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IT BOTHERS SOME PEOPLE



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# Intergalactic wrangler



Three new Space Cowboy shows are heading to Byron Bay's Community Centre Theatre. Known worldwide as an extreme performance artist, Mr Cowboy specialises in feats of the mind and body. He is appearing April 25 from 7pm, with two shows on May 3 – 3.30pm and 7pm. Call 6685 6807 or visit [www.byroncentre.com.au](http://www.byroncentre.com.au) for bookings. For more info visit [www.thespacecowboy.com](http://www.thespacecowboy.com). Photo Jeff 'Spaced Out Buckaroo' Dawson

# Byron Council wins landmark court case against developer

Hans Lovejoy

Should councils be responsible for a developer's loss of expected earnings if their development application (DA) is rejected?

In what appears to be a precedent for the nation, leave to appeal to the High Court has been refused, upholding the right of councils to reject such claims.

According to Findlaw's legal service report, it's good news for councils around the country, 'because it confirms that when councils are exercising statutory functions, such powers are unaffected by a duty owed to private interests, including those of developers.'

## Staff advise appeal avenues exhausted

A recent memo to councillors from senior staff reads, 'The claim against Council by Dansar Pty Ltd (Mr and Mrs Vaughan) is now over as all avenues for appeal have been exhausted. The claimant will be liable to pay the council's (Council's insurer's) costs of the High Court as well as all prior proceedings.'

Mr and Mrs Vaughan are two of a handful of Belongil residents who Cr Sol Ibrahim says will fund rockwall structures to protect their homes.

The Echo understands that a previous council erected rockwalls in front of Vaughan's property, which created a legal liability requiring them to be maintained.

However, the unrelated neg-

ligence claim by the Vaughan's against Council goes back to the period of the sewer moratorium from 1997 to 2006.

At the time, development required 'prior adequate arrangement' owing to a lack of Council facilities to cope with human waste.

The applicant's claim arose from the council's failure to properly manage the council's development application process due to the council's sewerage system nearing capacity, which resulted in the development application initially being rejected.

According to special counsel Karen Browne and law graduate Andrew Clements, 'In 1997, Council resolved to limit the number of new developments approved in the area due to the limited capacity of its two sewerage treatment plants.'

'The council's planning controls prevented it from approving development applications unless the Council was satisfied that prior adequate arrangements had been made for the provision of sewerage services to the land proposed to be developed.'

'In 2001, Dansar Pty Ltd (the developer) applied to the council for development approval to carry out a residential development. At the time of application, there was sufficient capacity in the sewerage system for the development. However, the council failed to correctly calculate the capacity of the sewerage system, which resulted in the developer's application initially being rejected.'

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# One hundred years on – where to be on Anzac day

For local Anzac services, the following Byron Shire towns will be holding events on Saturday April 25.

## Brunswick Heads

4.50am: Marchers assemble at Clubrooms in Fawcett Street for 5am march to Cenotaph for dawn service. Choir of Ocean Shores Public School will lead the hymns and national anthem during service.

WWI Tiger Moths will fly over in tribute at end of service.

A parade will follow through the streets before returning to the RSL clubrooms.

At around 6am a barbecue breakfast will be served for any service or ex-service persons (\$10 donation).

## Mullumbimby

4.30am: Dawn service at the Cenotaph opposite the Ex-Services Club. This will be followed by breakfast at the Club. A flyover will occur at 10.20am. The mid morning march will leave at 10.50am from Apex Park. A civic service and lunch follows directly after the march.

## Bangalow

10.45am: March from Railway

Park, Bangalow. The Wreath laying ceremony and presentation is at the RSL Hall, Station Street, followed by a service and lunch in the hall.

## Byron Bay

5.30am: Dawn service commences at Memorial Gates in Tennyson Street. March from Bay Street at 10.15am, assemble for march to Memorial Gates at 10.30am. Wet weather, assemble at Scout Hall.

Afterward luncheon to be served at 12.30pm at the Byron Bay Services Club for all service personnel.

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## Almost perfect fundraising result: BayFM hits \$23k

The Byron Shire community have generously pledged \$23,000 to BayFM's Watts Up! campaign, which aims to purchase new transmission equipment for the Saint Helena tower.

And while Watts Up! 'officially' ended last Friday, donations are still coming in and BayFM still hope to reach the target of \$25,000 by the end of the week.

Facilities manager Rudiger Wasser says he's delighted with the result.

'The Watts will hug the mountains and come down into the valleys to bring crystal-clear entertainment to our listeners. You've reached us, now we'll reach you.'

Project manager Nicky



Rudiger Wasser and Nicky Fisher at the Saint Helena transmission shed. Photo Sharon Shostak

Fisher says she is also celebrating with the community, who once again, 'donated with their heart for the love of their radio station.'

Nicky says that during the campaign, 'Many listeners

were happy to contribute to Watts Up! with the knowledge that there will be an improvement in the quality of the reception, when BayFM broadcasts again at three kiloWatts.'

## Good news Byron youth groups

Byron Shire Council has awarded a total of \$10,000 in youth activities grants last week.

Byron's Youth Activities Centre has recently been forced to mothball several key projects following government funding cuts and recently held its second Spirit of the Bay music festival to help keep the doors open.

The grants announced will enable six new youth

programs to be rolled out in Byron Shire this year.

Byron Shire community services manager, Greg Ironfield, says Council received a record number of applications this year, which he believes was due to the loss of state and federal funding.

Successful applicants included the Chrysalis Girls Group's 'Healthy Selfie Project', Byron Youth Theatre Project's 'Have Your Say', Dhi-

nawan Dreaming's 'Deadly Up Skill' and Kulchajam's 'Inscribe Youth Art Project'.

Part funding will be provided to YACRockCafé's Youth Mentoring Project and Move Youth Rhythm Project.

The successful \$2,000 grant went to projects that addressed key areas of need for local young people.

■ Read more on this story at [Echonetdaily.net.au](http://Echonetdaily.net.au)

## Calls for 'the best playground in the area' in Ocean Shores

Community input is being sought to help build a Waterlily Park playground based on a council-community funding model in Victoria.

Co-facilitator Gemma Eaton says that on Thursday April 23 from 4.30pm a public meeting will be held at the Ocean Shores Community Centre to share information on the Victorian project 'which was built in five days'.

'The meeting is intended to gauge whether there is interest within the local community to establish a playground through a similar means. A community playground for the 3,000 children in Ocean Shores is of the utmost importance, she says.

'A playground in Waterlily Park will also create a community hub for Ocean Shores, with the added benefit that working together on a community project provides



A community-council funded playground in Victoria

much-needed cohesiveness for the people of Ocean Shores.'

The idea has the support of mayor Simon Richardson, who added, 'The meeting will be an opportunity to test the waters of interest and get the ball rolling. If the community is keen to explore this idea further, I'll support it to do so.'

'I believe this project could be a great catalyst for uniting the community of Ocean Shores like never before.

'It has the capacity to establish not only a wonderful playground, but to galvanise a whole community.'

To get involved, call Gemma Eaton on 0412 200 923.

Byron Shire Echo archives: [www.echo.net.au/byron-echo](http://www.echo.net.au/byron-echo)

## Pedestrian rail crossing 'unapproved'

Further to last week's story regarding the possible closure of the Mullum pedestrian rail crossing, a Transport for NSW spokesperson told *The Echo* they were advised by its contractor, John Holland Rail (JHR), that the walkway was constructed across a non-operational railway line.

'TfNSW/JHR have no record of a request or approval for these works. JHR is in discussion with Byron Shire Council to resolve the matter.'

Meanwhile council has received a number of letters from residents protesting against the move, and those concerned can contact council on 6626 7000.

# Happy fifth birthday, Mullum Farmers Market



Traffic ground to a halt at the Mullum Farmers Market last Friday, as thousands came to celebrate the market's fifth birthday. Photo Jeff Dawson

## Highway protest highlights CSG, Nannas vow to keep knitting

Darren Coyne

Australia's 'longest ever protest' was held Sunday, to highlight the ongoing threat of CSG.

Local organiser Anne Thompspon said rest stops along 2,500 kilometres of highway across NSW and QLD were covered by the protest.

The Knitting Nannas played a major part in the protest, wearing their distinctive yellow attire and waving placards against gas mining.

The Nannas have become

a permanent fixture at CSG protests and regularly knit outside Lismore MP Thomas George's office.

And despite being confronted by police last week, they returned to their regular knit in.

Knitting Nannas Against Gas Co-founder Clare Twomey told *The Echo* that the Nannas always protested peacefully and were therefore surprised to be confronted by armed police officers demanding their names and birthdates.

## Byron Council wins landmark case

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'The developer re-submitted its application, which was approved by the council in 2005. The developer claimed that but for the council's error, development approval would have been granted in a timely manner.'

### Developer's claim

'The developer commenced proceedings in 2007 claiming damages from the council for a breach of a common law duty of care allegedly owed to them.'

'The developer claimed that the delay in approval was largely caused by the council failing to exercise reasonable care in carrying out the task of allocating the spare capacity, which it had determined should be allocated to new developments.'

'The developer alleged that the council owed a duty of care to the developer to ensure that it did not suffer economic loss resulting from the council's refusal or delay in implementing its decision.'

### First Sun Park approved

John Vaughan told *The Echo*, 'Dansar believed the minority position in relation to the specific issue "Duty of Care" in relation to the allocation of a scarce resource being allocated by a monopoly authority "the council" was correct. Dansar's application was the only application refused a sewage allocation of about 35-odd applications, pre and post March 2001.'

On February 13, 2002 Council staff, without the

delegated authority to do so, invoked Clause 45 of the Byron LEP.

'In March 2002, Council staff defended the appeal on that basis, ie there was no spare capacity or a least not enough for Dansar's application. Mr Warner, on behalf of Council in the Land and Environment Court, gave evidence that has proved [incorrect], saying the STP was overloaded, in that case one example below.'

'It is worth noting that Council approved the expansion of the First Sun Tourist Park including building backpacker accommodation and further tent sites on newly leased State Rail land in April 2002, without any concerns about an overloaded West Byron STP.'

'Before the recent Supreme Court appeal in 2013, counsel for Byron Shire Council belatedly admitted that at all relevant times, sewage capacity was available for Dansar's application!'

'Council had resolved to allocate 89 Kl in September 2000, and did not alter or amend that resolution.'

'At no time did the actual "Council" resolve to impose Clause 45, a fatal clause of the Byron LEP on Dansar's DA.'

'In fact they had deliberately removed Clause 45 from staff's recommended reasons on December 18, 2001.'

'In the execution of that resolution, Council staff made numerous undefended errors and only allocated in total about 60 Kl of the resolved 89 Kl, including an allocation to Dansar's via second application, approved

some three years or so after the original application could have been approved on February 22, 2002, but for sewage allocation. Dansar will not have the opportunity to ventilate the clearly inequitable and ultra vires Council staff's decision before the high court.'

'If a council has no "duty of care" in the allocation of a scarce resource what might flow from that decision?'

'It surely leaves open the possibility of discrimination in an allocation process.'

'In Dansar's case, it did not get an allocation on February 2002 and Council itself approved the expansion of the First Sun Park in April 2002 and added to the flow to the STP. Go figure?'

Council staff were asked for comment but none was received by the time of going to press.

### Refutes friendship claim

Mr Vaughan also says that regarding a recent *Echo* story where Donald Maughan claimed to have seen him man Cr Ibrahim's election polling booth, he says he is 'not a friend of Cr Ibrahim'.

'I have only emailed him on issues of concern as one of the councillors when communicating with Council.'

'It is my usual practice to cc councillors when writing to the general manager.'

'As to the assertions by Mr Maughan, he is clearly confused - I was handing out election material for the Woods team, which is my democratic right to do.'

### MardiGrass, May 1-3

Co-organisers are expecting big numbers for the upcoming medicinal cannabis workshops, which will feature at the 23rd MardiGrass at Nimbin, to be held May 1 to 3.

Guest speakers include Dr David Bearman (US), Ajia Mae Moon (Canada), Abe Acton and Matthew Applesseed.

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## Vale Dot McMaster April 27, 1924 – April 11, 2015

Jim Beatson

It was inevitable that 90-year-old Dot's farewell would fill St Finbarr's church in Byron Bay, with many tears shed as *Amazing Grace* was sung.

Only a fortnight earlier, Dot led friends in her Byron Aged Care home, cooking up pickles and relishes, as they had done for years. They often used ingredients freely supplied by local farm-owning friends.

Sold outdoors by her at Byron's monthly market, the pickles and relishes raised useful money for BAC's Auxiliary, which she had formed a decade earlier.

More importantly, it enabled her and others there to still play an active role in Byron's community.

She organised cent auctions and all-ages fashion shows, featuring clothes from St Vinnies where she had been Friday's day co-ordinator since 1990.

Her good friend and fellow BAC resident, Pearl Varcin, describes Dot as driven, 'by a strong sense of respon-



Just under 12 months ago, Dot McMasterson is pictured (centre) on her 90th birthday with outgoing Byron Aged Care president, Jan Lang, on the left, with friend Pearl Varcin on the right. Picture Jenny Watson

sibility with equally strong leadership qualities.'

Annie Hadwell, Byron Bay St Vinnies store manager, described her style as, 'her way or the highway.'

### St Vinnies vollie

She said, 'Dot grew up in a tough era; she went through the Great Depression and wars. She was self-reliant, and they don't make them like that these days.'

Born in Lismore, Dot moved to Byron at age six

when her dad got a job in the meatworks.

Her family briefly moved into a tent in Shirley Street.

### Six children

Young Dot attended Byron Primary and later married Alan ('Snow') with whom she had six children.

Sadly she outlived a daughter and a son. Snow, employed as a road builder with the main roads department, moved their ever-growing family four or five times a year.

Snow even worked on the Keeper Dam in Gunnadah while Dot learned how to drive a truck.

Her large extended family always kept Dot very busy.

But Snow's death in 1991, daughter Betty explains, 'led to Dot becoming her own person.'

A friend of Dot's comments 'that's the reason God gives women an extra ten years or so.'

Dot grabbed her new life with two hands and two feet.

As well as enjoying her passions of cooking, bingo, needlepoint, gardening and Slim Dusty songs, she became a relentless independent organiser and fundraiser.

She tried parasailing on her seventieth, travelled with her sons to Bali and Hong Kong, and entertained residents of Byron Aged Care.

Until just days before her quick decline, Dot was seen around town, zooming around Aldi's aisles, purposefully steering her always polished, metallic-red mobility scooter.

Farewell, Dot.

## Death by tomato sauce



The very recently deceased Luke Holt – for the sake of art – appears in a shoot with Sam Hope, Oliver Cronin and Max Leonard. They were among local teens who worked with author and filmmaker Tristan Bancks, in the background, to make a movie in a day through the Northern Rivers Writers Centre. 'The films were mainly about death and killer monkeys and the entire special effects budget was spent on tomato sauce,' says Bancks. Photo Jeff Dawson

## Police investigated after missing man found dead

An internal police unit that investigates criminal allegations and corruption where police officers may be involved have stepped in after the death of a man in Ballina last week.

It is the second such investigation launched into the Richmond Local Area Command this year.

About 11pm on Tuesday April 14, 2015, Richmond LAC officers attended a home on Norton Street, Ballina to locate a man after reports of a concern for his welfare.

Police attempted to make

contact with the 45-year-old man, however police claim he was not sighted. About 9am on Wednesday April 15, the man's mother found him unresponsive.

Initial investigations suggest there are no suspicious circumstances surrounding his death.

An independent critical-incident team will investigate all circumstances surrounding the incident.

That investigation will be overseen by the Professional Standards Command.

## Fair Work blitz hits Byron

Are you receiving the award wage? Or as an employer of a visa holder, are you paying them enough?

It's a question that accompanied last week's visit by Fair Work and sought to highlight the exploitation of young, vulnerable workers who work in the hospitality, agriculture or retail sectors. Fair Work is a federal agency that monitors and prosecutes employers that underpay workers. Overseas

Workers' team director Carey Trundle told *The Echo* the visit was part of a year-long inquiry into the wages and conditions of overseas workers on 417 working holiday visa. 'We are responding to allegations that some unscrupulous employers are exploiting backpackers on working holidays.' To see if you are being paid award rates, and also to see what you should be paying staff, visit [www.fairwork.gov.au](http://www.fairwork.gov.au).



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## Farewell Alan Rich: filmmaker, environmentalist, councillor

The life of former Ballina Shire councillor, surfer, filmmaker and well-known Lennox Head resident Alan Rich, who died last week at the age of 68 following a short illness, was celebrated at a service at Ballina Surf Club on Saturday.



Mr Rich, who served nine years as a Ballina councillor, championed coastal protection and other local environmental causes.

He grew up in Los Angeles County, US, where he carved out a career as a pioneer surf filmmaker with the help of his Australian wife Evelyn Rich.

Both were self-taught in the craft. The couple moved to Sydney in 1978 after several years touring the world, and seven years later settled in Lennox Head.

He was elected to Ballina council in 1999.

Ballina mayor David Wright described Mr Rich

as a passionate campaigner against inappropriate development.

Cr Wright, who joined longtime friends of Mr Rich including fellow US surfing identity/expatriate Rusty Miller at the service, told APN Media that Mr Rich had initiated the push for Ballina to appoint its own environmental officer and ensured council meetings were transparent by lobbying for the recording of meetings.

■ Read more on this story at [Echonetdaily.net.au](http://Echonetdaily.net.au)

## Finding an oasis through a united voice

All comers are welcome to join the Lighthouse Voices Community Choir new ten-week term, which is about to kick off again on Wednesday February 4, 7.30-9pm at Kutchajam, 1 Acacia Street, Byron Arts & Industry Estate.

It is led by the highly regarded Parissa Bouas from The Hottentots, who says, 'Choirs are an oasis of hope, full of sharing, trust and goodwill in a world full of TV, murderers and doom and gloom.'



'You don't need to read music and I give lots of singing tips along with vocal warm-ups.'

'Casuals welcome.'

For enquiries, call Parissa on 0421 330 766 or email contact@parissabouas.com.

## School funding fun run, April 29

On Wednesday 29 April 2015, students from Mullumbimby High School will be running in a fun-run to raise extra funds for their school.

Lachlan McKenzie from Mullum High said, 'I'm proud to be involved in a program that raises money for our school, while delivering positive messages about the importance of physical activity to children's health, growth and development.' The run was launched in 2011 as an alternative to junk-food fundraising. Visit [www.schoolfunrun.com.au](http://www.schoolfunrun.com.au) for more info.

## Correction to council vote

Last week's vote was incorrectly reported regarding the vote on demolishing the house and garage at 9 Station Street, Bangalow. A foreshadowed motion saw Crs Ibrahim, Dey, Richardson, Cameron and

Spooner vote in favour of the staff recommendation motion to refuse the 'demolition of existing dwelling, garage and all other structures.'

Crs Cubis, Woods, Wanchap and Hunter voted against.

## Lennox netball fundraiser May 9

In an effort to get local netball girls to Sydney in June for the NSW Championships, an Elton John tribute show and dinner will be held Saturday May 9 from 6pm at The Lennox Head Community Centre.

Held by Ballina Rep Netball Association, the evening will feature Paul Rothapfel, aka

ROXY, who has just returned from performing on the world's biggest luxury liners, and Ballina RSL Club's executive chef Blake Seymour, who has stepped in to assist the cause with the curry making.

To book, email Remy Tancred on [info@samplensw.com](mailto:info@samplensw.com).

## Woman charged with 'wholesaling' ice

Richmond LAC detectives attached to Strike Force Mitla charged a QLD woman last Tuesday with 44 offences relating to the supply of prohibited drugs in the Lismore and Casino areas.

Police allege the 35-year-old supplied 592 grams of methamphetamine (ice) and two litres of ephedrine as well as being involved in the illegal supply of seven firearms.

Last month police charged six people with multiple offences including Supplying a Commercial Quantity of Prohibited Drug, Illegal Sale of Firearms and Participating in a Criminal Organisation.

Police have executed 10 search warrants, including eight in one day, in the Casino and Lismore areas.

Police will allege the woman charged was a ma-

ajor supplier of 'ice', to a local syndicate in the Casino and Lismore areas. She appeared in Tweed Heads Local Court on Tuesday and was remanded to appear again next month.

Strike Force Mitla was formed by Richmond LAC detectives in September 2014 to investigate the supply of methamphetamine and the illegal sale of firearms in the area.



## Why the internet is like a garage sale

Garage sales are very popular in our world and there are rules and etiquette that are attached to both the selling and the buying of our old things at these sales. If you want to maximise the prices for your stuff you also have to present the product correctly.

One of the big changes in recent years is that buyers no longer want to get their hands dirty and they don't want to rummage through boxes and piles of junk looking for a priceless old book or a valuable painting or a piece of classic vintage clothing. Instead, today they want to simply rock up and look around at well-presented and clearly marked bric-a-brac and make decisions based on value and clear information.

Books are a good example. Forget boxes of books loosely stacked or arranged so the buyers do the work by rummaging through pile after pile of old titles. Today you need to present books spine up and clean so the buyer can simply look into a box of books and make an appropriate assessment of the worth of the collected titles before moving on to the next box for consideration.

This made me think of the process of presenting and selling homes today using the internet and how it has radically altered the time and the process for a buyer wanting to purchase a new property. Just a few years ago it took a buyer many months to learn a market before they bought a property. They would drive around and around a community looking with multiple agents and the agent had all the information in his or her listing folder and between their ears and most of the recent sales were stored in the agent's head. It was laborious and tiring and involved multiple car journeys with the agents often to a property that was inappropriate and exactly what you did not want to buy.

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## Ms Nolan hits the road with new material

Comedian, artist, writer, *Echo* columnist and mum, Mandy Nolan, has popped out another one.

A book that is. And she'll be launching it at Mary Ryan's on Monday April 27 from 6pm.

It follows her two past successful works, *What I Would Do If I Were You* and *Boyfriends We've All Had (But Shouldn't Have)*.

In *Home Truths*, Mandy says she explores poet Anne Sexton's assertion that 'women marry houses'.

'It's for anyone who has ever dreamed of owning, building, renovating or perhaps bulldozing their home, or for those who have actually done it and survived.'

Mandy asks, 'Who are we in the place where we live, why do we live there, and how does this influence our everyday behaviour?'

Mandy says she is a self-confessed FOMOOLSB suf-



Mandy Nolan is about to embark on a five-month book/standup tour. Presumably she will leave her cleaning products at home. Photo Jeff Dawson

ferer (Fear of Missing Out on Living Somewhere Better), who uses her latest narrative for a peek over the fence at how the rest of us live.

Combining standup and

her book's material, she's about to embark on a five-month long tour that starts at the Melbourne International Comedy Festival in April, moves through NSW,

ACT, and QLD before coming full circle to finish at the Melbourne Writers Festival.

For event details, visit [www.finch.com.au/books/home-truths](http://www.finch.com.au/books/home-truths).

## Byron Beach Cafe scoops big tourism award

Congratulations to the Byron Beach Cafe, which has won the coveted Best Restaurant and Catering Service award at the Australian Tourism Awards in Adelaide.

Owner Ben Kirkwood said he was 'humbled and elated' at the win.

'It's overwhelming,' he said. 'We are incredibly grateful, not only for our-

selves, our team and our local suppliers but also in helping to reinforce Byron Bay's place on the culinary map of great Australian food destinations and taking a lead role in Tourism Australia's Restaurant Australia campaign.'

President of Destination Byron Cameron Arnold described the result as 'a

coup for Byron Bay.'

'The Byron Beach Cafe are leaders within the Byron tourism industry and their involvement in and support of Byron as a destination is only surpassed by their passion for high-quality food and delivering an exceptional dining experience.'

## Cr Ibrahim accuses *Echo* editor of biased, unprofessional reporting

Further to last week's story *Top scientist advice rejected by Council*, Cr Sol Ibrahim has responded ferociously to *The Echo*, claiming inaccurate, biased and unprofessional reporting.

His full complaint is below, along with point by point reply from *The Echo's* editor, Hans Lovejoy.

[1] 'Despite my lengthy and detailed response to your questions, your unprofessional and personal bias has once again led you to spread lies and misinformation, with the clear intention of harming and defaming me. Your opening paragraph is false.'

'I clearly stated that the concerns of the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) are going to be dealt with fully in a new analysis by our economist. How can you possibly claim that I am 'ignoring' the offer?'

[2] 'You second paragraph is equally misleading. The potential erosion of the beach is why we are preparing a

coastal zone management program (CZMP). We are not abandoning the CZMP, we want to get it out to public exhibition asap!

[3] 'Third paragraph also wrong! Manfred Street works are predominantly in front of a public road and Council-owned land, and unfortunately a previous Council created a legal obligation to maintain the protection works Council built in front of John Vaughan.'

'The other two landowners you allude to are contributing \$100,000 each because our works will join theirs.'

'Get your facts right, Hans. Your bias is ridiculous. Just about every paragraph contains an error clearly intended to defame and ridicule me.'

[4] 'You purposefully left out the fact that private owners will pay for their own property protection. Why? Because you personally want to perpetuate the myth of Council having to foot the bill for the 'rich'. I demand you

print my entire email to you on this subject, unabridged.

[5] 'I am consulting my solicitor. If you are incapable of getting your head around this subject, then let someone else report on it who can.'

### Editor replies:

[1] 'Re: the opening paragraph - the offer of help from the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH): That offer was not taken up, therefore it was ignored. It's a different issue.'

[2] 'Re: the second paragraph - the potential erosion of Belongil Beach: The erosion of beaches from rock walls is well documented. Council cannot claim this plan will not result in the erosion of the beach. The plans - as they have been explained so far - rely on shifting sand from Tallow Beach using public money.'

'Re: coastal zone management program (CZMP) inclusion: In the article, *The Echo* reported Coun-

cil's director of sustainable environment and economy, Shannon Burt, as saying this project will be included in the CZMP.'

[3] 'Re: the specifics on why this Council deems this project a priority is a good point.'

'I am happy to include that in any future story, however owing to secrecy and its sensitive legal nature, much is still not publicly known.'

[4] 'Re: the landowners contribution: In the sixth paragraph, it clearly states no contribution has been publicly announced by the landowners. That indicates they will be paying, but we still don't know how much.'

'It appears, however, that the public will be left with the ongoing cost of sand relocation owing to a beach being continually depleted of sand.'

[5] 'And finally, questioning the integrity and professionalism of journalists is always an interesting response to scrutiny. I stand entirely by my reporting.'

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# Au contraire

While 2014 was the hottest on record, the Abbott government has magically found the money it slashed from real science – such as CSIRO and the climate commission – to instead fund a climate ‘contrarian’ from Denmark, named Bjorn Lomborg.

It appears part of PM Abbott’s effort to perpetuate the flat-earth argument that the scientific consensus may not be correct, or that scientists are perhaps trying to scare us all so they can get more funding. Scary, bad scientists. Anyway the \$4m splashed last week will see Lomborg establish a new ‘consensus centre’, or think tank, at the University of Western Australia (UWA).

There’s plenty of information available about him, including [www.lomborg-errors.dk](http://www.lomborg-errors.dk), but perhaps it’s worth disseminating a TED talk of his.

After all, it’s his chance to put his point across in 18 minutes. It’s indeed awful. Not the natural speaker, he rambles and stumbles through the same point over and over again in an effort to convince the crowd of his weird narrative.

The audience even laughs at him at one point. Lomborg’s premise is that if you put the world’s problems into a list, such as poverty, malaria, economic barriers, climate change etc, and then if you prioritise them according to which could be solved most efficiently, or economically, then climate change is at the bottom of list.

It’s not worth doing anything about. Without much qualification, he cites ‘expert’ economists that have modelled his data.

‘What we can do about climate change is very little, and it’s a high cost,’ he says. ‘The estimates are it will cost \$150 billion a year, but that would only postpone climate change for six years by 2100. For half that amount we could educate and lift people out of poverty, treat and prevent malaria, HIV...’

It’s not clear how you can live on a planet without an atmosphere, but fair enough, let’s keep prioritising humans over environment.

While we may be facing a catastrophic environmental failure in years to come, we certainly have a catastrophic failure of leadership now.

It comes in the same week as China and other big emitters challenged Australia over its climate change policies. Creating a slush fund for big polluters is Abbott’s vision, one which has virtually no support from economists as an effective response to climate change. Carbon pricing is of course the most logical ‘price signal’ to address it. Yet according to QLD Liberal MP Andrew Lamming, carbon trading is hypocritical given there are very few countries that trade carbon at present. He told Fairfax last week, ‘Why should we be one of the first to trade carbon? It would hurt us financially and we would be disadvantaged against other nations we compete with, such as Canada.

‘Outside of Europe, virtually no one is trading carbon,’ he said. It’s not entirely true: the US and China are moving towards it, albeit very late. Indeed we have a catastrophic failure in leadership.

Hans Lovejoy, editor

# Wild west shoots first in states standoff

So much for co-operative federalism. Paul Keating’s famous dictum that you should never stand between a state premier and a bucket of money, and his other advice that you should always back self-interest because at least you knew it was always trying, has seldom been more dramatically confirmed.

The barney over last week’s COAG, culminating in what appears to have been an immovable standoff, has made it abundantly clear that the only consensus in which the premiers are interested is that they all want as big a share of the loot as possible.

When treasurer Joe Hockey suggested that they might be prepared to freeze the previous year’s grants in order to unlock the perceived reduction proposed for Western Australia, the idea lasted about a nanosecond. Not only were the other premiers outraged at the notion that they might lose out for themselves but Tony Abbott promptly intervened. Our prime minister might not be very good at figures, but he could see, counting on his fingers if necessary, that five premiers add up to rather more than one.

His suggestion that they could all sort it out for themselves in a mature and sensible discussion was about as likely as his desire to pass the last budget.

Everyone ganged up on the Western Australian premier Colin Barnett, especially when he unwisely mentioned that his state had contributed to the relief of floods and bushfires in the east, so that they might like to reciprocate.

It was an idea uncomfortably reminiscent of Abbott’s own suggestion that because Australia had sent money to Indonesia after the tsunami, Joko Widodo might like to consider mercy for the convicted drug smugglers

Andrew Chan and Myurun Sukumaran. Like the Indonesians, Barnett’s COAG colleagues (or rather antagonists) regarded it as deeply insulting: now not only was the Western Australian a reckless fiscal spendthrift and an arrogant and bumptious upstart to boot, he was now behaving like a moral blackmailer.

And so Barnett sank slowly into the west, complaining all the while.

And let’s face it, the Western Australians have always been a grumpy lot. It probably has something to do with distance – after all Perth is a lot further from Sydney than Urumqi is from

Western Australia to secede and form a separate entity, although it was never entirely clear what it would become. The referendum was passed by a convincing 68 per cent, but the British government, which administers the act governing the Australian Constitution, kyboshed it: the Sand Gropers had to stay put.

And not entirely coincidentally, also in 1933 the independent Commonwealth Grants Commission was set up to allocate monies from Canberra to various states and territories. The west was given what was rather demeaningly called mendicant status, which meant

and treasurers, already beleaguered by the cuts imposed by Tony Abbott and Joe Hockey. What goes around, comes around. Once the premiers were safely out of Canberra, Nahan revealed that Abbott had slipped him a \$660 million backhand when the others weren’t looking, apparently as a pre-payment for infrastructure development; but even when that is confirmed, it remains the most temporary of fixes.

So what, if anything, is to be done? Abbott has flagged the possibility that the earlier cuts to Commonwealth hospital funding might be reconsidered, which would give relief not only to Barnett, but to the premiers all around; that would likely produce some kind of temporary agreement, and in July there is to be some sort of retreat – although not, presumably, the sort Abbott habitually manages on policies like Medicare co-payments and paid parental leave. But a cosy gathering in the bush somewhere just might give some substance to Abbott’s rather optimistic claim that COAG has been a success.

It did, admittedly, give rise to some sort of consensus in that everyone deplored both domestic violence and what Abbott somewhat hyperbolically called the ice epidemic. So all was not lost. Sometimes the premiers can agree – as long as their own shares of Canberra’s money are not an issue.

But the basic problem remains: the states want more money for the services they are expected to deliver, and the Commonwealth is reluctant to give it to them.

And unless and until that stalemate can be broken, we can still expect a perennial plaintive plea of penury from petulant premiers proclaiming from the periphery in perpetuity. Some things will never change.

*Why should the golden west have to fund the rest of those bludgers in the east?*

by Mungo MacCallum



Beijing. That makes it one of the most isolated cities on the planet.

And it shows – even the nicknames given to the various states are a giveaway. Queenslanders are Banana Benders, New South Welsh are Corn Stalks, Victorians are Cabbage Patchers, Taswegians are Apple Polishers, cheerfully agricultural sobriquets.

Moving further, South Australians are Crow Eaters – more than a touch feral. But in the far west, they are Sand Gropers, a bit like a more primitive lifeform. No wonder they sometimes feel paranoid.

Western Australia was always reluctant to commit to the federation; in fact it did not sign up until the Commonwealth offered to fund the Kalgoorlie to Port Augusta railway link – a worthwhile piece of infrastructure, but a bribe nonetheless. And it was only the first of many.

But it wasn’t enough, and in 1933 the state government put forward a referendum for

that it, along with all the smaller states and territories, got a bigger per capita handout than either of the two powerhouses, New South Wales and Victoria.

And it remained a mendicant for many years to come.

But eventually the mining boom changed all that – undreamt-of wealth flowed into the Perth treasury, and, after a time, its federal grant was reduced as a result. Now there was more talk of secession, but this time in triumphalist terms: why should the golden west have to fund the rest of those bludgers in the east? Let’s go it alone.

Perhaps fortunately the movement never really took off, and then, of course, the crash came. But there has always been a lag time around Grants Commission allocations, and that was what caught up with Colin Barnett and Mike Nahan.

And perhaps unsurprisingly, there has been little or no sympathy from the other premiers

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# Looking for that light at the end of the tunnel

■ I continue to be surprised at people who are against the rail trail for various reasons.

I am a railway fan but have to accept the realism that the days of rail transport are now very limited. You need either a large population or massive bulk commodities to run successfully. The north coast of NSW has and is unlikely to have either.

In the unlikely event the rail were to be reintroduced it wouldn't be built on the existing formation with its many tight curves built over 120 years ago. Light rail? Good idea if you have the fortune to rebuild the existing track and 50-odd bridges in various states of repair, and the population to support it.

Turning this track into a

rail trail will bring all the benefits that other examples have done in Australia and NZ (and other countries) which so many people and councils support nowadays.

**Ian Stocks**  
Ballina

■ Jens Krause concludes that, because the Nationals candidate only received 27 per cent of the votes in Bangalow, most people do not want the rail trail! (Letters, April 8) I hate to burst your bubble, Jens, but I am an avid supporter of the rail trail, but did not vote for the Nationals as I did not want privatisation of the electricity network, and I also do not agree with their social, wages and education policies, to name just a few.

Their rail trail policy is the one thing I do agree with. The election was fought on many issues, so please do not put your own interpretation on the results.

**Ruth Dare**  
Bangalow

■ The Nationals deserved to lose the seat of Ballina owing to their track record and neglect of residents' concerns in favour of commercial vested interests: favouring CSG as well as West Byron, the rail trail and the town bypass. Funding for the latter suddenly materialised in an attempt to neutralise resident opposition to West Byron.

We all agree that the town traffic problem ought to be tackled. It now afflicts the

south side as well as the west.

But the controversy and misinformation continues and two expensive ticket items – the bypass and the rail trail – are each obstacles to a real solution. Anyone who thinks that the preferred bypass route will make any discernible reduction in congestion and improvement in traffic flow hasn't done their homework.

The evidence around similar measures elsewhere tells us that the new road as proposed would be congested in a matter of weeks or months. With only 17 per cent of traffic heading for a destination other than the town centre, the road will just function as a second entrance.

But even that doesn't mean

the traffic jams would be halved. Any capacity would quickly be consumed by existing and induced demand. Furthermore, it would eliminate the value of the Butler Street/market site pedestrian precinct which is one of the stated aims of the town master plan.

Having lost the active backing of any local National Party member, it is clear that the rail trail is not a facility wanted by the majority of residents. It's yet another tourist attraction for a select brigade of visitors with a concomitant negative impact on our amenity.

Then there's that curious hole in the targeted funding which omits infrastructure and ongoing costs. The light

at the end of the tunnel, so to speak, is the light rail from Sunrise Beach. Eventually servicing Mullum and Bangalow (no, it's not pie in the sky), it would be a real facility for families, teens, locals of all ages and visitors (with or without bicycles).

Unlike the rail trail, an extension of this model would really invigorate the smaller villages along the route. It would be great to find a solution that encourages commuting by bicycle without bugging up the rail solution. It is incredibly shortsighted to destroy a potential public transport service that could make a genuine contribution to reducing gridlock.

**Bill Mackay**  
Byron Bay

## Belongil soap opera

Here we go again. Yet another episode of the soap opera that is Belongil Beach.

Let's all take up our familiar positions and argue about the fate of 'rich landowner' beachfront property. Nice green, ecologically sensitive folk to the left and nasty, rapacious capitalist bastards to the right.

My observation is that the 'class warfare card' is almost always the first one played, not least in *The Echo*. In the middle of this ideological warfare are hundreds and hundreds of normal ratepayers who live in normal houses

somewhere near one of our glorious beaches. People who have often lived here for generations and watched sand and dunes go and return and are completely bewildered by the total fixation on a few houses at Belongil.

Could all the participants please keep in mind that these ordinary folk will be financially and emotionally devastated if some arbitrary council policy designed to teach Belongil a lesson also unfairly costs them their house at some future point. Belongil and the housing there is simply not representative of the bulk of our

beachside development.

Is there anyone out there (who actually owns a house) who would not want reasonable opportunity to defend it, in the face of natural disaster?

**Ian Gow**  
(near the beach and not rich)  
New Brighton

## Old age arriving

I'm interested to know if there was an exact moment the many *Echo* readers/retirees realised that old age was arriving. For me it was the day twenty years ago (when I was 63) that I hurried down to a farmers market to meet

friends and suddenly noticed that I wore a slipper on one foot and a shoe on the other.

Nobody commented, sneered, looked perplexed, asked a question or even blinked. But I was surprised. Is old age often recognised in a moment or does it always just creep up on us?

**Cecily Dynes**  
Federal

## Remembering peace

This time last year I was living in my tent at the Bentley Blockade and headed for Lismore on Anzac Day to the Peace Park. The Remembering and Healing peace group were holding their annual after-the-official-march event.

Like Bentley, it was a heartening experience, bringing people of all stripes, be-

liefs and races together in a common cause. I'll be going again this year to the Peace Park at Lismore, corner of Ballina and Molesworth Streets, at 11am on April 25 – from home this time, Bentley a victory for now, peace as intangible as ever.

**Jill Keogh**  
Federal

## Bad busking

Now don't get me wrong, I love music. Hell, I'm a music teacher, but I have to agree with *Backlash* last week about loud amplified buskers in Mullumbimby.

The groovy musical accompaniment to our shopping is great. However, I do object to our peaceful country vibe being drowned out by pushy, pretentious people

trying to take our dollars.

If they can't play without amplification, then they're not good enough musicians to be taking it to the streets. We go from the sublime – the five-piece band outside IGA every Saturday morning – to the atrocious.

Today there was a small child outside Vinnies, hat out ready for coins, blowing into a recorder. He hadn't even learnt how to play a single song. It was obnoxious noise.

I felt like saying I'd pay him to stop, but felt that would be unkind. What was his mother thinking? I'd prefer begging.

Obviously the concept of a busker's licence, brought in to protect this violation of the peace, didn't enter the mother's mind.

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HEY, ISN'T THIS MY CARTOON?!

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Then there's the pushy, obvious out-of-towners, who set up at 8am with their blankets and crappy jewellery and stay all day. A lot of these type are terrible musicians and abuse you if you say anything.

I know it drives the shopkeepers crazy. What can we do?

**Magenta Appel-Pye**  
Mullumbimby

**Political pedophilia**

Political pedophilia has been discussed in certain circles for a while now but owing to

the internet it's now something that everyone is becoming aware of. The death of BBC presenter and serial sex offender, Jimmy Savile, prompted hundreds of abuse victims to speak out.

Now with the publishing of serial offender Jeffrey Epstein's 'little black book' on the internet and his connections to royalty and various other high-ranking officials, the picture is becoming clearer. The new video podcast, *Political Pedophilia: An Open Source Investigation* (available on YouTube), takes

a well-thought-out approach to this. Ending with a warning about 'witch-hunts', the presenter wants to make sure we look at direct evidence and not be distracted by hysteria and disinformation.

He interviews Dr Tjeer Andringa of the University of Groningen, who has coined a new word, 'kakistocracy', meaning 'rule by the worst'. He has some wise things to say about what we can do about it and how we should do it.

I hope this information gets to as many people as possible.

It will change the way you see the world but for the better.

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**Sam Harris**  
Goonellabah

**Defamed**

I've only just become aware that on December 27 last year a former tenant of mine

posted what I consider to be defamatory remarks on Facebook.

Said post alleged that I had chopped down rainforest trees without Council permission and went on to purport that he had photographs, which he urged his friends to circulate in order to bring this 'criminal' and 'grot (me) to his knees'.

I have a copy of the verbal stuff but my informant chickened out of providing the photographs - quite understandably.

I'm wondering if anyone has a copy for me and/or any relevant further information, confidentiality guaranteed. Please send c/- Bangalow PO, anonymously if necessary, or call 6684 7420.

**Fast Bucks**  
Coorabell

**Suicide study**

Your readers may be able to help me. Many people are affected by suicide in our society.

I am a research higher-degree student at Central Queensland University investigating how people re-engage with life after a suicide attempt, that is, how they recover and get well, and I am looking for people, aged 18 and over, who have lived through this experience and would like to tell me about it.

I believe that talking about suicide saves lives. In the end suicide, like child protection, is everyone's business. We are each other's keeper. As a community, we need to start talking about suicide, we need to learn about the myths of suicide, and how to recognise and respond to vulnerable people at risk of suicide before it is too late.

Each of us can make a difference, if we know how.

Anyone who would like to know more about the study can contact me at [kerri.jackson@cqumail.com](mailto:kerri.jackson@cqumail.com).

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**Greens choice**

Dear Tom Tabart, thanks for your rejoinder (Letters, April 15). Now that the Greens have won the seat of Ballina I expect they'll be facing the stark choice between business as usual (conjecture, acrimony, paranoia, policy comets from the deepest reaches of outer space) or governing from the centre in the interests of the whole electorate in order to retain the seat in four years' time.

Welcome to the archetypal 'corruption' inherent to the political system. As

a newcomer to the region, and Australia in 2006, I can not corroborate exactly what the Greens have done for it. I note, however, the seat of Ballina was not won outright but on the back of a shameful preferences deal with the ALP, the group that really got the party started for CSG, and by successfully stealing the political fire from Lock The Gate while making the Nationals out to be the villain in the piece.

Richard III, eat your heart out, the Greens have finally hit the big time!

**Edward Kent**  
Suffolk Park

**Zealot abroad**

Rest not, ye gentle citizens of Mullumbimby! Beware the uniformed zealot patrolling our streets for deviously unrestrained unlocked car doors or criminally left-open windows.

Thou shalt not do such a relaxed thing under pain of punishment. God-the-policeman will bust thee and rob thee of \$104 for each offence and many more if thou readest not page 6 of *The Echo* of April 8, vouchsafing these commandments to thine heart.

Heed ye, oh Mullumites, thou north coasters must prepare for thy death: the death of free choice. The highwayman cometh!

This Sodom and Gomorrah laidback lifestyle incurreth wrathful retribution of fire and brimstone, and demandeth the coughing up of cash for the divine coffers of the state. Ye sinners, repent and lock your doors.

**Deborah Lilly**  
Mullumbimby

**Jihadi attack**

Car bomb, Koh Samui, Friday night. Who says life has to be dull?

I was very nearly in the shopping centre when the Islamist car bomb went off, but had changed my mind at the entrance.

Fortuitously, no-one was killed. The seven wounded were not so fortunate as those of us who just heard the explosion, one of three attacks in Surat Thani that night. Allahu Akbar, apparently.

If you read the ABC and Fairfax reports, you'd think this was the first attempted jihadi attack in a tourist-frequented area of Thailand. Nonsense.

In 2013, a car bomb was found in Phuket before it went off. Generally, tight Thai security has kept the jihadists from moving explosives

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# A soldier's reasons for signing up may be many

Imagine this: You're in the jungle, it has started to rain, the skin on your feet is peeling off, you have so much weight on your back that everything hurts and you keep running into a vine called Wait a While, which is too fibrous to break and it has spikes all along its back that catch hold of you and you can't get out of it. An hour or so later you're walking waist deep through croc-infested water listening to baby crocs laughing at you from the shore. You do that for 24 hours and then run into somebody else who has been doing the same thing and you sit down and you can't help but laugh, it's so bad! I used to say to my lads [soldiers]: The harder it is, the better the stories at the boozier the next day.



Sharing a high five with local kids in Timor Leste. Right: Matt O'Hehir gets a birds-eye view.



Wendy Champagne

'You don't go to nice places,' says Matt O'Hehir, quoted above, whose first deployment in 2003 was the Solomon Islands to go after Harold Keke and his warlords. 'There were a couple of lads who came back from that and struggled just accepting the whole thing; they had never seen people live like that, conditions like that.'

So why join up? It's a legitimate question to ask. Yet just asking it reveals the chasm of misunderstanding we have about the military. Being anti-war has precluded so many of us from connecting with the people who make up our modern defence forces and to understanding the actual job they do. If anyone can

succeed in putting a crack in that wall of ignorance it may just be Ocean Shores resident Matt O'Hehir.

At 22 Matt was one of the 'older guys' when he joined, so he didn't struggle with discipline as much as the younger ones. 'It was a job that... the more uncomfortable it got, the better it got. Not at the time, it sucks at the time, but afterwards, in terms of accomplishment... camaraderie.'

Matt was a trained chef on his way to work at the Olympics in 2000 when he took a sharp turn and signed up as a rifleman in the Australian Infantry instead. He was always a fast runner and picked up the nickname 'Rabbit', which stuck with him.

'The army was full of people from all over the country who have led all sorts of lives.

I slotted in. I could do the hard stuff, I never stood out, but I never lagged behind either.'

If you are self-absorbed in the army you are 'Jack' - someone who looks after themselves - and the army is all about looking after your mates.

## Shared values

'When you join you're told that you are the son [or daughter] of an Anzac and the characteristic of the Anzacs is something taught today - mateship, ingenuity and laughter. I believe that's what sets the Australian Defence Forces apart from other militaries, those qualities. We are encouraged to use our initiative, we are encouraged to have a say.'

His next tour - Timor Leste - was a long time com-

ing, so in the interim he went back to his skill set and trained as an army cook. In Dili they were doing up to nine-hour patrols a day, hauling 60 kilos of kit in astonishing humidity.

'A mate's wife sent over a blow-up swimming pool and at the end of a patrol we'd sit in it. It was nothing but it was everything, you know.'

In 2009 he was posted to Afghanistan: '...a lot can happen in a single day over there that takes its toll on soldiers and families back home. We lost Benny [Benjamin Ranaudo] very early into our trip, which hit everyone hard.'

Then there was constant near misses and injuries that never made the news back home, even though the mission was to support the Afghan army.

'We're not a superpower like the US, even in Afghanistan we were not fighting a war - we were mentoring. The Afghans did their initial training and then they were sent to a patrol base where we were, they were learning on the job. For me, all my deployments have been about helping other people, humanitarian aid, peacekeeping... We've got good at that.'

Once there Matt was sent to small patrol base, one of 12. They slept in shipping containers in conditions so dry that you'd suck dust with every single breath. His first kitchen was equipped with a rice cooker, a Bunnings barbecue and a microwave.

## Feral cooking

'I mastered cooking a roast on a barbecue, no hood. I cooked everything but rice in the rice cookers because there were no other pots. I deep fried in them, I used them like electric crockpots, made my pasta sauces in them. If I wanted to cook rice, I did it in the microwave. When combat teams rolled in I cooked for up to 70 out of that kitchen.'

'Everyone comes home [from a deployment] with a struggle, or a plus, or both. My struggle was the meaning of life. What are we doing here? All I thought about was

that we are all going to die. I am so lucky I have always had great support from my partner Jackie.'

The next shock came when he decided to leave the army. 'Once you're out you find yourself alone, you don't have ten or 20 mates around you every day so I was pretty touched when the guys down at the Bruns sub-branch [RSL] said "C'mon, you're marching with us."

'I also felt uncomfortable. I was marching next to guys I should have been clapping from the side of the road.'

'I've been on patrols where artillery is falling over us, maybe 20 or 30 rounds a night. If you think about the other wars... in the Somme there were over a million rounds a night. It is incomprehensible how any of them came back.'

Today Matt works as a cutter in a bikini company, along with 50 women. 'My life has gone from working with all men to working with all women. I have become expert on the differences between them,' he says.

And Anzac Day? 'It means everything to me,' Matt replies without a moment's hesitation.

Matt will be speaking at the Anzac Day dawn service on April 25 at the Brunswick Heads memorial.

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**CHESS** by Ian Rogers  
Play at Byron Services Club, Mon 7pm

The expulsion of Georgian Champion Gaioz Nigalidze from the Dubai Open this week might seem like a bog-standard case of computer cheating.

Nigalidze had been the subject of suspicion for some time, with his win in Al Ain last year attracting attention due to his curious over-the-board behaviour.

Finally, during round six of the 2015 Dubai Open, an opponent of Nigalidze decided to complain to the arbiter. An initial search found nothing but the opponent, Armenian star Tigran Petrosian, insisted and a search of a toilet cubicle found a well-hidden smartphone with a chess app following the game. Nigalidze was thrown out of the tournament and faces a likely three year ban.

Petrosian believes that Nigalidze used his cheating system to win the first prize of \$US11,000 in Al Ain and question marks are also attached to Nigaladze's two Georgian titles.

With the arrival of Google Glasses and microchips, tournament organisers may soon have

to accept that detecting cheating will only be possible by matching a player's moves to those of a computer program.

Instead FIDE appears to be moving toward symbolic measures such as hand-held scanners, tested in the recent Reykjavik Open and found to be close to useless - and distracting if employed while a game is in progress.

The following game sees Melbourne's Jack Puccini, 15, beat a Filipino GM at the ongoing Thai Open in Pattaya with an inspired sacrifice.

Pattaya 2015  
White: J.Puccini  
Black: J.P.Gomez  
Opening: Morra Gambit  
1.e4 c5 2.d4 cxd4 3.c3 4.Puccini special, the exotic Morra Gambit. More prudent opponents than Gomez would now decline the pawn with 3...Nf6. 3...dxc3 4.Nxc3 Nc6 5.Nf3 e6 6.Bc4 a6 7.0-0 Nge7 8.Bg5! f6 9.Be3 b5 10.Bb3 Ng6? One mistake is near fatal here. 10...Na5! was necessary. 11.Nd5!! Rb8 An earlier victim in this line, Dutch GM Loek van Wely, lost after 11...exd5 12.exd5 Nce5 13.d6 Bb7 14.Nxe5 fxe5 15.f4! Qf6 16.fxe5 Qxe5 17.Bg5!! 12.Rc1! exd5?! 12...Be7 13.Nxe7 Nxe7 14.Qd6 0-0 was ugly but necessary. 13.exd5 Nce5 14.d6! Bb7 15.Nxe5 fxe5 16.f4! Qh4 17.fxe5 Bxg2 Desperation, but 17...Nxe5 loses to 18.Rf5! Nc4 19.Bxc4 bxc4 20.Bg5 and the Black queen is trapped. 18.Bf7+ Kd8 19.Qd2!! 1-0

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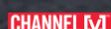
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and stolen vehicles north of their killing grounds near the border with Malaysia. Extensive roadblocks and military patrols contain the attackers fairly well.

I thought, of course, about the Bali bombings. I thought of the bombs going off in the Middle East.

I thought of the Jihad in Burma. I thought about the jihadis in Australia. Then I was reminded of the flow of illegal weapons into Western Sydney.

If anyone thinks they will remain immune, they are misinformed or deluded. If anyone tells you this is not Islam, they are ignorant, or lying. If anyone thinks I was scared, you don't know me, or Australians.

The bomb went off, we enjoyed the rest of the evening, and went home. We gave thanks the pricks didn't

manage the massacre. But no thanks to any spirit.

Thanks go to good preventive security that kept the bomb size small by limiting the flow of explosives. We will need equally good security in Australia, because we have no shortage of dickheads with murder in their hearts, and 'Allahu Akbar' in their thoughts.

**Matt Hartley**  
Koh Samui

**Call to boycott**

Trade minister Andrew Robb cancelled his trade mission to Indonesia last month because of tensions relating to the imminent execution of Chan and Sukumaran.

Australia Indonesia Business Council president Debnath Guharoy claimed the executions were not 'helpful' as far as business was concerned.

Business with Israel, how-

# Transcending a toxic society

I refer to the article (*Echo*, April 8) written by Mark Beeson. His article attempted to understand the recent book by Naomi Klein, *This Changes Everything; Capitalism vs the Climate*.

One is left with the impression that Beeson is an informed, apologetic 'skimmer'. Beeson uses the old prejudicial strategy of attacking Marxists; the economic rationalists love that, given that they have never done deep research into historical philosophical social/environmental concerns.

We all know that utopian societies don't work be they capitalist or socialist. We all understand the perversions

of hubris, the attraction of power, the unenlightened stance of many political leaders. We are aware that 'contradictions' underly our democratic society.

That said, this book is well worth reading for any person wishing to be informed of the dire climate condition of our planet and the slickness of capitalism to manufacture social consent.

I offer a quote from the book: "The International Energy Agency warns that if we do not get our emissions under control by a rather terrifying 2017, our fossil fuel economy will "lock-in" extremely dangerous warming. "The energy-related infrastructure

then in place will generate all the CO2 emissions allowed" in our carbon budget for limiting warming to two degrees Celsius – "leaving no room for additional power plants, factories and other infrastructure unless they are zero-carbon, which would be extremely costly".

"This assumes, probably accurately, that governments would be unwilling to force the closure of still-profitable power plants and factories. The chief IEA economist Fatih Birol has stated "The door to reach two degrees is about to close. In 2017 it will be closed forever".

So we cannot avoid the fact that we live in a toxic pol-

luting society that happens to be capitalism. We can however, work for the rights of future generations.

I would not depend on the great academic thinkers or politicians at this stage in history. Personal responsibility sets an example.

All the rock walls will not stop the seas from rising, fancy Diesel Disney trains will emit cancer-producing particles far and wide despite Zero Stance Charters. The 21st century has presented humanity with a totally different paradigm that transcends the dualisms of capitalism versus socialism.

**Jo Faith**  
Newtown

*We live in a society exquisitely dependent on science and technology, in which hardly anyone knows anything about science and technology.*  
– Carl Sagan

ever, has not been impeded by its atrocities in Gaza, the West Bank and Lebanon. Since 1989 Australian politicians like Neville Wran, Richard Alston, Warren Truss, Helen Coonan and Bill Shorten have flocked to Israel in trade missions organised

by the Australia Israel Chamber of Commerce; no other country can compete with this level of attention.

The mission in May 2015 will be led by CSIRO chair Simon McKeon, ex-director World Vision Australia and ex-chairman Global Poverty Australia, who is eminently well-informed about the consequences of Israel's Gaza blitzkrieg in 2014. World Vision reports that more than

2,200 were killed, including at least 500 children, and 11,000 wounded, 30 per cent of whom were children.

Four hundred and sixty thousand people (more than 25 per cent of the population) are seeking shelter; 16,700 homes have been damaged or destroyed ([www.wvi.org/jerusalem](http://www.wvi.org/jerusalem)).

Simon states that part of his motivation in going to Israel is because of its 'strong

focus on philanthropy, we will also seek to understand what Israel does in its social ventures and corporate social responsibility sectors'.

Israel will use this trade mission and Simon's credentials to whitewash its decrepit image. We ask him to change his mind and boycott apartheid Israel.

**Gareth W R Smith**  
Palestine Liberation Centre  
Byron Bay



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**How long does registration take?**

Registration is a legal process and involves a careful assessment of material lodged by the applicant. It is recommended that you lodge your application as soon as possible and preferably no later than the last week in May 2015.

Please note making an application does not guarantee registration.

**Next steps**

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A wide range of internal blinds, external awnings, security screens and doors as well as fly screens and doors are part of the service offered. The current trends are available in all products as well as the evergreens. David's quality of work is well known and he continues to take pride in his reputation. David also specialises in patio covers and screened enclosures.

Jeanie is always available in the showroom for information, or just a chat while browsing. The showroom has an extensive display of products and is easily accessible from the local road or the highway.

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For years Japanese cuisine has been a favourite of mine. Not because it's superior to other cuisines; no, I love food and most kinds at that. It's more about my philosophy concerning the creation of dishes, simply put: the energy put into a dish will reward the consumer in kind. Japanese cuisine has always been a refined and carefully constructed food for its consumers. We are fortunate in this country region to have so much choice in Japanese eateries. And these choices don't appear to be slowing either with the relatively recent opening of Japonaise, another fine Japanese eatery in Byron Bay.

Katsunori and Kim Kuwahara have setup this specialty Japanese kitchen. The name Japonaise came from a suggestion from their two young sons, Motoki, eleven years old, and Gin, ten years old. Katsu worked as a chef and as head chef for four years at Kinoko Sushi. Like most Japanese restaurants in this area, they started working in other people's eateries, then moved onto their own places.

**Familiar dishes and 'kushi' trends**

Here they serve familiar dishes you'd see anywhere in a Japanese food outlet such as sushi, tempura, nori rolls and gyoza. However, there's a very different speciality also being served and that's kushikatsu. This is a tapas-sized item

## Japonaise – 'kushi' time with Katsu



Top: Five kushikatsu for \$15 here, prawn, chicken, pork belly, salmon, and asparagus and pork. Left: Maki sushi: salmon, avocado and cream cheese perfection – skilfully prepared and energetic foods. Right: Baba, Katsunori and son Motoki.

with a small price tag that's as popular as you can get in Osaka Japan, but not known commonly in Australia.

Kushikatsu is a Japanese dish of seasoned, skewered and grilled meat. In Japanese, *kushi* refers to the skewers used in assembling the snack, and *katsu* means a deep-fried cutlet of meat. It's made with chicken, pork, seafood, and seasonal vegetables. These are skewered on bamboo kushi; dipped in egg, flour, and panko; then deep-fried.

They're served straight or with tonkatsu sauce (a rich, thick, sweet and salty sauce).

**Izakaya tapas snack style**

I tasted the \$15 deal, which included a choice of five kushikatsu. I tried the prawn, chicken, pork belly, salmon, and asparagus and pork. All were nicely prepared, perfectly cooked and elegantly served examples of this new Japanese trend. The selection also covers a good assortment

of vegetarian kushikatsu too

This is an Izakaya style of eatery menu (a bar that serves light snack foods similar to a tapas menu) and these petite skewered snacks go brilliantly with a drink – beer is the go usually. 'I have applied for a licence to serve alcohol to go with the kushikatsu items and menu, and while this will take some weeks, we welcome diners to bring their own alcohol and we won't charge corkage until we have our own alcoholic beverages,' Katsu told me.

Katsu is also a talented furniture maker and has fitted out this chic little eatery himself. Colourful, comfy, casual and a bit of hipster retro to boot – all in all a perfect mix for the Byron Bay come-as-you-are feel. Japonaise should be a must-try on your next Byron Bay visit.

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# Beach Cafe claims the Best Tourism Restaurant in Australia



'Byron Bay is officially one of the best places to eat in Australia,' a representative of the Beach Cafe told me recently. On 10 April, the Byron Beach Cafe won the coveted Best Restaurant and Catering Service award at the QANTAS Australian Tourism Awards and has become the first northern NSW restaurant to win this sought-after national prize.

This award is now part of the Beach Cafe's collec-

tion of auspicious awards and comes only months after they received the Best Cafe in Australia Award at the Australian Small Business Champion Awards. In the past 12 months, the Byron Beach Cafe has also been named in *The Australian Financial Review* Australia's Top 500 Restaurants, won the NSW Tourism Awards, North Coast Tourism Awards and the NSW Business Chamber Regional Awards.

Byron Beach Cafe owner Ben Kirkwood said, 'I'm humbled and elated. It's a wonderful feeling to have been honoured by the industry's premier awards program as the best restaurant and catering service in Australia.'



Left: Byron Beach Cafe's winning team: general manager, Steven Kirkpatrick, flanked in the centre by an ecstatic staff. Above: Byron Beach Cafe owner Ben Kirkwood collecting the winning trophy.

## A recipe from Charlotte Wild – Real Nude Food

Real Nude Food by Charlotte Wild is a new business based in Brunswick Heads.

Folks may remember Charlotte from Let Them Eat Cake in Byron creating interesting cakes for ten years in the Shire. Charlotte is back into it and will be running cooking classes, catering events/festivals and supplying gluten-free and sugar-free party cakes.

'My real passion is feeding and teaching people about healthy food, espousing the same principles as my food heroes, chef Pete Evans and *Quit Sugar's* Sarah Wilson, that is preparing refined-sugar-free, gluten-free, fermented and slow-cooked foods, nourishing traditional foods and super foods,' said Charlotte.

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### Beetroot, chocolate & avocado brownies

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- 2 small or 1 large beetroot, peeled
- ¼ large avocado
- 30g coconut flour or quinoa flour

- 25g raw cacao powder
- ¼ cup melted coconut oil or butter
- ¼ cup raw honey, maple syrup or rice malt syrup (fructose free)
- 4 free-range eggs at room temperature
- ½ tsp bicarbonate of soda
- ½ tsp cinnamon
- pinch of sea salt
- 1 tsp turmeric

#### Method:

Preheat oven to 160°C. Line and lightly oil with a coconut oil an 18cm round or square tin.

Put the beetroot and avocado in a food processor and blitz until nearly smooth.

Add the coconut or quinoa flour, cacao, coconut oil, sweetener of choice, eggs, bicarb, salt and spices and process until smooth.

If mixing by hand: In a large mixing bowl, mash the avocado with a fork. Finely grate the beetroot, add to the avocado and mix well. Add other ingredients and mix until well combined.

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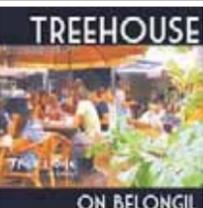
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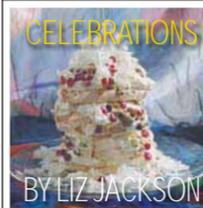
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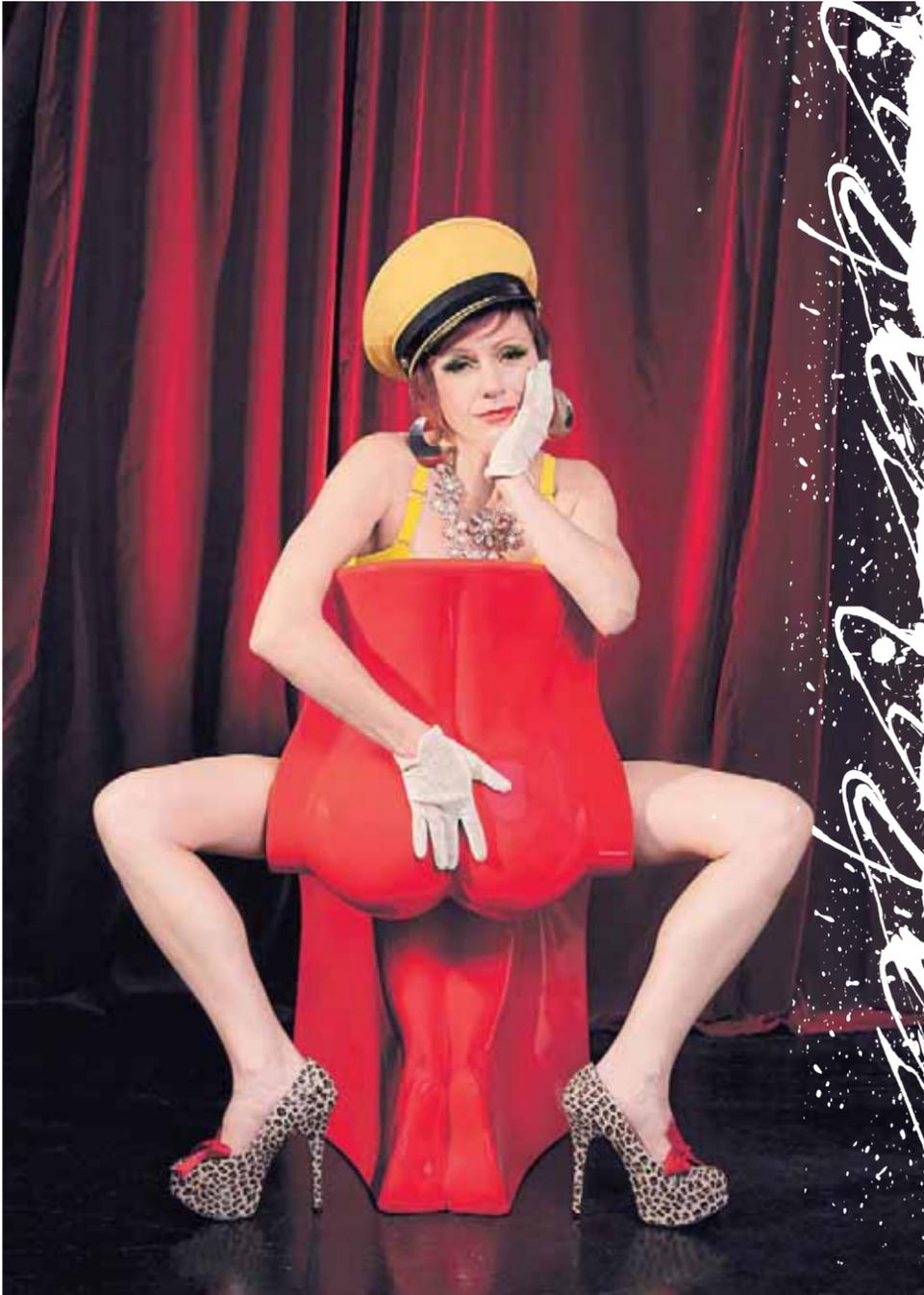
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### What was the inspiration for *Beer Drinking Woman*?

Well I'd just got back home to Sydney after a stint in New York where I'd just performed, and won an award, no not a TONY – yet, for the Best Comedy/Drama of The Fringe Festival. While I was in New York I checked out a lot of cabaret shows and as soon as I got to Sydney I set out to write my own. I wanted it to be a simple yet classic setup, me and a pianist and a smoke machine, always a smoke machine! I was definitely not interested in doing love songs or 'he really loves me and says he'll leave her soon' nonsense. So I did what all writers say you should do and that is write about what you know. I had been researching booze and dive bars for years! I was ready to take on the role of the Dive Bar Diva. I already had songs within my repertoire, including some of my own compositions, that fitted in perfectly with the theme. The rest just came naturally.

### How much is music entwined with alcohol?

Well my first love is jazz and blues and my dad, jazz pianist Dick Hughes, whom I last performed at Norpa with, has an extraordinary record collection. There are a lot of jazz and blues songs about booze.

### Who are your favourite drunks?

I'm generally not a big fan of drunks as they are loud and repetitive and can become really annoying.

Having said that Dean 'Dino' Martin played a great drunk, but that was all an act.

Tallulah Bankhead sounded like the kinda broad I'd happily hit the turps with.

### Do you tackle the 'drinker's shame'?

I have had a few nasty hangovers complete with the accompanying shameover. Did I really say that? Did I really do that? CRINGE.

### Why do we drink do you think?

Because it's fun. It does loosen us up socially. However, it can get dangerous.

### What is the essence of great cabaret?

Liza Minnelli! I love the film *Cabaret* and I took Mum to see Liza at the Opera House a few years ago. I was worried it could be a train crash as she is well past her prime and has been known to do some pretty out there interviews, but once she shimmied across the stage it was clear that I had nothing to worry about. She was brilliant.

### What should we expect for your Lismore performance?

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Christa performs *Beer Drinking Woman* at **Lismore City Hall 8 and 9 May** and is joined by support Bethan Ellsmore.

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MY GURU

The other day I decided it was time I found a guru. Someone capable of inspiring me towards a personal best. Someone I could look to for guidance. For ideas. And in those times when I got tired of checking in with my own moral compass, someone who could make my decisions for me.

I can't do Jesus. Too much history. I was brought up Catholic, and he was the poster boy for a lot of paedophiles. Not Jesus's fault, I know. As I've learnt over the years, you can't pick your fans. The Jesus thing just makes me uneasy. Don't get me wrong, the dude had a good beard

and said some cool things, but I reckon they should have drug-tested the bloke who wrote Revelations. Clearly an unchecked rambling by an ice addict in sandals. Sometimes it's hard to tell the difference between religious texts and someone having a psychotic moment.

I can't do Buddha either. Feels too predictable. Like the easy Jesus option for soft-hearted lefties like me. And I'd be embarrassed because it would look like I've chosen a religion at a garden centre. I mean it's great to choose a guru who doubles as a water feature but it tends to make you look a bit shallow.

I'd be up for Islam, but I spend so much time getting my hair right, it would be a shame to have to cover it. I had a look towards India and I

never saw the attraction in Sanyass. Although orange really is my colour, I'm not good at groups, and chanting makes me angry.

There's the guy in Queensland who thinks he's Jesus. AJ I think his name is. I am not sure what AJ stands for. Maybe *Another Jesus*. If I am not getting down with the first Jesus, I'm certainly not following the second. That's like sloppy seconds. If I go with Jesus, it will be the first Jesus.

I don't even think the AJ dude is Jesus. There is one pretty good test for that. Crucify him. If he rises on the third day then I guess he's the real deal. There's The Serge - he lives locally so I guess when it comes to enlightenment at least he's low guru miles. But the Universal Medicine guru calls himself a descended master. I don't know, but I think calling yourself a 'descended master' automatically registers you as a bit of a cockhead.

So there I was looking for inspiration, someone greater than me to lead

me home and then it came to me. Ivy! My six-year-old! She's the nicest person I know. She is too young to be nice for manipulation. You know how people are all sweet and lovely to your face, but it's just a front because underneath they're arseholes? Ivy's nice because deep down she's a good person.

She's weirdly moral. I honestly don't know where she gets it from because I am weirdly immoral. I swear like a trooper. She never swears. Nor does she chastise me. She just chooses not to hear it. Today when she saw people working in a cafe she said, 'are they trying to get rich?' I asked her what she would do if she got rich. She said, 'I'll give the money to the poor!' The Poor! Bless her.

After Mummy has brought up five kids, she's going to be poor... so glad I had that late-life baby. At least one of them might look after their old mum. Ivy has long conversations with the ladies in the lolly shop. She stands on a box and talks about

life. I sometimes wonder what she's disclosing at what I call her 'sugar confessional', as sometimes she's in there for ages.

Apparently she told one of the ladies she was worried that she didn't have enough love for all of her toys. She was concerned that some might be missing out. Wow, she's a better mother than I am. With five children that thought hadn't occurred to me until then.

At preschool last year when the blond-haired girls decided to play a game that only blond girls could play my blond-haired Ivy came home distressed that the dark-haired girls had been excluded. I asked her what she did about it. She said, 'I told them it was wrong and I wouldn't play their game. I played with the girls with brown hair instead.' She was only four then. Already got the heart of a civil-rights activist. Call the Dalai Lama, because while he has been hinting he may be the last, I think I have found the next in line!



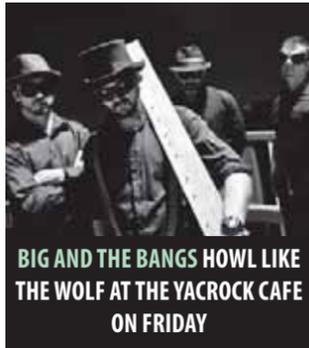
HOWL AT THE YAC

The YAC will light up this Friday night when an eclectic mix of the region's best alternative rock acts join forces for an impressive display of live music. **Howl like the Wolf** is set to be an all-ages bonanza; a riff-athon that will climax with a fiery live set from the rising genre-benders **Big and the Bangs**...

Try putting your finger on Big and the Bangs and it will burn. More rock than the rockabilly, bathed in whiskey blues; tinged with country, and best served scorching hot live. The 'big' sound is a multitude of genres, sewn together and jolted to life through collaboration to produce one of the country's most individualised sounds of recent times.

Beyond the music, this unique band of men sport an ominous image of comic-character stage persona that fits the act's musical vibe like a fine leather glove.

Behind the music Big and the Bangs are the culmination of four skilled professional players residing across the Byron/



BIG AND THE BANGS HOWL LIKE THE WOLF AT THE YACROCK CAFE ON FRIDAY

Lismore shires. What began as friends starting a chicken-pickin' hillbilly troupe has since transpired into a fiery live brand of professional musicians sharing a journey of music and innovation.

For this common love, members Bobby Big (vocals/guitar) Fingaz Blazemo (guitar), Psycho Pete (bass) and Micki Thump (drums) are notorious for citing the band's mantra as the inspiration behind their art: Fan of the band first, member of the band second.

The show will be a first time for fans to catch the rollicking act in Byron with a supportive set by local crowd favourites The

Badlands. Warming the night will be the Gold Coast's prog-rocking Red Star Born following a dose of heavy blues delivered by the Loose Ends to open the show.

**Howl like the Wolf Alt-Rock Revue** (all ages), **YACrock Cafe**, 1 Gilmore Crescent, Byron Bay.

**Friday 24 April.** Doors open 6pm, close 10pm. Entry by donation.

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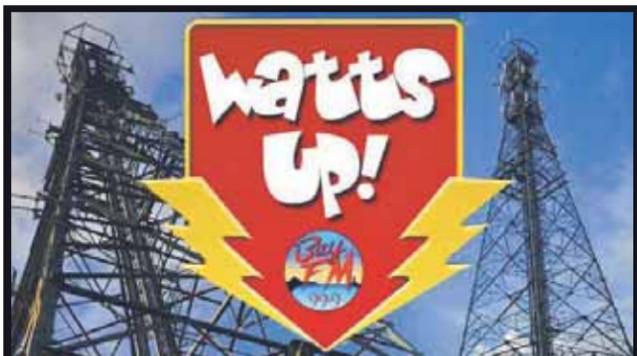
the **Byron Bay Brewery** on **Thursday** - Musical Bingo with **Disco Danny!** 7.30pm start, free entry.

TONE FOR THEIR CAMELS

Returning to the Rails this Friday night **The Camel Tones** have a very special and somewhat sad gig as mighty bass player extraordinaire Mr Ric Crothall is leaving for greener pastures in Tasmania at the end of the month. From his time playing in the top bands of Melbourne and Sydney in the 70s and 80s - Rehouse, Shadofax, Dallimore and The Magnets - as well as being a studio musician at the famed Alberts Studios.

Ric has been in the northern rivers area for more than twenty years and has plied his craft with a number of bands and countless musicians over his time here and gained a reputation as one of the best bass players in the area and one of the nicest blokes around. His band credits just to name a few include Thin Ice, Farmerz Friends, Jerry and the Rollers, Jezebell's Fortune, Flying Time, The Sandpit, The Lez

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# COPE WITH MONGOLIA IN LENNOX!



STORYTELLER TIM COPE RECOUNTS HIS EPIC JOURNEY THROUGH THE LAND OF THE NOMADS WHEN HE SPEAKS ABOUT HIS BOOK *ON THE TRAIL OF GENGHIS KHAN* AT CLUB LENNOX ON THURSDAY 30 APRIL.

### Tim, what inspired you to embark on such a journey?

The journey, although unique in contemporary times, was in honour of the untold thousands of nomads who have made the great trek from one side of the steppe in far-east Asia to the western tip in Europe on the Danube River. Horseback

societies have been moving back and forth through these plains, deserts, and mountains ever since the horse was first domesticated about 5,500 years ago. The most famous of all were the Mongols, who under Genghis Khan set out in the 13th century and formed the largest land empire that has ever been.

It dawned on me that these people live in a world without fences, no private property, a climate that ranges from -50° and colder in the winter, and 50° of heat in the summer...with little more than a few inches of tent felt insulating them from the extremes. I felt like little more than a wimpy tourist pushing

my bike along a predetermined path.

### What were the biggest challenges along the way?

The dangers and difficulties on this journey were varied. To a novice horseman, the horses themselves presented some serious risk. Horse rustling was a big issue – as they say in Russian, the most dangerous wolf is that which walks on two legs.

Although the blizzards, and -40° temperatures during my first winter were difficult, the most challenging environmental conditions for both the horses and me were in the Kazakh desert during the summer when the temperature regularly reached well over 40°.

Wolves were also a threat.

Other difficulties included coping with the isolation. Then, having travelled for two-and-a-

half years and with the toughest terrain and majority of distance behind me, I was in southern Ukraine heading into winter, when, ironically I faced the biggest impasse of my journey. It was then, via satellite phone, that I discovered that my father, Andrew Cope, had just been killed in a tragic car accident.

I spent more than four months in Australia, grieving with my family. After this I made the difficult decision to return

to Ukraine, and carry on my journey.

### How did your journey change you?

One of the big changes, was being more tolerant of all human beings no matter their flaws. When I was alone out there, I didn't get to choose my friends based on superficial judgments – I had to appeal to

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## Entertainment at Club Lennox



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So **Friday** is going to be a big one with guitar from Geoff Wright, drummer Darcy Wright, Tim L on guitar and very special guest the fabulous Alan Park on keys as well as some players from some of Ric's previous bands.

**The Railway Hotel Byron, Friday.**

### IT'S A JUNGLE IN THERE

The **Brewery** is proud to host **Concrete Jungle** for a night of UK bass music. The best of electronic music and drum 'n' bass will be served at the Buddha Bar.

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Don't miss out the return of drum 'n' bass in the Bay.

**Byron Bay Brewery on Friday;** demo 7pm – free entry.

### EARTHY VOICE AND STYLE

**Nicole Brophy** has an earthy voice and style compared to the likes of PJ Harvey, Lucinda Williams and La Roux. Stylistically it fits somewhere between alt-country with blues-inspired roots-based rock. Growing up on the south coast of NSW and travelling across Australia and overseas, Nicole has performed to thousands at some of



NICOLE BROPHY'S AN EARTHY VOICE AND STYLE AT CLUB LENNOX ON SUNDAY

Australia's biggest music festivals as part of her previous band Dirty Lucy or as guitarist/backing vocalist for the past four years in the Kate Miller-Heidke touring band.

Among many other things, after finishing up after an incredible four years of touring and performing with Kate Miller-Heidke, Nicole is refocused on making her own mark on the music world as a frontwoman of her own show. Powerful earthy vocals combined with soulful melodies, rawness and her gutsy blues/rock guitar style are making a lasting impression on the live music scene.

Nicole released her debut EP *Stubborn Love* independently in 2010 and launched it as part of

The United Tour, which was a six-week national tour showing four individual artists from four states. Nicole has recently toured with Kim Churchill, Caravana Sun, Tex Perkins, Gossling, Dawn, Sarah McLeod, Paul Greene and Monique Brumby and is currently completing the finishing touches on her latest album recorded in a farmhouse in the southern highlands of NSW, co-produced by Syd Green.

**Nicole Brophy** will play at **Club Lennox, Sunday** from 4pm.

### HAIL CAESAR!

**Cisco Caesar** is a rock 'n' soul foursome heavily influenced by vintage blues, soul and country. Featuring Paul 'Caesar' Slattery (Pornland) on bass/vocals, Jason Torrens (Bugdust, The Reefers, Pugwall) on drums, James Cisco on songwriting/vocals/guitar and Jacob Cole (Sal Kimber & the Rolling Wheel) on lead guitar.

If you like songs with lots of vibe and vocal harmonies, this one is for you. Their combination of blues, rock, country and soul is not only catchy, it's downright viral. These guys aren't the only



CISCO CAESAR ALBUM LAUNCH BYRON BAY BREWERY ON SATURDAY

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## Stars WITH LILITH

This week jump-starts what you want to achieve in the coming months. Along with a second, more serious chance at whatever hasn't manifested in the year's first quarter...

- ♈ **ARIES:** This week's new-start new moon in Aries greenlights your game plan for the coming year, backed up by Tauran material-world energies bringing them into manifestation. Powerful planetary success markers are with you, so laissez les bon temps rouler – and act on those recent realisations.
- ♉ **TAURUS:** Midweek sun settling comfortably into this year's Taurus happy birthday space is egged on by energetic Mars rebooting a massive attack of enthusiasm for a new project. Plus your astro-ruler Venus flits into flighty Gemini for a deliciously mischievous week of stress-busting celebrations. Go four-footed!
- ♊ **GEMINI:** As a Gemini you know how to mix and mingle, then step aside and compartmentalise: come out to play and engage, then go home to chill and integrate. This week needs both your Twins working in sync to keep that mental elastic supple, not overstretched – especially round midweek Gemini moon.
- ♋ **CANCER:** This week offers a no-going-back portal for moving into a radically new and different way of operating, but only if you can let go of your story about what happened in the past. Late-week Cancer moon presses the starter on a personal renaissance by accepting some uncomfortable home truths.
- ♌ **LEO:** Jupiter in your sign can't help but attract influential allies, helpful connections and promising opportunities. Not quite what you had in mind? Then take what's offered, do the gratitude dance and set about expanding it while Venus is inundating you with boost juice for all personal and career moves.
- ♍ **VIRGO:** If recent challenges in either the public sector or the privacy of your inner self have been wrenching, this week drivemeister Mars and communications expert Mercury in a fellow Earth sign bring sweet relief. You have everyone's good at heart – now your kindness boomerangs back with some unexpectedly touching repercussions.
- ♎ **LIBRA:** With your ruler Venus flitting into the sign of snap, crackle and fizz, everyone wants a piece of you. What to do? If resorting to feel-good retail therapy's your natural fallback position, consider the investment/reward ratio carefully. Is it what you need, or just something you think you want?
- ♏ **SCORPIO:** Present planetary transits, which many astrologers consider extraordinarily potent, may strain relationships to breaking point. Or, from a positive perspective, to breakthrough and transformation. While partnerships are being pruned, reshaped or released from your orbit, utilise all the opportunities for softness and kindness which are constantly occurring around you.
- ♐ **SAGITTARIUS:** While Venus in Gemini discusses love and money, Sagittarians ask the hard questions and find the honest answers. Channel energy constructively away from irritating non-essentials and you'll find key insights available to your enquiring mind if you keep your cool this week while others around you are losing theirs.
- ♑ **CAPRICORN:** This week's elemental energy morphing from fiery to earthy tips life's balance sheet from hyper-drive into cruise control. Mars wants the job done but Venus feels flirty, Mercury's on the make for pleasurable connections and Jupiter just wants to have fun, so let sleeping problems evolve; don't force issues.
- ♒ **AQUARIUS:** This week tests your mental mettle and emotional resilience as Pluto's long, strong reassessment of partnerships and alliances won't countenance backtracking into old behavioural traps and patterns. Work done in private's more effective than public effort, and the delightfully bright note's Venus in your house of fun, frolic and frivolity.
- ♓ **PISCES:** The gap between ideals and practical realities can be fairly substantial for Pisceans. But this week whips off the rose-coloured specs for a reality check of what's actually happening, rather than what you want to see. And asks are you ignoring basic flaws to shore up a personal agenda...?

## COPE WITH MONGOLIA IN LENNOX!

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the better side of human beings no matter who they were.

### How was it returning to 'normal' life after three years' travelling on horseback?

Culture shock is always more acute upon return home and that is certainly what I found. I went from a world without fences to a world defined and confined by them.

I now feel understood, and more at peace living in Australia, and I feel like I understand myself, and both cultures, better for all the reflecting. It is also true that I managed to get my dog Tigon home eventually, which has brought me incalculable peace and joy.

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## Culture

### THE SPACE COWBOY



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Making international headlines and performing to sell-out

crowds around the globe, The Space Cowboy's *Mind Bending* show promises to do just that.

Three new **Space Cowboy** shows coming soon to the **Community Centre Byron Bay** – this **Saturday 25 April** at 7pm, then **Sunday 3 May** 3.30pm and 7pm.

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### DREAM DRONE



DREAM DRONE AT TEMPLE BYRON THIS FRIDAY

Dream Drone is a 90-minute lie-down immersion in the sound of the didgeridoo. Participants come with what they need to be comfortable to lay on the floor and are treated to a sonic experience that vibrates the whole body. Utilising the interference pattern created by playing two keyed didgeridoos

at the same time, Dream Drone is a unique sound that has the power to take the listener on an inner journey.

Dream Drone is a collaboration between longtime local didgeridoo player Si Mullumby and Jon Worsley, the designer of the YiDaChi range of hemp didgeridoos. Jon and Si share a twenty-one-year history and the resultant YiDaChi instruments used in these events represent the latest in material and design technology.

**Dream Drone** will be at **Temple Byron** at 46 Melaleuca Drive close to Byron town on **Friday**. Arrive 6pm for a 6.30pm start. No late entry. Tickets \$31 including bf or \$35 on the door. Available from [www.dreamdrone.com.au](http://www.dreamdrone.com.au).

### MULTICULTURAL MUZIK

On 20 December 2014 there was an event like no other held in Lismore. It was a hugely successful community performance, the first for Orkestra Lismore with 38 performers onstage together. The event also featured several smaller ensemble performances including the debut of Voices of Nimbin, who are sadly non-active at present. The show worked partly through the idea of combining several key performers and writers alongside participants with varied or even no prior experience in musical performance but who helped carry the fantastic energy of a community keen to work and

grow together.

Led by local musician, composer and music teacher Pietro Fine, part of what brought the community together so successfully was the commitment of its members and guests to the ethics of political and environmental change toward issues such as sustainable energy, refugee support, respecting the rights of first peoples and all cultures of the world as well as opposing unconventional gas and fracking.

Performances are a way of making a group statement on such important issues, through both instrumental music and song. Pietro, who established and directed the exhilarating Orkestra Glasso Bashalde in Melbourne in 2008, leads fellow musicians in the Orkestra Lismore project. He has now taken on the role of artistic director with three fellow co-musical directors; Peter Jaggle, well known for his work with Youngdrums, will bring his percussion teaching and writing to the whole ensemble, while Mark Bromley, who performed along with Pietro in KaOZ Klezmer as well as establishing Stypski and teaching several ensembles, will impart some of his huge knowledge of world music; and Jude Magee will add her experience as a musician, composer and teacher to the team, bringing some Celtic flavour to Ork-Liz.

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## TWEED REGIONAL GALLERY & MARGARET OLLEY ART CENTRE | MURWILLUMBAH

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29 April 2015 - 31 January 2016

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Sunday 26 April 2.00pm Exhibition Talk: Join Christine Willcocks for a discussion of the research undertaken during her creative process for *Object(s) of War* exhibition- Free

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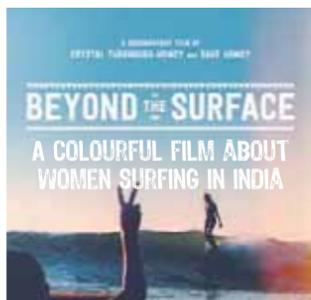
The first Ork-Liz gathering for 2015 will be a weekend of workshoping the material and getting to know each other while working with the three new musical directors.

Starting in the afternoon, **Saturday 25 April**, the first workshop is at 1.30pm with arrival any time from 12 noon at **Silvercloud Studios**, 14 Foleys Road, South Lismore. A bring-a-plate dinner from 6.30pm should be a great part of the social side of the weekend.

On **Sunday 26 April**, workshops start at 10am, lunch 12 noon, then workshops continue 1-4pm. A contribution of \$25 a day or \$40 for both days is requested. Directions can be made at <http://silvercloudstudios.com.au/silvercloud-studios-location>.

It is hoped that anyone with an instrument will come along. Bring a music stand if you can, along with your instrument and a pencil. Attendance can be for any part of it, and fees are negotiable according to a participant's ability to pay.

For more info, please contact **Megan 0414 393 370** or **Pietro 0409 425 119**.



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# Cinema Reviews

By John Campbell

## THE AGE OF ADALINE



Vladimir Nabokov's memoir was not titled *Speak Memory* for no reason. Memory lives with us every day – it is who we are. Memory can comfort and appease, but it can also taunt, as it does Adaline (Blake Lively), who has been condemned to never age beyond her twenty-nine years after an accident of freakish science. This is one of those films that is built upon the sort of implausible premise that should not allow it to work, but, like *The Time Traveller's Wife*, to which it is not dissimilar, it charms without forcing itself on you. Adaline's life-changing accident happens after the death of her husband. She has a daughter who will grow old like the rest of us,

but because she is unable to form lasting relationships, she is forever on the move – from town to town, from job to job, fleeing emotional commitment. When debonair Ellis (Michiel Huisman) appears one night her determination to avoid affairs of the heart crumbles and the story enters standard romantic territory, with the teaser being will she or won't she tell him her secret? It's not until Ellis takes Adaline to the country estate of his parents (Harrison Ford and Kathy Baker) that an earth-shattering event takes place and, having been lulled into unwary familiarity, it completely took me by surprise. Structurally, it comes later in the narrative than you might expect,

but it is the pivotal moment that provides the story with its raison d'être – and, to give the old bloke his due, Harrison Ford handles it beautifully. In a role that others might have milked for its angst, Lively plays it low key, allowing the swirl of events around her to shape her character – she is emotionally weary, resigned to whatever fate might next present her with. Free of histrionics, it is a lovely performance, as is Ellen Burstyn's as Flemming, her elderly daughter. Despite numerous time-jumps, Lee Toland Krieger's direction is unforced and rhythmic – and I went to water in the dog scene.

## IT FOLLOWS

If the story of a lunatic tapping on the roof of a car with the head that he has just severed is your gold standard for horror, then you will find plenty to give you the shivers in this little beauty. It has always struck me that the genuinely scary things happen in the most ordinary of settings – abandoned Gothic houses and Transylvanian forests are all well and good, but it's the axe-murderer in the unlit parking lot that really puts your hair on end. Writer/director David Robert Mitchell's not entirely coherent but always unsettling movie is located in Detroit. Formerly a byword for America's industrial might and power, the city is seen as a crumbling shell, with enclaves of suburbia caught in a TV time warp. Malevolent, zombie-like people are at large, but they can only be seen by those who share a common thread of sexual activity. Teenaged Jay (Maika Monroe) shags Paul (Jake Weary) and thereafter is hunted by the undead. Pursuit and flight is



the crux of the film, but it's also hard to not see Mitchell's vision as a metaphor for contemporary society (at least in the States). His presentation is no-frills but dreamlike – the scene in which Jay runs screaming from her house after the appearance of one of her tormentors is of terrifying economy. Mitchell also employs a lot of 360-degree camera pans, a technique that never fails to put you on edge as you await the oddity, the kinky thing barely noticeable in the fleeting images, and he

pays homage throughout to the classics of the genre. The kids – there are hardly any adults involved – form a tight gang, with Paul (Keir Gilchrist) getting weirder by the minute and Yara (Olivia Luccardi) grimly reading Dostoyevsky's musings on death while she munches sloppily on a salmon sandwich. I was reminded strongly of *Carnival of Souls* (1962), especially as they approached the illuminated pool in the finale, and, with the closing shot, of the spooky photography of Diane Arbus.

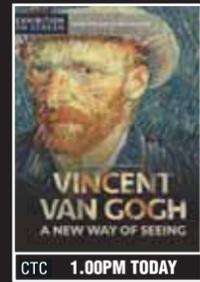
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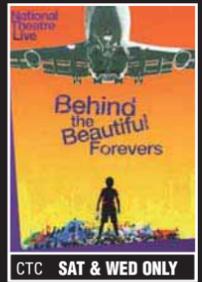
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### THURSDAY 23

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **WOLFMOTHER, THE BABE RAINBOW, THIS OLD SUNN**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **THE ELLIOTTS**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 7.30PM **SQUEAK LEMAIRE & THE MOON DOGS**
- BYRON THEATRE 7PM **KIRTANA IN CONCERT**
- BYRON BREWERY 7.30PM **MUSICAL BINGO**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 8PM **DJ NERY**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 7.30PM **HEARTWORN HIGHWAY**
- PIZZA PARADISO, SUFFOLK PARK 6.30PM **JOCK BARNES**
- BANGALOW BOWLING CLUB 7PM **RAIL TRAIL BENEFIT WITH SOUL'D + LISA HUNT, RICK FENN, KEN STUBBS, JOHN HOFFMAN & MORE**
- BRUNSWICK HOTEL 7PM **DAN HANNAFORD**
- TATTS HOTEL, LISMORE 6.30PM **JALAPENO TRIO**

### FRIDAY 24

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **DEAD BEAT BAND, DIRTY FRANK, DJ WADEEP**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **THE CAMEL TONES**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 5PM **LEIGH JAMES** 9PM **WANDERING EYES**
- YACROCKCAFE, BYRON

- 7PM **BIG & THE BANGS, THE BADLANDS, RED STAR BORN, LOOSE ENDS**
- BYRON BREWERY 7PM **CONCRETE JUNGLE**
- CAFE OSKA, BYRON 7.30PM **BOSSANOVA**
- GINGER PIG, BYRON 9PM **DJ POBBY**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 8PM **DJ SUPAMAORIFULLA**
- TEMPLE BYRON 6PM **DREAM DRONE WITH SI MULLUMBY & JON WORSLEY**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 7.30PM **SIMON WRIGHT**
- PIZZA PARADISO, SUFFOLK PARK 6.30PM **ILONA HARKER**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7.30PM **DAN HANNAFORD**
- BRUNSWICK HOTEL 7PM **TOTUM**
- MULLUMBIMBY FARMERS MARKET 8AM **LUKE BENNETT**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY 8PM **KRAPPYOKEE**
- OCEAN SHORES COUNTRY CLUB 8.30PM **MASON RACK BAND**
- BILLINUDGEL HOTEL 8PM **MESCALITO BLUES**
- THE WHARF, BALLINA 7.30PM **MICK MCHUGH**
- TATTS HOTEL, LISMORE 5PM **JAEDAN OGSTON**
- KINGSCLIFF HOTEL 7PM **KYLE LIONHART**
- SALTBAR, KINGSCLIFF

### 8.30PM NICKY CONVINE

- THE LAKE, CABARITA **TROMBONE KELLIE**
- CONDONG BOWLING CLUB 7.30PM **TWEED VALLEY JAZZ CLUB**
- SEAGULLS, TWEED HEADS 8PM **RADIO STAR**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY 7.30PM **THRILLBILLY STOMP**
- DOMA CAFE, FEDERAL 12PM **JOHAN HAVENAAR**
- BALLINA RSL 6.30PM **JACK O'LEARY TRIO**
- THE WHARF, BALLINA 7.30PM **PAULO NOIOSI**
- ELTHAM HOTEL 1PM **YOLAN**
- SHEOAK SHACK, FINGAL HEAD 7PM **ANDREW MORRIS**
- KINGSCLIFF BOWLS CLUB **ADAM BROWN**
- IMPERIAL HOTEL, MURWILLUMBAH 8PM **JAMES STREET PREACHERS & HEARTWORN HIGHWAY**
- PHOENIX RISING, NIMBIN 12PM **JACOB LEE & ELIJAH DUNLEAVY**
- CABARITA BEACH SPORTS CLUB 7PM **THE PIGEON BOYS**
- SEAGULLS, TWEED HEADS 3.30PM **MICK MCHUGH DUO**
- SOUTH TWEED SPORTS CLUB 3PM **JAZZ** 7.30PM **SIMPLY AUSTRALIA**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL **THE CELIBATE RIFLES**
- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **JIMMY THE SAINT & THE SINNERS, DONNY LOVE, DJ SAMMOND**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **JIMI BEAVIS**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 9PM **RHYTHM & CUTLOOSE**
- BYRON BREWERY 8PM **PHIL SMITH & CISCO CAESAR**
- BYRON COMMUNITY CENTRE 7PM **THE SPACE COWBOY**
- GINGER PIG, BYRON 8PM **DJ BANGO**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 8PM **DJ SANCHEZ**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 7.30PM **WARREN EARL BAND**
- PIZZA PARADISO, SUFFOLK PARK 6.30PM **JOSH LOVEGROVE**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 6PM **KELLIE KNIGHT & THE DAZE**
- BRUNSWICK HOTEL 6PM **ROUND MOUNTAIN GIRLS**
- LULU'S, MULLUMBIMBY 11AM **DR BAZ**

### SATURDAY 25

### SUNDAY 26

### 6.30PM LIAM GALE & THE PONYTAILS

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 4.30PM **LATE FOR WOODSTOCK** 8PM **ROLAND TINGS & GUESTS**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 2.30PM **FUNDAY DJS**
- PARK HOTEL, SUFFOLK PARK **JOCK BARNES**
- PIZZA PARADISO, SUFFOLK PARK 6.30PM **VIKKI GRANT**
- TREE STUMP, EWINGSDALE 12PM **THE EDUCATION DISASTER BAND FEAT. POODLE PYNE & WHINE**
- BANGALOW MARKET 8AM **CHRIS FISHER & MARCELLE TOWNSEND-CROSS**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 12.30PM **CHRISTIAN ANDREW**
- BRUNSWICK HOTEL 4PM **WANDERING EYES**
- DOMA CAFE, FEDERAL 12PM **ROB CSOKAS**
- BILLINUDGEL HOTEL 3PM **SABOTAGE**
- CLUB LENNOX 4PM **NICOLE BROPHY**
- THE WHARF, BALLINA 3PM **SCOTT DAY-VEE**
- ELTHAM HOTEL 2PM **BILL JACOBI**
- CONDONG BOWLING CLUB 12PM **CLELIA ADAMS**
- SPHINX ROCK, MT BURRELL 1PM **CASSIE ROSE BAND**
- PHOENIX RISING, NIMBIN 12PM **UNSUPERVISED**
- NIMBIN HOTEL 5PM **CISCO CAESAR**
- KINGSCLIFF HOTEL 3PM **SQUEAK & THE MOON BEARS**
- THE LAKE, CABARITA 1PM **A BAND CALLED TWANG**

### MONDAY 27

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **THE FIRE TREE**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **LEIGH JAMES**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 7.30PM **GREG KEW**
- GINGER PIG, BYRON 8.30PM **BOOM FAYA**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 8PM **DJ NERY**

### TUESDAY 28

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **MARSHALL O'KELL**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **FERGO**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 7.30PM **OPEN MIC**
- GINGER PIG, BYRON 8.30PM **DJ YOLANDA & DJ XFAKTA**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 8PM **DJ SANCHEZ**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7.30PM **BRACKETS OPEN MIC**
- NEW BRIGHTON FARMERS MARKET 8AM **WALRUS & THE CARPENTER**
- LISMORE WORKERS CLUB 7.30PM **CAMERON SPIKE-PORTER & ALEX MCLEOD**

### WEDNESDAY 29

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **CASS & AL**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 7.30PM **MUSICAL BINGO**
- BYRON BREWERY 7PM **OPEN MIC**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 8PM **DJ NERY**

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Tickets: \$25 | \$20 Conc | \$15 Child U15 (3.30pm show only)

**Chad Wilkins**  
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**Charlie's Country Film Screening**  
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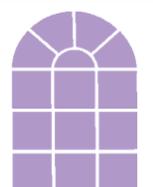
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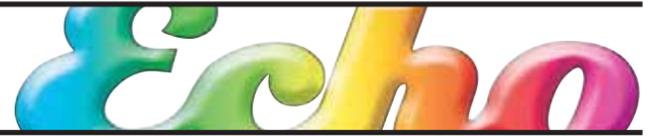
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○ Full moon	April 4	23:06
◐ Third quarter	April 12	13:44
● New moon	April 19	04:57
◑ First quarter	April 26	09:55

## APRIL 2015 Astronomical data and tides

Day of month	Sun rise	Sun set	Moon rise	Moon set	High tide, height (m)	Low tide, height (m)
1	W 0655	1844	1649	0352	0717,1.55; 1953,1.47	0108,0.61; 1342,0.49
2	T 0656	1843	1723	0443	0757,1.57; 2027,1.53	0149,0.55; 1415,0.46
3	F 0657	1842	1757	0534	0833,1.58; 2059,1.59	0228,0.50; 1446,0.44
4	S 0657	1840	1832	0626	0909,1.58; 2130,1.64	0304,0.47; 1516,0.43
DAYLIGHT SAVING ENDS 3am - clocks back one hour						
5	S 0558	1739	1807	0617	0845,1.56; 2102,1.67	0240,0.44; 1446,0.44
6	M 0558	1738	1845	0710	0920,1.53; 2136,1.69	0317,0.43; 1517,0.46
7	T 0559	1737	1925	0804	0959,1.48; 2213,1.69	0357,0.44; 1551,0.50
8	W 0559	1736	2009	0858	1039,1.43; 2252,1.67	0438,0.47; 1627,0.54
9	T 0600	1735	2057	0953	1124,1.37; 2336,1.64	0524,0.50; 1707,0.59
10	F 0600	1734	2149	1047	1215,1.31	0615,0.53; 1755,0.64
11	S 0601	1733	2245	1140	0028,1.61; 1315,1.55	0715,0.55; 1854,0.69
12	S 0601	1732	2344	1231	0129,1.58; 1425,1.28	0821,0.54; 2006,0.70
13	M 0602	1731		1320	0239,1.59; 1538,1.34	0929,0.50; 2123,0.66
14	T 0603	1730	0046	1406	0349,1.63; 1643,1.45	1030,0.42; 2234,0.57
15	W 0603	1728	0150	1451	0454,1.70; 1739,1.58	1125,0.35; 2337,0.46
16	T 0604	1727	0254	1535	0552,1.76; 1830,1.71	1215,0.28
17	F 0604	1726	0400	1619	0646,1.78; 1918,1.82	0035,0.35; 1303,0.25
18	S 0605	1725	0506	1704	0740,1.77; 2006,1.90	0130,0.28; 1349,0.25
19	S 0605	1724	0612	1750	0831,1.73; 2053,1.94	0224,0.23; 1434,0.29
20	M 0606	1723	0717	1838	0923,1.65; 2140,1.94	0316,0.23; 1519,0.35
21	T 0607	1722	0820	1929	1015,1.55; 2227,1.89	0409,0.27; 1604,0.44
22	W 0607	1721	0920	2021	1106,1.45; 2314,1.80	0502,0.34; 1649,0.54
23	T 0608	1720	1015	2114	1159,1.36	0556,0.43; 1736,0.64
24	F 0608	1719	1106	2208	0002,1.70; 1253,1.29	0651,0.51; 1827,0.73
25	S 0609	1719	1152	2302	0054,1.60; 1353,1.25	0748,0.58; 1926,0.79
26	S 0609	1718	1234	2354	0150,1.52; 1457,1.26	0845,0.62; 2033,0.81
27	M 0610	1717	1312		0253,1.47; 1559,1.30	0940,0.62; 2143,0.80
28	T 0611	1716	1349	0046	0354,1.45; 1652,1.37	1030,0.61; 2245,0.75
29	W 0611	1715	1423	0137	0449,1.46; 1736,1.45	1115,0.57; 2338,0.68
30	T 0612	1714	1457	0228	0537,1.48; 1815,1.53	1154,0.54

Times are Eastern Standard Time from April 5.  
 Time lags: Ballina Boat Dock: 15 min; Byron Bay: nil;  
 Brunswick River Hwy Bridge: high 30 min, low 1 hr;  
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 Chinderah: high 1 hr 15 min, low 2 hr; Terranora Inlet: high 2 hr 10 min, low 2 hr 25 min; Murwillumbah: high 2 hr 30 min, low 2 hr 50 min. Tides in bold indicate high tide of 1.7m or more and low tide of 0.3m or less.  
 Data courtesy of the National Tidal Centre.



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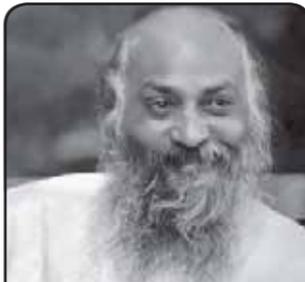
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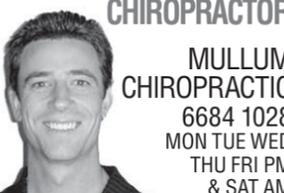
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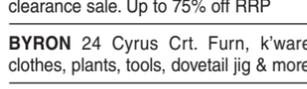
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## VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

Volunteer position recruiting, induction and admin. Suit over 55 on Centrelink. 15 hours per week.

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Fast growing Internet company is looking for a reliable, detail oriented person who enjoys problem solving to work with small lens cutting machines and their hands to cut, fit and install sunglass lenses. Bring your 'can do' attitude and a willingness to learn; we'll provide the training.

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St. Elmo Dining Room, in Byron Bay, is currently seeking experienced Chefs and Apprentices for full-time work. If you are passionate about Spanish food & hardworking. Please email your CV to: st.elmodining@bigpond.com or phone Craig on 0410321604

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**MODELS** 18+ years required. Nude female for Picture and People magazines. No experience required. All shapes and sizes. Backpackers welcome. Good money. Professional accredited ACP photographer. Ph 0413627846

**MASSAGE** business management avail for 4 wks from 6th May, female preferred. Ph 0423293995

**BRUNSWICK HEADS** looking for 2 kitchen staff, 1st or 2nd yr apprentices, skilled kitchenhands and/or qualified cooks. Please call 66851355

**GOOD DRIVERS WANTED NOW** Shifts avail for taxi, coach & hire cars. Full training provided. Min 12 month Aust Licence Required. Email: info@byronbaytaxi.com

**TELESALES** United Office Choice - Byron Bay Ind Est Seeking Inside Sales Representative with strong verbal communication skills, a well-developed ability to establish, develop and manage client relationships. A desire to hunt new businesses and develop and manage your own customer base. Thirty hours a week with a base of \$2,300 per month, plus commissions expected to exceed \$3000 per month. Send Resume to angela@vop.com.au and call 66395020 to arrange interview

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**BIRTHDAYS**  **Happy Birthday John** from all your admirers at the Echo  **HAPPY BIRTHDAY DAVE**

'A heart full of love and compassion is the main source of inner strength, willpower, happiness and mental tranquility' *His Holiness 14th Dalai Lama*

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**BIRTHS**  Our rainbow baby is finally here. **Poppy Wren - 2.4.15**

**DEATH NOTICES** **LOTTIE WRIGHT** Passed away peacefully on April 19th 2015. A private family service has taken place. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

**CARROLL Thelma Patricia** 17/7/1941 - 14/4/2015 Late of Suffolk Park, formerly of Melbourne. Passed away peacefully on Tuesday aged 93 years. Dearly love wife of Jack (dec) Much loved mother and mother-in-law of Tricia, John and Sandy. A wonderful lady to 4 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. "Reunited with Jack"  **McGuinness Funerals** Billinudgel - 02 6680 3084 Family Owned

**FUNERAL NOTICE** **CARROLL Thelma Patricia** Funeral prayers for the late Thelma Patricia Carroll will be offered at St Finbarr's Catholic Church, 50 Tennyson St, Byron Bay On Friday 24 April 2015 With the service to commence at 11.00am. Thereafter a private cremation will be held.  **McGuinness Funerals** Billinudgel - 02 6680 3084 Family Owned

**IN MEMORIAM** **JOHNNY MURRAY...** Your twinkling blue eyes, and witty asides, your big laugh, so loud it lit up a crowd. Your memory so sure, we wished we'd asked for more... are all held in our heart, though we are apart. Loved always, by John and Dele  **ROWAN HUNTER REDDICK** 23.4.14 - Our stillborn angel baby. 1 year has been and gone and not a day goes by that we don't think of you. We love you 'Mr Naughty Pants'

**LIAM WRIGHT** 20.03.1985 - 23.04.2005  In memory of the precious gift of Liam. Your life here too short our dear one. But the hugeness of your generous love, your joy of life & your laughter live on forever in our hearts. Thank you Liam. A loyal son, brother, uncle & friend. Missed so much by all. Mum, Rodney, Joel, Rochelle, Yazmin, Leila & Anjali

**JOHN MURRAY** 1.12.1941 - 27.4.2014 So much fun and laughter left our lives one year ago. We miss him everyday. Lovingly remembered always by his Family

**PETS** **• RAZZIE •** It's been two years since you left, my beautiful girl. There are so many things I miss... the smell of your feet, your snoring, your velvet-like fur. I will love you forever and miss you always 25 April - I'll never forget

Every year many thousand unwanted cats and dogs are born to pets that haven't been desexed. And sadly, most end up being put down. So please... **desex your pets!**

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**Qualified structural Landscaper** We are looking for a experienced structural landscaper capable of working unsupervised on a subcontract basis. Must be able to pave, build retaining walls, timber screens, fences, have experience in setting out, establishing level, concrete, decks, drainage, planting and turfing. Knowledge of 12V lighting and irrigation an advantage. Own reliable transport essential. Must have ABN and green/white card. Please do not apply unless you are a qualified structural landscaper or have at least 5 years experience working for a structural landscaper. References essential. Please forward details and resume via email to **info@geckolandscapesolutions.com.au**

**IPM Consulting APAC Pty Ltd** (an international training and development firm) 坐落在 Byron, 需要一位中英双语的课程管理员助手.

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• 注重细节  
• 能够合理安排时间  
• 性格温和, 容易相处, 喜爱在小团队里工作, 服从领导.

受过高等教育, 有办公室工作经验者优先. 如果您想申请这个工作, 请将您的中英文简历发给 Nina Wang (nina.wang@ipm-synetapac.net), 申请截至日为2015年5月1日.

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## COUNCIL CONTACT DETAILS

Council administration centre 6626 7000  
Opening hours: Front counter 9.00am to 4.00pm  
Switchboard: 8.30am to 4.30pm

Email council@byron.nsw.gov.au  
Web www.byron.nsw.gov.au  
Emergency after hours 6622 7022  
Works Depot 6685 9300  
Resident parking stickers Fax: 6684 3018  
Sportsfield information line 6626 7111  
SES Controller 6684 3444  
Rural Fire Service 6684 3662  
Myocum Waste & Recycling Centre 6684 1870  
BRSCC (Byron Regional Sport and Cultural Complex) 6685 5911

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

## LODGING A SUBMISSION

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

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

## PUBLIC EXHIBITION

### Byron Shire Coastal Area Vegetation Mapping

Following a Council resolution from 26 February 2015 meeting, the draft vegetation mapping for the coastal area of the Shire will be on public exhibition for a period of 6 weeks between 18 March and 29 April 2015.

Council has reviewed and updated the vegetation mapping for the coastal area of the Shire. Vegetation mapping was initially carried out in 1999 and previously reviewed in 2007. The current review is required to improve the accuracy of the mapping and reflect changes in vegetation extent and composition over time. Council encourages landholders to review the vegetation mapping for their property and notify Council via a written submission if the mapping is not representative of what is on the land. In assessing submissions received, Council may request to undertake a site inspection to assess the vegetation for the purpose of updating the maps.

The draft vegetation mapping is available electronically only and can be downloaded from Council's website at www.byron.nsw.gov.au/public-exhibition. Details of the study area and mapping process are also available at the above web address. Internet access will also be available at Council's administration office and Byron Bay, Brunswick Heads and Mullumbimby libraries. A booking may be required for use of non-wifi internet at the libraries. If you require further assistance or advice to interpret the maps or supporting information contact Council on 6626 7324. You can make an appointment with staff to review maps and discuss further if required.

**Submissions close: 4.00pm 29 April 2015**

Enquiries: Angus Underwood 02 6626 7324

## 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.

## DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS DETERMINED AND COMPLYING DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATES ISSUED

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

The following development consents and complying development certificates, 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

**10.2015.92.1 – BROKEN HEAD 87 Armstrong Lane (Lot 1 DP 1203742) Secondary dwelling**

**10.2014.545.1 – SUFFOLK PARK 155-157 Broken Head Road (Lot 2 DP 804515, Lot 2 DP 206360) Community title subdivision comprising of five neighborhood lots and one community lot and erection of four group dwellings within proposed Lot 6**

**10.2015.113.1 – GOONENGERRY 180 Mafeking Road (Lot 1 DP 611584) Inground concrete swimming pool**

**10.2015.5.1 – MULLUMBIMBY 41 New City Road (Lot 17 Sec 3 DP 4721, Lot 18 Sec 3 DP 4721) Subdivision of land (boundary adjustment) and removal of trees**

**10.2015.156.1 – EWINGSDALE Citriadora Drive (Lot 5 DP 881027) Tree removal – two trees**

**10.2015.86.1 – SUFFOLK PARK 9 Hakea Crescent (Lot 112 DP 831214) Alteration/additions to existing dwelling to create secondary dwelling**

**10.2015.57.1 – SUFFOLK PARK 174 Alcorn Street (Lot 19 Sec 1 DP 11632) Two storey dwelling and attached secondary dwelling**

**10.2014.763.1 – BYRON BAY 105 Jonson Street (Lot 2 DP 349058) A-frame sign**

**10.2015.26.1 – BYRON BAY 28 Burns Street (Lot 5 Sec 40 DP 758207) Strata subdivision of existing dual occupancy**

**10.2015.87.1 – BYRON BAY 1 Byron Street (Lot 2 DP 1134124) Change of use to part takeaway food and drink premises and part office**

**10.2015.190.1 – BRUNSWICK HEADS 8 Booyun Street (Lot 1 DP 110259) Tree removal – two trees**

**10.2014.653.2 – MULLUMBIMBY 4 Banksia Place (Lot 2 DP 248647) S96 – modifications to an approved secondary dwelling**

**10.2014.754.2 – NASHUA Taylors Road (Lot 11 DP 827934) S96 – to alter boundary alignment**

**10.2014.648.2 – BRUNSWICK HEADS 3 Minyon Street (Lot B DP 382179) S96 – to correct plan reference (two-storey dwelling to create a dual occupancy and strata title)**

**10.2014.469.2 – BYRON BAY 7/1 Border Street (Lot 7 SP 83141) S96 – modification to approved dwelling house**

**10.2014.347.2 – OCEAN SHORES 80 Balemo Drive (Lot 1 DP 1085069) S96 – modify the flood planning level required by condition 10 of the development consent**

#### APPLICATIONS WITHDRAWN

**10.2015.49.1 – SUFFOLK PARK 213-225 Broken Head Road (Lot 10 DP 1121015) Storage shed ancillary to hotel**

#### COMPLYING DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATES ISSUED

**16.2015.20.1 – OCEAN SHORES 8 Gin Gin Crescent (Lot 115 DP: 238450) Carport**

**16.2015.19.1 – SUFFOLK PARK 43 Brandon Street (Lot 10 Sec 8 DP 11632) Swimming pool**

## SUPPLY, INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE

### Request for Tender No: 2015-0011

Byron Shire Council invites tenders for a contract to supply, install and maintain CCTV systems in Byron Bay. Details of the proposed contract and the assessment criteria requirements are set out in the Request for Tender documentation referred to below.

Request for Tender documents may be obtained by contacting Tenderlink at www.tenderlink.com/byron. If you experience difficulties accessing the website, please call the Tenderlink helpdesk on 1800 233 533. A mandatory tender site inspection will be held on Monday 27 April 2015 at 2.00pm on site. Please RSVP to Joanne McMurtry, Community Policy Officer via email joanne.mcmurtry@byron.nsw.gov.au.

**Tenders close: 2.00pm 13 May 2015**

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

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

## 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 28 APRIL 2015

There are no DAs on Exhibition for this date.

#### EXHIBITION CLOSES 5 MAY 2015

##### 10.2015.176.1 – COORABELL

**36 Keys Road (Lot 7 DP 1091198)**

Rockinghorse Holdings Pty Ltd: Rural landsharing community (multiple occupancy) containing six dwelling sites

##### 10.2015.182.1 – BYRON BAY

**18 Sunrise Boulevard (Lot 125 DP 777329)**

Koho Developments Pty Ltd: Change of use from two boarding houses containing nine rooms and managers residence to eighteen infill affordable dwellings and two managers dwellings

##### 10.2015.196.1 – BRUNSWICK HEADS

**40 Mullumbimbi Street (Lot 1 DP 331137)**

Frank Stewart Architect: Alterations to a dwelling and a new residential flat building

##### 10.2015.193.1 – OCEAN SHORES

**47 Rajah Road (Lot 1150 DP 809112)**

Mr I R Landy: Multi dwelling housing (three dwellings) and tree removal

## 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 2014 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: 02 6626 7080

## POLICY EXHIBITION

### Draft Environmental Levy Implementation Policy

The Draft Environmental Levy Implementation Policy is on public exhibition for a period of 28 days from 8 April to 6 May 2015. The Policy is available for viewing at Council's Administration Office and on Council's website at www.byron.nsw.gov.au/public-exhibition. The Environmental Levy is a key revenue source to assist in the implementation of Council endorsed environmental plans and strategies.

The objectives of the policy are to inform the allocation of revenue raised through the Environmental Levy and to outline the arrangements for allocating and managing the Environmental Levy funds.

**Submissions close: 6 May 2015**

Enquiries: Sharyn French 02 6626 7126

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



## PROPOSED SALE OF LAND FOR UNPAID RATES AND CHARGES Notice Pursuant to Section 715 of the Local Government Act 1993

Notice is hereby given to the person(s)/entity named hereunder that Byron Shire Council has resolved, in pursuance of Section 713 of the Local Government Act, 1993 to sell the land described hereunder (of which the person(s) named are known to Council to be the owner(s) or to have an interest in the land) and on which the amount of rates and charges stated in each case, as at 13 April 2015 is due and payable:

Owner or person having an interest in the land (a)	Description of Land (b)	Amount of rates and charges overdue for more than five (5) years (c)	Amount of Rates and Charges (other than overdue rates and charges) due and payable (d)	Total amount of Rates and Charges due and payable (e)
RANSLEY, Stephen John RANSLEY, Debra Lee National Australia Bank Limited Mortgage	Lot 9 & Lot 10 DP 6041 9 Leslie Street, BANGALOW NSW 2479 Parish of Byron in the County of Rous	\$1,502.87	\$15,989.28	\$17,492.15
DREWS, Elaine Caroline	Lot 2050 DP 808462 152 Shara Boulevard OCEAN SHORES NSW 2483 Parish of Billinudgel in the County of Rous	\$13,258.88	\$16,088.83	\$29,347.71
DONAGHY, Kevin James	Lot 7 DP 255790 Goonengerry Road GOONENGERRY NSW 2482 Parish of Jasper in the County of Rous	\$2,060.33	\$5,574.99	\$7,635.32
WALKER, Constance Cecilia	Lot 6 DP 251937 Walkers Lane THE POCKET NSW 2483 Parish of Billinudgel in the County of Rous	\$2,060.33	\$5,574.99	\$7,635.32
PAULETT, Estate of the late Ronald Leslie PAULETT, Wilma Irene	Lot 2 DP 243715 Coolamon Scenic Drive COORABELL NSW 2479 Parish of Mullumbimby in the County of Rous	\$2,060.33	\$5,574.99	\$7,635.32
POWER, John Wardell	Lot 31 DP 222189 Pacific Highway BANGALOW NSW 2479 Parish of Byron in the County of Rous	\$2,060.33	\$5,574.99	\$7,635.32
FLOWER, Frederick Alan	Lot 1 DP 122768 Flowers Road BINNA BURRA NSW 2479 Parish of Teven in the County of Rous	\$2,060.33	\$5,574.99	\$7,635.32
DUNGER, Edward Charles Spencer	Lot 14, 15 & 16 DP 251937 Main Arm Road UPPER MAIN ARM NSW 2483 Parish of Billinudgel in the County of Rous	\$567.52	\$4,795.73	\$5,363.25
ARMITT, Muriel Rebecca	Lot 4 DP 365313 Myocum Road MYOCUM NSW 2482 Parish of Brunswick in the County of Rous	\$2,060.33	\$5,574.99	\$7,635.32
LIVINGSTONE, Hugh McDiarmid	Lot 1 DP 799390 Mullumbimby Road MULLUMBIMBY NSW 2482 Parish of Brunswick in the County of Rous	\$2,060.33	\$5,574.99	\$7,635.32
Hixson Holdings Pty Ltd	Lots 1 & 3 DP 42353 Broken Head Road BROKEN HEAD NSW 2479 Parish of Newrybar in the County of Rous	\$2,060.33	\$5,574.99	\$7,635.32
CARLSON, Estate late Charles Adrian CARLSON, Estate late James Frederick	Lot 2 DP 111821 Coolamon Scenic Drive COORABELL NSW 2479 Parish of Byron in the County of Rous	\$2,060.33	\$5,574.99	\$7,635.32
Banana Growers Federation Co-operative Ltd	Lot A DP 403900 Burringbar Street MULLUMBIMBY NSW 2482 Parish of Mullumbimby in the County of Rous	\$1,106.72	\$5,074.60	\$6,181.32
LOMAX, Grace Bennett LOMAX, Philip James Rhodes	Lots 1, 2 & 3 DP 121484 River Street NEW BRIGHTON NSW 2483 Parish of Billinudgel in the County of Rous	\$2,060.33	\$5,574.99	\$7,635.32
JOHNSTON, Mary	Lots 12 & 13 DP 111822 Bangalow Road BANGALOW NSW 2481 Parish of Newrybar in the County of Rous	\$1,571.77	\$5,333.80	\$6,905.57

### Date and Time of Proposed Sale of Land: Saturday 18 July 2015 at 11.00am

In default of payment to the Council of the amount stated in column (e) above and any other rates and charges (including interest charges) becoming due and payable after publication of this notice, or any arrangements satisfactory to the Council for payment of all such rates and charges being entered into by the rateable person before the time fixed for sale, the said land will be offered for sale by Public Auction at Byron Shire Council's Administration Centre, 70-90 Station Street, Mullumbimby on Saturday 18 July 2015 at 11am.

Agent (Auctioneer) appointed for the proposed sale: Raine & Horne Byron Bay, 39 Fletcher Street, Byron Bay, phone 02 6685 6588.

Byron Shire Council requests that any person with interest in any of

the above lands who wishes to make enquiries or make payment of the outstanding rates and charges should contact Byron Shire Council on 02 6626 7000 or email rates@byron.nsw.gov.au.

Byron Shire Council now gives express notice that subject to applicable legislation, it makes no warranty, representation or guarantee with respect to any of the lands above including, but not limited to, their location, condition, accessibility to services and whether or not vacant possession will be obtained by the purchaser of same.

KEN GAINGER, General Manager, Byron Shire Council 70-90 Station Street Mullumbimby NSW 2482

Enquiries: Jane Steiger 02 6626 7012

## COUNCIL MEETINGS

Thursday 30 April 2015

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

### 9.00am – Ordinary Meeting

Some of the items included in the meeting agenda have been listed below. To see the full list of reports, meeting agendas are available prior to the meeting on Council's website at www.byron.nsw.gov.au/meetings, at Council's administration centre in Mullumbimby and at community access points around the Shire.

#### Notices of Motion

- Extended Brief to the Byron Bay Master Plan consultants

#### Questions with Notice

- Coastal Zone Management Plan for the Byron Bay Embayment

#### Reports

- Draft 2015/16 Operational Plan and Statement of Revenue Policy – Public Exhibition
- Submission Report – Draft Short Term Holiday Accommodation Strategy
- PLANNING – Planning Proposals – For finalisation of reclassification of Lot 1 DP952598 Vallances Road Mullumbimby and Lots 15 and 16 DP 1178892 Dingo Lane Myocum
- Webcasting Council Meetings

Requests for public access on an item in an agenda must be lodged with the General Manager or Mayor by 12 noon one working day prior to the meeting. Register for public access at www.byron.nsw.gov.au/forms/public-access-sessions-and-submissions. Public Access will be heard at the commencement of the meeting. Only one presentation for and one presentation against may be made on an item in the Agenda, with a maximum of five minutes allocated to each presentation. More than one speaker for or against an item may share the allotted time of five minutes.

Please note that Public Access sessions are recorded as a result of Council Resolution 08-638.

Enquiries: 02 6626 7000

## PUBLIC EXHIBITION

### Planning Proposal to Amend Byron Local Environmental Plan 2014

#### For property at Shara Boulevard, North Ocean Shores (part of Lot 5 DP 880917)

The Planning Proposal to amend the Land Zoning Map of the Byron Local Environmental Plan (LEP) 2014 is on exhibition for a period of 28 days and is available at Council's administration centre, Ocean Shores community access point at Chincogan Real Estate, Ocean Village Shopping Centre or on Council's website at www.byron.nsw.gov.au/public-exhibition.

The intent of the Planning Proposal is to rezone part of Lot 5 DP 880917, Shara Boulevard, to RE1 Public Recreation Zone. This will enable recreation and sporting facilities to be permissible with Council consent at the site. The Minister for Planning and Environment has issued an authorisation for Council to exercise delegation to make this draft LEP amendment.

#### Submissions close: 4.00pm Wednesday 20 May 2015

Enquiries: Julie Francombe 02 6626 7118

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

## PUBLIC ART SMALL GRANTS PROGRAM

Public Art Small Grants are available of up to \$500 per project to deliver against one of the public art priorities listed in the supporting information. The grants are available to fund small public art projects within the Byron Shire. Projects that can identify a third party partnership in either supporting the project or assistance with the delivery of the project will be highly regarded.

This grant is suitable for community organisations to incorporate artwork into facilities and buildings. For example: sporting groups wanting to upgrade amenities buildings.

Please download the supporting information and forms from Council's website at www.byron.nsw.gov.au/expressions-of-interest.

#### Submissions close: Strictly 12noon 6 May 2015

Enquiries: Joanne McMurtry 02 6626 7316

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

## POSITIONS VACANT

### Process Improvement Coordinator

35 hpw Permanent F/T \$63K - \$73K per annum

See the ad in the Echo Classifieds – page 34

# Dithering Devils let it slip on rainy Sunday

Stroy & photo John Campbell

Byron Bay, after stunning the NRRRL Premiers at Ballina in Round One, were unable to repeat the dose when the Murwillumbah Mustangs came to Red Devil Park on Sunday.

Before a vocal crowd approaching 2,993, the home side did their very best to beat themselves against an uncompromising but hardly scintillating outfit that was grateful to feed off the opportunities offered by their unfocused, lackadaisical opponents.

Beaten 24-14, it was only a late flurry from the Bay, featuring a splendid converted try from a scrum win by speedy winger Hayden 'Rupert' Rosenbaum, that resulted in a scoreline that, if anything, flattered the hosts.

A positive that captain-coach Ryan 'The Crab' O'Connell might take from the game is that the Devils –



Billy Goldsmith boots downfield for the Devils on Sunday afternoon.

always a frustrating outfit, going up and down like a nun's habit – should perform with undistinguished, hair-pulling gaucherie and still get close to one of the competition's highly fancied sides. They might

as well have not had the ball at all, so mistake-ridden was their execution when in possession, but their application in defence cannot be faulted. The pack, conceding more than just a few kilos to the

other mob, were awesome. As always, led by veteran Simon 'Colgate' Kelly, they tackled their guts out, with Sam 'Dolly' Dwyer in the thick of everything that was going on.

It was under a scorching

sun that the boys took the field, decked out in spanking new black-V kits. The opening clashes were neither here nor there – the Devils seemed flat, but the Mustangs, if typically well organised, were no better than ordinary. Out of the blue, Mur'bah scored from a poorly defused kick and Byron compounded their slovenliness by putting the ball out on the full from the resumption.

Then came the rain, and with it the Devils' awakening. Centre Brad 'Bruce' Lees crossed untouched and a Bill 'Peppi' Goldsmith penalty gave the boys an 8-6 half-time lead that was, if not undeserved, certainly unexpected.

Talk among regulars in the outer was in agreement – whoever could hang on to the pill in the greasy conditions would get the money. 'Football', as the great Tommy Raudonikis famously philosophised, 'is a simple game,'

and possession is nine-tenths of the law. Hoping for the best and anticipating an arm-wrestle in the second forty, locals in the western bleachers were dismayed to see their side knock-on in the first set of six.

A B-grade movie ensued.

Both sides were stricken with dropsy, but it was Mur'bah who rose to grab the prize. After doing a mountain of tackling, the Devils finally cracked – three converted tries, including a beauty from a towering bomb – had the Mustangs gallop away to 24-8. Twenty minutes remained on the clock, but the deal was done.

Byron didn't lay down, but they could not counter an opponent that plays within its means and always gets the percentages right.

Away to Marist Brothers next week, the Devils will need to improve – and you can bet your proverbials they will.

## Byron union plays to plan

Story by The Engerneer

Coming off a strong rugby union win last week against Bangalow, the Bay had another tough task hosting the traditionally big Grafton pack at home on the weekend.

The first 10 minutes were played at high intensity as both teams attempted to settle into the game. Byron took first blood with a number of set plays coming off, which saw both Harvey Bell and Jascha Saek cross the line early to put the Bay in front 12-0.

As expected, the big Grafton pack put pressure on our forwards and with a number of pick-and-drive phases through the middle, Grafton were able to score a converted try before the break to put the scores 12-7 at half-time.

The start of the second half saw some big hits as both forwards packs tussled to get over one another's advantage line.

A couple of late injuries



Photo Peter Moore

to the Byron pack resulted in the much-needed injection of fresh legs with Wal Andrews and Jamie Blair coming off the bench providing a big defensive effort.

A tactical shift had Nathan Nicholls switch from halfback to centre and when he managed to deliver a perfectly timed kick deep into Grafton's territory some solid pressure from Byron's backs created a turnover that led to a classic Mitch Loane try.

A couple of late quality

tries from Harvey and Jascha sealed the game, with the boot of Brandon Lewsey putting it out of contention.

It was a tough win at home for the Bay against a Grafton outfit with a never-say-die attitude. It was great to see Byron keeping calm and playing to the game plan; this team is starting to show a lot of maturity with a final score of 31-12. The best for the Bay were Jed O'Hare, Harvey Bell and Will Aiseke for taming the big Grafton forwards and Tom Homer. We now have two byes in a row owing to the Anzac Day Country Championships, in which Byron Bay have at least five players represented in the FNC zone team; more on that next week. Our next game is on 9 May at home against Casino (competing for the inaugural Bush to Surf trophy). Go the Bay.

## What a comeback for Rams

Story by Dogwhistle

The Great Northern Byron Bay Rams and the Rails Wildcats went up against traditional rivals Lismore Thistles at the Byron Recreation Grounds last Sunday.

Fans looked forward to a close and hard-fought display of quality football and this round delivered in spades.

The Reserve grade opened proceedings – and confirmed the depth of the squad – with a resounding 5-0 win over the Thistles' second string.

Tane Meek put the Rams on the board early, catching an errant bicycle shot from striker Steve Kirkpatrick on the volley and blasting it into the net. Skipper Tom Ruhl was next, drawing the keeper into a fatal goal-kick error and gleefully punishing the mistake. Tom followed that up with a deft tap to George Martin, in front of goal, who finished with equal aplomb.

Steve Kirkpatrick rubbed salt into the wound in the second half, beating the Thistles' defence and keeper and then finishing with what may have been the slowest goal in living memory. Tom Ruhl beat the keeper next to pop in his second for the day rounding out a very decisive 5-0 win.

On Field Two, the Rails Wildcats women's Division 2 faced a resolute Lismore Thistles. Having suffered a

5-2 defeat by the Wildcats three weeks earlier, the Lismore girls were looking for revenge.

Thistles came into the game fighting hard and pressured the Wildcats defence. The Byron girls held on and soon found their feet with a power drive goal from Elly Dove 20 minutes in.

The Wildcats created many more scoring opportunities, but Thistles held them to 1-0 into the break.

Byron took complete control in the second half, with good linking football on, and off, the ball. Thistles fought back hard but couldn't contain the Wildcats. Elly Dove took two more goals to complete her hat-trick and seal the Wildcats' 3-0 victory.

The 4th Division Wildcats had a 1-0 loss to Goonellabah against the run of play lost Sunday.

The Wildcats now face Italo Stars in the final of Callan McMillan Shield this Friday Night at 7.40 at Oakes Oval, Lismore.

The men's Premier Division match on Field One proved to a fast and furious clash between two of the league's top teams. The Northern Rams looked the stronger unit from the outset, dominating play and hammering the Thistles' defence. Not to be underestimated, the Lismore boys countered strongly and first-half penalties gave

Thistles a substantial lead and a big confidence boost. The Byron squad kept their heads up and pressured the Thistles' defenders right into the break. A nasty tackle on Byron striker Conor Cannon saw Thistles' defender Zac Wilson red-carded and gave the Rams the breathing room they needed. The Rams produced some superb football in the second half, with repeated forays by speedster Tyson Kaye unsettling the Thistles' defence. Kaye put Byron back in the match, cutting through the Thistles' back line and finishing cleanly. The Rams stepped up a gear and, after more strong attacking football, were rewarded with goal an equaliser when Michael Kelly drove home a huge and unstoppable strike from 25 metres out. Italian newcomer Emanuel Altadari finished the incredible comeback by driving home a rebound in the closing minutes of an epic struggle. A very sweet 3-2 win for the Rams that keeps them two pints clear at the top of the table going into round four.

With all eyes on Oakes Oval for the Callan McMillan Shield on Friday night and the Anzac Cup on Saturday, the next outing for the Rams will be a visit to Lismore on Saturday 2 May to meet Lismore Workers.

Reserves kick off at 1pm and the Prens at 2pm.

**'Rugby is a beastly game played by gentlemen; soccer is a gentleman's game played by beasts; football is a beastly game played by beasts.'**

– Henry Blaha

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## On The Horizon

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

### Mullum CWA

Mullumbimby Branch CWA Italian Theme International Luncheon Thursday 30 April in the Uniting Church Hall, beginning 11.30am for 12. RSVP Sue 6684 1675 or Jen 6684 7282 by Friday 24 April.

### Chem-free landcare

Byron Shire Chemical Free Landcare working bee Saturday 25 April, 8am-12 noon, at Brunswick Heads Crown Land Reserve site. More info Nadia 0478 272 300 or go to www.byronshirechemicalfreelandcare.org.

### U3A Brunswick Valley

Tues 28 April 10am-noon at the Uniting Church Hall, Fingal St, Brunswick

Heads. John Bailey, local author, will discuss Thomas Picketty's blockbuster *Capital*. Phone 6685 1732.

### U3A Ballina/Byron

Suzanna Clarke will speak on Life in Morocco and the Children's Library of Fez at our meeting at 10am on 28 April in the meeting room, RSL Mullumbimby. Enquiries 6680 7350.

### Volunteers needed

The Volunteer Resource Centre has volunteer positions available in Byron now. Contact Northern Rivers Community Gateway 6621 7397.

### Cuppa Tea Choir

Mullumbimby & District Neighbourhood Centre and Song Dynasty Music present the beginning of the term for Cuppa Tea Choir, Tuesday 28 April, 10.30-11.30am every Tuesday. Contact janet@songdynastymusic.com 0438 965 397 or clintongreen@mnci.com.au 0429 841 816.

### Lone Goat Gallery

Lone Goat Gallery presents *Sublunary* by Brooms Head artist Ross Howard, opened by Paul Witzig, legendary

surf-filmmaker, on 25 April, 6-8pm. All welcome. Ph 0490 004 542 for info.

### Byron Sophia

Byron Sophia Philosophical Group: Parliament of World Religions, presented by Anna Parker, Thursday 23 April, 1-3pm, at Masonic Centre, 6 Byron St, Byron Bay. Info: Celia 6684 3623.

### Brunswick Heads Dunecare

This Sunday 26 April at the breakwall car park, 8.30-11.30am. Enquiries Greg McDonald 0414 457 346 or brunswickheadsducare@gmail.com.

### Camera club

Ballina Camera Club digital meeting Thursday 23 April, 6.30pm at the Kentwell Community Centre. Enquiries Mark on 6686 6915.

### Mullumbimby Kung Fu

Learn a traditional Chinese martial art. See www.wuchi4.com or phone Gavin Cook 0423 539 518.

### Bridge club

Brunswick Valley Bridge Club plays at the Brunswick Heads Bowling Club Mondays and Saturdays at 12.45. Les-

sons for beginners starting Thursday 23 April. Contact Margaret Fleming 0400 295 960.

### Junior Chess Club

The Mullum junior chess club starts again Tuesday 28th, room F4 Mullumbimby High School 3.15-4.45pm. All standards, professional coaching, fun games. Ph Mike 6684 6281.

### 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.

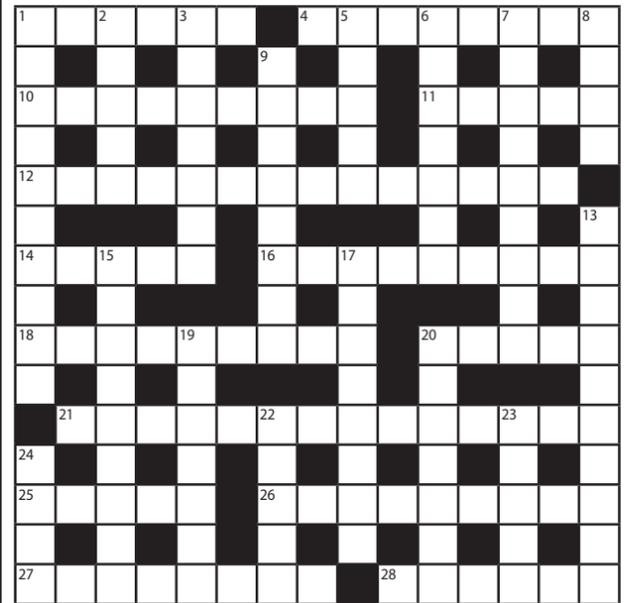
### New settlers gather

A gathering for 'new settlers' from 30 to 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.

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

## Mungo's Crossword

N069



### Cryptic Clues

#### ACROSS

- Charitable donation after rider's songs (6)
- Immature newt carries infection (small measure) in sewage outflow (8)
- Food served up at the pigs (9)
- A top forward (5)
- Th ... thi ... thin... (3,6,5)
- Opinion in the red (5)
- Quietly caper around the edge, but often straightened out when fidgeting in the office! (5,4)
- Simple moderator is comfortable to sit on (5,4)
- Lad, royalty, lectures! (5)
- Cream ... crea ... cre ... (9,5)
- Ruitions from Brett's patronising introduction on tour of India (5)
- Charlie smashes altar inside, the fraud (9)
- University bigwig involved in hold-up - he just wanted to have fun! (8)
- Grain in, like, seeds (6)

#### DOWN

- Sat around object, charge laid (10)
- Proverb from the commercial period (5)
- Bad actor upon Erica - it's only a game! (7)
- Throw a party (5)
- Allow that woman to surround a hide! (7)
- Electronic count about Malley in a never-ending process (9)
- Trend for crash diet (4)
- Taipei? Oh, wrong - another place altogether (8)
- Units get separate toilets over time (10)
- Popular, but held up while being put in place (9)
- Uncomfortable pain rash from these fish (8)
- Serious offence, an overseas war (7)
- Cut down car crosses pass in the countryside (7)
- Cuts for journalists (5)
- Listener grasps Lawrence the devourer! (5)
- Housekeeper, a start for 3! (4)

### Quick Clues

#### ACROSS

- Sacred songs (6)
- Sewage outflow (8)
- Popular pasta (9)
- Forward, in front (5)
- Trend or hit expected in the near future (3,6,5)
- In debt, due (5)
- Small fastener used in offices (5,4)
- Comfortable piece of furniture (4,5)
- Former ABC chairman whose name is given to a series of lectures (5)
- Cosmetic used to eliminate wrinkles (9,5)
- Riot, brawl (5)
- Fraud, impostor (9)
- One who believes in the pursuit of pleasure (8)
- Fruit of the oak tree (6)

#### DOWN

- Set in place, aligned (10)
- Saying, proverb (5)
- Chinese game played with tiles (7)
- Toss, throw (5)
- Cured skin of an animal (7)
- For ever, without stopping (9)
- Ebb and flow of the ocean (4)
- Country in north east Africa (8)
- Flats, units (10)
- Set in place, made ready for work (9)
- Bloodthirsty South American fish (8)
- Concerning a peninsula in the Black Sea (7)
- Rural, rustic (7)
- Chops, cuts (5)
- Consumer, diner (5)
- Chinese housekeeper and nursemaid (4)

### Last week's solution N068



## Regular As Clockwork

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Email copy marked 'Regular As Clockwork' to editor@echo.net.au.

### 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.

### Impro

Improvisation & Performance Peer Practice Mondays 4-6pm at Kul-chajam, Byron ind est. More info: Gabrielle 0418 438 396.

### 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 7.30 for 8am start. Info Marian 6688 4058, mazeratiz2010@gmail.com.

### Oneness blessing

Oneness blessing, meditation and healing every Thursday 7pm at Red Tent Yoga studio, Byron industrial estate. By donation. Ring Nura 0427 847 210 for info.

### Bushdancing

Live music from Hide The Potato with dance caller, last Sunday of every month 3-5pm at Brunswick Heads RSL Hall. Next dance Sunday 26 April.

### 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.

### 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.

byrontoastmasters.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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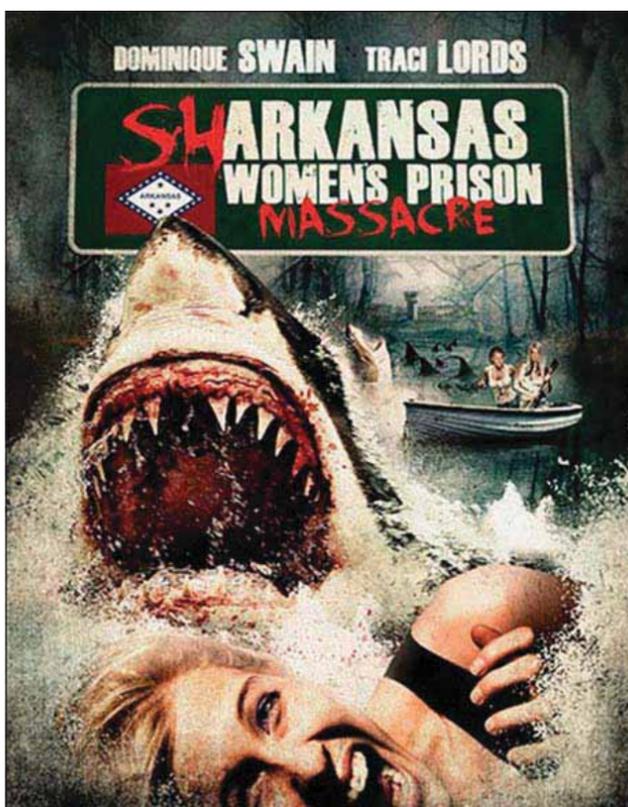
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To its surprise Byron Shire Council was informed by contractors John Holland Rail that they plan to close the pedestrian access across the disused railway next to the council chambers in Mullumbimby. This is a pain for people who live in the streets to the east - and to the people who visit them - and may increase dangers to pedestrians who will now have to get to the main crossing on busy Argyle Street. Council suggests contacting them if you object to the proposal and contact John

Holland Rail as well - <http://bit.ly/1OgsJXN>.

As well as being into standup, comedian and author Mandy Nolan runs humour therapy courses and works with people with dementia. SBS *Insight* looks at her work in its Tuesday April 28 program at 8.30pm. You can also see more about Mandy's latest book, *Home Truths*, at <http://finch.com.au/books/home-truths>.

Almost as reliably as autumn, MardiGrass in Nimbin comes

around each year, issuing in the season of mellow fruitfulness and potent spliffs. Aside from the frivolity and the joy of seeing the Polite Force in action, MardiGrass offers up the Hemposium, which this year includes talks by Dr David Bearman of the American Academy of Cannabinoid Medicine and Tony Bower of the Kempsey-based Mullaways Medical Cannabis, who's taken a leading role in helping out the terminally ill despite the strictures of the law. See the program shaping up for May 1-3 at [www.nimbinmardigrass.com](http://www.nimbinmardigrass.com).

The biggest little town made national news last week as a fly in the ointment to the feds' plan to make vaccination universal for children. *The Telegraph* did its usual dumb hatchet job - 'Risky

hippie hotbeds of anti-jab agitation' - while the ABC reporter took the trouble to talk to a wider cross-section of locals: <http://ab.co/1E3Fplk>. There appears to be no way to take the heat out of the issue - Michael Leunig has received death threats over his cartooning on the matter - but the feds and some doctors could show a little more respect to dissenting parents.

*The Shovel* sticks it to Woolies with their spoof: 'Supermarket chain Woolworths has followed up its much talked about ANZAC promotion with a moving new campaign that honours the memories of those who lost their jobs as a result...' See the whole spoof at [www.theshovel.com.au](http://www.theshovel.com.au), along with 'Woolworths Becomes Official Sponsor Of Iraq War'.

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