a problem in our own country than just embarrass a foreign leader into doing the right thing? It surely wouldn't have anything to do with some personal career difficulties requiring a populist opinion swing? Can't miss in this case, if the Bali 2 avoid the firing squad it is entirely Tony's doing and if not, well, he always had his suspicions about those Indonesians.

Harald Ehrlich
Suffolk Park

More praise for Paul

Tom Tabart has joined the community chorus in singing the praises of Paul Spooner, the NSW Labor Party candidate for the seat of Ballina (Letters, February 18). Ex-green councillor Tom is however disillusioned that 'former green Paul' has signed up with Labor.

Given it was many years ago that Paul was briefly a Greens member, it does seem rather desperate on Tom's part to now try to shepherd him back to greener pastures. Obviously Paul still shares many green values, as exemplified in his decisions as a local councillor and in his actions, like organising car convoys to support the Bentley CSG protesters.

Tom believes Paul is delusional in thinking he could contribute to the reformation of the NSW Labor Party, that the party machine would render him ineffective. That's understandable given Paul is a big thinker in Tom's small world. Where Tom sees a pot-hole, Paul sees a burial site for Don Page.

Don't underestimate Paul Spooner.

This highly articulate administrator/community worker with a sociology/

economics degree, who has devoted years to bridging the abyss that separates political rhetoric from street reality for the benefit of the voiceless, can be a hard, cagey negotiator when required. And why wouldn't he be, when he and his battalion of Community Centre volunteers have to pick up the pieces of lives shattered by government neglect and heartless austerity programs.

Tom states that Paul has done an 'outstanding job' in his management roles in this community.

How much better than 'outstanding' must one's achievements be to meet Tom's criteria for the upcoming state government role? Given there are fifty shades of green, it's sad that only one of them tantalises Tom!

Mick Malloy
Suffolk Park

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Riding the case for rail

■ The trail without rail (TWR) proponents are once again imagining that we live in some declining rural backwater without traffic problems. The reality is we live in what will be the busiest transport corridor in the country within the next few years.

Neil McKenzie claims we have no significant commuter movements (Letters, February 18). The corridor between the coast and Casino is already the busiest east-west corridor between the Hunter Valley and the Queensland border. Seems that 'commuter' also ignores the 4.6 million tourist visitors in our region who contribute to the increasing traffic gridlock in the region's coastal towns.

We do not, as TWR boosters imagine, exist in isolation from southeast Queensland, where most of the tourists come from. Traffic counts taken in 2004 show that there were 42,724 vehicle movements a day at the Queensland border. The Sydney-Brisbane Corridor Strategy (2007) has projected that this will rise to 151,000 a day by 2026. It is worth remembering that Queensland has an operational rail line in the corridor to reduce the number of cars. We do not.

TWR executive, Marie Lawton, rather optimistically hopes that the lack of toilets 'won't be a huge issue' and simply ignores many of the other costs not included in the proposal. Most TWRs do end up costing councils every year in infrastructure support

and maintenance. The biggest worry for ratepayers must be the inadequate estimate of \$75 million compared to the \$50 million of potential funding from the NSW government.

Despite the TWR publicity, this is not guaranteed as the TWR group must prove their business case. Clearly they are falling well short of that at the moment.

Cr Basil Cameron
Goonengerry

■ While many in our area are enthusiastic about the rail trail, others are less so and genuinely concerned about its potential impacts, even about the motives of its promoters. I think the basic problem is that we don't know enough about what is proposed and, as it looks as if generous state government funding will be provided, it's surely time we found out. There will be impacts - some beneficial, others perhaps not - but we need information.

The Bangalow Progress Association believes it is an important issue and has decided to hold a special meeting with speakers from relevant organisations, eg Northern Rivers Rail Trail and Rail Explorers, who are thinking of providing pedal cars between Bangalow and Byron. The meeting will be at Heritage House in Deacon Street, Bangalow, on Thursday March 5 from 5.30pm and all are welcome.

We hope to be able to provide useful information and give everyone an opportunity

to ask questions and express their views and concerns.

Jenny Coman
Secretary, Bangalow
Progress Association

■ There are many myths being circulated about the cost and viability of a commuter train service on the Casino to Murwillumbah line. Trains can be returned to our tracks at much less cost than inflated government figures.

TOOT members have extensively researched costs of building and restoring rail lines and have gathered reliable information which says the Casino to Murwillumbah line could be restored for little more than the \$45m the government is planning to spend ripping up this valuable piece of public infrastructure for a walking track.

So-called rail trails around the country have ended up costing councils dearly long after state governments effectively shifted the costs onto local communities. North coast National Party MPs and candidates, who have made repeated promises over many years to 'get the trains running', are now out in force trying to tell us that a cycleway/walking track will provide the public transport the north coast community and 4.6m tourists need.

Unless people use their vote wisely to send a strong message at the ballot box next month we'll continue to get more of the same - nothing!

Louise Doran
Ocean Shores

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Arabs and Jews

The nonsense in Subhi Awad's letter (*Echo*, February 18) cannot be allowed to stand. Firstly the writer states that '(Jews) are simply many different races who follow Judaism.' Wrong. The origin of the term Jew comes from the word *Judah*. *Judah* was another word for Jacob, the progenitor of the tribe of Judah and the twelve tribes of Israel.

Judah was also the northern part of Israel with the

southern part called Samaria. The kingdom of Israel occupied the land on the Mediterranean Sea corresponding roughly to the state of Israel of modern times. The region was known, historically, as Canaan, as Phoenicia and, later, as Palestine. Named after the Hebrew patriarch Jacob (also known as Yisra'el, 'persevere with God') and, by extension, his nation Israel was, at first, the region allegedly conquered by the He-

brew general Joshua around 1250 BCE. The biblical book of Exodus tells the story of the Egyptianised Hebrew leader Moses and how he led his people out of slavery in Egypt to the 'promised land' of Canaan.

As for Palestine, the name was used by ancient Greek writers, and was later used for the Roman province Syria Palaestina, the Byzantine Palaestina Prima and the Umayyad and Abbasid province of Jund Filastin.

Lastly, Jews are not a race; they are a tribe and as such a union of tribes originating from the twelve sons of Jacob. However Jews are semites as are Arabs, which is about all they have in common.

The Arabs calling themselves Palestinians are from other Arab countries, most brought there after the destruction of Jerusalem and the exiling of Jews into a worldwide diaspora. Finally the DNA question has been explained here: <http://bit.ly/entidna>.

M Mizzi
Byron Bay

Drones v sharks

We need some action on sharks. I suggest aerial drone surveillance can provide effective shark protection.

On a classic Byron Bay beach day (weekend, sunny, clear water) we could have a drone scanning the Bay area (Wreck to Cape) from a great height. That view can be regularly viewed by a surf life saver in the club house. That view would enable the surf life saver to see sharks.

There is even shape recognition technology that, when activated, could alert someone's mobile phone. That person could then track the shark and warn people accordingly.

On the days when the water is murky we'd not use it - only the glorious days when families want to not be excessively concerned about any predators in the bay. I reckon it's happening somewhere else and worthy of consideration, given recent events.

Michael O'Grady
Byron Bay

Hicks and more

A now completely innocent David Hicks deserves millions in compensation for the years of incarceration and torture he endured; after all, he is an Australian citizen.

Although several Australians got hepatitis from Chinese fruit last week, if the Ebola spreading in Africa goes global in a few years, then no

Support grows for charity surf event

Support for the inaugural The Board Meeting charity surfing event at Byron Bay next month continues to grow. Already more than 20 teams backed by local businesses have entered the event with some of those businesses donating items for the surf memorabilia auction to be held at the after-party and presentation at the Byron Bay English Language School.

One of the prized items to go under the hammer will be a \$2,000 Takayama Model T longboard donated by Tony Squirrell and his son Evan from North Coast Surfboards.

Event coordinator Peter Dewar described the donation as 'fantastic' as it would help raise more money for children with special needs in the northern rivers. He also praised the support of other businesses that had donated auction items.

To be held on Saturday March 21 at Byron Bay, the charity surfing event will feature teams of four surfers



Prized auction item: Evan Squirrell from North Coast Surfboards with the Takayama Model T longboard.

and is open to surfers - men, women, boys and girls - of all standards and all ages. While the major aim is to raise funds for kids in need, organisers say the emphasis will be on having fun and donning fancy dress will be encouraged, as will bribing the judges.

Teams that have entered so far include Danny Wills' Quiksilver Byron Bay store, Southern Cross Credit Union, Byron Bay Services Club, McTavish Surfboards, Lennox Gelato and Cof-

fee Co, Biala Special School, Stone & Wood, PMD, The Balcony, Mongers and North Coast Surfboards.

The entry fee for the event is \$500 a team, with nominations closing on Thursday, March 19. Go to The Board Meeting Northern Rivers Facebook page for entry forms.

Further enquiries can be made to event coordinator Peter Dewar on 0487 922 499, or email nr@theboardmeeting.org.au.

The pressure on women

■ Charles MacFarland states (*Letters*, February 18) that the reason women are judged on their looks rather than on their achievements is that they 'set themselves up for this'. I think this overlooks the pressure exerted on females from the day they are born to be flawlessly beautiful.

The ideal is, for most of us, unattainable, and so begins the cycle of self-criticism that of course fuels the massive profits made by the cosmetic and 'beauty' industries.

It is perfectly all right to enjoy being a woman and all that that encompasses. What is not all right is being objectified and judged solely on one's appearance.

After Mandy Nolan's excellent article on February 11

it was disappointing to read in *The Echo* (February 18): 'So much more than a pretty face, "weather girl" Magdalena Roze has two degrees...'

Nowhere else in *The Echo*, in all the many stories on men, is a reference to appearance made.

Magdalena Roze may indeed be pretty but that is irrelevant to her accomplishments and such comments diminish them.

Louise Andrews
Byron Bay

■ Re Charles MacFarland's opinion of women paying more time and attention to their appearance than to education, careers, etc. Women can do both.

Females are far more

adept at multi-tasking than are males owing to the fact that they, on average, have 60 per cent more fibres (the corpus callosum) than do males connecting their brain hemispheres.

This is a necessary survival design by nature to enable the female of all mammalian species to be alert to dangers within her own environment as well as those of the activities of her young simultaneously.

According to the latest Catalyst bottom-line report, companies with more women board directors experience higher financial performance (and they look good too): <http://bit.ly/catacorp>.

Peggy Balfour
Mullumbimby

doubt we will see Ebola in imported food also.

Peter Olson
Goonengerry

Phase out coal

It's clear that to avoid dangerous climate change we need to phase out thermal coal and immediately ban coal seam gas mining. Scientists conclude that 95 per cent of NSW's coal reserves must stay in the ground to avoid dangerous climate change - that's only three years' production at current rates.

Rather than wait for a cha-

otic collapse of the industry, NSW urgently needs to prepare a strategy to phase out coal and manage the transition to a diversified economy that provides clean-energy jobs.

Coal is in structural decline as the world shifts energy sources. Prices are at record lows, many mines are operating at a loss and the industry is shedding jobs.

The flip side of phasing out coal is building a large-scale renewable-energy industry. This will generate new employment and economic

activity, particularly for regional NSW.

Both the Labor and Liberal parties are afraid to talk about the future of thermal-coal mining because they're worried about losing marginal seats in the Hunter region and remain reliant on political donations from the big miners. The Greens are calling for an immediate ban on coal seam gas mining and no new coal mines across NSW to protect our land and water, and to create new clean energy jobs.

Tamara Smith
Greens candidate for Ballina

Some humans would do anything to see if it was possible to do it. If you put a large switch in some cave somewhere, with a sign on it saying 'End-of-the-World Switch. Please do not touch', the paint wouldn't even have time to dry.
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Just a week after his disastrous showing in Baden Baden, Viswanathan Anand has turned the form book on its head by outpointing a classy field at the Zurich Chess Challenge.

The 45-year-old former World Champion took advantage of the absence of his nemesis, Magnus Carlsen, to complete the classical portion of the Zurich Challenge undefeated.

Anand had the good fortune to twice steer games into lines he had prepared during his failed world title challenge last year.

Levon Aronian lost without forcing Anand to play an original move - though the Armenian might have had other things on his mind as two days later his engagement to Australia's Arianne Caoili was revealed.

Anand's biggest win in Zurich came against the then leader Hikaru Nakamura, though it was notable that Anand also had little trouble holding world number two Fabiano Caruana.

So how could Anand go from feather duster to rooster in such a short period of time? 'I don't believe in form - just good moves,' Aronian famously said last year, and Anand must now appreciate what he meant.

The quality of Anand's general play in both Baden Baden and Zurich was high, but in Baden Baden he made three terrible blunders which ruined all his good work. In Zurich it was his opponents who made the unforced errors.

Certainly Anand seems like a different player when Carlsen is not around but he is also of an age where his consistency is likely to flag. Anand is perfectly capable of playing like his old brilliant self, but not as often.

If chess longevity was Anand's concern, he needed to look no further than the exhibition match which took place alongside the Zurich Challenge. Viktor Korchnoi, 84, took on old rival Wolfgang Uhlmann, 80, and drew 2-2.

That Korchnoi could play at all after his severe stroke a few years ago was a wonder; that he could still throw around insults at his opponent (and Carlsen!) was even more impressive.



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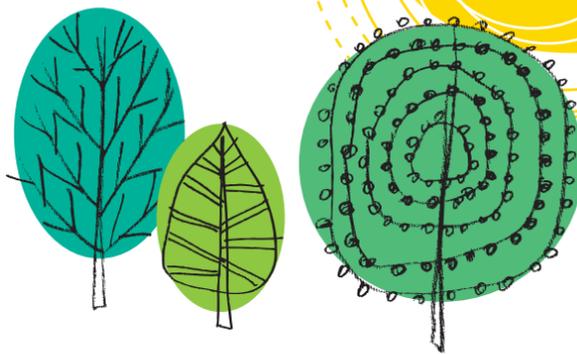
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Making a crust

Photos and stories by Matthew Michaelis

I can attest to the almost in-human hours bakers keep while toiling for this very basic human dietary need – bread. I've owned and run a low-fat muffin bakery that delivered fresh daily throughout Sydney's suburbs. During those years, I have memories of getting to bed at around midnight and then waking at 4am to drive one of my distribution runs. This went on for a long while until I found myself falling asleep at traffic lights (luckily the red ones) and talking in tongues to my steering wheel. Adriano Zumbo, the now-famous patissier, now makes his macaroons in my old kitchen in Rozelle Sydney – a great success, while I, on the other hand, took my last skerrick of sanity and exited the baking game.

Texan muffins are not nearly as interesting as the spectacular breads and pastries coming out of the northern rivers daily. Dedicated and skilled bakers are firing up their own rural ovens,

some on properties up in them thar hills, and some in century-old buildings and ovens. The good-old no-fuss suburban bakeries are there too to warm the tums of those after a less touchy-feely experience.

From the shopfront patisserie to the town bakers and onto the local farmers or weekend market, you definitely won't need to run short of your daily staple. Even with the gluten-free tag trending, the bakers are keeping the fires stoked and the ovens hot with the insatiable desire for a crisp, chewy and crusty slice of fresh-baked bread on our plate.

Harvesting community spirit

Other than a good restaurant experience, I've spent some time at Harvest pacing at an early hour, not because I'm anxious, no; just sizing up the length of pastries and breads all freshly made, plumped and lining up to be



◀ Harvest Bakery, a Saturday or Sunday morning bake of some of the most exquisite sourdoughs and little sweet treats that you'll see.

Harvest's century-old bakery bakers prepare sourdough for all to see, then bake it in the 104-year-old oven for all to buy. ▶



sampled. This is, for those who haven't yet experienced true decadence, a Saturday or Sunday morning bake of some of the most exquisite sourdoughs and little sweet treats that you'll see. I'm here at 8am, the coffee (great and well-made cups) is flowing, the place is grooving with edgy, à la mode bakers, deftly cutting huge mounds of dough, while folks are milling, jostling and pointing with delight. This scene could be a very pleasant dream you thought you'd had just before waking, so pinch yourself and

get thee out to see an accessible, dreamy reality at Newrybar's Harvest Bakery.

'The Harvest bakery is 104 years old; the original oven serviced the entire community back in the day. People would gather together to cook, share stories and then wander home with their wood-fired food,' Tristan Grier, one of the owners of Harvest, explained.

'This community spirit is embodied here and the shared room is the ongoing foundation for the bakery. The space tries to reunite

the surrounding community through Sourdough Saturday and Sourdough Sunday when all pastries and breads are displayed and sold in a festive spirit (great for families). Otherwise our famous organic wood-fired sourdough and pastries are sold daily in the Harvest Deli, Sparrow Coffee Bangalow/Byron, and Top Shop. Harvest also considers the oven to be our heart and soul, and to hold a special place in Australian history,' Tristan said.

The bakery is housed in a building that is charm-

ing and rustic. Events in the bakery include Sunday roast where the space and the oven is once again given back to the community to celebrate with whole meats and lots of booze on communal tables, doing what we humans sometimes forget – getting to know thy neighbour.

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Making a little Scratch

The first time I discovered the Scratch Patisserie, I was a couple of years late and after kicking myself for not being more informed, I thought to myself – what a wonderful and civilised extravagance here. I ended my last story on Scratch with the old ‘bring it in’. I still want to hug them for this great evolution in Mullumbimby. Greg Wilton is born and bred right here, schooled in Mullum and apprenticed at Bruns Bakery – and then what happened? Thankfully, after a stint in the Club Med resorts, Greg used his skills and a creative imagination to develop Scratch. If ever you meet him, you may see, as I do, that he has a kind of sharp visionary feel that’s tempered by a generous humility. Whatever the case, Angie and Greg Wilton bring home the goodness. They own 20 acres of dirt in the back of town, where they grow things to use in the bakery. Sustainable sorts of things, such as thirty chooks laying some fine organic eggs. Oh, while we’re on organics, the bakery only uses organic flour, dairy and dried fruits in its bakes. Hayters Hill pork and beef, Nimbin Valley fetta, Jumping Red Ant marinated veg and Cecil Farm, all supplying their wares here. So it’s as sustainable and community focused as a patisserie could offer. Now, while waiting (it’s an excuse of course) for your coffee, you can take home a choux pastry or a sourdough loaf and have a friendly sit in the courtyard sipping a good Allpress coffee. I wish some businesses all the best and this bakery seems to its owners much more than just a little Scratch.

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Feeding the midnight hours

Byron Bay’s most famous shopfront bakery would have to be the Byron Hot Bread Shop. I’ve driven past after late-night vigils and looked in at crowds of folk buying warming snacks at a time that’s just not dignified. I admit all those goodies – the pies, rolls, the crusty baguette and the like all to be had when all is shut – are a wonder to behold for many in town and away from home.

It’s a cunning and successful plan to open your bakery all hours – after all, bakers are in-house doing their stuff, so why not throw the doors open? This business is very much family owned and run and has been for the past thirty-five years. The daughter of the original owners, Sandra Vickers, was living overseas with her hubby Sam when her dad fell ill. They returned to Byron originally only to help sell the bakery. Well, that didn’t go to plan; instead they ended up buying a lion’s share of it themselves and so kept it in the family – the rest is Byron history. ‘Byron Bay is always on the move, you never feel like you’re bored, it’s forever interesting. We have fun evolving our products to support new food trends. Two years ago we introduced Fraternité, a variety of bread made with a rye flour blended with a French imported flour; the resultant silky centre and French-style crust has become very popular and draws a great following – the caterers we supply love this product,’ Sandra told me. ‘We wouldn’t sell stuff that we wouldn’t eat ourselves. Gluten-free products have been very challenging but we rose to the challenge and now our products are supported both locally and across Australia. Our gluten-free pizza bases and breads go as far as Brisbane, Darwin and Melbourne,’ Sandra added.

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SOL Breads was started in July 1998 by Kim Carrington. Kim was a professional rock climber at the time and wanted an organic healthy bread but couldn’t find one. He got together with two bakers who had worked at the original Newrybar Bakery prior to its closing down. They then dedicated themselves to producing healthy, nutritious, naturally leavened organic sourdough bread from a garage underneath a small eatery in the Brisbane suburb of West End.

A master French baker (Eric Ramonda) joined the team and brought with him two generations of French sourdough artistry and the quality of the bread improved spectacularly. Suzanne and Mark Genney took over distributing to the northern rivers region in 2009. ‘We had been coming to Byron for more than 15 years on holidays and loved the region and the people, so much that we decided to give up the corporate rat race and we’ve never looked back,’ Suzanne said.

‘We don’t use any chemicals or other additives or agents and we certainly don’t encourage farming techniques that degrade the environment. SOL’s range has a strong emphasis on wholefood ingredients, using only certified organic stoneground flours and using only natural fermentation techniques. We’re also in the process of developing organic “treats” that are not full of sugar and preservatives. At the moment our pastry chefs are developing an organic sweet range to add to our cookies, and cakes that are gluten free, dairy free and sugar free, suitable for paleo diets,’ Suzanne explained. SOL Breads can be found in all good food retailers in the region.

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Market Share

Rising to market

Photos and story by Matthew Michaelis

Heart - felt baking

What's in a name? In some cases people sit for hours stabbing in the dark, grabbing at suggestions and generally trying to inject some meaning into a business name. Other times, you just hear the name, you see the product and you say to yourself Yes!

Heart Breads is one of those - it may seem perhaps corny until you meet the products, see their process and check the results. No, I'm not a scientist, I'd consider myself more of a culinary impressionist. When it comes to textures and ambience, Heart Breads is a well of rustic imagery that I'd like to spend more time painting into words; alas, we have little space. I'll begin with this farm and its good owners, Rachel Pearson and her husband Simon Ivanac. I asked Rachel what she feels about her business; 'Heart Bread the business is connected through to our lives. It's re-

ally raw and authentic in the true sense. For our flours we use only Demeter Mill, the organic and biodynamic pioneers in Australia, and we were the first in the area to use all organic flours.

'We have several new lines, including a new loaf made from old grains and a new vegan line with small treat items such as the banana split, bananas fried in coconut oil and soaked with sultanas, then spread on a sweet focaccia dough - the bananas grown on our farm,' Rachel told me. 'Everything that Heart Breads does is done by hand. Building the ovens, kneading the dough, planting and harvesting, cutting wood, feeding the chooks and of course all the breads, buns, brioche, slabs, splits and swirls are formed by hand. There are no tins, forms or dividing machines in sight,' Rachel said. Heart Breads sells at New Brighton Farmers Market on Tuesdays, Byron Farmers Market on Thursdays and Mullumbimby Farmers Market on Fridays. Enquiries: info@heartbreadsbyronbay.com.au.



Up Crabbes Creek with a dough paddle

The Crabbes Creek community is in a little town just northwest of Brunswick Heads. John and Gina Hutton created the Crabbes Creek wood-fired business around four years ago. John was building wood-fired ovens for others originally, then they decided to build one themselves. 'We built a couple of ovens and a bakery on our 47 acres. It's a one hundred per cent lifestyle choice - we are heavily into food and the making of it so we started experimenting with sourdough and created a variety for market. The rest is, as they say, history. We also have a wood-fired oven on a mobile trailer onsite at the Murwillumbah and Mullumbimby farmers markets. We produce a thin crisp Italian-style pizza - à la carte or à la trailer to be more precise,' John told me.

'We have three children from seven to eleven years old; they help out and know a fair bit about the whole process. Collecting kindling

and off-cuts, they create their own designs for baking. It's the whole picture for a family to grow up in. It's hard work but for us it pays off. Our stall is popular as a result of our large range of sourdough breads - fourteen in total.'

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Nico's market stall

Nico lives in Mullumbimby, is father to five children and is a self-taught baker and entrepreneur. It was a desire to stay in Australia that started a journey with bread - 'I got to a point where I was at a crossroad - it was either moving back to Italy or learning a trade or a skill. I was at the airport in Rome and went into a newsagent and saw a book - *Come fare il pane in casa: How to bake bread at home*. My first attempts at baking were at home in 2008. These early breads were building quality, great taste

though - if you could chew it. I eventually refined the methods. I made a starter dough and held on to it for a few years until a cyclone claimed it. I started spreading the love and breads and baked goods, first to friends then to market and later wholesale. For me baking is connecting with Italy, but it's also humanity; it's an ancient job making bread and you're working with something that's alive, too,' Nico told me.

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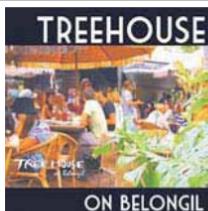
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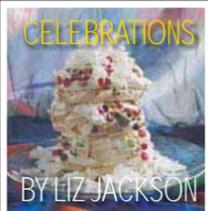
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It means to use music and lyrics to raise people's awareness of social issues, and to encourage them to engage in meaningful actions that can improve the state of their community.

What are the issues that you are most passionate about?

I'm very passionate about unity and the overcoming of prejudice, as I feel that disunity is the root cause behind most of the problems that we face in the world today. I'm also quite passionate about the education of children and young people, as they hold the keys to the future of the world; they will shape what the world will become.

How did you first cut your teeth as a musician?

How far back are we talking here? I started piano lessons at the age of seven; that was definitely the beginning of this whole journey. But gig-wise, apart from the various performances I did in high school with the school's bands, I cut my teeth working in clubs fronting R&B cover bands and performing at corporate functions in jazz combos.

How do you see people as being connected – you sing about it in *Under One Sun*?

You can look at it from both a scientific and a spiritual perspective. Science tells us that every human being on Earth is descended from a common ancestor who lived in the horn of Africa, many thousands of years ago. Religion tells us that we were all created by the same creator of the universe... some call that God, others Allah, or Great Spirit, etc. From both perspectives, we are all members of one human family, related by blood and joined in our origin.

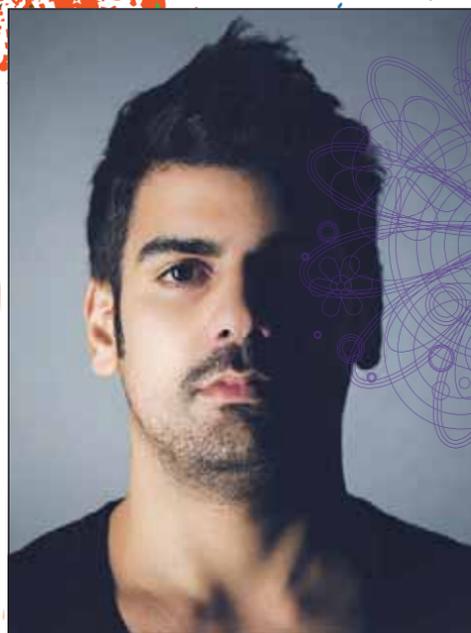
Do you have a jazz/soul background?

I've always loved soul music; I was brought up listening to Michael Jackson and Earth, Wind and Fire, and when I became serious about songwriting I was listening a lot to neo-soul artists such as Alicia Keys, Jill Scott and Erykah Badu. I also got stuck into jazz during high school, and when I studied music at WAAPA (the Western Australia Academy of Performing Arts), I majored in jazz singing and composing.

Tell me about the inspiration for the clip using white paper?

I was actually a bit inspired by Gotye and Kimbra's video clip for *Somebody That I Used To Know*, which utilises paint and body painting. I thought, wouldn't it be cool if I could create a unique music video that uses some kind of art? Then I came across the work of an old friend, who makes very intricate pieces of art by cutting and folding white paper.

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MUSIC FOR FREEDOM

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It means that the genre I'm into is psytrance (sub-genre of trance). Within my genre, I'm leaning towards the cleaner side of things (progressive), and my main influence comes from techno, which is my favourite genre on this planet.



Regarding 'taste of everyday life experiences' – it means that for example I can watch a trailer / movie / see something on the street / hear a certain noise coming out of nowhere / sit in the dark late at night and take that into my music. Recently I had a power break at home for three hours... A new track came out of it and it is VERY dark... Hope I answered your question.

When you are collaborating, who are the people you like to work with? I love collaborating (even though I want to start working on my own more this year). But when I do collaborate, I like to do that with artists who have their own colour and vibe.

How good are you at bending to the ideas or will of another? I'm really open minded when it comes to music, so I have no problem bending as long as it sounds good to me. If it doesn't sound good to me, I won't compromise.

How do you source material for remixing? Haven't been remixing lately. But when I do, I like to take old hits and make them sound current. And I love remixing songs from other genres and bring them into psy. That's always a fun challenge.

What were the highlights for 2014? Must say France has been great to me with some excellent outdoor festivals (Electrobotik Invasion was amazing), and numerous club parties. Playing at LA's famous club Avalon was a dream come true for me in 2014. On the musical side of things, I got to finish my debut album *Rebel*, which was an amazing (yet hard) journey.

What do you have planned for 2015? My album is coming out on HOMmega (23.2). I have this wonderful tour in Australia and after that I have Thailand, France, Brazil, United States, Switzerland, Argentina and some cool festivals lined up.

What should we expect for your Byron Show? A lot of new music, dark vibes (with a smile on top), CDs and GOOD energy all around. Live on stage at the **Byron Brewery** this **Friday**, with support by: Soundwave, Harmless Prankster, Bornvibe & Webber. Gig starts 2.30pm, the **Freedom Fighters** on stage 3–5pm.. \$10 / \$15 / \$20 (BG).

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A VERY BORING FAIRY TALE FOR BIG GIRLS

When it comes to the film *50 Shades of Grey* there is one question that seems to be missing from most of the critiques. That is, in a country where we lock men, women and children in detention for being refugees, where we live in a world where political prisoners are held and tortured for their beliefs, where one woman is killed every week by a partner, and children are sexually abused by clergy and family members either currently or historically – how can we legitimise turning bondage and discipline into sweetly romantic sado-masochistic film aimed at young women?

Why is watching a film about hurting people or being hurt considered erotic or even 'romantic' by people who aren't actually into bondage and discipline? I imagine anyone who was seriously into B&D would find *50 Shades of Grey* an amusing and rather misinformed Mills and Boon-style romp through a sweet little sex dungeon. I mean there were no butt plugs, no gimp masks, no anal beads, no nipple clamps, no defecating on glass tabletops... none of the stuff I have been led to believe is quite ordinary for those who like their sex to be like some sort of Olympics meets Guantanamo Bay type of performance event.

Personally, it just seems like a lot of effort for pretty much the same result. Groaning followed by sleep. When it comes to effort in the bedroom, I'm impressed if my partner has a shower.

Last week my friend Ellen Briggs (also a comedian) and I went to see *50 Shades of Grey* – for research purposes of course. When one critiques popular culture for a job, one has to occasionally sit through it. I did try to keep an open mind, and tried not to allow my distaste for the subject matter and the poor writing of the books to colour my judgment. I found it mildly amusing that young women were fantasising about being spanked for being naughty.

Considering that this generation were spared the floggings with jug cords, belts, wooden spoons and a variety of other inanimate objects that we older folk endured, and given instead 'time out' to think about their choices, it seems

strange that they should be fantasising about discipline. Fuck, they haven't ever had any.

If the book were to be true to type, Mr Christian Grey wouldn't have a bondage room, he'd have a time-out room. The film was basically about a sexual dominant (Mr Grey) grooming a new submissive (Anastasia Steele). As a submissive she is asked to sign a contract that allows the dominant party to choose her contraception, what she eats, what she wears, where she sleeps, who she sees, and what she does. This of course goes along with the right to humiliate, punish and pleasure her on daily basis. At no point did the sex pervert ask what she actually liked. I guess that wasn't important.

I thought the whole contract thing was a bit draconian, perhaps even 'abusive, debasing, and misogynistic', but apparently it provides the submissive with the ultimate freedom. That is of never having to make your own choices! Get fucked! Now I've got the shits. I don't mind the bad acting, the silly script, but must they romanticise control of young women in that way?

Generations of women have fought bloody hard for the autonomy of choice – the right to make all our own choices ourselves, from the good, the bad to the downright stupid. Watching *50 Shades of Grey* was an example of a downright stupid choice. Actually making a film like that is even stupider. On the way out in the foyer I see the poster for *Cinderella* and it all makes sense. Fifty shades of shite.

Somehow when it came to our complete liberation, our slave mentality only took one step into the blinding light of liberty; the other foot has stayed firmly placed in the shackle that tethers us to the fantasy. That a handsome prince will see our true beauty, that our beauty will set us apart from all others, make us the most worthy of all women, that in the end our beauty will heal his brokenness and open his heart to true love, and that in the end, we will live happily every after... until of course the contract runs out and he wants a new princess for the sex dungeon.

Or we tire of the sexual violence and we leave him and go to a women's shelter and take out a restraining order and in the end he kills us. For the sake of men and women everywhere, isn't it time for a new fairytale?



MR OKELL AT THE NORTHERN

The Australian music scene has had a long history of uncovering phenomenal talent and the occasional larrikin. **Marshall Okell** is one man who embodies both attributes. Dedicated to a life on the road, Marshall Okell is known for his crowd-rousing and energetic live performances as the frontman and creative drive behind the crowd-pleasing Marshall & The 'Fro.

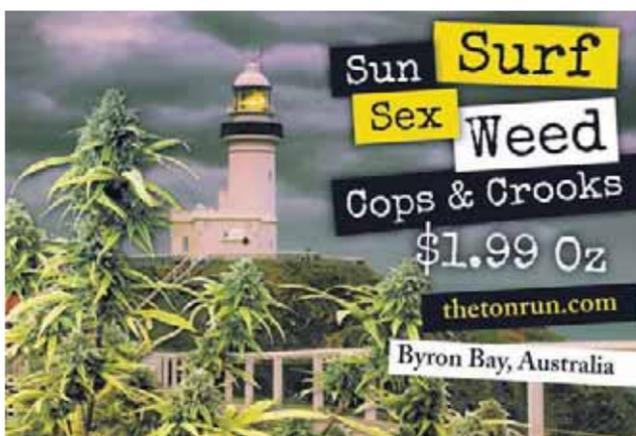
A band who have ripped the lips off capacity audiences all over Australia, including festivals such as Byron Bay Bluesfest, Woodford Folk Festival, Peats Ridge Festival, Festival of The Sun, and the Optus Gympie Muster to name a few. In another part of the country following a similar path is Sydney-based power trio Chase The Sun. The two bands met at Bluesfest in 2008 and instantly hit it off. Since then, the bands have shared lineups and stages all over the country as well as a few laughs along the way.

In the winter of 2011 Marshall felt it was time to evolve away from The 'Fro, so he decided to write a new album under his own name. As the notes and lyrics grew on the page, so too grew a grand vision of how the album should sound. He wanted it to be united under a special bond.

So when Marshall Okell went looking for a rhythm section for his new band, he naturally asked his friends Ryan and Howler of Chase The Sun first. O'Kell is at the **Hotel Great Northern on Tuesday**.

JAZZ ON A SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Sharny Russell presents a wonderful afternoon of jazz accompanied by John Hoffman – flugelhorn, Jack Thorncraft – double bass, and Sam Schlencker – drums. Sharny is known as one of Australia's leading exponents of scat singing and her performances always leave you wanting more! **Club Lennox on Sunday** at 4pm.



STOMPING THE SWAMP!

Fresh out of the NSW northern rivers, funky roots-rock exponents **The Swamp Stompers** have just released their new EP *Stepping Stones*. Although they were still in kindy when John Butler released his first album, The Swamp Stompers have put together a six-track tour de force of Byron Bay-inspired grooves, highlighting the band's unusual dual lead vocal lineup and the slide and playing exceptional young guitarist Corey Legge.

Opening track *Swamp Stomp Boogie* lays down the band's mission statement from the outset with some four-on-the-floor bound to get the dreads flying and the booties shaking. The Swamp Stompers have been honing their skills up and down the east coast since 2012 and are known to 'have the goods' onstage, and have landed themselves some sweet festival spots in the process, including the busking stage of Bluesfest Byron Bay, Sydney Blues & Roots Festival, and The Blues at Bridgetown Festival. The Lismore-based trio of Corey Legge, Luke Ligtenberg and Mitch Broadhead got their start while studying music together at Lismore's Southern Cross Uni, the incubator for many great Aussie artists including Grinspoon. At the **Hotel Brunswick** this **Saturday**.

YOUNG JAZZ!

Throughout February a group of uber-talented teenage instrumentalists from every corner of the region have been immersing themselves in jazz at the Lismore Con. This **Saturday** their hard work will come to a head in a



public performance with esteemed jazz musicians and educators John Hoffman and Ken Stubbs. Featuring blistering improvisations and funky latin beats, come and check out the future of Australian jazz. Contact 6621 2266 or www.nrcac.edu.au. **Young Jazz** with special guests John Hoffman and Ken Stubbs, Northern Rivers Conservatorium, Concert Room at 6pm. 152 Keen St, Lismore. Entry by donation.



THE SOUND OF TOAST

Toast is a trio playing reggae, jazz and calypso-style tunes from Jamaica to the Spice Islands. Uti Lokollo, on guitar, ukulele and harmonica, sings songs from his native Ambon with backing from Paul Brewer on bass and Chris Chandler on tenor sax. Uti has that natural Island swing like a hammock in a warm breeze. Toast refers to the reggae vocal delivery 'toasting' which became popular in the 1970s and featured heavily in the development of rap and hip-hop in America. Chris toasts over the skanking guitar of Uti and the melodic, lead bass line of Paul, interspersed with a sax riff. The effect creates a modern mashup of styles with a retro feel. **Byron Brewery** beergarden, **Saturday** 7.30pm. Free entry.

HAPPY UKE DAY, MISS AMBER!

Miss Amber is celebrating her birthday this Thursday so break out the cake and candles. It also happens to be Uke Night... so the crew will be strumming and singing all her favourite songs.



Clelia Adams will drop by to help out with the crack Uke Mullum band. With something in the set for everybody, this promises to be another fun-filled uke-tastic adventure. The monthly songbooks are available for download so make sure you are on the mailing list at ukemullum.com for the link.

Thursday at **Court House Hotel** in Mullumbimby from 6.30pm. Adults \$10; kids \$2.50.

INSIDE THE GREAT WAVE

Rich with melody, layers and classic singalong choruses, this heart-warming band are fresh off the plane from Nashville – working with acclaimed US producer Brad Jones (Josh Rouse, Missy Higgins). This new album has been described as a sonic explosion of colour capturing the move to a small Victorian coastal village, the heartbreak of a cancer diagnosis, searching for hope and light in the depths of critical life challenges, and the journey to recovery. Singer/songwriter Mark Lang answered some questions for *The Echo*.

So you are just back from Nashville – what has the experience been like for you recording your third album? It's really wonderful to be home with the album finally complete. It's been the most meaningful and painful album I have ever made. The last two years have seen us travel from the heights of things beginning to open up for us in US to the crashing heartbreak of my wife's being diagnosed with ovarian cancer. We were in the US for our last record, which did very well on the college radio system. While we were there we started the process of demoing some new material with legendary producer Brad Jones in Nashville.

When we returned to Australia my wife Sheridan and I decided to move down to a small Victorian coastal village with our young son to start the process of writing this album. It was a month into this move when Sheridan was diagnosed. We put the record and everything else on hold, went to ground and focused all of our love and energy onto her. We are one of the lucky ones. Sheridan made her way through treatment and into remission. As you can imagine, this experience was a complete game changer. I found it very difficult to write during this period.

What I valued and prioritised previously had now shifted. This experience affected the very core of how I wanted to communicate through music. I wanted to get to the root of an idea and make it clearer with less noise. I had written nothing across this period until one day close to the end of the treatment I sat down with a guitar, pressed Record on my phone and then the last song on this new album *Lay with Me* fell out in one pass. This is very rare for me as a writer. I have never had the experience of a full song fall through me so quickly. It was as if all of the experiences over the proceeding months distilled into this moment into a song that became a healing thing for both Sheridan and me.

After the storm came the morning light and euphoria that rings clearer after you go through something like this. The songs began to arrive into a new collection of work that reflects the highs and lows of life and the journey between them that I hope will be meaningful to many. I feel so happy at the moment breathing life in deeply. I'm predicting 2015 to be a really beautiful year and we are thrilled that our album *The Great Wave* is coming home to be launched at our most loved festival, Byron Bay Bluesfest. We couldn't have a more beautiful place to fire it out into the universe!

Why did you choose Brad Jones to produce? Brad Jones is one of the greatest musical minds I have come across over my years of making music. Our working relationship with Brad began with our debut album *Sift the Noise*, and then *Keep Calm, Carry the Monkey* where he did the final mixes on the recordings. This time around we wanted to have him involved from the ground up. He flew out to Australia and helped us bring to life the stories of life on the coast and the journey in and out of the darkness. There was



INDIE HOBO-POP DARLINGS SKIPPING GIRL VINEGAR OFFICIALLY LAUNCH THEIR ANTICIPATED THIRD ALBUM *THE GREAT WAVE* AT BLUESFEST THIS YEAR.

a real honesty in the recording of the album in bringing out a world-class producer to record the album in my back shed and abandoned halls around the coastal village I now live in and wrote about.

Is there a point of no return when you are recording when you just can't go back? How much does the idea of things change in comparison to what actually happens on the day? The creative process can at times feel as though you are out to sea in thick fog with no reference point to land. There are times when things feel dark and you can't see your way clearly through it. A wise mentor of mine reminded me that it's a stronger place if you feel like this and it means you are probably close to something new. If you feel too comfortable and know exactly where and what you are looking for then you are probably not pushing yourself to find new levels in your creative process.

I love the idea that when you are stuck in these places of self-doubt and blocks, to keep falling forward through it. It may feel deeply unsettling but the end result is often more precious. All the good things come in time.

Who are the songwriters or the songs that leave you going: damn I wish I'd written that! Ryan Adams's writing on *Heartbreaker* and Jeff Tweedy from Wilco always gets me going. Bob Dylan, Paul Kelly, Paul Simon, pretty much the Bluesfest alumni. Man, they get the big guns to Byron! It was an amazing thing for me to stand side of stage two years ago and see some of my heroes bring those songs to life.

How does the new album translate to stage? Owing to the deep personal nature of material the preview shows have been really powerful, and people have told us that they have experienced the music on a deeper, heartfelt level.

What should we expect for your Bluesfest show? Like the moods of the ocean that inspired our new album *The Great Wave*, these Bluesfest album launch shows will swing from heartbreak to euphoria and everything between. These are going to be very special shows I can't wait to share them with our friends at Bluesfest.

This is surely going to be album of the year. Be there in person when **Skipping Girl Vinegar** share their powerful new offering with the world at **Bluesfest**.

Playing times have been announced, so it's time to go online and start planning your Bluesfest schedule. For ticket and program information go to www.bluesfest.com.au.



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Stars WITH LILITH

Mars and Venus in the sign of purifying fire join the sun, Neptune and Chiron in Pisces for a week of major healing. Though it might just sting a little first...

♈ ARIES: Are you expecting something from someone that you're not actually prepared to do yourself? Just asking, because this week's all about guess who? The stars are ripe and the time's right to focus on numero uno, on a brand new you – the latest version, with a presentation upgrade and style makeover.

♉ TAURUS: Though Taurans are physically oriented creatures, this week could find you languid and dreamy, surrendering to the magnetic pull of the collective soup for a spot of soul searching and spiritual stocktaking. Which might dilute your usual tenacious determination, but the insights and realisations will be more than worth it.

♊ GEMINI: A good week for a detox. Which is happening spontaneously anyway as rebellious Uranus refuses to play by Pluto in Capricorn's rules. With relationships, neighbours and money issues in the firing line, energise breaking old habits rather than parting partnerships because there's plenty of potential for making positive changes stick.

♋ CANCER: This week's happiness, success and wellbeing depend totally on how you choose to play the hand you're dealt, especially round the weekend's highly sensitive Cancer moon. And understanding that one person's bright idea might be someone else's hell may help in not taking certain disturbing circumstances personally.

♌ LEO: As this week juggles economics and romance, Chiron tenderises old relationship scars. If this seems frightening then reframe it as exciting, inviting, inspiring and enlightening, which it really is. Planetary assistance is available right now to crack those past patterns of protecting your heart against all it deserves to experience.

♍ VIRGO: Why focus on flaws, faults and differences when what's actually more rewarding in everyday life is recognising similarities? Especially when this week puts you continually in the position of having to choose between friction and goodwill, being right or kind, blaming something or taking responsibility for your emotional responses.

♎ LIBRA: This week's Venusian balancing act? Blending your linear, managerial mind with deeper, dreamtime knowing into what astrologer Hunter Reynolds calls a non-dual smoothie. Weaving light and dark, nice and nasty like Libran Sting, quoted as saying: *All my life I have tried to find the truth and make it beautiful...*

♏ SCORPIO: If this week's planetary conjunction generates a tsunami of oceanic emotions – good, bad and utterly unexpected – literary Scorpion Margaret Atwood's advice in her novel *The Year Of The Flood* is worth considering: *If you can't stop the waves, go sailing. And what can't be mended may still be tended.*

♐ SAGITTARIUS: Archers usually have plenty to say; this week recommends sensitivity in the way you say it. Continuing this verbal vigilance is also sensible insurance when the coming month's high-freq emotional static clashes with your conversationally vivacious self. Employ the quick-edit technique of asking yourself: Is this true, kind, useful?

♑ CAPRICORN: If the current cosmic cocktail triggers big decisions re home and family, there's enough going on in the sign of intuition for you to trust your gut. While Capricorns adore a plan and a list, this week impulsive, impromptu spontaneity won't lead you astray. And if it does, you'll love it.

♒ AQUARIUS: Astral aspects are on your side for the next few weeks, especially concerning short trips, new connections and taking another chance at something you really want. Though as always conditions apply: which this week are diligence, discipline and determination in response to its fluctuating situations, uncertain communications and interpersonal complications.

♓ PISCES: As the healing trifacta of sun, Neptune and Chiron in Pisces continues its flow through your birthday month, taste all of its holistic, many-splendoured glory to the absolute max – while taking care to avoid what Buddhists call 'idiot compassion', which is more to do with individual expectations than unconditional assistance.

Culture

THE GENIUS OF ALLEN & SMYTH

Poetry lovers are in for a very special evening of words and music at the first **Poetry at the Paradiso** for the year. These events have become a must-see, must-hear on the poetry circuit. This Thursday night will be a celebration of the lives and works of two extraordinary and prolific artists: Daevid Allen and Gilli Smyth. Living locally and performing internationally, Gilli's and Daevid's pioneering, anarchic careers began in the 50s and 60s. Their France/UK-based psychedelic rock band Gong, one of the many platforms for their poems, is still recording and touring internationally, with a new album just out – *I see you*.

More than twenty local poets and friends will be performing poems and songs by and for these two well-loved 'Elderberries' and Daevid and Gilli themselves will share some of their poetry. Vasudha Harte of Dinkum Bohos will host the evening, which features a stellar lineup of performers including Russel Hibbs, Gina Lakosta, David Hallett, Glitter Girl, Jem Edwards, Frank Coorey, William McElroy, Bohemian Beat Riddhi, Turiya Bruce, Ilona Harker, Max Volume, ReVerse Butcher and more, with special guests Orlando Allen and Ynys Allen. For one night only this **Thursday 7pm at Pizza Paradiso** Suffolk Park.



IT'S STILL A WONDERFUL LIFE

Many have sometimes wondered what the world would be like without us. George Bailey (Dylan Wheeler), the central character in the radio play

It's a Wonderful Life, is granted that opportunity. Many will relate to his story. *It's a Wonderful Life*, written by Tony Palermo and directed by Mike Sheehan, will be staged at the **Players Theatre March 6–21**. Evening performances commence at 8pm and weekend matinees at 2pm. Opening night on March 6 will be a special event, with pre-show champagne and finger food. Book online at www.ballinaplayers.com.au or at Just Funkin Music, 6686 2440, where a booking fee will apply.



WRITERS AT THE RAILS - FROM HELLFIRE TO ETERNITY

Byron Bay's Writers at the Rails return for the first 2015 show on **Sunday** featuring two icons of performance poetry: longtime host of Brisbane's Kurilpa Poets, the infamous Reverend

SAVED BY A POEM

Most of us have reached for a poem in a moment of strife or love or grief. What poems have saved you? **Dangerously Poetic Press** is exploring the theme, *Saved by a Poem*, at its next reading where audience members are invited to share a short poem or two that has served to heal or sustain in some way. The evening will begin with the resonance of crystal bowls played by Camilla Nova accompanied with Elvina Munir on the Native American flute. Some of the DP members will open by reciting poems that have saved them and then the extended open section will proceed. Bask in the words that have meant so much to another. This community event is open to all for \$12/10 DP members. **Friday, 7–8.30pm at St Martin's Anglican Hall**, 42 Stuart Street, Mullumbimby

Hellfire; as well as globetrotting Gong muso/poet Daevid Allen. The afternoon show also includes invited readings and the \$100 Poetry Slam. Show starts at 2pm

AN EVENING WITH DYLAN THOMAS

An Evening with Dylan Thomas – from Laugharne to Mullumbimby is a journey through Dylan Thomas's short but colourful life, and combines the talents of visiting Welsh director and actor Ray Thomas with a strong local cast of 15 Drill Hall veteran and newcomer actors. The performance has come as a result of a chance visit by Welsh theatre worker Ray Thomas who has turned his visit to Mullumbimby into an Australian premiere of a production of Wales's most well-known poet and writer: Dylan Thomas.

'Mullumbimby is a perfect spot to perform the show, with its similarities to Laugharne – the town where Dylan Thomas spent the last four years of his life in a creative renaissance,' says Drill Hall committee member and the production's producer, Michael Borenstein. 'Laugharne is a small town with unique characters, beautiful natural surrounds, a lively pub culture and love of the arts – not unlike our town of Mullumbimby.'

This year marks the 101st anniversary of the poet Dylan Thomas's birth and the 99th year in the life of the Drill Hall. Ray Thomas will direct the production and play the narrator; gently guiding the audience through the poet's life while the actors perform around 70 colourful characters. *An Evening With Dylan Thomas* will be held at Mullum's **Drill Hall theatre** in Jubilee Street over six nights starting this **Friday and Saturday** followed by 6, 7 March at 7.30pm.

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UNDER ONE SUN



I approached her about the idea of making a video where everything – the buildings, trees, people, animals, and even the clothes that I wear – are all made of paper. She embraced the idea and so the producer came up with a narrative to fit the concept, and we shot the whole video in front of a green screen.

What was your inspiration for recording this album? I'm always writing music, and thinking about when I will record the music that I've written. I was keen to record this album because I felt that over the last couple of years my song writing has developed and matured a bit, and I was keen to capture that. I had also been thinking about the production aspect and how I would like to evolve my sound in the studio, and this album gave me the chance to realise those ideas. Every song has its own inspiration, so I'll leave it there, otherwise I could be talking for hours...

How does it translate to stage? We do our songs a bit differently when performing live from how they sound when in the recordings. We like to stretch out some of the arrangements and allow for some spontaneity and improvisation. My band members are all incredible musicians, so I like to let them take solos and shine a bit. And on stage I really love engaging with the audience so I'll often chat to the audience and tell them some of the stories behind my songs.

What should we expect for your Byron show at the Treehouse? My whole band will be with me, so there will be six of us onstage. I'm told that it's quite a chilled-out venue, which suits us perfectly. We'll serve up two sets of our groovy tunes, mostly songs from the new album but also some songs from my previous album and EP, and a couple of tasty covers. And we'll be chatting to and engaging with the audience, because that's what we like to do!

At the **Treehouse** in Belongil on **Thursday**.



FIFTY SHADES OF GREY

Anna, a virginal college undergraduate, is whisked away by Christian in his helicopter to the young billionaire's palatial penthouse in Seattle. After a minimal preamble, she asks, 'Are you going to make love to me now?', to which the pug-faced Christian replies, 'I don't make love, I fuck... hard'. The two teenage girls in front of me, busy checking Facebook on their iPhones, titter. Christian disrobes Anna in close-up. She's got nice nipples, which is just as well, because you are going to see a hell of a lot of them.

Christian's private parts are not exposed, but you can bet your life that he has a schlong like a Polish salami. He gets her into the sack and, as they are seized in rapture by the world's greatest act of fornication, I become aware of a loud grinding noise. Odd to have it in the soundtrack at this point, I think. Soon enough I realise, it's the pneumatic drill from the cinema's adjoining construction site. As an accompaniment to Anna's sighs and grimaces of ecstasy, it lifted the moment into the realms of glorious Dada surrealism.

Next morning, the Rolling Stones' fab version of *Beast of Burden* is playing as Anna cooks her man's brekka. Though heavy handed, the use of the song is the only note of irony that I could detect (apart from the drill in the wall) in this indescribably listless and boring movie. I mean really, this couple makes Bella and Edward of *Twilight's* miserable memory seem almost interesting. I've not read EL James's world-conquering novel, feminist friends (remember feminism?) and literary crits suggesting it might be a bridge too far for me in my attempts to keep abreast of the times. All I can say about the screen adaptation is that I have no objection to



sexual fantasy – we all indulge – and as soft porn the movie is passable if repetitive. I went with an open mind and in the end was genuinely surprised, for it is even worse than I feared.

STILL ALICE

The impenetrable cloud of Alzheimer's is normally associated with the more elderly in our society. But occasionally it can be diagnosed in healthy and active middle-aged people. Such is the case for Alice (Julianne Moore), a professor of linguistics and mother of three who has just celebrated her fiftieth birthday. As in *You're Not You* and *Away From Her* (contrary to Hollywood's creed, degenerative diseases do strike down others besides beautiful and gifted women), the decline begins when Alice is unable to remember a simple, everyday word. Co-directors and writers Richard Glatzer and Wash Westmoreland then focus their attentions on the manner in which the illness impacts on Alice and her family.

There is not a lot else that happens – no storyline, as such, except perhaps for how the conflict pans out with daughter Lydia (Kristen Stewart), who has set her sights on an acting career rather than studying at college. The strength of the movie lies in Moore's extraordinary performance.

So much is written in her face (kudos is due to the hair and makeup crew) as Alice, acutely aware of the rapidity with which her mind is deteriorating, deals with anguish, helplessness – in one awful scene, Alice pees herself because she cannot find the bathroom in her own home – and a deep sense of loss. It's certainly not a happy-clappy session at the cinema, but Alice's

courage in the face of it all has a redemptive power. It's a bit of a stretch to believe that boofy Alec Baldwin might be a leading figure in medical research, but as the husband and father who is as committed to his work as Alice was to hers, his softer side is a perfect match for Moore's diamond-cut fragility. Stewart is excellent, too, as the daughter who will not bend out of sympathy for her mother's condition.

This is a film with a mission above mere entertainment and it succeeds nobly in reminding us that sufferers of Alzheimer's are not empty vessels but human beings to be treasured.

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FIFTY SHADES OF GREY (MA15+) (No Free Tickets)
Wed 25: 1.10, 3.45, 6.20 & 9pm
Thu 26, Fri 27, Tue 3: 1.40, 4.15, 6.50, 9.20pm
Sat 28, Mon 2: 1.35, 4.05, 7.00, 9.30pm
Sun 1: 12.00, 4.00, 7.00, 9.30pm
Wed 4: 2.00, 4.35, 7.00, 9.30pm

WHAT WE DID ON OUR HOLIDAY (PG)
Wed 25: 11.10, 4.30, 6.35pm
Thu 26, Fri 27, Tue 3: 9.10, 11.55, 7.05
Sat 28, Sun 29, Mon 2: 2.30, 6.40pm
Wed 3: 9.00, 2.30, 7.15pm

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Wed 25: 4.15, 6.50pm
Thu 26, Fri 27, Tue 3: 1.55, 9.05pm
Sat 28, Mon 2: 11.00, 8.40pm
Sun 1: 10.25, 8.45pm
Wed 4: 4.25, 9.15pm

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Wed 25: 11.00, 1.55, 8.40pm
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Wed 3: 9.25, 12.00pm

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- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **DAN HANNAFORD BAND**
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- DRILL HALL, MULLUMBIMBY 7.30PM **DYLAN THOMAS'S FROM LAUGHARNE TO MULLUMBIMBY**
- BILLINUDGEL HOTEL 8PM **BACKTRACKEN DUO**
- BALLINA RSL 8.30PM **ABSOLUTELY 80S**
- ELTHAM HOTEL 7PM **INSIDE OUTLAW**
- THE CHANNON TAVERN 7.30PM **CHRIS COOK BAND**
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- RIVERVIEW TAVERN, MURWILLUMBAH **DIANA ANAID DUO**
- SALTBAR, KINGSCLIFF **JON J BRADLEY**
- CABARITA SPORTS CLUB 7.30PM **LATE FOR WOODSTOCK**
- CONDONG BOWLING CLUB 7.30PM **TWEED VALLEY JAZZ CLUB**
- SOUTH TWEED SPORTS CLUB 7.30PM **LONG GONE DADDIES**
- JUNIORS, TWEED HEADS 5PM **DAVE CAVANAGH**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 9PM **LISA HUNT**
- SOUNDLOUNGE, CURRUMBIN **MICK THOMAS & THE ROVING COMMISSION WITH DANNY WIDDICOMBE**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **BETTY BLISSETT**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 6PM **WANDERLUST PARTY**
- BYRON COMMUNITY CENTRE **SACRED SEX & CONSCIOUSNESS CONFERENCE**
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- CAFE OSKA, BYRON **MANIE SHIKA**
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- DOMA CAFE, FEDERAL 12PM **SCOTT DAY-VEE**
- BRUNSWICK HOTEL 7PM **SWAMP STOMPERS**
- LULU'S CAFE, MULLUMBIMBY 11AM **MARK HILTON**
- DRILL HALL, MULLUMBIMBY 7.30PM **DYLAN THOMAS'S FROM LAUGHARNE TO MULLUMBIMBY**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY 7.30PM **NITESTAR**
- YUM YUM TREE, NEW BRIGHTON 10AM **LUKE BENNETT**
- BILLINUDGEL HOTEL 8PM **COSMIC CAROUSEL**
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SATURDAY 28

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **THE VOYAGES, THIS OLD SUNN, CHESTA HEDRON, DJ SIMON BIRD**

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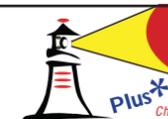
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Day of month	Sun rise	Sun set	Moon rise	Moon set	High tide, height (m)	Low tide, height (m)
1	S 0637	1919	1615	0230	0619,1.55; 1904,1.27	1304,0.53
2	M 0638	1918	1657	0322	0709,1.58; 1947,1.34	0044,0.60; 1346,0.48
3	T 0638	1917	1737	0414	0751,1.62; 2024,1.40	0130,0.55; 1422,0.44
4	W 0639	1916	1813	0506	0829,1.64; 2058,1.45	0210,0.51; 1455,0.41
5	T 0640	1915	1848	0557	0903,1.66; 2130,1.49	0247,0.47; 1525,0.39
6	F 0640	1913	1922	0648	0937,1.65; 2200,1.52	0323,0.45; 1554,0.38
7	S 0641	1912	1956	0739	1011,1.63; 2233,1.55	0359,0.44; 1624,0.39
8	S 0641	1911	2031	0830	1045,1.58; 2306,1.56	0435,0.45; 1654,0.41
9	M 0642	1910	2107	0922	1120,1.52; 2342,1.56	0514,0.47; 1725,0.45
10	T 0643	1909	2145	1015	1158,1.45	0554,0.50; 1759,0.49
11	W 0643	1908	2226	1108	0020,1.54; 1239,1.37	0639,0.54; 1835,0.55
12	T 0644	1907	2311	1202	0103,1.52; 1327,1.30	0730,0.59; 1920,0.60
13	F 0644	1906		1257	0155,1.50; 1426,1.24	0830,0.61; 2015,0.65
14	S 0645	1905	0000	1352	0256,1.50; 1538,1.22	0942,0.60; 2126,0.66
15	S 0646	1903	0055	1445	0406,1.53; 1656,1.25	1055,0.54; 2242,0.62
16	M 0646	1902	0153	1537	0516,1.61; 1804,1.35	1200,0.44; 2351,0.53
17	T 0647	1901	0256	1627	0618,1.72; 1901,1.47	1256,0.33
18	W 0647	1900	0401	1715	0715,1.82; 1952,1.59	0051,0.42; 1346,0.23
19	T 0648	1859	0508	1801	0808,1.88; 2041,1.71	0147,0.32; 1434,0.17
20	F 0649	1858	0615	1846	0900,1.90; 2129,1.79	0242,0.24; 1519,0.14
21	S 0649	1857	0723	1931	0950,1.86; 2216,1.84	0335,0.19; 1604,0.17
22	S 0650	1855	0829	2016	1041,1.78; 2304,1.85	0429,0.19; 1649,0.23
23	M 0650	1854	0934	2103	1132,1.66; 2353,1.82	0522,0.24; 1734,0.33
24	T 0651	1853	1037	2151	1224,1.52	0617,0.32; 1819,0.44
25	W 0651	1852	1137	2241	0043,1.75; 1318,1.38	0715,0.41; 1907,0.56
26	T 0652	1851	1233	2333	0134,1.66; 1416,1.27	0817,0.51; 2000,0.66
27	F 0652	1850	1325		0232,1.57; 1524,1.21	0924,0.58; 2103,0.73
28	S 0653	1848	1412	0025	0336,1.51; 1637,1.21	1030,0.61; 2214,0.75
29	S 0654	1847	1456	0117	0434,1.48; 1743,1.25	1030,0.61; 2214,0.75
30	M 0654	1846	1536	0209	0544,1.49; 1834,1.32	1223,0.57
31	T 0655	1845	1613	0301	0534,1.51; 1916,1.39	0020,0.67; 1305,0.53

Times are Eastern Daylight Saving Time.
 Time lags: Ballina Boat Dock: 15 min; Byron Bay: nil;
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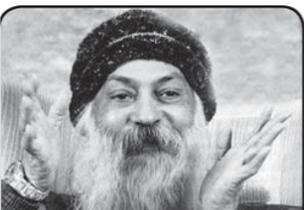
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The nominations for the Annual Seniors Week Positive Ageing Award are now open. Nominate a worthy recipient for the 2015 Award - Council's third Seniors Week Positive Ageing Award.

What is the Positive Ageing Award?
The award has been initiated to recognise the importance of a positive philosophy towards ageing and the work an individual does to assist others in the community. This is your opportunity to recognise and reward someone, over 65 years, who inspires you. The recipient will be announced during Seniors Week, 14-22 March; plus you can also join in a range of activities that focus on the positive contributions that senior people make to society.

Who can nominate?
Any individual or group can nominate someone they admire for the Positive Ageing Award. Your nominee may be a friend, family member, work colleague - in fact any senior you believe deserves recognition. The nominee must be a Byron Shire resident.

How to nominate?
Nomination forms for the Seniors Week Positive Ageing Award are available on Council's website www.byron.nsw.gov.au, community access points and local libraries.

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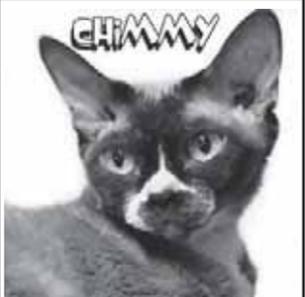
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Sensual relaxation, dream body, exquisite touch. In/out calls 0407852069

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Deeply honouring and sensual. For body and heart. Sophia 0448250698

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TOUCH OF JUSTINE
Luscious massage & sensual touch Hot, bi, 33yo. www.bit.ly/summerpamper Wed/Thurs only 9am-8pm. 0407013347

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Caribbean full body massage with a hot ending. 27yo size 8 beauty. Wed/Thurs. 0407013347. www.bit.ly/hotlikehoney

SOCIAL ESCORTS

BYRON AREA OUTCALLS. Phone 0421401775

BALLINA EXCLUSIVE
34 Piper Dr. New owner, new staff. Open 7 days 10am till late. Outcalls available. Enq 66816038

SEXY ESCORT
Outcalls only. 0478109345

JESS 20, Lucy new, Asian, Sharm 20, surfie stunner, Charlotte 20, movie star looks, Courtney new 23. Ladies always required 66816038. 10 till late 7 days

I do not judge people by the scriptures of their faith or the scars from their past, I embrace them by the content of their hearts. - Dodinsky

PUBLIC NOTICE UNDER SECTION 34 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993 OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION TO RECLASSIFY PUBLIC LAND KNOWN AS LOT 530 DP 238451 ORANA ROAD, OCEAN SHORES - THE ROUNDHOUSE SITE

Public Notice is hereby given of a proposed resolution by Byron Shire Council (Council) to reclassify the public land owned by the Council and known as Lot 530 DP 238451 Orana Road, Ocean Shores (the former "Roundhouse" site) from "operational" to "community" under Part 2 of Chapter 6 of the Local Government Act 1993.

The terms of the Council's proposed resolution are: "That the public land owned by Byron Shire Council and known as Lot 530 DP 238451 Orana Road, Ocean Shores is reclassified from "operational" to "community" under Part 2 of Chapter 6 of the Local Government Act 1993."

If the above resolution is passed it is then intended by the Council, pursuant to section 30 of the Local Government Act 1993, to reclassify the said land from "community" to "operational" under Part 2 of Chapter 6 of the Local Government Act 1993 by way of a local environmental plan that makes provision to the effect that, on commencement of the plan, the said land, if it is a public reserve, ceases to be a public reserve, and that the said land is by operation of the plan discharged from all trusts and all interests except for:

- (a) any reservations that except land out of a Crown grant relating to the said land;
- (b) reservations of minerals (within the meaning of the Crown Lands Act 1989);
- (c) Easement for Electricity registered dealing number N765060;
- (d) Easement for Rising Main registered with DP 600678;
- (e) Right of Carriageway registered with DP 1062920; and
- (f) Easement for Services registered dealing number AD798519.

The proposed local environmental plan is the subject of a Planning Proposal in respect of which a separate Notice of Exhibition is being published at the same time as this Public Notice.

Anyone may make a written submission to the Council concerning the Council's proposed resolution as set out above. Submissions should be sent by mail addressed to the General Manager, Byron Shire Council PO Box 219 Mullumbimby NSW 2482 or by email to submissions@byron.nsw.gov.au. Submissions emailed to this address only will be acknowledged. The period for making submissions in relation to the proposed resolution closes at **4.00pm Wednesday 4 March 2015**. Enquiries: Greg Smith 02 6626 7105

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 on line 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 CLOSES 2 MARCH 2015

10.2015.56.1 - BYRON BAY
68 Shirley Street (Lot 6 Sec 20 DP 758207)
Chris Lonergan - Town Planner: *Alterations and additions to existing dwelling, construction of two detached dwellings to create a three unit residential accommodation development, construction of garage and shed and tree removal*

EXHIBITION CLOSES 10 MARCH 2015

10.2015.70.1 - SOUTH GOLDEN BEACH
100 Redgate Road (Lot 100 DP 828174)
Chris Lonergan - Town Planner: *Cafe, two sheds and pool pavilion*

10.2015.65.1 - BYRON BAY
1 Cavvanbah Street (Lot 10 DP 1153734)
Mr T Nabi: *Change of use to tourist facility*

50% OFF Disposal Fees
ASBESTOS
Householder Disposal Scheme
Ends 30 June 2015. Conditions apply
Householder Kits available from Council
For more information visit www.newaste.org.au or contact Byron Shire Council 02 6626 7000
This project is a NSW EPA Waste Less, Recycle More initiative funded from the waste levy.





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.

LODGING A SUBMISSION

Written submissions may be made to Byron Shire Council by post addressed to: General Manager, Byron Shire Council, PO Box 219 Mullumbimby NSW 2482 or sent by email to submissions@byron.nsw.gov.au. Submissions emailed to this address only will be acknowledged.

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.

NOTICE OF EXHIBITION OF PLANNING PROPOSAL UNDER THE ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT ACT 1979

For the 'Roundhouse' site at Orana Road, Ocean Shores (Lot 530 DP 238451)

The delegate of the Minister for Planning has issued a Gateway Determination in respect of a Planning Proposal by Byron Shire Council for a local environmental plan to amend Byron Local Environmental Plan 2014 to reclassify the public land owned by the Council and known as Lot 530 DP 238451 Orana Road, Ocean Shores (the former 'Roundhouse' site) under the Local Government Act 1993 from 'community' to 'operational' land and to discharge interests in the land.

The objectives and intended outcomes of the Planning Proposal are that Lot 530 DP 238451 Orana Road, Ocean Shores (the "Land"), after it is reclassified as 'community' under the Local Government Act 1993:

- (i) will be reclassified 'operational' under the Local Government Act 1993;
- (ii) ceases to be a public reserve (if it is a public reserve); and
- (iii) is discharged from trusts (if any) and all interests except for:
 - (a) any reservations that except land out of a Crown grant relating to the Land;
 - (b) reservations of minerals (within the meaning of the Crown Lands Act 1989);
 - (c) Easement for Electricity registered dealing number N765060;
 - (d) Easement for Rising Main registered with DP 600678;
 - (e) Right of Carriageway registered with DP 1062920; and
 - (f) Easement for Services registered dealing number AD798519.

The Planning Proposal is available for inspection or downloading on Council's website at www.byron.nsw.gov.au/public-exhibition and may be inspected on any week day (excluding public holidays) between the hours of 9am and 4pm until Tuesday 3 March 2015 at: Byron Shire Council Administration Centre 70-90 Station Street, Mullumbimby NSW 2482

Brunswick Heads Library 11 Fingal Street, Brunswick Heads NSW 2483
 For information on lodging a submission, and where to address it, refer to the "Lodging a submission" section within Council's advertising.

Submissions close: 4.00pm Wednesday 4 March 2015

Enquiries: Greg Smith 02 6626 7105

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Thursday 26 February 2015

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

9.00am – Ordinary Meeting

The following report has been removed from the previously advertised list of reports being presented to Council.

- Review of Policy Section 356 Donations – Rates, Water and Sewer Charges

The following reports have now been added to the list of reports being presented to Council.

- Coastal Zone Management Plan Byron Bay Embayment
- Local Traffic Committee Meeting held 6 February 2015

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.

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS DETERMINED AND COMPLYING DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATES ISSUED

(Section 101 EP&A Act 1979 and Clause 124 and 137 EP&A Regulations 2000)

The following development consents and complying development certificates issued, 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

10.2015.6.1 – BYRON BAY, 37 Bangalow Road (Lot 1 DP 24517)

Change of use expanded dwelling to a secondary dwelling

10.2015.3.1 – THE POCKET, 954 The Pocket Road (Lot 12 DP 859344) Swimming pool

10.2015.29.1 – MULLUMBIMBY, 2 Cedar Street (Lot 1 DP 372733)

Alterations and additions to existing dwelling

10.2015.1.1 – BYRON BAY, 40 Shirley Lane (Lot 2 Sec 19 DP 758207) Demolition of existing dwelling

10.2014.697.1 – BYRON BAY, 6/16 Oakland Court (Lot 6 DP 286408) Swimming pool

10.2014.727.1 – FEDERAL, 7/19 Teak Road (Lot 7 DP 286288)

Staged construction of two storey dwelling, expanded dwelling module and swimming pool

10.2014.768.1 – BYRON BAY, 1 Ocean Street (Lot 42 DP 260562)

Demolition of dwelling and construct two storey dwelling, swimming pool and tree removal

10.2014.762.1 – BYRON BAY, 1/51 Border Street (Lot 1 SP 85426)

Two storey dwelling

10.2015.50.1 – SUFFOLK PARK, 207-209 Broken Head Road (Lot 1 DP 7013914) Demolition of two pylon signs and erection of one new pylon sign

10.2014.704.1 – BYRON BAY, Boronia Place (Lot 62 DP 26192) A new two-storey building containing light industry (nut processing/activation), light industry and ancillary manager's dwelling plus a detached storage premises

10.2014.654.1 – BYRON BAY, 61 Tennyson Street (Lot 1 DP 957824)

Alterations and additions to an existing dwelling-house, ancillary swimming pool, demolition of existing garage/shed, and secondary dwelling

10.2014.722.1 – UPPER WILSONS CREEK, 412 Upper Wilsons Creek Road (Lot 8 DP 259954) Use of unauthorised dwelling alterations, additions and swimming pool

10.2014.771.1 – EWINGSDALE, 30 Currawong Way (Lot 3 DP 1197885) Dwelling

10.2015.58.1 – SUFFOLK PARK, 143 Alcorn Street (PT 100 DP 1023737) Tree removal – one tree

5.1982.147.5 – OCEAN SHORES, Shara Boulevard (Lot 51 DP 850090, Lot 146 Sec DP 1124615, PT 129 DP 1071573) S96 (1) application to correct minor error

10.2014.119.3 – BANGALOW, 5 Staghorn Court (Lot 85 DP 1198066) S96 to modify the consent to add a carport (relocated dwelling and swimming pool and garage)

10.2015.8.1 – COORABELL, 449 Coorabell Road (Lot 2 DP 249731) Change of use from an existing shed to a dwelling house including alterations and additions and a detached studio ancillary to the dwelling house

10.2015.43.1 – MULLUMBIMBY, 45 Gordon Street (Lot 1 DP 305931) Swimming pool

APPLICATIONS REFUSED

10.2013.518.2 – BYRON BAY, 26 Cavvanbah Street (Lot 5 Sec 54 DP 758207) S96 to modify/delete conditions relating to coastal erosion (removal of existing dwelling-house and nine trees. Construction of a bed and breakfast establishment and construction of a secondary dwelling)

10.2015.18.1 – OCEAN SHORES, 5 Kuringai Way (Lot 1 DP 554518) Change of use of an existing building to dwelling house

16.2015.8.1 – BYRON BAY, 41 Shelley Drive (Lot 113 DP 708473) Alterations/additions to dwelling

16.2015.17.1 – EWINGSDALE, 23A Sunrise Lane (Lot 11 DP 1023942) Pergola

16.2015.7.1 – OCEAN SHORES, 89 Orana Road (Lot 447 DP 238451) Secondary dwelling

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST TO SELL ABANDONED VEHICLES

Abandoned Motor Vehicles Impounding Act 1993 No.5 - February 2015 (Closes Monday 13 March 2015)

NOTICE is hereby given to the owners of the vehicles listed below, having been found abandoned within the Byron Shire Council area, that unless these vehicles are claimed before Friday 6 March 2015 the vehicles will be sold to recover Council's costs.

77.2015.14.1	C14	Toyota sedan red
77.2015.13.1	C13	Holden Barina red
77.2015.12.1	C12	Mitsubishi Van red
77.2015.11.1	C11	Probe sedan ford black
77.2015.10.1	C10	Ford sedan black
77.2015.9.1	C9	Daewoo sedan white
77.2015.8.1	C8	Subaru sedan white
77.2015.7.1	C7	Toyota Tarago burnt out
77.2015.4.1	C4	Daihatsu 4WD burgundy
77.2015.2.1	C2	Ford Laser blue
77.2015.1.1	C1	Ford Festiva gold
77.2014.60.1	C60	Jeep silver
77.2014.59.1	C59	Honda white
77.2014.58.1	C58	Daewoo sedan silver
77.2014.57.1	C57	Toyota station wagon
77.2014.56.1	C56	Nissan Van
77.2014.55.1	C55	Ford Ute
77.2014.54.1	C54	Holden Commodore Acclaim sedan white
77.2014.53.1	C53	Subaru station wagon silver

These cars may be inspected on Friday 6 March 2015 between 3.30pm and 4.30pm at Warren Simmons Yard, Banksia Drive, Byron Bay.

The above vehicles may be sold to interested persons, if unclaimed by the owner, after Friday 6 March 2015.

Written "expressions of interest" must be submitted on the specified form (Expressions of Interest to Purchase Abandoned Vehicle - # E2015/10779) - (NOTE: each submission on a separate form), available on Council's website at www.byron.nsw.gov.au/forms or by contacting Council on 02 66267107, Monday to Friday between 9.00am and 4.00pm.

All prospective purchasers must familiarise themselves with the General Conditions of 'Expressions of Interest' (printed on page 2 of form) prior to inspecting the vehicles or submitting an offer to purchase.

Submissions close: 2.00 pm Friday 6 March 2015

Enquiries: Scott Brodie 02 6626 7107

SOUTH BYRON SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT STAGE 1 WORKS – DEMOLITION OF ABOVE AND BELOW GROUND INFRASTRUCTURE

Request for Tender No: 2015-0002

Byron Shire Council invites tenders for a contract to remove all above and below ground structures within the old South Byron Sewage Treatment Plant Site. Details of the proposed contract and the assessment criteria requirements are set out in the Request for Tender documentation referred to below.

Request for Tender documents may be obtained by contacting Tenderlink at www.tenderlink.com/byron. If you experience difficulties accessing the website, please call the Tenderlink helpdesk on 1800 233 533.

Council invites any person willing to fulfil the requirements of the proposed contract to submit a tender to Council by the deadline specified in this advertisement and in accordance with the Tender Documents referred to above.

Tenders close: 2 00pm Tuesday 24 March 2015 NSW time

Please note: The canvassing of Councillors or Council staff in relation to this tender will disqualify tenders from the tender process.

WATER METER REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

Council is currently rolling out a water meter exchange/replacement program.

The water meters that need replacement have come to the end of their service life. Some are hard to read and others do not comply with Council's backflow prevention policy.

The exchange/replacements will be done on any day of the week and only select meters will be replaced.

In respect of shift workers and sleeping babies, the water operator will not knock on the door, but will only exchange the meter at a time when there is noticeably no usage. The meter exchange is usually fairly quick and the water supply is generally isolated for only a few minutes.

Byron Shire Council apologises for any inconvenience and would like to assure you that our distribution network maintenance and upgrades provide you with a safe and reliable water supply.

Enquiries: Diana Bennett 02 6685 9304

Player Profile – Byron Shire netball

Name – Siena Brooke

Nickname – CC

Team – Mullumbimby Netball

Age – 13

Eyes – Blue

Height – 151cm

Position – GA, GD & C

Years in sport – 8

Favourite food – Mango

Favourite colours – Blue & Pink

Career highlight – Getting into the rep team

Motto – If you work harder and harder you will only get better and better



If you would like your team to appear in this year's series of player profiles, email: sport@echo.net.au



Ellie wraps up Surfifest

After weeks of surfing in various divisions the 30th anniversary of Surfifest wrapped up in Newcastle with Alejo Muniz (BRA) taking out the Burton Automotive Pro and Ellie Brooks (QLD) taking top honours in the Burton Automotive Women's Classic.

Muniz celebrated his 25th birthday by taking out the final of the Burton Automotive Pro.

Ellie Brooks started the Burton Automotive Women's Classic as the underdog. She was already further in an event than ever before and she was matching up against former event champion and Newcastle local Philippa Anderson (NSW/AUS). But Brooks used her powerful backhand hooks and carves to post the biggest scores and take her maiden QS win.

Pin This Up

DEADLINE NOON FRIDAY

Email copy marked 'Pin This Up' to editor@echo.net.au.

BHPA March meeting

Brunswick Heads Progress Association invites residents of Brunswick Heads to attend their meeting on Monday 2 March at 7pm at Memorial Hall, Fingal St, Brunswick Heads. The purpose of the meeting is to explain and discuss state-government-approved plans for Brunswick Heads foreshore parklands.

Byron Harmony Festival

With Byron Harmony Day coming up on 28 March and lead-up activities throughout March, volunteers are needed to help plan, set up, perform, workshop and speak. Please call Judy 0405 436 663.

Chem free landcare

Byron Shire Chemical Free Landcare next working bee will be on the Saturday 28 February, at Brunswick Heads Crown Land Reserve, from 8am till 12 noon. Meet at the fire track gate at the end of South Beach Road near the surf club at 8am. More information 0478 272 300, email byronshirechemicalfreelandcare@gmail.com or go to www.byronshirechemicalfreelandcare.org.

Interest-free NILS Loan

If you're on a low income and have lived in Byron Shire for at least six months, you may be eligible for an interest-free NILS Loan. These community microfinance loans are available for essential items such as a fridge, washing machine, bike, computer, etc. Collect a NILS Application Pack from the Byron Community Centre or Mullumbimby Neighbourhood House, print off a copy from www.byroncentre.com.au, or call on 6685 6807.

Camera Club
Ballina Camera Club meeting Thursday 26 February at 6.30pm at Kentwell Community Centre. New members welcome. Enquiries Mark 6686 6915.

Sky viewing

Marie and Philip your local amateur astronomers will be at The Terrace, Brunswick Heads, on Thursday 26 Feb. See the moon and Jupiter through a large telescope. From about 7.30pm near the road bridge. Details 0413 779 223.

U3A Brunswick Valley

Tues 17 March – members please note: Mayor's Morning Tea at the OS Country Club. Photo Comp on display from 9.30. Phone 6685 1732.

Mullum art gallery

Mullumbimby Community Art Gallery: Artists are invited to submit an expression of interest to present exhibitions at the Mullumbimby Community Art Gallery for available dates in 2015. For more information and to request an application form please email mullumpotters@yahoo.com or drop in on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 10am and 2pm behind the Drill Hall at 2 Jubilee Ave, Mullumbimby.

Byron Sophia

Byron Sophia Philosophical Group: Completing our Top 30 Archeological

Sites & Artefacts found in Australia – based on Steve Strong's new book, Thursday 26 February 1–3pm, at Masonic Centre, 6 Byron St, Byron Bay. Info: Celia 6684 3623.

Hospital garage sale

The Byron District Hospital Auxiliary will hold a garage sale at 105 Beech Dr, Suffolk Park on Saturday 28 February commencing at 8am. Enquiries 6685 3162.

Lions Charity Golf Day

Brunswick Mullumbimby Lions Club are hosting a golf day at Mullumbimby golf club Sunday 8 March starting 12 noon with a shotgun start, 4-ball ambrose, \$20 per player, sponsored by Tony Carsburg Holden. The club is raising money for medical research by supporting our personality quest entrant Ema Marks. Bookings please at Mullumbimby Pro Shop 6684 1688.

U3A Ballina/Byron

Enjoy Poetry with David at 10am on 3/3/15, in the meeting room, Mullumbimby RSL. Enquiries 6680 7350.

Probus Club

The Brunswick Valley Probus Club Annual Meeting is on Tuesday 3 March at 10am at the Ocean Shores Country Club. Fees for 2015 are now due. Enquiries Veronica 6680 2025.

St Columba's Centenary

The church community of St Columba's Ewingsdale extends an invitation to present and past members to come and join us in celebrating St Columba's centenary. Bishop Sarah will be presiding, 1 March, starting at 11am, shared luncheon following the

service in the church grounds.

Byron Market

The Byron Market is on Sunday 1 March at the Butler St Reserve from 8am to 3pm. Musical lineup this market includes Wandering Eyes and roaming buskers.

BYS Horticulture Course

Horticulture course at Byron Youth Service commencing 19 Feb on Thursdays 2–5 pm. learn how to build your own veg garden. Must be 24 or under to participate. Enq Karen on 6685 7777.

Speakers Corner

Starting Sunday 1 March, meet at Byron Environment Centre booth at 2pm in Railway Park and bring your ideas, soap box or milk crate. Info: Feather 6680 9374 (after 4pm).

Art Competition

Artists, get your paint brushes out and start painting for the 10th Annual Ocean Shores Country Club Art Competition/Exhibition. Entry forms at www.oceanshorescc.com.au. Enquiries Jennie 6684 1664 or Marilyn 6680 4907.

Book fair

Friends of the Library are having a massive book fair, book fest and book sale on Saturday 11 April, and we need your help with donated books, DVDs, CDs, vinyls, games and puzzles. Please call Beryl on 6685 3030 or Janene on 6685 5022, or email byronbayfol@gmail.com.

Please note: This section is intended for the benefit of non-profit community groups, not for invitations to free events followed by paid workshops.

Mullum in the swim

Mullumbimby Swim Club will host a regional official swim meet at the Mullumbimby Petria Thomas Pool on Saturday 28 February.

The carnival is the first in seven years and has been warmly received by other swimming clubs, many of whom fondly remember the terrific Mullumbimby relay carnival in 2007.

With summer drawing to a close, Mullumbimby Swim Club will welcome swimmers, friends and families from across northern NSW

to attend the Mullumbimby Swim Club Endless Summer Carnival.

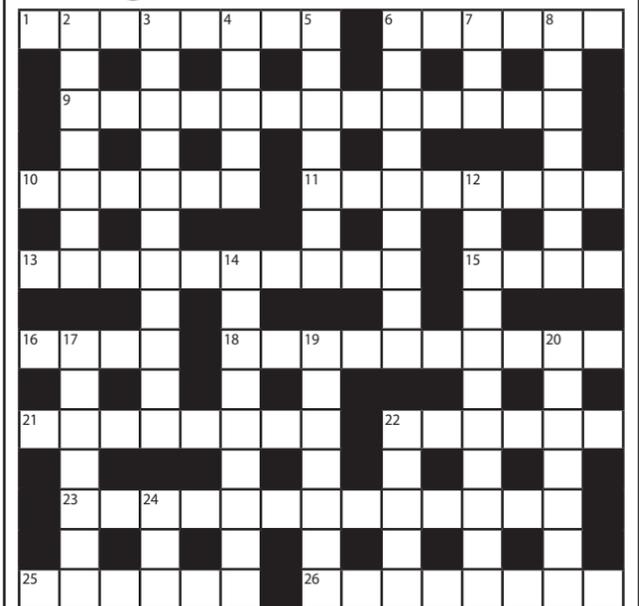
'Visitors to Mullumbimby are expected to reach 1,000 for the day of the event,' says Robin Sydney, president of Mullumbimby Swim Club.

The carnival will feature up to 50 events for all ages and abilities, including multi-class races, made possible by the disability access recently upgraded at the pool.

For more: www.facebook.com/pages/Mullumbimby-Swim-Club.

Mungo's Crossword

N060



Cryptic Clues

ACROSS

- Monkey causes some confusion in turning public transport (8)
- Mates have no right to become monsters (6)
- Deep fieldsmen follow the most impressive spider (5-4-4)
- Screen king gets two foreign articles (6)
- New copper hides in face fungus; toful! (4,4)
- Storm, prate, gripe – but it's really nothing to be scared of (5,5)
- Snub Roman? Could be either (4)
- A piece of fruit – two, we hear (4)
- Anatolia in winter – a tough choice for a smoker (4,6)
- Scottish Council harbours a strange wish for the foul-mouthed Mrs Turbot (8)
- In a newly-formed atoll, I find a nymphet! (6)
- A shiny shell for Mrs Bailey, perhaps? (6-2-5)
- Like Scottish Johns, these continentals (6)
- Rough Ken's iron, but he won't go to the snow (3-5)

DOWN

- Small country found in prairies and/or ranges (7)
- Tolkien creation R (6,5)
- Pen with the French fashion (5)
- Male organ on ugly woman, according to the ockers – but it holds useful things! (7)
- Fruit raptor, wild bird (3,6)
- Girl takes her ease, we hear, around five (3)
- Forsakes rewards (7)
- AR, a feature of New York (7,4)
- Sail into the wind to one headland – it's a bit sticky (9)
- Codes racked in games (7)
- Depressed after the story? Have a rest (3,4)
- That girl – is she French? (7)
- Have a drink in cheap fur ... (5)
- ...and a drink, thanks, with a drug in it. (3)

Quick Clues

ACROSS

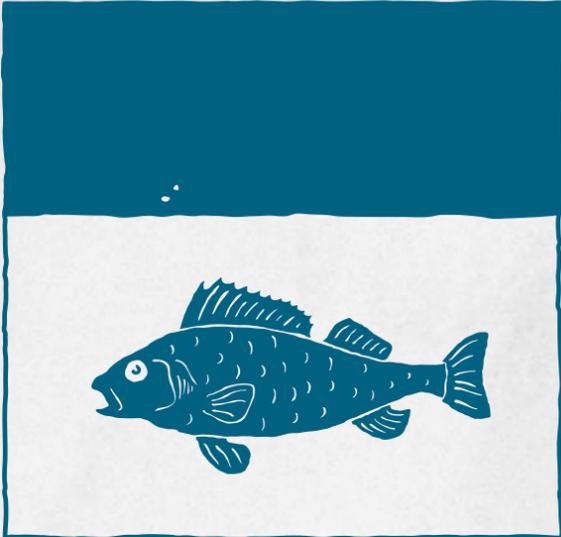
- Small South American monkey (8)
- Demons, devils (6)
- Type of spider with small body but extended limbs (5-4-4)
- Screen, lattice (6)
- Fermented soya, tofu (4,4)
- Something which seems threatening but is really powerless (5,5)
- Facial feature (4)
- Fruit (4)
- Method of giving up a habit (usually a drug) by sudden, total deprivation (4,6)
- Female fishmonger, proverbially foul-mouthed (8)
- Nabokov's nymphet (6)
- Nacre, interior surface of an oyster shell (6-2-5)
- Inhabitants of the largest continent (6)
- One who does not indulge in a popular winter sport (3-5)

DOWN

- Small country between France and Spain (7)
- Setting for The Lord of the Rings (6,5)
- Manner, fashion (5)
- Receptacle for tradesman's equipment (7)
- Small and colourful fruit-eating Australian bird (3,6)
- Adam's mate (3)
- Arid land expanses (7)
- Large public area in New York, considered unsafe at night (7,4)
- Stickiness, quality of being second-rate or off colour (9)
- Puzzles, dilemmas (7)
- Assume a horizontal position (3,4)
- Girl's name, French for Star (7)
- Rabbit fur (5)
- English Breakfast or Earl Grey (3)

Last week's solution N059





THE ITALIAN'S SEAFOOD DEGUSTATION

THURSDAY, 26TH OF FEBRUARY - 6 COURSES FOR \$70pp

For the full menu check - italianatthepacific.com.au

OPEN 7 DAYS FROM 6PM
2 Bay St, Byron (next to Beach Hotel)
(02) 6680 7055

facebook.com/theitalianbyronbay
instagram.com/theitalianbyronbay
italianatthepacific.com.au

ITALIAN
AT THE PACIFIC

Both sad and inspiring: overnight last Friday someone broke windows in cars parked at the Palmwoods turnoff during the flooding and stole belongings from them. Next day the smashed windows had been covered with black plastic. Anyone with a tipoff on the thievery can call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

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The Renewable Energy Party, launched in Lismore last week, is the latest colourful addition to the political landscape. Its executive contains a number of notable locals, including former HEMP party members and lawyer Peter Breen, who has been associated with a number of political parties – and plenty of controversy – while a state MP from 1999 to 2007. See our story on page 7.

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At last we know why ingesting cannabis gives people the munchies. Cannabinoids in the drug stimulate the appetite by flicking a switch in neurones that normally inhibit eating, say researchers in a recent article in the journal *Nature*. It's exciting news for Tim Tams manufacturers but unfortunately it won't help you if you're caught up in the police's latest roadside drug testing blitz. Cannabis can stay in your system for quite a while, depending on the potency. The penalty for getting caught drug driving is a \$1,100 fine and a minimum three-month disqualification for a first-time offence. However, analysis undertaken by the NRMA in 2014 showed that almost one in three drivers (488) convicted of a first offence for drug driving in NSW from 2010 to 2012 walked free after receiving a



Bill Mills Aerial Photography caught this image of the V-Day V on Main Beach the other week. Find out more about the V-Day movement at www.vday.org.

Section 10 (in which the court does not record a conviction), or were convicted without penalty. Lismore solicitor and drug law reform expert Steve Bolt has argued that laws on drug driving should closely mirror drink-driving laws, which measure an acceptable level of intoxication.

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After their recent Operation Saturation police have named the top ten worst locations in NSW where individuals were detected drink-driving since January 1, 2014. Unsurprisingly Tweed/Byron ranks second with 753 detections after Northern Beaches 759.

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Further to our recent story on Bunchy Top disease in bananas, we need to point out that our statement 'a permit is required if you have more than one plant' is incorrect. 'A permit is needed if you want to plant new banana plants,' a spokesperson for the National Bunchy Top Project said. 'Many people have existing clumps of

plants in their backyards, or several plants, and that's fine. It is just if people unknowingly dig up or move infected suckers they could be spread-

ing the disease, hence the regulation.' Find out more about Bunchy Top at www.bunchytop.org.au or call the Hotline 1800 068 371.

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