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Top scientist advice rejected by council

The push to protect private properties at the expense of the natural environment and public amenity continues

Hans Lovejoy

An offer by scientists and economists to help Council manage the Shire's pristine coastline was ignored by Cr Sol Ibrahim and his fellow councillors at last week's Council meeting.

Instead, they have decided to 'go it alone,' which could see the potential erosion of Belongil Beach, one of Australia's most iconic surfing beaches.

And with the support of Crs Wanchap, Cubis, Woods and Hunter, Cr Ibrahim also rejected an offer by the NSW Office Of Environment And Heritage (OEH) to redo a cost benefit analysis for the planned Belongil rockwall.

As reported in *The Echo* previously, the Belongil rock wall project aims to protect high-priced sand-dune real estate, specifically three private properties and some Council managed land.

But it's over budget, has been kept secret, is close to losing state funding and has been criticised by expert scientists who deal with coastal planning.

Additionally, no contribution offer has been publicly announced by the landowners, making the cost to ratepayers unknown.

Nearly \$22,000 of public money was splashed at the project last week, earmarked for lawyers and consultants. That adds to the estimated \$142,500 already spent since January. Apart from funding the project, there are expected upkeep costs of 'nourishing' the beach with imported sand to prevent depletion.

As for the offer of help from the OEH, Cr Ibrahim claims that the department is trying to take 'control of the process.'

He told *The Echo*, 'The OEH steering committee excludes all stakeholders and councillors. Only staff are invited, and that is mainly so that property information could be provided at the early stages of the process.' He also claims that Council staff are 'frustrated with the OEH and confused with the inconsistent advice provided.'

'The advice from the OEH has been heeded, and will inform the revision of our cost benefit analysis by the consultants,' he said.

Beach to be 'accessible 95 per cent of the year'

As while the the plans are still unfolding, Cr Ibrahim claims that 'Our expert engineering advice is that techniques [such as engineered protection works, groynes and sand nourishment systems] in combination will provide an accessible beach for 95 per cent of the year.'

In reply to whether the rockwall will result in beach erosion, he said, 'This could not reasonably be said to be a "loss" of the beach.'

As for who pays, he says, '*The Coastal Protection Act 1979* requires that any approval for permanent protection works must include a credible plan for maintenance and repair by private property owners as a condition of consent.'

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Words, set to festival



Writers Festival director Edwina Johnson with operations manager, Sarah Ma. Photo Jeff Dawson

Former prime minister Julia Gillard, Joan London, Helen Garner, Kate Grenville and Jackie French have been announced as the first-round line-up guest speakers for the Byron Bay Writers Festival, to be held August 7 to 9.

Director Edwina Johnson says it's 'shaping up to be a festival showcasing a line-up of strong, female

Australian voices.' Kids will also have the opportunity to meet their literary heroes in Kids Big Day Out, which returns in 2015.

'This much-loved event features the biggest line-up of children's authors to date, including one of Australia's best-loved children's authors, Jackie French, whose books have sold millions of copies worldwide.

Kids will also be entertained by the popular illustrator Terry Denton and Australian superstar author Andy Griffiths.'

Earlybird tickets go on sale from April 17 until the full program is announced on June 12. Workshops begin on August 3.

For more info visit www.byronbaywritersfestival.com.au.

Minister urges protection of Brunswick Heads WWI memorial pines

Luis Feliu

In under a fortnight, the Anzac Day centenary will be celebrated across the nation.

But Brunswick Heads residents are fighting to preserve a stand of WWI memorial trees which honour

past locals who died or served in that conflict. Last month, the trees in The Terrace reserve were listed on the National Trust of Australia register, a month after then-heritage minister Rob Stokes knocked back a bid by Byron Shire Council to have the trees protected under a state

Interim Heritage Order (IHO).

Mr Stokes told Council that in his view there was 'no imminent threat' to the stand of trees but that it was 'desirable' that their 'heritage values be managed' and called for a comprehensive assessment to be

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BayFM fundraiser wraps up soon



Bay FM president Oliver McElligott with Les Taylor from Byron Bay Winter Whales. Photo Rudiger Wasser

BayFM's Watts Up! campaign had a surprise last week.

The station's Nicky Fisher says that while on air celebrations for their 25th year was taking place, Les Taylor from the Byron Bay Winter Whales dropped in with a \$1,000 donation to the campaign. 'Winter Whales have contributed 200 watts to help

towards the transmitter gear replacement up at the Saint Helena Tower. Keep the donations coming to Watts Up!'

The campaign to maintain community radio will run until Friday April 17 and the crew are hoping to reach \$25,000 for the equipment.

For more phone 6680 7999 or visit www.bayfm.org.

Baggaley behind bars again

Former Olympic kayaker Nathan Baggaley has been denied bail after facing Byron Bay Local Court last week charged with mailing prescription drugs to a prison inmate.

He has also been charged with assaulting police and attempting to escape custody.

Baggaley was on bail at the time and has had bail formally revoked.

New highway service centre set for Tweed

Luis Felio

Tweed Shire Council has approved the building of a major highway service centre at a prominent gateway entry site to the Tweed Valley at Chinderah.

Construction of the ser-

vice centre, truck stop and food outlet complex on former sugarcane land next to Melaleuca Station is likely to start later this year after Council gave the final green light to the plan, albeit with more than 140 conditions.

The proposed Shell ser-

vice centre will cater for northbound traffic on the Pacific Highway and will sit on 3.9 hectares.

It will also include an outdoor dining area and playground, truckers lounge, public amenities and parking spaces for over 100 cars, 25

trucks and five caravans or buses. A minority of councillors failed to defer the decision in order to try to have the developer improve the plans to 'achieve better outcomes' in the look of the building, landscaping and use of water and energy.

Mel's fundraiser Sat

This Saturday in Mullumbimby, there will be a garage sale fundraiser for local puppet-maker extraordinaire and mother of two, Melanie Maher.

Mel was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in 2007 and over the last few years her condition has progressed to her being dependent on a motorised scooter, family support to get around and care for her two young children.

Her family are hoping to

raise \$10,000 in funds to pay for a motor med machine which will stimulate her legs and feet to move again.

To do this, her disability scooter is for sale as is the family ute. The garage sale and barbecue will be held from 8am this Saturday at 83 Prince Street, Mullum.

A raffle will be drawn at 1pm with some great prizes donated by local businesses.

See the ad in the garage sale section of the classes.

Music celebrated in Bangalow



Pat Davern, guitarist from the acclaimed rock band Grinspoon, has extended his love of music to independent music retailing. With his wife Katya, they operate Bangalow Music and Books in the old Station Street hardware building. With Record Day Australia this Saturday, Pat and Katya have carefully selected a bunch of limited edition record store day releases. Photo Jeff Dawson

If These Halls Could Talk contact

Further to last week's story regarding the multi-arts project, *If These Halls Could Talk*, the

website where you can nominate your favourite hall is www.ifthesehallscouldtalk.com.au.

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Protesters blockade Lismore fluoride plant

Darren Coyne

Police arrived at a protest at the entrance of a proposed fluoride dosing plant at Corndale near Lismore on Monday morning.

About 20 people blocked the entrance to the Corn-dale site, intent on stopping a crane from entering.

They believed a truck carrying material for the dosing plant is due to arrive at 11am.

Group spokesman Peter Lehner said fluoride opponents wanted their human rights respected.

'We do not want mass medication in our community, and we want pharmaceutical-grade fluoride pills not industrial grade HFSA (hydrofluorosilicic acid) which is really industrial waste including varying amounts of toxic heavy metals, including uranium,' he said.

Remembering locals who served at Gallipoli



Brenda and John Davis, pictured right, put in hours of work to compile the stories of 36 local men who served in Gallipoli. Pictured left is the museum's Susan Tsicalas. Photo Jeff Dawson

The Brunswick Valley Historical Society museum will be launching an exhibition entitled 'Brunswick Valley Gallipoli Roll-Call', in which the men who went to Gallipoli with connections to the Brunswick Valley have been profiled.

The exhibition will be officially opened

on Saturday April 18 at 11am at the Mullum monthly market.

Located on the corner of Stuart and Myocum Streets, the museum will have special openings leading up to Anzac Day on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings from 10am to 12pm.

Minister urges protection WWI memorial pines

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done on them.

Council says it is looking at including the assessment in a work program, subject to funding.

The minister also urged Council to consult with the NSW Crown Holiday Parks Trust (CHPT), the managers of the Terrace Reserve Holiday Park, to work out a management plan for the trees 'including measures for tree replacement should this become necessary with age.'

The trust, through its North Coast Holiday Parks agency, which manages the town's foreshore parks, has been blamed by community groups for the deterioration of the trees in the reserve.

They say lower limbs of the Coastal Cypress Pines have been 'savaged' over time to make way for large mobile homes and caravans increasingly using the park, and illegal structures built around the stand of trees.

Mr Stokes also urged Council and the trust to consider 'appropriate interpretive measures that will educate future users of the caravan park of the significance of the trees.'

'With education, it is hoped that visitors to the park will grant due respect to the trees and to those that are memorialised by the stand of trees, be-

ing those who served in World War I,' he told Council.

Patricia Warren, a longtime Brunswick Heads resident and campaigner for heritage listing the trees, said the Coastal Cypress Pines were planted as a memorial to those who served in WWI by volunteer locals from surrounding areas, working on a roster system from 1920 onwards.

Ms Warren told *The Echo* that 'it was a mammoth task requiring planting in sandy soil and nurturing the seedlings to sustainability, work which continued through WWII.'

'In the late 1990s, park management acted illegally and put in overflow unpowered camp sites during the Christmas period into the area within 100 metres of the newly constructed amenities block near Nana Street, putting them into the area dominated by the Coastal Cypress Pines,' she said.

'In 2006 Byron Shire Council was dismissed as the manager of the caravan parks in Brunswick Heads and North Coast Holiday Parks and North Coast Accommodation Trust (NCHP/NCAT) took over.

'They extended the illegal encroachment by putting in a mobile amenity shed at the southern end of the caravan park. The lower limbs of the

Coastal Cypress Pines were savaged to make way for large mobile homes and caravans.

'Power and water were made available to many sites. The whole of the southern area was marketed for 24/7 use.

'NCHP/NCAT showed the Coastal Cypress Pines no mercy. Root systems continued to be systematically mowed, soil compacted with heavy vehicles, herbicides sprayed and waste water regularly discharged against the pines etc.

'And all of this continued despite clear evidence in an environmental consultant's 2010 report which gave direction to an appropriate tree management strategy.

'The content of that report was echoed again in the consultant's 2011 report. Both of these appear as Appendices in the 2014 Plan of Management (POM) for the Terrace Holiday Park. And what did NCHP/NCAT do? Nothing! 'Worse, the mowing over root systems and camping within a five-metre radius of the trunks of these pines continues unabated by current park management.

'In preparation of the 2014 POM, due diligence was ignored and no European Cultural Heritage report was done.

'Instead, those now approved POMs intend to develop the entire area for short term sites and campsites.

Within those plans is leverage to remove any tree on the grounds of "safety".

'Unless there is a dramatic change in management's attitude, one can readily speculate how that leverage will be used,' she said.

Ms Warren said that in January this year, the memorial pines were 'ground truthed' and that '103 extant trees and three trunks were identified.'

She said the minister's recommended tree-management plan should be implemented urgently, 'and nothing less than in situ replanting of these trees, when appropriate, can be accepted, unless of course we are prepared to forget.'

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'When people think that politics is a joke, they then deserve the jokers that rule them' – Jit Sharma

Hans Lovejoy

The wrecking ball of local governance again arbitrarily swung from one unread report to another ignored staff recommendation at last week's Council meeting.

Maybe that's a bit harsh, but ill-informed comments from a few councillors have been ongoing for years now.

Yes, it's hard to fly like an eagle while surrounded by turkeys. At least the staff are in control, well sort of.

So what did our assumed mayor, Cr Sol Ibrahim, achieve this month?

Fifty thousand dollar report

Like their federal and state counterparts, Cr Ibrahim and his team of Crs Woods, Wanchap, Cubis and Hunter embrace roads.

A staff request for \$50,000 was passed, which will see a traffic consultant 'determine the priority of intersection upgrades' along Ewingsdale Road. Undoubtedly it's needed now that Byron is expanding, but it's not being included within the current master plan for the town, which is underway.

Roundabouts will be investigated at Kendall Street into Belongil, and modelling of the seniors living and commercial development surrounding the central hospital will be undertaken.

That's yet to be approved, which says a lot about current planning practices; this must be a predetermined development, much like West Byron, the bypass and the rail trail.

CCTV in Byron

One of the few times Cr Ibrahim has agreed to allow the Byron Bay master plan to be considered was in deferring CCTV installation.

Perhaps because it didn't get in the way of a road?

An exhaustive staff report revealed that the Byron busi-

ness community don't want to commit any money to it.

The Liquor Accord is yet to even reply to Council on the matter.

Fair enough. Despite what could be considered very profitable trading conditions of late, we pay taxes, so why don't the feds do something?

Council agreed that 'funds may best be obtained through grants made more successful if coming from within a Council- and community-endorsed master plan.'

Meanwhile, Casino is set to install a federally funded CCTV network worth \$463,000 in the next three months. *The Echo's* Darren Coyne reported last week that the successful tenderer is SAT Pty Ltd, a Sydney-based radio communications consultancy company.

The network of cameras will be beamed directly to the local police station.

But local police here have said they don't want to contribute to the project, which leaves Council dealing with this on their own.

When federal money was offered last year, Cr Ibrahim and his supporters enthusiastically jumped at the idea, despite staff concerns it would be a financial burden.

Bangalow derelict heritage housing

Remember 9 Station Street, Bangalow? It's heritage listed commercial/residential zoned land with an existing old cottage that sits adjacent to the A&I Hall.

On numerous occasions, the Sydney-based developer/owner has wanted to erect a large mixed residential commercial building there, yet was foiled by pesky objections.

This time, the idea is to demolish the asbestos riddled ramshackle-of-a-home in preparation for something yet to be decided.

As Bangalow-based town planner Paul De Fina told councillors in morning

public access, the house is unliveable, an eyesore and needs to go.

But after some inquiry by the mayor, it was discovered that the home was occupied only a few months ago.

Despite staff and consultants advising against, demolition was approved, provided it was maintained 'in a safe and clean manner, without a street fence.'

Crs Dey, Richardson, Cameron and Spooner voted against the motion.

Who supports gay marriage?

Here's one to consider if you are a supporter of gay marriage, or not.

Crs Cubis and Hunter – who gained a seat in Council thanks to Cr Woods – were unsupportive of a motion by Cr Dey which calls on the Commonwealth government to 'end marriage discrimination and support marriage equality for same sex couples.'

While Cr Hunter appears to enjoy an open Nationals party relation... ahem, membership, Cr Cubis refuses to confirm or deny his National Party allegiances to *The Echo*. It must be tough being in the political closet.

Anyway, the motion gained Council support and the mayor will present the position to the National General Assembly of Local Government when he travels to Canberra in June.

Byron CBD redevelopment

The redevelopment of the historic Council chambers in Byron's CBD will go before the public for comment.

The aim is to retain the existing facade but see the back end rebuilt for a 250-bed backpacker accommodation, shops and restaurants.

All councillors voted in favour.

Also a name worthy of Byron Shire has at last been

suggested for the Byron sports facility on Ewingsdale Road. It looks like it will be renamed the Cavanbah Sports Centre.

Secondary dwelling review

And secondary dwelling contributions are set to be reviewed by councillors, 'to see if it stays or goes.'

Mayor Simon Richardson said the fees that were waived were to increase availability of housing stock for locals and provide a financial incentive for secondary dwellings that had been built without Council approval, to seek approval.

Council staff say that since 2011, about \$2.3 million has been lost in Section 94 developer contributions from structures being built without approval. It also predicted that between 2015 and 2026 a further loss of \$3.9 million could be anticipated.

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ACCC to look into gas prices

AAP

The federal government will launch an inquiry into gas producers to increase transparency and drive down household bills.

Gas retailers have recently added a rental fee for gas cylinders, increasing bills

for some substantially.

Industry minister Ian Macfarlane says the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) will lead the six-month probe.

He announced the measure on Wednesday while releasing the government's energy future blueprint.

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Floodplain plan for Belongil approved

Chris Dobney

Belongil now has a floodplain management plan, despite concerns by residents and some councillors that the plan might be seriously flawed.

Shirley Lane residents Cath Walton and Jay Pearson told public access at last Thursday's Council meeting that they were worried the adjacent Cumbebin Swamp, together with their local Belongil Creek tributary, would be ruined if a proposed massive pumping station were built nearby.

Ms Walton said, 'the creek is tidal and more prone to flooding when the creek mouth is not opened.'

She added the area, which was 'abundant in wildlife,' was maintained by local residents.

'We don't want pumps, drains and levees installed. We're concerned that in future development will take over the last refuges of nature left in the Bay,' Ms Walton said.

And Belongil resident and former councillor candidate Laurie Lynch told Council he did not believe the consultant's report was backed up by proper data.

Mr Lynch even went so far as to conduct his own measurement of flows in Belongil Creek during a flood, which he claimed showed the consultants' modelling was 'out of whack.'

Pumping station

Ms Pearson said the area had been identified as a prime opportunity for water-sensitive urban design in the future, which was in line with proposals of the Byron Bay draft master plan.



The Belongil estuary. Image Google Maps

'Infrastructure needs to deliver solutions for local residents as well as Council.

'The proposed pumping station will be ugly, destroy amenity of the wetland and the shared pathway,' she said.

Ms Pearson added that local residents did not receive a letter advising them of Council's intentions.

Computer modelling

Meanwhile, Mr Lynch said his measurements of the velocity of Belongil Creek, conducted after a 200mm rain event with a high coastal surge and two-metre tide, showed surface flows of 0.3metres/second over 10-metre and 20-metre distances two hours after high tide

This compared with consultants' modelling of up to four metres/second for a one-in-100-year event, he said.

But under questioning from Cr Di Woods, infrastructure manager Phil Holloway said data was available from the consultants, though it was not contained in the report.

'Computer models are large and complex and can take up to 24hrs to run,' he said.

'I'm happy to talk to Council regarding its needs for data for reports in future,' he added.

Masterplan

Mr Holloway also told the meeting that the specific proposals, such as pumping stations and levees, need not necessarily be implemented.

'If the same outcomes can be obtained by other methods that are more in line with the master plan.'

Several councillors questioned whether the master plan's authors had been party to the floodplain management plan, particularly as many of the former's recommendations had to do with water sensitive design and stormwater harvesting methods, such as building an artificial lagoon behind Clarkes Beach.

Mr Holloway said the master plan consultants had been provided with copies of the floodplain management plan, along with numerous other

Council studies, but had not commented on it as yet.

The mayor asked if there were value in holding back the report until the master plan was finalised 'so we can have integrity in the process.'

Mr Holloway responded that more than five years' work had so far gone into the plan and that opportunities to apply for grants to implement some of its recommendations would be missed if approval of the plan were deferred.

Greens councillor Duncan Dey urged Council to approve the plan, despite its apparent shortcomings, so that Council could 'move on'.

He added that since a house that had been earmarked for demolition after being declared as being in a flood zone had since been rezoned as safe, he had no further reason to delay approval of the plan.

Cr Dey, who is himself a flood hydrology specialist, said his 'biggest regret with design of this plan is a couple of humungous pumps built in town to lift stormwater.'

'That's nearly the worst thing you can do.'

But he said, 'the process is taking so long, my inclination is to get it out, pay off the consultant and do a review.'

'It will incur costs but it just needs to be sealed off and hearing that there will be options to review it makes me feel we should just get on with it. The first thing you get in a one-in-a-hundred-year event is a blackout and those pumps won't be working,' he added.

The motion to adopt the management plan was passed unanimously.

Mullum railway pedestrian crossing to be closed

Council are seeking urgent consultation on plans by railway line maintenance contractor, John Holland Rail, who have advised that the Mullum railway pedestrian crossing will be closed.

Mayor Simon Richardson said the notice has come as a

complete surprise considering how well it is used.

'If you are supportive of the pedestrian access over the old railway line staying in place, you need to immediately inform Council and John Holland Rail,' he said, adding that it is highly valued.

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Beach rockwalls: where private interests conflict with public amenity and the environment

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Meanwhile, Council's director of sustainable environment and economy, Shannon Burt, says the coastal zone management plan (CZMP), which outlines coastline management, is unlikely to meet the June 30, 2015 deadline.

She told *The Echo* it was owing to, 'belated intervention by the OEH in relation to the draft cost benefit analysis prepared by Council's consultants.'

The rockwall project, entitled Coastal Hazard Management Study Byron Bay Embayment, was also a 'key part of the CZMP.'

'The OEH have recently advised that they are completing their own independent cost benefit analysis of the management study. As a result, Council's consultants will also need to review the alternative cost models. This task comes at additional cost and time.'

A spokesperson from the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage explained that funding for the 'interim protection works at Belongil Beach was subject to the submission of a draft design that satisfied the NSW Coastal Panel and relevant state agencies, including OEH, and grant requirements.'

They told *The Echo* that OEH had, 'concerns with the proposed design related to the scale of works, impacts to public safety, beach access and amenity.'

'Funding has not been withdrawn and is still available dependent upon submission of a satisfactory design,' they said. 'OEH has recommended Byron Shire Council complete its CZMP as a matter of priority.'

Rocks bias: mayor

Council's rejected offer of scientific advice from the OEH has angered mayor Simon Richardson, who told *The Echo* that 'integrity and scientific rigour have been jettisoned.'

'Cr Ibrahim and his supporters don't want the eyes of the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) over it. I do,' he said.

'And they should too.' 'OEH have rightfully been appalled with the interim wall fiasco and are concerned about our economical modelling, which was clearly biased towards a rock wall "solution".'

'When the OEH chief economist steps in with serious concerns about the cost

benefit analysis modelling considering all the possible options; tells us his team will redo one at their expense and they wish to create a high level expert Council and OEH steering committee to make sure the process is robust and thorough, why wouldn't we support that?' He queried what expertise Crs Ibrahim, Wanchap, Cubis, Woods and Hunter had in the field.

'I share the need to get this management plan completed as quickly as possible, but not at the expense of the opportunity for staff and OEH to work together to achieve a better, more transparent and more considered outcome.'

Expert concerns

And dumping large rocks on beaches has also attracted criticism from another expert in the field; retired coastal engineer and long-time resident Andrew Winton-Brown addressed council on Thursday and asked them to explain the secrecy and cost benefit analysis.

He said, 'Estimated to cost up to \$3m to build and \$800,000 per year to run, has this plan been factored into any of the analyses of the options particularly the environmental, social and tourist impacts of building such a system at a popular surfing beach and within a national park? Have National Parks and the Arakwal people been consulted as stakeholders?'

'What are the risks associated with this plan?'

The nation is watching

'Once the CZMP legitimises the rockwalls, they still have to be built,' Cr Duncan Dey told *The Echo*. 'None of the current structures are up to the standard that will be required.'

'Funding of the re-construction is therefore their next hurdle. Their desire is to have the state - ie the public - fund as much as possible. Not only are the capital costs critical, but the ongoing maintenance is a huge long-term issue.'

'I think the residents are ready with the capital to build new correctly designed walls but what they don't want is twofold: to foot the bill for sand nourishment and to carry the responsibility for rebuilds after storm damage. Our science is clear: (1) there will be no sand in front of the

The historical context of sand dunes and structures

The 'planned retreat' policy, which aims to relocate homes or commercial buildings on NSW coastlines, has a history dating back to 1978, according to Council's *Planned Retreat Fact Sheet*.

It seems governments acted after large cyclones in 1974 took out large parts of New Brighton, then called Sheltering Palms. 'By 1977 the houses were abandoned,' says the document, which was produced while Jan Barham was mayor in 2010.

'At the Belongil Spit in the 1970s, houses and the road along on the beachfront were also lost as a result of coastal erosion and storms.' The document says, 'Planned retreat was suggested as a possible management strategy in 1978 in the *Byron to Hastings Point Erosion Study*. Following the study, Council developed and adopted the Byron Local Environment Plan 1988 and Development Control Plan 1, 1988, which included Part J [of that study] for development on coastal lands.'

As of 2015, many houses and commercial buildings near Belongil beach do not comply with that policy, says former mayor and now NSW upper house MLC Jan Barham.

She says, 'Over the years a number of audits have been conducted by both the NSW Department of Planning and BSC and have identified these unapproved works.'

Ms Barham added that those few who purchased before the planned retreat policy was adopted in 1988 should be compensated, 'as was defined in the original 2010 coastal management plan (CZMP).'

And with the previous CZMP in 2010 never being adopted, Council are now back to the drawing board.

But why was it never adopted? Ms Barham says a 2011 media release by the then-general manager stated there was a discrepancy between the new coastal protection laws and Local Government Act, which had resulted in the need for a new Byron Shire CZMP. 'However, this discrepancy had not been explained to the council or the community,' she said. Then minister for the environment, Robyn Parker, replied to Council that OEH was 'unaware of any discrepancy between these Acts that may have affected the draft CZMP.' Ms Barham adds, 'There appears to be no information publicly available to explain the reasons why the draft CZMP was withdrawn.'

walls after a decade or two unless it is imported; and (2) with sea level rise (and no beach), damage to the walls will become more frequent.

'This is government in secret,' he said. 'The rest of the councillors are cut out of all of these plans, and it's because our vote doesn't matter.'

'This motion was thrown at us on the day and it took up more space than the overhead screen allowed.' And despite being locked-out in decision-making, Cr Dey says 'the nation is watching; our outcome will set a tone for many parts of NSW and Australia.'

But Cr Ibrahim agreed for community input in the process. A community advisory/reference panel will be estab-

lished; however, its terms of reference and influence are yet to be announced.

According to Cr Ibrahim, 'There have been several meetings already which included concerned members of the public. They were provided with expert presentations, and participated in robust debate.'

Cr Ibrahim also defended the secrecy as 'lawful process' and told *The Echo* that, 'the staff report explains that it is because of certain actions of the OEH that our draft is not ready for public exhibition.'

'The recent attempt by OEH to take control of the process would further delay the process, well beyond the minister's deadline of June 30.'

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That's entertainment

'Life is pain, Highness,' said the Dread Pirate Roberts in *The Princess Bride*. 'Anyone who says differently is selling something.'

Once you've grasped this fact – and it doesn't apply only to princesses – you've inoculated yourself against snake-oil salesmen and can get on with entertaining yourself in a universe where one of the main stimuli to action is a particularly nasty one. Who knew when we slid so innocently down that birth canal?

My chief form of entertainment is information. (Strictly speaking, all life is information.) I'm an information junkie.

Have been since my learned father started bringing home library books for my five-year-old self.

Can't complain. I've made a living from it. The difficult thing is sorting the wheat from the chaff, or even knowing what old expressions like 'sorting the wheat from the chaff' actually mean, and then being impelled by your addiction to google it. If you missed Discrimination And Discernment 101 at high school, you may have a problem.

What we laughingly call my working day, which sometimes includes finding national and world news stories for *Echo*netdaily, revolves around information associated with politics.

In Australia, politics seems to be based on finding ways to do the meanest things to minority groups while pretending to be in charge of a federal budget being disembowelled by falling iron ore prices.

I then seek relief from such information in other information, and here the internet provides it in spades. (Why in 'spades'? I must look that up.) Chiefly science. Science can be obtained by establishing a Google Alert for it or, once you've fought your way through the kitten memes, via social media.

ScienceAlert, for example. This morning at 4am, woken by a possum dancing on the roof, I learnt that habitual procrastination can lead to heart problems, thanks to a study led by psychologist Fuschia M Sirois from Bishop's University in Quebec. In addition, Rambo the New Zealand octopus has learnt how to take photos of visitors to its aquarium.

'I, for one, welcome our new octopus overlords,' remarks the ScienceAlert guy.

And let's not forget history, though most people seem not to have been introduced to history. The wonderful *Lapham's Quarterly* reveals to us Commodore Matthew C Perry's impressions on sumo wrestling in 1854, and the knowledge of where the Middle East went wrong when Cyrus the Younger attempted to 'liberate' Baghdad in 401 BC. By 6am so much is learned.

In this way information softens the Dread Pirate Roberts Effect, and by these means I shall be entertained until the burning-out of the sun in five billion years' time or my death – whichever comes first.

Michael McDonald

Moguls go for gold at tax-fiddling

The late Kerry Packer was notoriously reluctant to be quizzed by parliamentary inquiries – indeed by interrogations of any kind.

He had, he explained, once died as a result of a heart attack on the polo field.

Having been resurrected, he now had more important things to do with his valuable time than respond to questioning he regarded as irrelevant.

Dragged before a senate committee on tax avoidance in 1991, he summed it up famously and succinctly: 'If anybody in this country doesn't minimise their tax they want their head read. As a government I can tell you that you're not spending it so well that we should be paying extra.'

Well, perhaps, although it could be said that even the most incompetent government providing services such as defence, health, education and the rest are more likely to be worthwhile than the legendary gambling binges that were Packer's idea of discretionary spending. It was once reported that when a Texas rancher boasted that he was worth \$100 million, Packer responded insouciantly: 'I'll toss you for it.'

But the man in charge would not have seen the point of any rebuke, or any appeal to the idea of noblesse oblige that once was regarded as the birthright and duty of a former generation of tycoons. He could, and often did, indulge his private charities and causes lavishly and generously, but he regarded them as his personal right and choice; he was simply not interested in the idea of social responsibility or public benevolence.

Taxation was just an imposition. If it was dragged out of him he would pay it, kicking and screaming, but not a cent more than he had to. And such,

overwhelmingly, is the case of his corporate successors ever since.

The multinational moguls who came before their own senate inquiry last week clearly took the view that they were there to say as little as possible and do precisely nothing. And they were considerably more mealy-mouthed than Packer had been almost a generation earlier. The hard line was, if anything, harder, but they were not about to state the obvious: we're grabbing whatever we can and sitting on it, and the rest of you can all get stuffed.

of the bedrocks of civilisation, let alone one of the benefits, is not in the agenda. Tax is at best, a necessary evil: greed is good.

And this impregnable refusal to even countenance the need for any change or modification of their mantra is what makes it so hard to come to grips with what is essentially a political problem for this government – for any government. The Tax Office's Rob Heferen confessed that he had really no idea of the extent of what was going on; it was almost certainly hundreds of millions, probably billions, that

ing around for at least the end of 2017, if ever, and is likely to settle things anyway, this is not good enough.

The government's political imperative is to do something in the budget, or at least to foreshadow it, so that it can convince the fractious punters that it is serious about taking on the big end of town, not just the battlers. But there could be a window of hope: the battlers don't really like tax either. They say they want the multinationals to pay their fair share, but they are curiously uninterested in sticking to the rules themselves. Particularly since the introduction of the GST, the black economy has flourished. And even before that, fiddling the tax has become something of a national sport.

The Tax Office has always been fair game, like parking inspectors and rugby league referees; if you can get away with it, then good luck to you. The theory seems to be that the government should be regarded as the natural enemy – wasteful, self-indulgent, and well able to afford whatever can be avoided or even evaded – there's plenty more there were that came from. So rather than taking the high moral ground, Hockey and his colleagues might be better off going with the flow – saying yes, the big boys are getting away with murder, but so would you if you had half a chance.

Why not lie back and enjoy it – throw yourself into it for fun and profit. That, after all, is what free enterprise is all about. And you can bet that the right-wing commentators from the Institute of Public Affairs, *The Australian*, the *Financial Review* and the rest of the neo-Liberal mob won't give you too hard a time if you do. And nor, of course, will the ghost of Kerry Packer.

In this dystopia of international finance, there is no semblance of morality or ethics.

by Mungo MacCallum



They did admit that they were shifting billions from Australia and other destinations that have lower tax regimes wherever they could find them; given that this was pretty much on the public record they could hardly deny it. But they would never call it tax-avoidance, let alone tax evasion – the latter being illegal.

Oh no, it was about being competitive. It was about providing the best and cheapest service they could find for their customers. It was even, preposterously, in the name of working on research and development for more wonderful things that would benefit the world.

To which one can only reply: bullshit. In this dystopia of international finance, there is no semblance of morality or ethics; the words just do not apply to the reality of modern commerce. Tax may be, as Benjamin Franklin lamented, one of life's inevitabilities, but the idea that it may be actually one

should, in the scheme of things, being collected in Australia, but no-one would tell him.

And as for actually doing something about it – well, that was just too bloody hard. Treasurer Joe Hockey reckons that he is going to try, but he is receiving little if any co-operation from the bureaucrats.

He has floated the idea of a diverted-profits tax along the lines of the unilateral British model, but the Parliamentary Budget Office has already warned that this could breach international trade rules.

Given that the Abbott government is happy to throw out international conventions when and where it suits them – refugee policy, for instance – this would seem not to be a serious impediment, but hey, now we're talking about money. The shiny bums appear to favour waiting until the G20, or the OECD – anybody – gets round to framing a consensus model, but since that will involve hang-

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Overcoming a system in gridlock

■ The federal government is considering financing the construction of coal-fired power stations in poor countries so Australia can keep selling coal.

This way we would extend our fossil-fuel madness across the world and undermine the proliferation of solar in rural areas of those countries.

It seems the fossil-fuel industry has completed its takeover of the Australian government and is using us as a puppet country to disrupt upcoming climate agreements in Paris.

Sapoty Brook
Mullumbimby

■ Elections – fantastic, we become greener, but can we live

in harmony with nature? At the recent solar event which featured Tim Flannery, we started the Byron Solar Revolution at the Byron ECO park.

I'd like to see Mullum becoming Australia's biggest little town in micro-cluster energy which would force out dirty power!

This technology is 'on the shelf' in Germany. Let's start the revolution so you can be free to produce the means of energy production on your terms.

Dieter Horstmann
Tyagarah

■ An excellent analysis of our present local and global paradigm by a world author-

ity from the fossil fuel industry (Ian Dunlop, *Trust in Women to Save the World*, SMH April 7).

Perhaps unexpected from the bastions of the establishment, but he demonstrates that the system is in gridlock.

An intractable problem cannot be solved at the level of participants who don't have the freedom to act for society. Corporations must ultimately, by their very nature, be entirely subservient to the bottom line.

Most of all we need compassion and understanding for our politicians. They are bound by parties which act for special interests.

They are lobbied and manipulated, both overtly and

covertly, by the most powerful forces on the planet.

This perpetual problem needs resolving by the ultimate sovereign authority: we the people.

What do we want? A stable, equitable society that no longer favours one special interest after another.

When do we want it? Now.

So let's get cracking at the community level, with the participation of all sectors of the community, and invent a new paradigm.

We must indeed involve the women to ensure none are left behind – except outdated patriarchal authorities.

Hayo van der Woude
Mullumbimby

Put down that stick

Re the advice given in *Backlash* in regards to threatening dogs: It is not a good idea to pick up a stick and brandish it at an aggressive dog. This usually makes them more aggressive and causes them to come closer rather than run away.

It is much more prudent to pick up an object and throw it or even just pretend to pick up an object. Often just pick-

ing something up is enough to deter an attack and cause the dog/s to retreat, though it is probably sensible to choose a weapon by sight without picking it up.

I was first told this when I was living at Swayambhunnath outside Kathmandu. I had noticed that dogs that merely barked in the daytime became more aggressive and approached closer at night. A more experienced trav-

eller told me not to raise a stick and why, so after I had crossed the bridge on the way out of Kathmandu I would load a few hefty stones into my shoulderbag.

I have since generally found picking up an object more effective in dissuading dogs from attacking. I also remember a case in WA when an old lady was killed by three rottweilers. She was found with her walking stick

close by so I think it is easy to imagine the scenario.

David Gilet
Byron Bay

Energy superpower

Last year our inimitable prime minister declared that 'coal is good for humanity'. While Tony's often accused of being punchdrunk, the whole edifice of his government seems similarly affected. Perhaps the rigours of 'good government' are too great.

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The scalpels are raised in election post-mortem

■ Now that the Greens have won Ballina I expect to see a flurry of letters like that from Edward Kent (*Echo*, April 8) suggesting that the electorate will now become invisible in Macquarie Street.

No doubt the Nats are in deep trauma and Sir Earl is spinning in his grave but those clinging to the myth that grandson Don was an active member strongly representing us in parliament have not been paying attention. Certainly he was a fixture at public meetings (till CSG arrived) and would usually promise to undertake some action which invariably lapsed as soon as he rejoined the party line in Sydney.

Oh, he did parlay the

\$10M for the bypass back to the CBD but this was to facilitate the development of West Byron. If his usual form holds good the money will, hopefully, never arrive.

If the ALP had won, Paul Spooner would have instantly disappeared to the bottom of the backbench. The Sussex Street powerbrokers have certainly lost interest in Ballina now that their union-powered bid has failed.

The Greens do not claim they will be anything more than a strong influence in parliament but as they were the only meaningful opposition during the last term their increased numbers will raise the pressure they can bring to bear on the mining/develop-

oper lickspittles that NSW has elected as a government.

Remember, it has been the Greens and supporting environmentalists who have so far managed to stop Byron Shire becoming another Gold Coast.

And my congratulations to those ALP voters in Lismore who could not bear to preference the Greens and handed the seat back to the Nats.

Tom Tabart

Greens member
Bangalow

■ The recent race to determine who would represent the Ballina electorate in Macquarie Street had everything. After veteran driver Don Page fell asleep at the wheel

of the Nats' Leyland P76 just before the turn of the century, relief driver Kris Beavis is still trying to find the car.

Like everything he puts his mind to, Labor's Paul Spooner drove his red Ferrari flat chat until tragically hitting a coal seam gas barrier a metre from the finish line. Nobody knows what vehicle eventual winner Tamara Smith drove, other than it was green and totally devoid of steering.

Mick Malloy
Suffolk Park

■ Congratulations to Tamara Smith on becoming the new member for Ballina. I'm sure that she'll do a great job representing our area. Congratulations also to Kris Beavis

and Paul Spooner who campaigned solidly for about 10 months.

I'd like to thank everyone who voted for me and supported my campaign. It was certainly an intense election, with all the major political parties making several important funding promises for our region. I'm sure most people are glad it's over and that the never-ending supply of leaflets has finally stopped.

One would assume that since the Baird government was reelected, the promises made on behalf of the Baird government from Nationals candidate Kris Beavis would be honoured. Only time will tell.

The best thing about this

election is the fact that both Ballina and Lismore are now very much marginal seats, which means that all political parties will put more effort (and funding) into our area. It was disappointing that there was no commitment from either of the major parties to restore a commuter rail service on the Casino-Murwillumbah line.

Hopefully the Baird government (and the Nationals) will reconsider their support for the 'tourist only' rail trail and instead divert that funding into some much-needed track works. Now is the time for reconsidering the viability of our rail line.

Jeff Johnson
Lennox Head

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white paper whose foreword starts with the ominous claim that 'Australia is a growing energy superpower'. And it's not referring to renewables.

As Earth hurtles towards four degrees of warming, Australia's foot-dragging on

climate change continues. Better to be open for business. Guided by 'quarry vision' we will dig it up, ship it out, burn it all.

Because the market knows best, Abbott's energy strategy does not involve 'picking winners'. Rather, a 'technology-

neutral approach' will enable the market to reign free. 'Intervention' is to be eschewed (except of course to promote and fund carbon capture and storage).

Climate change is mentioned once in the white paper. The message is that

there's nothing to see here, folks. That trifling detail is being dealt with by 'direct action', so Australia can get on with being an 'energy superpower'.

Dave Lisle
Mullumbimby

Do your bit

My sympathies for the WA woes regarding the GST distribution have greatly increased since I heard on the Senate inquiry on corporate tax avoidance that all the mega-profits from the i-devices are sent to the Apple Ireland. Would Tasmania care to contribute more, please?

Ron Bay
Suffolk Park

Workers' wages

I was very disappointed to see some local businesses in Bangalow showing signs in support of the Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry campaign to get rid of penalty rates over the Easter public holidays. Penalty rates are there to compensate people who work when they should be off with their family having a break, or celebrating their religious beliefs or, dare I say it, dancing away at the Bluesfest.

They also form a large part of the take-home pay of otherwise very low-paid workers including hospitality staff, nurses and community workers. I will never begrudge workers who have sacrificed their time off to provide me with a service a little bit of extra cash, nor do I have a problem paying the 15 per cent loading on meals many of these businesses were charging over the weekend.

Low-paid workers spend all their money, much of it lo-

cally. If you cut these people's wages then you hurt our local economy and our local businesses. I have noted which businesses support cutting local wages and I will be making sure that I take my business elsewhere.

Asren Pugh
Bangalow

Punishing CZMP

Belongil was my home for ten years. I had a water birth in my home, raised my children, and was part of a vibrant community.

Belongil has too long been the battlefield of planned retreat versus coastal management strategies. The actuality is it has been accepted in the 2010 Supreme Court judgment that the town rock groyne has, and continues, to cause sand to accrete on the Clarkes Beach side and to exacerbate sand loss on Belongil side.

There are two methodologies competing for the ultimate solution.

One is to dismantle and demolish the suburb of Belongil, bit by bit. Heedlessly stripping property values and disaffecting a community, livelihoods and homes.

The other is to put management strategies in place that protect the homes and businesses in the suburb of Belongil, while balancing the importance of maintaining the healthy beach environment.

No-one could ever convince the uncompromising 'retreatists' in Council, with their supporters, and in the Office of Environment Heritage, who have made the 'Sophie's Choice' for us, that Belongil is not worth saving but the Byron Bay CBD is.

Because yes, under NSW

Coastal and Planning Acts either choice can legally be applied, the protection or the dismantling.

But maybe those of us who appreciate lifestyle, and own mortgages, for the love of the place they call home, can understand why the Belongil community have languished in this prolonged and punishing Coastal Zone Management Plan process. For 18 years we have slogged through the swamp of political prejudices to have a voice in the local political landscape.

For the councillors who have the heart and fortitude to give a local political voice to the Belongil community and ipso-facto other coastal communities, thank you for hearing the community's choice and supporting Belongil as a suburb worth protecting.

Christine Ahern
Skinners Shoot

Traffic conundrums

Byron Shire's Local Traffic Committee (LTC) is only local from the Sydney-centric perspective of its owner: the NSW government. It is not a committee of Council.

It's the state's four-way forum of police, Roads & Maritime Services (RMS, was RTA), the state member for Ballina, and one councillor (me, also chair). The LTC determines whether things like speed limits, parking signs, and other requests for traffic controls are legal or not. It does not design them.

It looks at whether they comply or not with state guidelines. LTC does not design kerb blisters, mentioned as 'concrete islands' in a letter in *The Echo* of April 8. Personally, I agree with Buck\$

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Buses then were still



Boris and the Boris Bus.
Source: Ogilvy Barnet

pulled by horses. The double-decker needed three.

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until 2002, when, in a new age of civic mindfulness, it could no longer do its job properly. To adapt the buses to accommodate less nimble or disabled passengers, as required by new, more enlightened disability legislation, just proved too difficult and so they were decommissioned, to an uproar of public dismay.

An uproar perfect for a politician willing to step in and save the day. 'We will build a new Routemaster,' proclaimed the mayor of London. It will be the same, but better. It will be redder, and even more lovable and

iconic. The wheels on this new bus will go rounder and rounder.

And a competition was decreed throughout the land. And in due time, entries were sifted and a winner was declared. And it was declared as much as anything because it was the coolest bus ever designed on the planet, with all the features of the earlier model upgraded to the latest spec, and with an outrageous transparent curve that spiralled from the floor all the way around the back of the bus up to the top where it evened out into one continuous window. It was so cool, it simply had to be built.

The bus is also called the Boris Bus, after London's Tory mayor Boris Johnson, the driving brains behind it.

He brought us Boris Bikes too, the hire-bike scheme now all over London, much to the annoyance of Barclays Bank who funded the scheme and hoped people would call them Barclays Bikes. (Can you take a Boris Bike on a Boris Bus? No.)

Boris himself has more plans afoot. This May sees a general election in the UK. With masterful ambivalence Boris has repeatedly ruled himself out of running for prime minister, though no-one believes him and many would be happy to see him in power.

The Tories hope to stay, of course, but prime minister David Cameron caused a stir last week by frankly admitting he has no intention of running for a third term

should they get in for seconds now.

In public, he and Boris have a love-hate relationship full of sharp banter and posturing. It's quite possible they've hatched plans for Boris to take over at some point if public opinion is behind them.

Is Boris cool? Er, no. But that's not stopped him so far. He may look daft, he may like to play the fool and curry easy favour, but he's a shrewd, hungry and dangerous bus designer under that bonnet. Forget Great Britain. We may one day become Boris Britain.

■ A former Byron resident, Daniel Sage is a columnist and author of the novel *Fall Curve*. See more at www.danielsage.co.uk.



On the other hand, there's Copenhagen's Zoo Busses. Source: E Karsholt

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► continued from page 10 and don't like kerb blisters. They homogenise our funky rural Shire into a compact mini-Balmain.

By way of example, the blisters that ate Brunswick Heads were funded by grants from outside Council. That money cannot be diverted to where we'd rather spend it, fixing our rural roads.

The LTC may have had to approve Bunnings' new roundabout on Bayshore Drive but it did not design it. I hope others can advise how its colour was chosen. And I hope future roundabouts don't take as long to build as that one did.

Cr Duncan Dey
Main Arm

■ In Byron we can't move the town layout or the roads we currently have and there is little or no room for new roads. So we are stuck with the current street plan but we could make the streets that we do have more efficient in their role of allowing traffic to pass by changing to a circular one-way system.

The one-way system I propose would run from the Lawson/Jonson streets roundabout to the Lawson/Fletcher

streets roundabout, then down Fletcher Street to Marvell Street, right onto Marvell Street and right again at the transit bus stop and down Jonson Street back to the Lawson Street roundabout.

There is room for two lanes with all vehicles in the one-way system exiting from the left lane as you would on a two-lane roundabout. I expect the current parking capacity to be retained on these streets but with probably a change in the nose in/rear in arrangement.

I also suggest a two-way system on the loop that comprises the top of Jonson Street from Lawson Street roundabout to the Beach Hotel, along Bay Street to Fletcher Street T-section, and then down Fletcher Street to the Lawson/Fletcher streets roundabout. This would enable good main beach access from both the Ewingsdale and Suffolk Park directions and tie in nicely with the proposed one-way system.

We would also probably need two lanes into town from the police station to Jonson Street and one lane from the Lawson/Jonson streets roundabout out of town to the police station and Shirley Street.

Love to see this given serious consideration by everyone and some constructive debate. The Butler Street bypass will have a limited benefit and is not a popular option, just an option born out of desperation.

Andy Meguyer
Mullumbimby

■ 'Bypass' is not the right word for proposed roadworks that will screw Butler Street, the market ground, the Cumbebin Swamp, small businesses in the Norco Building (which represent the soul of Byron) and extend the Shirley Street gridlock into town. 'Extra Traffic Input' is a more apt term.

Why does Byron need extra traffic? That's a good question, considering it's already overrun by cars.

Alistair Bell
Byron Bay

■ I have just spent eight days staying in your lovely area. I had occasion to visit Ocean Shores and South Golden Beach. I was absolutely appalled at the condition of some of the roads I travelled on.

There are so many potholes it was hard to find a safe

place to drive. If your council wants people to visit the area I am sure it would be in their best interests to repair these roads. I don't know how the residents can cope with these conditions.

Carole Dellar
Bittern, Victoria

■ No matter what your political beliefs everyone can see the work the Greens are doing in pushing for light rail and keeping the north coast railway intact for the use it was intended, public transport. A flyover of the track will show the overgrowth along the route as well as the sections that are in good condition but sleeper rot, rail corrosion and bridge safety are ground-based inspections.

The light rail/tram proposal by Byron Bay TramLink will provide a service linking North Byron Parklands and Ocean Shores with Mullumbimby, Byron Bay and Bangalow. Powered by clean, totally sustainable power sources, this operation will prove the effectiveness of light rail which is in operation (or being planned for) in every state of Australia, including the ACT.

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Byron Shire a showpiece for innovative forward thinking that should inspire other regional council areas.

Peter Finch
Byron Bay TramLink

■ To the cross pedestrian riding her bicycle across the pedestrian crossing in front of the council building in Mullum last Thursday around 8.45am.

Consider this – pedestrian crossings are mostly for pedestrians excluding walking aids, wheel chairs, prams and the like. Occasionally they'll be used by adults accompanying littlies on little bikes – theoretically the adults should have had these kids dismount before using the crossing.

As I approached the crossing in my car, you had ample time to dismount and walk your bike across the crossing but you chose not to.

I gave way to you nonetheless and rather than acknowledge this considerate action, you stared at me with scorn. I then politely pointed out that you should have dismounted if you expect to use a pedestrian crossing, and you had the audacity to have another go, this time verbally about

you being in the right.

The truth is you were in the wrong whichever way you want to look at it – might be time for you to check the road rules and your manners.

Sandra Aranha
Mullumbimby Creek

■ It's great to see the Greens are proposing the aerial survey of the disused Casino to Murwillumbah rail line. A rail system would be a delightful mode of transport for all ages and abilities to go about their work and daily lives.

And while I'm at it, why the council wants to spend millions on rock walls to protect million-dollar houses of those who built where they should have known better and ignored a perfectly sensible council ruling of planned retreat, which would have been known in any DA, needs clear, unambiguous explanation to the community.

And thanks to Rose Wanchap it looks like we won't be getting potholes filled any time soon as funding looks like going to build rock walls if our turncoat councillor has anything to do with it.

Rod Murray
Ocean Shores

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A tale of remembering those fallen in war

Wendy Champagne

Engraved on every Australian war memorial from Mulumbimby to Kununurra are three words: Lest We Forget. It is an imperious, stern refrain, reminding us of the incalculable loss war has brought to families and towns across Australia.

But far from simply urging us to think of loved ones who fought and died or current soldiers in conflict zones, it now seems to carry

the collective burden of who we are as Australians. Yet like our de facto anthem *Waltzing Matilda*, its meaning is far from clear. As Anzac Day has morphed into the nation's rallying point, World War II veteran John Evans would like us to focus on what we are remembering.

'We gotta teach people about what can happen and the consequences of war, otherwise they could forget. It has been taken out of the history books; especially in

Europe and Japan it has been deleted. People have to understand. Lest we forget the real history.'

John's is a rather unusual story. He did not have to sign up. He worked in Sydney in a metal-plating factory, a 'protected industry' during the war years, so he needed permission from his employer to join. He got that, and the day he turned 19 fronted up to the recruitment depot. His mother was inconsolable.

The *Oxford Dictionary* defines 'duty' as a moral or legal obligation, a responsibility. With today's emphasis on personal motivation and living our dreams, the concept seems outdated, antiquated. Yet John's response, like many of his generation's, was sincere.

'Bulletproof'

'I was listening at night [on the radio] to the Battle of Britain and what was going on over there,' he says. 'All wars are made of young people who think they are bulletproof and headed for adventure.'

As a young boy he had devoured the popular *Biggles* flying series of books, so the airforce was his natural choice. He was one of more than 37,000 Australian men who became RAAF aircrew through the Empire Air Training Scheme. It was a massive venture that took soldiers through years of specialised training across Australia and Canada. Yet he very nearly missed out.

Born in Chippendale in 1922, John Richard Evans was



Prince Harry places a poppy at the Roll of Honour during a visit to the Australian War Memorial in Canberra on Monday April 6. Prince Harry is in Australia for a month-long secondment with the Australian Army. AAP Image/Lukas Coch

one of a family of fourteen. His father worked on the railways. It was pre-dole.

'In a large family things were tight and any money that came in was readily accepted. So when I turned 14 – that was on a Friday – I left school, and on the Monday I went off to work.'

Yet along with attending night classes for his apprenticeship as a metal worker, John also began studying for his Intermediate Certificate – the equivalent of Year 9 – at night after work. It was a lucky decision as the RAAF demanded a minimum of Intermediate level education from its pilots.

After another six months of day job along with night

courses in preliminary aeronautics, navigation and Morse code, John officially 'went in' on Friday December 5, 1941. On Sunday 7, the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbour.

A year and a half later, in the dead of a Canadian winter, he finally got his 'wings' and was attached to the 451 Spitfire Squadron. He was dispatched to England and flew countless training exercises with the bomber crews who were suffering extremely heavy losses.

'You saw what happened to those Lancasters and Halifaxes when they came back, the damage... God knows how they got back... and those that didn't make it.

Stiff upper lip

'A lot of bomber crew actually had PTSD and couldn't fly and they were virtually confirmed as LMF – lack of moral fibre – and demoted. They were bomb shocked... but that was the standard that was applied, stiff upper lip and all that.'

It was during this period that British Bomber Command was beginning to order strikes against civilian targets in Germany, culminating in the attack on Dresden, leaving devastating casualties.

'I don't believe in war, put it that way,' says John, 'but in Europe you couldn't think of not doing something about it. Yes, Lest We Forget means to remember what happened to them [the soldiers], but also what happened to civilians as well.'

During two busy years

in England and Scotland John trained others and was trained. He met his wife, Rosemary Gilbert, the love of his life, who worked with Flying Control, and he trained some more. 'Finally I had to go down to Bomber Command in London and ask why I was still there.'

Bombing V2s

He got his posting in late 1945. The Spitfire Squadron was assigned to making runs over the Channel to Holland to bomb the sites of the deadly V2 rocket (Vengeance) that Hitler had aimed directly at Britain in the dying days of WWII.

'My first mission was cancelled for some reason... and that was it, the war was over. I was rather disappointed that I did not save a lot of lives but I am thankful I never killed anybody, although I was prepared to do it.'

At 92, John has the palest blue eyes. He is soft-spoken and, from our conversation, clearly fair-minded.

Fairness is a trademark of the Australian way of life, a covenant we rely on, and despite tough seeding conditions in 2015, it won't let go; it holds on to our collective psyche like Kikuyu.

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CHESS by Ian Rogers

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While the 2014 O2C Doeberl Cup will be remembered for the visit by Garry Kasparov and hour-long queues of autograph hunters, the 2015 edition of Australia's premier Grand Prix tournament may be the start of a fruitful partnership with the Australian National University.

238 players, including seven Grandmasters, competed at University House over the Easter long weekend, in playing conditions ideal for high-level chess.

With top seed Loek van Wely losing an early game (to Australia's Gary Lane), the door was left open for Zhou Weiqi to take control of the tournament and the 28-year-old Chinese second seed dropped only a single draw in the first eight rounds to win the Cup with a round to spare.

The locals also had plenty to cheer about, with GM Darryl Johansen turning back the years to take second place and young players also stepping up.

While 14-year-old Anton Smirnov showed again why he is Australia's brightest hope, inflict-

ing Johansen's only defeat (see game below), plenty of Smirnov's lesser-known peers also troubled the Grandmasters.

Justin Tan, 18, showed just how much he had benefited from a year in Europe, claiming third seed Surya Ganguly as a scalp, while Karl Zelesco, 15, troubled many of Australia's best on his way to a tie for seventh.

White: A Smirnov

Black: D Johansen

Opening: French Defence

1.d4 e6 2.e4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 b6 5.a3

Bf8!? An old Johansen favourite, following

former World Champion Petrosian. 6.Nf3 Ne7

7.h4 h5 Reputable, but in view of Smirnov's

new 8th move, 7...Qd7 may be safer. 8.Ng5!

Ba6 9.Ne2 Qd7 10.g3 Ng6? 10...c5 was a

superior test of White's play. 11.Bh3 Nc6 12.c3

Nce7 13.0-0 Nf5 14.Bxf5 exf5 15.Re1 Be7?!

15...0-0-0 16.a4! is not pleasant, but better

than this. 16.e6! fxe6 17.Nxe6! Kf7? However

risky, 17...Qxe6 18.Nf4 Qc6 had to be played,

eg 19.Re6 Qd7 20.Rxg6 Kf7 and Black hangs on.

18.N2f4 Nxf4 19.Bxf4 19...Bxf4 Now the White knight

on e6 is a monster which Black cannot work

around. 19...Rac8 20.Qf3 Bf6 21.Re3 c6

22.Rae1 Rce8 23.Bg5! Bc8 24.Bxf6 Kxf6

25.Qf4! Rxe6 26.Rxe6+ Qxe6 27.Rxe6+

Bxe6 28.Qe5+ 1-0

■ Mariya Muzychuk won the

Women's World KO title last

week in Sochi, defeating Natalia

Pogonina 2.5-1.5 in the final.



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Bradbury tackles Vietnam War in latest film



The north coast's award-winning filmmaker David Bradbury tackles the fraught story of two major Vietnam War battles involving Australian soldiers in his latest work, *The Crater*. The story began when Private Brian Cleaver wandered off the street into a masterclass in Perth given by director David Bradbury.

Brian asked David if he would make a film about his search for 42 missing North Vietnamese 'enemy' bodies he helped kill 45 years ago. Brian's account of events at the 1968 battle of Coral and then 13 nights later at the battle for Balmoral provide the central narrative for the story.

The film uses a mixture of contemporary interviews with both Australian and Vietnamese war veterans, archival footage and dramatisation to connect modern viewers with the reality of battle and the historical narrative of the men behind it.

Body count

Five hundred young Australians died during the Vietnam war from 1965 to 1972. Within two years of being home, over 2,000 Australian Vietnam vets had committed suicide.

'I could have picked a lighter and easier subject to dramatise in my first serious attempt at documentary drama,' says Bradbury.

'By May 1968, as the Australian body count mounted and the tide of public opinion turned against the Vietnam war back home, the Battle for Balmoral was never reported.

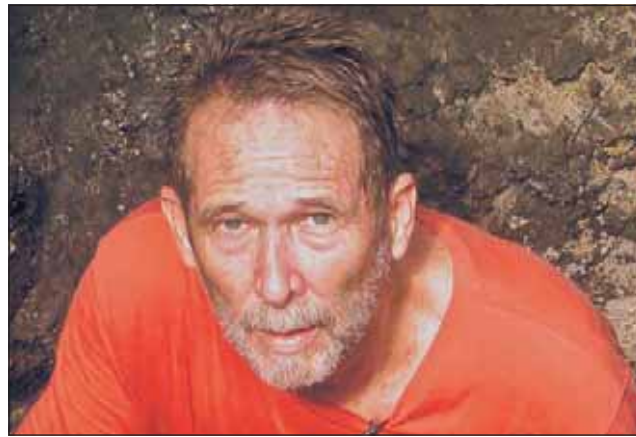
'Balmoral was destined to die in the forgotten dusty annals of Australian military history. Then three years ago Brian Cleaver literally wandered in off the streets of Fremantle to proposition me to make a film about his time in Vietnam.

'That was the starting point for my collaboration with Cleaver on a journey that would take me to Vietnam three times, exploring the crazy courage exhibited by both sides during two nights of battle and the psychological scars Brian and other vets carry to this day.

'Through Brian I met and interviewed a number of other Australian vets who had fought at Balmoral. Each contributed his own story and I've included a few of them.

'During my final trip to Vietnam I was able to capture interviews with three NVA

Above, David Berry plays the part of Brian Cleaver in the dramatised section of the film, and below, former soldier Brian Cleaver, whose experiences in the Vietnam War prompted the making of *The Crater*.



veterans who recounted their experience of the battle from the all-important Communist perspective.

'I hope the film does justice to the courage and fighting fervour of not just the Australians but the NVA as well. Ultimately though, I intend it to carry a strong message about the futility of not just the Vietnam war, but wars in general.'

The Crater has its local debut at the Bangalow A&I Hall on Saturday April 18 at 7pm, hosted by Kerry O'Brien with a Q&A with Bradbury afterwards. You can find out more about the film at www.thecrater.com.au.

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'All the professionals really like this event; the organisers are fantastic and the prizes attract the best to the competition,' he says.

Bob began his paddling odyssey during a week of flat surf in Byron and now uses it as a rehab tool with his Muscle & Bones clients. 'It's totally user friendly – I even got my 80-year-old mum on a board. It is incredible exercise, and one of the most peaceful things I have ever done.'

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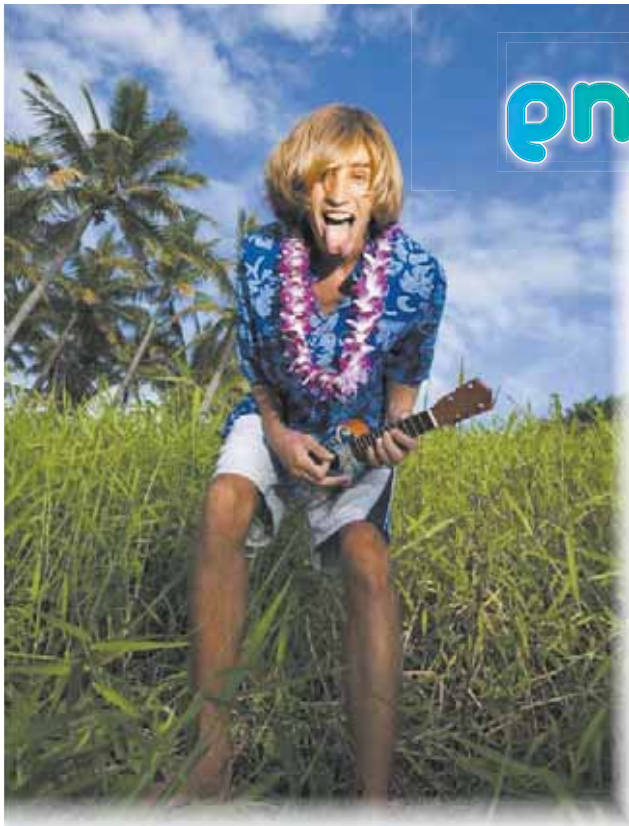
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Au revoir La Table

Story and photos Matthew Michaelis

A lasting mémoire

After six-and-a-half years of fabulous menus and a steady and generous culinary contribution to our region, La Table Cafe and Restaurant is coming to the end in its present form – the Mullumbimby premises. Louise and Bruno Pouget's La Table Cafe and Restaurant has provided the ardent local foodie with an experience: French culture, food, wine and joie de vivre in the heart of Mullumbimby. Unfortunately, everything changes, or so history and philosophers will tell you. Personally, if it were up to me, all good eateries would never change – c'est la vie.

'We've operated La Table Cafe and Restaurant since November 2008; that's six-and-a-half years. La Table was the first restaurant in our region to have been listed in the *Sydney Morning Herald's* Top 10 Sustainable Restaurants in NSW. La Table was also (the first and only in Mullumbimby) recommended and reviewed in the *Sydney Morning Herald's* 'Good Food Guide' over the years. We were also the first cafe in the region to serve organic coffee and organic milk – from day one till close. Our reputation has always been, and will always be, based on our quality and professionalism,' Louise said.

Last dinners – last orders

Of course, good things should always go out with a bang, and the final or, (dare I say) grand finale, is happening on the evenings of Friday 17 and Saturday 18 April. The farewell La Table dinner includes some of the restaurant's most popular signature French dishes including grilled snail and leek compôte with garlic crouton and béarnaise sauce as an appetiser. An entrée of snapper croquette served in a light bouillabaisse



Top: Bruno and Louise Pouget say farewell as La Table changes hands at beginning of May.

sauce with micro herbs will be followed by Bruno's now-famous duck confit as a 'duo' – confit duck leg and seared breast with carrot puree, courgette and orange salad on a small pond of shiraz jus. The sweet: a dessert of profiterole of chocolate, cinnamon ice cream and salty caramel sauce. A fitting goodbye and a last hurrah for the sentimental taste buds. The last dinners are \$69 per person and a booking is definitely essential on 6684 2227 or by email: contact@latable.com.au.

'A change is a coming'

The business will be taken over by new owners with their own business name from the beginning of May, while Louise and Bruno are keeping their business name, La Table, and will be keeping us all in suspense while waiting for their next direction to be announced on their Facebook page: www.facebook.com/la.table.byron – or just search for La Table Byron Bay.



Top: Lively grand finale dinners 17 and 18 April. Photo supplied
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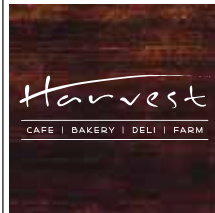
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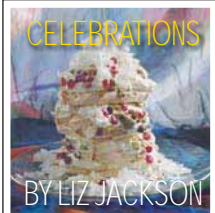
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ACCLAIMED AUSTRALIAN RAPPER 360 HAS BEEN TOUTED AS THIS COUNTRY'S HOTTEST AND MOST CONTROVERSIAL CROSSOVER STAR. HIS ABILITY TO DISTIL THE ZEITGEIST INTO RAP BOUGHT HIM TO ALMOST INSTANT ACCLAIM.

Following on from 2012's *Falling And Flying*, the double-platinum smash album that resulted in Sixty's meteoric rise to fame, his latest offering, the bold and passionate gold-selling *Utopia*, is the soundscape to a young man's life who found himself growing up and facing his demons in the public eye, dealing with the double-edged sword of fame: the perils of flying too high and the vulnerability it causes behind closed doors.

Tell me about creating *Utopia*. What went into creating the album?

This time around I worked with a bunch of different producers from New York and LA to start things off. I got a bunch of songs together and came back to Australia to work with Stylz and then flew down to a producer called Lifted, from LA, who's signed to Good Music (which is Kanye's label), who executively produced the album. I finished off the album and they all worked together.

Tell me about performing with Eminem on his tour. It must have been an amazing experience. Were you nervous about having to step up to a gig like that? He's on most people's list of influential and interesting people...

It was incredible. I got an email saying, 'Eminem's coming to Australia to do a tour and he's asked heaps of Australian acts to put their music forward – what songs would you want him to hear?'

I chose a few songs including my rap battles, because I knew that he came from that same background. Suddenly I was told I was on the tour and I was just blown away. It was special as well because it was my first tour sober.

And you did it sober! What was the impetus for you to get clean?

If I didn't get clean I would've died. I've had a few near-death experiences because of drugs. When you start dabbling in things when you're younger, you think it's a lot of fun and you never think it's going to be a problem. Then snap – seven years later and you're a demon.

Drugs and alcohol are a work hazard for most performers. Do you think that it is harder to get a real pitch on your problem because everyone else is doing it too?

It's definitely tougher because drug use is so common these days. When I was going through school people didn't really use drugs – they might've smoked weed. But you look at 15–16-year-olds now and they're smoking ice. They're passing a pipe around, not a spliff. It's fucked up. It's tough when you become an addict and your friends are using drugs, because they might not be addicts and be able to find a balance, but you can't.

How does being clean change the way you approach your music? Was it scary at first to find a way through?

It was scary. I felt like I was going to suck creatively if I wasn't intoxicated in some way. For the first month or so it was pretty hard. I couldn't really write anything. But if you just stick it out and stay confident it'll come, and it's actually much better.

You rap on issues like homophobia, suicide and mental illness. Do you think that rappers/musicians need to be more aware of the messages they disseminate?

I think it's important for people in the public eye to be positive role models, to understand if they do have a young fanbase that their words have a lot of power and can influence them. I think it's important they notice that. There're a few rappers that I know who completely glorify drugs – they have a young fanbase and post photos drinking codeine syrup, which is pretty messed up. It is possible to be dangerous and edgy without being bigoted and stuff like that. I think Australian hip-hop is less bigoted – most Americans are bigoted in their rap but Australians I don't find are.

What are the issues that you are most passionate about?

I'm passionate about mental illness, which can include drug addiction, depression, anxiety, eating disorders. I'm always trying to do positive things in my life and trying to inspire other people to do positive things.

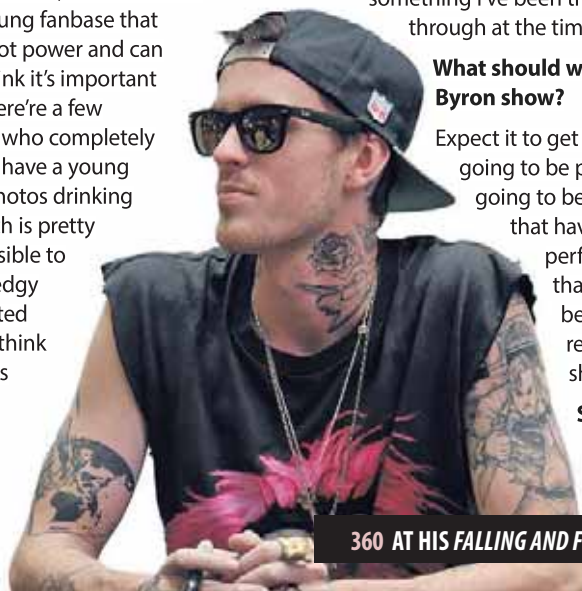
How do you incorporate your own story into the narratives of your raps or your music?

Writing is always very personal. Usually or most of the time what I'm writing about comes from something I've been through or am going through at the time.

What should we expect for the Byron show?

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THE OLD PARTY

The other day it occurred to me that at 47, and providing I don't crash the car, die of cancer, fall off a balcony, get hit on the head by a falling brick, bitten by a snake, eaten by a shark, stabbed by a random attacker, raped and murdered by someone known to me, raped and murdered by someone unknown, electrocuted by my toaster or choke on a sandwich, then I am well over half-way through the book of my life.

Being an overachieving try-hard, I'm really hoping I get to finish it. I want it to be epic. Maybe even a sequel. I don't like surprise endings.

But I guess, with the surprise of one's death being life's greatest jokes, I'll just have to continue living in denial.

My mortality is always a revelation to me. Like most people I spend most of my life forgetting I am going to die. It doesn't occur to me to consider the impermanent nature of my small flame. I constantly forget how old I am. It's just a number.

Sitting inside my skin and peering out I don't feel much different from the little girl of three who once looked up at her mother's butt and thought 'Wow that's some massive arse my Mum's got'. Years later I found out that Mum weighed six stone. At 90 kilos I shudder to think what my small children thought of my bountiful booty.



I don't feel old. I'll catch sight of myself in the rear-vision mirror of the car and get a bit of a shock. There is no mirror that tells the truth like the rear-vision. It's here I find wrinkles I'd never seen, nostril hair, broken capillaries, and sometimes stray facial hairs sprouting from moles like weird lost pubes struggling to claim refuge. It's here that I can see my skin's epidermis, see the large pores gathering near my eyes, and the thickening of the skin texture around my cheeks.

I make a note to self: 'Don't look'. Although it's kind of fascinating watching myself slowly decay, like some sort of over-ripened fruit that's starting to wither. I've gone from peach to dried apricot in what feels like a blink of an eye.

I'm not getting Botox or any of that shit. That spoils the fun. I don't want to miss out on what happens. I'm curious about what will happen to me, about how my life and my elements will make me look. I'm a constantly

evolving biological sculpture. I don't want to interfere with the artwork.

The biggest reminder of our shared race for the grave is the continual stream of party invitations for people turning 50 and 60. I started thinking about how the parties have changed. I even imagined my 50th, which isn't that far off. Instead of hash cookies, which I had at my 30th, I could supply Metamucil bikkies. Gluten free of course. You'd really get a kick when they came on. A good poo is often the best trip you'll take. We could be doing vodka shots with Fybogel. That way, instead of getting tanked, we get bulked as well.

And then we could sit around sharing our top ten bowel-movement stories. Who doesn't love to sit around and shoot the breeze about IBS? And as for the videos - everyone loves a bit of footage from their life, I could play the footage from my recent colonoscopy. I'm booked in next year so by the time I have it, it will be recent. A 50th is the

perfect place to launch a short film like that. I mean the camerawork is incredible. And there would be a free bar. I could put out a selection of top-shelf antacids. Gaviscon and Mylanta would be flowing like champagne. I mean who needs to drop acid when your stomach is full of the shit.

And for those party-hard ragers who feel like dropping a few pills? Well I've got Alka-Seltzers, maybe some mini-aspirin for the clotters and some fish oil for the cholesterol challenged. Later we could all get nude and rub each other down with some Dencorub. I can hardly wait. Bit of Vaseline on a walking frame and we've even got pole dancing!

And for the more fetishistic I've already been to Aldi and stocked up on the toilet chairs. Once you've had my punch, you won't need pants. Who says old people don't know how to party! We'll go all night; well, at least until 8.30pm. I'll have to stop because I usually like to watch the ABC.

TULLY ON TULLY ON THE RAILS



TULLY ON TULLY AT THE RAILS ON SUNDAY

TULLY ON TULLY HAVE GONE BACK TO BASICS WITH THEIR NEW SINGLE *TWO BIRDS*. WITH FLOATING SYNTHESISERS AS A FOUNDATION, THE SIMPLE MELODIES ARE COMPLEMENTED BY AN INTERESTING RHYTHMIC STRUCTURE HAILING BACK TO YESTERYEAR.

Fronted by the breathtaking vocals of Natalie Foster, Tully on Tully are both delicate and powerful, demonstrating flawless mastery of instruments and vocals.

How did Tully on Tully come together?

We've all played in other bands but when Pete, Iain and I met at uni and started playing together we really loved it.

Six months later, Greg and Frank joined and we came up with the name Tully on Tully.

Which local artists have inspired your music?

Neighbourhood Youth, Pourparlour, Playwrite, Secondhand Heart... there are so many! Particularly from a live aspect because they're the bands that we're seeing on a regular basis.

How do you go about writing and composing songs?

Our old songs were written by me and then brought to the band to arrange but all the newer tracks started as jams that I wrote lyrics for later. We got into a real groove writing our debut album - I think we're all itching to write the next one already!

What would be your advice for other aspiring musicians?

Keep making music and work your arse off.

They play the **Rails on Sunday**.

CROWD FUNDING FOR OUR PLEASURE!

LOCAL EDUCATOR, COMEDIAN, AND FOUNDER OF THE YONIVERSITY, LAURA-DOE IS CREATING A MOVIE *THE ART & SCIENCE OF FEMALE AROUSAL*.



Presenting in an entertaining and accessible teen-friendly format, this 75 minutes of film is jam packed with fascinating information about the female body's elegant design for pleasure, arousal and self-healing.

Laura-Doe has recently launching her crowdfunding campaign asking supporters, sex-positive community and friends alike to contribute towards the post-production, manufacture and distribution of the movie.

Why do you think we need to talk about female arousal? Is it really that difficult?

No, it isn't difficult really. The female body is elegantly designed for pleasure.

But the women who experience anything like the arousal that they are actually capable of are in quite a minority. Research in the US suggests that as many of 47 per cent of women suffer from what they are now calling Female Sexual Dysfunction. Pharmaceutical companies have been pushing the creation of this 'disorder' so that they can develop the elusive Pink Viagra - a pill designed to 'cure' it. In my practice I see that education, not pills, will support most of my clients.

It is exactly because we don't talk about women's arousal that many of the issues arise.

One of the things we need to discuss is how different men and women are in the way they get turned on.

We also need to talk about the fact that there is no 'one size fits all' in the arousal game. What works for me one day may not work the next and it might never work for you.

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PEIA AT KULCHAJAM IN BYRON ON SATURDAY

HAPPY GROOVERS GET YOU CLAPPIN' ALONG!

If you want to witness a showcase of some of the most heartfelt and uninhibited performers in our region, guaranteed to lift your spirits, get yourself along to the album launch of the Happy Groovers, led by local music stars Chris Mallory (The Two Lions) and Jessie Vintila (Raise the Roof Choir, The Lucky Wonders). Chris and Jessie have been working with ACCnet21 (Ocean Shores) and Multitask Day Services (Mullumbimby), who offer day-service activities to people with a disability. **The Happy Groovers** are very proud to be launching their debut album, full of well-loved hits such as *Imagine*, *This Little Light of Mine*, and *The Lion Sleeps Tonight*. This gorgeous and diverse bunch of people with different abilities are known to rock the house and leave their audiences buzzing with the sheer joy of their zest for life. The family-friendly album launch is on **Thursday 10.30am at Mullumbimby Bowling Club**. Entry is free, as is morning tea.

CONNECTING HEART AND EARTH WITH PEIA

She is gifted with a soaring vocal range and crystalline tone, and Peia's songs pierce the heart with bell-like clarity. She sings with depth and beauty, moving audiences to tears and inviting listeners to reconnect with their own purpose and the heart of the earth. Peia accompanies herself on charango, harmonium, guitar and an eclectic array of percussion. In Byron she'll be joined by world music guitarist Shai Shriki. 'I believe that songs live and breathe on our breath, pulsing to the rhythm of our heartbeat. If not carried and sung they are lost, forgotten. It is my prayer and intention to gather songs from around the world and share the story of human care, love and connection to the earth and one another,' she says. As a sacred-song preserver, Peia has gathered songs from indigenous traditions all across the globe, as well as their stories and teachings. With classical music background, she later travelled and studied

medieval chant, Bulgarian and Celtic folk music, medicine songs from the native peoples of North and South America, and Indian classical raga. Peia's original songwriting draws upon a deep well of love and respect for Mother Earth and the spirit of all life.

Peia plays Saturday at Kulchajam in Byron – 6.30pm doors open, tickets: \$25 + bf. Book via: spiritfestival.com.au/peia.

And a very special workshop on **Sunday 2–5pm**, Mullum \$42. Book via bit.ly/peialuzzi.



MASON RACK AT THE BANGALOW BOWLO ON FRIDAY

BACK TO THE RACK

The 'rags to riches' Mason Rack is a born entertainer – growing up playing percussion at the age of six with his musician father Billy Rack. Progressing to drums at age eight, Mason was able to play any style of music. For the next four years Mason developed a natural rhythm that is now part of his soul and way of life. The popular three-piece is renowned for their amazing live stage performances. The band has played alongside artists including Xavier Rudd, Jack Johnson, Buddy Guy and Keith Urban. Their performance at Bluesfest 'was nothing short of spectacular. Their crowd on Sunday morning were completely ready for something amazing. Mason Rack band in full swing. The crowd tent was some 3,000 strong, then quickly it turned into 10,000.'

Mason Rack Band play the Bangalow Bowlo on Friday. Doors: 6.15pm, show: 7.15pm.



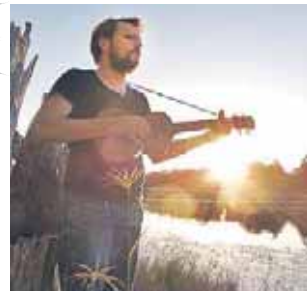
RIGHTEOUS VOODOO AT THE BYRON BREWERY ON FRIDAY

VOODOO FOR YOU YOU

Righteous Voodoo, a seven-piece band fronted by three powerful singers all hailing from the Inner West. The Voodudes will headline at the Fringe's Roots Rebirth Revival event at Spectrum on 19 September when they launch their first single, *Bygone*, an upbeat, intoxicating New Orleans-style blues tune that is guaranteed to get even the most conservative toes tapping. The Sydney band has had a busy couple of years sharing a stage with the likes of Stan Walker, Ms Murphy, Emily Williams and Paulini, headlining Marrickville and Dulwich Hill Festivals and the Basement, and they are currently fresh off the stages of Kiama and Thredbo jazz festivals.

Having cultivated a fresh, interactive and highly entertaining live show, **Righteous Voodoo** has taken the next step and bunkered down in the studio to come up with this first raucous single, *Bygone*. Regularly gigging at an array of Sydney venues, with a collection of smoking originals and a couple of sultry covers thrown in for good measure, and a host of surprises up their sleeves, the Voodudes are making a dent on the Sydney live scene. If you haven't caught them yet, check them out; your groove shoes will thank you later.

Byron Brewery on Friday from 7.30pm. Free entry.



CHRIS MALLORY AT SANTE RESTAURANT IN BYRON ON SATURDAY AND YUM YUM TREE CAFE IN NEW BRIGHTON ON SUNDAY

REGGAE CREW STIR THE BREW

Byron's reggae crew is coming back to the Brewery's beergarden to mash things up!

The Boom Faya Family present – Skankstarz and The 4'20' Sound – bands that have been mashing up stages around Australia with heavy skank and ground-shaking steppaz beats backed with psychedelic dubz. From digital dancehall riddim to heavy dubz provided by **The 4'20' Sound** to the punky reggae hip-hop fusion of the five-piece band – **Skankstarz** with the support of a true UK Junglist – DJ NUTZO to bring the Amen in the session.

Get ready for another massive mash up in **The Brewery** on **Saturday** from 7pm. Free entry.



TEX PERKINS IS JOINED BY CHARLIE OWEN AT THE BALLINA RSL ON THURSDAY NIGHT

PERKY CHARLIE

Tex Perkins has played a key role in Australian music, with a career that has taken in everything from the groundbreaking experimental punktonica of Sydney mid-80s noiseniks Thug to the lilting, dark country of his recent material with The Dark Horses, from the hard-edged pub rock of the Beasts Of Bourbon to the evocative soundscapes of The Cruel Sea. Tex has heralded the emergence of an entirely original yet archetypically Australian sound.

In the early 90s Perkins joined forces with the legendary Don Walker, Cold Chisel's pianist and master songwriter, and Charlie Owen, previously Australia's best-kept musical secret, for the unforgettable Tex, Don & Charlie. Teaming up with Tex for this intimate show will be none other than his good friend **Charlie Owen**. Support by Jamie Lockhart.

Ballina RSL on Thursday. Show at 8.30pm. Tix are \$30 at the club.

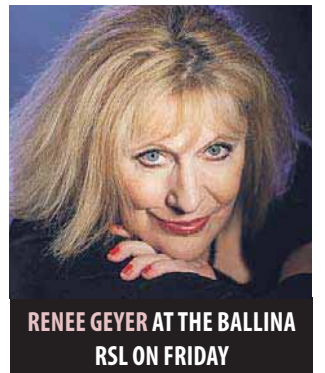


HUB CAP STAN AND THE MUSIC FACTORY AT STOKERS SIDING HALL ON SUNDAY FOR THE VANATU CYCLONE PAM APPEAL

DALI IN THE TREEHOUSE

The Hobart-based trio **Dali & The Paper Band** have already played many shows around Australia and abroad, including an extended stay in Switzerland for a ski season of shows. With a bunch of new turns from jamming live they decided it was time to hibernate in the studio and craft some magic again. Many long days passed hunkered down in remote Bruny Island Tasmania, and finally a new suitably titled EP *Island* was born, with a collection of the more upbeat songs written and performed by the band over the past few years.

Catch them at the **Treehouse** in Belongil on **Thursday**.



RENEE GEYER AT THE BALLINA RSL ON FRIDAY

SWING LIKE GEYER

Renee Geyer's past is Australian music history. Her career has spanned four decades and is still going strong. A precocious jazz, blues and soul singer in her late teens; *Countdown* royalty in her 20s; a string of pop, soul and reggae hits spanning the 70s and 80s; her LA years in the studio with the likes of Stevie Wonder, Sting, Joe Cocker and Chaka Khan; her 90s renaissance with Paul Kelly. She is a singer, a songwriter, producer and author. **Renee Geyer** is joined by her band at the **Ballina RSL** on Friday.



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Stars WITH LILITH

As Uranus and Pluto face off, this fiery week forces us all to find the courage, love and laughter in our hearts...

♈ ARIES: This week might feel like a spin cycle of soul growth as certain things finalise through a tug of war between struggling to hold on and the relief of letting go, while Uranus in your sign insists you get clear on who and what you really want in your life, and why.

♉ TAURUS: Take care as this week's tempers flare, control freaks roar and egos soar. Fortunately your sweet-talking planet ruler Venus in clever Gemini combines with silver-tongued Mercury in your own peace-loving sign to polish the persuasion you'll need to soothe savage breasts, calm troubled waters and restore accord.

♊ GEMINI: Venus flits into Gemini for a four week stay and a long-time holding pattern suddenly switches to fast track. Though don't let any glib hype fool you into signing up for something suss, because Mercury in Taurus issues a warning to be cautious about financial and professional moves.

♋ CANCER: This week's downside features angst, angry shenanigans and ants, adversarial people – but that's only the bad bit. The extremely uplifting news is that despite crazy behaviour, unstable shakeups and some extravagant unravelling, miraculous advances can be made as long as you stay more committed to what's right than to being right.

♌ LEO: Restless for new directions, a fresh way of doing things, a different take on relationships? This week's ready, willing and able to take you there if you can handle disagreements and differences of opinion with patience and sensitivity – because friction management's high on the current survival list.

♍ VIRGO: Your ruler Mercury in a sensible earth sign plus Venus in engaging, effervescent Gemini lively-up your social life with an overflow into the professional zone which attracts new business connections, useful contacts and potential backers. Just stay away from negative people who have a problem for every solution...

♎ LIBRA: This passionate week ignites your sassy side with lots of impromptu fun and belly laughs. But its celestial signature is volatile, so if you're caught in a crossfire of conflicting interests and opinions, remember compliments, little gifts and affectionate gestures can soothe hurt hearts and cantankerous tantrums.

♏ SCORPIO: The current week encompasses radical polarities of helpful and competitive, friendly and furious, considerate and critical, cooperative and complaining – and that's just your own emotions. Astrology recommends reflecting on past actions, taking responsibility for whatever part you played in them, deleting unrealistic expectations, then seeing what's left...

♐ SAGITTARIUS: This temperamental week offers lots of provocation to vent, but resist the temptation – instead listen, distil and build on the knowledge you already have. If people seem inconsistent and unreliable, well, it's not easy committing to unstable circumstances that keep changing. Cut them and yourself some slack till the present turbulence settles.

♑ CAPRICORN: A great week for schmoozing, but try not to let flirty personages distract you from the vital new creative cycle happening in La Vie de Capri. Because this transit heralds the end of a long-term connection with a person, place or business and the genesis of a change in direction.

♒ AQUARIUS: Light-hearted, lively Venus in Gemini stimulates exciting ideas and convivial get-togethers. And puts home on this week's Aquarian agenda: movement or improvements, visitors or a change of living arrangements. Fragile feelings need delicate handling, so perhaps best not share absolutely everything that crosses your agile mind.

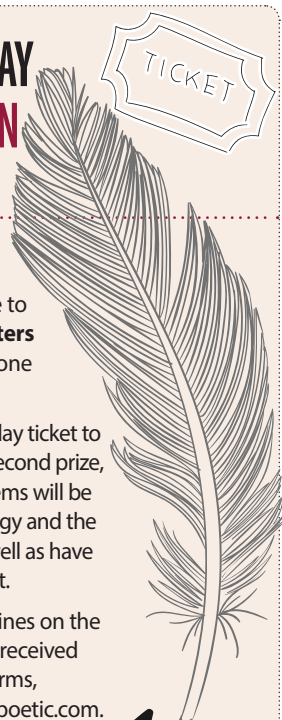
♓ PISCES: This exuberant week buzzes with so much enthusiasm even bad news can't give you the blues. Sure it's full of assertive, unsettling people, but this shouldn't ruin your mood or dim your spritzzy spirits. Don't be lacking in compassion though – do your best to unravel misunderstandings as promptly as possible.

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Poets are invited to write up to 40 lines on the theme *Change*. All poems must be received by **15 May**. For details and entry forms, download from www.dangerouslypoetic.com.



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We are all wonderfully unique, delicious beings, but if we don't know our own bodies, it's hard to expect someone else to.

Do people know enough about sex? Are we teaching it right yet?

I've been studying sexuality for more than 30 years but a lot of the information that has rocked my world and which appears in the documentary only became available in the past few years.

For instance, pioneering research into the true extent of the clitoris was undertaken in the late 90s by an Aussie urologist, Helen O'Connell. She observed that surgeons took special care to avoid particular nerves and blood vessels in prostate surgery on men in order to preserve their sexual function. But sparing sexual function in women undergoing pelvic surgery was a matter of guesswork. None of the available textbooks described the nerve or blood supply to the clitoris. She undertook to rectify the omission and in the process discovered a whole new understanding of that delightful organ.

MRI technology that now allows us to see what is happening in the brain during arousal has also only been available in the past decade.



I have found that having a map of how my body is designed for arousal helps me to feel even more pleasure than I already did.

There is an abundance of information and a lot of misinformation available that creates more confusion. The things they read about just make them feel more inadequate. Sadly, owing to a lack of understanding about their own body's arousal needs, many women have early experiences in which they weren't turned on nearly enough. Apart from being disappointing and uncomfortable, the sensitive tissue of the vagina quite literally checks out, becomes numb and women are left wondering what all the fuss is about.

As far as sex education in schools goes, in most places that is still sadly limited too – usually embarrassed discussions on how to prevent pregnancy and STIs. Although these are important topics there is very little being taught about pleasure, the details of sexual experience and the joys and the journey of relating intimately with another human being.



Young people are looking to the internet to find answers to their natural questions about their burgeoning sexual interest and there they are bombarded by a multitude of images, very few of which give any information about female arousal.

What do you think are the stumbling blocks for western culture when it comes to addressing sexuality?

The curious cone of silence around genitals and sexuality that has been in place since the Victorian era has a lot to answer for. If we can't talk about our pleasurable parts it makes it tricky finding out how to get them functioning optimally. Add to that the legacy of guilt and shame that religion has bestowed upon us and you have a recipe for disaster.

What are you trying to achieve with your documentary?

I want to support people to have more fulfilling relationships. Dissatisfaction in the bedroom is one of the leading causes of relationship

breakup, but by opening up the conversation and introducing accurate information I have seen profound changes in my clients' relating.

I want to support women to connect with and feel the pleasure that their bodies are naturally capable of. Through self-love comes self-empowerment and let's face it – when mamma's happy, everyone's happy!

How will the crowdfunding help?

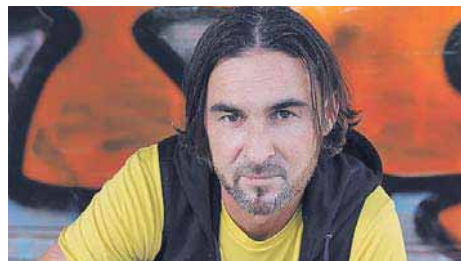
We've done a huge amount on a tiny budget with a small but dedicated team, but to make sure the final product is professional in all aspects we need to get the big guns in now. We need to master the audio, finalise post-production, author the DVD, create fabulous artwork, get the marketing just right and launch it with pizzazz. We want to empower as many people as possible with this information, supporting them to bring more pleasure into their lives and to create more satisfying intimate relationships.

You are invited to find out more about this ground-breaking project by visiting www.pozl.be/femalearousal.

Culture

FUNNY FUNNY

Join a whole new crop of open mic-ers at this month's **Belly Laugh** at the **Brewery Comedy Night**. Featuring the much-loved June Hordern – a woman with more than a touch of Joan Rivers about her, crew from the Gold Coast and some of the newest talent from Mandy Nolan's latest standup comedy graduation. Paul McMahon joins as MC, making the journey full circle. Paul started out in one of Mandy's comedy courses, and spent years honing his stuff at the open mic rooms. Now a successful comic in his own right, Paul McMahon is a regular working funny bloke at clubs and pubs around the country. **Thursday** at 8pm. Free Entry!



PAUL MCMAHON IS MC AT BELLYLAUGH, THE BYRON BREWERY OPEN MIC COMEDY NIGHT ON THURSDAY

DROWN IN LISMORE

After sell-out screenings in Sydney and Melbourne, Northern Rivers audiences are in for a treat with Screenworks' regional premiere screening of **Drown** at **Event Cinemas** Lismore on **Wednesday** at 6.30pm. Set against the stunning backdrop of Sydney's beaches and directed by Dean Francis, *Drown* explores masculinity and homophobic fear through the cloistered world of competitive surf life saving. Director Dean Francis will join Tobin Saunders at the conclusion of the screening to discuss the themes explored in the film as well as their unique approach to funding and distributing the film.

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- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 8.30PM **SIMON WRIGHT**
- BYRON BREWERY 7.30PM **MUSICAL BINGO** 8PM **BELLYLAUGH COMEDY WITH PAUL MCMAHON**
- MASONIC CENTRE, BYRON 1PM **THE MYSTICAL LIFE: A JOURNEY THROUGH OUR SPIRITUAL KNOWLEDGE** W **JAMIE COWAN**
- COCOMANGAS, BYRON DJ **JIMMY D**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 8PM **DJ NERY**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 7.30PM **DALI & THE PAPER BAND**
- PIZZA PARADISO, SUFFOLK PARK 7PM **LUKE BENNETT**
- BRUNSWICK HOTEL 8.30PM **DAN HANNAFORD**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY 7.30PM **JAM NIGHT**
- MULLUMBIMBY BOWLING CLUB 10.30AM **THE HAPPY GROOVERS**
- OCEAN SHORES COUNTRY CLUB 7PM **ROD MURRAY**
- BALLINA RSL 8.30PM **TEX PERKINS & CHARLIE OWEN**
- TATTS HOTEL, LISMORE 6.30PM **ACID BLEED**

FRIDAY 17

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **OCEAN ALLEY, BLUEBERRY COURT, DJ TAYA MILLS**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **DAWN PATROL**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 5PM **SCOTT DAY-VEE DUO** 9PM **THE BELLIGERENTS**
- BYRON BREWERY 7.30PM **RIGHTEOUS VOODOO**

- CAFE OSKA, BYRON 2PM **BAYFM LIVE FEAT. GROOVEYARD, OLYLAMAS BEAN BAG, CHOPSUEY, SONIC ROTATION DJS**
- COCOMANGAS, BYRON DJ **QC**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 8PM DJ **SUPAMAORIFULLA**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 7.30PM **LAUREN LUCILLE**
- PIZZA PARADISO, SUFFOLK PARK 7PM **DINKUM BOHOS**
- BANGALOW BOWLO 7PM **MASON RACK BAND**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7.30PM **GREG KEW**
- BRUNSWICK HOTEL 7PM **THE FIRE TREE**
- MULLUMBIMBY FARMERS MARKET 9AM **TORA**
- ST MARTIN'S HALL, MULLUMBIMBY 6.30PM **COMMUNITY CHANTING GATHERING**
- DRILL HALL, MULLUMBIMBY 7PM **CABARET SHOW**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY 8PM **KRAPPYOKEE**
- LENNOX HOTEL **TULLY ON TULLY**
- BALLINA RSL 8.30PM **RENEE GEYER**
- THE WHARF, BALLINA 7.30PM **MTD MUSIC**
- ELTHAM HOTEL 7PM **HAYLEY GRACE**
- GOLLAN HOTEL, LISMORE 7.30PM **JIMMY WILLING & THE REAL GONE HICK-UPS, SARA TINDLEY, TRIXIE MARSDEN, MAE WILDE, RUTHIE-MA-TOOTHIE, EMMY-LOO AMETHYST, THE BUTTON COLLECTIVE**
- TATTS HOTEL, LISMORE 5PM **DINKUM BOHOS** 8PM **DARK CELL + 2**
- RICHMOND HOTEL, LISMORE 9.30PM **THE VULTURES**

- CUDGEN SURF CLUB, KINGSCLIFF 6.30PM **JON J BRADLEY**
- KINGSCLIFF BOWLS CLUB **JASON DELPHIN**
- KINGSCLIFF HOTEL 7PM **AVERAGE JOES**
- SEAGULLS, TWEED HEADS 7PM **JACK O'LEARY BAND**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS 8.30PM **RUSSELL MORRIS & KEVIN BORICH**
- SOUNDLOUNGE, CURRUMBIN **CHEAP FAKES & CHOCOLATE STRINGS**

SATURDAY 18

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **BOOTLEG RASCAL, VINNIE LA DUCE, FOODCOURT DJS**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **TEA SOCIETY**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 9PM **DJ DISCROW**
- BYRON BREWERY 7PM **4'20' SOUND**
- COCOMANGAS, BYRON DJ **JIMMY D & DJ QC**
- SANTE RESTAURANT, BYRON 7.30PM **CHRIS MALLORY**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 8PM **DJ SANCHEZ**
- KULCHAJAM, BYRON 6.30PM **PEIA**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 7.30PM **WARREN EARL BAND**
- PIZZA PARADISO, SUFFOLK PARK 7PM **SAVIDAS**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7.30PM **JON J BRADLEY**
- BRUNSWICK MEMORIAL HALL 10AM **SHELLY & DAN BROWN**
- BRUNSWICK HOTEL 7PM **WEAR THE FOX HAT**

- MULLUMBIMBY MARKETS 8AM **BROADFOOT**
- LULU'S, MULLUMBIMBY 11AM **ESSIE THOMAS**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY 7.30PM **THE DIRTY CHANNEL**
- DRILL HALL, MULLUMBIMBY 7PM **CABARET SHOW**
- DOMA CAFE, FEDERAL 12PM **MARK HILTON**
- YUM YUM TREE, NEW BRIGHTON 10AM **ELENA B WILLIAMS**
- SHEOAK SHACK, FINGAL HEAD 7PM **SUN SALUTE**
- THE WHARF, BALLINA 7.30PM **JOSH LEE HAMILTON**
- MARY G'S, LISMORE 9PM **PINK ZINC**
- RICHMOND HOTEL, LISMORE 9.30PM **KIMBALAND**
- TATTS HOTEL, LISMORE 8PM **BATS VS SNAKES + 2**
- NIMBIN BUSH THEATRE **KERRIE-ANNE COX**
- PHOENIX RISING, NIMBIN 4PM **DINKUM BOHOS**
- KINGSCLIFF HOTEL 7PM **DAVE MURRAY DUO**
- CABARITA SPORTS CLUB 8PM **MESCALITO BLUES**
- YAMBA BOWLING CLUB 8PM **TEX PERKINS**
- SOUTH TWEED SPORTS CLUB 3PM **SATURDAY JAZZ** 7.30PM **THE ROCK HOUNDS**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS 8.30PM **RENEE GEYER**

SUNDAY 19

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **360**

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 6.30PM **TULLY ON TULLY**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 4.30PM **THE FERAMONES** 8PM **DJ LONGTIME**
- BYRON GOLF CLUB 2PM **LIVE MUSIC**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 2.30PM **FUNDAY DJS**
- PIZZA PARADISO, SUFFOLK PARK 7PM **CHRISTINE OLIVE**
- PARK HOTEL, SUFFOLK PARK **JIMMY & LEE**
- ST HELENA TUNNEL 12PM **BRANDIS & HIS BIGOT ENSEMBLE**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 3PM **SUNDAZE SESSION**
- BRUNSWICK HOTEL 4PM **KOOII**
- DOMA CAFE, FEDERAL 12PM **ESSIE THOMAS**
- DRILL HALL, MULLUMBIMBY 4PM **CABARET SHOW**
- YUM YUM TREE, NEW BRIGHTON 10AM **CHRIS MALLORY**
- BILLINUDGEL HOTEL 3PM **SUNDAY JAM WITH BELLE HENDRIK, BARRY MILAN, PETE C**
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- THE WHARF, BALLINA 3PM **GREG KEW**
- ELTHAM HOTEL 2PM **KATHRYN JONES DUO**
- STOKERS SIDING HALL 2PM **VANUATU CYCLONE PAM AID CONCERT FEAT. PHIL EMMANUEL, JAMES T, HUB CAP STAN & THE MUSIC FACTORY, SLIM PICKENS, LIL' FI & MORE**
- UKI MARKET 8AM **HOOLIGANS, APPLE JACK, JIG JAM, HIGH TIDE**
- PHOENIX RISING, NIMBIN 4PM **SARAH STANDO**
- SPHINX ROCK, MT BURRELL 1PM **DEVA TREE**

- KINGSCLIFF HOTEL 3PM **GARRETT KATO**
- CLUB BANORA 2PM **THE PIGEON BOYS**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL **TEX PERKINS & CHARLIE OWEN**

MONDAY 20

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **ZIGGY ALBERTS**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **GREG KEW**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 8PM **DJ NERY**

TUESDAY 21

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **MARSHALL O'KELL**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **CUZN**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 7.30PM **OPEN MIC**
- COCOMANGAS, BYRON DJ **JIMMY D**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 8PM **DJ SANCHEZ**
- BANGALOW BOWLO 6.30PM **NO LIGHTS NO LYCRA**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7.30PM **BRACKETS OPEN MIC**
- NEW BRIGHTON FARMERS MARKET 8AM **GUY KACHEL**
- LISMORE WORKERS CLUB 7.30PM **ALICIA-C PROJECT**
- SOUTH TWEED SPORTS CLUB 6.30PM **DAN MCCOY**

WEDNESDAY 22

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **THE OUTBACK GYPSIES**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 8.30PM **MICK MCHUGH DUO**
- BYRON BREWERY 7PM **OPEN MIC**
- COCOMANGAS, BYRON DJ **JIMMY D**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 8PM **DJ NERY**
- BALLINA HOTEL 6PM **OPEN MIC**
- EVENT CINEMAS, LISMORE 6.30PM **DROWN + Q&A WITH DEAN FRANCIS & TOBIN SAUNDERS**

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Cinema Reviews

By John Campbell



CINDERELLA

You get a lot more background than is strictly necessary in Kenneth Branagh's re-telling of this much-loved fairytale, and the result is an ever-slight apologetics for the wicked stepmother (Cate Blanchett). Widowed and left with, as she describes them, 'two idiot daughters' to raise, she re-marries only to find herself in the shadow of Cinderella's deceased real mother, thus accentuating her bitterness and meanness. Otherwise, Branagh doesn't deviate from the well-trodden path, knowing that, at its core, the tale's theme of revenge is one that should not be tampered with if his audience is to be rewarded with the satisfaction it craves. You can read too much into a simple narrative, but it seems

that the Cinderella story is particularly pertinent to an age in which everybody feels hard done by – we all want 'those bastards' (whoever they are) to get their comeuppance. The centrepiece here is the ball, at which our heroine is reacquainted with the dashing prince, who is unaware of her identity but overwhelmed by her ravishing beauty and purity of heart. Earlier, the fairy-godmother, played by an ageless Helena Bonham Carter, had performed the tricks of turning the pumpkin into a golden carriage and the mice into white horses before decking out Cinders in her fabulous gown and those portentous glass slippers. It's a fantastic scene, bettered

only by the frantic dash from the palace when the smitten ingénue realises she must return home before the stroke of midnight. As the ideal of every girl's daggy olde-worlde dream, Lily James (from Downton Abbey) is captivating and gorgeous. Richard Madden as the prince is pretty gorgeous, too, as is the art direction, the cinematography and the costume design by the legendary Sandy Powell. A gal needing a guy to find fulfilment might be horribly outdated, but Cinderella's lesson – to 'be courageous and kind' – is one that should never be out of fashion, especially as we watch our own society slide into callowness and cruelty. 'When you wish upon a star...'



VINCENT VAN GOGH: A NEW WAY OF SEEING SCREENING AT THE PALACE ON SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY

VINCENT ON FILM

Enjoying complete and unprecedented access to the treasures of Amsterdam's Van Gogh Museum. *Vincent Van Gogh: A New Way of Seeing* is a surprising new film about one of the world's favourite artists, marking both a major re-showing of the gallery's collection and a celebration of the 125th anniversary of Van Gogh's death. The Exhibition on Screen series offers cinema audiences the opportunity to experience masterpieces from

the art world on the big screen while specially invited guests, including world-renowned curators and art historians, offer their interpretations and explanations. With exclusive new research revealing incredible recent discoveries, the Van Gogh Museum has helped craft a unique cinema experience. The film also offers exclusive behind-the-scenes access to the Van Gogh Museum as it engages in this complete re-hang. Among the key interviewees are Vincent Willem Van Gogh (great grandson of Theo van Gogh),

Dominique-Charles Janssens (president of the Institute Van Gogh), Axel Rüger (director, Van Gogh Museum) and Van Gogh Museum senior researchers Teio Meedendorp and Louis van Tilborgh. Produced by Phil Grabsky and directed by Australian documentary filmmaker David Bickerstaff, *Vincent Van Gogh: A New Way of Seeing* screens at **Palace Byron Bay Cinema** at 1pm on **Sunday** and **Wednesday**. Tickets \$15-25 available now at Palace box office or online at www.palacecinemas.com.au.

THE SPONGEBOB MOVIE: SPONGE OUT OF WATER

SpongeBob SquarePants first appeared on TV way back in 1999. He made his debut on the big screen 2004 and I can distinctly recall nothing about the movie but plenty about my little nephew's excitement at being taken to it. That little nephew now has 456 Facebook friends and is playing guitar in a grunge band somewhere in the back lanes of Sydney – and he wouldn't be caught dead anywhere near SpongeBob's latest incarnation. Which begs the question – how does a studio (in this case Nickelodeon Movies) maintain a cartoon character's relevance to an ever-changing market? The short answer is it beats me. All I know is that I couldn't get a seat at the first session that I rolled up for and was astounded to find that, when I did get to see it (in Lismore) it was still drawing good numbers well into its second week. Unfortunately, this time



around I was not accompanied by an enthusiastic grommet, so the experience was less than illuminating. The secret recipe for SpongeBob's renowned patties goes missing and SpongeBob and his crew need to leave Bikini Bottom and venture into the 'real world', ie, move among real humans rather than animated ones to set matters right. With rapid dialogue and helter-skelter plot development, the adventure hurtles along at a pace frantic enough for me to wonder if the kids around me were doing any better than I at keeping

tabs on all that was going on. But that might possibly be the secret of this type of cartoon's appeal, for it is genuinely whacky in the (vaguely remembered) childish sense of the word. And it is not short of some terrific sight gags, too – I laughed out loud when, at the beach, they attempt to return a giant hairy porpoise (a man sunbathing) back to the water. The overall effect is, if not quite exhilarating, upbeat enough to lift an adult's spirits, but it is terribly sobering to see Antonio Banderas acting with cartoon drawings.

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DUHIG, JAMES SIDNEY

30.10.1924 - 01.04.2015

Sally Duhig and family would like to express grateful thanks to friends and neighbours, Community nurses, Palliative care nurses, The Meadows, Dr Binns and especially to Pauline, during and after the illness and loss of her husband Jim.

Simone Rock

Passed away peacefully in her sleep Sunday 5 April 2015.

Loving sister, daughter and friend, she was an inspiration to all who met her and will be deeply missed.

Friends of Simone's are welcome to attend a celebration of her life this Saturday 18 April at Torakina Park at 3pm.

IN MEMORIAM

FOR MUM...

8 years have passed since you left this place but memories hold dear your beautiful face, your love for us all lives in Divine grace... From all who love you,
The Cornell and Delaney families

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Mullumbimby.....	6684 2144
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Masked Lapwing and chick. Photo Tony Rodd

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'The Masked Lapwing is a very protective parent who isn't afraid to chase away animals and people it sees as a threat to its young,' says Susanna Bradshaw, CEO of the Foundation for National Parks & Wildlife. 'This means many residents have learnt to tread carefully when walking through the lapwing's favourite nesting spots like ovals and grassy parks.'

'While these birds make the most of a warm, wet autumn, you can expect them to start nesting and increasing their defensive behaviour.'

'There will be more swooping at park visitors and making a racket if you get too close to their nest or babies. But you'll be pleased to know that they rarely make contact with you - it's all just a part of their performance.'

There are several things you can do to live more peacefully with Masked Lapwings:

- Vary your walking route to avoid the Lapwing nests for the next few weeks. Lapwings only swoop before they lay their eggs and after their chicks have grown enough. The rest of the time, they are quite shy.

- Don't run away in a panic as this could encourage them to chase you.
- Watch where you put your feet so you don't step on any eggs among the grass and check for nests before you mow the lawn to avoid a Lap-

wing disaster!
• Keep cats indoors as much as possible and train your dog to keep a safe distance from the birds and their nests.

'Let's not forget all the good things about Masked Lapwings,' said Ms Bradshaw. 'These birds will remove all sorts of insects from your lawn, giving some protection against lawn pests like army grubs, mole crickets and lawn beetles.'

'Post-European settlement, thousands of Aussie animals have had their homes destroyed or dramatically altered. The Masked Lapwing is an unusual tale of success - fields replacing forests have allowed these birds to flourish in their preferred habitats.'

'Lapwings will not nest if you keep your lawn long or create garden beds and plant trees instead of big expanses of lawn.'

'Whatever you do, don't remove their eggs. It's illegal and ineffective as the Lapwings will simply re-nest and re-lay.'

Masked Lapwings in the north of Australia have very large, bright yellow wattles (the fleshy bit of skin that roosters and turkeys also have) on their faces, like a mask. Their masks appear to shrink in size the further south in Australia they live.

You can share photos of Australian native plants or animals on www.facebook.com/backyardbuddies, a free program run by Australia's Foundation for National Parks & Wildlife.

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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.

TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES

ANZAC Day Parades

Under the provisions of the Roads Act 1993, Council has resolved (15-068) to support the following temporary road closures on Saturday 25 April 2015 for the annual ANZAC Day parade and services. Detours will be in effect and small delays can be expected.

Byron Bay: 4.00am through to 5.30am at intersection Tennyson and Marvel Streets for the dawn service, plus again during times between 10.30am to 12noon for the parade along Jonson Street from Bay Street to Marvell Street, then on Marvell Street to Tennyson Street.

Mullumbimby: commencing 10.30am, parade will follow Burringbar Street from Prince Street to Dalley Street then continue right onto Dalley Street, which will be closed between Burringbar Street and Tincogan Street until service ends at approximately 11.30am.

Brunswick Heads: 4.30am – 6.30am Fawcett Street, between Tweed and Park Streets, will be closed, noting the escorted parade will follow. Also, temporarily closed between these same times will be Tweed Street and Park Street (between Fawcett and Mullumbimbi Streets) and Mullumbimbi Street (between Tweed and Park Streets).

Bangalow: from 10.45am at the Bangalow Hotel. The parade commences east on Byron Street to Station Street, where it turns left (north) to conclude at the front of the RSL Memorial Hall with an on-road service due to finish by approximately 11.45am.

For information on lodging a submission, and where to address it, refer to the "Lodging a Submission" section within Council's advertising.

Submissions close: 24 April 2015

Enquiries: Simon Bennett 02 6626 7080

PROVISION OF BLOCK ADVERTISING AND ASSOCIATED PUBLIC ADVERTISEMENTS

Request for Quotation 2015-0008

Council invites quotations for a contract to provide Council's block advertising and associated public advertisements. Details of the proposed contract and the requirements of the successful supplier under it are set out in the Quotation Documentation referred to below. Quotation documents may be obtained on Council's website at www.byron.nsw.gov.au/requests-for-quotation.

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

Quotations close: 2.00pm Thursday 16 April 2015

Enquiries: Mila Jones 02 6626 7127

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

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

The following development consents and complying development certificates, together with any conditions imposed may be inspected free of charge at Council's administration centre during ordinary office hours. The validity of these consents cannot be questioned in any legal proceeding except those commenced in the Land & Environment Court by any person within 3 months of this notice.

APPLICATIONS APPROVED

10.2015.148.1 – COORABELL 78 Lofts Road (Lot 12 DP 838972)
Shed (ancillary to an existing dwelling house)

10.2015.114.1 – BYRON BAY 7 Brownell Drive (Lot 4 DP 112343)
Alterations and additions to existing dwelling (extension of an existing deck and addition of deck roof)

10.2015.129.1 – OCEAN SHORES 88 ORANA ROAD (Lot 380 DP 238451)
Alterations and additions to a dwelling including a carport

10.2015.133.1 – NASHUA Lismore Road (Lot 52 DP 858269)
Swimming pool

10.2015.119.1 – MULLUMBIMBY 8 Cockatoo Crescent (Lot 72 DP 1202269)
Single storey dwelling

10.2015.127.1 – BRUNSWICK HEADS 37 Booyun Street (Lot C DP 357962, Lot C DP 366762)
Demolition of an existing detached garage and additions to an existing dwelling house (detached outbuilding containing a garage, studio, workshop and store room)

10.2015.146.1 – MULLUMBIMBY 14 Cockatoo Crescent (Lot 36 DP 1202269)
Dwelling

10.2015.149.1 – MULLUMBIMBY 65 Tuckeroo Avenue (Lot 57 DP 1202269)
Dwelling

10.2015.95.1 – MULLUMBIMBY 25 Hottentot Crescent (Lot 39 DP 854583)
Alterations and additions to existing dwelling

10.2015.67.1 – MYOCUM 225 The Saddle Road (Lot 1 DP 529317)
Alterations and additions to an existing dwelling

10.2015.22.1 – BYRON BAY 34 Marvell Street (Lot 3 Sec 30 DP 758207)
Construction of detached two storey dual occupancy dwellings as staged construction

10.2015.94.1 – BANGALOW 27 Palm-Lily Crescent (Lot 80 DP 1153084)
Alterations and additions to add welling including a detached garage

10.2015.147.1 – MULLUMBIMBY 11 Cockatoo Crescent (Lot 64 DP 1202269)
Dwelling

10.2015.64.1 – POSSUM CREEK 228 Friday Hut Road (Lot 3 DP 617488)
Relocated dwelling

5.1993.513.2 – BYRON BAY 53-59 Broken Head Road (Lot 5 DP 578038)
S96 – to alter internal layout

10.2014.670.2 – BYRON BAY 51 Shirley Street (Lot 8 Sec 53 DP 758207)
S96 – to alter stormwater easement requirements (demolition of existing RFB, tree removal – one tree, construction for four detached dwellings and associated works and strata subdivision)

10.2011.17.2 – COORABELL 5 James View Court (Lot 1 DP 246347)
S96 – to amend approved plans

10.2014.194.2 – OCEAN SHORES 7 Tongarra Drive (Lot 1754 DP 246054)
S96 – minor alterations to a dwelling

APPLICATIONS WITHDRAWN

10.2014.157.2 – BYRON BAY 18 Sunrise Boulevard (Lot 125 DP 777329)
S96 – to modify consent from two boarding houses each containing nine rooms and one managers residence to 18 infill affordable housing dwellings and managers dwelling

COMPLYING DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATES ISSUED

16.2015.20.1 – OCEAN SHORES 8 Gin Gin Crescent (Lot 118 DP 238450)
Carport

PUBLIC EXHIBITION OF DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

Environmental Planning & Assessment Act, 1979

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

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

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

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

EXHIBITION CLOSES 21 APRIL 2015

10.2015.134.1 – OCEAN SHORES
29 Goondooloo Drive (Lot 1313 DP 243480)

MS K D Barnes & Mr Bown: *Multi dwelling development (three units)*

10.2008.498.2 – EWINGS DALE
William Flick Lane (Lot 25 DP 877915)

Mr A J Kennedy: *S96 – change of use approved recreational facility (10.2008.498.1) from yoga studio to health studio*

10.2013.155.4 – BYRON BAY
74 Centennial Circuit (Lot 73 DP 849226)

Centennial Developments Pty Ltd: *S96 – to amend staging floor plans and use of unit No 2 (12 factory units and associated parking, stage construction and use of unit 12 as a recreational facility (Gym))*

10.2011.508.2 – BRUNSWICK HEADS
5 Mona Lane (Lot 2 DP 514906)

Planners North: *S96 – to alter design (demolition of existing residential flat building and construction of a new residential flat building with three units)*

10.2015.144.1 – BYRON BAY
96 -100 Bangalow Road (Lot 3 DP 627556)

Mr P J De Fina: *Construction of seven tourist accommodation cabins*

10.2015.152.1 – BYRON BAY
6 Oodgeroo Gardens (Lot 7 DP 1185068)

Chris Lonergan - Town Planner: *Multi dwelling housing comprising four detached dwellings, swimming pool and strata subdivision*

10.2000.348.7 – BANGALOW
220 Fowlers Lane (Lot 4 DP 707671)

Mr P J Richmond: *S96 – delete condition B8 (access and crossing over creek) and accept a cash contribution instead*

EXHIBITION CLOSES 28 APRIL 2015

No DAs on Exhibition for this date

DRINKING WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN Installation and Annual Test of Backflow Devices for Commercial, Industrial and Mixed Developments

Council is committed to protecting the quality of the drinking water reticulation system within the Byron Shire. The backflow prevention policy deals with the prevention of backflow of water from customers' systems back into the potable water distribution and reticulation systems. Preventing this flow reversal (backflow) reduces the possibility of contaminants entering the potable water supply. The policy provides monitoring and response procedures while identifying hazard(s) and adopts a preventative risk management approach for the entire supply line from catchment to consumer.

Water supply connections are identified where there is the potential of contamination by chemicals and pathogens. Industrial, commercial and mixed business connections are rated as a high hazard and are required to have a Backflow Prevention Device installed. Council's priority is to ensure that these connections are compliant and are tested every 12 months.

Council officers will be contacting business, commercial and industrial property owners over the next few months with advice and information in relation to specific backflow protection requirements.

Further information is available on Council's website or contact Bob Harris 02 6626 7018.

TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE

Byron Street, Bangalow, Sunday 17 May 2015

Under the provisions of the Roads Act 1993, Council has approved (via Resolution 15-075) the temporary road closure of Byron St, Bangalow on Sunday 17 May 2015 for the staging of the annual Billy Cart Derby.

The closure will be in effect from the roundabout at Lismore Road and Byron Street through to the Market and Byron Street intersection between the hours of 6.00am and 4.00pm. As in previous years, a signed detour will be in place via Deacon and Ashton Streets.

For information on lodging a submission, and where to address it, refer to the "Lodging a Submission" section within Council's advertising.

Submissions close: Thursday 14 May 2015

General enquiries can be directed to Council on 02 6626 7080. Details are also on the event website: www.bangalowbillycart.com.au.

King rules over Giants in league season opener

Story & photo John Campbell

'Get 'em onside!'

That raucous cry is the footy tragic's equivalent of the first cuckoo of spring. In the opening round of the new NRRRL season at Les Donnelly Field on Saturday, it was heard virtually before anybody had raised a sweat. And, as always, the appeal fell on deaf ears.

It is currently being written far too regularly for the game's good, but it's nonetheless true; referees are having a disproportionate influence on the outcome of matches.

Already a man down, with Wayde Kelly, their pugnacious half-back in the bin, the Mullumbimby Giants had clawed their way back into the contest to trail Northern United by 10-4 with a minute to go to the break. Whereupon the ref saw fit to send Mullum's Troy McArthur to join his mate in the sheds. Rugby league is tough enough when the numbers are all square, so if any side is reduced to eleven against thirteen you know that they are up that smelly creek without a paddle.



The Giants' Kurt McDonald puts his shoulder to the wheel at Les Donnelly Field on Saturday.

United scored in the first set after oranges and you could not help but feel that it was a blow from which the hosts would not recover. And so it turned out, as the raggedly attired visitors went on to win by 34-8.

It was, however, a score that in no way indicated the nature of the struggle.

Having cherry-picked star players from the three-

quarters of last year's grand-finalists (Ballina and Byron), United arrived with a

backline of ominous speed, experience and, in the case of classy centre Chris King,

size. The big centre had clearly spent his off-season in the long paddock, and he used his imposing bulk and strength to cross for three of the Dirrawongs' six tries.

For the Giants, the exercise was not without its upside. They adopted the simple approach of taking it up the guts to find field position from where they might strike. And, to a degree, the method was successful, but poor execution and questionable attacking options let the side down at crucial moments.

Captain-coach Simon Moore will have been encouraged by the heart shown by his boys – Mullum have never been short of that commodity – and pleased by his forwards' willingness to take it up to their opponents. The towering Pommie went al-

right himself, working hard in the ruck and slipping some neat off-loads.

In Kelly he has a tough and shrewd number seven, and his backs hinted that, with some runs under their belt, they have enough flair to cause problems for opposing defences. Five-eighth Louis Earl's long cut-out pass to put McArthur over in the corner was a joy to witness, as was the ball-tearer try scored by winger Jeremy O'Donnell when he employed the time-honoured Maori sidestep to flatten would-be tacklers on his way to the line.

Pundits have written-off the Giants too early.

They never shirk it and are worth supporting. Get along to LDF next time they're at home and you'll get your money's worth.

Junior Life Savers of The Year named

It has been a week to remember for junior life saver Brianna Clarkson from Brunswick SLSC, who was crowned the 2014/15 Female Junior Life Saver of The Year after impressing at a camp at Narrabeen on Sydney's Northern Beaches.

The Junior Life Saver of the Year Award is a way for clubs to recognise their Under-14 members' achievements in surf life saving and the contributions they have made to all levels of surf life saving as well as within the community.

Each season, the eleven branches select a male and female finalist from the U14 age group to become a contender for the prestigious Junior Life Saver of The Year award.

These young club members are selected on the strength of their leadership potential and commitment to surf life saving throughout their time in juniors.

Brianna, Reed and the 20 other finalists came together this week for a four-day camp where they were exposed to a variety of fun leadership activities, learned the opportunities available to them within surf life saving, and worked on things such as presenting and communication techniques.

While at camp they also faced an interview panel made up of senior life savers, which helped determine the overall winners.

'I am extremely happy to win this award but also



Brianna Clarkson above and Oliver Harnell right, represented the Far North Coast Branch in Narrabeen.

Photos Jamie Nilsson

shocked more than anything,' said a delighted Brianna Clarkson. 'There are so many amazingly talented junior life savers here and any one of those would have been a deserving winner.'

'I've had a wonderful time at camp meeting all sorts of new people, and it's just been a wonderful experience.'

As part of the program the two finalists from every branch worked together on developing a project of interest about an issue that concerns them within surf life saving in their community, and will now deliver that presentation to senior leaders.

'Oliver (Brunswick club-



mate Oliver Harnell) and I have been working on a way for new immigrants to the community to be taught the dangers of the beach in a fun, but effective manner.

'I definitely want to stay involved in the movement and my ambition is to do my coaching certificate and become an age manager. I would also love to do my Bronze, Silver, and Gold Me-

dallion and just get as qualified as I possibly can.'

Both Brianna and Reed will be honoured as part of the 2014/15 Awards of Excellence to be held in Sydney in August and Brianna and Oliver were successful in gaining selection to represent the Far North Coast Branch of NSW Surf Life Saving to attend a Development Camp in Narrabeen last weekend.



Byron Shire Council Notices

CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Sustainable Economy Committee

Council is seeking the following suitably qualified external representatives to become members on the newly established Sustainable Economy Committee, as follows:

- Five industry members, each representing key economic driver industries in the Byron Shire economy – tourism, creative industries, agriculture and food production, education and business services.
- Two community members who are not associated with any particular industry and of whom at least one is from a rural area.
- One member from an environmental organisation or who has significant experience in the delivery of environmentally sustainable projects and/or activities.

Committee members will have an interest in a relevant industry sector, strong communication skills, a willingness to contribute and be capable of informing and motivating others. They will readily act solely in the best interests of sustainable economic development in the Shire and will have the ability and willingness to be an ambassador, representing the Shire positively to media, industry organisations and visitors.

It is highly desirable that committee members have expertise in areas such as marketing, business development, business operations, experience with relevant community or regional organisations and an understanding of the current and future needs of the Shire regarding the development of a sustainable economy.

The term of appointment for committee members is to align with the term of Council and appointments are in a voluntary capacity only.

The Terms of Reference and full selection criteria for the Committee are available on Council's website at www.byron.nsw.gov.au/expressions-of-interest.

Expressions of Interest close: Friday 17 April 2015

Enquiries: Jane Laverty 02 6626 7222

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On The Horizon

DEADLINE NOON FRIDAY

Email copy marked 'On The Horizon' to editor@echo.net.au.

Mullum market

Mullumbimby Community Market corner of Stuart and Myocum Streets, Mullumbimby, Saturday 18 April 8am-2pm. Broadfoot playing live. www.facebook.com/MullumMarkets

U3A Ballina/Byron

First meeting Term 1 at 10am on 21/4/15 in the Mullumbimby RSL meeting room. Gertie Krebs will present a musical appreciation session on Paganini. Enquiries 6680 7350.

Book sale

The Animal Welfare League are holding a fabulous pre-loved book sale on Saturday 18 April at 2 Fern Street, Mullumbimby, 8.30am-1.30pm.

Anglican Parish

Guest speaker Neil Thompson FRCS, FRACS, author of *Sawbones, Saddle Burns & Soothing Balms*, will speak about his work as an orthopaedic surgeon and the history of medical practitioners in the Richmond Valley 1866-1986, on Tuesday 5 May 10-11.45am, St Paul's Anglican Church.

OSCA meeting

The Ocean Shores Community Association's next meeting is Monday 20 April at 7pm at the Ocean Shores Community Centre, Rajah Road. Discussion items include the Roundhouse, sportsfields, Waterlily Park and the Ocean Shores Neighbourhood Plan. Enquiries 0431 477 445.

Drought relief

Thanksgiving, prayer and meditation time (9.30am) followed by a barbecue brunch by donation (tax deductible receipts available) (10.30am) to raise awareness and support for Buy a Bale for farmers in drought will be held Sunday 19 April at Mullum Uniting Church, Dalley St.

Compassionate Friends

The Compassionate Friends, a caring support group for any parent whose child has died at any age, meets 7.30pm on Thursday 16 April at the Activities Centre, rear of the Baptist Church, Uralba Street, Lismore.

Hospital Auxiliary

The monthly meeting of the Byron District Hospital Auxiliary will be held at the Hospital on Monday 20 April commencing at 2pm. New members welcome. Enquiries 6685 3162.

Byron Sophia

Byron Sophia Philosophical Group: The Mystical Life: A Journey through our Spiritual Inheritance, presented by James Cowan, Thursday 16 April, 1-3pm, at Masonic Centre, 6 Byron St, Byron Bay. Info: Celia 6684 3623.

Dunecare Day

The Green and Clean Awareness Team's monthly Dunecare Day is on Sunday 19 April from 9am till 12 noon, meeting in front of the Beach Cafe at Clarkes Beach. En-

quiries Udo 0413 173 786 or Veda 6685 7991.

Seed, Plant Exchange

This Saturday 18 April to share seeds, plants, produce and more as part of the Byron Hinterland Seed Savers Network Sharings at 2pm. More info contact byronhinterlandseedsavers@gmail.com.

Grant writing

Grant-writing workshop Thursday 16 April 5.30pm at the Byron Community Centre's Veranda Room. Book volunteers@byroncentre.com.au for an application form. Numbers limited.

OS art exhibition

10th Annual Ocean Shores Country Club Art Competition/Exhibition gala anniversary opening Thursday 16 April 6.30pm at the Ocean Shores Country Club. Entry fee includes drink and finger food.

Palliative support

Tweed Palliative Support annual training for volunteers to support people in their homes and at the newly opened Wedgetail Hospice Retreat. Wednesdays 9.30am-

3pm, 15 April till 10 June. Phone 6672 8459. Urgently need new volunteers: volunteers-info@tweedpalliative.com.au.

Skate Comp

The Byron Youth Service is holding an all-age family-friendly skating competition at the Brunswick Skate Park, Sunday 19 April 10am-4pm. Free skate coaching, prizes to be won and free barbecue.

Star of Monash

WWI-era play needs actors (5m, 2f). Phone or text Hamish 0415 789 804.

Street stall

RSL Auxiliary Ladies of Mullumbimby are holding a street stall and guessing competition on Thursday 16 April starting 8.30am at the taxi rank. Items include

cooking, plants and books. All donations welcome.

OS Garden Club

Next meeting on 20 April at Baptist Church 1.30pm. Cath Henderson will give presentation recently shown in NZ on her garden. Enquiries Laurel Moon 6680 2455.

New settlers gather

A gathering for 'new settlers' from 30-40 years ago will be held in the park behind Torakina on the last Sunday in April from mid-morning on. Bring whomever and whatever you want.

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Regular As Clockwork

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Bay Singers

The Bay Singers (BB Community Choir) meets Mondays 10.30-11.30 at the Community Centre each week. More info: easwain@bigpond.com.

Quota Club

Quota Club of Brunswick Valley meets every 1st Thursday of the month at the Ocean Shores Country Club at 6pm. Ph 0439 733 763 for more info.

Bridge Club

Brunswick Valley Bridge Club meets at Brunswick Heads Bowling Club on Mondays and Saturdays 12.30 for 12.45 start. Visitors welcome. Player liaison officer Phyllis Keyte (6684 1103) if you need a partner. Lessons: Barbara Powell 6680 5948.

Landcare

Bangalow Land and Rivercare working bee every Saturday 8.30-10.30am. See www.bangalowlandcare.org.au or call Liz 66871309 for further information.

Tennis

Ocean Shores Tennis Club Mon and Wed mornings 8.30-11.30 at Water Lily Park. New players welcome. Phone 6680 5791.

Meditation

Tuesday Insight Meditation with Radha Nicholson, Ellen Davison and others. Weekly at The Yurt Temple Byron, 7.15-9pm. All welcome. Evening supported by dana (donation). **Buddhist meditation** teaching and practice now at the Living Yoga Sanga, first floor, 63 Stuart Street, Mullumbimby, 6-7.30pm, Mondays. Contact Mishaela on 0438 858 842 or mishaela@si.org.au.

Repair Cafe

Mullumbimby's Repair Cafe at the



Mullumbimby campus of Byron Community College in Burringbar Street on Saturdays 9am till 12 noon. Volunteers will be there to help you fix things that might otherwise end up in the tip, or to advise how it might be done.

Rainbow Dragons

Rainbow Dragons Abreast (RDA) welcomes breast cancer survivors (regardless of age, athletic ability or fitness level) for a paddle at Lake Ainsworth, Lennox Head, on Sundays 7.30am for 8am start. Info Marian 6688 4058, mazzert2010@gmail.com.

Op shops

Uniting Church Op Shop open each Saturday 8am-noon, Dalley St, Mullumbimby. Recycling clothes, household goods, linen. **Byron Bay Anglican Op Shop** opens Monday to Friday 9am-1pm. Volunteers needed. For more information contact Jeni: 6685 7816 or 0439 344 281.

Junior Chess Club

Mullum Junior Chess Club is on Tuesdays after school (about 3.15pm start) until 4.45pm in Mullumbimby High School library. All ages and playing levels welcome. Mike 6684 6281 for more details. Anglican op shop

Lions meetings

Lions for Byron Bay and Suffolk Park meet every 2nd Thursday at the Byron Bay Services Club at 7pm, with a social meeting every 4th Thursday of the month in Suffolk Park. Enquiries 0410 414 423. **Lions Club of Brunswick-Mullumbimby** meets every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at

the Ocean Shores Country Club at 7pm. Phone 0417 019 343 for more information.

Food Box

Food Box has recommenced on Thursdays 9.30-11.30am at Uniting Church Mullumbimby. If you have any sort of Centrelink card you may purchase cheap food, free veges and enjoy a cuppa.

Cancer support

A general cancer-support group in Byron for anyone living in the northern rivers. Info: Ken on 0411 233 755 or David on 0428 187 025, or email david@davidyoung.com.au or kengabe@linknet.com.au.

Carers support

Mullumbimby Mental Health Carers' Support Group for family members and friends who have a loved one with a mental health issue. Meeting on 4th Thursday of each month 9.30am at the Mullumbimby Neighbourhood Centre. Info: Leanne 0409 818 643.

TINCAN

Tintenbar Community Aid Network runs a series of social activities at the Tintenbar Hall. Info Marg 6687 8033.

End-of-life choices

To learn what your options are when making end-of-life choices, come to the meetings held quarterly. Phone Elaine for more details: 0421 796 713.

Toastmasters

Byron Cavanbah Toastmasters practise public speaking and leadership through our community run course. Meetings coaching in

communication and self development run on 1st and 3rd Mondays. 6.15pm at St Finbarr's School Hall, Byron Bay. www.byron-toastmasters.org. **MullumMagic Toastmasters** meet 2nd, 4th and 5th Mondays at 7pm, Presbyterian Church Hall in Mullum. Please call Shanti 6684 8024 for more info.

Bangalow CWA

Bangalow CWA is happy to invite anyone who is interested in learning how to knit, crochet or embroider to join us on Wednesdays 9am-2pm or the second Monday evening of every month 5-7pm. Rooms 6687 0617 or Di Campbell 6685 4694.

CoDA

Co-dependents Anonymous (CoDA) is a worldwide network of groups of men and women learning how to develop and maintain healthy and fulfilling relationships. For more information, and meetings in your area, visit www.codependentsanonymous.org.au or phone 9281 3330.

Liberation Larder

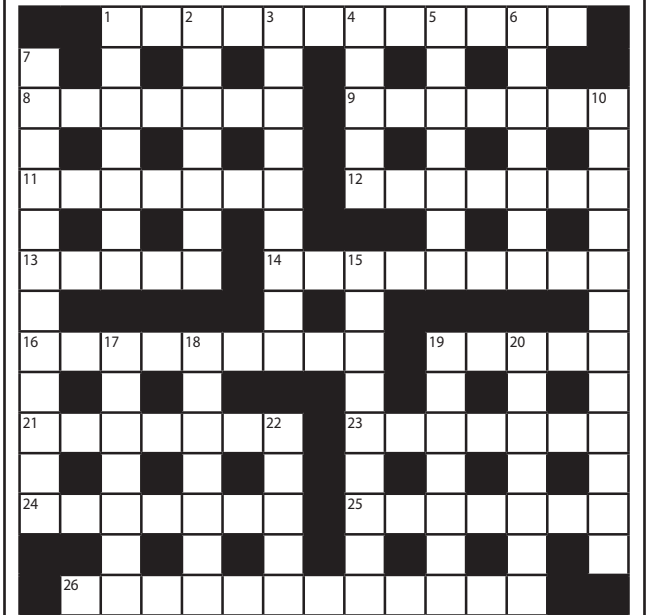
The charity that collects, cooks and distributes nutritious food to more than 450 people a week in the Byron Shire needs more volunteers in a variety of roles. Please contact Helen 0439 409 655 or visit liberationlarder.org.

Drug support groups

Call **Alcoholics Anonymous** 1800 423 431 or 0401 945 671 - 30 meetings a week in the shire. www.aa.org.au. Are you concerned about the alcohol or drug use of someone close to you? **Support meetings** every Tuesday 7-9pm Byron Bay, upstairs at 75 Jonson Street (stairs beside Westpac bank). Phone Jane 0410 494 933. **Narcotics Anonymous** is a fellowship of men and women for whom drugs had become a major problem. We are recovering addicts who meet regularly to help each other stay clean. For information and meetings call 6680 7280.

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Mungo's Crossword

 N068

Cryptic Clues

ACROSS

- Defying authority, send back truncated article in feigned trance (12)
- University has hesitation accepting Indian Queen - it's heavy metal! (7)
- Bottom number 99 - deadly! (7)
- Low ride upset the more ill-humoured (7)
- A big cat around the top end lives on insects (7)
- Measures acts around the south (5)
- Priam's daughter - mama and god (9)
- Cutter holds alternative to ghostbuster (9)
- Third grade nutter (5)
- Diana wild with ecstasy and small nymphs (7)
- Spooner asks reason for the song - spectacles, perhaps (3-4)
- Talked about the east, and was attracted (7)
- Deer, West Indian perhaps, adds nothing to the turn (7)
- Cops train him badly: people hater! (12)

DOWN

- Draws conclusions from note, like silly son (7)
- Reviewers, French, cry and shout approvals (7)
- Beats embrace one reverse computer bank to make verses (9)
- One vehicle a following for Mrs Trump (5)
- Took off with non-drinker, a famous stone! (7)
- Miss Oakley, in the outskirts of Neverland, is cared for and cosseted (7)
- Bluey's mate ingests wet earth; gone funny and bad-tempered (12)
- Ill-natured container and oil-carrier, circle; we object (12)
- Steer crooked, battered cart - it's actually a trolley (6,3)
- Zero equipment for French pal with Japanese craft (7)
- Rotter with "split" rock group, a sort of musical afterthought (7)
- Tidy prize overwhelms king (5,2)
- Expert royal writer is bitter (7)
- Unhappy at assassinated Egyptian president (5)

Quick Clues

ACROSS

- Disobedient, refusing orders (12)
- Element number 92 (7)
- Element number 33 (7)
- More introspective, less sociable (7)
- Myrmeleo, also called sand dragon or doodlebug (7)
- Administers medicine (5)
- Prophets cursed to speak the truth but never to be believed (9)
- One who chases out evil spirits (9)
- Eccentric, nutter (5)
- Water nymphs (7)
- Items such as monocles or sunglasses (3-4)
- Pined, longed for (7)
- Reindeer (7)
- Disliking the human race (12)

DOWN

- Causes for beliefs or actions; justifications (7)
- Expert commentators, especially on the arts (7)
- Humorous verses of five lines (9)
- Former wife of Donald Trump (5)
- Stone whose inscriptions led to the deciphering of Linear B (7)
- Protected over-zealously, molly-coddled (7)
- Bad-tempered, irascible (12)
- Contrary, ill-natured (12)
- Tram, trolley-bus (6,3)
- Japanese art of paper folding (7)
- Short improvisation at the end of a musical work (7)
- Become fine (of weather) (5,2)
- Bitter, harsh (7)
- Former president of Egypt, Anwar (5)

Last week's solution N067

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Dangerous needle users: we almost dropped a stitch when we saw that last week the cops visited the Knitting Nannas Against Gas engaged in their vicious vigil outside newly-reelected MP Thomas George's office in Lismore. The officers advised these thugs of the perils of purl one and purl two and of blocking the footpath with comfy cardigans. Perhaps George got the hump with the nannas asking him about his ever-vacillating opinion on CSG and required three custodians of the peace to help him out. Photo from the Nannas' Facebook page.

As we go into National Youth Week (April 10-19), it's a shame there's still a cloud over government funding for the Byron Youth Service (<http://bys.org.au>), which has been helping, entertaining and educating local youth for 20 years. Talented young people got together to help out at the Spirit Of The Bay 2 twilight concert on the weekend, which you can see in Sharon Shostak's video at www.echo.net.au/2015/04/byron-youth-rally-to-save-centre.

Mullum experienced its own version of surround sound

last Thursday when there was a busker on every corner of the main intersection, creating a melange of musical styles at the centre point - where you could have safely stood without being hit by a car back in the 1970s. Most people enjoy a bit of music on the streets but we have received some complaints about the levels of amplification. If you need to amplify - and practically in all cases *Backlash* believes you don't - try to keep it at a tolerable level so people can still enjoy their conversations.



Butler St Community Network, campaigners for the Grab the Rail Bypass Solution, are perplexed that this sign, strategically positioned on Bangalow Road opposite Byron Bay High School, may have been deliberately removed just prior to the annual Easter traffic festival. If anyone has info please contact Byron Bay Police on 6685 9499.

Still on your Bluesfest high or need a refresh? You can check out the comprehensive collection of photos by Jeff Dawson, Eve Jeffery and Darren Coyne at www.echo.net.au/media/photo-galleries/ or Sharon Shostak's video of the event at www.echo.net.au/2015/04/bluesfest-acts-inspire-100000-people.

The news that the Federal Court has ordered internet provider iiNet to hand over details of its customers who illegally downloaded the movie *Dallas Buyers Club* probably ran a chill wind over over Australia's happy band of downloaders still waiting for timely delivery of binge-watchable series. However the highly articulate Communications Alliance CEO John Stanton - in an interview with Sabra Lane of ABC's 7.30

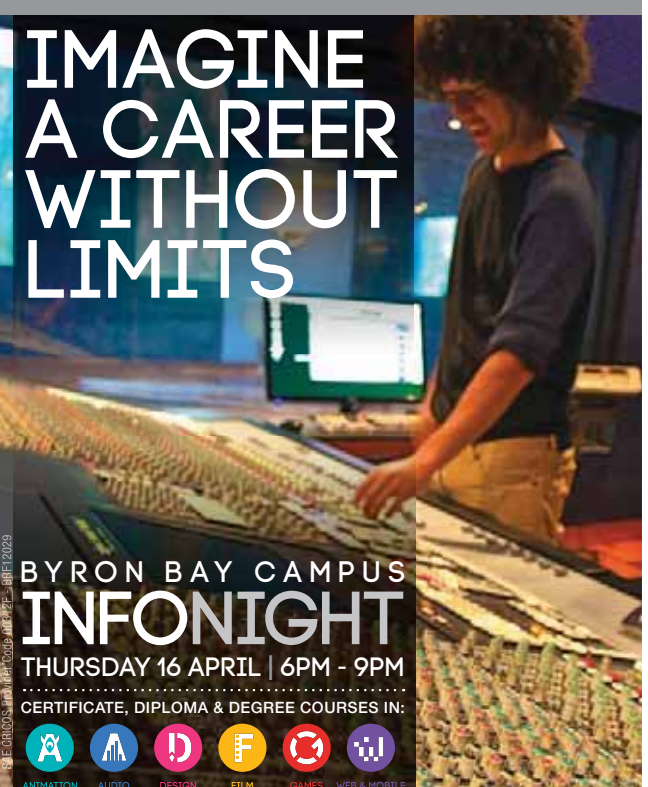
Report <http://ab.co/1ac9tgs> - explained that the court had put restrictions on what the aggrieved producers could demand of downloaders. In America movie providers had engaged in 'speculative invoicing' through legal letters, asking downloaders for amounts such as \$7,000 for a product worth \$20. It's about time we started speculatively invoicing some of the big corporations for desecrating the environment and generally being litigious dickheads. (*Dallas Buyers Club* is a great movie, by the way.)

People of all ages are being sought to help map uncharted areas of the sea floor currently being explored by underwater robots. And you don't need to get wet to do it. Just go to <http://bit.ly/squidlelink> to learn how.



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