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## Byron businesses reject paid parking

Hans Lovejoy

Discontent rumbled throughout a meeting over paid parking on Monday night. Held by the town's chamber of commerce, Byron United, around 50 Byron Bay business owners gathered to hear plans by Council's general manager Ken Gainger, with support from Crs Chris Cubis and Alan Hunter.

And it's a tough wedge – pressure from the state government means that Byron Shire Council has to generate revenue to be 'Fit For The Future,' a regime which 'demonstrates that [councils] are financially sound, operating efficiently and in a strong position to guide growth and deliver quality services into the future.'

Of the two options presented, paid parking is Council's preferred, with it potentially being rolled out across other towns. The other option was dramatically increasing rates to make up the \$2.7m shortfall.

So what are the parking plans?

Four dollars per hour is proposed

as a universal rate (on and off street) and would apply to the CBD.

A residential parking scheme would complement paid parking around the CBD perimeter, with two vouchers available to households.

A \$100 pa locals exemption for all shire residents would replace the existing \$25 coupon, which would be based on registration numbers coded into parking machine technology.

A boom gate is even suggested for the beachfront carpark.

But it was parking provisions for business owners and workers that caused the most consternation.

The crowd was told there are plans and reports underway to turn Crown land on Butler Street, the current market site, into a permanent carpark. But the nominated fee of \$80 per month was too much, some business operators said.

While Mr Gainger asked for further discussion with a roundtable of business operators, Cr Rose Wanchap made an impassioned speech, warning of empty shops if this were to go ahead.



**Tough crowd: a paid parking forum Monday night was largely unimpressed with Council's plans to introduce \$4ph and a \$100 resident voucher for Byron CBD. Photo Jeff 'Can't Find A Park' Dawson**

## Thoughts for Vanuatu



**Pocket School Kindigarteners Asali and Noah showing some of things collected by students to send to Vanuatu. Principal Will Glasson says the school raised \$382 for Rebuild Vanuatu over the last term. Mark Russell from [www.rebuildvanuatu.com](http://www.rebuildvanuatu.com) says sports gear and equipment will be sent over to some of the schools. You can make a donation online to the project at [www.rebuildvanuatu.com](http://www.rebuildvanuatu.com). Photo Jeff Dawson**

## CSG buyback deadline passes

Chris Dobney

A petroleum export licence (PEL) buyback promise announced by the coalition government in the last days of the recent state election campaign appears to have been broken.

In the run-up to the NSW election, all three of its northern rivers seats were in doubt as a result community concerns about CSG.

And just days before the election, Lismore MP Thomas George (Nationals) announced the controversial PEL 445 licence – which covers much of his electorate – was a target of the hastily implemented scheme. That scheme lapsed at midnight Monday.

CSG Free Northern Rivers spokesperson Dean Draper told *The Echo*, 'the main thing we're after is

some certainty. This has been going on for so long now and the community is uncertain what's happening.

'We need Mr George and the deputy premier Troy Grant to tell us exactly what's going on, not only with PEL 445 but with the other PELs in the region – particularly Metgasco's.'

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# Young woman killed in car accident at Newrybar

A fatal collision near Byron Bay last Friday night claimed the life of an 18-year-old woman, police reports claim.

About 10.15pm (Friday June 26), the woman's Hyundai collided with a Toyota Camry travelling in the opposite direction at Newrybar about two kilometres south of

Bangalow on the Pacific Highway.

The woman died at the scene.

The Camry driver, a man aged 63, and a female passenger suffered minor injuries and were taken to Lismore Base Hospital. Police say that early inquiries indicate the Hyundai crossed onto the wrong side of the road.

# So many new laws – where does federal Labor stand ?

Hans Lovejoy

With a plethora of legislation passing through parliament before the winter break, *The Echo* asked local federal Labor MP Justine Elliot how she voted – or intends to vote – on some of the more contentious bills.

Ms Elliot began by saying, 'In terms of all the issues you've raised I fully support Labor's position on all of them.'

## Migration bill

'The purpose of the *Migration Amendment (Regional Processing Arrangements) Bill 2015* is to ensure the Australian government has clear legislative authority for expenditure to support regional processing and to provide assistance to the governments of Nauru and PNG in the implementation of offshore processing.'

After the former Labor government implemented the 2013 Regional Resettlement Arrangement with Papua New Guinea, Ms Elliot says, 'we [saw] an end to the tragic loss of life at sea and this is unquestionably a good thing.'

The member for Richmond also believes that the new bill does 'not in any way, change or expand Australia's existing regional processing and resettlement arrangements.'

But according to the Australian Lawyers Alliance (ALA), 'the last-minute Bill seeking to head-off court action challenging the federal government's power to fund offshore detention facilities is unconscionable.'

ALA spokesperson Greg Barns says the retrospective nature of the bill was abominable, given it has been 'demonstrated that there is under-reporting of sexual abuse of children.'

But Ms Elliot gave assurances that Labor's support for this legislation 'does not mean we support, or in any way condone, the Abbott government's treatment of asy-



Local federal Labor MP Justine Elliot. The federal Richmond electorate covers Tweed and Byron Shires.

lum seekers in the processing centres in Nauru and PNG.'

'Labor will continue to hold the Abbott government to account for its heavy-handed treatment of asylum seekers, particularly given its woeful track record when it comes to transparency over its policies. We will continue to advocate for asylum seekers to be treated in a dignified, humane manner and housed in a safe environment with access to health, education and social services.'

## National security

'There is nothing more important than keeping Australians safe,' Ms Elliot said in reference to proposed amendments to the *Australian Citizenship Act 2007*.

'That's why Labor has consistently taken a constructive, bipartisan approach to matters of national security.'

'The plans have gained much media attention owing to the laws stripping citizenship rights from dual nationals involved in terrorism at home or abroad. But the proposal has also gained criticism with the inclusion of revoking dual nationals citizenship to those that damage government property.'

'In terms of citizenship, Labor has been clear [that] any dual citizen taking arms against Australia should be stripped of their citizenship.'

'Now this legislation has finally been introduced into the parliament, Labor will work through the legislation in a bipartisan, constructive

manner. This legislation has also been referred to the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security to be examined.

## Online copyright

'[After] Labor consulted extensively with Australian artists, musicians, filmmakers and others involved in our creative industries, as well as with consumer groups, Labor believes that action is needed to reduce current levels of online piracy in Australia.'

'The enforcement of copyright law is vital to our creative industries. Online piracy damages our economy and destroys Australian jobs.'

Mrs Elliot says the *Copyright Amendment (Online Infringement) Bill 2015* plays a part in addressing the problem of online piracy, 'but includes safeguards to ensure the new measures will not have unintended consequences for legitimate internet activities.'

'The Bill allows the federal court to require Australian ISPs to block a website hosted overseas if the court is satisfied that the website's primary purpose is to infringe copyright or facilitate the infringement of copyright.'

'The Bill does not provide for any sort of internet "filter".'

'Labor closely scrutinised, the provisions of the Bill in the senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee to ensure the Bill would not restrict legitimate internet activities.'

'Labor does not support the use of site-blocking against Virtual Private Network (VPN) services and we have made sure that this Bill does not allow for VPNs to be blocked. We are satisfied that VPNs, which have a range of legitimate uses, would not meet the 'primary purpose' test required by the Bill.'

'However, to avoid any doubt, we have asked the government to revise the Bill's Explanatory Memorandum to make this clear.'

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## Changes afoot for the Shire's Lions Club

There's been some big shifts for the Shire's Lions Clubs, with the recent merging of Suffolk and Byron chapters into the Brunswick/Mullumbimby club fold.

And at this time every year, a Lions dinner is held, where a new board and president are elected.

Outgoing president Tony Cornell told *The Echo*, 'The club has been going for 63 years, and Noel James, who started Mullum's James Hardware, was on the first charter.

'We're a service organisation, not a charity, he says.

### Started in 1917

'Lions started in 1917 in Chicago, then spread to Canada and then throughout the world.

'It's in 208 countries and the club just went into China.'

Mr Collins says one of the



Joan Towers accepts the new role of Lions Club president from outgoing president Tony Cornell. Photo Jeff Dawson

main projects for the club – of which there are many – is manning the 24-hour driver reviver van in Yelgun.

'We have 120 people who work in four-hour shifts,' he says. The club meets on the first and third Tuesday of eve-

ry month at the Ocean Shores Country Club from 6.30pm. It's open to all ages – for more call 6680 2011.

## Small Biz Bus hits Bangalow, July 3

Local small businesses are urged to take advantage of 'high-quality business assistance' with the arrival of the Small Biz Bus to the shire.

The Bus will be visiting Bangalow on Friday July 3, giving local small business operators the chance to access personalised advice from business experts.

The Office of the NSW Small Business Commissioner also helps small businesses by providing low-cost dispute resolution services, speaking up for small business within government and delivering quality business advice through Small Biz Connect.

NSW minister for small business, John Barilaro says, 'NSW is leading the nation on economic performance and retail trade is a strong

part of this story.

'Through initiatives like the Small Biz Bus, the NSW Liberals and Nationals are supporting small business across the state so we can continue this trend.

### NSW number one

'We encourage small business owners and operators to visit the bus when it comes to town so we can make sure NSW stays number one.'

To book an appointment on the Bus or to speak to your local Small Biz Connect adviser, call NORTEC Small Business Support Unit on 1300 134 359 or visit [www.smallbusiness.nsw.gov.au/hop-on-the-small-biz-bus](http://www.smallbusiness.nsw.gov.au/hop-on-the-small-biz-bus).

The bus will be located between the bottleshop driveway and Byron St, Bangalow, from 9am to 3pm.

## NAIDOC week, July 6-9

NAIDOC is next week, which is an opportunity to celebrate Australia's first people, and events will be held throughout the shire.

### Flag raising

On Monday July 6 at 10.30am, a flag raising ceremony will commence celebrations, and will be held at the Byron Shire Council Chambers, Station Street, Mullumbimby.

On Tuesday, there will be an Arakwal FlickerFest film night from 6.30pm, where a selection of Aboriginal films from FlickerFest 2015 will be presented at the Byron Community Centre.

### Mullum family fun day, July 8

The Mullumbimby family fun day on Wednesday July 8 will run from 11am till 3pm at the Mullumbimby Neigh-

bourhood Centre, 55 Dalley Street. It will include cultural performances, bush tucker planting and tasting, art and craft, music and dance, jewellery and weaving and a kids' activity program.

### Byron family cultural day July 9

And finally, the Bundjalung of Byron Bay family cultural day will be held on Thursday July 9 at Railway Park from 10am, followed by a march to Main Beach.

The festivities will continue from 11am at Denning Park, Main Beach. Come along and join the Bundjalung of Byron Bay (Arakwal) people and the community in recognising the valuable contribution of Aboriginal people and culture.

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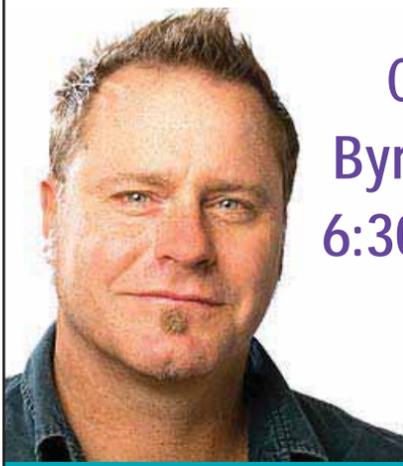
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The new hospital aims to provide 24-hour emergency attention and will include 43 overnight inpatient beds, maternity services, a new 20-bed, a non-acute mental health unit, X-ray and medical imaging and dental services, satellite chemotherapy, and ambulatory care.

Health managers say they are also looking into providing day-only surgical and diagnostic procedures for both public and privately insured patients.

For updates, visit [www.nswlhd.health.nsw.gov.au/about/hospitals/byron-central-hospital-development](http://www.nswlhd.health.nsw.gov.au/about/hospitals/byron-central-hospital-development).



Inspecting the new site are Sean Kay, Anthony Watego, Tony McCabe, Shirley Nelson, Chris Crawford, Stuart Clark and Jeff Arthur. Photo Jeff Dawson

## Hospital open day

## Mullum chamber recognises valuable staff

Lindy Carruth from James Hardware has won this month's Staff Giraffe award courtesy of the Mullum chamber of commerce.

The certificate of appreciation comes with a prize of heritage photographs donated by the Brunswick Valley Historic Society.

'It's lovely to be recognised for my contribution,' Lindy says. James Hardware manager Scott Cooper added Lindy's award is a reflection of the store's commitment to customer service.

The monthly Staff Giraffe program recognises and acknowledges local staff who 'put their neck out' by offering extraordinary customer service to the community.

If you would like to nominate a deserving staff person from one of the many shops in Mullum, you can do so online at [www.mullumbimby.org.au/nominate](http://www.mullumbimby.org.au/nominate).

If you are a local business owner and would like to donate a prize to the Staff Giraffe awards, send an email to [info@mullumbimby.org.au](mailto:info@mullumbimby.org.au).



From left, Susan Tsicalas (Mullum chamber treasurer), award winner Lindy Carruth (James Hardware) and Scott Cooper (James Hardware manager). Photo Obi McDonald-Saint

## Byron Bay Public's big biennial hit



The many talents of the young students at Byron Bay Public School were on display this week at their biennial Showcase.

Around 400 parents, grandparents, friends and community members were entertained by performances from school choirs, bands and dance groups, as well as individual vocalists, guitarists, poets, pianists and violin soloists.

The school's next highlight

in its performing arts calendar is September's Carnivale of Arts. Principal Geoff Spargo told *The Echo* the event was a big success and well attended, with parents praising it as one of the best they'd seen.

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### Beach closed after shark encounter

Byron's beach was closed from Belongil to The Pass for three hours Thursday afternoon after a 71-year-old man was knocked off his surf ski by a shark.

At the time, the Byron Bay Surf Club veteran calmly clambered back on, assuming he had run into a pod of dolphins. Arthur Vidgen told

local media it was only when he returned to shore that he noticed a 30cm bite mark on the back of the board.

He added that lifeguards were quick to close the beach.

Two lifeguards on jetskis patrolled the beach but failed to find the animal.

The beach was reopened about 2pm.

### OS Waterlily Park given a trim

The run-up to the state election saw more eyes focused on Ocean Shores' Waterlily Park than there have been for many years.

While political candidates offered funds to upgrade the park, the first makeover the park has seen for some time came courtesy of Byron Shire Council. It is 'mowing' the lilies on the lake to increase oxygen levels in the water and create a clearer, safer shoreline.

Mayor Richardson said the makeover of Waterlily

Park had only just begun.

'From speaking with the residents in the area, they are very keen and supportive of upgrading the playground.

#### More planned

'Waterlily Park has great access, good parking and is surrounded by family housing. A combination of community support and council funding will see the park grow into a recreational area enjoyed by the young and not so young,' he said.

### Byron Youth Service thrown a \$50k lifeline



Nicqui Yazdi and Stephanie Sims from the Byron Youth Service with Peggy Flannery. Photo supplied

A \$50,000 donation from the Flannery Foundation has gone to the Byron Youth Service, an organisation that mentors and assists the area's youth. The donation was in response to state and federal government funding cuts to BYS, which has seen it struggle financially.

The Flannery Foundation is a charitable organisation run by Brian and Peggy Flannery, owners of Elements of Byron, The Sun Bistro and the new Byron Bay Train.

#### Federal grant back on table

Meanwhile, Deb Pearse from Byron Youth Service

says they have been invited to apply for a federal Department of Social Services grant for community development which offers around \$167,000 in total over the next two years.

'If successful, the youth service is planning to expand its flea market operations, currently running every second Saturday of the month.

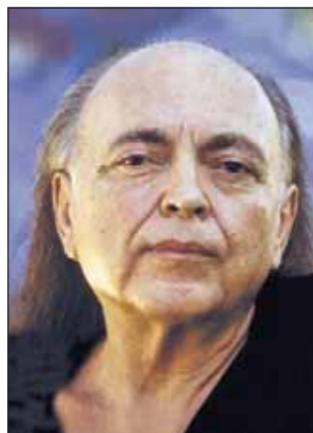
'We are currently looking for anyone interested in helping to put on a youth festival. We are also looking for business partners who might be interested in providing work experience or job opportunities for our local youth.' To book stalls for the flea market please call Rosalie Bryant on 0431 524 044.



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### China deal dangerous for tradies: union

A deal to scrap skills testing for Chinese electricians working in Australia will lead to deaths, the sparkies' union warns.

The side agreement to the China-Australia free trade deal, outlined in an unsigned letter from trade minister Andrew Robb to China's commerce minister Gao Hucheng, will allow Chinese tradespeople to skip skill assessments for temporary visas.

The deal removes mandatory assessments on temporary skilled work visas for

ten trades, including general, special class and automotive electricians.

The letter also states the government will aim to eliminate the requirement from all occupations within five years.

The deal was reached without any industry consultation.

The government earlier this month officially signed the free trade agreement with China, which still has to be ratified by parliament.

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# Deputy mayor explains rock wall logic

Hans Lovejoy

With the contract offer now being negotiated to build a rock wall at Belongil, there are still many unanswered questions surrounding the project, some of which *The Echo* put to deputy mayor and Nationals Party member, Alan Hunter.

**Question: Estimations on this project do not take into account expected upkeep and maintenance, sand nourishment etc. Under your plans, the community will not have a beach in years to come. Won't this affect our reputation for tourism, ie pristine beaches?**

**Answer:** 'It is very difficult to estimate just what, if any, sand nourishment will be required. If it is, it is not likely

to be more than currently required. The \$250,000 current allocation is mostly for the maintenance of the bags.

'Surfers Paradise had these issues and more in the 60s and I don't think 110 metres of wall is going to destroy our beaches. The technology used in managing our coastline is developing all the time, so to lose what we have in the expectation that any change is going to be bad, or even worse, is just speculative.

'I am certainly not advocating that Council install rock walls all along our shoreline, but I do think whether it is Council or private landowners they should have the right to protect their property in the same way farmers do in steep areas with land slips, erosion



and Council with road slips.'

**Q: Why has there never been any Council staff or legal direction presented which specifies a need for this?**

**A:** As you well know, there are many decisions councilors, representing the community, make that don't agree with staff recommendations.

'Council has had a court order direction to protect this section of the beach. We might just have to agree that we disagree on this.'

## Cr Hunter's other points

■ Believes surrounding rock walls are 'sound', despite claims to the contrary.

'These days we seem to have an obsession in over-protecting ourselves from litigation with excessive certification and authorisation causing a lot more expense.'

■ 'Rocks are used all around the country for environmentally friendly coastline protection without issue... There are always exceptions, but by far most are successful.'

'Mascot airport and much of south Botany wouldn't be there if it weren't for the shoreline protection works.'

# Renewable energy target slashed

Federal legislation to slash the Renewable Energy Target (RET) has passed parliament, which will see the target slashed from 41,000 gigawatt hours to 33,000.

The Renewable Energy Target, or RET, was designed to reduce carbon emissions and encourage investment in renewable energy such as solar and wind.

The Abbott government also did a deal with four cross-benchers to establish a wind farm commissioner.

Labor and the Greens failed to scrap wood-waste burning as a renewable source as they have concerns the inclusion of wood-waste burning could

encourage unsustainable harvesting of native forests.

Independent senator Glenn Lazarus - the only crossbencher to vote with the Greens and Labor against wood-waste burning - was not part of the wind-farm commissioner deal.

'The rest of the world is moving towards renewable energy and so should we,' senator Lazarus told the Senate.

Ignoring the health effects of open-cut coal mining, Mr Abbott instead attacked wind farms as 'ugly and noisy', and questioned whether turbines make people ill.

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# Byron Health Lodge opens



Ngakpa Kama Lhundup Rinpoche performed the blessing ceremony at the opening of The Health Lodge in Byron. The old Cape Byron Lodge backpackers was purchased at Easter and has undergone a swift transformation to become a complementary medicine 'hospital' that offers guest accommodation for 'health-packers'. Photo Simon Haslam

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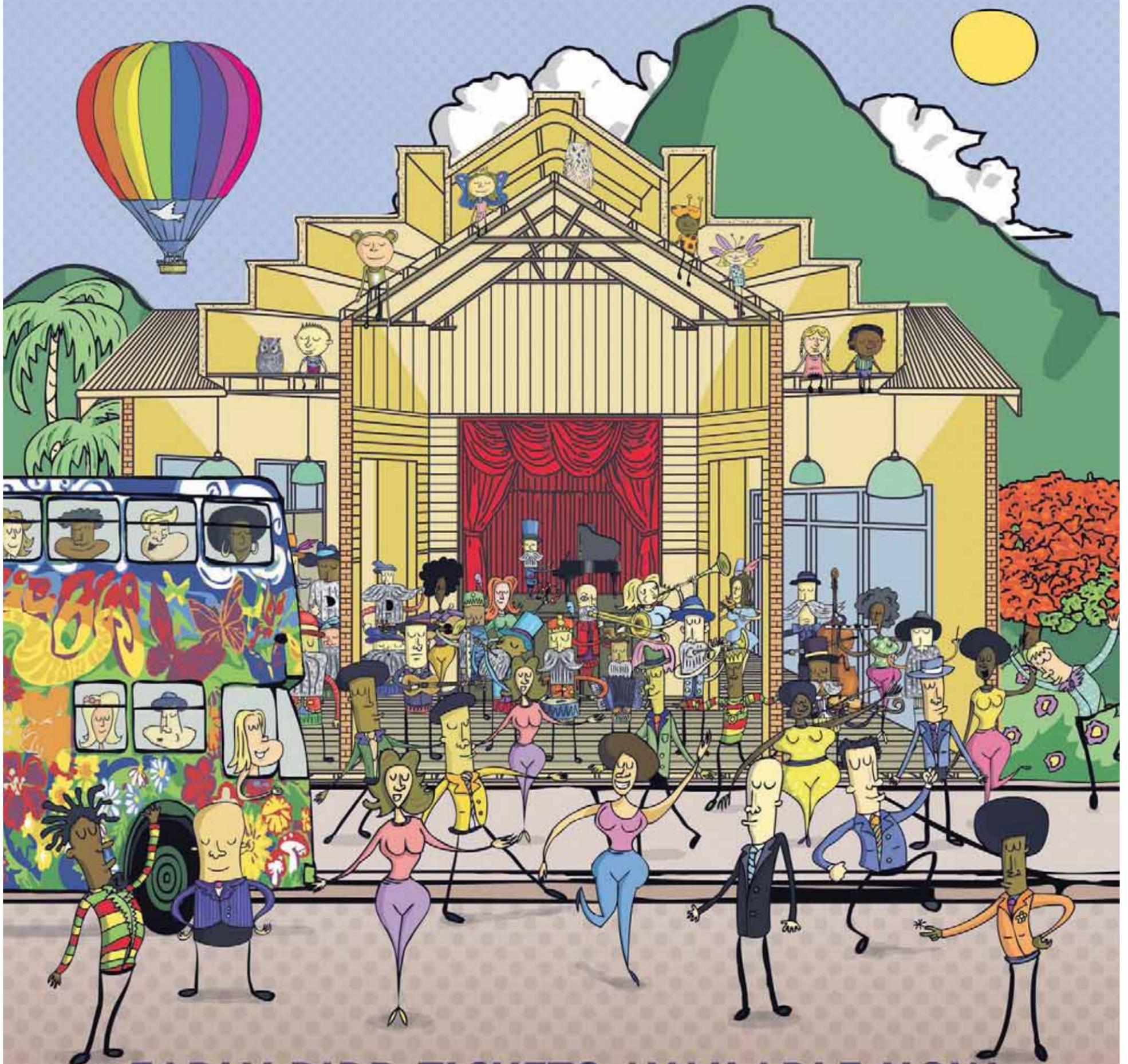
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## Dustyeskys hit the road



The Mullum-based Dustyesky Russian male choir are quickly making a name for themselves; they will be performing at the Bellingen Winter Music Festival, which runs from July 2 to July 5. Photo Jeff Dawson

## Business, unions join climate alliance

Big business, social welfare groups and unions have joined forces with environmentalists to lobby for strong climate change policies.

The unprecedented alliance – which includes the Business Council of Australia, Australian Industry Group, Australian Council of Trade Unions and the Climate Institute – believes the nation must do its fair share to slash carbon emissions.

Called the Australian Climate Roundtable, they aim

to lobby for well-designed climate policies that limit climate change and manage the economic challenges of reducing pollution.

### Shared interest

Climate Institute chief executive John Connor said the alliance's statement was a 'shared recognition that avoiding 2°C of warming was in Australia's economic, social and environmental interest.'

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## Bay FM 99.9 wins NY award

Congratulations, Bay FM and presenter Karena Wynn-Moylan, who has been awarded a top honour in the 2015 New York International radio awards.

The award was for the three-part series, *Memories of Sarajevo*, which won the bronze trophy in the Information/Documentary/Social Issues category.

Ms Wynn-Moylan has been presenting a regular



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weekly arts magazine program called *Arts Canvas* every Thursday morning for over 16 years.

## Foxes targeted in Bruns baiting program

Beachgoers around Brunswick Heads are urged to take care and not disturb shorebird breeding on the beach or dunes and avoid bait stations aimed at foxes.

The NSW Office of Environment and Heritage says the annual fox program to protect threatened shorebirds in the Brunswick Nature Reserve is about to begin.

National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) Area Manager, Jenny Atkins said, 'Baits will be laid in the coastal dunes and management tracks of this reserve from

Wednesday July 1 to Friday December 18, 2015.

The program aims to reduce fox numbers during the Pied Oystercatcher and Beach Stone Curlew breeding season, which occurs between July and December each year.

### Dogs beware

'While the baits are designed to kill foxes they can also kill dogs, so it is important that people only take their dogs to areas that are designated dog exercise areas and not in national parks and nature reserves,' she said.

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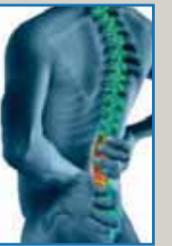
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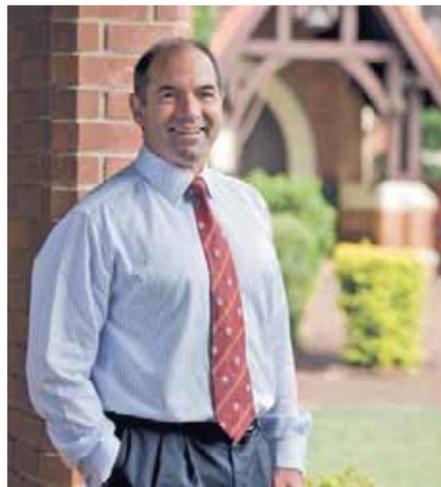
Greg Wain, Headmaster of The Southport School and a leading figure in boys' education is a highly-regarded speaker on the multi-faceted subject of boys and their development.

The reputation of The Southport School is renowned across Australia as a leader in the education of boys and this stems from the innovative approach of Mr Wain to not only focus on academic scores but invest in methods to frame the social and emotional development essential to growth as a whole person. The TSS educational program seeks to guide each and every boy on a personal journey of discovery that will equip him with the necessary skills to succeed in life beyond the classroom.

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MR GREG WAIN  
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# Obey my logic



Are you a terrorist sympathiser? It's not a trick question, but a distraction put forward by the savages who inhabit federal parliament and run mainstream media.

It's one of many distractions deployed by politicians/spin doctors/media, and considering the ongoing massacre on the poor and middle class, their success at distracting has been breathtaking.

Especially in the last week – we can't seem to stop yabbering about ABC TV's Q&A, and why we shouldn't be talking about it. Are we that easily manipulated and hypnotised?

This is all one big distracting high-pitched whining right-wing nutbag white noise.

Okay – terrorism by ISIS extremists could be considered a threat, and will be as long as the Saudi royal family and the US keep funding it. But terrorism's relevance is overstated.

What's understated is the role of terrorist corporations, such as Monsanto, which poison our food and environment.

Unfortunately critical thinking and self-reflection are absent in mainstream media because those qualities conflict with their business model.

And here's why: One of the main strains of terrorism is Sunni-based (ISIS, al Qaeda etc), and it gets much of its funding from the Saudi royal family, according to WikiLeaks cables.

The man with perhaps the largest megaphone in the west, Rupert Murdoch, has ties to that family – Prince Bin Tala owns shares in News Corp. He is a 'big supporter of the Murdoch family', Fairfax reported earlier this year.

All of this really only makes sense when you see the 1988 cult movie *They Live*, by John Carpenter.

The IMDB synopsis reads, 'A down-on-his-luck construction worker discovers a pair of special sunglasses. Wearing them, he is able to see the world as it really is: people being bombarded by media and government with messages like "Stay Asleep, No Imagination, Submit To Authority".'

'Even scarier is that he is able to see that some usually normal-looking people are in fact ugly aliens in charge of the massive campaign to keep humans subdued.'

Hans Lovejoy, editor

# Pundits crank up election speculators

The tumult and the shouting dies, the captains and the kings depart.

Well, from Canberra at least; but as the politicians scurry back to their winter lairs they are unlikely to enjoy a relaxing winter hibernation. Their minds will be already focusing on the prospect of the next election and the thinking of their forceful but frequently erratic leader: will he or won't he?

The theories and rumours are already well away, and in fact have been for several months. The recovery in the government's polling – not yet positive, but clearly on the way – and the steroidal performance of Abbott himself, combined with the decline of an increasingly unconvincing opposition and the beleaguered Bill Shorten, are encouraging the belief that even if the times are far from ideal, they are probably just about as good as they will get, and it would be foolish – even reckless – to run for another 15 months or so.

In the coming spring, a young backbencher's fancy will turn to thoughts of a short, sharp campaign, preferably conflating the fear of terrorism and the hope of economic bounce and after that the future can look after itself. And this is also the feeling – the speculation, anyway – that haunts the bleak and echoing corridors of Parliament House, where gallery troglodytes with too much time on their hands are turning to their own favourite pastime.

Reluctantly, they have had to give up the idea of fantasising over leadership change; barring catastrophic accidents (always a possibility but by definition utterly unpredictable) Tony Abbott is safe from serious dissent in the party room, and Shorten is unrollable, not that there is

anyone game to roll him, or capable of doing the job.

And that leaves them with the other time-tested and reliable fallback to fill their columns: an early election. Some of them have been talking about it at least since the last budget, but things really started to kick along last week, with stories about candidates' photos being updated to include the formidable visage of their prime minister.

of all. And it will soon be driven into confusion by a spate of stories, some plausible, some simply wrong.

There will be accounts of advertising being booked, electoral funds allocated, school halls traditionally used for polling reserved. Ministers will curtail or truncate overseas travel and the PM himself will redouble a hectic schedule that includes as many of the mar-

much choice. The next budget is going to be pretty horrible, whoever is in power.

The vote-buying money has simply run out, and there is no real chance of a sudden windfall arriving. Joe Hockey's May handouts are already coming to an end, which means that both business and consumer investment is likely to slow down – perhaps even go backwards. It will be hard enough to find a few pork barrels for the always voracious marginal seats to get an election campaign going; the idea of a traditional pre-election splurge is out of the question. And this means that the end of this year or the start of next is effectively Abbott's deadline; the only real question is which.

An early election is always a risky business – just ask Malcolm Fraser. By going early in 1977 he retained a huge majority but by trying to catch Bill Hayden with his pants down in 1983 he was suddenly confronted with a fully dressed Bob Hawke; end of story.

Abbott is not by nature a gambler; a ruthless fighter, certainly, but he has always preferred to have the odds firmly on his side.

At this stage, they are moving in his direction. He would be silly not to run with the tide – but then, he is Tony Abbott. He may yet try to bluff his way to a full term. The only certainty is that he and his spinners will keep the opposition and the public – and even his own troops – guessing as long as possible, in the hope that money will fall from the skies, or better still, the forces of ISIS will indeed come after us.

Abbott is not too worried; he will rely on his own protection, either human or divine. And he just might need it.

*The only certainty is that Abbott and his spinners will keep the opposition and the public guessing as long as possible*



by Mungo MacCallum

Six months ago many of them wanted as little association with their captain and even with their party as they could decently avoid, but now it appears that they – or at least the PM's propaganda machine, which is essentially the same thing – now regard him as a positive. This was seen as a sure sign that an election was in the offing.

And from then on the familiar rituals are falling into place. First, of course, there have been the fervent and virtuous denials from Abbott and his ministers: an early election? Not even in contemplation. We were elected to serve the people for three years, and that is what we will do. To go early would disrupt the steady progress of all we have achieved and still plan to achieve. We will complete our full term, no ifs and no buts ... unless, of course, there are extraordinary and reprehensible circumstances...

But rather than being viewed as reassured, relaxed and comfortable, this avowal is seen as just another promise, and one of the most malleable

ginal seats as possible. Photo opportunities, of which there are already a plethora, will crowd out the sporting and social pages. And as a result of all this waffle, business will complain that the constant uncertainty is harming the economy and the voters will just want to get the bloody thing over with.

And so, finally, the prime minister will announce, more in sorrow than with triumph, that all the speculation (for which he, of course, was in no way responsible – perish the thought) must end, and in the interests of the nation he will reluctantly hurtle off to Yarralumla and pull the trigger, after which it will be mysteriously revealed that his government and party machine are completely prepared – have been for weeks, in fact – for the conflict ahead.

All of this presupposes that Abbott wants an early election, which he doesn't – he would much rather indulge himself in office for as long as possible, indefinitely in fact. But the harsh reality is that he may not have

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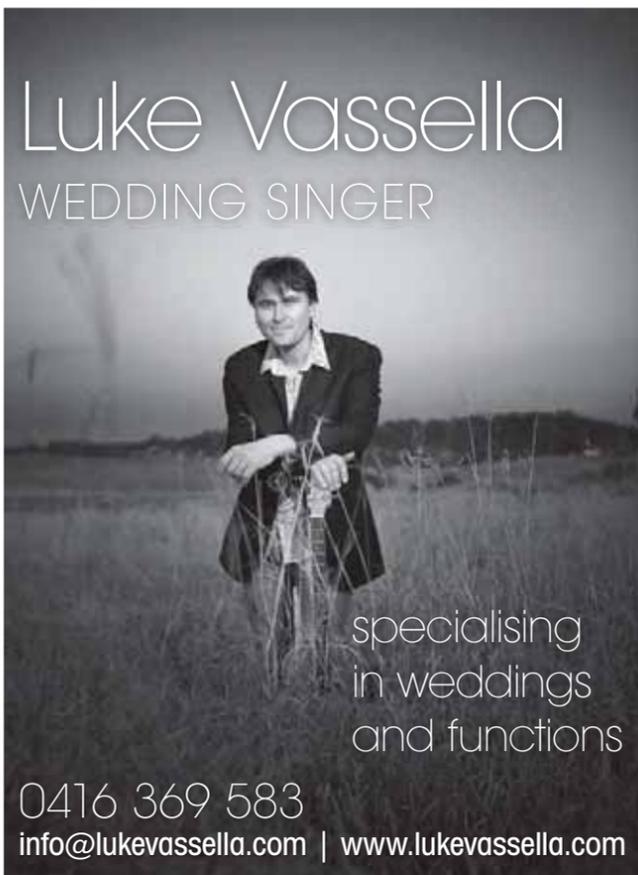
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# Seeing Australia's real shame

Last week Fairfax Media linked my 1999 pro-East Timor Parliament House graffiti, for which I paid \$16,350 in criminal damages, to the Abbott government's new anti-terror laws which, if made retrospective, could result in the loss of Australian citizenship for my children and me. ('Citizenship could be stripped for wide range of offences under terror laws', *Sydney Morning Herald*, June 25.)

To its great credit, *The Echo* published many letters and articles in support of the struggle for an independent East Timor against the tide of political opinion which was firmly on the side of Indo-

nesia. In 1999 I joined 400 District Electoral Officer volunteers as part of UNAMET and was posted to Makadiki, Viqueque province. Outside the Catholic church Father Joseph translated our assurance that the UN would remain in East Timor whatever the outcome of the Popular Consultation.

I embraced a man who shouted: 'Do we have to die again?' as a token of good faith that the UN would keep its word, but on August 30 the police ordered us on board a helicopter because 'there was going to be a bloodbath'. I am ashamed to say I obeyed.

After the UN left, the slaughter began, with flash-

ing machettes cutting down villagers amid burning huts while the world stood by doing nothing. I drafted a petition from the Darwin RAAF base, calling on the UN secretary-general Kofi Annan and the prime ministers of New Zealand and Australia to urgently press for a UN peacekeeping force to be sent to Timor. This was signed by about 300 UN colleagues. There were no UN, ministerial or media responses.

Four colleagues and I reiterated the call for UN peacekeepers from the roof of Parliament House and I sprayed 'Shame Australia Shame' on the white marble wall in desperate hope that such an

outrageous act would draw a positive response and at least express solidarity with the Timorese and show that they were not forgotten.

It is interesting to note that while Fairfax locked onto me as a possible victim of these fascist laws they could, instead, have focused on the 12 Australian Wheat Board executives who bribed the Saddam Hussein regime and were indicted by the 2005 Royal Commission which called for criminal charges to be laid against them. So far the Australian Federal Police have not acted!

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

## Park evictions

I am appalled at the impending evictions of residents from Brunswick Heads caravan parks. The notion that it is okay to remove people from their residence to boost 'the local economy' is abhorrent.

The state government seems confused. It has justified the inappropriate West Byron development on the basis of providing more 'affordable housing'. Now it is

evicting people from affordable housing at Bruns in a quest to turn more tourist dollars. Why do we always value profit over people and planet?

**Vicki Sloane**  
Mullumbimby

## Good company

Public education is still alive and well. Brunswick Valley View Club made 900 library bags for all the public schools

in our region. Upper Main Arm Public School showed its appreciation by inviting six of our ladies to a delicious three-course luncheon made by the students in their new kitchen (most of the ingredients were from the school vegetable garden).

Six students joined us, the table was beautifully arranged by the students, the conversation was varied and interesting and we learnt a

lot about the running of the school. The principal can be very proud of her school as the students are very good chefs, have superb manners and it was a pleasure to be in such good company.

**Margaret Alderton**  
BVVC President

## Honouring animals

Congrats to Desmond Bellamy for honouring his commitment to animals - a true honours degree (Letters, June 24). Yes, there is a disconnect

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► **continued from page 11** that keeps people from seeing every animal they pierce, carve, slice and crunch as a feeling individual. Byron Shire is known for its out-of-the-box outlook. Vegans, vegetarians and conscious, organic farmers are thus embraced rather than ridiculed.

Animals endure terrible suffering at the hands of humans and we surely need reminders time and time again to redirect our moral compass.

**Sarah Blogg**  
Byron Bay

### Parklands noise

The mega music festival trial site at Yelgun has asked the government to allow them to increase noise levels. Public submissions have closed now. You may have missed the ad in the paper about public submissions, but even if you had seen it, there was no mention of increasing noise levels.

Similarly, if you had read the 180 pages asking for more noise, you probably wouldn't have picked up that it was about increasing noise. The noise application was obscure.

Parklands is requesting noise limits that are much more than that provided in other states and even for other festivals (eg Bluesfest). They

have consistently exceeded the limits that the government gave them. They can be heard 10km away. Instead of turning it down to the required levels, they want to increase levels!

They say they can't run festivals at the levels they were given. But the other nearby mega festival site at Tyagarah, Bluesfest, has much lower noise limits and they seem capable of continuing to hold festivals.

They make out that our community is only concerned about the bass frequencies and not the higher frequencies, but this is not supported by the complaint statistics. Some houses in the vicinity had their windows rattling during festivals!

This is one of NSW's most biologically diverse localities with 50 threatened fauna species. If windows rattle, then what happens to the tiny animal bodies? These festivals need to be moved and CONOS Inc has a Change.org petition asking for that to happen (CONOS Inc on Facebook).

**Bob Oehlman**,  
President, CONOS Inc

### Transport options

Now that all the accusing and posting and tweeting is over, it is clear as the dust settles that there are no winners in

the rail v trail debacle. I have never understood why in this supposedly equitable community there was no move to bury the hatchet and cooperate on a joint venture.

Certainly a rail trail could have been built while preserving the rail.

The money could have created a path for bikes, horses, carts, wheelchairs, wheelbarrows if wanted. Clearing the scrub and tidying up the corridor would have enabled the rail to be used for electric golf carts with rail wheels as in NZ or rail speeders as in Newfoundland, or rail scooters or kalamazoos (the push-pull type).

But no, instead a few regional airports will get cleaner restrooms and their potholes filled. I guess this is what happens when people are unwilling to work together and are ruled by a government that does not want to spend the time and money pleasing everyone.

**Jim Barnes**  
Brunswick Heads

■ The demise of the regional Rail to Trail project in the melange of competing community and commercial interests and significant practical challenges leaves our Grab The Rail campaign for

a better traffic and transport solution for Byron Bay clearly out in front. The rail corridor in Byron Bay is the town's transport infrastructure legacy and is perfectly situated to form the arterial transit way for the town.

It is now time that our Council and state authorities recognise this town's legitimate claim to the use of the rail corridor for the pressing traffic and transport needs of Byron Bay. Check out 'Grab The Rail' on Facebook and support our campaign at [www.byrontrafficfix.org](http://www.byrontrafficfix.org).

**Paul Jones**  
President, Butler Street Community Network

■ The northern rivers rail trail proposal had its \$44m state funding taken off the table, and given to regional airports development instead.

The clear winner still is Rail Trails NSW's Tumbumba, with their \$6m still intact to build their rail trail. Their proposal has been an unwavering and simple rail-trail-only concept. They well deserve their success.

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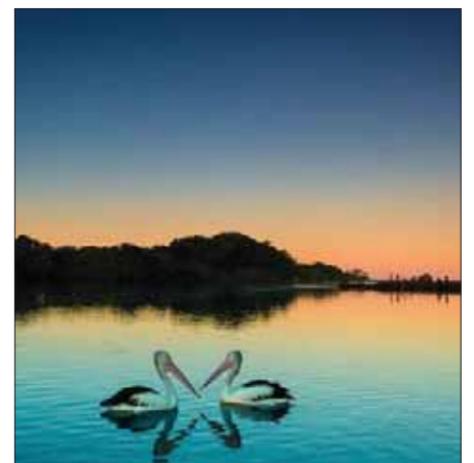
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### Photography competition gives you triple photo inspiration

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There are cash prizes to be won and this year there is a new Over 55s category, and don't forget the Instagram category that can be done with your smartphone online. The Instagram category is separate from the printed competition, enter at Brunswick Heads Visitor Centre. It closes on Sept 4.

The theme Brunswick Heads. Eat. Play. Love. gives people three great ideas to capture. Your favourite cafe, chef, waitress; Playing around town, at the beach, river, up a tree; And what's not to love about Brunswick? Hug a tree, kiss a bird – be inspired. You can enter in one word section or enter all three and get a discount off your entry costs.

Entries for printed photos close August 7 and will be displayed in the town exhibition from August 22 to Sept 28. Some photos can also be viewed on the Echo website.

Competition entry forms are available at Brunswick Visitor Centre, Brunswick Heads Bowling Club, Print Rescue, Brunswick CBD or online at: [www.brunswickheads.org.au](http://www.brunswickheads.org.au)

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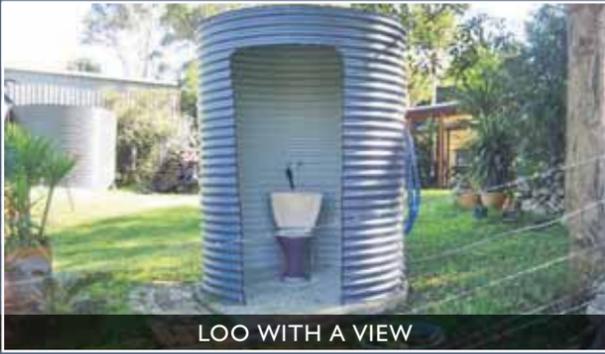
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**CHESS** by Ian Rogers

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Despite Magnus Carlsen's extraordinary run of success, a number of pundits have expressed doubt about the World Champion's ability to handle severe pressure.

Exhibit one has been the 2014 Candidates tournament where Carlsen lost two of the last three rounds and only qualified to challenge Viswanathan Anand because rival Vladimir Kramnik also faltered in the final round.

In addition, critics point to Carlsen's two world title matches where he cruised early but started to play shakily when the world title was in sight. (In both matches, Anand failed to take his chances in the crucial games.)

This week the sceptics had a new piece of evidence: Carlsen's awful failure at the Norway Chess tournament in Stavanger.

As covered last week, Carlsen lost the first game in Stavanger in tragic fashion, losing in time in a winning position against Veselin Topalov because he failed to acquaint himself with the time control.

This would shake the confidence of any player, but most expected Carlsen to recover quickly. Instead he allowed his defeat to define his tournament and, with subsequent losses against Fabiano Caruana and Anand, Carlsen hurtled to the tail of the field. (Anand was remarkably sympathetic after his second win over Carlsen in six years, saying 'You have to see in the context of this first game. He played an excellent game [against Topalov] and if he'd won that he'd be a different person.'

From there Carlsen could not even break a 50 per cent score, let alone catching Topalov, who rode his luck to victory.

After Stavanger Carlsen's rivals will start believing that if they can destabilise the Norwegian psychologically his play will suffer.

Before their 1972 world title match, Boris Spassky believed that he could overcome Bobby Fischer's (acknowledged) superior strength by exploiting the American's emotional instability. The plan was excellent but Spassky was crushed, good moves beating good psychology every time.

**Groundswell of support for people power doco**

Concerned citizens are voicing their opposition to coal seam gas mining by supporting a documentary about the grassroots campaign to boot 'a big, dirty industry' out of the northern rivers and keep the region gasfield free.

'We've had a great start with amazing support but we need to keep pushing because we have an incredible story on our hands here,' said Brendan Shoebridge, the director of the film *The Bentley Effect*.

'Bentley was the frontline for the entire region. But more than that, it has enormous global significance. The northern rivers has become a leading light in the worldwide movement against invasive mining and fossil fuels.'

But with Metgasco hoping to resume operations in the northern rivers, the fight seems far from over. Residents have been alarmed by the extensive spread of gasfields just over the border in Queensland and with the \$75 billion Gladstone export terminal soon to come online, all eyes are on the NSW government to act on the call to cancel licences and protect the region.

'All it takes is for the industry to get a foothold somewhere. That's why the community's stand at Bentley was so important - it was an historic showdown and a major tipping point,' says Brendan.

The local filmmakers have spent the last four weeks crowdfunding the feature film, using social media, radio, newspapers, markets and film events. Their goal is to raise \$87,000 to finance the post-production of the film and secure cinema distribution.

'People everywhere have been incredibly generous with their time and money - donating stalls, organising events, selling raffle tickets for us, and



Sunrise at the Bentley Protectors camp. Photo R J Poole

giving what they can. With thirty thousand dollars raised in under a month, the project is now a reality but we're going to need more help to do it justice,' says Susie Forster, who is producing the film.

'We are calling on everyone who loves our region or is concerned about the issue to rally around the project and donate to the planetfunder.org crowdfunding site. We want people to spread the campaign far and wide.

'This is clearly a crunch moment in our history,' says Brendan. 'With the global

Climate Summit in Paris looming, the time has never been better to show which side of the fossil-fuel argument people stand on. But more than anything, it's time for a positive injection of our most precious commodity - hope - and that is the Bentley Effect.'

■ The crowdfunding campaign runs until the end of July. You can donate online via direct deposit or a credit card. Go to [www.thebentleyeffect.com](http://www.thebentleyeffect.com) for further detail.

meter for north-incoming and another for south-incoming traffic, both linked to a computer system, will do the job. Who knew, a major reason for gridlock in Byron - no town bypass - would prove to be a plus in the end.

Both roads owned by the council become tollways. The computer system simply charges non-ratepayers while ratepayers are exempt. Eliminate paid parking with all its visually and practically messy infrastructure (ie signage, paystations, and parking cops) and probably continually rising costs, especially the parking cops.

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clear, unified and coherent a proposal must be in order to gain eventual support and funding. All we need to do as a community is to help simplify the intended use of our 120-year-old rail corridor, to protect it from future sell-off.

Apart from the privately run Elements of Byron two-carriage train approval, trains of the public transport variety have been nowhere on the horizon.

So it's not only pointless pursuing, but is a dangerous play of faith, that will at best, ensure nothing at all gets funded, and at worst, eventuate in the corridor being sold off.

The only viable prospect is to accept and support the original rail trail proposal. We use it or we lose it.

**Tim Shanasy**  
Byron Bay

**Carbon queries**

Why does Byron Council believe Beyond Zero Emissions will provide not-for-profit, impartial advice on carbon reduction technology? Based upon BZE's response to my inquiries, they are funded by Energy Freedom.

This web-based entity charges up to \$25,000 for businesses to become 'members' and receive the benefit of referrals from BZE.

They also support 'smart' electricity metering. Wherever this is installed, health complaints arise, attributed to microwave exposure.

The resulting outcry over Victoria's forced roll-out is one reason that other states have adopted a voluntary scheme. The industry is now pursuing a range of subterfuges to regain momentum.

**Peter Nielsen**  
Byron Bay

**Deadly roads**

After some years living in Byron Bay I now realise Byron Council is manifestly unable to fulfill its basic obligation to ratepayers regarding the provision of safe roads. Across the Shire, and particularly in Byron town, they are deadly.

There is no plan, no money and no-one who visits the Shire can believe how dangerous the roads are. I challenge the councillors to concentrate on this core issue and tell the public what the plan is for the roads.

And *no*, patching potholes is not a plan, not that

that happens very often. My four-year-old Subaru just needed \$2,000 worth of repairs to wheel bearings caused by commuting across the Byron roads, with less than 50,000km on the clock. Anyone want to join me in a class action against Council?

**Matilda Peters**  
Byron Bay

**Road users pay**

Tony Margan has the right idea about how to get non-ratepaying town users to pay for their use of Byron Bay (Letters, June 24). His suggestion only needs slight adjustment/extension.

As Tony suggests, the technology and precedents are already available. Toll roads in capital cities already charge users. Some of these tollways are owned by local government, eg City of Brisbane. The legal precedents are there.

Easier than a rockwall, able to eliminate multiple paystations in a single bound, don't look up in the sky, just look at the unobtrusive camera near the sports centre roundabout and the other one where Blackbutt Place meets Bangalow Road; yes it's SuperPay! So, a simple camera and

Users pay! Isn't that what capitalism is all about? What's that? A system that can be instantly adjusted up or down to finely calibrate the number of visitors and/or income?

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**Paul Gannon**  
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# A small child's window into a vicious regime

*Harry Mac*, by Russell Eldridge (Allen & Unwin, RRP \$29.99)

**Michael McDonald**

You could be forgiven for thinking the role of Ocean Shores resident Russell Eldridge is being played by several people.

As well as being the editor of the *The Northern Star* for many years until his resignation in 2008 and a stalwart of the Byron Bay Writers Festival since its inception in 1997, he has helped out with various non-profit organisations, written and performed standup comedy, been highly amusing (and poignant) in many local theatre productions, and kindly kept public meetings under control.

Now he has turned his hand to authorship as well, and brings to the task the same desire for an open, respectful society he brings to all his other pursuits. Eldridge's novel *Harry Mac* first surfaced in 2013 when, under the title *Shame*, the manuscript won the Byron Bay Writers Festival/Varuna Unpublished Manuscript Award. And only last week

Caroline Baum named *Harry Mac* her book of the month on Booktopia: [www.booktopia.com.au/caroline-baum](http://www.booktopia.com.au/caroline-baum).

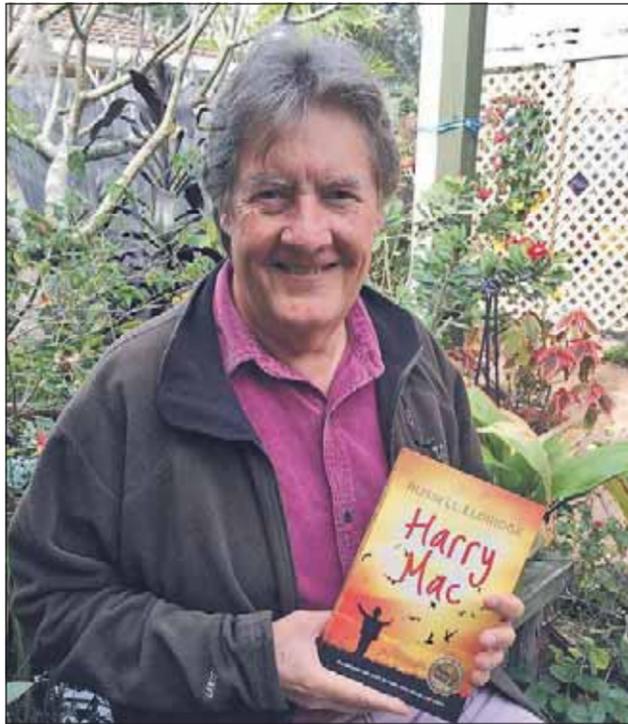
*Harry Mac's* subject is the turbulent South Africa Eldridge left in 1979 'to get away from apartheid', spending three years with the *Sydney Morning Herald* 'before moving to this region to join the hippy folk in the hills west of Nimbin'.

## Tom the observer

The story is told through the eyes of young boy Tom, whose father is Harry Mac, the hot-blooded newspaper editor who keeps running into trouble with the apartheid regime. Here the novel draws on autobiography, newspaper ink flowing strongly in the Eldridge blood.

'The character Harry Mac is loosely based on my father, who was a newspaper editor and who had been a POW in Italy in WWII,' says Russell.

'The premise of the story is based on fact - my father was made privy to a hare-brained scheme to assassinate [prime minister] Verwoerd in the manner described in the book. I don't think he took it too seriously at the time. So I



Russell Eldridge and his debut novel, *Harry Mac*.

took the idea and made up a fictitious story about how it might have evolved.'

It is a fascinating time and Eldridge does well to weave all the threads together - a society in the 1950s and 1960s still traumatised by WWII and the Boer War, composed of the Afrikaner Nationalists and their secret police, the Germans fond of the Nazi days, the English speakers

yearning for their own old-school British colony, and of course the oppressed black population, still caught up in tribal conflict.

To tell the story Eldridge populates a laneway in his home town of Pietermaritzburg with a bunch of remarkable eccentrics - the Mac family and their servant Essie and her activist son Windsor, Tom's friend Mil-

lie with whom he hangs out in a house of ghosts, and the Jewish doctor Sol Lieberman, who knows too well the impact of persecution. Across the domestic stage fraught with tension stride great men such as Nelson Mandela and the vile H F Verwoerd, architect of apartheid.

## Mandela

Mandela is also connected to Pietermaritzburg, making his last public appearance at the All-In Africa Conference before going underground, says Eldridge. 'He was also captured just outside our town.'

'I also discovered on reading Mandela's autobiography that, while on the run, he had a safe house in my grandparents' street.'

As the apartheid regime tightens the screws on public freedoms, and the residents of the Pietermaritzburg lane find themselves in trouble with the secret police, Eldridge has his character Sol quoting Primo Levi on 'the insolent logic of the oppressors. The twisted reasoning they bring to bear to justify their treatment of fellow human beings.'

Which leads to the obvious question: Does Russell see any parallels between the current Australian government and the Verwoerd regime?

'Absolutely,' he replies. 'I've always loved Australia for its independence, fairness, bluntness and sense of life as fun.'

'But while writing *Harry Mac*, I was strongly aware of the terrible irony of again witnessing the slow erosion of civil liberties, the introduction of draconian laws, detention without trial and mass surveillance.'

'Worst of all is the meek acquiescence of the public, who generally are buying the government's scaremongering message that they are doing all this for our own good, to protect us from a nebulous but threatening enemy.'

'Australians are allowing themselves to be herded into a *laager*, hoping the troubles of the world will disappear.'

■ Marele Day will launch Russell Eldridge's book *Harry Mac* at the Launch Pad at the Byron Bay Writers Festival on Saturday August 8 at 3pm. See more at [www.byronbaywritersfestival.com](http://www.byronbaywritersfestival.com).



## Meet 'our Michelle

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# When tormented genius really meant something

*Acute Misfortune: The Life and Death of Adam Cullen* by Erik Jensen (Black Inc \$32.99)

Review by Alison Kubler

Before Ben Quilty became poster boy for a brief history of masculinity in Australian culture, as seen through the lens of gestural painting, there was Adam Cullen. Cullen's painting style comparatively was far less polite; he took no prisoners, shining a light on the ugly underbelly of our national character, and himself.

His larger practice was a post-punk howl of ironic masochism often imbued with humour and melancholy.

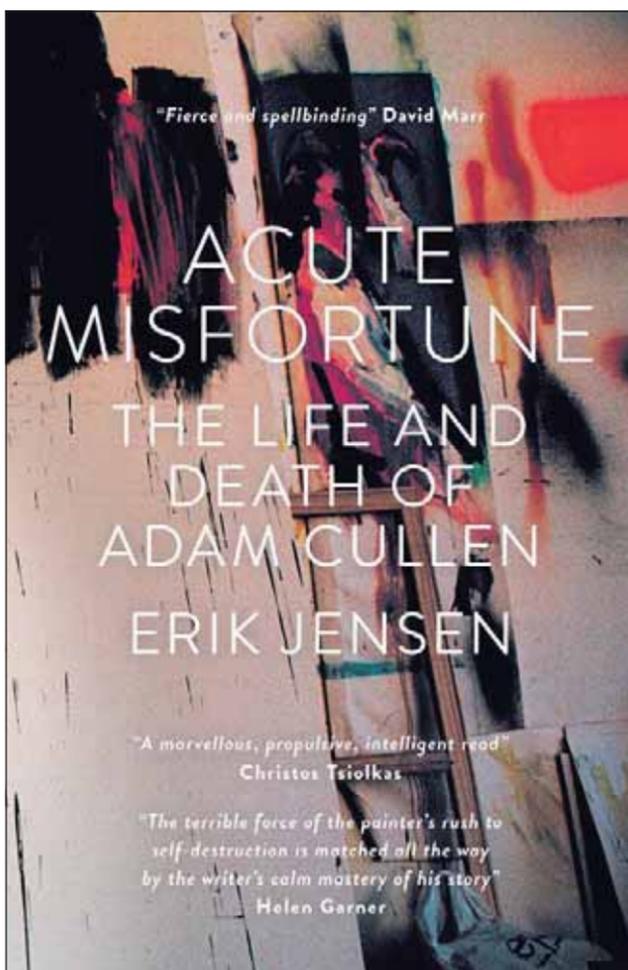
His paintings were frequently ugly, vulgar even, painted in cheap house paint, always provocative. When Adam Cullen entered and won the Archibald Prize in 2000 he stimulated the populist exhibition with a new relevance and vigour. It was a fascinating move on the part of the art world *enfant terrible*. The barbarian at the gate was overnight a sensation.

Cullen would wrestle ever after with the tension between fame and infamy; his untimely death meant the full extent of his artistic contribution was only realised posthumously.

For my Masters in post-war and contemporary art history at Manchester University I decided (curiously) to write about grunge and rad scunge in Australia. Yes, rad scunge was a 'thing' in 1997, and one of its great exponents was Adam Cullen. His time at Sydney College of Art, where he chained a rotting animal corpse to his leg and wore it until he was made to remove it, was already the stuff of lore.

After graduating I went on to work at Gold Coast City Art Gallery, one of the first major public galleries to acquire a work by Cullen, through their annual prize in 1996.

I well remember the wonderful shock and opprobrium of certain sectors of the arts community when esteemed curator Daniel Thomas awarded Cullen for his painting *My Parents' Telephone Number is 9982 1626* (which it



is). A diptych of one panel of the aforementioned text and another of a kind of scatological abstraction it encapsulates the spirit of post-grunge rad scunge: a reduction of painting to its lowest depths of misery. Cullen's work is undoubtedly due a retrospective gaze. But artists' biographies with their painstaking chronolog-

ical approach can be turgid at the best of times, best left to aficionados. Erik Jensen's page-turner, *Acute Misfortune: The Life and Death of Adam Cullen*, is not one of those. Nor is it strictly a biography. It certainly is not a book for academics looking for catalogue raisonne depth. Rather it is an excoriatingly honest portrayal of one of Australia's most significant artists, written from the perspective of Jensen, editor of *The Saturday Paper*, whose friendship with Cullen afforded him an intimate view of the artist's path of self-destruction.

Jensen is tightly entwined with his subject, whom he revered and at times feared. Like the time Cullen accidentally shot him. Or threw him from a moving motorbike. Cullen's early death was perhaps a *fait accompli*, yet it is important to resist reducing him to an artistic stereotype; tortured genius, addictive personality, suicidal tendencies and failed relationships. To do so is to deny his considerable intelligence and wit.

Jensen's tale of an artist unravelling is respectful

and aims to add depth to the cartoon of Cullen's character. It moves at a cracking pace, building up a picture of Cullen through the reminiscences of those who knew him, but it is really the story of Jensen and Cullen, a tale of unrequited love (for Cullen).

For me, *Acute Misfortune* captured what it is to work in the arts, the unpredictability of it; the allure of edge-of-your seat crazy clever creative people. The book, like Cullen's work, is a punch-you-in-the face read.

As a footnote to my thesis, several years later in 2003 I worked with Cullen on a touring exhibition of his work entitled *Our Place in the Pacific*. For a young curator the experience (Cullen was then in the grip of heroin) was a baptism of fire. I was the recipient of frequent drunken phone calls, alarming emails and finally a message from his then partner to say he had 'died' overnight, for a few minutes, only to have been revived. It was a tumultuous but rewarding relationship. I knew I was working with a genius. Maybe I should have written about it.

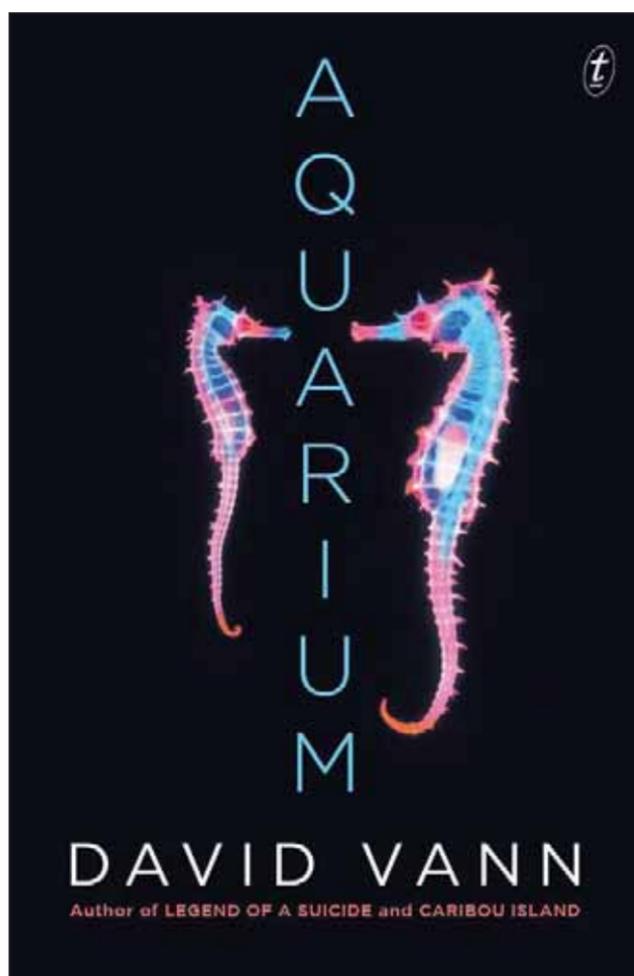
# The hook of forgiveness in fishy fairytales

*Aquarium* by David Vann (Text Publishing \$29.99)

Review by Sam Smith

Twelve-year-old Caitlin and her single mother Sheri live together in their small Seattle apartment. It is just the two of them, and Sheri seems determined to keep it that way. They live a difficult, uncomfortable life with Sheri working long hours on the docks in a job she detests, taking late-night shifts when she can get ahead. The alarm wakes them in the cold, dark mornings, Sheri drops Caitlin at school where she's greeted in the empty corridors by the school caretaker, hours before anyone else arrives. After school, Caitlin walks alone for almost an hour to the Seattle Aquarium where she immerses herself in what she feels is the much safer world of tropical fish.

In the darkened passages of the aquarium, Caitlin is enveloped in the fear of her own vulnerability should anything ever happen to her mother. She doesn't know any other relatives and Sheri refuses to talk about the subject of family.



'Welcome to the adult world, coming soon,' Sheri tells Caitlin. 'I work so I can work more. I try not to want anything so maybe I'll get something.'

'I starve so I can be less

and more. I try to be free so I can be alone.'

But Caitlin is terrified of being alone, and life changes when Caitlin meets a friendly old man at the aquarium who keeps her company dur-

ing her lonely afternoons and shares her love of the underwater world.

This is the set up to David Vann's novel, *Aquarium*: the deepest yearning of young narrator Caitlin to have family, pitted against Sheri's determination to go it alone.

*Aquarium* is David Vann's fifth novel, and it shares the themes of family, betrayal and the primal unleashing of anger that arise in his earlier work. However, this latest work represents a significant shift from the his hallmark macabre fiction, by adding forgiveness and redemption to its theme.

The novel contemplates that forgiveness might be possible, however challenging or remote: 'Maybe this is as near as we can come to forgiveness. Not the past wiped away, nothing undone, but some willingness in the present, some recognition and embrace and slowing down.'

Fairytales are woven into this novel, both in the idea that happy endings might be possible, and in the realisation of parents that their children will never see their younger lives – those before having kids – as anything

more than a distant story, as remote as a fairytale. Sheri appreciates it is every child's right to be selfish, and she rages at the selfishness she was deprived of in her youth.

The small cast of characters in *Aquarium* is expertly drawn and their ethical and moral dilemmas will haunt you beyond the page. The story is told convincingly through the eyes of a preco-

cious child, though the reader is thrust just as intensely into the world of the damaged characters that surround her, as they suffer through their searing regrets, their sense of injustice, their longing to either retain or release the past. This is a novel that leaves you with the looming question about whether you need to believe in fairytales to free yourself of the past.

*If you want to really hurt your parents, and you don't have the nerve to be gay, the least you can do is go into the arts. I'm not kidding. The arts are not a way to make a living. They are a very human way of making life more bearable. Practising an art, no matter how well or badly, is a way to make your soul grow, for heaven's sake. Sing in the shower. Dance to the radio. Tell stories. Write a poem to a friend, even a lousy poem. Do it as well as you possibly can. You will get an enormous reward. You will have created something.*

– Kurt Vonnegut

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Right now Byron Designworks is running a winter sale with up to 40 per cent off its entire range – from tablecloths to tables. The sale runs until Saturday 11 July, so pay a visit and grab a bargain. There is plenty of onsite parking, so shop in comfort.

Designworks continues to stand out as a locally owned, independent store providing quality furniture, homewares, home décor, gifts and artwork. A distinctive feature is the ability to offer customised furniture to meet your specific needs. In doing so, recycled Australian hardwoods are used; indeed, the store strives to provide sustainable products across its range.

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# JULY 3-8

# Skullcandy

## OZ GROM OPEN 2015

## The Skullcandy Oz grom open

is one of the most highly anticipated Junior surfing events in Australia. The event was founded in 2012 by LE-BA Boardriders, who had an objective for an event that which offered an exciting and innovative contest of the highest standards that had never been seen before in junior surfing.

The SkullCandy OZ Grom Open provides new criterion that has been developed exclusively for the event by Pritamo Ahrendt, current Australian Surfing professional head judge. This criterion has not been used in any junior surfing event in the world. Based on the current WCT format, surfers get a second chance through the recharge round.



The judging panel comprises current ASP WCT and WQS judges with a revolutionary new computerised scoring and reporting system. The event also offers the highest level of infrastructure ever seen in Junior surfing, with a two-level scaffold tower and a competitors deck. Food, music, heat preparation are all provided.

Lennox Head, which is famous for its world class point break, also offers exceptional beach breaks. The best groms and juniors in Australia and beyond come to this sleepy town in July to put on a world-class show of high-performance surfing.

All the dramatic action will now be captured through the live webcast via the competition website, giving fans an action-packed view of the competition.

## Junior qualifying series leaders prepare for Skullcandy Oz grom open (Surfing NSW)

The 2015 Skullcandy Oz Grom Open presented by Coolridge is set to kick off in Lennox Head in just over a week's time and some of the world's most talented junior surfers are gearing up to battle it out, in hope of nabbing a Pro Junior win, prize money and valuable World Surf League (WSL) Junior Qualifying Series (JQS) rankings points.

The WSL JQS 72-man division - which runs from 3-8 July - is set to join the long-running under-16-year-old junior event and includes a \$12,000 prize purse - currently the biggest prize pool for any pro junior in Australia - with the winner walking away with \$4,500.

Current WSL Australasia JQS rankings leader Kai Hing (Wurtulla, Qld) will be defending the top position when the event gets underway and is looking forward to heading to Lennox Head to compete in the inaugural event division.

'As a grommet, I loved competing down at Lennox Head in the younger divisions of the Skullcandy Oz Grom Open and I can't wait to get back there for the new Pro Junior division,' said Hing.

'I've had an unreal time on the JQS so far this year, as have most of the surfers who are competing and I know pretty much everyone is hungry to get a decent result under their belt and put themselves in the best position possible as we get closer to the World Junior Championships later in the year.'

Aside from the Pro Junior division, male and female competitors will also be competing in the under-12, under-14 and under-16 divisions.

All event divisions will be broadcast live on [skullcandyozgromopen.com.au](http://skullcandyozgromopen.com.au).

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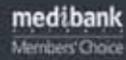
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# Food trend alert: the world's healthiest dessert and cauliflower

Susanna Freymark

After kale, the next big thing in the culinary world could be lavender ice-cream, sorghum, yakitori (things on sticks) or maybe the humble cauliflower will finally have its moment in the spotlight.

Kale will not be missed. The mindless, bland vegetable never deserved its rank as a superfood. The heady days of the curly-leaved salad green are over.

Recent food trends have included pork belly, pulled pork, sliders, brioche buns with everything, quinoa, flaxseed, goji berries, cupcakes, pretzel buns, superfoods, activated almonds, steel-cut oats and foam. Who could forget the cronut (combination of a croissant and doughnut) or the meaty turduken?

We asked the people who know about these things. Four chefs give their predictions for the next big taste in Byron Shire.

Fins chef Steven Snow serves The World's Healthiest Dessert, using black sapote and strawberries, at his Kingscliff restaurant.

'We have an accent on health and our whole menu is gluten free,' Snow says. He finds it easy to substitute rice or almond flour in recipes requiring flour, and is a fan of the current trend of smoked cooking.

'I also love cooking over wood because of my history of having a restaurant in Portugal. It is the best way to get flavours,' Snow says. 'Fish, free-range chicken, anything with a bone on an open grill or a closed wood oven fire.'

But flowers on food is a trend he can't abide. 'The only animals that should eat flowers are cows,' he says. He predicts finger-limes and other Australian native produce will become more popular. Another of his desserts is finger-lime pannacotta with lemon-myrtle crumb.

Tucked away in Tintenbar is Che Bon, a simple, rustic restaurant where chef Rodolph Ferreo serves tasty French dishes at affordable prices. A three-course meal, including snails, costs \$35.

Ferreo hails from Lyon, the gastronomic capital of France, and says,

'We had more inventive food in Lyon, but it's not what people are looking for here. I do my grandmother's traditional food. I would like to do frogs' legs but it is banned.



Cauliflower, the next superfood? Bangalow chef, Shane Olive in kitchen. Photos Susanna Freymark

No-one supplies them.' Although frogs may be relieved to be off-trend, Ferreo believes authentic, earthy restaurants will flourish.

At the less earthy but bright Utopia Restaurant in Bangalow, chef Shane Olive's menu features a serving of quinoa and coconut porridge with chia and flaxseed sprinkle.

'The healthy gluten-free meals are still popular, and I believe the trend will continue. We're all about giving customers what they want,' he says, 'although in Paris, if you asked for gluten-free, you'd be chuckled out.'

Whilst molecular gastronomy (think Heston Blumenthal) is still trendy, the sweet

cauli fritters that former Blue Mountains chef Bruce Gardner serves at a pot-luck supper in Federal are not. But, deep fried at an extreme temperature and coated in sesame seeds, honey and ketsap manis (a sweet Indonesian sauce), the cauliflower florets are wolfed down.

'I'm an old-fashioned cook,' Gardner says. 'Fresh, seasonal, local ingredients are the most important, that will never change. Some people are into modern cooking more as an intellectual concept rather than as a celebration of food and life.'

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## Farmers Market Coffee

Vivienne Pearson

Though coffee stalls are now ubiquitous at markets, there aren't many where your latte will be made and served by the very same person who grew the coffee.

'Not every region is as blessed as northern NSW,' says Jane Adams, national spokesperson for the Australian Farmers' Market Association. She says this because northern NSW is one of only two regions where coffee grows in Australia. Coffee here truly aligns with the ethos of farmers markets: produce grown by local farmers.

There are four farmers markets in Byron Shire: New Brighton (Tuesdays), Byron (Thursdays), Mullumbimby (Fridays) and Bangalow (Saturdays). Each market has between one and three coffee farmers.

Some farms sell almost all the coffee they grow at the markets, either in the form of hot drinks or packets for home use. 'Without the markets, we probably wouldn't be in business,' says Bob James, the Akubra-wearing farmer from Myocum Coffee. Byron Aromas is the exception, also selling roasted coffee online and through retail outlets as well as selling green (unroasted) beans.

Most of the farmers have been at the markets since they started (nearly 13 years for Byron to just over five for Mullumbimby). They've seen changes in trends over this time.

Increasing popularity is the first trend. Coffee consumption is on the rise everywhere and the farmers markets are no exception. Tables and chairs encourage people to hang around (and maybe have a second coffee!) rather than just shop and go.

Another trend is increasing interest in the coffee: how it's grown, processed and roasted. Visitors, as well as some locals, are amazed to find that the coffee on offer is grown locally. Bob

James from Myocum Coffee has a handy flipbook of photos to supplement his firsthand descriptions of life on a coffee farm.

Punters are getting more discriminating (or is this code for fussy?). Coffee jargon is almost a language in itself these days and is always changing. Michelle Clarke from Bangalow Coffee was happy to know what was required when asked for a 'magic' the other week. (For those less in the know, a 'magic' is a double-shot ristretto topped with three-quarters of the usual milk volume). Soy milk is offered by all and almond milk is starting to be available. In keeping with the down-to-earth nature of the markets, latte art is optional. 'It's appreciated but not expected,' says Michelle.

A brand new initiative at Mullumbimby Farmers Market aims to tackle a major downside of our love of coffee – the waste. The University of Queensland estimates that more than one billion coffee cups are produced every year in Australia, generating more than 7,000 tonnes of waste. The Mullum market has taken this on by having cups available with someone dedicated to collecting and washing them. 'I love it; the coffee tastes better and we're not creating waste,' says a market regular, Anniq Goldenberg.

Instead of hitting a cafe for your next morning coffee, try heading to a farmers market. You can enjoy a locally grown coffee, chat to the person who grew it and pick up some beans (coffee and fava!) at the same time.



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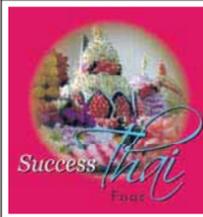
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# GETTING THE MILK FOR BELLO

THE MILK CARTON KIDS ARE AN AMERICAN INDIE FOLK DUO FROM EAGLE ROCK, CALIFORNIA. HEADLINING BELLO WINTER MUSIC, JOEY RYAN SPOKE ABOUT RECORDING MONTEREY, THEIR LATEST ALBUM RELEASE.



Reflecting on the tone of the recording, Joey said, 'I think it was a part of our intention to have our album feel like its own universe, for it to be a world that you would be invited to for 38 minutes and that would feel like yes, this is a different place from where you are. It had to be its own separate world.'

For them recording is an instinctual thing. 'I think it's purely an intuition,' says Joey 'I don't think it's rational, it doesn't come under the purview of rational intention. For us it's simple, specifically sticking to the instrumentation of two guitars and two voices, and writing with a common focus throughout all the songs, not with a common theme, but with a common feel. The hope is that everything will coalesce in the end.'

Being a folk duo, there have of course been comparisons to Simon and Garfunkel. Not surprising seeing as their brand of acoustic guitar and harmony has them well in the zone. So what's their working relationship like? Does one acquiesce to the other? Does one have to Garfunkel to the other's Simon?

'There is no compromise,' says Joey 'We are not allowed to compromise, we are only allowed to do things that both of us want to do; we have mutual veto power. We are not allowed to stand up and sing a song on stage that we don't both believe in... We are definitely not democratic. We are totalitarian. Fortunately it's just the two of us.'

Monterey was made on the road. 'The whole making of this album was to do with process and eliciting a certain looseness and genuineness of performance. We always write about places and every one of our albums probably has too many placename references. It's not supposed to be a road album. Maybe it is naturally because that's how we live our life. It's not as though we are out there listening to Jackson Brown's *Running on Empty*. One of my favourite songs is Paul Simon's *America*. For us the travel is just mundane.'

'Although we can't deny that a sense of place comes through very, very strongly in our music – it's an artefact of how we live our lives.'

So who appears in the music along the way?

'I think some of the characters in our songs are compounds of other people. We look outward at social issues or societal observations rather than personal observations. I think it is important to avoid dogmatic or cliched things about stances, and to try to illuminate and capture in an emotional sense what it feels like to be on the wrong end of some of these policies, or what it feels like to witness injustice.'

**Milk Carton Kids** play **Bello Winter Music** in Bellinghen **this weekend**.

For program and ticketing information go to [www.bellowintermusic.com](http://www.bellowintermusic.com) – opening on Thursday with music in the streets and halls of Bellinghen until late Sunday.

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LOOKS TO DIE FOR

It's official. Skinny Jeans are dangerous. Last week an Adelaide woman, or should we say 'fashion victim', caused herself serious nerve damage wearing skinny jeans while helping a friend clean. After hours in squatting position emptying cupboards the woman lost feeling in her feet and was found collapsed in a park. She was rushed to the Royal Adelaide Hospital and was diagnosed with a case of 'very, very tight skinnies'.

Apparently squatting in skinnies compressed her nerves and caused muscles to swell inward. This is what caused her paralysis.

After four days she regained the use of her legs.

Fashion has always been dangerous. Ever since Eve first strapped on her fig leaf and then discovered she'd contracted fungal leaf spot (possibly a forerunner to modern-day thrush) we women have been subjected to some bizarre fashion trends. High-heeled shoes are a great example of a device that seems to have no relationship with the mandate of a shoe: that which protects and supports ease of movement. In fact, high heels are designed to limit and repress one's motion. Plus they cause

bunions and hammertoes. Hmm, hammertoes are hot.

G-strings not only ride up and give you nasty crackburn; they can also give you a urinary tract or vaginal infection from harbouring bacteria in unwelcome places. Especially if you already have a bit of leaf rot. Heavy earrings make your earlobes resemble misshapen labia. Overloaded handbags can throw your back out and tight belts, like the dreaded skinnies, can cause numbness and nerve damage.

And if discomfort and mutilation aren't enough, there's also a little problem with poisoning. Most fabrics are dyed with toxic chemicals that you absorb through your skin. Polyesters can lower your sperm count. Mine is almost zero. So it seems the natural-toned raw hemp kaftan may be the only safe alternative. It seems we women have always had a penchant for killer fashion.

Back in the 19th century we went nuts for the crinoline. Made of steel, it puffed out a lady's skirt so her waist looked smaller. Unfortunately any passing gust of wind could literally make a woman airborne. This made waving one's sailor lover farewell from the pier a lethal activity. Many the lovelorn lass sank to the bottom of the sea, weighted down by a steel cage.

Skirts would get caught in carriage spokes and drag women down the street. Others knocked over candles with their skirt girth and performed their own impromptu witch burnings. And in 1863 in Santiago, up to 3,000 people died in a church fire when people couldn't exit the building due the the amount of women's skirts blocking the door.

Then there was the corset. Laced to extremes, the internal organs were re-positioned with the liver in the throat and lungs in the belly. Organs were so tightly

crammed a woman could suffer internal bleeding.

Footbinding created weird-looking lotus feet, similar to a hoof. Women generally died of gangrene. Most wanted gangrene because it meant the toes would fall off and death was apparently a better risk than life with normal feet. These small rotting packages of broken and decomposing toes stank like death, but somehow this was preferable to a normal unsullied foot which, ironically, was seen as the foot of loneliness as no man would marry a woman who could still run.

Men were also subject to killer looks. Stiff collars would often cut of the supply of blood to the carotid artery. If you drank too much port and nodded off after supper the forward tilting of your head would cause you to suffocate. Although felting is now the favoured activity of chemical-free Steiner schooling,

felt was once imbued with mercury, making the wearing and making of hats both unsafe and crazy. Ironic considering now not wearing hats is unsafe and 'crazy'!

I always knew that skinny jeans were uncomfortable but who would have thought that tight jeans could kill? They are going to have to come with some sort of warning created by a skinny-jeans regulatory authority. Maybe like the photos on the ciggies with pictures of women bending over or squatting uncomfortably while scrubbing bins. WARNING: SKINNY JEANS MAY CAUSE NERVE DAMAGE. SQUATTING MAY LEAD TO PERMANENT DISABILITY.

Of course there are other options. You could just not squat. Or clean. This kind of thing would never happen in tracky dax. No, you can squat for hours in your trackies and the only feeling you lose is your pride.

I LOVE THE SMELL OF HARVEY IN THE MORNING



Teen, Simple Minds, PJ Harvey, MGMT, Beck, Nick Lowe, Stones, Cornelius.

What's the best piece of advice you have been given by a peer?

'Keep sloggin' away, Chipper.'

Bowie was very much the pioneer of psych-pop - and I was lucky enough, and old enough, to be a fan the first time round. What does his music or approach offer a few generations on?

If you're referring to what he offers artists today, then hopefully some inspiration to challenge their normal writing methods and push some boundaries.

Do you think that bands experiment or have as much courage to take risks as they should? What do you think stops them from trying something different or edgy?

I don't think there is a right or wrong answer for this. I don't like the idea of challenging whether another artist's music should be more or less experimental, different, edgy, or whatever. It's entirely up to their discretion, and there are plenty of factors that contribute to how their music

is approached that are perfectly valid considerations.

I do think a majority of young artists starting out will play it safe generally. Probably to encourage the idea of getting a flog on the radio every so often.

It's fantastic when you see someone being supported for stepping out of the norm or taking risks.'

How do you approach studio time; do you go in there with a concrete idea, or do you hand over to the producer?

All of our recordings have been done on our own. All of us have home studio setups, so it makes it very simple come recording time.

Tell me about Smith Street Swap Meet.

I wrote the base of it in a friend's apartment a while back, while doing some other demos. The next day I started fresh and left the other demos behind.

What should we expect for your Byron Show?

Expect to see a whole bunch of shenanigans when we play The Great Northern!

Morning Harvey play the Hotel Great Northern on Friday 10 July.

BRISBANE'S MORNING HARVEY ARE MAKING THEIR MARK ON THE MUSIC SCENE. BUILT AROUND THE LYRICAL MUSINGS AND MELODIC SWAGGER OF SPENCER WHITE, THE CREW ARE ABOUT TO HIT THE ROAD FOR A NATIONAL TOUR, STOPPING OFF FOR A SHOW IN BYRON BAY.

What do you think about Brisbane that was quintessential in forging your sound? Do you think it sometimes helps to be outside of the musical mainstream of places like Sydney or Melbourne?

We have a pretty tight-knit community of bands here in Brisbane. If you're doing music here it's pretty much the only thing you'll do, besides working at the local cafe or something like that. To me, it's pretty relaxed and isolated. I've known no difference from writing in Brisbane so I couldn't exactly tell you whether living here changes or helps creativity or productivity. At the

moment Brissie has everything that Sydney and Melbourne have in the way of kickstarting your band and getting your music out on the radio etc.

The only reason it could be somewhat easier for us here is probably the price of living and freedom to rent a fairly large house.

What or who are the acts that have influenced you along the way?

That's a question I wouldn't be able to answer properly, so here's a list of what came to mind: Bowie, Nick Cave, The Horrors, Gary Numan, Human League, The Sleepy Jackson, Hoodoo Gurus, Moby, Eels, Stone Roses, Imperial



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Tell me what you mean by 'stream of consciousness' comedy? What does this look or sound like onstage?

I've heard people use this description about my shows. I think it refers to the fact that I share my thoughts 'unfiltered'. I try to catch passing thoughts that I might normally miss if I weren't watching closely; write them down; and read them to audiences.

Why do you avoid the 'setup/punch' form of most comedic performers?

I wouldn't say I avoid this form... more that I let my writing and note-taking take whichever form

comes naturally. I try to not to force it into a preconceived vision of what it should be.

What are the themes that seem to occupy your set or performance at the moment?

Right now I'm thinking about how to be nicer to people, how to get a girlfriend, how to be a more fun person, how to be less self-absorbed, and how to become more confident.

How did you develop your more unusual style?

I'm not sure about the answer to this one. The main thing seemed to be trying to follow my intuition/instincts rather than being guided my preconceived

ideas about what I was supposed to be doing. I try to trust myself as much as possible.

What are you trying to communicate with your audience in your shows - can you sum up your world view?

I've heard that it's important to be nice to yourself and others, so I suppose that's the underlying view. Also, like all comedians, I try to help people see the humorous side of life. Because it's meant to have a healing effect.

How did you come to be a comedic performer?

The whole thing seemed to happen by itself. I was asked to make speeches a few times at friends' and family weddings. Each one seem to be slightly more positively received than the one before, until the last one which, afterwards, I thought, that was sort of like standup comedy. Then I was walking past a place in Covent Garden, London, called

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Live Music



WANDERING EYES AT THE BYRON BREWERY ON FRIDAY

asking the children of the Shire to colour it in. The most impressive renderings of this Michael White design will win weekend double passes to MMF, and gift vouchers for Mullum's Rock & Roll Café.

**Earlybird tickets** for this 19-22 November event are now available until 20 July. Patrons who purchase their tickets now receive around 20 per cent discount compared to the pricing on general release tickets.

For information about earlybirds and colouring comp go to [www.mullummusicfestival.com](http://www.mullummusicfestival.com).

WANDERING EYES FOR WANDERING EARS

After performing at Bluesfest 2015 and releasing their debut full-length album *Back In The Bubble*, the boys of **Wandering Eyes** are ready to tour Australia and bring the music to you live. From Byron Bay comes a sound fusion on a level never before seen or heard! Imagine an upbeat feelgood vibe that incorporates catchy hooks, dance-floor-filling reggae grooves, sweet guitar licks, a slice of saxophone and some perfectly paced conscious New Zealand hip-hop. Wandering Eyes have an important message to share with the people of the world. Their lyrical content covers a broad spectrum of subjects including love, happiness, global and systemic transformation, sovereignty, conscious expansion and the easily relate-able struggles of everyday life.

**Friday at the Brewery.** 7.30pm. Free entry.

FOUR BANDS IN THE BEER GARDEN

This Saturday rug up for a night in the Brewery beer garden. Hitting the stage is **The Element**,



IN THE ELEMENT AT THE BREWERY ON SATURDAY



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TROMBONE KELLIE AND THE MUDDY ROADERS AT CLUB LENNOX ON SUNDAY

EARLYBIRDS ADD COLOUR TO MULLUM

**Mullum Music Festival** is turning eight this year! It seems like only yesterday that the fledgling fest was cutting its teeth on the music circuit, with critics questioning the long-term viability of small events in a market that has always favoured perpetual growth. In that respect Mullum Music Festival has been a bit of a game changer, showing how events can grow in artistic innovation, community engagement and depth of programming without actually ballooning numbers that

would make a village-based event unsustainable. The township of Mullumbimby has embraced the Music Festival as a flagship event that showcases the unique township celebrating its cultural diversity alongside that crocheted knee-rug of good old-fashioned homespun country charm. At Mullum you can literally touch the music. There are no big screens. There are no VIP areas. No gates. Everyone, musicians and music lovers are part of the big Mullum Music Festival melting pot. Mullum Music Festival are excited about their latest poster, and in keeping with their penchant for community engagement are

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the Poetry Cafe and there was a sign in the window which read 'poetry/comedy night. 5min open mic spots available'. I did a spot and got hooked, started doing open mic spots as I was travelling around Europe. Then when I got back to Australia I started opening for bands and finally decided to put on a show for the Melbourne International Comedy Festival.

If you could change one thing in the world what would it be?

I heard a spiritual teacher in South India say, 'The world is not a group of people. Each individual is a world. If you want to change the world, first you have to change your heart. If you change your heart, it will change the world.' I think that answer is better than any I could give you.

Who are the musicians, or

artists, or fellow performers who you most identify with?

I like a comedy trio called Stella from Brooklyn NY; Andy Kaufman; Todd Glass; Chris Rock; Amy Schumer; Albert Brooks; Elliott Gould; Spalding Gray; Brett Gelman.

Describe your show in 10 words!

An attempt at honesty that may be seen as humorous.

What should we expect?

As my friend Esther once said to me: 'Unexpected the Expected'.

**Monday 13 July** at the Brewery and **Wednesday 15 July** at Mullumbimby Ex-Services.

Both shows start at 8pm with doors at 7.30pm. Tix at the door or can be booked on 6619 0529. \$10/15. (Tickets for Mullum show are also available at the club.)

bringing the heat from the tropical north with diverse experiences to create a lush indie/reggae/soul fusion. Based in Cairns, this culturally diverse band draw from their combined heritage to create a melting pot of new music that crosses genres and styles. The players punch out big rock riffs, sweet harmonies, and popping grooves with dashes of electronica and soul to create a uniquely authentic sound.

**Saturday with The Dominiques, Crown the Humble and Josh Hore** from 7pm. Free.

GET MUDDY WITH KELLIE

**Trombone Kellie and the Muddy Roaders** are a five- to six-piece band from the northern rivers that have entertained audiences across northern NSW and beyond over the last few years. A five-piece band with two duelling horns playing around one another, creating feels from the likes of New Orleans jazz and more. As a six-piece, trombone, trumpet and saxophone mix it up that much more as a class-act horn section, including their own twist to atmospheric solos. Catch them at **Club Lennox** on **Sunday** from 4pm.

MUSIC FOR YOUR EARS!

The **Northern Rivers Symphony Orchestra** brings together conductor **Nicholas Routley** and soprano **Lecia Robertson**.

Nicholas Routley is an orchestral conductor and pianist, as well as composer and musical theorist. He is an inspired musician who has a great love for the voice in all its forms, especially choral. He was the founding director of the Sydney Chamber Choir and is actively involved with music on the northern NSW coast. Mr Routley has conducted several major orchestras from the Sydney Symphony to the Taiwan Symphony Orchestra and performed duo with renowned singers such as Gerald English and Hartley Newnham.

Since resuming composition 10 years ago he has written orchestral and choral pieces, songs, and a guitar concerto. Now he plans to write at least two operas based on the long Indian epic poem, *Mahabharata*.

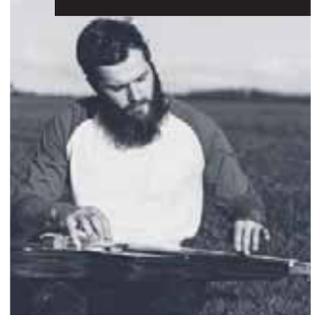
Their **12 July** concert, *Symphony and Song*, will be held at the **Tweed Civic Centre** at 2.30pm. Tickets at the door or online at [nrso.com.au](http://nrso.com.au).

MUSICAL TROUBADOUR TOUCHES DOWN AT THE RAILS

Brisbane troubadour **Pat Tierney** will launch his much-anticipated debut full-length album *Wild World Blues* on **Thursday** at **The Rails**.

After a string of successful EPs and relentless touring up and down the east coast of Australia over the past three years, Pat will kickstart a mammoth tour that will see him through to the end of September with more than 40 shows scheduled through Australia and New Zealand. Pat brings an eclectic mix of blues, folk and reggae along with his signature lap slide guitar for an infectious vibe. Not to be missed.

PAT TIERNEY AT THE RAILS ON THURSDAY



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## Stars WITH LILITH

With the cardinal-sign quartet of Sun/Mars in cozy-at-home Cancer and Pluto/full moon in ambitious, career-savvy Capricorn, this week recommends a balanced dose of both...

**♈ ARIES:** So much planetary energy in the self-nurturing sign of home base tailors this week, and most of the coming month, for connecting with friends, family, mentors and most of all yourself. For indulging in what nourishes your body and feeds your soul, for doing stuff you enjoy with people you love.

**♉ TAURUS:** This transit's a beauty for reconnecting with relatives and your own personal history. Its astral emphasis in your house of ideas, public relations and local projects suggests lots of discussions, round table talks, warm and wonderful moments that won't come from the direction, or in the form you expected.

**♊ GEMINI:** This week's star scenario would like everyone spending happy time with their home tribe, and this week's people just want to be loved and looked after. Probably best achieved by playing alert observer rather than vocal critic, since sensitive citizens could react like firecrackers to even the most tactful feedback.

**♋ CANCER:** It's easy to obsess over domestic dramas and sagas, but much more fun this week to lap up some of the love and care you're always giving others. So let them give back by celebrating you, pampering you, spoiling you. It's your turn. Sit back and receive. Then receive some more...

**♌ LEO:** If the planets of attraction and persuasion have you feeling frisky and flirty, resist spur-of-the-moment overspending to impress. You know it's not the way to go, because with the year already half past finances need sorting. There're still plenty of home-centred pleasures available with warm friends.

**♍ VIRGO:** This week insists on giving vigilant organisation a rest in favour of some first-class, full-on personal nurturing, whatever that means to you. Boring? More like divine – so light those candles, buy your favourite sweet treats, sumptuous red roses, succulent comforts, nice wine, and love yourself up.

**♎ LIBRA:** You're an ideas person; this is an emotional week. Logic won't be the most effective way of communicating. Deep security issues are up and running, so rapport and empathy get better results. With everyone seesawing between thinking big and playing safe, it's important not to get drawn along impractical tangents.

**♏ SCORPIO:** As June segues into July's calmer vibes, Saturn in your sign suggests completing unfinished biz so new growth can go ahead. Plan for the future, and if midweek's potentially stressful full moon has citizens moody and cranky, freshen your perspective by seeing things from the other person's point of view.

**♐ SAGITTARIUS:** With an edgy month coming up in your financial sector, best to take it nice and easy this week. Try not to overstate facts or feelings, because if you're a bit emotional over money you won't be in top form for negotiating. Best moments? Hosting cosy at-homes.

**♑ CAPRICORN:** Astral emphasis in your house of partnerships and negotiations – business, medical, creative, personal, social – could make midweek's Capricorn full moon explosive. So appreciate where others are coming from. Walk a mile in their shoes (okay, a block, and not if they're Crocs), then late week could see a surprise turnaround.

**♒ AQUARIUS:** This midwinter week of tax and associated material matters sends a clear message: recoup, regroup, reserve resources, resist overcommitting. Which will put you in the right frame of mind for the return of a blast from the past or replay of an old scenario – either likely during midweek full moon.

**♓ PISCES:** This week wants everyone spending quality time with family, friends, community and tribe of familiar minds. Shifting moods, attitudes and circumstances finally make clarifying misunderstandings with others possible, and it's also the perfect time to clear away excess debris that isn't contributing to your enjoyment of life or soul growth.

## Culture

### ROCK 'N' ROLL COMEDY IN COURT

Ramshackle raconteur and rock-comedy Lothario, Ryan Coffey, burst onto the scene as a national finalist in the 2008 Raw Comedy Competition.

His unique style has quickly gained him notoriety around Australia and abroad as one of the most exciting and inventive comedians to come out of the Melbourne scene in recent years. Coffey combines his incisive comic eye, his blistering guitar skill, his howling vocal talent, and his mastery of the loop pedal to create hilarious anthems to everyday life – live, before your eyes. His breadth of skill has made him a darling of both comedy and music festivals

alike. His debut 2011 Melbourne International Comedy Festival show earned him a nomination for the Golden Gibbo award for Best Independent Artist. He has since performed sell-out shows at Sydney Fringe, Adelaide Fringe, Melbourne Fringe, Singapore Comedy and Edinburgh Fringe festivals.

**Ryan Coffey** is the MC at **Mullumbimby's Court House** Hotel's regular open mic comedy night on **Thursday** from 8pm. Free.

### OPHELIA'S FEMINIST PERSPECTIVE

Following an amazing performance at Star Court Theatre in May, the producers of the 2013 *Vagina Monologues* present *Ophelia Thinks Harder* by Jean Betts and William

Shakespeare, directed by Sharon Brodie. This is a feminist rewrite of *Hamlet*, exploring what would have happened in Denmark if Ophelia had thought a bit more and realised she could live without Hamlet. This is a fundraiser for Heartfelt House, a peer support group for adults sexually abused as children.

**Nimbin Bush Theatre, Saturday 11 July**, dinner at 5:30pm and show starts at 7pm. **Sunday 12 July** show at 2pm. Cost: \$20 for show or \$30 for dinner and show. Tickets can be purchased from Nimbin Bush Theatre website – [www.nimbinbushtheatre.com/events](http://www.nimbinbushtheatre.com/events).

### TALKING SEXUAL IDENTITY

**Byron Philo Cafe** now meets in Bangalow at the Historical Society's cottage in Deacon St. **This Friday** come and discuss the issue of sexual identity led by writer Dr Victor Marsh, the author

of Christopher Isherwood's biography called *Mr Isherwood Changes Trains*. Marsh will discuss the individual's developing sense of self and of social attitudes that are hostile to one's survival. Food available, BYO. From 5:30 to 8pm. \$5 contribution.

### THE DENISE AND DAVE SHOW

Two of Australia's most-loved comics team up for a quick tour of northern NSW getting out of Melbourne's cold and enjoying the warmth of northern rivers climate, and audiences.

**Denise Scott** first started working as a professional actor and comedian nearly thirty years ago, but it has been in the last decade or so that Scotty has gone supernova – winning awards, selling out theatres, appearing on high-rating TV shows and writing two popular memoirs.

Scotty has been and remains a favourite guest on many of



**DENISE SCOTT, APPEARING WITH DAVE O'NEIL AT THE BYRON BREWERY ON WEDNESDAY AND AT THE BANGALOW BOWLO ON THURSDAY 9 JULY.**

Australia's favourite TV shows, including *Spicks and Specks*, *The Project*, and *Talkin' 'bout Your Generation*, in addition to starring as Trish Gross on Channel 7's high-rating drama *Winners & Losers*.

**Dave O'Neil** has been in the business of comedy for more than 25 years. Onscreen you will have seen Dave as team captain in the ABC TV comedy quiz show *Tractor Monkeys*, as well as dishing out life advice in *The Agony of Life*, *The Agony of Modern Manners*, *Can of Worms*, plus messing about on *Adam Hills In Gordon Street Tonight* and *Good News Week*. He is probably most well known for

the honour of being the guest with the most appearances (more than 50) on ABC TV's ever-popular *Spicks & Specks*.

He has written several books, including *Everything Tastes Better Crumbed... and Other BIG Statements*, has written and acted in films (including starring alongside Eric Bana in *The Nugget*), and contributed to numerous sketch comedy shows. **Wednesday 8 July at Byron Brewery** and **Thursday 9 July at the Bangalow Bowlo**. Tickets \$30 at the door.



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## DRAWING ON INSPIRATION

Q & A WITH DYNAMIC DRAWING'S RON CURRAN

**How many years have you been running Dynamic Drawing classes and why do you think they have maintained such interest over the years?**

Since 2000. Dynamic Drawing is not a 'craft' class that hands people a set of techniques and then closes the door. It's an ongoing forum into both identity and creativity and in so doing meets people's broader need for expression. It accesses a deeper place inside. It does not trap people in the subject or hang them out on the vanishing point. I believe that's what keeps people coming back, just going through all the layers / ways of seeing.

**What do you offer in your life drawing classes that sets them apart from other life drawing classes?**

Strictly speaking it's not a life drawing class in that sense. Sure, we use a model as a subject but it's not limited to that. It's just a starting point for something more, something thematic that people can stretch out on and find their own territory

and develop their own style, their own choices, stories etc. Ultimately, everyone is different and sees things differently. The history of art is a history of difference. That's why Dynamic Drawing exists: it's pure drawing / total drawing – not just illustrative or pictorial. It's more about emergent structure and its relation to originality.

**What do you feel are the biggest threats to having vibrant artistic communities?**

The biggest threat is elitism and the kind of art political cliques that hijack the art scene / exhibitions and turn them into trade fairs or fashion parades and opportunistically sell artists investment portfolios. Sometimes I hate the word *artist!*

**Why is engaging people's creativity so important? Can everybody draw?**

Yes, everyone can draw. Everyone is inhibited by some kind of language / mark. Engaging people's creativity is really important because it

gives people back to themselves and helps and empowers them to identify and deal with their experience. It gives them choices; it's about the only place in culture where democracy actually works / exists.

**As a teacher what excites you as you move around the class and look at the marks your students are making?**

As a facilitator the stuff that happens on the tables in the class, the marks people make, is vital to me and sometimes quite unexpectedly amazing and inspiring. In the marks I find the questions that are being asked and the questions that need to be asked. It becomes my dialogue. I read the conversations that are happening and then reflect them back. That's what I do. That is my job as facilitator, to recognise and release the conversation that is already happening on the paper in people's drawings. That is why I can never plan a class because I need to wait for the cues and signals to find out what is happening on the day. I facilitate – you can't teach drawing as such; but you can allow it to happen and introduce positive

strategies to help structure people's ideas, their dreams and visions.

**This is the first time I ever remember your having an exhibition. Why have you decided to show the works publicly?**

Dynamic Drawing is more process than product oriented. Rather like going to a yoga or meditation class. It is a visual-language class. Exhibitions haven't really been such a priority – the product side of what happens has not really been my focus, mainly workshops and classes, focusing on process and translation. (Also, quite honestly, sometimes I just get a bit lazy and prefer to go surfing!)

But yes, we have had exhibitions. A couple early in the piece at the Waywood Gallery and quite a big exhibition at the Moller Pavilion in Bangalow before I went to Melbourne. In Melbourne in 2010 we had a massive exhibition representing about 60 drawers with about 200 works on the walls in the Brunswick Street Gallery in Fitzroy. (It was the biggest and most successful exhibition that the gallery had put on.)

READ THE FULL Q&A ONLINE AT [echo.net.au/drawing-on-inspiration](http://echo.net.au/drawing-on-inspiration)

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BUSH MECHANICS, SCREENING AT THE ARAKWAL NAIDOC WEEK FILM SCREENING AT THE BYRON THEATRE TUESDAY

SHAW GOOD THEATRE

Becky Shaw closes this week. Catch the fantastic cast deliver a modern, sharply witty and very, very funny, acerbic comedy

with great panache. *Becky Shaw* runs **Friday** and **Saturdays** at 8pm and **Sundays** at 2pm. Book online at [www.drillhalltheatre.org.au](http://www.drillhalltheatre.org.au) or at The Bookshop, Mullumbimby. Tickets are \$20 and \$15 concession.

NAIDOC SCREENING

The Arakwal Corporation, Flickerfest and iQ present a selection of inspiring Aboriginal short films selected from the finalists of Flickerfest 2015. Highlights include *Bush Mechanics*. Set in the central Australian desert, four Warlpiri men travel to visit a powerful elder at a remote outstation. On the road they must overcome mechanical mishaps and the trickery of a mischievous spirit. It will take all of their bush ingenuity to keep their car running and themselves alive. There is also *One Fine Day* – a film

focusing on one young woman trying to stay strong for her family but realising some things are beyond her control; *High Tide* and *How do we get to space: Love Punks & Satellite Sisters*. Tix available at **The Byron Theatre** and online or at door. \$10/8

Details/info: [www.iq.org.au](http://www.iq.org.au) or phone 0414 779 881. **Tuesday** from 6.30pm.

NO TURNING BACK

Warren Miller, the most esteemed name in winter sports films, announces his 65th annual feature film.

*No Turning Back* continues the tradition, from around the globe, to the top of the world's highest mountain skiing peaks. Join Warren Miller in welcoming this winter season.

Commences screening this **Thursday** at **Pighouse Flicks**, great fun for the whole gang. Extra holiday sessions – see Cinema section below for screening times.

BALLET ON SCREEN

Screening just in time for school holidays, Frederick Ashton's joyful ballet *La Fille Mal Gardee* (The

Wayward Daughter) contains some of his most virtuoso choreography, and has been a firm favourite with audiences for more than 50 years.

Set in a storybook village, it follows the youthful affections of Lise and Colas under the nose of Lise's larger-than-life mother, Widow Simone.

Presented by the UK Royal Ballet and captured live from London's Covent Garden in May this year, *La Fille Mal Gardee* screens at **Palace Byron Bay Cinema** on **Sunday** at 1pm and **Wednesday** at 11am. Tickets \$15-24.

Cinema Reviews By John Campbell



FAR FROM THE MADDING CROWD

If there is one thing that you can rely on in any story by Thomas Hardy, it is that whatever can go wrong will go wrong. More often than not it's as a result of freakish coincidence or nature's penchant for perverse malevolence. But life is like that anyway, isn't it? This is a fantastic movie – and not least of all for the performance of Carey Mulligan as Bathsheba Everdene (the spelling is different, but the heroine of *The Hunger Games* shares the same surname). My fear was that Mulligan might not emerge from the shadow of Julie Christie, the iconic actress who starred in John Schlesinger's 1967 take on the novel, but she is stunning as the prototype feminist who is yet unable to fully liberate herself from the influences and demands of the men in her life. Watching this in Paris (and trying to stop myself from compulsively reading the French subtitles), I was struck by the surprisingly large turnout – until it occurred to me that Thomas Vinterberg's adaptation is deeply philosophical and 'earthy' in the way that appeals so much to the Gallic temperament, and also charged with a smouldering eroticism that has no call for crass R-rated sex. I would struggle, too, to remember the last time I saw a film with so many scenes of 'page-turning' impact. From the moment when the shepherd Gabriel Oak (Matthias Schoenaerts) so shockingly loses his flock, to when Bathsheba is joined in song by the pining wealthy landowner William Boldwood (Michael Sheen), to when the bouncer Sergeant Troy (Tom Sturridge) indulges in drunken ribaldry on his wedding night, to when – perhaps the most heart-thumping episode of all – Bathsheba rides frantically back with Gabriel to save her dying sheep, Vinterberg's sense of the emotionally tactile never misses its mark. Astute as the casting of the male leads is, however, it is all about Bathsheba, and Mulligan, with an extraordinary ability to expose her inner world with the slightest facial expression, takes us as far as we can go in understanding the never-ending conflict between fate and stubborn self-determination. Hardy's Wessex is gloriously shot by Charlotte Bruus Christensen, as well.

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<p>MEET STUART KEVIN &amp; BOB</p> <p>MINIONS</p> <p>NOW SHOWING</p>	<p>ROYAL BALLET: LA FILLE MAL GARDEE</p> <p>SUN &amp; WED ONLY</p>	<p>JURASSIC WORLD</p> <p>NOW SHOWING</p>

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Thu-Sat/Mon/Tue 2.00, 4.20, 6.40pm  
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Wed (8) 1.30, 3.20pm

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Sun 8.55, 11.10am Wed (8) 8.55, 10.40am

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- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **MATTY ROGERS**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **PAT TIERNEY**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 8.30PM **SUNSET STRIP**
- BYRON FARMERS MARKET 8AM **ROB CSOKAS**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 8PM **DJ SUPAMAORIFELLA**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 7.30PM **JOSH SWAN**
- CIRCUS ARTS, BYRON A&I 12PM **MYSTERIOUS CASE OF THE DISAPPEARING CIRCUS NEPAL F'RAISER**
- PIZZA PARADISO, SUFFOLK PARK 6.30PM **THE DETECTIVES**
- BRUNSWICK HOTEL 7PM **DAN HANNAFORD**
- COURT HOUSE HOTEL, MULLUMBIMBY 8PM **ROCK'N'ROLL COMEDY WITH RYAN COFFEY**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY 7.30PM **JAM NIGHT**
- SPINKS PARK, LISMORE 10.30AM **THE ARTY PARTY**
- TATTS HOTEL, LISMORE 6.30PM **FINE JAZZ ORGANISERS**
- NIMBIN BUSH THEATRE 11AM **MONSTERS INC** 1.30PM **THE HOBBIT**
- NIMBIN HOTEL 6.30PM **ADAM BROWN**
- BELLINGEN **BELLO WINTER MUSIC FESTIVAL**

## FRIDAY 3

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **BATTLESHIPS, DJ TAYA MILLS**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **BOHEMIAN COWBOYS**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 5PM **LUKE & SEBASTIAN** 9PM **THE MAZE, THE INDIANS**
- BYRON BREWERY 7.30PM **WANDERING EYES**
- BYRON THEATRE 8PM **ASH GRUNWALD**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 8PM **DJ NEARY**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 7.30PM **JED ROWE & ALISON FERRIER**
- CIRCUS ARTS, BYRON A&I 12PM **MYSTERIOUS CASE OF THE DISAPPEARING CIRCUS NEPAL F'RAISER**
- PIZZA PARADISO, SUFFOLK PARK 6.30PM **GUY KACHEL**
- BANGALOW HERITAGE HOUSE 4PM **BANGALOW MUSIC FESTIVAL**
- HISTORICAL SOCIETY COTTAGE, BANGALOW 5.30PM **'SEXUAL IDENTITY' WITH DR VICTOR MARSH**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7.30PM **KELLIE KNIGHT & THE DAZE**
- BRUNSWICK HOTEL 7PM **SQUEAK LEMAIRE**
- PARADISE ONE, COORABELL 6PM **DUBARRAY, LOVE-STREET, 3RDEYE, ORPHI**
- DRILL HALL, MULLUMBIMBY 8PM **BECKY SHAW**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUM-

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- LENNOX HOTEL 9.30PM **DJ SIMO**
- BALLINA PLAYERS 8PM **OLIVER!**
- BALLINA RSL 8.30PM **PINK ZINC**
- ELTHAM HOTEL 7PM **STEPHEN LOVELIGHT**
- TATTS HOTEL, LISMORE 5PM **CHRIS FISHER** 8.30PM **OVALS**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH HOTEL 7PM **DIRTY CHANNEL DUO**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH BOWLS CLUB **LEIGH HAMES**
- CHINDERAH TAVERN 6PM **NICOLE BROPHY**
- STOKERS SIDING HALL 7.30PM **15 MINUTES OF FAME**
- RIVERVIEW HOTEL, MURWILLUMBAH 7.30PM **CAVO & PIGEON BOY**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS 8.30PM **AKMAL IS LOST!**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 9PM **BONDI CIGARS**
- BELLINGEN **BELLO WINTER MUSIC FESTIVAL**

## SATURDAY 4

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **VINNIE LA DUCE**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **BETTY BLISSETT**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 9PM **JONNY DRAMA & JUST SAYIN'**
- BYRON BREWERY 7PM **IN THE ELEMENT, THE DOMINIKES, CROWN THE HUMBLE, JOSH HORE**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 8PM **DJ NEARY**
- PIZZA PARADISO, SUFFOLK PARK 6.30PM **DINKUM BOHOS**
- KULCHAJAM, BYRON A&I 11AM **DYNAMIC DRAWING EXHIBITION**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7.30PM **NICOLE BROPHY**
- BRUNSWICK HOTEL 7PM **DIRTY RIVER DUO**
- SOUNDSHELL, BRUNSWICK HEADS 9PM **THE DIRTY WIND FARM BOYS & THEIR COAL HOLES**
- DOMA CAFE, FEDERAL 12PM **WAYWARD NIGHTINGALES**
- LULU'S, MULLUMBIMBY 11AM **LOU BRADLEY**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY 7.30PM **NEIN BIGWUNS**
- DRILL HALL, MULLUMBIMBY 8PM **BECKY SHAW**
- LENNOX HOTEL 9.30PM **DAN CLARK BAND**
- BALLINA RSL 6.30PM **DAN HANNAFORD**
- BALLINA PLAYERS 8PM **OLIVER!**
- HENRY ROUS HOTEL, BALLINA 10PM **DIRTY CHANNEL**
- LISMORE CITY HALL 8PM **THE BEATLES 50 YEARS ON**
- SHEOAK SHACK, FINGAL HEAD 2PM **SERGIO ONISCHENKO**
- PHOENIX RISING, NIMBIN 12PM **FREOWIN HARPER**
- CABARITA SPORTS CLUB **PIGEON BOYS**
- CHINDERAH TAVERN 6PM **BILL JACOBI**
- BELLINGEN **BELLO WINTER MUSIC FESTIVAL**
- SOUTH TWEED SPORTS CLUB 3PM **GOLD COAST BIG BAND & TIFFANY RAE & ANNEMARIE LLOYD**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS 8.30PM **RAT PACK FROM VEGAS**

## SUNDAY 5

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **NICK CUNNINGHAM**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **DAVEY BOB & THE BLUE HEALERS**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 4.30PM **THE EMPRESARIOS** 8PM **DJ LONGTIME**
- BYRON MARKET 8AM **HAYDEN HACK & THE YOUNG MURPHYS**
- BYRON GOLF CLUB 2PM **LIVE MUSIC**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 2.30PM **FUNDAY DJS**
- PIZZA PARADISO, SUFFOLK PARK 6.30PM **LUKE YEAMAN**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 3PM **SUNDAZE SESSION**
- BRUNSWICK HOTEL 4PM **KINGFISHA**
- DOMA CAFE, FEDERAL 12PM **IVETTE MEOW**
- DRILL HALL, MULLUMBIMBY 2PM **BECKY SHAW**
- CLUB LENNOX 4PM **TROMBONE KELLIE & THE MUDDY ROADERS**
- LENNOX HOTEL 5PM **GAVIN DONIGER**
- CHERRY STREET SPORTS CLUB, BALLINA 12PM **BALLINA COUNTRY MUSIC CLUB**
- BALLINA PLAYERS 2PM **OLIVER!**
- ELTHAM HOTEL 2PM **BILL JACOBI**
- SPHINX ROCK, MT BURRELL 1PM **KIARA JACK & THE JILLS**
- CRABBES CREEK HALL 2PM **PAPER PLANES**
- POTTSVILLE SPORTS CLUB 3.30PM **DIRTY CHANNEL**
- CHINDERAH TAVERN 2.30PM **BUGGY BROTHERS**
- PHOENIX RISING, NIMBIN 10AM **COSMIC BLISS** 12PM **BROMMERS**
- BELLINGEN **BELLO WINTER MUSIC FESTIVAL**
- COOLANGATTA TWEED

- GOLF CLUB 2PM **DAVID CHITTICK & PATRICIA BISCHOFF WITH TWEED LINKS QUARTET**
- TWIN TOWNS JUNIORS, TWEED HEADS 2.30PM **SUGARFOOT**

## MONDAY 6

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **DAN HANNAFORD**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **GUY KACHEL**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 7.30PM **THE CREWTONS**

## TUESDAY 7

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **MARSHALL O'KELL**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **JED ROWE & ALISON FERRIER**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 7.30PM **OPEN MIC**
- BYRON COMMUNITY CENTRE 6.30PM **ARAKWAL NAIDOC SCREENINGS**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 8PM **DJ SUPAMAORIFELLA**
- BANGALOW BOWLO 6.30PM **NO LIGHTS NO LYCRA**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7.30PM **BRACKETS OPEN MIC**
- CLUB LENNOX 5.30PM **KIDS DISCO**
- LISMORE WORKERS CLUB 7.30PM **STEVE RUSSELL TRIO**
- NIMBIN BUSH THEATRE 11AM **HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON** 1.30PM **THE HUNGER GAMES**

## WEDNESDAY 8

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **CASS & AL**
- BYRON BREWERY 8PM **COMEDY WITH DENISE SCOTT, DAVE O'NEIL & MANDY NOLAN**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 8PM **DJ NEARY**
- MULLUMBIMBY NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE 11AM **NAIDOC DAY CELEBRATIONS**

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Tickets: Presale \$28 | Doorsale \$33

**Tales by Light Live**  
Canon Australia & National Geographic Channel  
Saturday 4 July, 7pm - Free event  
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**Arakwal NAIDOC Week Film Screening**  
Presented by Arakwal Corp, Flickerfest & iQ Inc  
Tuesday 7 July, 6.30pm  
Tickets: Full \$10 | Conc \$8

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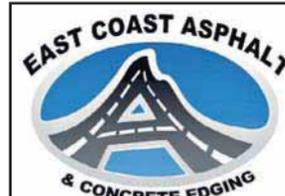
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○ Full moon	July 2	14:20
◐ Third quarter	July 9	06:24
● New moon	July 16	11:25
◑ First quarter	July 24	14:05
○ Full moon	July 31	20:43

Day of month	Sun rise	Sun set	Moon rise	Moon set	High tide, height (m)	Low tide, height (m)	
1	W	0639	1700	1621	0519	0729,1.41; 1945,1.89	0139,0.40; 1310,0.47
2	T	0639	1700	1719	0615	0815,1.44; 2029,1.94	0222,0.33; 1356,0.44
3	F	0639	1700	1821	0709	0903,1.46; 2115,1.97	0306,0.27; 1444,0.43
4	S	0639	1701	1924	0759	0953,1.48; 2201,1.95	0352,0.24; 1534,0.43
5	S	0639	1701	2028	0847	1045,1.50; 2251,1.89	0440,0.24; 1627,0.45
6	M	0639	1702	2132	0932	1138,1.51; 2343,1.62	0529,0.26; 1723,0.49
7	T	0639	1702	2235	1015	1233,1.52	0619,0.31; 1824,0.54
8	W	0639	1702	2337	1056	0038,1.67; 1331,1.54	0713,0.36; 1930,0.58
9	T	0639	1703		1138	0139,1.55; 1432,1.57	0807,0.41; 2044,0.60
10	F	0638	1703	0039	1220	0245,1.44; 1534,1.62	0903,0.45; 2200,0.58
11	S	0638	1704	0141	1305	0356,1.38; 1634,1.68	1000,0.48; 2311,0.53
12	S	0638	1704	0241	1352	0503,1.35; 1731,1.74	1055,0.48
13	M	0638	1705	0340	1442	0603,1.35; 1911,1.83	0013,0.46; 1147,0.48
14	T	0638	1705	0436	1534	0657,1.36; 1911,1.83	0105,0.47; 1237,0.48
15	W	0637	1706	0528	1628	0745,1.38; 1955,1.84	0151,0.36; 1323,0.48
16	T	0637	1706	0617	1723	0829,1.39; 2035,1.83	0232,0.34; 1406,0.48
17	F	0637	1707	0702	1817	0910,1.39; 2113,1.80	0311,0.35; 1446,0.50
18	S	0636	1707	0742	1911	0949,1.38; 2149,1.74	0347,0.37; 1526,0.53
19	S	0636	1708	0820	2003	1027,1.38; 2225,1.68	0422,0.40; 1605,0.56
20	M	0636	1708	0856	2055	1105,1.37; 2300,1.60	0457,0.43; 1646,0.60
21	T	0635	1709	0930	2146	1146,1.37; 2339,1.51	0531,0.47; 1730,0.65
22	W	0635	1709	1004	2237	1230,1.37	0609,0.50; 1820,0.69
23	T	0634	1710	1038	2328	0023,1.42; 1318,1.38	0650,0.54; 1917,0.73
24	F	0634	1710	1113		0114,1.33; 1412,1.40	0737,0.57; 2025,0.74
25	S	0633	1711	1151	0020	0214,1.26; 1509,1.43	0829,0.59; 2136,0.71
26	S	0633	1712	1232	0114	0320,1.23; 1605,1.50	0924,0.59; 2244,0.64
27	M	0632	1712	1317	0209	0427,1.23; 1659,1.58	1018,0.57; 2340,0.55
28	T	0632	1713	1408	0304	0526,1.27; 1748,1.69	1111,0.52
29	W	0631	1713	1503	0400	0618,1.33; 1836,1.79	0030,0.43; 1200,0.46
30	T	0630	1714	1603	0455	0707,1.39; 1922,1.89	0115,0.32; 1249,0.40
31	F	0630	1714	1707	0548	0756,1.46; 2010,1.95	0200,0.23; 1339,0.34

Times are Eastern Standard Time.  
Time lags: Ballina Boat Dock: 15 min; Byron Bay: nil;  
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Data courtesy of the National Tidal Centre.

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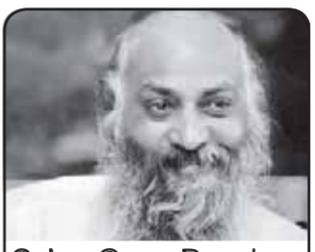
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**Survey demonstrates importance of retaining natural habitat for bird diversity**

An ambitious citizen science survey has reconfirmed previous research demonstrating the importance of urban natural habitat in supporting bird diversity in suburban areas.

Over a thousand people from across Australia participated in the summer Bathing Birds survey developed by the National Parks Association of NSW, in partnership with Birds in Backyards and the University of Sydney.

The aim of the project, a follow-on from the 2015 survey, was to investigate which species use birdbaths, how these may change with season and if garden habitats and behaviours influence which birds appear.

A significant 225 different species were recorded across Australia during 7,449 surveys. All of the data will be made available on the publically accessible *Atlas of Living Australia*.

The study found that the types of birds that visit our gardens and birdbaths are largely due to the richness and diversity of the habitat surrounding them.

'This study clearly highlights



Superb Fairy-wren. Photo Ziggi Browning

the importance of retaining pockets of natural habitat in rural areas and especially suburbs for our bird-life,' said Dr Grainne Cleary, NPA wildlife ecologist.

'In rural areas, small honeyeaters were the most common birds sighted in four of the five states examined, whilst in suburban areas, large aggressive nectar-feeders, such as noisy miners and introduced species, made up the bulk of the sightings. Our findings agree with what existing literature tells us - that suburban habitats favour these species.'

According to Dr Cleary, the plants promoted to gardeners as a way to attract native birds into our backyards may ironically be part of the reason.

'Suburban areas are often characterised by a high num-

ber of hybrid grevilleas, which provide nectar year round. Literature suggests that this relatively consistent supply of nectar is favouring an increase in aggressive honeyeaters.

'To attract more species of native birds, especially smaller ones, to your backyard there are some steps that you can take, such as creating a multi-layered habitat of vegetation, and planting trees that provide food and shelter for many different species.'

The top three birds recorded at birdbaths included the Noisy Miner, Australian Magpie and New Holland Honeyeater, while the plucky Superb Fairy-wren made it into sixth spot.

Introduced species that were most frequently recorded were the House Sparrow, Spotted Dove and Common Blackbird.

NPA would like to thank everyone who participated in Bathing Birds and contributed to the successful survey.

The organisation runs a number of other citizen science programs each year to connect people with nature. For more information visit [www.npansw.org.au](http://www.npansw.org.au).

**Refugee Council welcomes NSW opening doors to refugees**

The Refugee Council of Australia has welcomed the commitment of the Baird Government in NSW to sign up to the Federal Government's Safe Haven Enterprise Visa (SHEV) scheme, which encourages refugees to work or study in regional areas.

Paul Power, CEO of Refugee Council of Australia (RCOA), said, 'While there is no doubt that the visa category was developed as part of the federal government's punitive response to persecuted people who arrived by boat, NSW premier Mike Baird has demonstrated a much more constructive and welcoming attitude to refugees than his federal counterparts in agreeing to participate.'

**Obligation**

In announcing the NSW government's policy, Mr Baird said that NSW had 'an obligation to open its arms to those who are refugees', noting that his state would 'take more than our fair share' in areas outside Wollongong, Newcastle and Sydney.

Mr Power supported the commitment, saying, 'It's a strong assurance from the NSW government to assist refugees who have been desperate to work and to contribute to their new country. We expect refugees will take up this scheme in significant numbers.'

RCOA remains concerned that the SHEV scheme is a poor political compromise that fails to provide long-term security to very vulnerable refugees, is inadequately resourced at the federal level and, six months on from its signing into law, does not provide the requisite detail that

would allow refugees or service providers information on how it can be best employed.

'With such scant detail available, there is real concern that the federal government is abrogating its responsibilities to the states, local government and local service providers, who have received negligible federal support to implement the scheme,' Mr Power said.

'Although the SHEV scheme allows refugees to study, the prohibitive cost of tertiary courses and no facility to provide loans or assistance to them means there will be few who are able to actually enrol and complete their education. Without further education and training, many refugees will struggle to be able to qualify for many work opportunities.'

**Security**

A substantial concern with SHEVs is the failure to provide security to vulnerable people who have been living in limbo for so long, according to Mr Power.

'All the evidence shows that people who have endured the immense challenges of fleeing persecution and surviving their asylum claims before achieving refugee status will need a secure environment to develop in.

'The five years provided under the SHEV does not provide this foundation and the punitive policies we have seen implemented in an ad hoc manner by recent federal governments will provide no surety to the SHEV recipients that this scheme will continue or upon expiration, that their visas will be renewed or that permanent residency pathways will actually be available.'

*If being gay were a choice...  
So what?  
People choose to be arseholes and they can get married!*

**Oz university system efficient but underfunded**

The latest Universitas 21 Report ranks Australia as one of the top countries for the efficiency of its higher education system despite disturbingly low levels of public investment compared with other countries.

Overall Australia's ranking declined from 8th position in 2013 to 9th position in 2014 and now to 10th position (out of 50 countries) in 2015.

'This ranking confirms a concerning downward trend which reflects low levels of government funding compared with other countries,' said Universities Australia's chief executive Belinda Robinson.

On the measure of resources invested in higher education, Australia is ranked at 18th position and 44th for government expenditure. Yet Australia's higher education system is ranked 7th for output which measures student participation rates and research performance.

'The ranking shows we have one of the most efficient higher education systems in the world, but it should come as a warning that we cannot continue to underfund our universities,' Ms Robinson said.

'Any fall in the international ranking of the higher education system is disappointing and underlines the necessity of hav-

ing a properly resourced higher education and research system.

'It is our universities which will drive the productivity, innovation and prosperity of our economy and meet the future expectations of students and the community.

'We cannot keep cutting back on funding for university education and research with our fingers crossed that Australia's quality university system can be maintained at the level demanded and expected by our students and our community.

'Public investment in universities is an investment in our future, not a drag on the public purse.'

**7.7 million renewable-energy jobs boom**

Australian lobby group Solar Citizens has welcomed a report by the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) that shows there are now more than 7.7 million people employed by the renewable-energy industry, worldwide.

'In the past year alone more than one million more people were employed by the renewable-energy industry,' said Solar Citizens national director Claire O'Rourke.

'As one of the fastest growing industries it is living up to its potential as a worldwide jobs growth powerhouse. Solar PV alone employs 2.5 million people around the world.

**Game changer**

'Solar power has proven a game changer on the world energy market, with incredible benefits including, lower power bills, delivering clean energy and providing more than 7.7 million jobs.

'Yet our own government fails to see the benefits. Just last week the Abbott government slashed our Renewable Energy Target (RET), which will hold back creation of jobs in their thousands.

'There is now no clear vision for the future of jobs in solar and renewable energy beyond 2020 - there is a real risk that

without clear policy Australia will fall behind countries like China, India, Germany, Indonesia, Bangladesh and Colombia, who have some of the highest employment rates in renewable energy.

'If the Abbott government is serious about making job creation their top priority they need to look no further than solar and renewables.

'Hundreds of solar homeowners, workers and community members who support solar have gathered at Stand Up for Solar events in Queensland, Richmond and Western Sydney to talk about the future of solar power.

**National goal**

'They have pledged to support a national goal of at least 50 per cent solar and renewable electricity generation by 2030, an end to unfair fees for solar owners and to help all Australians who are struggling with the rising cost of electricity bills.

'Our plan would help see at least 20,000 jobs created in the next fifteen years.

'It's time the government listened to the community and put jobs in solar and renewables first,' said Ms O'Rourke.

See more at [solarcitizens.org.au](http://solarcitizens.org.au).

## Bruns-Byron Netball state champs

Brunswick-Byron Netball Association has been crowned State Champions at the 2015 Netball NSW State Age Championships, which was contested across four venues in Sydney's northwest region from Saturday 27 to Monday 29 June.

Their 13/U side finished the tournament with 16 wins, finishing two points ahead of runners-up Woolgoolga to claim the Champions title.

Brunswick-Byron also fielded a 14/U team who finished seventh against some of the best netballers from around the state.

More than 3,500 athletes from 294 teams representing 83 associations from across NSW contested this year's tournament, which was co-hosted by four venues: Baulkham Hills Shire (Championship division), Eastwood Ryde (Division 2), Penrith (Division 3) and Hawkesbury City Netball Associations (Division 4).

Four age groups – 15/U, 14/U, 13/U and 12/U – contested four divisions, showcasing the brightest and best young netballing talent our proud state has to offer.

While addressing the



crowd gathered for the closing presentations, Netball NSW president Wendy Archer AM took time to congratulate not just the state champions, but every player, coach, umpire and official who helped make this year's tournament such a success.

'What a wonderful, splendid weekend of netball – the weather was terrific, and the

standard of netball was right up there to match it. It's been an absolute pleasure wandering the courts and witnessing the fantastic talent NSW netball has on offer,' Archer said.

'I'd like to take this opportunity to thank our hosting associations, their executives, and all the volunteers who have helped not only during the three

days of competition, but the many months leading up to this magnificent event. We couldn't have done it without you, so thank you for all your support.

'Thank you for joining us this weekend and we look forward to seeing you again next year for the 48th instalment of the Netball NSW State Age Championships!' Archer concluded.

## Community urged to be 'beachsafe' during holiday period

With the first full week of school holidays getting underway from today, Surf Life Saving NSW is encouraging parents, students, friends and the community in general to be 'beachsafe' this winter.

A mild start to winter means that coastal activities such as fishing, surfing, swimming and boating are still attractive ways to spend a day, and it is important that people take precautions to keep themselves safe.

The tragic death of a man off the coast of Nelson Bay on Saturday, as well as a serious injury to a rock fisherman at Warriewood, reinforces the dangers of the coastal environment.

'New South Wales is truly fortunate to have such diversity along our coastline that can be enjoyed in a variety of ways. We want everyone to be able to enjoy it safely, and take the same safety precautions in winter as they would during the busier summer months,' NSW Life Saving manager Andy Kent said.

'It is important to get to know the conditions of the environment especially if you are at an unfamiliar beach that you visit only a few times a year.

'Let people know your

plans; swim, surf, and fish with a partner and understand your limit is a good proactive approach that people can take,' he concluded.

Volunteer patrols finished in April; however, surf life saving assets are on standby to respond to coastal emergencies if required.

A limited number of beaches will be patrolled throughout the winter months by council lifeguards; please check the Beachsafe Website for a list of patrolled beaches, up-to-date beach information and safety tips.

General safety tips:

- Let others know your plans – inform them where you will be and what time you expect to return
- Swim, surf and fish with a partner where possible
- Wear the correct and recommended safety and sun-protection gear – for example a life jacket for fishing and boating
- Stay hydrated by drinking plenty of water
- Take the time to assess the conditions, and know your limits before entering the water
- Get into the habit of checking the weather forecast before heading to the coast; talk to locals and get a feel of the environment.

## Byron forwards head Lennox charge

### The Engeneer

Byron Bay Rugby Union played out a tough win against fellow top-four team Lennox Head on Saturday.

The game was played in wet, muddy conditions and in front of a large crowd as Lennox hosted their annual charity game, in which they raised more than \$3,000 for local charities.

The wet ground meant that it was going to be a big day at the office for both forward packs as the lateral ball movement would be limited owing to the slippery conditions.

Byron Bay got off to a great start as they played out the first 20 minutes with high intensity and strong running. Momentum carried the Bay deep into Trojan territory and a scrum on the 5-metre line allowed the Byron pack to dominate Lennox and carry Number 8 Craig Wallace over the line for the Bay's first try.

Byron was quick to capitalise on their strong start as some fast ball movement and clever set plays had Brandon Lewsey and Chris Ealey linking up to send the Captain

Harvey Bell courageously barrelling over the line for the Bay's second try. Brandon converted the kick to put the Bay in front 12-0 with 20 minutes on the clock.

Byron wasn't quite finished and some clever work from the forwards from an attacking lineout had the Trojans back-tracking as a running maul paved the way for Craig Wallace to break away and score in the corner for his second try of the game.

With the scores at 17-0 Lennox Head needed to up their game to respond to the strengthening Byron pack, which they did through hard, gritty rugby.

Byron found themselves back pedalling at a rate of knots as some strong running from the Trojans was matched by a high penalty count against the Bay at the hands of referee Al Thomas.

A number of tough penalties allowed Lennox to stay in contention via the boot of Conner Winchester and when the half-time whistle was blown the scores were set at 17-9.

The second half was played out in an arena of

mud. A number of handling errors plagued the game as both teams battled it out in the middle of the pitch. The trying conditions resulted in tempers flaring and after a scuffle broke out involving players from both teams it was Byron's Craig Wallace who was the sole recipient of a yellow card. Lennox Head used the opportunity to bridge the gap on the scoreboard and with a successful kick the margin was reduced to 17-12.

Even with only 14 players on the field the Trojans could not penetrate Byron's defensive line, despite their high possession rate.

Some counterattacking runs from Byron, led by Aaron Shakeshaft and Eddie O'Hare, eased the defensive pressure and when a penalty was awarded to Byron within range Brandon Lewsey stepped up and slotted it to extend out the lead.

Despite two late yellow cards, which saw the game finished with 14 players a side, the game finished at 20-12.

Byron secured the win in extremely trying conditions and further emphasised their

heart and desire to win despite the circumstances.

Best on field for the blue and white was flanker Eddie O'Hare, with mentions given to Will Aisake, Craig Wallace and Miles Wood – who in his first game starting for the Bay on the wing was reminiscent of a young Jonah Lomu.

Byron Bay's next encounter will be an exciting one with the local grudge match against Bangalow at home. Hopefully the sun will be shining but if not there will be plenty of food and beverages to keep you warm as we cheer on our boys in blue and white. Kick-off is at 3.15pm at the Byron Bay Recreational Ground.

Go The Bay!

'On female rugby teams – Everybody thinks we should have moustaches and hairy arses, but in fact you could put us all on the cover of Vogue.'

– Helen Kirk (1987)



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## On The Horizon

### DEADLINE NOON FRIDAY

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### Orchid news

Byron District Orchid Society will meet on Monday 13 July at Ewingsdale Hall at 7pm. More info: Penny 6680 1600.

### Wild Things

That's the theme for this year's Ocean Shores Art Expo. All primary-school-aged children from the Brunswick Valley may enter the art expo free. All entries must be received at any of the drop-off points by 3pm 14 August. Rules must be followed. All details are on the website www.osartexpo.com. Contact Cheryl for any other

information on 0417 019 343.

### Byron market

Head to Butler Street Byron Bay this Sunday 8am-3pm to enjoy a vibrant market scene. Entertainment by Hayden Hack and the Young Murphys. Please leave dogs at home. Details: www.byronbay-communitymarket.com.au.

### Church garage sale

Anglican Church Mullumbimby garage sale Saturday 4 July in hall, Stuart Street, 8am-1pm, lots of furniture, books, electrical goods, sewing machines, baby items.

### VIEW Club

Brunswick Valley VIEW Club luncheon meeting at Brunswick Heads Bowling Club Thursday 9 July 10.30am, apologies please to Rae 0427 103 072. We will be voting on resolutions.

### Gem stall

The Byron Gem Club first street

stall of the year on Fri 3 July, outside the NAB in Jonson St, Byron Bay. Rocks, crystals, gems, mineral specimens and jewellery for sale.

### Eureka Hall Dosa Night

Community of Eureka 3-course South Indian Dosa delight at Eureka Hall, Friday 3 July from 7pm. Adults \$32, children \$15. Please pre-book by calling Lynne on 6688 4289.

### Suffolk Park Dune Care

Suffolk Park Dune Care will be meeting at 127 Alcorn St for a morning of planting on the dunes at 8.30am Saturday 4 July followed by morning tea. All welcome. Info: Helen 6685 4964.

### Byron Sophia

Byron Sophia Philosophical Group: J Krishnamurti, author, philosopher and educator, on DVD, presented by Gerald Reardon, Thursday 2 July, 1-3pm, at Masonic Centre, Byron Bay.

More info: Celia 6684 3623.

### Probus Club

Brunswick Valley Probus Club meets at Ocean Shores Country Club, 10am till midday on 7 July. Guest speaker Nelle Flynn, on simple techniques to reduce stress. Enquiries, phone 6680 3919.

### Organist needed

St Martin's Anglican Church Mullumbimby is in need of a pianist or organist to play for a Sunday Service once a month. Phone 6684 3552.

### U3A Ballina/Byron

U3A Ballina/Byron will be in recess until 14/7/15. Enquiries 6680 7350.

### Rukkus skate comp

Byron Youth Service will host Rukkus, the annual Mullum Skate Comp, on Sunday 19 July from 10am till 4pm. Entry is free and there will be lots of fun family activities including pancakes, hot

chocolate, graffiti workshops, music and prizes.

### Friends of Palestine

Byron Friends of Palestine will host Emeritus Professor Lawrence Davidson, Westchester University, Pennsylvania, who will speak on 'Palestine and the West: A Political Discussion' at Byron Bay Public School hall, 25 July 6-9pm (food available 6-7pm).

### Anglican coffee morning

Guess Who's Coming For Coffee: 7 July at 10am at the Byron Anglican Church the guest speaker is Parijat Wismer, talking on her work as a kinesiology therapist. Free event, all welcome.

### Parenting Teens Program

Would you like to improve your relationship with your teenager?

Byron Youth Service is planning to run a Parenting Teens Program soon. For more details please phone Rosalie on 0431 524 044.

### Mullum CWA

Ladies welcome to monthly meeting of Mullumbimby Branch CWA on Wednesday 8 July at 10am in the Mullumbimby CWA Rooms.

### Men needed

Volunteer for film shoot to raise funding for Mullumbimby Men's Shed Inc on Saturday 4 July at 9am at the Community College in Mullumbimby. Free pancakes, coffee and chai. Info 0402 006 893.

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## Regular As Clockwork

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### Connect Up

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

### #StartupByron

#StartupByron Un-Networking meets the first Thursday of every month, focused on connecting anyone interested in startups or small biz. See http://www.startinno.com/events/2015/5/7/startupbyron-un-networking.

### Respite Service

Byron Shire Respite Service Inc delivers high-quality 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.

### Bay Singers

The Bay Singers (BB Community Choir) meets Mondays 10.30-11.30am 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.

### Landcare

Bangalow Land and Rivercare working bee every Saturday 8.30-10.30am. See www.bangalowlandcare.org.au or call Liz 6687 1309.

### 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.

### Men's Groups

Complete Men has regular fortnightly men's groups on different nights in both Byron and Mullum. Call Tim Fisk 0422 508 533.

### 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 for a paddle at Lake Ainsworth, Lennox Head, on Sundays 7.30 for 8am start. Info Marian 6688 4058, mazzerrati2010@gmail.com.

### Oneness blessing

Oneness blessing, meditation and healing every Thursday 7pm at Red Tent Yoga studio, Byron in-

dustrial 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.

### Op shops

**Uniting Church Op Shop**, Dalley St, Mullumbimby - open each Saturday 8-12. **Byron Bay Anglican Op Shop** opens Monday to Friday 9am-1pm. Volunteers needed. Enq Jeni: 6685 7816 or 0439 344 281. **Anglican Church Mullumbimby op shop** opens Monday to Friday 9am-4.30pm, Saturday 9.30am-12.30pm. Volunteers needed, enq Liz 6684 2622 nights.

### Free Yoga Nidra

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

### Bushdancing

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

### Low-cost food

**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. C3 Care **Byron Bay Food Care** - log on to www.c3byronbay.com to see if you are eligible, or call 6680 8872.

### Free study groups

Northern Rivers Anthropological society wishes to inform interested people of four ongoing study groups which focus on the teachings of Rudolf Steiner. Enquiries 6684 5180.

### 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.

### 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 invites 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.

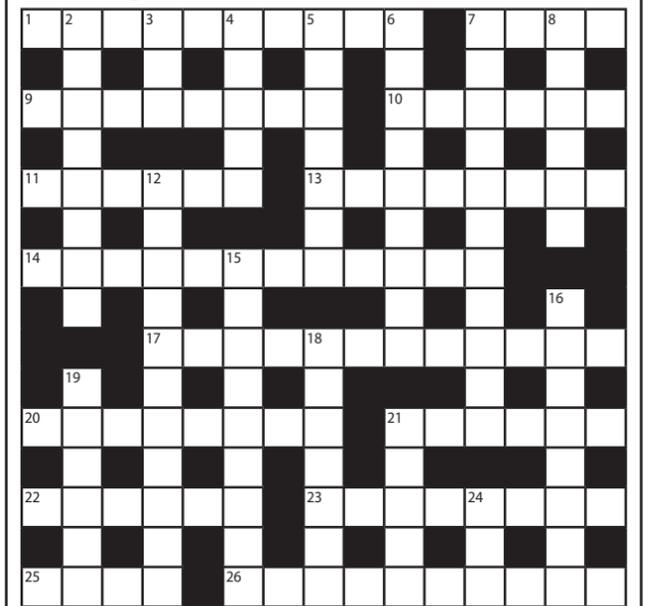
### Drug support groups

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

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### Cryptic Clues

#### ACROSS

- Rave at news of a cooking pot for whiffing, burbling monster (10)
- Unwanted messages on the internet (4)
- Return plans for tinned meat (4)
- Report of naked John Marsden heroine in capital (3,5)
- Hurl article into a meal (6)
- Very strong in heap of rubbish (6)
- Central part of an electric motor may be unprofessional, we hear (8)
- Artist sleeping with the wife of Tyndareus (as did Zeus) and sleeping with the French! A noisy and showy activity! (6-6)
- Cruel trio not wild about Mr Bones's traditional partner (12)
- Jazz fans from Warsaw? Proverbially they a stink (8)
- Endless savoury includes time for a quick snooze (6)
- Standard short time for a very long distance (6)
- Setter is beside savage mutiny, but gets protection (8)
- Miss Derek has two seconds for stud (4)
- Trump to dodge Daisy's suitor (6,4)

#### DOWN

- Last word about hockey coach Charlesworth - he's a New Yorker (8)
- Expert raised evil (3)
- Unsuitable for under 18s, sort of like a Bohemian poet (5)
- After eliminating the unknown, Japanese island is all right - in a way (7)
- Novelty instrument covers Los Angeles, Maryland and a town in Michigan (9)
- Hurry, but time is just rumour (11)
- Settlement for an electric flex, perhaps? (6)
- The police, in bends, produce blurry impressions (11)
- Canter vigorously in the finish - you'll be enraptured! (9)
- Italian with a little twitch - exciting the imagination (8)
- Hinze and Thorpe, traditionally hostile to 2 (7)
- Also, about the rug: it's usually red and round (6)
- Arrived before large mount (5)
- Back Bradman, yes? (3)

### Quick Clues

#### ACROSS

- Monster created by Lewis Carroll (10)
- Unwanted messages on the internet (4)
- Capital of India (3,5)
- Motor boat (6)
- Rubbish, nonsense (6)
- Winding to carry the current in an electric motor (8)
- Noisy and showy activity, usually peripheral to the main event (6-6)
- Vaudeville character who traditionally questions Mr Bones (12)
- North American skunks (8)
- Short sleep, snooze (6)
- Measure of astronomical distance (6)
- Safety from disease, exemption from liability (8)
- Chief, employer (4)
- Comic character created by Walt Disney (6,4)

#### DOWN

- Citizen of the United States or Canada (8)
- Evil, rotten (3)
- Bohemian-Australian poet, author of The Duino Elegies (5)
- Japanese island, site of a battle in World War II (7)
- Michigan town in which Glenn Miller, musically speaking, had a girl (9)
- Gossip, rumour (11)
- Agreement, harmony (6)
- Indistinct images, blurriness (11)
- Bewitched, enthralled (9)
- Pertaining to love or to the imagination (8)
- Citizen of Moscow (7)
- Fruit often used as a salad vegetable (6)
- Beast of burden (5)
- Gesture of agreement (3)

### Last week's solution N078



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Our look at Russell Eldridge's debut novel, *Harry Mac*, on page 15 this week is timely, given the increasing restrictions on public freedoms and attacks on our favourite institutions – see David Pope's cartoon, right. Eldridge finds parallels in Australia's political direction with the apartheid regime he targets in his novel. The Libs and Labs look increasingly like mirror images of each other as they vote to fend off challenges to Oz's iniquitous offshore processing schemes and to set up poorly defined citizenship-stripping laws without the benefit of trial in a court. A good play to read on the rise of oppression in the face of a complacent bourgeoisie is Max Frisch's 1953 classic *Biedermann und die Brandstifter*, known in English as *The Fire Raisers* or *The Arsonists*: <http://bit.ly/fireraiserswiki>.



That's getting your priorities right. First published in *The Canberra Times* of June 26. See more incisive political commentary on the David Pope Cartoons Facebook page.

complete' online at bayfm.org and is open to all. Completed entries will be entered into a special prize draw.

And while on the subject of prize draws, Feros Care, which has residential villages at Byron Bay and Bangalow, wants you to share your thoughts on ageing – yes, it happens to all of us – for a chance to win 'the ultimate literary weekend at Byron Bay Writers Festival'. All you need write is 25 words or less, which is not as easy as it sounds. Find out more at <http://bit.ly/feroswrite>. Entries close July 19.

As we gear up for climate armageddon, zombies are becoming more popular than ever and even feature in re-writes of Jane Austen classics – *Pride and Prejudice and Zombies*, for instance. Coming to Sydney in September is Run For Your Lives, a race which takes participants through a series of obstacles on a zombie-infested course.

Participants have the option to race either as a 'survivor' or a 'zombie' and, following the one and-a-half-hour race, will be greeted with an

Apocalypse Party with dance music, entertainment and fringe activities. See more at [runforyourlives.com.au](http://runforyourlives.com.au). Brainnnnnsssss...

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Further to our picture last week of trees dressed in knitting, it turns out it's a project of Byron Bay Library's Creative Textiles Group. The colourful display is the result of several months' work to celebrate International Yarn Bombing Day in June. The display will remain on the roundabout at the corner of Lawson and Middleton Streets until spring, 'keeping the trees nice and cosy,' says our informant.

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