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## Breaking Bangalow billcarts Batman!



Wet weather turned Byron Street into a virtual slippery dip on Sunday for Bangalow's craziest annual event. But that didn't stop the riders of these unique home-made machines – or the punters, who turned out in droves. A photo gallery is online at <http://bit.ly/1AbUOyr>. Photo Jeff Dawson

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## Broken Head DA heads to court

Story & photo Eve Jeffery

A proposed housing development at the old Broken Head quarry, Suffolk Park, is causing headaches for Byron Council and the local Arakwal Bundjalung mob.

Despite a decision by Council last year to refuse the development application (DA), the unsuccessful applicant EMGA Mitchell McLennan Pty Ltd are taking their proposed 45-lot subdivision on Broken Head Road to court.

Greens MLC and former mayor, Jan Barham, has made a submission to see the development stopped.

'The site is part of the significant biodiversity of the Broken Head area and the quarry has had a negative impact on the ecological values of the area.' Ms Barham says that the area is part of a wildlife corridor and contains endangered flora and fauna.

'The proposal for the extension of the quarry always identified an end point to the destruction of the site and required rehabilitation at the finalisation of the quarry approval.'

Byron Shire Council's co-ordinator of legal services, Ralph James, said the Broken Head Community Title DA was refused for various reasons.

'[Primarily it didn't fit within] the 1988 LEP, planning strategies and environmental concerns.'

But the Arakwal Bundjalung People native title claim group say the area is located within the boundaries of their ongoing native title claim, which was lodged in 1994.

The group say they are currently preparing a formal management plan with all stakeholders.

The Echo contacted EMGA Mitchell McLennan but at the time of publication had received no response.

## Protest planned against councillors' rock wall

Two community groups, which have joined forces in a campaign to halt construction of a rock wall at Belongil, plan to organise a protest at this Thursday's Byron Shire Council meeting.

Majority councillors Wanchap, Ibrahim, Hunter, Cubis and Woods are pushing ahead to build an Interim Beach Access Stabilisation (IBAS), aka rock wall, and have requested staff time be diverted to expedite that and associated management programs.

The issue will go into a confidential session at Council on Thursday.

The council recently voted to

overturn the almost 30-year policy of 'planned retreat' and are set to go ahead with the controversial rock wall, despite concerns from local residents, the NSW Coastal Panel, the Office of Environment and Heritage, expert engineers and the scientific community.

And the normal process of putting the work out to tender has been over-ruled, despite hundreds of thousands of ratepayer dollars being diverted from other operating budgets.

Karl Goodsell, the CEO of Positive Change for Marine Life, said, 'We've seen the impacts that walls

such as these have had on coastal areas around Australia and overseas.

'The science is there for all to see and when coastal management experts and even the NSW government are ignored, you have to ask yourself who the rogue five members of the Byron Shire Council are acting for?' Mr Goodsell asked.

Cate Coorey of Byron Residents' Group said, 'Our beaches are our major aesthetic, recreational and economic assets, yet the community is deliberately being shut out of the process.' The group is calling on the public to come to the Mullum Council Chambers this Thursday, from 9am.



Arakwal Bundjalung women Nickolla, Theresa, Rhonda, Aunty Dulcie, Delta and Kaitlyn



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## Promises, platitudes...

Hans Lovejoy

After the election come the grand visions.

It's called the inaugural address, and those lucky enough to have been voted in last election just gave their maiden one, while those returning reaffirm and set out their aspirations for the coming four- or eight-year term.

*The Echo* profiles here the speeches of the state reps who live locally.

### Ms Smith MLA

As the first Greens MP to hold a regional seat, Tamara Smith is also the first woman to hold the seat of Ballina and the first Greens MP for the seat; previously it had been an ironclad safe Nationals seat since the electorate's inception.

In her inaugural speech, she said a politician's job is to be 'responsive to our constituents and their values and priorities and to put the collective interest ahead of vested interests'.

'If I don't live up to that ideal, I don't deserve to be back here in four years' time.'

Ms Smith acknowledged the role community activism played in her election and sees the result as a reflection on the health of democracy in NSW.

She commended the diversity of the community movement that 'united against the industrialisation of our hinterland and [stood] up against the threat to our food and water security from unconventional gas mining.'

Ms Smith also acknowledged the service of her fellow Greens campaigners as well as long-term serving Ballina MP, Don Page.



Local Greens MP Tamara Smith spoke of the role of community activism in her inaugural address in Sydney

### Mr Franklin MLC

There's been an injection of fresh political talent to Byron Shire! Welcome, Ben Franklin, to a region of proud social misfits.

Not to be confused with the renowned author, politician, scientist, inventor, activist, statesman, and diplomat from the 1700s, this Ben is just 43, unmarried, and the former Nationals state director.

And while he has yet to reach the dizzying achievements of a US founding father, he's very very high up on the political food chain, having been a background powerbroker for the party.

It will be interesting to see if he will be an effective and formidable opponent against the region's entrenched Greens ideology.

Mr Franklin parachuted into the local electorate after his recent win as senator in the upper house.

He told *The Echo* he decided to relocate from Sydney because, 'My views on community representation and sustainability are aligned with people of the north coast and I thought it would be a good fit for me.'

In his inaugural address to

NSW parliament, he named public education, high-speed rail, reducing the size of western NSW seats and cultural equity as his main focus areas.

On coal seam gas, Mr Franklin says that a legal framework eliminating exploration licences on the north coast must be found by government, owing to 'prevalent' community concerns.

Wait, is this really a Nationals guy?

'I grew up in Barham on the Murray River,' he told *The Echo*. 'Both my parents are school teachers and I completed an Arts degree.'

After a decade-long stint with the Young Liberals, he left around 2007 to become the communications officer for Unicef. 'I loved it, but missed politics. When I was offered the directorship for the Nationals I jumped at it.'

He also says he gravitated towards the Nationals as his parents were country born and bred.

From his inaugural speech, he says the Nationals 'value decency and loyalty and integrity.'

He cites his personal friendship with former local MP Don Page (Nationals) as another reason to move here.

## Byron prioritises 'roads, rates and rubbish'

Chris Dobney

Byron Shire Council has released its 2016 budget, claiming roads and public spaces remain the key focus for it in the coming year.

And mayor Simon Richardson says the coming 12 months will see Council 'firmly tasked with getting on with fixing roads, public spaces and completing the coastal zone management plan' (CZMP).

The main item in the \$27.3 million budget will be the controversial Byron Bay Bypass,

with the other main contender for a long-awaited upgrade being Broken Head Road.

Other items in the capital works program include the Shara Boulevard sports fields at Ocean Shores, the construction of a much-needed roundabout at Massinger Street, Byron Bay, and a new causeway for Main Arm.

The 2015/16 budget has \$5 million allocated for roads and drainage maintenance, \$3.6 million on parks and sport field maintenance, \$1.4 million on libraries, \$7 mil-

lion on water, \$10.9 million on sewer and \$5.4 million on waste. General manager Ken Gainger says another focus was not asking ratepayers for more than the 2.4 per cent increase allowed under rate pegging. 'With a forecast balanced budget and an accumulated surplus (working funds) sitting at \$1.95 million, the budget's stronger bottom line was a result of a detailed review of council's operations.'

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# and a new slate for NSW govt

## Ms Barham MLC



Longtime locals will know Jan Barham's politics well, and as the former Greens mayor she has been just as active locally as she has been as an MLC in Sydney.

Her speech to bring in the new government focused on wellbeing and the challenges that will shape 'the lives of generations to come'.

'The first challenge is the relationship and treatment of the First Peoples of this country,' she says.

'The disparity in health, wellbeing and incarceration rates between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people should cause us all to be sorry'.

The second challenge for Ms Barham is climate change.

'All levels of government must act to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, plan the transition to a net zero emissions society within several decades and put in place strategies for adapting to the impacts of a warming world on all aspects of life, including our biodiversity, coastlines, farms and health and safety.'

The third challenge is the failure of our society to ensure the wellbeing of all people and communities.

'Anyone claiming that our economy is in great shape

needs to confront the appalling fact that nearly 900,000 – more than one person in every seven in NSW – is living in poverty.'

She concluded by saying that her 'greenprint' for the next four years is a commitment to the First Peoples, climate change, social and economic equality and the right to housing.

## Ms Cusack MLC



Catherine Cusack is an upper house Liberal senator who lives in Lennox Head with her family, and is married to Chris Crawford, the NNSW Local Health District chief executive.

In her inaugural address, she welcomed a new generation of politicians to both chambers of parliament.

She also paid her respect to the 'legislative council as a chamber that has been transformed from the least democratic in Australia to the most democratic because it is now genuinely pluralistic.'

'I have listened with great interest and admiration to their inaugural speeches and heard the diversity in their life stories and their ideas, which have ranged from electoral reform to bold new social and economic initiatives.'

There were more platitudes,



New in town: Former state director for the Nationals Party Ben Franklin moved to Byron Bay after becoming an upper house MP.

with a special tribute to fellow Liberal Shane Mallard, among others.

'He gave a great Liberal speech and demonstrated so much of the strength, diversity, intelligence, courage and optimism that the Liberal Party continues to bring to Australian politics.'

'I must draw the attention of the House to the vital role that the Young Liberal Movement can play in modernising the party. All four former female Young Liberal Movement presidents are now members of Parliament.

'I cannot help but think that if there were more female presidents there might be more Liberal women in this place. Along with the incredible success that we have achieved comes a commensurate responsibility to improve in this regard. That is no reflection on the young men; they are all outstanding and they have all earned their position.

'However, I hope that they can play a positive role and assist in planning to increase the rate of participation of women in parliament and in the party.'

## State govt rundown

State politics is similar to federal in that there are upper and lower houses, or chambers (except in QLD, where there is only a lower house). The support of both chambers is needed to make legislation, or laws.

The lower house, or the Legislative Assembly, is made up of 93 politicians from electoral seats throughout the state.

They serve four-year terms. In the local Ballina electorate, which roughly covers both Byron and Ballina council areas, newly elected Tamara Smith (Greens) has replaced retiring Don Page (Nationals).

The upper house, or the Legislative Council, is made up of 42 senators who represent the entire state. As such, they live in any part of the state. They serve eight-year terms; half of the members are elected every four years.

Local senators include former mayor Jan Barham (Greens), Catherine Cusack (Liberal) and the newly relocated Ben Franklin (Nationals).

## Paper plane passion



Following from their successful movie, *Paper Pilots*, Dylan Parker and James Norton brought aeroautical origami to Main Arm School last Thursday. A low-tech lesson in aerodynamics had the kids champing at the bit to see their gliding creations defy gravity. Photo Jeff 'Quite Plane' Dawson

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## Byron cyclist killed

A Suffolk Park physiotherapist and competition cyclist has been killed in a freak car accident.

Sixty-eight-year-old Jenny Caldwell was heading to a competition in the Blue Mountains with her husband and they had taken a break at Stockton, north of Newcastle, when the accident occurred.

According to police, Ms Caldwell and her husband were walking along the break wall when a white Hilux utility reversed into her.

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Mullum raises \$20k for Nepal, more gigs planned

While Saturday’s packed Mullum Loves Nepal benefit concert saw a very generous \$20,000 raised, further concerts are being planned for Byron, Bangalow and Federal.

Byron Bay June 6

In Byron, a Nepalese fundraiser will be held June 6 at the Byron Theatre.

Called the Byron To Nepal Benefit, it will be supported by the Byron Community Primary School (BCPS), the Byron Community Centre and local and international artists. Filmmakers Wendy Champagne and Salila O’Connor are co-organising, and they say so far the line up includes the Gyuto Monks, Gyan, Scott Owen, Alice Night and the BCPS drummers.

Wendy says, ‘Fabulous gifts and artworks will be auctioned which have been donated by Byron’s wonderful local businesses. It’s aimed as a shire-wide event to raise over \$15,000 to be directed towards two specific relief efforts.’

‘A portion of the proceeds will be distributed by the



Half of Mullum turned out to support Nepal and turned over around \$20,00 in exchange for a fabulous night’s entertainment and prizes. Wolfmother’s Andrew Stockdale was one of the many artists to perform. An online photo gallery is at <http://bit.ly/1FljVox>. Photo Jeff Dawson

Gyuto Monks in Kathmandu to the Tibetan community in exile, as they receive no help from the Nepali government due to their “non-legal” status.’ Wendy added that a follow up event benefit will be held June 27 at The Byron Brewery, featuring headline act Kate Ceberano.

Federal May 23

On Saturday May 23 at the Federal Hall from 1pm, a special concert will be held to

raise funds for the earthquake victims of Nepal. Called For Nepal With Love, it will feature acclaimed musician Tenzin Choegyal, a regular performer at the Woodford Folk Festival. Additionally Dheeraj Shrestha will perform. As an internationally acclaimed tabla percussionist, he is recognised as the foremost Nepalese-born tabla percussionist in Australia. Curries, cakes and tea will be available and

children are welcome. Volunteers are also needed with raffle prizes, cooking, baking and helping at the event. Contact Magira Holmes [magiraholmes@gmail.com](mailto:magiraholmes@gmail.com) to get involved.

Bangalow June 13

Residents of Bangalow and beyond are being asked to support Langtang Valley Health, an Australian charity based in Nepal since 2012.

The event will be held at Bangalow’s A&I Hall on Saturday June 13 from 6:30pm. Bangalow fitness professional, Lisa Parkes, is organising the fundraising evening of information, traditional Indian and Nepalese food.

‘There will be circus performances, live music, Bollywood dancing, DJs and MC will be Mandy Nolan,’ she says. She added that there will be a live auction and Nepalese nationals will attend the event. Langtang Village is a popular trekking area that was totally wiped out in the recent earthquakes.

Diesel train opposition gains momentum

Margi Dekker

Opposition has grown from Shirley Street residents to now include businesses that may be affected by plans to run an antiquated diesel-powered railcar between Bayshore Drive and the Byron Bay township by this summer. The newly-formed ‘Shirley Street Collective’ includes affected landowners, residents and businesses along Byron’s renowned ‘Accommodation Strip’, whose properties/premises back directly on to or are near the long-defunct track. The group claims the World War II era diesel locomotive, now in its final stages of restoration by new resort group Elements Byron Bay, is not ‘light rail’ and is not

in keeping with Byron Bay’s ‘environmentally-progressive’ reputation or direction.’ The group’s key concerns centre around safety and environmental impacts, noise and privacy invasions, diminished amenity for existing accommodation providers, proposed increase of service from when the railway was last in use, lack of engagement and meaningful discussion with impacted stakeholders and fairness and precedent. Public submissions closed May 19 for a development application (DA) that would see platforms and a shed at the Bayshore Drive and Byron Town terminals. The Shirley Street Collective further believes Byron Shire Council should not be

seen to be supporting the ‘use of public infrastructure by a sole private operator for individual, commercial gain’ without proven/tested public benefits. They say tourism is a large part of Byron Bay economy and welcome and support the Elements Of Byron development, but not at the expense of other operators. **Solar conversion** Meanwhile, development director at North Byron Beach Resort, Jeremy Holmes, told *The Echo*, ‘While getting the rail motor restored and on the track is our first priority, we have also been looking at solar conversion since day one. ‘Along with our railway engineers in Lithgow we

have been in discussion with multiple solar technology companies with the intent to one day convert our train to solar power. The outcome of our initial investigations was that this is possible and with the advancement in battery and solar panel technology it’s becoming more realistic. ‘We will continue to develop this concept, but our first priority is to get the train service on the line.’

Renewable energy deal will cost jobs

Darren Coyne

Federal Labor has come under attack for stitching up a deal with the coalition government to reduce the Renewable Energy Target (RET) from 41,000 to 33,000 gigawatt hours per annum by 2020. The Greens say the deal will mean fewer jobs and less clean energy on the north coast, which continues to set the standard in the uptake of renewable energy. North Coast news daily: [www.echonetdaily.net.au](http://www.echonetdaily.net.au)

And the North Coast Environment Council Inc and North East Forest Alliance have jointly condemned the failure to exclude native forests from being fed into power stations. Greens spokesperson, Dawn Walker accused Labor of ‘caving in’ to both Tony Abbott and the fossil fuel industry. She says the deal means more coal, more pollution and less investment in clean energy.

‘The north coast region continues to set the standard in renewable energy with some of the highest up-take rates for solar power in NSW. **Solar projects** ‘Several large scale solar projects are in the pipeline, like the 99kW Lismore Community Solar Farm to be constructed at Goonellabah Sports & Aquatic Centre and East Lismore Sewage Treatment Plant,’ Ms Walker said.

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## Who wants change? It's happening May 27

Phillip Frazer

Almost every person in the Byron Shire unwittingly owns part of Australia's fossil fuel infrastructure. And while it's an uncomfortable truth, change is possible.

That's the message from young and dynamic entrepreneur Simon Sheikh, who'll be joining fellow climate change campaigner and national Earth Hour manager Anna Rose, at the Byron Community Centre on Wednesday May 27 from 6.30pm.

Simon was national director of Australia's activist-online headquarters GetUp!

He was also within a few votes of being elected as a federal Greens senator at the last election, and is now the founder of Future Super, Australia's first fossil-fuel-free ethical superannuation fund, which has attracted almost \$50 million from more than 2,000 customers.

Anna Rose founded the Australian Youth Climate Coalition (AYCC) and toured the world with climate sceptic and former finance minister Nick Minchin, to educate him on the science of climate change.

The trip spawned an ABC



Future Super founder and former GetUp! director, Simon Sheikh, with Australian Youth Climate Coalition founder Anna Rose. Both will present Making Social Change Happen at the Byron Community Centre on Wednesday May 27 from 7pm. Photo supplied

documentary called *I Can Change Your Mind on Climate Change*.

Anna and Simon are an extraordinary couple (yes they're married), and are a brilliant team at Making Social Change Happen.

Simon says he'll be proposing a campaign for Byron residents to collectively divest themselves from fossil fuels and businesses that support them.

He promises to explain exactly how Byron Shire residents can circumvent sceptical politicians and take action into their own hands.

Simon will also report on

how the movement of global citizens divesting from fossil fuels has become the fastest growing social movement in the world. He says, 'Around half of the superannuation savings of Byron's residents are likely to be invested in high carbon assets.'

'Aligning our money with our values is a powerful way to fight the fossil fuel industry.'

'The big four banks have lent more than \$20 billion to the fossil fuel industry.'

'But for many of us, our monthly mortgage and our retirement savings are building the very future that we're fighting against.'

Wednesday's forum will discuss new and emerging techniques that activists are using in the fight for a clean energy future, so bring your tabs 'n' pads and your friends!

It will be hosted by the new Mullum-based Ngara Institute, which is a group of local activists working towards creating a progressive and alternative think tank.

Tickets are available at [www.byroncentre.com.au](http://www.byroncentre.com.au) or by phoning 6685 6807 for bookings.

## Community grants on offer

Community groups are once again urged to apply for the Splendour In The Grass Community Grants Fund.

To date, Splendour says it has distributed \$375,000 throughout its 14-year history. Organisations within the

Byron Shire Community that are in need of a monetary helping hand can email [community@splendourinthegrass.com](mailto:community@splendourinthegrass.com) to receive a copy of the application form.

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## Monthly political mud wrestling returns

Hans Lovejoy

Will this Thursday's meeting be a fight or a fizzer?

In the past, councillors have met, discussed, voted, then had lunch. They have asked questions of staff and had the odd squabble.

So given past experience, this week could be a mud fight.

Stakes are high – ratepayer money and extensive staff resources will either destroy the natural environment or save the homes of few Belongil beach residents, or both.

No fewer than four related items on this topic are up for discussion, which indicates what a drain this project is.

Or perhaps it's just really, really important to get done ASAP before anyone realises what happened.

It's the stuff that makes a great news copy but disastrous reality: secret governance, overblown budgets and complicated and very questionable planning directives from majority councillors Ibrahim, Wanchap, Hunter, Cubis and Woods.

For convenience sake, let's call them the Adhoc Five.

In the other corner are crs Dey, Richardson, Spooner and Cameron. They could be the Sausage Factory Four, given their commitment to the slow grind of transparent and best practice governance.

How terribly dull.

One peculiar item up for voting is rezoning Council-managed Belongil Beach frontage land that appears to have a private home on it. Want to know why the Adhoc Five councillors are possibly keen on, 'regularising the existing building encroachment'? Sorry you can't, because it's all contained in a confidential attachment.

Moving on, a motion by Crs Woods, Cubis and Wanchap seeks support to rescind



Would a live-streamed mud pit arena in the chambers diffuse some of the angst and boost Council's coffers through ratings? A TV reality show could even pit the Adhoc Five councillors against the Sausage Factory Four.

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part of a previous resolution, which was for Council to establish 'a community advisory/reference panel to provide ongoing feedback during the preparation of the coast zone management program (CZMP) containing key stakeholders and councillors.'

As previously reported, this panel idea appeared a vain attempt to claim that the community will have input with the CZMP formulation.

This motion would kill off the idea of public transparency completely, except for public exhibition.

### Confidential

Similarly, a confidential session looks set to be called over where staff are up to in its 'Proposed Belongil Interim Beach Access Stabilisation Works' on Manfred Street, Belongil.

The Adhoc Five councillors committed \$907,000 of ratepayer funding for the project last year and quotations have been sought from contractors Water Research Laboratory (WRL). An unclear amount of this money was raided from shire-wide Open Space and Recreation funding; however, ratepayers have been promised an additional \$300,000 will come from landowners. Yippee.

What's yet to be explained is why the project is inexplicably being pushed ahead of a CZMP that would address all of the Shire's coastline.

You know, responsible and open governance and stuff.

### Roundhouse saga

Reclassifying perhaps the best patch of dirt in Ocean Shores with 360-degree views – The Roundhouse site – will be again voted on.

Fast rewind to recent history: ever since residents kicked up a fuss over plans to flog it to pay for Council's debt and possible new infrastructure, the land has remained partially developed owing to a legal challenge.

A business model by the Ocean Shores Community Association (OSCA) for a community centre/museum/cafe was rejected by a majority of councillors.

After rezoning plans were put on public exhibition and submissions were tabled, Council noted six favourable and 155 pro-forma objections.

While staff replies to each submission make riveting reading in this week's agenda attachments, the result of a recent public hearing was also reported by Urbanesque Planning consultants.

It concluded, 'The majority of submissions did not support the proposed reclassification and request Council to retain the land for community purposes.'

And if you found that on the agenda attachments, congratulations. You made it to the end of its 265 pages.

### Market policy

Other items worth being aware of include the Draft Sustainable Community Market Policy.

Councillor Paul Spooner, who also manages the Byron Community Centre, is generally pleased with the outcome and says it's workable.

'This draft allows licenses across all types of markets and the sets criteria,' he told *The Echo*. 'We haven't had certainty for years, and the licenses were always being extended.'

He says the draft is a result of a thorough process, which included a reference group of market managers, stall holders and council.

### West Byron DCP

Oh, and a West Byron Draft Development Control Plan (DCP) update report will be tabled.

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The documents on exhibition outline the 2015/16:

- budget estimates
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Dear Mr Turnbull,



Malcolm. Maaaaaaatttttee.

What's the go? Your ABC Q&A performances bedazzle and enthrall the lefties. It's been called the longest job application in history and you are clearly the best person to lead something.

But then you go and appear on the Andrew Bolt/Kerry Stokes TV show last week and suggest the ABC journo ladies should be less aggressive to fragile politicians.

Back down, you say, and be more ladylike.

And sure, you have to pander to your audience. With A Bolt, it's a rabid mob of climate change deniers who also believe, presumably, that women should behave like it's the 1950s.

It's an ideology that includes not challenging authority.

But isn't this just a matter of 'toughen up, Princess?' Sloppy Joe Hockey didn't like the heat from Fairfax and took legal action. Defamation is a common reaction from the politically weak.

Anyway, it would be great to know who the real Malcolm is.

Is Malcolm the authoritarian or the lefty charmer? Or is it all just a series of masks to suit the occasion?

Hans Lovejoy, editor

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Tony channels Yabba to gee up the punters

Many years ago there was a cricket fan in Sydney or thereabouts who was known as Yabba.

Yabba was permanently ensconced on what was then the Paddington Hill at the Sydney Cricket Ground, and possessed of a foghorn voice, whose invariable exhortation was 'Ave a go ya mug!'

Tony Abbott is far too young to remember Yabba, but has apparently chosen to channel him as his chosen conduit for the 2015 budget. Of course, he would never call a voter a mug - at least not in public. But the barracking is at least as persistent, and, it must be said, very possibly be just as futile.

As the batsmen stoically ignored Yabba, it may well be that the punters fail equally to respond to the somewhat desperate prime minister. Certainly the stock market has bounce, in the expectation that small business voters will stock up on the tax-free gadgets on offer; after all, the family can always use a new laptop.

It may well be a bonanza for the tax-shifting multinational floggers of Chinese-made goodies.

But to suggest that this will somehow translate to a demand for new jobs and investment is quite a stretch. \$20,000 a pop is certainly welcome, but even for the smallest of small business is hardly serious money.

And the same applies to the tax cuts; well worth trousering, but not enough incentive to turn around a sluggish and reluctant economy.

But then, they are not intended to. The aim of the budget is not to make changes, but to produce enough of a warm and fuzzy feeling in the opinion polls so that the beleaguered government can catch its electoral breath. Real reform, any serious kind of budget repair, is out of the question: too hard and too risky. And in fact, all the necessary tools have already been ruled out.

There is to be no damage done to the family household budget, which means no broad-ranging changes to welfare, health or education - the big-ticket items. True, there is a bit of trimming at the top of the pension entitlements of the very rich, and some very vague commitments to cuts in the overall health budget some-

Or, for that matter, the recent past: he also said that Joe Hockey and Scott Morrison had never referred to fraud and rort around what he, and they, called the double-dipping of parental leave entitlements, which embarrassingly included two of his own ministers.

Tony Abbott falls back on denial as his default option. He tried to retrieve the situation, or at least some of it, by drawing a distinction between the private and public sectors - it was only the shiny bums of Canberra who were really double-dipping. Presumably they can be bashed

actly a prospect to fire the imagination of the millions.

The best that can be said for what is a pretty vacuous budget is that it may at least give a general boost to confidence, which is very badly needed - but when the applause subsides, what comes next?

Tony's tradies and the like may whip out their credit cards as soon as possible - that is the idea - and will then, presumably, put them firmly away for the next couple of years.

And the general malaise will then return, just in time for the next budget, which is why the next budget probably won't happen: there is no money left.

Whatever the rose-coloured predictions for the good times ahead, they certainly won't happen before the next election, in fact things will probably get worse, and another spendathon would simply not be credible.

So the likelihood - perhaps even an inevitability - is for Abbott to go to the polls early, at least as soon as next year, and hope like hell the post-budget boost holds up till then. The excuse may be more senate resistance over the welfare cuts, giving him a reason to reprise the promises of parental leave and child care. It might work, but it might not; he would need a lot of luck, not to mention rather more good management than his gaffe-prone government would so far suggest is likely.

But in the end, it is hard to see an alternative.

There is nothing much left to do but follow Yabba's advice: Ave a go ya mug!

But please, this time, even if you are planning to take the voters for mugs, try not to call them mugs. At least not until the election is won and lost - then, of course, all bets are off.

Real reform, any serious kind of budget repair, is out of the question: too hard and too risky.

by Mungo MacCallum



time in the future, but nothing to scare the horses.

And as for any attacks on the lurks and perks of the super-rich - family trusts, negative gearing and superannuation concessions - they remain untouched and untouchable. There is an idea to try to do something about some of the legalised tax evasion practised by some of the multinationals, but in the absence of even the most hypothetical figures, it is little more than wishful thinking.

In the end the budget is mainly white noise - no budget reform and certainly no vision. It is just another big-spending, big-taxing manifesto of the kind one would expect of a pre-election platform. Abbott, of course, indignantly rejects this, in spite of the fact that the numbers in his own budget statements confirm it: he simply refuses to accept either the present or the future.

with impunity. The problem there is that public servants also include nurses, police, firemen and other frontline workers as well as pen-pushers, so it didn't help much.

And of course the parental leave scheme depends on budget cuts to other welfare measures previously marked for savings to the budget, which are vigorously opposed by a majority of senators, so they could well not happen at all.

And the much-trumpeted childcare handouts (workforce participation, not welfare) are not even due to cut in for another two years, so not a lot of the immediate gratification the voters crave there.

Which leaves us with the perennial promise to develop the north - if only someone can tell us how.

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# Pros and cons of Elements train

■ As a resident of Sunrise estate and a property owner who sits opposite the rail line, I'm deeply concerned about the antiquated and toxic diesel engines that Elements of Byron proposes to run past our street. Is our council really espousing zero emissions, yet endorsing this toxic technology? I believe Elements of Byron is labelling itself as an ecologically sustainable and environmentally friendly development and yet the train technology they are endeavouring to run on our rails is an emitter of known carcinogens. Diesel particulates are highly toxic, and a 2014 EPA report from the Hunter region showed diesel particulates to be a major factor in the region's current health concerns.

Noise and light pollution will also be serious issues. The 'suburban whistle' used at the Kendall Street level crossing at Belongil every 15 minutes will need to be loud enough to warn approaching cars. The light for the night trips

up until 10pm will also be an invasive issue for many houses that line the railway.

As an affected resident I have not been asked for my feedback on the issue. The current DA with Council does not include train usage; that lies with State Rail. I hope that Elements of Byron and the council will take the concerns of the many affected locals seriously.

**Fiona Chapman**  
Sunrise Beach

■ Yes, there is support for this rail service concept from Elements of Byron and Belongil. How long have you been held up along Ewingsdale Road trying to get to town?

If you could leave your car at home and hop on the train at the resort wouldn't that be better than being stuck in the traffic jam?

As far as public consultation goes, we have been fully informed of what the resort is doing concerning the train.

The other benefit from this

concept is anyone can park and ride Tim's Magic Bus or take the train from Sunrise to town and back. Isn't that a great idea?

**Paul Brecht**  
Mullumbimby

■ The 'proposed' (pretty much fait accompli) 'light rail' (stinky old diesel) shuttle service to carry passengers between Elements eco-resort and Lawson Street will include a long and loud horn sounding at the uncontrolled Border Street level crossing four times every hour between 8am and 10pm. It will leave a fog of diesel exhaust fumes, heavy in toxins and carcinogens, sitting in the well of the rail corridor, and renew it every 15 minutes.

It will not make any significant improvement to the Ewingsdale Road traffic problem, since a very small proportion of that traffic comes from Sunrise.

Does Council really care so little? They have the power to veto this stupidity by simply

not granting the DA seeking permission to build the infrastructure. Please encourage them enthusiastically!

**Steve Russell**  
Byron Bay

■ I offer my wholehearted support for the Elements of Byron railway proposal. A lot of people have been campaigning for a long time to bring back the trains and here we have a company that is doing just that.

I am amazed that some people have the negativity to oppose such an idea. Are these the same folk who complain long and loud about no trains and too much traffic? I expect so.

Elements of Byron is hoping for members of the public to utilise this facility and this will take traffic off the roads. From my understanding, it will be low speed, low noise and low impact, so what's the problem? Get over it.

**Brian Warrick**  
Bangalow

## Lost dog

I am writing to let others know how easy it is to lose a treasured pet. A few days ago I was walking with my son's dog down Middle Pocket Road when the dog spied a rabbit and chased after it. The rabbit took off along the fenceline for about 50m and disappeared down a pothole in the middle of the road with my son's dog in hot pursuit.

By the time that I got to the edge of the pothole I could hear the dog barking, but it was out of sight. I called to the dog but got no response; the barking, however, was getting fainter.

I decided to throw a few stones into the pothole to test its depth. I could hear the stones bounce off the sides for a while but did not hear them hit the bottom. I

thought about getting a ladder to try to reach the bottom but quickly realised that this would have been a futile exercise.

While standing forlornly there at the edge of the pothole, I could hear the faint sound of cattle mooing and horses neighing. I immediately felt sorry for the owners of these animals, who will probably never know what

happened to their livestock.

The clear message to anyone out walking with a pet is to keep them firmly restrained when walking near a Byron Shire pothole. I know that many people who read this will find this story hard to believe, because there are so few rabbits around now.

**Ray Linabury**  
Middle Pocket

## Flying foxes

Flying foxes are choosing to live in the riverside urban environments rather than

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unpopulated areas in small country towns up and down the east coast. To help address this the NSW government has released a new flying fox colony management policy.

A colony of 300 flying foxes arrived in Mullum in 2010 and now numbers well over 5,000 and growing. Mullumbimby families are living with months on end of broken sleep and noise levels day and night that are measuring at 75 Db. To put this into perspective, BluesFest can make noise of 50 Db.

Add to this a smell amplified by weeks of summer heat, rain and humidity. It is tortuous to be close neighbours with our pollinating friends. As the colony expands through our town more and more people will be affected.

Flying foxes are incredibly important to our ecosystem. They pollinate more trees than bees do. We need them. We need to look after them.

Mullumbimby Bat Action Group is asking for vegetation management to create a buffer zone for residents and build up designated sites or site to attract the flying foxes away from homes. This would be a long-term commitment of considered appropriate

## Holiday letting accountability

I see that the Holiday Letting Organisation now all but agrees with what I've been saying for years – that holiday letting is illegal.

The organisation's front man John Gudgeon does not now actually admit that it is illegal, but says the next best thing – that Council's approach is 'fundamentally flawed' because any consent issued by Council would not be legally binding.

The reason why any precinct plan or individual arrangements with holiday letters would not be legally binding is that holiday letting is 'prohibited', and you can't enter into binding contracts to do something that's prohibited. How many times have I said as much over the years?

I'm happy to argue with anyone who disagrees with

me, but typically what happens is that your elected blanks go into denial mode, refuse to resolve the basic issue in their tiny minds and proceed instead to throw yet more ratepayers' funds at some purported solution that involves 'regulation' but which is doomed to failure. We went through precisely this same futile exercise six or seven years ago but councillors refuse to learn from history.

For amusement I may file a couple of code of conduct complaints against the GM and the mayor for wasting Council resources and against the GM in particular for failing to give the councillors sufficient information to properly exercise their function. The amusement would come from watching the way they expend

further ratepayers' resources on squirming out of responsibility and fudging the code of conduct investigation process. Been there, done that.

I'd also be amused to know whether John Gudgeon gets paid by HLO and how much, whether HLO directly lobbies Council staff and/or the state government, what paid-up members get for their outlay, whether HLO purports to cover the legal costs of anyone in a residential zone in the (hell-will-freeze-over) event that they are charged with holiday letting, whether HLO makes political donations, whether members are given annual accounts, etc.

So Mr Gudgeon, do you favour accountability and transparency?

**Fast Bucks**  
Coorabell

plantings along the river to provide peace for the residents and habitat build-up for the bats.

For those with the 'bats were here first' attitude this issue needs a far more intelligent discussion. This is not about bats versus humans. It is about a harmonious outcome for both.

**Lisa Sandstrom**  
Mullumbimby

### Free WiFi in Mullum

For those eagerly following the Mullum WiFi conversation, you'll be pleased or displeased to know Telstra has installed at least two free WiFi access points in Mullumbimby. They are integrated into the phone boxes on Burringbar and Stuart Streets.

This means that anyone sitting within these zones need only join the Free\_Telstra\_WiFi network, agree to Telstra's terms and conditions, and you're off surfing (starting with Telstra's portal webpage). It should be noted that this is purely a Telstra initiative and has no association with previous efforts to provide a free WiFi service for Mullumbimby.

The difference is that Telstra owns the portal and will have the opportunity to offer advertising and services to our community instead of it being a local enterprise.

**Obi McDonald-Saint**  
Mullumbimby

### Ocean Shores update

It was great to see the Ocean Shores Community Centre doors finally flung open for all the community last Saturday in a burst of renewed vi-

talinity. This good hall has been too locked up and underused for years. Thank you to the organisers!

The survey of what residents want at Waterlily Park in Ocean Shores is encouraging. It's great to be asked. Waterlily Park can be a hub of healthy activity, natural beauty, peaceful walks and picnics. We need many of these places for a healthy, happy community.

We also still need the Roundhouse hilltop, a magnificent gathering place and local cultural centre. Let this latest flurry of Council attention to the north not distract us from the jewel in the crown, which once sold will be lost forever.

Next Thursday May 21 the Roundhouse issue will again be brought before Council. All those keeping the vision for community ownership are encouraged to contact councillors prior, and turn up at Council Chambers to keep what is rightfully ours.

**Ri Fraser**  
Ocean Shores

### That triathlon

Why are these blow-in lycra-clad road warriors more important than the local rate-paying residents? My wife and I, with over \$160 worth of groceries, some needing refrigeration, and dog getting hotter and more distressed in the car, were told we cannot use Bangalow Road (which is the street we reside in) for two hours.

No cyclists were actually on the road and they were still setting the witches hats up. The traffic directors were all

very arrogant and unhelpful. I called Byron police when I got home to be informed we should have been offered a police escort.

Where was the letter to the residents prior to this event informing us of the chaos that would happen? Council seems happy to collect my rates, but it seems these blow-ins are more important. We spoke to several other frustrated local people.

**Fred Forsyth**  
Suffolk Park

■ I would like to quickly express our gratitude for being able to take part in the Byron Bay Tri. Overall there were eight competitors in our group but this group was supported by wives, kids, grandparents and friends that totalled 35 people who visited and stayed in town for four nights or more.

We dined in restaurants and cafes, we purchased way too many retail items, and stayed in four different accommodation spots along the beach, so hopefully our financial support shows you how much we appreciate racing in such a beautiful and unique place.

There is immediate talk to extend our group next year. With two wives already pregnant, there will be at least two more people coming along.

**Cameron McAusland**  
Randwick, Sydney

■ As a local resident and competitor in this year's Byron Bay Triathlon I want to thank the organisers, the numerous volunteers, the approving authorities and the

## Community Meeting

3 June 2015 at 5.30pm

Byron Shire residents are invited to an update on construction and services planning for the new Byron Central Hospital, due to open early in 2016.

Experts will discuss architectural plans, building construction and timetables, sustainability (environmental measures), road access and onsite parking, clinical services, including mental health, and relocation from the Shire's two current hospitals.

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**When:** 3 June 2015 - 5.30pm  
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people of Byron who supported the event. I believe having a triathlon in town inspires so many people, young and old, to lead a healthier, more active life. Long may the event and the support for it continue.

Jason Trisley  
Byron Bay

## Moral terrain

The drugs industry is a market-driven economy, as is the refugee transportation system. To point to the 'people smuggler' or the 'pusher' as the problem is either cynical obfuscation or gross ignorance.

These people operate in the same moral terrain as many of our own and international tax-avoiding conglomerates.

Jim Nutter  
Main Arm

## Gaza dreaming

Smith and his propaganda has reached the level of fantasyland (Letters, May 13). There is no 'occupation' of Gaza by Israel. In fact the occupiers are the the Iran-backed Hamas. Israel left Gaza years ago, leaving behind billions of dollars in infrastructure.

Associating the Israelis with the Nazis by using terms like 'blitzkrieg' has become

## Online comment of the week

**Our recent success was founded on the failure of the minister and Newcastle City Council to fulfill their public law obligations... I have been contacted by groups from Wollongong, Parramatta and Raymond Terrace who are all having the same fight. I think it important for all these groups and the many more to find ways to unite, so that the incompetent (to put it kindly) behaviour of these officials is exposed, but above all, to make the selling off of public land electoral poison. [We] would like to wish the Brunswick Heads Foreshore Protection Group the strength and endurance and local support to do the job.**

■ Comment by Kim Ostinga in response to the *Echo* netdaily story 'Court win throws Brunswick Heads park plan into doubt' – [www.echo.net.au/court-win-throws-brunswick-heads-park-plan-into-doubt](http://www.echo.net.au/court-win-throws-brunswick-heads-park-plan-into-doubt)

one of the de rigueur clichés now used by the supporters of anti-Israel terrorists in the Middle East and illustrates the low levels some people stoop to to make a point.

Smith fails to mention the over 4,500 Hamas rockets fired at Israel between January and August last year. A nation is supposed to just sit back and take that I suppose, according to Smith.

As for the report Smith

cites, in a story in the German *Algemeiner* newspaper IDF soldiers call the *Breaking the Silence* accounts 'total lies' as outlined here: <http://bit.ly/BTSgaza>. Additionally Smith never ever mentions Arab Muslims murdering Arab Muslims in Iraq and Syria.

Smith seems to accept everything the Arab-dominated, anti-Israeli UN now spouts while actually never fact-checking. Those who know

the truth about the Arab-Israeli conflict know that many of Smith's assertions are fairy tales. As for the number of rockets found in UN compounds and schools, under the rules of war this is a war crime and Ban Ki-Moon needs to start doing his job.

M Mizzi  
Byron Bay

## Naked empire

When the little boy points out that the emperor has no clothes, we can be sure the respectable burghers who have built their lives around those lies will be outraged.

It's always hard to accept we've been hoodwinked. Paul Smith is absolutely right when he says the Anzacs believed they were fighting for freedom and civilisation (Letters, May 13). Of course they did and so did we in Vietnam. The vast majority of our armed forces have always operated in good faith.

The simple truth is that that faith was misguided and thoroughly abused. We've been lied to.

All wars are started for the benefit and profit of the one per cent, then we get an invitation and are the ones put in harm's way. All wars, including the 50-year war on drugs

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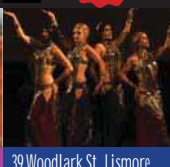
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which just cost the lives of two more young men. They, literally, feed on our young to fill their pockets. And the emperor really is naked.

**Robin Harrison**  
Binna Burra

### Stunning altruism

In an unprecedented burst of altruism, a few Belongil land-owners have created the solution to all the problems facing Byron Bay. Drownings will be prevented. By converting Cosy Corner into an industrial sand pumping station and Tallow into an eroded tangle, ignorant tourists will no longer be attracted to the lethal rips that at present carry the sand around Cape Byron.

The muddied water downstream of this project will repel the deadly sharks that presently infest the Bay, saving more lives. The Ewingsdale Road traffic problem will vanish.

The sand that now flows around the Cape from Tallow to Belongil will instead bypass Watego's, The Pass, Clarkes, and Main beaches, which will become rocky and eroded shorelines. Surfers and tourists will no longer be attracted to the Bay.

Commuter traffic will drop as shops close. The holiday-let problem will go away for lack of lessees. The West Byron development will no longer sell only to the wealthy, who will prefer Lennox or the Gold Coast where the beaches are sandy and the water clear.

Sealing the Belongil beaches with pumped sediment will kill pipis and other beach life, and endangered species will move on. Reserve lands north of Belongil can then be re-

# Blast from the past



Here's the crew who negotiated with Australia Post to obtain the old Mullumbimby post office in Dalley Street and then moved it in 1984 to the southern end of Stuart Street to become the Mullumbimby Museum. Front centre is the late Maurie Summers, the man who spearheaded the campaign and after whom the museum park is named. This image is by longtime Mullum photographer John McCormick, whose work is now being uploaded by his son Hamish to the Facebook page John W McCormick Photographer. Anyone who wants to download images from the page can also help John update his equipment by donating at <http://bit.ly/johncam>. Other locals are invited to submit good historical photos for consideration – as long as they don't breach other news media's or photographer's copyright. They can be emailed to [editor@echo.net.au](mailto:editor@echo.net.au) with 'Blast from the past' in the subject window and a brief description of what's happening in the photo.

leased for development.

Powering the pumping station to do what nature now does free will give a huge contract to the local solar energy dealers, since it must be carbon neutral. Job security will improve, because if the pumps stop Belongil will erode for lack of sand. Bring on the pumps!

**Charles Sawyer**  
Byron Bay

### Horizon blotting

Byron Bay's best park now has a screen across its view of the bay. How did the aesthetics police get this so wrong?

First it was the three-door TARDIS toilet that thrusts bursting punters into the floodlights as they await their time-dimensional experience in front of all others to be amused. Now it's this horizon blot, in the guise of a barbecue shelter.

These latest additions to our prized locations are surely on many people's hit list for demolition or relocation. The only winners are possibly the real estate agents, as locals give up, sell up and leave. Very sad.

**Tim Shanasy**  
Byron Bay

### Go vegan

Although the paleo diet has some sensible components – it calls for lots of vegetables, forbids dairy products, and

limits sugar and processed foods – it also includes a lot of cholesterol-laden meat, fish, and eggs. It's not a healthy choice for people who want sexy abs and strong hearts. In fact, if you eat too many animal-based foods, you're bound to wind up with a body like Fred Flintstone.

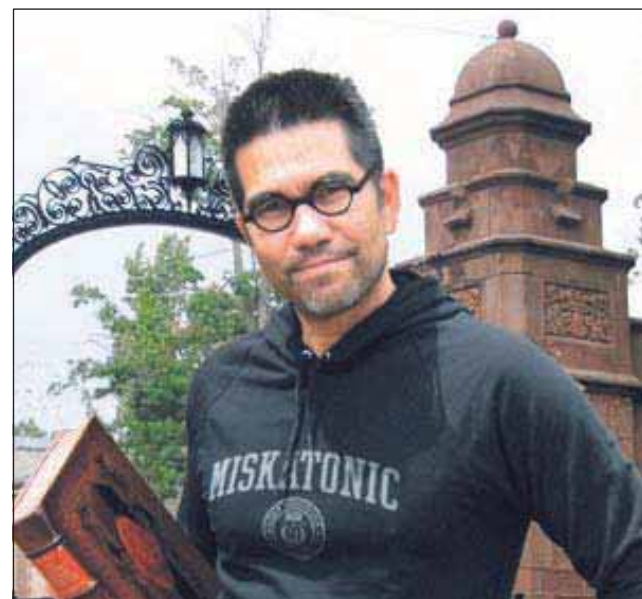
Of course, you likely wouldn't find a bowl of beef stew in Palaeolithic times. People who lived during the Palaeolithic Era probably ate rodents and wild animals, not cows, pigs, chickens, and other animals who were raised in factory farms and killed in slaughterhouses.

Our current meat production practices are animals, the

environment, and our health. Studies show that meat-eaters are prone to be obese and suffer from heart disease, diabetes, and cancer.

Vegan meals, on the other hand, are loaded with heart-healthy fibre and contain no artery-clogging animal fat and cholesterol, so they're a great choice for anyone looking to slim down. And it's much easier and more beneficial to go vegan than to follow a prehistoric diet plan. Go to [PETA.org.au](http://PETA.org.au) for more information and to order your free vegan starter kit.

**Desmond Bellamy**  
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A thriving digestive system in is the foundation of health, vitality and the essence of feeling good! The For Life Retreats philosophy is to inspire, educate and motivate women to regain and sustain lasting change when it comes to digestive health and prevention of illness. They believe this is possible using food as medicine, addressing bio-individuality, and focusing on movement and holistic wellness techniques and treatments.

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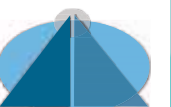
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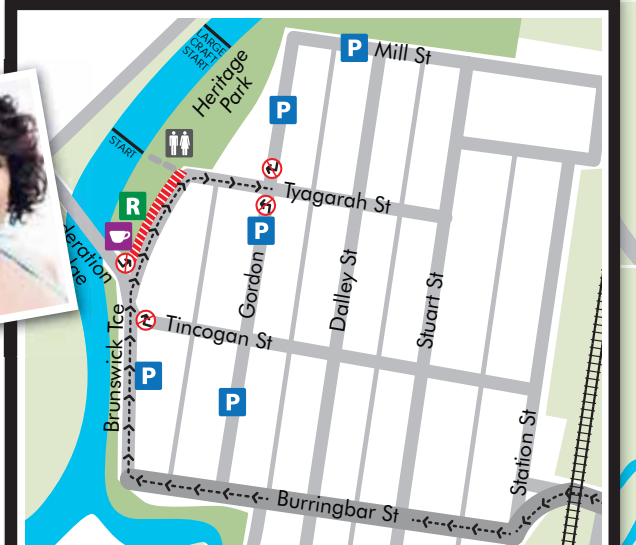
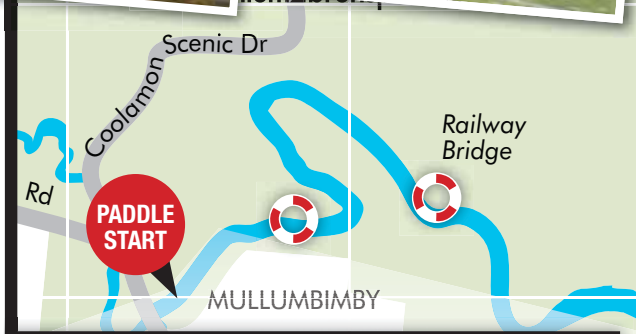
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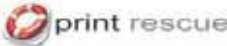
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## How to spice up a chilly Billi night

by Sarah McGrory  
[www.getforkedandfly.com](http://www.getforkedandfly.com)

On a recent autumn night we were looking for a bit of spice.

It was chilly out and a feast of aromatic, slow-cooked Indian food was in order – the perfect panacea to warm the bones.

We decided on Billi Indian restaurant in downtown Billinudgel, having heard about the recent renovations and new menu. Stepping inside, the freshly stoked fireplace along with the smell of fragrant spice blends and gently charred naan quickly thawed the chill and warmed our appetites.

Chef and owner of Billi Indian, Rohit Sherma, is proud of his new additions. The indoor and outdoor dining areas have new furnishings and artwork, plus outdoor heat-

ing and, of course, the delicious indoor fireplace.

The new menu still has its foundations in Rohit's North Indian origins. He migrated to Australia seven years ago to work behind the burners in an Indian restaurant on the Gold Coast. With dreams of opening his own place serving food in an authentic homemade style, Rohit decided there was too much competition north of the border, and purchased the current restaurant in Billinudgel (formerly Billi's Thai).

A must-try on the Billi Indian menu, and a staple of North Indian cuisine, is the bread: roti and naan style served piping hot from the tandoor oven. The tandoor is actually a very healthy way



of cooking and Rohit also uses it to roast meats such as Tandoori Chicken and Sheek Kebabs served with salad and raita.

'Any meat that comes out of the tandoor is 98 per cent fat free,' he proudly claims.

The rest of the menu includes chicken, beef, lamb, prawn, fish and vegetarian curries. Regulars need not worry; favourite dishes such as the Butter Chicken and Paneer Tikka Masala have made the new menu. One new addition is the Chef's Special Goat Curry, with meat pieces on the bone braised in a balanced, spiced tomato sauce. It's rich and unctuous and

perfect for scooping up with bread.

'The Goat Curry is cooked traditionally like I would make at home in India,' says Rohit.

There are plenty of vegetarian and gluten-free options. I can recommend the Palak Paneer with pieces of soft paneer cheese gently nestled in a fragrant spinach puree seasoned with masala homemade with imported Indian spices.

Billi Indian has been in Billinudgel for the past three years. I have to admit that I was ignorant of its existence until I went searching. On the night we were in house, the



restaurant was a bustling local crowd, including popular regulars Peter and Mia from New Brighton.

'We come here every week. The staff are so warm and friendly and the food is delicious,' they said.

Billi Indian is open from 5pm till late six nights a week from Tuesday to Sunday. Res-

ervations are recommended. Rohit serves complimentary pappadums to tables with reservations.

Takeaway orders are welcome with a 10 per cent discount on Tuesday nights. Senior citizens receive a 10 per cent discount every night.

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If you have an active interest in purchasing fine wine, particularly aged reds, you might like to check out d'Arenburg's Cenosilicaphobic Club. The well-known McLaren Vale, South Australia, winery offers discounts on wines purchased online and from the cellar door to its members, provided you make a minimum spend per annum.

To make it easy to spend a lot of money, in the next two weeks the 2011 vintage of its Icons range will go on sale. Check out the Dead Arm Shiraz \$65, or if you're a real connoisseur try the 'single vineyard' McLaren Vale shiraz range at \$99 each.

Luckily d'Arenburg have a great range of more reasonably priced reds to warm up on, all available locally. Brett from The Cellar Byron Bay says the Stump Jump Shiraz at \$12.99 is an easy-drinking entry-level shiraz, with spices and pepper flavours, that's great for a mid-week sip.

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## Kitchen in confidence

Christian Poulsen

In 1991 I was 20 years old, in my third year at The Feathers Hotel, Woodstock, outside Oxford, a year away from venturing to London to do a tour of Michelin-starred restaurants. I was among a brigade of seven serving breakfast, lunch, afternoon tea and dinner in this grand 23-bedroom boutique hotel. We'd take it in turns to do the breakfast shift, starting at 6am. One chef and one waiter would do breakfast. Breakfast orders would come in slowly, with the bulk around the time when the other four chefs arrived at 8am. I started the stoves and casually set up the buffet, then set up my corner of the large 10 by 10 metre kitchen for cooked breakfasts.

About 6.30am it was total darkness outside. Cory, a young chef about my age, turned up in casual clothes. He beckoned me to the back door of the kitchen. 'Can you stash this?' he whispered frantically, thrusting a twisted carrier bag towards me. He ran off before I had time to reply, so I put the carrier bag in the chef's office and continued setting up.

As the morning light brightened over the tiny town and the kitchen was set, curiosity got the better of me and I opened Cory's mystery carrier bag. Inside were half a dozen mobile phones, individually far too expensive for a chef to afford back then, and a large semi-automatic pistol. We were all so tired all the time that nothing fazed us, and in years to come I would become all too familiar with chefs rubbing shoulders with the criminal underworld, working solitary unsociable hours.

I heard my thoughts in the dry monotone typical of my demographic: 'Oh... that's unusual'. He hadn't worked there for very long but clearly he had ambitions in another career. I lifted the gun out of the bag and examined it closely, the waitress Lucy buzzing in and out in the background, waiting for guests to slowly emerge from their slumber.

I read *BERETTA 9.0* down the side with a good understanding of what I was holding. I pressed a button on the handle and the magazine popped out, full of large brass bullets

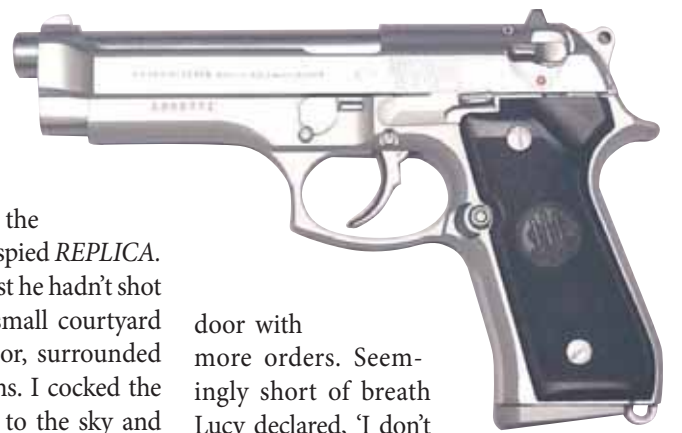
with strange crimped heads.

Slightly confused I looked at the writing on the side again and spied *REPLICA*. Ah, it was full of blanks; at least he hadn't shot anyone. I stepped into the small courtyard outside the kitchen back door, surrounded by cool rooms, sheds and bins. I cocked the pistol, pointed it straight up to the sky and stupidly pulled the trigger.

I think it was the loudest thing I'd ever heard.

I instantly panicked and rushed back into the chef's office. With ringing ears I hurriedly concealed the gun and phones then raced back to my section.

Lucy emerged from the restaurant. 'Did you hear that noise?' she asked. 'What noise?' I replied, unnecessarily beginning to chop some chives. She disappeared back through the door to the restaurant and emerged a few minutes later with two breakfast orders in her hand. 'Cheque on!' she said. I started cooking but a few minutes later she burst through the



door with more orders. Seemingly short of breath Lucy declared, 'I don't know what's going on but everyone's coming in for breakfast at once'.

Breakfast orders were coming in way too fast for 7.30am and things were starting to become overwhelming. Tom Lewis, the portly red-nosed middle-aged hotel manager, emerged in a pinstriped suit. Racing around cooking, I saw him running in and out of the restaurant helping Lucy. He appeared at the pass, frowning, with a bead of sweat on his forehead: 'Did you hear a loud bang this morning?'. I calmly shook my head, turning to lay out another half dozen plates.

Suddenly more staff arrived to help on the floor and before I knew it the head chef, David, turned up. 'What the f\*\*\* is going on?' he asked, throwing on his chef's jacket to help out. Cooking and plating rapidly I replied, 'No idea, Dave, but all the rooms came down together'. As things got even busier the gossip between customers and staff about 'the loud bang' spread right through the hotel. At eight o'clock chefs began to arrive and started preparing for the day.

Cory was among them over in the larder section. As things began to die down a bit I passed him and he grabbed my arm. 'Where'd you stash that bag?' he asked quietly. 'It's in the office under the desk,' I whispered, and continued to the coolroom. Cory appeared at the door: 'Did you look in the bag?' 'No, I was too busy,' I replied, then turned away and continued looking for the turned carrots.

I never told anyone that worked there what I'd done. The moral of the story: don't fire a gun outside a hotel at dawn if you're cooking breakfast.



## Alive Food Byron Bay

Fermented foods (think sauerkraut, yoghurt, sourdough) are full of friendly bacteria and active enzymes that help break down animal proteins and carbohydrates in the gut. Digestive health is an often-overlooked factor in overall health, but using some foods as medicine can cause a significant improvement for those with digestive problems.

Fermented foods can be more effective than probiotic pills, says local fermented-food advocate Anna Surrey. You might have seen her at the local markets, or seen her foods for sale locally – her business is called Alive Food Byron Bay. Annie says many of her customers tend to struggle silently with gut problems, and she's running a 'luxury' retreat over the June long weekend in Byron for women who want to improve their digestion, with a 'belly-friendly' menu.

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■ For more see [www.forliferetreats.com.au](http://www.forliferetreats.com.au).

Anna Surrey: sauerkraut packs a powerful probiotic gut-punch.  
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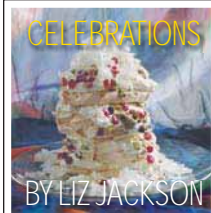


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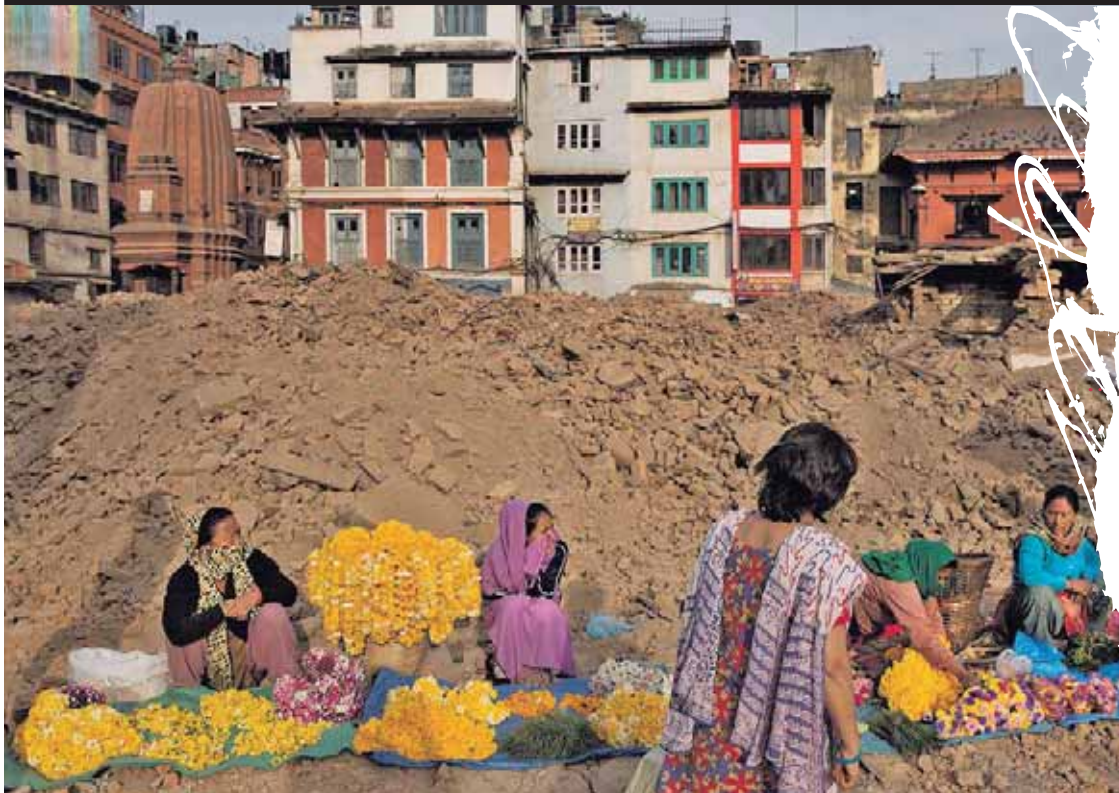
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## THE IRON BIRD FLIES FOR NEPAL

THE BYRON COMMUNITY CONTINUES TO SUPPORT NEPAL FUNDRAISERS TO ATTEMPT TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO REBUILD DEVASTATED LIVES AND COMMUNITIES. WHEN *THE IRON BIRD FLIES* IS A FEATURE-LENGTH DOCUMENTARY EXPLORING THE DYNAMIC POINT OF EXPOSURE BETWEEN TIBETAN BUDDHISM AND CONTEMPORARY WESTERN CULTURE.

The film screening will also feature a Q&A with Jakob Leshcly.

Dominic Russell spoke with *The Echo* about the fundraiser.

### What's your personal connection with Nepal?

I lived in Nepal for a little over three years from 2010 to 2013 and was studying there. So I had time to learn a little of the language and get to know many local people as well as longtime expats etc. As anyone who has visited will attest, it's a hard place not to be moved by!

### Have you spoken to people over there? What are they identifying as being the crucial needs?

Yes I have, I'm involved in a few different groups online of both former expats as well as those on the ground, and I've talked on the phone to a few close friends. As well as the immediate need for food and clean water, temporary accommodation seems to be of critical importance. The monsoon is fast approaching and many people are still sleeping outside for fear of houses collapsing from aftershocks. Especially after Tuesday's second big quake, most of the country is camping out!

### Is the government obstructive to incoming assistance? How are the nuns and monks helping in the recovery process?

Yes, unfortunately it seems they are. The government has a long history of corruption and inefficiency, but somehow it is still surprising that at this most urgent moment they are doing things like redirecting all funds sent to new Nepali accounts through their own banks. I've heard that they have barley mobilised assistance and when they have it has been too little too late! This is why it is so important to know where the money we send goes and to direct it into the hands of those providing immediate and direct help. To that end many of the monasteries that I am familiar with have been praised highly at this time for really putting their compassion into action, sending teams into areas that haven't received any assistance, setting up makeshift clinics and providing food and shelter to those in need.

### Where will the money be going from the fundraiser?

The money we raise will be sent to a group called Karuna-Shechen

(karuna-shechen.org). This is a non-profit humanitarian organisation that works with a network of local partners in the greater Himalayan region to provide education, healthcare, and social services to those in need, and who have established a special earthquake-relief effort. Karuna-Shechen was co-founded by Matthieu Ricard and Rabjam Rinpoche in 2000 and has since then provided education and aid to many thousands of people. The people who run this organisation have worked among very challenging political situations both in Tibet and Nepal and managed with incredible skill to accomplish amazing work. On top of this, a generous benefactor covers all of their operating costs, meaning 100 per cent of donations go directly to their projects! This is so important; so much aid money when channelled through the big NGOs is lost to bureaucracy, inefficiency and greed.

### How will weather affect recovery efforts?

It is already raining there a lot and this will only make things harder! Already many places are inaccessible owing to the huge number of landslides the quake brought on. One example of this is the landslide that buried Langtang village, a town of around 500 people, with around 350 assumed dead! So access is a major concern. On top of this, as I mentioned, most of the country is currently sleeping outside, which means further health concerns are arising.

### How do you think the Nepalese will manage the more long-term recovery?

As a friend said to me on the phone yesterday, the monasteries are doing such incredible work with their projects, but what had really surprised and inspired her was the incredible efforts made by those young Nepalese who are determined to help their villages, friends and families. The Nepalese are a very resilient and strong people, within whom you can get a sense of what is developed by a tradition that has a little more to offer than our bleak culture!

The political nightmare will not go away quickly and it will be a slow recovery, so institutionally speaking it's hard to say. However the people have become accustomed to non-governance, so I think the recovery will really be led by those brave people on the ground involved in

grassroots work. It must be said that among the tragedy there are already inspiring stories coming out of real forward planning and initiatives that might see long-term progress made, we have to hope!

### How can we help Nepal rebuild from over here?

By channelling funds towards those groups who are really making a difference! Unless you have a specialised knowledge of earthquake relief or medical training, this is the best thing to do by all accounts. As part of our fundraising efforts we will be holding a raffle, so local businesses can support us by donating prizes or vouchers towards this. Otherwise if any individuals or businesses want to make direct financial contributions to this cause they can! I would be happy to help put people in contact with any other specific relief efforts. Two other wonderful groups worth mentioning are Shedrub Development Fund and Chokgyur Lingpa Foundation.

### They were talking of opening the Everest Trek again – do you think this is a reasonable or sensible approach?

This is a difficult one! In a country that is so dependent on tourism, it's hard to criticise the motivation behind trying to open up their most lucrative asset as soon as possible. Unfortunately long-term strategic thinking is often a luxury those in dire need don't have. That said, this is a crucial time for deciding how the country will approach the future, and to rush too quickly towards the same old unsafe and unsustainable practices might not be ideal!

### Does Nepal need extra support not just to rebuild but financially for damage to its tourist economy?

I'm sure they will. This is something that will only be known with time, but presumably the tourism trade will be dealt a major blow because of the earthquake. So many of the people in Nepal rely one way or another on tourism and related industries, therefore long-term support and attention towards the country will be vital in ensuring the people have a means to rebuild their lives.

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# THE GENTLE ART OF WAXING LYRICAL...

The other day it occurred to me that I am a hypocrite. About just about everything. I do jokes about never getting brazilians because I don't believe in them. But I probably get two a year. I say that Botox and plastic surgery for superficial reasons is wrong because it vilifies ageing, but I dye my greying hair blond, wear makeup and love the odd spray tan.

I said I'd never shop in Woolies, and now I go there daily. I am anti-CSG yet I bank with CBA and haven't changed accounts because I can't be bothered having to fill out any more forms and I like the staff at my local

branch. I don't believe in using the third world or struggling economies as the factory floor for first-world gain, yet I love my iPhone. I know that the workers in the village where they are assembled have an alarmingly high suicide rate.

All my clothes are probably from China, made by children. I love animals and am completely against cruelty but I love a good steak. I am a fierce environmentalist but half the time I put food scraps in my kitchen bin because I couldn't be bothered washing out the compost bin. I am a feminist who believes that women should

be treated as equals yet when it suits me I expect John to deal with snakes, spiders, cat shit on the carpet, flat tyres, mowing and whippersnapping. Anything with an engine involved I assign to him, not because I can't do it, because I don't have to because he can do it.

I hate the idea of exploitation but don't like the taste of Free Trade coffee. I don't like the idea of using chemicals because they just up the toxin load for the kids, but I've tried vinegar, bi-carb, eucalyptus oil and in the end I decided nothing cleans like bleach. I berate people for not managing their dogs in public but I have rarely picked up my dog's shit. When it became too confrontational in a public setting I realised the solution was not to take my dog to a public setting. I think it's outrageous to park in a disabled car park if you aren't disabled. But I have no issue using their toilets if the regular ones are full.

I am an ethical slut. There is barely an area of my life where my belief system equates with my action in life. I still have the narky left-wing anarchic and at times socialistic

politics of my university years. In fact if anything I've become more radicalised. When I was a poor uni student it was easy to walk my talk because I was broke. I was a vegetarian because all we could afford was potatoes, rice and beans. I walked everywhere until I was 28 because I didn't have a car. I didn't watch TV because I didn't have a TV.

Being on par with your ideals is so much easier when you're broke. It's harder when you're a lazy, fat, brainwashed middle-class consumer addicted to candles and cushions and anything shiny or new. I want to be ethical but I want to go shopping first. And before you start saying 'well you could buy ethical products', they're too expensive. And very often I don't like the look of them. I can't stand hemp. I've been dressed by Vinnies for decades and while I don't mind the odd fossick, these days I like my undies to be first-timers. I love new things that I don't need made in a country that I've never been to by people whom I will never know who live in sad economic desolation and disconnection.

And I know I'm not alone. Greedy consumer sellout whores are everywhere. Some people reconcile the A/B Split (Action/Belief Split) by saying 'I don't care'. Or they start aligning themselves with the kind of values that match their actions. I guess that's how you start voting Liberal. But I do care. I am passionate about the planet, about people, about corporations misusing their power, yet my brainwashing is so thorough that my beliefs in no way impact on my actions.

How does a person start to align themselves with their belief system and not become some sort of tipi-dwelling hemp-g-string-wearing fermentation-obsessed bore? I guess I'll never find out. I'm off to Woolies to buy a waxing kit. Hey, my brazilian's a feminist sellout, but it's organic. Low waxing miles when you do it at home. See, if you are clever enough, you can rationalise anything. Until there's nothing left to rationalise...



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RICH CURTIS AT THE BYRON BREWERY ON SATURDAY, SEA SHEPHERD FUNDRAISER: ELECTRONIC MUSIC FIESTA

## DEEP SOUNDS FOR THE SEA

**Dwellers of the Deep Electronic Music Fiesta** showcases 10 Australian electronic music producers, who are giving their time and talent to throw a party that you'll never forget.

This one-day mini dance festival is a fundraiser for Sea Shepherd and Weasel Warriors, with all proceeds being donated to these two great charities. From 8pm till midnight the main auditorium opens up with its huge sound system for our headline acts: ITSU, who is flying up from Sydney for the event, and Rich Curtis, from Brisbane, along with newbie local electronic duo Spork. **Saturday** at the **Brewery** from 2pm. Tickets \$35 including dinner at Byron Brewery! 18+ event. More info + tickets: [www.facebook.com/lusidloops](http://www.facebook.com/lusidloops).



WES CARR APPEARS IN *HERE COMES THE SUN* – A TRIBUTE TO THE SONGS OF GEORGE HARRISON – AT PIGHOUSE FLICKS AT THE BYRON BREWERY ON THURSDAY

## GEORGE HARRISON BRINGING ON THE SUN

*Here Comes The Sun* showcases much-loved Australian singer/songwriter Wes Carr interpreting George Harrison's songbook – taking on such chart-topping classics as *My Sweet Lord* and *What is Life* and The Beatles' classic *Something*, a song that Frank Sinatra deemed 'the greatest love song ever written'. *Here Comes The Sun* will see Wes share intimate tales and anecdotes from George Harrison himself, not only showcasing the depth of George's music but looking 'within and without' on a spiritual journey, recounting conversations George started many years ago. Storytelling is what Wes does best, and this is a truly unique story, celebrating the essence of an incredible artist from a musician's perspective. Wes Carr will celebrate George Harrison's life and influence through the live show *Here Comes the Sun* with a performance at **Pighouse Flicks** at the Byron Brewery on **Thursday** from 8pm.

## DANCING WITH YOUR LIGHTBODY

The **Fourth Lightbody Community Dance** event is happening on **30 May**. This year's lineup includes DJ Nick Taylor, Slinky, Short Circuit and Asaf and produced by Tone Wonderland

of Crystal Grid Productions. There will be mesmerising installations courtesy of Zakay Glass Creations and Coda, and delicious food and treats by Byron's Open Table Catering. 6pm till midnight. **Durrumbul Hall**. \$25 contribution.



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Mercury's second annual retrograde teams up with retro Saturn for three weeks of all things starting with *re*: reviewing, rethinking, redoing, revising, reconsidering, restructuring, repairing, resting, relaxing...

**♊ ARIES:** Mercury in curious-minded Gemini is the quintessential networker, negotiator, deal-maker and communications expert. But during its retrograde phase misunderstandings can happen, so be mindful that assumption is the mother of frustration. This week's interactions with others could reveal a lot about yourself you might not have been aware of.

**♉ TAURUS:** Taurus sun and new moon align with pleasure-loving Venus for golden moments with your homies during this week's comfortably cruisy pace. As the gardeners of the zodiac, you'll appreciate the current three-week window of opportunity for pulling weeds and pruning any areas of life that are congested.

**♊ GEMINI:** Retro Mercury, Mars and midweek moon in Gemini offer this year's second opportunity for getting your thoughts sorted. Committing only to what's important, saying no to the rest. When late-week sun joins this creative bouillabaisse, link up with like-minded others to discuss new directions. Keep them simple.

**♋ CANCER:** Mercury Rx can be a pleasant time for you homebodies, being all about coming home to ourselves for personal reconditioning and repair, to revise and where necessary redesign the floor plan of our lives. If setbacks arise, reframe them from reversal, retraction or rejection into the divine reset they really are...

**♌ LEO:** Jupiter in your sign wants you enjoying life to its widest possibilities: exotic experiences, romantic adventures, brilliant business moves, the full monty. If that's not currently happening, use this week to find out what's stopping you. Clue? You're a highly creative sign; that's the key to your personal evolution.

**♍ VIRGO:** Present astro-energies suggest slowing down to enjoy this wonderful existence. Advice endorsed by Mercury retrograde's tri-annual reminder to drop non-essential commitments, decelerate and destress. Even consider, as they say today, a vacay. If getting away's out of the question, perhaps revisit someone or something that makes you happy.

**♎ LIBRA:** On one hand, this is an auspicious time for information gathering and data collating. On the other, you're advised not to believe all you read and hear. Which suggests the need to research, double-check and verify this week's elusive truth using those astro-scales of Libran common sense and intuition.

**♏ SCORPIO:** Yes, outspoken critics expressing unfiltered opinions tend to trigger entrenched defence/attack patterns but really, pay them no mind. Especially during moody late-week moon, which is prime time to revamp strategies that haven't been entirely successful. Factor in a refreshing pause before pressing the restart button with renewed resolve.

**♐ SAGITTARIUS:** Change occurs this week behind the scenes and under the radar. You like spontaneity and surprises, but right now order and routine are more supportive while tectonic shifts are taking place. Avoiding attack-chats, gossip-fests and whingeathons is highly recommended; spend time instead with your personal support squad.

**♑ CAPRICORN:** This week's stress areas? Inaccurate projections, annoying innuendos, rowdy personalities bent on verbal purges. But still... take a chill pill rather than burn bridges. After midweek hold off if you can on big spending, signing contracts, or major decisions because information may be incorrect, agreements misunderstood and mistakes easily made.

**♒ AQUARIUS:** Aquirians love nothing better than planning ahead, and the next three weeks richly repay time away from the daily fray reviewing your future blueprint for a bit of touching up. Results are always your best guru, so are you happy with yours – or ready for a change? Ball's in your court...

**♓ PISCES:** Mars in your family house forecasts shared domestic pleasures for the next six months, with this week exciting (sometimes troubling) undercurrents bubbling up for integration into daily life. It's also a period of mysterious malfunctions, so back up computer files, recheck travel arrangements and confirm appointments.

# Live Music

## THE OUTBACK GYPSIES

Two voices, two hearts and two guitars connect with audiences through contemplative and intimate lyrics on love and relationship. On the flip side comes up-beat songs raising awareness and challenging society's mainstream. A magical evening is what this duo delivers.

The Outback Gypsies play the Ocean Shores Country Club on Friday from 6pm.



THE OUTBACK GYPSIES AT THE OCEAN SHORES COUNTRY CLUB ON FRIDAY

## DOUBLE TROUBLE WITH BUMBLE & GRIFF

Galactive8 & SeeD productions invite electronic music lovers to join them for an evening of electronic music wizardry!

A highly anticipated launch from **Bumble & Griff** – two very fine and conscious Australian electronic music producers. **Byron Brewery on Sunday** from 3pm. \$15/20

## FORM AN ORDERLY MCCUE

Bluesy songstress and multi-instrumentalist **Anne McCue** has just launched her sixth studio album *Blue Sky Thinkin'*. Her show at the **Court House Hotel** in Mullumbimby on **Sunday**



ANNE MCCUE AT THE COURT HOUSE IN MULLUMBIMBY ON SUNDAY 31 MAY

**31 May** is a rare opportunity to catch Anne in both solo and trio combinations. Joining her in Mullumbimby will be Matt Bone (Starboard Cannons, Warren Earl Band) on double bass and Grant Gerathy (John Butler Trio, Angus Stone) on drums. 3–6pm.

Pre-sale tickets \$23 + bf: [www.trybooking.com/130529](http://www.trybooking.com/130529). Tickets at the door \$25.

## MURDA AT WOODY'S

This **Saturday** at **Woody's Surf Shack** in Byron, **Jacky Murda** plays tracks from his various collaborations, including his new *Chopstick Dubplate* EP. International jungle collective Chopstick Dubplate are known for their trademark vocal jungle sound, iconic 10-inch vinyl releases and Live PAs, frequently featuring Cheshire Cat, Demolition Man, Top Cat, Mr Williamz, Daddy Freddy and YT. \$10 with doors from 9pm.

## ICE ADDICTS

You will only need to hear them once and you'll be hard-core **Holidays on Ice** addicts. This collaboration between Angie Hart, aka Frente, and Dean Manning from Leonardo's Bride, sees these charming storytellers

from the spooky side of genius ply their craft. **Friday** at the **Drill Hall** in Mullumbimby. Tix: \$20 + bf / \$15 + bf (conc). Available from: [www.kupromotions.com.au/?p=1599](http://www.kupromotions.com.au/?p=1599). Doors: 6pm

## ELVIS AND THE BIG O AND THE BYRON BOWLO

Eddie Daniels brings the magic of Elvis and the melancholy of Roy Orbison to the stage with his tribute show, **Elvis and the Big O** at the **Byron Bowlo** this **Friday**. *Encore* magazine loved Eddie and declared, 'His greatest attribute is his natural stage presence and easy communication with the audience. His professionalism feels as though he was born on stage and with a vocal ability envied by others he leaves his audience spellbound.'



ONE MAGIC NIGHT: EDDIE DANIELS IS ELVIS AND THE BIG O AT THE BYRON BOWLO ON FRIDAY



## THE ART OF JOHN TURTON

Perth-born John Turton exhibits his latest work *Earth to Sky* at the Lone Goat Gallery in Byron from 29 May till 10 June. Although John uses landscape as a means of inspiration, it is colour that most interests him. He works predominantly in acrylics and oils on canvas, but also enjoys the technique of working on paper with dry pastels and an oil wash.

Turton's career highlights include his times spent as artist-in-residence; most particularly the three months spent in the Gascoyne region of WA after being chosen by the WA Arts Council. He has also had residencies at the Crocodile Hotel in Kakadu (1990) and more recently at Cataract Gorge, in Launceston, Tasmania (2013).

Since appearing on *Colour in Your Life* in 2013 Turton has been in demand, teaching workshops from Atwell Arts Centre in Perth to ArtEscape in Cairns (2014 and July 2015) to USQ in Toowoomba in September this year.

Turton has work hanging in numerous private and public collections here in Australia,

as well as internationally. The National Gallery in Victoria acquired a painting in 1979. To see John's work catch it at the **Lone Goat**, or have a preview on [www.johnturton.com.au](http://www.johnturton.com.au).

## AIRPORT ART

Northern Rivers Community Gallery's (NRCG) Art at the Airport program proudly showcases the poignant and beautiful abstract works of local Indigenous artist **Michael Philp**, on show until 30 June.

All artworks exhibited in Art at the Airport are available for purchase via the Northern Rivers Community Gallery, Ballina.

## RISING AND FALLING

The Royal Opera House presents a new production of Bertolt Brecht and Kurt Weill's furiously impassioned opera satirising the pursuit of money and pleasure, *Rise and Fall of the City of Mahagonny*, filmed for screening in cinemas worldwide. The three-year genesis of *Rise and Fall of the City of Mahagonny* (Aufstieg und Fall der Stadt Mahagonny) spanned the entire partnership between Bertolt Brecht and Kurt Weill – one of



THE RISE AND FALL OF THE CITY OF MAHAGONNY – SCREENING AT THE PALACE IN BYRON ON SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY

the shortest and most fruitful musical collaborations of the 20th century.

*Rise and Fall of the City of Mahagonny*, sung in English, screens at **Palace Byron Bay Cinema** on **Sunday** at 1pm and **Wednesday** at 11am.

Tickets \$15–24.

## ROSE GETS THE GOAT

This is the moment of fruition for the long-anticipated solo exhibition by well-known local artist **Rose McKinley**. The exhibition is the result of Rose McKinley's direct experience from living in the rainforest and rural Australia, and her observations, where her artwork features swimming holes and swing-bridges, and merges the border between wilderness and farmland, native habitat and human settlement. Open **10am–4pm daily** with work on show until **Wednesday 27 May**.



ROB BROWN HEADLINES THE COMEDY AT THE BIG GIG COMEDY NIGHT AT THE BALLINA RSL ON THURSDAY 28 MAY

## DOING IT HARD

Acclaimed playwright Tom Stoppard (*Shakespeare in Love*, *Arcadia*, *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead*) returns to the National Theatre with his highly anticipated new play *The Hard Problem*, directed by the National's outgoing artistic director Nicholas Hytner (*Othello*, *Hamlet*, *One Man, Two Guvnors*). Hilary, a young psychology researcher at a brain-science institute, is nursing a private sorrow and a troubling question at work, where psychology and biology meet. If there is nothing but matter, what is consciousness? This is 'the hard problem' that puts Hilary at odds with her colleagues.

*The Hard Problem* screens at **Palace Byron Bay Cinema** at 1pm on **Saturday 23 May** and 12.30 pm on **Monday 25 May**. Tickets \$23–25.

## THE BAY FM

## WINTER DISCOTHEQUE V BOOGIE SHOES



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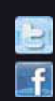
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## A ROYAL NIGHT OUT

On the eve of VE Day, 1945, a ditzy Princess Margaret (Bel Powley) is breathlessly reading from a gossip mag to her sister Elizabeth (Sarah Gadon). Gregory Peck, she swoons, has been spotted at a swank West End nightclub. This early, quite proper reference is to William Wyler's sublime *Roman Holiday* (1953), in which a Princess Ann (Audrey Hepburn) changes into mufti for a boozy night in Rome and meets up with a handsome American journo (Peck). Julian Jarrold's film is nowhere near as good as Wyler's classic, but it is enjoyable, in a childish way, and soft-centred enough to make you forget about what you have to pay for a choc-top these days. As a Republican who is dismayed by the grovelling notion that a member of the family of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha should be our unelected head of state, I went along with my finger on the 'exterminate' button. I'd had it up to here with the excesses of Anzac Day and the bed-wetting

cluckiness over Kate's new kid, so I was pleasantly surprised – and relieved – by what is basically the cinematic equivalent of tea and scones. It's the sort of project that costume and makeup people, set designers and location scouts drool over and, to be honest, it is they who are responsible for making things interesting. Margaret, just a girl at the time, is presented as a complete air-head, the Kray-type brothel owner has a heart of gold but I couldn't figure out why, in a city of drunken servicemen, the military police were only concerned with finding Jack (Jack Reynor), the Peck character who hit it off with Liz. Rupert Everett is fabulous as old King George VI and Gadon puts in a winning performance as the goody-two-shoes older sister who stays sober and yes, comes to truly love the common people... aren't we lucky? She even looks a bit like the young Helen Mirren, but there is no Bocca della Verità scene to seal the deal.

A movie about ideas... now there's a challenge. Josh (Ben Stiller) is a forties-something documentary maker. After an early success, he has been stuck for ten years on his second feature, with the end not in sight. Jamie (Adam Driver) is a bright young hipster, on top of everything in our digital, selfie-centric culture. When Josh meets Jamie he is energised by the younger man's 'just do it' approach and the pair strike up an unlikely camaraderie. What Josh is slow to grasp is that their relationship is one of protagonist and antagonist, for Josh is committed to his old-school belief in artistic authenticity while, as a player on the new stage, Jamie is a child of his pragmatic time. In Noah Baumbach's previous film, the dancer Frances Ha was similarly out of step with the cut and thrust happening around her, but whereas she was able to draw on an inner detachment to cope with it, Josh becomes agitated at his inability to adapt, and worse – he envies Jamie's youthfulness. Baumbach's witty and at times touching screenplay, though scathing in its contempt

for the falseness of so much contemporary media (he is the same age as Josh), has the good grace to not become a diatribe thanks to his reluctant concession that 'the more things change, the more they stay the same'. Stiller, carrying on from where he left off as Walter Mitty, has always had a knack for tapping that essence of the little guy who tries so hard. He finds a perfect partner in Naomi Watts as his wife Cornelia, who is supportive without being obseant. But her sad history of miscarriages and the couple's sometime-desire to have a child feels like an afterthought that Baumbach has had to give Cornelia a more significant role, especially as Jamie's Darby (Amanda Seyfried) is little more than a pretty face and an example of a type that falls under the spell of a conniving egomaniac. If Max is not your go, this is a refreshing alternative.



### THEATRE OF LIFE

Husband-and-wife team Adrian Brett and Philippa Williams of **Theatre Of Life**, joined by Frauke Huhn of Cicade, are running six new courses at **The Ocean Shores Community Centre** starting at the beginning of term three on 15 July.

There are sessions and groups for under-fives, disabled adults, children (after-school and holiday classes), teens and adults. The Ocean Shores Youth Theatre, which they will run on a Thursday evening, will be a much-needed forum for young people in the Ocean Shores area to meet up and get creative. The first production is planned for January 2016.

They are also offering Trinity College exam coaching in speech and drama. No experience is necessary and there is an earlybird discount of 10 per cent for all bookings made before 15 June.

All bookings and enquiries to Philippa on 0422 882 319, or see the website at [www.theatre-of-life.org](http://www.theatre-of-life.org) or [oceanshorescommunitycentre.org](http://oceanshorescommunitycentre.org).

### YOUNG PEOPLE TACKLE DRUGS

Byron Youth Theatre presents *Altered States*, shining the light on illicit drug use (alcohol, cannabis and ice). This thought-provoking and emotive work can be seen at the **Drill Hall** on **Sunday** from 6pm.

### GOING DEEP FOR LOVE

*How Deep is Your Love* is a monologue written and performed by Mark Swival. The one-man show is a wonderful ride through Bangladesh, with the Bee Gees on the car stereo, and a dreamer at the wheel trying to fit the world in his head. It's a great show for anyone interested in the big bad world, international development, or if you just like good stories and a laugh. At the **Drill Hall 29, 30, 31 May**.

### I SCREAM FOR CROWDFUNDING

As part of Screenworks' upcoming Steps to Successful Crowdfunding seminar, two local film projects will have the opportunity to leap ahead towards getting the money they need in order for their film to be made. The one-day seminar will be held in Byron Bay on Friday 29 May with crowdfunding genius Thomas Mai. Thomas, who has run more than 17 crowdfunding campaigns (of which 13 were successful), will use two local projects as case studies while he demonstrates how to put in place an effective crowdfunding campaign. Screenworks' **Steps to Successful Crowdfunding** is being held at the **Byron Regional Sports and Cultural Complex** on **Friday 29 May, 9.30am–4pm**.

Tickets \$80 / \$35 Screenworks. For more information visit [screenworks.com.au](http://screenworks.com.au) or call 6687 1599.



### RAW AND SENSORY

This **Friday RAW** presents **Sensory**, bringing together 30 local emerging artists spanning fashion, music, visual and performing arts, music and more for a one-night extravaganza at the **The Byron Bay Brewery**. Tickets at the venue.

### LAUGH IT UP!

After six weeks of touring her bag of comedy tricks up and down the east coast with the tour of her latest book *Home Truths*, including three sellout shows at the Melbourne Comedy Festival, Mandy Nolan is back doing what she does best – performing her regular comedic download as MC of the edgy and uber-popular **Bellylaugh Comedy** at the Byron Brewery. With new and upcoming comics travelling from as far away as Brisbane for the honour of five minutes with the Byron crowd, this is one fabulous night of financially and spiritually FREE comedy! **Thursday** at 8pm at the **Byron Brewery!** New and visiting comics welcome.

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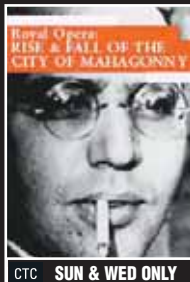
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A Little Chaos 3:30pm  
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A Little Chaos 2:00pm  
Banksy Does New York 4:15pm  
Closed: Private Screen 8:00pm

**Monday May 25**  
A Little Chaos 6:15pm  
The Homesman 8:30pm

**Tuesday May 26**  
Banksy Does New York 6:45pm  
A Little Chaos 8:30pm

**Wednesday May 27**  
A Little Chaos 6:00pm  
71 8:30pm

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- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **TWO RIVERS BLUES**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 8.30PM **TUFFY**
- BYRON BREWERY 8PM **BELLYLAUGH OPEN MIC WITH MANDY NOLAN**
- PIGHOUSE FLICKS, BYRON 8.30PM **HERE COMES THE SUN GEORGE HARRISON TRIBUTE WITH WES CARR**
- MASONIC CENTRE, BYRON 1PM **THE MYSTICAL LIFE: A JOURNEY THROUGH OUR SPIRITUAL INHERITANCE**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 8PM **DJ NERY**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 7.30PM **ANDREW MORRIS**
- BRUNSWICK HOTEL 7PM **DAN HANNAFORD**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUM-BIMBY 7.30PM **JAM NIGHT**
- TATTS HOTEL, LISMORE 6.30PM **COLE COX LOVEJOY**
- NIMBIN HOTEL **KALLIDAD**
- PACIFIC HOTEL, YAMBA 8.30PM **ADAM BROWN**
- BROADBEACH **BLUES ON BROADBEACH**

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## FRIDAY 22

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **THE BADLANDS, DROP LEGS, BAREFOOT ALLEY, DJ TAYA MILLS**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **FERGO & THE BURDEN**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 5PM **SCOTT DAY-VEE** 9PM **DUBMARINE**
- BYRON BREWERY 7.30PM **RAW ARTISTS' SENSORY ART**
- BYRON BOWLS CLUB **ONE MAGIC NIGHT WITH EDDIE DANIELS: ROY ORBISON & ELVIS**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 8PM **DJ SUPAMAORIFULLA**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 7.30PM **THE BELLOWS**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7.30PM **DAN HANNAFORD**
- BRUNSWICK HOTEL 7PM **MILAN MARTIN**
- DRILL HALL, MULLUMBIMBY 6PM **HOLIDAYS ON ICE WITH ANGIE HART, DEAN MANNING**

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## SATURDAY 23

- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUM-BIMBY 8PM **KRAPPYOKEE**
- OCEAN SHORES COUNTRY CLUB 6PM **THE OUTBACK GYPSIES**
- BILLINUDGEL HOTEL 8PM **KHANAGE DUO**
- LENNOX HOTEL 9.30PM **PROJECT JURASSIC**
- BALLINA HOTEL 7PM **WHO'S CHARLIE**
- BALLINA RSL 8.30PM **THE AUDREYS**
- THE WHARF, BALLINA 7PM **LADY WRITER MUSIC**
- ELTHAM HOTEL 7PM **JOCK BARNES**
- RICHMOND HOTEL, LISMORE 9.30PM **LOOSE ENDS**
- TATTS HOTEL, LISMORE 5PM **DEAN PEACHEY & ISAAC VINCENT**
- POTTSVILLE BEACH SPORTS CLUB **JASON DELPHIN**
- KINGSCLIFF BOWLING CLUB 7.30PM **JON J BRADLEY**
- KINGSCLIFF HOTEL 7PM **NICKY CONVINE**
- SALTBAR, KINGSCLIFF **LEIGH JAMES**
- CHINDERAH TAVERN 6PM **NICOLE BROPHY**
- RIVERVIEW HOTEL, MURWILLUMBAH 7.30PM **CAVO & PIGEON BOY**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS 8.30PM **ANH DO**
- BROADBEACH **BLUES ON BROADBEACH**
- CLUB BANORA 5PM **BILL JACOBI**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL **THE ART**
- SOUNDLOUNGE, CURRUMBIN **PAUL DEMPSEY & MOSMAN ALDER**
- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **TSUN, THE JENSENS, BASKERVILLE, DJ SIMON BIRD**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **BETTY BLISSETT**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 9PM **DJ CUTLOOSE**
- BYRON BREWERY 2PM **DWELLERS OF THE DEEP SEA SHEPHERD FUNDRAISER WITH ITSU, RICH CURTIS, SPORK, 3RDEYE + MORE**
- BYRON COMMUNITY CENTRE 6PM **WHEN THE IRON BIRD FLIES NEPAL FUNDRAISER**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 9PM **DJ JACKY MURDA, DJ 3RDEYE, DJ CRUCIAL D**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 7.30PM **SUE ANNE TRIO**
- PIZZA PARADISO, SUFFOLK PARK **DINKUM BOHOS**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7.30PM **BILL JACOBI**
- BRUNSWICK HOTEL 7PM **PUSH**
- PARADISE ONE, COORABELL 4.30PM **ISAAC CHAMBERS, DUB PRINCESS, MATIU TE HUKI**
- DOMA CAFE, FEDERAL 12PM **TELEGRAPH TOWER**
- LULU'S, MULLUMBIMBY 11AM **ESSIE THOMAS**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY 7.30PM **VERNAS KEEP + SUPPORT**
- BILLINUDGEL HOTEL 8PM **SQUEAK LEMAIRE**
- LENNOX HOTEL 9.30PM **WILSON COOPER BAND**

- BALLINA HOTEL 7PM **PAUL ATKINS**
- THE WHARF, BALLINA 7PM **MTD MUSIC**
- NORTHERN RIVERS CONSERVATORIUM 10AM **MUSIC MARATHON**
- TATTS HOTEL, LISMORE 8PM **FLY AGARIC, THE DOMINIKES, ANITIMATA**
- MARY G'S, LISMORE **CATH SIMES BAND**
- PHOENIX RISING, NIMBIN 12PM **MARTY MANY HANDS**
- SHEOAK SHACK, FINGAL HEAD 7PM **DUBARRAY**
- KINGSCLIFF BOWLING CLUB 7PM **ADAM BROWN**
- KINGSCLIFF HOTEL 7PM **JON J BRADLEY**
- SOUTH TWEED BOWLING CLUB 3PM **JAZZ** 7PM **RAMJET**
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- ELTHAM HOTEL 2PM **MARK HILTON**
- LISMORE CITY BOWLING CLUB 3PM **LINSEY POLLAK**
- RIVERVIEW HOTEL, MURWILLUMBAH 2PM **THREE LEGGED DOG**
- SPHINX ROCK CAFE, MT BURRELL 1PM **ELENA B WILLIAMS**
- PHOENIX RISING, NIMBIN 12PM **REUBEN GARCIA**
- CHINDERAH TAVERN 2.30PM **MATTY ROGERS**
- COOLANGATTA-TWEED HEADS GOLF CLUB 1PM **SMOKEHOUSE COUNTRY MUSIC**
- COOLANGATTA SANDS HOTEL 4PM **JON J BRADLEY**
- BROADBEACH **BLUES ON BROADBEACH**

## MONDAY 25

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **THE FIRE TREE**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **STEPHEN LOVELIGHT**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 8PM **DJ NERY**

## TUESDAY 26

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **MARSHALL O'KELL**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **CHRIS ARONSTEN**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 7.30PM **OPEN MIC**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 8PM **DJ SANCHEZ**
- BANGALOW BOWLO 6.30PM **NO LIGHTS NO LYCRA**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7.30PM **BRACKETS OPEN MIC**

## WEDNESDAY 27

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **JOSH HAMILTON**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **FERGO**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 8PM **MUSICAL BINGO**
- BYRON BREWERY 7.30PM **OPEN MIC**
- O-SUSHI, BYRON 6.30PM **RODRIGO FERRAZ**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 8PM **DJ NERY**
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Saturday 6 June, 6pm for 6.30pm start  
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☾ Third quarter	May 11	20:36				
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☽ First quarter	May 26	03:19				
Day of month	Sun rise	Sun set	Moon rise	Moon set	High tide, height (m)	Low tide, height (m)
1 F	0612	1713	1531	0319	0620,1.50; 1852,1.61	0024,0.61; 1230,0.51
2 S	0613	1712	1607	0411	0700,1.51; 1926,1.68	0104,0.55; 1303,0.50
3 S	0614	1712	1644	0504	0739,1.51; <b>2000,1.73</b>	0143,0.50; 1336,0.49
4 M	0614	1711	1724	0557	0817,1.50; <b>2034,1.78</b>	0221,0.46; 1410,0.49
5 T	0615	1710	1807	0653	0857,1.48; <b>2110,1.81</b>	0300,0.43; 1445,0.51
6 W	0615	1709	1854	0748	0939,1.46; <b>2149,1.81</b>	0341,0.42; 1522,0.53
7 T	0616	1709	1945	0843	1024,1.42; <b>2231,1.80</b>	0424,0.43; 1604,0.56
8 F	0616	1708	2040	0937	1113,1.39; <b>2318,1.76</b>	0512,0.44; 1649,0.61
9 S	0617	1707	2138	1029	1206,1.36	0603,0.46; 1742,0.65
10 S	0618	1706	2238	1118	<b>0010,1.71</b> ; 1306,1.35	0700,0.48; 1843,0.69
11 M	0618	1706	2340	1204	0110,1.67; 1412,1.38	0801,0.48; 1952,0.70
12 T	0619	1705		1249	0216,1.64; 1518,1.44	0902,0.45; 2107,0.67
13 W	0619	1704	0043	1331	0326,1.63; 1619,1.55	1000,0.42; 2219,0.59
14 T	0620	1704	0146	1413	0431,1.64; 1715,1.67	1054,0.38; 2325,0.50
15 F	0621	1703	0249	1456	0531,1.65; <b>1807,1.78</b>	1145,0.35
16 S	0621	1703	0354	1540	0628,1.65; <b>1857,1.88</b>	0025,0.41; 1233,0.35
17 S	0622	1702	0458	1626	0722,1.62; <b>1945,1.95</b>	0121,0.34; 1320,0.36
18 M	0622	1702	0601	1715	0815,1.58; <b>2031,1.97</b>	<b>0214,0.30</b> ; 1406,0.40
19 T	0623	1701	0703	1807	0906,1.53; <b>2117,1.96</b>	<b>0304,0.29</b> ; 1451,0.46
20 W	0624	1701	0801	1901	0956,1.47; <b>2202,1.91</b>	<b>0354,0.32</b> ; 1536,0.52
21 T	0624	1700	0855	1955	1045,1.41; <b>2245,1.82</b>	0442,0.38; 1620,0.60
22 F	0625	1700	0945	2050	1133,1.36; <b>2330,1.73</b>	0530,0.45; 1705,0.67
23 S	0625	1659	1029	2144	1222,1.32	0617,0.52; 1753,0.74
24 S	0626	1659	1110	2237	0015,1.63; 1314,1.30	0705,0.57; 1845,0.79
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26 T	0627	1658	1223		0158,1.47; 1506,1.34	0844,0.62; 2053,0.83
27 W	0627	1658	1257	0020	0258,1.42; 1600,1.40	0932,0.61; 2200,0.79
28 T	0628	1658	1331	0111	0358,1.41; 1650,1.48	1019,0.60; 2301,0.73
29 F	0629	1657	1405	0203	0452,1.41; 1734,1.56	1102,0.57; 2353,0.66
30 S	0629	1657	1441	0255	0541,1.42; 1814,1.64	1143,0.55
31 S	0630	1657	1520	0348	0626,1.43; <b>1851,1.72</b>	0038,0.58; 1120,0.53

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Rhoda will be sadly missed by all family and friends.

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# Oz 'ill-equipped' to stop new invasive species

Australia is ill-prepared, ill-equipped and neglectful when it comes to protecting its borders from a multitude of devastating new weeds, diseases and invasive animals, a federal Senate inquiry has found.

A nine-month Senate inquiry has revealed that Australia is failing dismally to keep new invasive species out of the country; Invasive Species Council CEO Andrew Cox said last week.

'This was exemplified in the inquiry's case studies of the deadly plant pathogen myrtle rust, which has spread throughout Australia's eastern seaboard, and tramp ants such as the highly invasive red fire ants and yellow crazy ants that have repeatedly arrived through our ports.

## Delays

'The report, which received bipartisan support, reveals that our response efforts are commonly hampered by delays in initial detections, delays in obtaining and maintaining funding, and incomplete implementation of threat abatement plans.

'Claims by the federal departments of agriculture and environment to the inquiry that environmental biosecurity is "well managed" have been exposed as a fantasy.'

When asked to list priority biosecurity threats facing the environment, the agricultural department was unable to list more than six, and yet a Senate committee found that 'incursions by exotic organisms with the potential to harm Australia's natural environment are a regular occurrence'.

It also found that 'pathway and risk analyses undertaken by the Department of Agri-

culture have not adequately addressed species of environmental concern.'

The inquiry also expressed concerns over declining numbers of biosecurity staff, especially in northern Australia, and deteriorating research capacity.

'Missing from the consensus report was support for a body to coordinate efforts for environmental biosecurity preparedness – similar to that for the agricultural sector. No credible alternative was proposed to address this serious gap, except in the minority report of the Greens,' Mr Cox said.

'The report identified major quarantine failings, including biofouling of marine vessels, illegal seeds making it into Australia through the postal system, tramp ants arriving in the country on cargo, exotic bird and ornamental fish imports.

## 'Worrying'

'This bipartisan report is credible, compelling and extremely worrying.'

The Invasive Species Council has now called on agricultural and environment ministers as well as state and territory biosecurity ministers to immediately address the report's recommendations.

'We commend the members of the committee for their unanimous report and its 26 recommendations, which, if implemented, will greatly improve Australia's capacity to protect its unique wildlife and ecosystems from invasive species,' Mr Cox said.

'This report will help move environmental biosecurity towards the more focused approach of agricultural biosecurity.'

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# Ballina prevail, but Giants unbowed at Les Donnelly Field

Story & photo John Campbell

Trailing the Ballina Seagulls by 28-10 in Sunday's NRRRL clash at Les Donnelly Field, with fifteen minutes left on the clock, the Mullumbimby Giants had a scrum feed on halfway.

Instead of standing a prop at five-eighth and having him make a mindless barge for a three-metre gain, as is so common now in the professional ranks, the Giants' number six, Louie Earl, reefed the pill downfield for his full-back, Rhys Carruth, to chase. Carruth beat his opposite number in a thrilling race to the line, only to have the ref determine that he had lost control of the greasy ball in diving for the try.

It was a bold and brilliantly executed play, deserving of a four-pointer, and the boys were rewarded shortly after when club stalwart Jake 'Gyl-



The Giants' half-back, Wayde Kelly, gets a friendly pat on the scone from Ballina's Dylan Montgomery before the pair smash into each other at Les Donnelly Field on Sunday.

lenhaal' Wood plunged over from dummy half. Darcy Earl's conversion made it 28-16 and a faint hope still flickered in the hearts of the blue-and-gold faction of a rain-strafed

crowd that the home side's second-half resurgence might yet succeed in pinching the two competition points from the reigning premiers. But it was that sort of game – the

Giants were always in it, but never quite in it to the degree that you could be confident that they would win. The final score of 40-16, however, was a crude injustice.

Neither side made a particularly impressive start. Both were guilty of poor ball control and shonky last tackle options but, with a little help from the whistleblower, it was Ballina who gained the ascendancy in the battle for field position. Mullum's defence was committed and well-organised – time and again they managed to turn up at the point of attack – but eventually, after a long run by the Seagulls' hooker, weight of possession told and the visitors grabbed the lead. The Giants, so willing until this moment, then clocked-off mentally to let in three more tries in quick succession. Retiring to the sheds trailing 22-0 didn't seem right, but that's the price you pay for dropping your guard against a battle-hardened opponent.

Diehards fled the bleachers as wicked weather lashed the ground, but the resumption of play brought a welter

of activity and a sunnier outlook for Mullum. Hooker Aaron Walker's try, converted by Mister Darcy, made it 22-6. Ballina scored again for 28-6 and then Josh 'il Duce' Castellano smashed his way through Ballina's frontline defence to rack up a try that was, if nothing else, justice done for the effort that the big bloke put in all afternoon. Coach Simon 'Roger' Moore has an unstinting ally in his fellow prop, who was a standout in a pack of forwards that refused to take a backward step against their more lauded adversaries.

The Giants have a tendency to give away penalties at critical times and they are unable to remain calm when calmness is called for, but they're full of what you like to see in a footy team – spirit. With it, and a bit more attention to detail, the play-offs are not beyond them.

## Australian Marbles Championship table tours



Mary and Irene. Photo Tree Faerie

The Australian Marbles Championship has added glitter this year with filmmaker Irene Feuz teaming up with marbles co-ordinator Mary Ashton to bring the event and the game to the big screen.

The championships are held during the Old & Gold

Festival in Brunswick Heads on Saturday June 6.

To round up local champions, this marble table is on tour over next few weeks of local clubs and pubs. Check out these venues, come along and knuckle down for a practice before the big event – Billinudgel Hotel on Wednes-

day, Bruns Bowlo this Friday, Ocean Shores Country Club next Friday May 29 and the Ocean Shores Tavern May 26 and June 2 and stay tuned for Court House Hotel in Mullum.

For more info visit: marbleschampionship@gmail.com.

## Bruns Breakers never giving up

Gary Osbiston

The Bruns Breakers girls' football team travelled from Bangalow to Pottsville on a cold and wet Friday night.

Julia led the team out onto the field missing a few players through injury and circumstance.

Pottsville kicked off and attacked straightaway; the Bruns team had no time to settle and found themselves 1-0 down within first few minutes.

The Breakers could not

find any rhythm and were being hustled off the ball. The opposition mounted attack after attack but the Bruns defence and stand-in goalkeeper Lily did outstandingly in the cold, wet conditions.

With minutes remaining in the first half the Breakers started controlling the ball and were making chances of their own but could not find the back of the net. The ref blew his whistle for half time.

The second half began with both sides looking for

goals. Both Jana and Ruby came close with shots. The Bruns team was tiring against a much bigger and physical team and conditions were terrible.

In the last 10 minutes Pottsville gained control and found the net three more times. The Brunswick team never gave up; they were bruised but tonight was not their night.

The coach and parents were very proud of them all.

The teams wishes Tess a quick recovery with her illness.

## Windy, wet and... wetter...

Story & photo Dogwhistle

Another rainy outing Lennox Head on Saturday saw the Northern Hotel Rams demonstrate their superiority with solid wins giving both Prems and Reserves an untarnished five-from-five run.

Fired up and confident after their Anzac Cup success, the Lennox Head Sharks were keen to be the first to take a point or three from the all-conquering Rams.

As the rain poured and the wind gusted, Lennox opened the scoring twenty minutes into the Reserves match with a lovely long-range shot that cleared keeper Askew's fingertips and dipped under the crossbar.

Ten minutes later, Jordy Campbell equalised for the Rams with a clinical finish to a cross from Tom Ruhl, taking them into the break at one apiece.

Byron came out firing in the second half and took the lead five minutes in when Campbell cut back across goal to Steve Kirkpatrick who turned and finished cleanly. Ten minutes later a perfect corner from Tom Ruhl found the head of Steve Kirkpatrick and the result was sealed at 3-1.

Countless attacks and a bizarre, three-attempt penalty failed to yield more goals for the experienced Byron team.

The Byron squad was equally dominant in the Premier Division, with Alejo Villasana finishing an over-



Tyson Kaye battling the elements

whelming attacking run with a clean header into the Lennox net just five minutes in.

The Rams made hard going of the wet and windy conditions, however, and a dogged Sharks defence kept the Byron attack at bay for the remainder of the first half. Midway through second half Tyson Kaye leapt off the bench to fire up a flagging Byron attack, cutting through the Lennox defence with striker James Tomlinson and forcing a deflection into the net from the Sharks' keeper. With two goals in hand and looking like more were on the way, Byron were stung by two cheeky goals from ex-Byron boy, Byron Milne's quick free-kick play.

With the Sharks back in the race, temperatures began to rise and a neatly executed penalty from Kaye put the

Rams back in front. A flanking run and a clean strike from Michael Kelly gave the Rams some breathing space, but a defensive lapse in the dying moments saw a soft strike from Lennox roll inside the back post to take the final score to 4-3 to Byron.

Perhaps a little complacency from the Rams creating more of a nail-biter than the run of play would warrant.

The Rams top-of-the-table status will face its toughest challenge this weekend with back-to-back Saturday and Sunday matches.

The Byron squad hosts Goonellabah at the Rec Ground on Saturday (Reserves at 1pm and Prems at 3pm) then travels to Lismore for a tough match-up with second placed Lismore Workers (12.30pm and 2.30pm).

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

On The Horizon

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Biggest Morning Teas

**Brunswick Valley Cancer Action Group's** Biggest Morning Tea is on Friday 22 May from 9.30am at the Uniting Church Hall, Mullumbimby. Proceeds to the Cancer Council NSW. **TinCAN**, the volunteer Community Aid Network in Tintenbar Biggest Morning Tea at Tintenbar Hall on Saturday 30 May at 10am, \$5 entry fee. Info Marg 6687 8033. **Mullumbimby Golf Club** Biggest Morning Tea Friday

12 June from 9.30am, hosted by Ellen Briggs, \$5 a head, all proceeds to the Cancer Council.

U3A Ballina/Byron

Next meeting 9am, 26 May in the meeting room at the RSL, Mullumbimby. Jan Mulcahy will speak on creative writing. Enquiries 6680 7350.

U3A Brunswick Valley

Tues 26 May 10am–noon at the Uniting Church Hall, Fingal St, Brunswick Heads. Amie Dreyer: 'The Chrysalis Movement – Taking Young Girls on the Journey to Womanhood'. Phone 6685 1732.

BYS news

Byron Youth Service **Parenting Teens Program**, free 8-week group for parents starting 14 July. Two-day **photography course** for

young people aged 13–18 over the Queens Birthday long weekend. Stallholders wanted for **The Byron Flea** – retro, pre-loved, vintage, handmade goods, launching 13 June. Phone Rosalie 0431 524 044 for all events.

Mufti Bowls Day

Mufti Bowls Day with breakfast on Sunday 31 May at Brunswick Heads Bowls Club, \$10 per person in aid of Byron Shire Respite Service. See www.byronrespite.com.au. Please book 6685 1921 or service@byronrespite.com.au.

Pool Trust AGM

The Bangalow Pool Trust Annual General Meeting Monday 25 May 5pm at Barbican Legal Services, 16 Lismore Road, Bangalow. All interested welcome. Contact Peta Heeson 6688 4236.

Compassionate

The Compassionate Friends is a caring support group for any parent whose child has died at any age. Next sharing meeting at 7.30pm on Thursday 21 May. Enq 6621 4086 or 6621 5558.

Ocean Shores Art Expo

Ocean Shores Art Expo invites artists of all media and all ages to prepare works based on the theme 'Wild Things' for the event held 28–30 August. Entries will be online from next month at www.osartexpo.com.

Byron Sophia

Byron Sophia Philosophical Group: The Mystical Life: A Journey through our Spiritual Inheritance, presented by James Cowan, Thursday 21 May, 1–3pm,



at Masonic Centre, 6 Byron St, Byron Bay. Info: Celia 6684 3623.

Lone Goat Gallery

Lone Goat Gallery presents Headwaters by Rose McKinley until 27 May. Phone 0490 004 542 / www.lonegoatgallery.com.

Freedom flotilla

Byron Friends of Palestine invite everyone to join the Gaza Freedom Flotilla in the Mullum2Brunswick paddle event on 24 May. Details on our Facebook page.

Brunswick Heads Dunecare

Sunday 24 May at the breakwall car park, 8–11am. Enquiries Greg McDonald 0414 457 346 or brunswickheads@dunecare@gmail.com.

Town garage sale

All-town garage sale Sat 6 June.

Registrations for this year's Brunswick Heads Old & Gold Festival are now open at Byron Shire Real Estate. Phone: 6685 1003 for more information.

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Connect Up

Mullumbimby & District Neighbourhood Centre is hosting Koori Murri Goori Connect Up, a time to reflect sharing experiences of doing creative work, energising oneself. For info call Robin 0459 962 428.

Respite Service

Byron Shire Respite Service Inc provides high-quality person-centred respite care to a broad range of clients throughout the Byron, Ballina and Lismore shires. Donations welcome: Ph 6685 1921, email fundraiser@byronrespite.com.au, website: www.byronrespite.com.au.

Seniors Groove

A weekly activity day for seniors each Tuesday at the Byron Community Centre with drumming circle at 10.30am, followed by chair yoga at noon. Entry by donation, morning tea in between.

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.

Spanish conversation

A Spanish conversation group meets every Monday evening in Mullumbimby in order to improve language skills and cultural knowledge. Phone Paco 6684 0242.

Toddler Time

Song and dance fun for 2–4 year olds, Mondays 9.30–11am, Mullum Neighbourhood Centre. Donation. Enq: 6684 1286.

Impro

Improvisation & Performance Peer Practice Mondays 4–6pm at Kulchajam, 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 6687 1309.

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, mazzera-tizo101@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 31 May.

Op shops

**Uniting Church Op Shop**, Dalley

Street, Mullumbimby – Open each Saturday 8–noon. All Summer Clothing 1/2 price. Big clearance this week only. **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.

Free Yoga Nidra

Every Tuesday in Ocean Shores, 2–2.45pm. Contact Heidi 0426 977 575.

Food Box

Food Box Thursdays 9.30–11.30am at Uniting Church, Mullumbimby. If you have any sort of Centrelink card you may purchase cheap food, obtain 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, 6.40pm at Byron Services Club, 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 of every month 5–7pm. Rooms 6687 0617 or Di Campbell 6685 4694.

CoDA

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

Liberation Larder

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

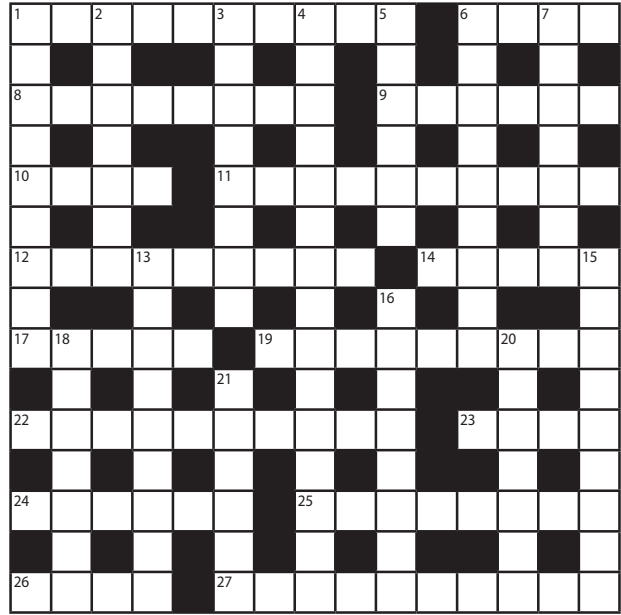
Drug support groups

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

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Mungo's Crossword

N073



Cryptic Clues

ACROSS

1. Uncertainly trying fire, like 4 (10)
6. Back up very strongly for promotion (4)
8. Christmas loses way, adds a surprising ability to influence people (8)
9. Directions about circuit pass away (6)
10. Nothing about a fixer (4)
11. Mastodon, if provoked, becomes a rocker! (4,6)
12. Computer turns shoe bottoms into women's jackets! (9)
14. Stone Turkish ruler and back French (5)
17. Subsequent to dead royal (5)
19. Secret pirate den redecorated (9)
22. Neutral Ali, devious, like a Moebius strip (10)
23. Circular twitch of the ear (4)
24. Knockback to boy from cleric (6)
25. JFK's sausage (8)
26. Aussie spies the status quo (1,1,1,1)
27. Security measures about right for Rasta fashion (10)

DOWN

1. "Snog, titillate," said Spooner, meaning language particular to his subject (9)
2. A smiler, composed, but the opposite of romanticism (7)
3. What you might eat during Lent? I hope not! (4,4)
4. Four can cover, then retire in disorder having lost the east for the Emperor (4,3,8)
5. Avaricious, grizzled about the journalist (6)
6. Wild rap mating game (9)
7. Angle trap favoured by Alexander Downer (7)
13. Thought schedules despising 2 (9)
15. Finish off ring fish, and get the pips! (9)
16. Thanks to individual body of knowledge; it's made to measure! (8)
18. Records cover the union, but they only last for one year (7)
20. Prometheus, perhaps, in charge of the doomed vessel (7)
21. Right out of it, like St Stephen (6)

Quick Clues

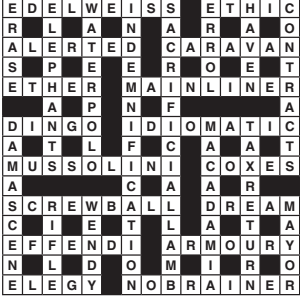
ACROSS

1. Appalling, very frightening (10)
6. Quick blast of wind (4)
8. Ability to influence people and to exert authority (8)
9. Slip by, pass away (6)
10. Fastener used in building & carpentry (4)
11. Rocker who sang "Blueberry Hill" (4,6)
12. Short bodices or women's jackets (9)
14. Semi-precious stone (5)
17. After, opposite of earlier (5)
19. Once again coated with protective pigment (9)
22. One-sided, or concerning an act by one side only (10)
23. Pertaining to the ear (4)
24. Curate, preacher (6)
25. Inhabitant of the capital city of Germany (8)
26. Australia's overseas espionage agency (1,1,1,1)
27. Hair style affected by Rastafarians and their imitators (10)

DOWN

1. Particular to a specific subject or science (9)
2. Practicality, rejection of the abstract or romantic (7)
3. Meals purchased at outlets such as McDonalds or KFC (4,4)
4. Much feared Czar of Russia (4,3,8)
5. Avaricious, hard to satisfy (6)
6. English game bird (9)
7. Anglers tool or type of stocking (7)
13. Those who eschew 2 down, Utopians (9)
15. The hard inner coverings of fruit stones (9)
16. Made to measure (usually of clothes) (8)
18. Plants living for only one year (7)
20. Liner which sank after hitting an iceberg (7)
21. Affected by drugs, out of it (6)

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Byron Council has lamented the fact that a sinkhole opened up on Sunrise Boulevard last week and has since fixed it. Apparently they can be caused by natural water erosion or 'failed underground infrastructure such as water main breaks, sewer collapses or old pipes giving way'. The Boulevard subsidence was caused by a collapsed drainage pipe. Melting permafrost is right out of the question, and no ancient mammoths infected with ichneumon wasp larvae were found, thankfully. Unfortunately permafrost collapsing leads on to the release of the greenhouse gas methane; find out more at the Centre for Arctic Gas Hydrate, Environ-

ment and Climate (CAGE) at <https://cage.uit.no>.

While Mullum folk fretted over the installation of free WiFi in the streets, Telstra just went ahead and did it. *Backlash* stood with a phone about ten metres from the public phone boxes in Stuart Street and easily picked up the service, the trial of which runs until mid June. We also detected six other WiFi links running, so who knows how much Telstra is adding to the invisible cloud of electromagnetic radiation which envelops Mullum? It's either a case of celebrating something for nothing – although you have to negotiate the Telstra commercials to log in – or

of donning the protective silver-foil hat. Have another chunk of that yummy Radiant Farms Unicorn Meat and chew it over.

As Ewingsdale Road steadies itself to become the new Double Bay, the people who are employed by the rich folk look for cheaper accommodation. Council's move to waive contribution fees for granny flats – or as we like to call it in Bureaucratland, 'secondary dwellings' – has attracted the attention of other regions, with Coffs councillor Mark Sultana noting that 'in the Byron Bay Shire [sic], there was a jump from about five application approvals to 265 approvals in the space of 12 months when the contributions were reduced to zero'. Unless you can afford/want a McMansion, smaller

dwellings are the way to go and in the post-*Mad Max: Fury Road* world, even dug-outs will be welcome. See some nice small homes here: <http://smallhousebliss.com>.

It was a year ago last Friday since Metgasco's CSG licence was cancelled, much to the delight of the Bentley protectors. Mirabile dictu, a couple of National Party MPs, Clarence's Chris Gullapatis and MLC Ben Franklin, have spoken out against CSG mining. Lismore MP Thomas George continues his awkward silence on the issue, content to recycle NSW government media releases, while the Knitting Nannas keep the outside of his office cheery, and Metgasco CEO Peter Henderson blathers on about his right to have police on call if necessary.

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