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## QLD developer in talks with West Byron landowner

A QLD-based company that develops suburbs around Australia is in talks with one of the West Byron landowners to sell his share of residential blocks.

Villa World QLD director Michael Vinodolac confirmed with *The Echo* that they are working with Sydney-based property tycoon Terry Agnew, 'which will deliver approximately 300 lots with a minimum lot size of 450sqm in accordance with the zoning requirements.'

The 108-hectare site opposite the industrial estate was controversially approved by the NSW planning department in November 2014.

Mr Vinodolac said, 'We propose to deliver a very different estate from a typical Villa World estate. While we have not finalised our plans yet, we would expect that this project will incorporate appropriate design and building covenants to ensure high-quality design outcomes and sustainability targets. We want this project to respect the character of Byron Shire by implementing appropriate housing covenants.'

### Affordable housing

'The intent of this is to deliver more affordable housing options than just traditional homes, particularly for first home buyers.'

'Further, we have engaged a local development team with all of our consultants living and working in northern NSW to ensure that the benefits of this project are kept within the region.'



## In the musical slip stream

Splendour in the Grass rumbled through Yelgun and surrounding valleys last weekend, with around 33,500 at North Byron Parklands. Pictured is Mambo's new installation by artist Lee McConnell. For a full festival wrapup, visit [www.echo.net.au](http://www.echo.net.au). Also Jeff's photos page 33. Photo Jeff Dawson

## Yelgun paddock festival dispatch, 2016

Joy Knight-Smith

For a winter festival it sure was warm!

Hello readers, this report is written by a nineteen-year-old local Southern Cross uni student – me.

I was asked to write a personal account of this hectic music party zoo, widely known as Splendour in the Grass.

While it was perfect weather and a largely trouble-free event that

blessed eager excited punters, staff and artists, it's also incumbent to offer honesty.

It's no secret that the traffic became a disaster, like it was in other years. Buses were up to three hours late, making it a security and safety nightmare. But hey – it's not easy – 33,500 souls and a heckload of cars need managing for this three-day mega-festival. A lot of random acts can, and will, happen with this some-

what narrow Triple J demographic.

Security was unfortunately a let-down. As you lined up at the gate, it felt like a combined trial and judgment without any presumption of innocence. Was this more about power than the task itself? Regardless, it was interesting to see who managed to sneak in alcohol and who didn't.

Most young girls with alcohol in their bras or taped to their legs under their skirt made it through, whereas

young guys did not have much luck.

It wouldn't be Splendour without the big-name bands – they bring the crowds and as usual the acts delivered.

Yet there is no shortage of entertainment of all types, not just music. The ABC's Tony Jones hosted another non-televised Q&A and there was standup comedy and plenty of workshops. Good on you, Splendour, another big event done and dusted.

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## Can a ten unit Mullum affordable housing refusal be defended?

A member of Council's Heritage Advisory Committee has told *The Echo* he believes that there are grounds for refusal of the Mullum affordable housing project on Stuart Street.

The DA for ten one-bedroom units with five carparking spaces was given the green light at the June 29 council meeting; however, it will be again presented for debate and a vote at the upcoming August 4 meeting after a rescission motion was lodged.

Len Bates, who is the Mullum community representative on the council committee, claims both the Local Environment Plan (LEP) and Development Control Plan (DCP) have detailed heritage conservation provisions, which stipulate no units and only single-storey homes in Mullum's heritage precinct.

'The Land and Environment court has upheld these provisions with other similar cases,' he said.

Mr Bates claims this development will begin the erosion of the heritage of the town and that other areas for affordable housing should be

considered just outside the CBD that are also within walking distance.

The proposal was given passage by Council owing to the affordable housing provision within the State Environmental Planning Policies (SEPP), which stipulate just 30 per cent must be for affordable housing, while the rest can be sold at market rate.

But mayoral candidate Cr Spooner believes there are no planning grounds for refusing the Stuart Street development, 'including conservation or heritage considerations.'

He said, 'It would mean either the developer walks away or takes the decision to court.'

Yet when why he thought that, Cr Spooner replied, 'In regards to Koho [the developer], I have no idea what they are intending to do if this gets refused and neither is it an argument from the right [wing]. It just makes economic sense.'

Cr Spooner said, 'How is fewer units being developed a better outcome for affordability? What's worse, by saying no to everything we will end up with more expensive

unaffordable housing being proposed.'

'Current Green councillors and ex-Green councillor Rose Wanchap have all argued against it happening.'

Cr Spooner said, 'Is Mr Bates proposing that lower-income people should only be living on the fringes of our towns as modern-day fringe dwellers? I would never support such a discriminatory policy. From a purely economic point of view, you do not propose affordable housing to make money. There are much easier and better ways of doing that as a developer. Otherwise, we would be inundated by proposals.'

Mr Bates also claims Council's Heritage adviser/consultant did not address the proposal adequately, but staff replied that LEP allows for a maximum height of nine metres, 'which provides for two storey buildings.' Council's director of sustainable environment and economy, Shannon Burt said, 'Provided the design is sympathetic to heritage conservation areas, the DCP allows for new developments.'

## Mayoral campaign kicks off

Affordable housing to be campaign cornerstone for Greens, Labor

Mayor Simon Richardson (Greens) has announced his intention to run again for the top job, and promised that affordable housing will be a cornerstone of the campaign.

It's also a topic that will be a key issue for Cr Paul Spooner, who told *The Echo* that he also intends to stand for mayor and will be announcing a Labor Party team of councillors shortly.

*The Echo* asked via email if conservative Cr Sol Ibrahim has plans to run again for mayor, but has not received a reply.

In Cr Richardson's press release, he referred to Nicqui Yazdi, a longtime resident and youth worker, who may have to move from the shire owing to high rents and unaffordability.

She confirmed with *The Echo* that after 18 years of renting she considered the options to be 'absolute dumps which were going for \$550 a week.'

'That's hundreds more than I can afford.' The mayor said in his press release that he has been working hard at addressing the issue, and his main priorities 'will be to ensure that the valuable contributions of long-

term residents such as Ms Yazdi are not lost to the Shire because of a lack of suitable housing.'

'At threat is the very thread of what makes our Byron Shire community so special – the diversity of our residents and the enormous contribution they make to our community.'

'Holiday letting, particularly in Byron Bay itself, is a contributing factor. Negative gearing has fuelled a growing number of absent property owners who effectively remove their stock from the residential letting market.'

### Granny flats

The mayor also took aim at the 'largely anti-community sentiment of the notorious "gang of five" councillors,' who have mostly controlled the chamber throughout the term.

He said, 'The Greens have managed to champion through a number of major affordable housing initiatives during this current term of Council – while saying no to others where the community has expressed major, valid concerns.'

'One of the most popular has been the waiving of certain fees

on the construction of granny flats,' says mayor Richardson.

'This can result in savings of around \$15,000 to \$30,000 and we've already seen several hundred granny flats constructed as a result – far more than in neighbouring shires.'

'The challenge will be maintaining this arrangement over the longer term. The Greens are committed to making it a permanent feature in Byron Shire, whereas other less socially conscious, more purely profit-motivated councillors would love to do away with it next time the policy's reviewed.'

'Another big achievement has been the creation of a special LEP for the Byron Arts and Industry Estate.'

'A NSW first, the LEP enables creatives to now live where they work, whereas previously this was unlawful.'

### Sloganeering

Cr Spooner has claimed that in contrast to the Greens, a Labor team would 'ensure affordable housing is supported and encouraged in council and not just used as a campaign slogan.'

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**THE GREENS**



# Keen candidates enter sausage factory

Not Jack Kerouac

In what other job do you get to preside over an operating budget of \$73 million while being paid a nominal wage of just \$18,840 per annum?

Aspiring council candidates and the otherwise curious came to a free candidate workshop at the Mullumbimby chambers last Thursday.

It was a chance to hear a presentation on what is expected of councillors as well as to learn the inner workings of Council and the relationship it has with the state government.

Perhaps the most encouraging sign for local politics was that there were many young and new faces in the group.

Charlie Wilson articulated his desire for a change in culture in the chamber, telling *The Echo* that after seeing for himself a council meeting in action, he was appalled by the behaviour of the council majority towards the minority.

He said it needed a change. Along with the eight interested in becoming candidates, Cr Alan Hunter was on hand to offer his insights and wisdom. Byron Bay Chamber of Commerce president Gail Fuller was also in attendance.

Former Leichhardt mayor Marie Sheehan presented the workshop, and said councils and government departments are moving more towards a corporate structure, placing emphasis on returning a dividend for departments.

New amendments to the *Local Government Act 1993* are underway in draft form, Ms Sheehan said.

That piece of legislation, and the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, are the most important pieces of legislation to understand as councillors.

The importance of having a strategy to communicate with those who appear to



Say 'Local Government Act 1993'. Pictured front are Charlie and Caitlin, and from left in second row is James (in hat), Michael, Janette and Ash (in blue). Former councillor and occasional agitator John Anderson aka Fast Bucks sits behind in a staff chair, while former councillor John Lazarus is up back left and Byron Chamber of Commerce president Gail Fuller and Cr Alan Hunter are pictured on the right. Photo Jeff 'Plutocracy For Me' Dawson

have made their mind up was discussed, as was the difference between robust debate and personal attacks.

'Don't work alone,' she also said, and suggested that asking questions and seeking help from experts will get better results. There is also a need to make informed decisions, she said, and that can be achieved by asking for underlying assumptions and formulas that apply to staff and other reports.

AirBnB became a topic of conversation, and was described as a 'disrupter' industry. Another is obviously Uber, and as these will continue to grow, there is a need for governance to seek a new approach to adaptation.

Ms Fuller told the group that as AirBnB is based in the US, it pays no GST. Byron Bay is also being targeted by the corporation as a 'superhost', she said, along with Melbourne and Sydney, owing to high visitation numbers.

Around four people attended the later session, held that night from 6pm.

## Medical centre, units and cafe proposed for Ewingsdale

Move over Ewingsdale Seniors – a new proposal is next door.

The corner parcel of land that sits on McGettigans Lane and Ewingsdale Road has been put forward as a proposed medical centre, day theatre, accommodation (12 units) and cafe with around 60 car spaces. The land size is 5,497m<sup>2</sup> and the proponent is Brunsmed Pty Ltd.

Within the proposal, Council staff raised concern over a lack of traffic mitigation, a traffic study and its bulk, scale and height. However, the proponent lodged another DA this month and is included in the 328-page plan. It claims to have addressed those concerns.

Council's manager de-

velopment assessment and compliance, Wayne Bertram, wrote a response to a meeting held between staff and the developer's representatives in March.

He said Council's Geographic Information System identifies that the prime agricultural land 'is affected by a Cattle Dip Site Buffer.'

The DA from the proponent concludes that as the application is 'generally compliant with Council's controls,' consent should be granted.

Council staff said the proposal 'will be readvertised next week and [go] on exhibition again from 4 to 24 August. The DA will be determined by the Joint Regional Planning Panel.'

# Mullumbimby IGA goes plastic free



Mullumbimby IGA manager Daniel Tiffin, NSW MP Tamara Smith and mayor Simon Richardson. Photo Nigel Haslam

Owing to the success of and feedback from Plastic Free July, Mullumbimby IGA supermarket say they will be keeping their shop free of plastic bags from now on.

Store manager Daniel Tiffin told *The Echo* he was unaware of any other IGA supermarket that has gone plastic bag free.

Cardboard boxes are available at the front of the shop.

Co-organiser of Plastic Free July Sasha Mainsbridge says the result will see 150,000 fewer plastic bags being used a year. She also congratulated all stores that are taking part.

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# COREM scores \$5k solar grant

Community Owned Renewable Energy Mullumbimby (COREM) have been successfully awarded a \$5,000 federal grant, which will go towards funding a solar PV system at the Mullumbimby Showgrounds.

COREM's president Ella Rose Goninan says they managed to secure the federal Stronger Community Grants Program funding after COREM's vice-president Dave Rawlins applied for grants 'while on holidays'.

She says, 'With this amount, along with the excess raised for the Drill Hall and moneys raised by our Climate Action walk, COREM can now fund its next system at the Mullum Showgrounds!'

## 100% renewable

'This means in the not-too-distant future we will see the rooftops of the Mullum Showgrounds also shining bright with the forward-moving charge of renewable com-



From left: Justine Elliot MP, Robert Passey (COREM), Ella Goninan (COREM president), Valley Lipcer (Trust member), Harry Hackett (Showgrounds manager). Photo Jeff Dawson

munity power in our town.' 'Thank you, Justine Elliot and the Stronger Community Grants Program, for your support in receiving this grant.'

'Moving forward as quickly as possible towards our goal of 100 per cent renew-

able energy for our region is one of our primary aims and reasons for dedicating ourselves to the mission. Your support is very encouraging.'

'We now look forward to receiving proposals for our next project, and Dave, well it must be said, you're awesome!'

'Please contact corem.org.au if you have a project in mind.'

MP Elliot congratulated the COREM team and said the 10kW solar PV system 'supports Mullumbimby's vision to become a renewable-energy town.'

# GM Gainger renews contract

Byron Shire Council general manager, Ken Gainger, has been reappointed for another four years in the top council job.

Confirmed unanimously by councillors, the appointment will see Mr Gainger support the next term of the council through until 2020.

Mayor Simon Richardson welcomed the announcement and said Mr Gainger's 'strong leadership performance will give much needed continuity and stability to the council's operations.'



'Ken's extensive local government background and can-do attitude have allowed a fresh new operational culture to be built,' Cr Richardson said.

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# CAN's back! Scrutiny set for Council elections

A community group that rallied for transparent, responsible and inclusive local governance in the 1990s has re-emerged for the upcoming council elections, owing to what they say are 'scary' similarities to that era.

Longtime local Rossco Phillips again heads Community Action Network (CAN) and is again calling on the community to get involved and embrace participation to be 'part of the solution' to the issues facing Byron Shire.

Phillips says owing to a period of 'relative sanity' of Byron Shire politics, the group did not have to rally like they did after the 90s. 'But now we find ourselves again with a



Rosco Phillips from Community Action Network (CAN). Photo Jeff Dawson

council that is leaving many residents cold.

'In the 1990s, the concept of "unique and natural Byron" was going out the window fast,' Phillips says.

'So a group of motivated and concerned residents came together in 1994 and formed Save Our Shire (SOS), which then became Community Action Network.'

'CAN ran a very successful campaign in 1995, which saw a landslide win to the community with a seven-to-three councillor result, and included Ian Kingston defeating the pro-development candidate, Ross Tucker, for mayor.'

'Ironically, the new council had to then place a moratorium on nearly all development in urban areas until the sewerage systems could be updated and/or expanded to cope with the load.'

Phillips says leading up to

elections, CAN 'will identify and support candidates who share our principles, and welcomes local residents' support to help us get them elected.'

'CAN will assess councillors who want to be re-elected by reviewing their voting histories on the important issues, and we also want to meet new candidates to hear what issues they care about and why they believe they would make good councillors.'

'We strongly believe the future of this Shire cannot be left to chance - or to the whims of the state government.'

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## New chapter for top cafe

Celebrated chef David Lovett has been announced to head the kitchen at Beach Byron Bay, which will reopen after an extensive renovation and rebrand on Thursday July 28.

The restaurant is located on Clarkes Beach overlooking The Pass, and is a joint venture between Byron Bay restaurateurs Ben and Belinda Kirkwood and the Fink Group, who run acclaimed venues Quay, OTTO, Benelong, Firedoor and The Bridge Room.

Mr Kirkwood says David is a welcome addition to the restaurant with his fresh approach to food and impressive CV.

'He has commanded the kitchens of a number of Sydney's top venues, including Uccello, Bills, Dank St Depot,



David Lovett is now head chef at the renamed Beach Byron Bay on Clarkes Beach. Photo Jeff 'Nice Office Views' Dawson

North Bondi Italian and Bay-swagger Brasserie.

'Diners can expect a menu founded on Italian principles and sensibilities - food that relies on simplicity and respect for good produce; comprising a few simple ingre-

dients, carefully selected and served at their best.'

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## Mullum photo comp extended

Time's running out to get your picture into the Mullumbimby Chamber of Commerce's Magical Mullum Photography Competition, which has been extended until July 31.

The winners of the competition will be announced at the

Chamber's Biggest Little Banquet to be held September 3.

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Photographs can be landscape, streetscapes, creative, people or places.

Competition co-organis-

er Jenelle Stanford says that with cash prizes up for grabs, two age divisions and three categories to choose from, entrants have a good chance of winning. For entry forms, visit [www.mullumbimby.org.au/magic](http://www.mullumbimby.org.au/magic).

## The writers on the wall



Byron Writers Festival is heading for a sellout! Local authors Robert Drewe, Jennifer St George (both seated) and Russell Eldridge (standing) are among 150 Australian and international writers, thinkers and commentators heading to Byron to celebrate the festival's 20th anniversary, which runs August 5 till 7. Other highlight guests include PJ O'Rourke, Michael Leunig, Magda Szubanski and Paul Kelly. For more info visit <https://byronwritersfestival.com>. Photo Jeff 'All Words And Action' Dawson

## Ride-sharing mobile app launches

There's a new ride-sharing mobile app that aims to be a transport solution for the area.

Go Byron is an innovation from Byron Taxis, and they say it is a 'safe, combined ride-share and traditional taxi service with trusted, fully insured accredited service providers.'

Terry Pitt, executive director of Go Byron, says, the smart app allows the passenger to control and monitor the booking process in real time from start to finish.

'Our comprehensive range of services are designed to take advantage of our existing

and diverse fleet, to meet demand when needed, and let's not forget our wheelchair-access vehicles that we provide as well. Our software platform currently supports more than a hundred local networking drivers and we expect this to increase exponentially.'

## Echo drudge wins Staff Giraffe

Michelle Hall of Echo Publications has taken out July's Mullumbimby Chamber of Commerce Staff Giraffe award for outstanding customer service.

Michelle, who received a certificate of appreciation from the Mullumbimby Chamber and a copy of Mairead Cleary's recently launched book *Byron Trails*, said she was touched to have been nominated.

'I'm feeling the love,' she said. 'This is really nice recognition for a job I love to do,' Michelle says.

'It's all about customer service, asking questions and getting to know customers, not just selling ads.'

### Noms open

The regularly run Staff Giraffe program recognises and



From left, Obi McDonald-Saint (Mullumbimby Chamber President), award-winner Michelle Hall (Echo Publications), Angela Cornell (Echo Publications). Photo Jeff 'Echoes Of An Echo' Dawson.

acknowledges local staff that 'put their neck out,' going the extra mile to give good service to customers.

To nominate a deserving staff person from one of the many shops in

Mullumbimby, visit [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).

## The Echo joins Press Council

After thirty years of publication, *The Echo*, publisher of the *Byron Shire Echo* and *Echonetdaily*, has joined the Press Council, the industry body responsible for promoting good standards of journalistic practice.

*The Echo's* general manager

Simon Haslam said, 'As a small independent print and online media organisation, *The Echo* supports the Council's championing of free media in the face of unprecedented government restrictions.'

'In these times of technological, social and commercial

change, it is more important than ever that examination of government and commercial power be continued by bodies with a commitment to high standards.

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## Rubber hits the road

Local government is one area where the rubber hits the road, and that's not always a metaphor. The grand plans and policies of federal and state government are often enacted through local government – local councillors often wear on their faces the egg which should have been aimed at someone in Canberra or in Macquarie Street.

In NSW, as former Byron Shire councillor Ross Tucker (1991–2012) noted, local councils are the 'bastard child' of the state government. And as bastards they are not always treated with the paternal tenderness due to them. They fork out for expenses which should be the state's responsibility, sometimes on important planning decisions, and are underfunded by their haughty parent and castigated for crying poor.

In addition, in the large municipal centres, councils are often the plaything of the Libs and Labs seeking to extend their power bases.

Into this sordid arena come the untried council candidates, some of them Candides believing in the best of all possible worlds. Really, they have no idea of the truck which is about to run over them, despite the best intentions of candidate briefings.

And yet already the Shire candidates are lining up for the September 10 election ([elections.nsw.gov.au](http://elections.nsw.gov.au)). Even that old warhorse Fast Buck\$ is considering running, apparently having forgotten the anguish the role of councillor brought him last time. Apart from some good work on Clause 45 in the Byron Local Environmental Plan in relation to the sewerage moratorium, Bucks distinguished himself as the only councillor in the Shire (perhaps in Australia) to appear at a council meeting dressed as Jesus Christ.

Most councillors are less colourful; some, in fact, lack any zest or flavour. But candidates wishing to do a proper job for their constituents should be aware there is an awful lot of reading of complicated documents that might not always resemble the English language. That's unless you plan to sit there reading the *Daily Terrorgraph* and put your hand up when your mates tell you to. Then there's dealing with the *Yes Minister* aspects of government bureaucracy and figuring out the procedural motions by which other councillors will seek to thwart your intentions.

I should know. I covered Byron council meetings from about 1989 until 2010, when my doctor warned me that reading any more agenda papers would be hazardous to my health.

It's an important job which involves more than rates, roads and rubbish if you want to get a handle on what's really happening in the global village.

I wish the council candidates good luck in their pursuit of their goal, but think carefully before entering the arena. If you were looking for a career path full of sweetness and light, then you should have gone into the news media.

– Michael McDonald

## Let's talk about local political donations

The question of political donations was recently brought to the attention of the gallery during councillor debate on July 29, when Cr Basil Cameron asked Cr Sol Ibrahim directly who funded his campaign.

It brought oohhhhs and aaahhs from the chamber.

The question of course is whether he and others who recently rammed the coastal policy through – the CZMP BBE – were funded by Belongil landowners.

Cr Ibrahim replied indignantly and with some irritation that he paid an independent assessor to evaluate his campaign finances and that he had followed the 'letter of the law' when it came to donations.

And while he went on to say that it is a democratic right for individuals to contribute money to political parties, he never replied to the question of who financially supported his campaign.

### Virtual unknown

Before the current councillors were elected in 2012, *The Echo* reported on all councillor donations and their election war chest.

It costs on average around \$10,000 for a campaign, which will get you in the press, on radio and perhaps TV. Just as important is signage and printed materials.

It should be pointed out that Cr Ibrahim was elected onto Council in 2012 as a virtual unknown, and he swapped preferences with conservative councillor Di Woods.

Cr Ibrahim told *The Echo* at the time, 'While Di Woods's

*'We also had many other offers which were declined due to ineligibility'*

– Cr Di Woods in 2012

by Hans Lovejoy

policies are not all the same as ours, I do not find anything there that I am strongly opposed to, and some that I agree with.'

Prior to being elected, Cr Ibrahim told *The Echo* on September 4, 2012 'Most of our supporters have no interest in becoming involved in politics, but they are fed up with watching the mismanagement of their shire. They have donated to us on the understanding that their privacy will be respected.'

### Donation returns

It's not ideal of course, but political donation returns are published over a year later by the electoral commission.

And like all levels of government, donation laws are fairly loose, hard to track and easily bypassed.

When the electoral commission published the political donations from the 2012 local elections, *The Echo* did a story on January 24, 2014.

The story reported, 'Cr Ibrahim's Vision In Action team reported no donations of any kind except his own, which totalled \$3,867.

Except his campaign cost \$11,797. When asked about the donations at the time, Cr Ibrahim said, 'I received about two dozen donations.'

'All were below the reportable threshold from local residents who were of course not developers, or involved

in gaming or liquor, as per AEC rules.'

And when asked who were Cr Ibrahim's main backers, he replied, 'It is a bit mischievous to imply that I or other councillors had "major backers".'

He said, 'I think it would be quite obvious to anyone who reviewed my votes, and my carefully stated reasons, that I am not beholden to any backers, unlike some of the Greens of course.'

'The Greens received about a third of the votes, and my votes were about equal to Paul Spooner's and Basil Cameron's combined. Clearly there are a wide range of legitimate community views in our Shire.'

### Cr Woods brings Hunter and Cubis

The other supporter of the controversial coastal policy is Cr Di Woods and her team of 'True Independents'. Her vote also brought fellow councillors Chris Cubis and Alan Hunter to the chamber in 2012.

As reported at the time, they raised by far the most capital, with 30 individuals donating a total of \$19,728 alone (all anonymously as they were under \$1,000).

Additionally, a fundraising event added \$12,290 to the war chest, making that at least \$32,018. Cr Woods has been in Council for 12 years, and was the natural succes-

sor to former conservative Cr Ross Tucker.

According to the electoral commission, her campaign cost \$13,866.53, which included a marketing team that was paid \$8,195.

Asked at the time if she would advocate a change in donation disclosure given donations under \$1,000 are anonymous, Cr Woods replied, 'I would always agree with absolute transparency from all candidates including the Greens.'

### Ineligible offers

She also said in 2012, 'We had many donors who had their money returned to them as they were ineligible under the electoral ruling.'

'We also had many other offers which were declined due to ineligibility.'

'We had a consultancy firm working for us who sought donations on our behalf and we maintained absolute scrutiny to ensure we had only legitimate donations that complied with the ruling by the Electoral Funding Authority (EFA).'

■ *The Echo* did not profile the other councillors owing to their not holding the balance of power in Council. The majority council was made possible when Greens councillor Rose Wanchap quit the party and aligned herself with an opposing ideology.

■ Next week *The Echo* will publish the names and profile the Belongil landowners who are suing Council over what they claim is loss of value from the Jonson Street protection works.

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**Affordable housing**  
Just recently a close friend who has been wanting to downsize has had to come to the realisation that no suitable housing exists within her budget in the Byron Shire. When long-term residents have to leave the Shire because of lack of suitable housing stock, our community suffers.

That's why I want to loudly applaud the recent announcement by Greens mayor Simon Richardson that Coun-

cil will partner with several other groups to provide a new model of low-cost off-the-grid housing on Council land for residents. Byron Shire is crying out for more initiatives like this, and thank goodness we have a mayor with the vision to take it forward

**Michael McDougall**  
Suffolk Park

**Seeking clarity**

To help clarify recent media on the 'secret' council meeting, it would be great if we

could help explain to the community that the meeting was in fact 'confidential'.

Councils are restricted in what they can deal with in a confidential manner and these are listed under the Local Government Act; they can occur for reports on legal advice, litigation, commercial-in-confidence activities such as tenders and when dealing with personnel matters. Therefore, the majority of a council meeting is held in an open forum.

The general public can request that a confidential report is dealt with in an open forum, as was the case last week with Mr Donald Maughan. In this instance, Council resolved to go into confidential session and Mr Maughan respectfully left, as per meeting practice. He was not, as reported, ejected.

Council welcomes the community at its meetings and is supportive of its passionate residents.

Our public access gallery is often an enlightening part of our meeting as we get to hear directly from residents about matters that concern them the most; this is fundamental to our democratic system of government and is strongly supported by Council.

**Ken Gainger**  
General Manager  
Byron Shire Council

great cost savings for the bean-counting health bureaucrats with the added bonus of selling the land on which these services previously operated into a buoyant property market. Expect to hear the words 'affordable accommodation' when this happens.

And as last week's paper went to some lengths to document, large shiny sheds are only as good as the health professionals they're staffed with. It is hardly surprising that the hospital is not employing adequate nursing staff. Nurses cost money, and the job of the bean counters is to keep the purse strings held tight. Health outcomes do not matter to these people.

The trend of the last decade has been a steady increase in the ratio of patients to nursing staff in our hospitals (especially when patient

acuity is accounted for). Yet for Wayne Jones, CEO of the local health district, the staffing problems at the new hospital are dismissed simply as staff ineptitude. Or, in management-speak, 'heightened emotions and transition issues'. What rubbish. The problem is with a health system where management's only metric is money; nurses are a fuel to be burnt up; and patients, well, bugger them.

**Dave Lisle**  
Mullumbimby

**Telstra danger**

Telstra, please note: At the corner of Aloota Crescent and Nargoon Court, Ocean Shores, there is a broken concrete block full of water, which is very dangerous for school children alighting from the bus.

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**Call for help for Eaten Fish**

As our regular cartoonist Ross Johnson is away for a week, we turn to the plight of asylum seeker Eaten Fish.

According to the Save Eaten Fish website [www.eatenfish.com](http://www.eatenfish.com), 'Eaten Fish is a cartoonist named Ali, a 24-year-old Iranian artist who has been held in Australia's immigration detention centre for three years now.

Eighteen months ago First Dog on the Moon began mentoring Eaten Fish and they have since kept regular contact.

'Throughout the three years that Eaten Fish has been incarcerated on Manus Island he has suffered from ever worsening and extreme OCD, panic attacks - that can leave him literally paralysed - and Complex PTSD.

'Earlier this year Eaten Fish was seriously sexually assaulted. Since this assault he has continued to endure ongoing sexual harassment



See the David Pope Cartoons Facebook page for more.

from guards, staff and some other detainees.

'This compounds the effects of the sexual assault and his serious mental health conditions.'

You can find out more and help out by visiting the Eaten Fish page, where noted Australian cartoonists have given their support.

**Letters to the Editor**

Send to Letters Editor Michael McDonald, fax: 6684 1719 email: [editor@echo.net.au](mailto:editor@echo.net.au) Deadline: Noon, Friday. **Letters longer than 200 words may be cut.** Letters already published in other papers will not be considered. Please include your full name, address and phone number for verification purposes.

■ *The Echo* stands by its description. What is more important - and unknown - is the effect these secret deals will have upon ratepayers' and Council's finances. 'Trust us, we're the government' is perhaps the most dangerous phrase in any democracy - Ed.

**Money or medicine?**

*The Echo's* recent critical scrutiny of the new Byron hospital is most welcome, and deserved. When governments come to us bearing such gifts as shiny \$88 million hospitals, there is likely a sting in the tail.

With this new public health edifice our community will be stung in a number of ways. We lose the existing Mullum and Byron hospitals and the Bangalow and Ocean Shores public health centre. This centralisation of services offers

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# Biodiversity loss a serious threat

Recent research on biodiversity loss reveals that climate change is a 'wild card', a new challenge to Earth's eco-systems, according to a recent issue of the journal *Science*.

Global mapping reveals 'unsafe levels' of biodiversity across 58 per cent of Earth's surface. Biodiversity loss is substantial enough to question the ability of many ecosystems to support human societies.

Key points note that 'safe limits are exceeded if less than 90 per cent abundance of original species or 80 per cent of those species is retained'. The analysis found average local abundance of species across the world was 84.6 per cent.

In all, experts say the study is a warning. As such, this information is vital to all communities dealing with the threat of government policies dictating the felling of biodiversity. The health of all living organisms on Earth requires balanced biodiversity supportive of Earth's ecosystems.

Habitat destruction has reduced the variety of plants and animals to the point that ecological systems could become unable to function properly, with risks for agriculture and human health.

Analysing 1.8m records from 39,125 sites across Earth, the international study found that a measure of the intactness of biodiversity sites had

fallen below a safety limit across 58.1 per cent of the world's land. A site losing more than ten per cent of its biodiversity is considered to have passed a precautionary threshold, beyond which the ecosystem's ability to function could be compromised.

'Until and unless we can bring biodiversity back up we are playing "ecological roulette."' (Prof Andy Purvis, National History Museum and author.)

'We are entering a zone of uncertainty.' (Dr Tim Newbold, University College of London.)

The Turnbull government has shamefully slashed CSIRO funding, directly attacking the Australian sci-

entific community. Indeed, Turnbull has installed 'Mr Coal', Josh Frydenberg, as environment minister and Mat Canavan, 'Science on climate change is less certain,' as minister for resources.

Their conservative cousin, NSW premier Mike Baird, has attacked and weakened environmentally protective laws, thus aiding development and agribusiness.

Is it any wonder that social movements will continue to grow and rise up against climate deniers, mind-numbing media tycoons and those creatures driven only by the profit motive?

Have hope always.

Jo Faith  
Newtown

## CHESS by Ian Rogers

Play at Byron Services Club, Mon 7pm

At the start of 2015 Maxime Vachier-Lagrave was granted a golden ticket into the Grand Chess Tour by organiser and Russian opposition figure Garry Kasparov as a means of keeping Putin fan Sergey Karjakin out of the competition.

Vachier-Lagrave (pictured right) started 2015 poorly but soon found his feet amongst the world elite and in the past year has zoomed up the rating list.

This week the Frenchman enjoyed what he described as 'definitely one of the biggest successes in my career,' by winning the 44<sup>th</sup> edition of the Sparkassen Chess Meeting in Dortmund.

Vachier-Lagrave won the traditional German tournament by such a convincing margin that he took over the world number two position, ahead of two of the players who finished in second place, Vladimir Kramnik and Fabiano Caruana.

Of course Vachier-Lagrave lags far behind Magnus Carlsen (currently winning a tournament in Bilbao) but his high rating, if



maintained, will give him a place in the next Candidates tournament.

'I remained unbeaten and the result gives me lots of self-confidence,' said Vachier-Lagrave – familiarly known as MVL. 'After this event I am world number two, so something would be wrong if I didn't consider myself a [possible] challenger.'

Having won 10 previous Sparkassen tournaments, anything below first place would be unsatisfactory for Kramnik, while Caruana admitted that in such a short event – seven rounds only – his first round loss to Vachier-Lagrave was fatal to his title chances.

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We have notified you twice in the last eight months, as has a linesman. Can you kindly attend to this matter.

C Irvine  
Ocean Shores

### Hateful policy

Tim Harrington from Lennox Head (Letters, July 20) initially seizes our attention by claiming to find common ground with *Echo* editor Hans Lovejoy on the issue of parliamentary leaders needing to take responsibility for their actions as presented in the Chilcot Report but then goes on to draw an extraordinary and quite ridiculous parallel with the actions of our two recent Labor PMs, Kevin Rudd and Julia Gillard.

His letter is really a rant against these ex-leaders and one of his accusations is that they failed to 'protect our borders [allowing] the grubby people smugglers to ply their trade in human misery [which] resulted in more than a thousand drownings.'

Not to his credit, Rudd announced in July 2013 that no asylum seeker arriving by boat would ever be allowed to settle in Australia and both major parties have determinedly maintained their inhumane, immoral and – by international standards – illegal policies in this area ever since. They have gone further and put our democracy in doubt as no-one is allowed to report from Manus and Nauru on pain of imprisonment; we know something of the horrors there only from those brave enough to defy this law.

The argument/justification for the current policies, namely preventing drownings at sea, repeated by Mr Har-

rington, is inadequate and also disrespectful to refugees as it ignores their right to make their own decisions and the horrific circumstances which drive them. We are truly shamed by our treatment of these people in need and I am glad that we have at least one political party which maintains the standards of decency and responsibility we once expected from all.

Jenny Coman  
Bangalow

### Festival traffic

Dear roads committee and councillors, it's that time again when increased traffic, both vehicular and pedestrian, brings our towns almost to a halt. Most of the pedestrians are jovial, but I worry about the drivers!

It would be very appropriate for Council to make extra contingencies for these times. Local businesses, residents, and service providers suffer greatly increased disruption and costs.

I believe that the cost of regulating intersections and pedestrian crossings flow would be rightly borne by festival organisers who are generating the additional burden.

Council could engage traffic control either by local trained volunteer organisations or professional service providers. Either way, the experience of all who are on the move in our Shire's towns would be improved greatly.

Veda Turner  
Byron Bay

### CZMP push

In response to Tom Tabart's forensic observations (Letters, July 20), asking what's going on with regards to five councillors pushing an unfin-

ished, unpopular CZMP that favours a select minority who want rock walls and are prepared to send Council broke to keep their views for a few more years: This proposed environmental blight on Byron Bay could have been planned over a decade ago and could have even had an influence on our last election, the turnout councillor creating an unelected majority.

It's obvious that there is big money at stake. These councillors may have a majority but aren't they supposed to represent the community?

The secrecy and dodginess reek of Belongil bullies who want to keep their views for a few more years at the expense of losing our iconic beach. To threaten to sue Council is not cricket.

Geoff Allen  
Mullumbimby

### Rail trail changes?

We are delighted to read from Tim Shanasy and Marie Lawton that the Northern Rivers Rail Trail is adjusting its documented plans for the rail corridor and is now open to the possibility, however belatedly, of sharing the rail corridor in Byron Bay with the legitimate traffic and transport needs of our town.

Our organisation's Grab The Rail campaign sought repeatedly to engage with NRRT in an effort to find an integrated solution for multimodal usage of our town's rail corridor but to no avail. If any apology is warranted we would call upon the rail trail's chief proponent and patron Don Page to explain to the community the false and unsubstantiated claims that the corridor was not wide enough to accommodate

future rail, road and rail trail. Consequently the town's much-needed road and transport infrastructure works were pushed off our infrastructure corridor, out into the wetlands swamp, through critical habitat, crushing a settled heritage neighbourhood and ramming through one of the busiest market precincts in the region.

The result is already the rail trail of destruction, a hopelessly delayed project, failed bids by our Council to relocate the iconic Byron Markets, enormous hidden costs to the community to biobank the destruction of the protected wetlands and bridge the entire waterway. There are also significant and costly challenges to provide noise mitigation to over 20 residences in a heritage precinct, a social impact that is outrageous in the circumstance and where a neighbourhood community group is facing a huge financial burden to ensure some semblance of a fair hearing at the Land and Environment Court.

The rail trail failed to secure funding for its \$50m start-up last year and it was not surprising. Their failure to work with other stakeholders and advocacy groups ultimately discredited their pitch. If a change is in the air we hastily urge NRRT to get in touch to help get our town back on track.

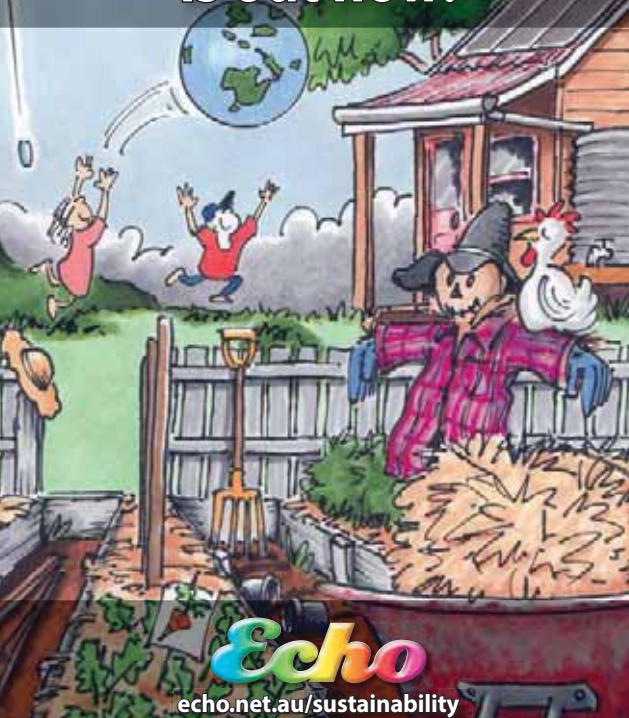
Paul Jones  
President, Butler Street  
Community Network

### Shark net concerns

After yet another councillor briefing on 'NSW government's shark mitigation strategy' (basically shark nets and Twitter alerts), I'm still

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# Must be the season of the unbalanced doshas

Story & image S Sorrensen

Oh man, I feel awful. My throat feels like I've smoked a packet of mosquito coils. My head is an over-inflated tyre bouncing on gravel. My sinuses have been caulked with Liquid Nails. My nose is Minyon Falls in flood...

And there's been no sun for five days. It's good weather for burning off, but not much else.

I got the flu, the lurgi, the snots... whatever you want to call it. I cough continually, but all I get is throbs of pain. And blobs of phlegm. (Yeah, I know: yuk.)

'That's your body fighting it,' a bloke I know told me yesterday, his good health glowing past his hemp vest and silver jewellery.

'It's about keeping your doshas in balance,' he said.

Wearing a large silver Indian medallion embedded

with a blue stone also helps, apparently, by keeping his chakras properly lined up. He could sell me one, he says, pointing to a dozen of them on a sacred blanket on the footpath.

'Ah, no thanks, Sushruta,' I say. 'Indian jewellery gives me a rash.'

'You need a coffee enema, then,' he told me.

'For the rash?'

'No, for your sickness.'

Luckily, he didn't have a Breville Barista Express Manual Coffee Machine on the sacred blanket, so, with an asthi-rattling cough, I wandered off, leaving him making a special anti-devil sign with his fingers, and mumbling a Sanskrit mantra. I was intending to have a latte at the Italian joint across the road but my desire for coffee had gone.

This is what happens if you visit Nimbin when you have the flu.



That was yesterday. Today, I would actually consider the Vedic medallion. Hell, where's the harm? I'm here at my place under the cliffs at the end of the world; it's not like anyone would see me. I don't have many visitors. The last visitors I had were three days ago. That was pleasant, but one of them had a terrible cough...

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unconvinced that netting two of our local beaches is the best way forward. There has been a lot of discussion over the last 12 months about the nets with sound arguments from both perspectives; however, I'm concerned that the proposed shark nets may actually cause more problems than they are intended to solve.

It is a fact that not one swimmer has been attacked by a shark while swimming between the flags. So why are we getting an enclosure at Lennox Head for swimmers and not for surfers? Is it because Mayor Wright has been talking up the shark menace at every community event and media interview he has given over the last 12 months? David has created a greater sense of fear within our community, whether intentionally or inadvertently, by labelling Ballina the 'shark capital of Australia', a phrase that has often been repeated in both regional and national media.

As an active volunteer surf life saver at Lennox, I'm concerned that the net will provide a greater sense of security for swimmers, which will result in more swimmers going out further than their surf skills would recommend.

The biggest threat to swimmers is not sharks; it is drowning. Often drowning occurs owing to panic. Rips by themselves don't actually cause any harm so long as the swimmer doesn't panic and assistance is

available. It's the inexperience or anxiety felt by swimmers that causes the problems.

I would much rather see Ballina Council provide more support for the proposed Ballina Ocean Pool for the rock shelf between Shelly and Lighthouse Beaches and ask the state government to use some of the \$1 million being spent on the nets to subsidise personal protection devices such as Shark Shields, which have proven to be effective without the associated risk that the nets will have.

**Cr Jeff Johnson**  
Lennox Head

## Bad roads

This is a formal complaint about the state of the roads. Down Prince Street to Poinciana and coming up to Morrison the roads are really bad.

Deep potholes the size of footballs. I have to avoid those potholes on my electric scooter.

If the council doesn't do something I am going to walk in front of federal court. The council has a duty of care to uphold and they are neglecting their responsibility.

**Louis 'Whitie'**  
Mullumbimby

## Keeping the peace

With the 84-killed truck rampage in France, response from world leaders has not been to consider the peace but to consider war. Both Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton, in regard to the in-

carbon into the atmosphere – but if I'm suffering so should the world. And I reckon a fire may evaporate the cloud cover. I want sun. (Okay, I'm not thinking straight...)

My head is hot. Fever. Or maybe it's the fire. Either way, I'm burning up.

I'm ill. The Panadol aren't working. I tried having a beer. The first bottle didn't go down well, neither did the next.

I tried warm lemon drinks. I've had so many warm lemon drinks I now have a pH of 11. I smell like a toilet air-freshener.

It's been cloudy for five days. Five days! My solar system is as depressed as I am, so I'm forced to watch my favourite *Firefly* episodes on the computer – no wide screen and surround sound.

Imagine that: being sick and having to watch my beloved *Serenity* crew battle Reever's on a computer screen. What has the world come to?

Such tribulation – flu, small screen and no booze. Must be the End of Days. Five days with no sun surely is a sign the Day of Judgment approacheth. Guided by my fire, the Mahdi, mounted on a white stallion, and Superman (aka Jesus, aka Isa) will, at any moment, appear from the clouds to save the world from flu, cloudy days, chakra-aligning medallions, and the false Messiah.

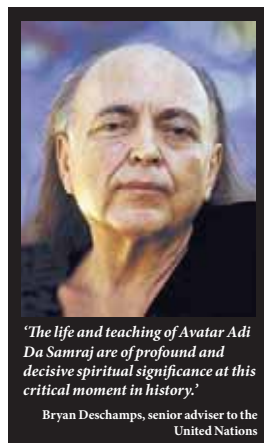
I'm ready, Eschaton Boys. Just don't land on the fire. (Even though I have my hose ready...)

Oh dear. I'm delirious. I really am sick.

But wait. I have a packet of Mackellar Range espresso coffee in the kitchen. And a garden hose right here in my hand.

Maybe I just need to balance my doshas...

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It is a matter of the greatest present-time urgency that the prevailing global mood of political separatism, end-game competitiveness, and endlessly multiplied divisiveness be immediately, thoroughly, universally and permanently relinquished – such that the entire world population of humankind becomes universally intelligent with the heart-positive mind of cooperation and tolerance.

Adi Da from *Not-Two Is Peace*  
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# Earth 'n' Sea Pizza is 40 years old!

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spoiled on their birthday when the staff sing to them. Of course they all just love to hear that bell ringing. There is a twenty-one-year-old out there that Denise first sang to on his birthday in the old Earth 'n' Sea in Lawson Street who still comes in every year and loves it! We've had a wedding reception (they chose to spend the rest of their money on a three-month European honeymoon), numerous marriage proposals, anniversary dinners, end-of-year group presentations, sports, dance and scouts group meetings and

so many fundraisers for everything from schools to the YAC to helping locals go overseas to represent their country.

We are very excited to be planning Earth 'n' Sea's fortieth birthday celebrations for next month. As well as a birthday party there will be the launch of a new customer loyalty program to accumulate points for free pizza as well as free pizza on your birthday and lots more, a draw with 40 pizzas to be won and the chance to create and name the first new Earth 'n' Sea pizza in nearly ten years. Someone will be forever famous for the Number 40 on our menu.

Happy 40th Birthday, Earth 'n' Sea Pizza!

With many many thanks from Denise, David, Nora and Erin.

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Sign up to get your very own Pizzaholic Keytag.

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1988 Ad in the Byron Guide... Congratulations on your 40th. Thanks for Supporting us throughout the decades. Rusty & Tricia, Rusty's Byron Guide.



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## Are you an Earth 'n' Sea staff member from way back?

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# Who is the companion and who is the pet?

*As well expect nature to answer to your human values as to come into your house and set in a chair.*

– Henry Beston

Mary Gardner

‘These babies are still getting used to strangers,’ cautions the trainer. The two blue and gold macaws look me up and down. Each of these parrots is almost a kilo in weight, over 70 centimetres in size, with a beak that can exert 35 kilograms per square centimetre. I pretend I am a new part of the furniture but they are still wondering if I could be a danger, a new source of food or maybe a playmate.

Finally, the birds relax some feathers and make slight chattering sounds. ‘They will do what is most rewarding for them,’ says the trainer.

‘Right now I am training them to be calm with new people. That’s a first step for any companion pet, especially ones as big as these.’

The philosophy to the training is also important. Gone are the old ideas of domination and brute force. According to Sarah Friedman, US psychology professor and



Photo Jim Beatson

animal trainer, every companion animal can be empowered to ‘make the right behavioural choices...to get something of value rather than escape something averse.’

This starts with the companion human learning Nature’s Law of Effect. Friedman explains, ‘behaviour... what a parrot does, under certain conditions... that [which] works from the animal’s point of view is repeated and

behaviour that doesn’t work is modified or suppressed.’ The aim is to arrange situations and interactions that encourage positive responses all around, from both animal and human.

Companion humans who would have this more satisfying relationship with a parrot must become keen observers. Sure, these *Ara ararauna*, as were their parents, are captive bred here in Australia.

But their ancestors were impressive tropical parrots from Mexico to Argentina. Like them, the companion birds have the same wild set of abilities. Unlike them, their environment is structured by the culture of the humans rather than the tropical jungle.

Imagine wild nature enters your house, sets on the back of a chair and looks around. Macaws are keen observers. They have sharp vision and

react instantly. In the eye of the annoyed adult, the pupil contracts instantly. This ‘pinning’ is the signal to ‘back off’.

Companion humans observing this warning can avoid forcing the bird to take the next steps such as flapping, screeching, biting or flying off. The pupil expands. The bird relaxes and its eyes may ‘pin’ again. This signals that the confident bird is now excited in a friendly way.

Macaws have inquiring minds and companion humans work with this. Knowing the birds constantly explore for high-energy foods, humans offer tidbits as reinforcements during training. Humans can also offer attention, scratches and vocalisations of their own as reinforcements because the birds are sociable creatures. According to the each bird’s individual personalities, one will prefer a scratch here to there, or favour their human’s trilling instead of clucking or cooing.

The birds are always looking to sharpen their beaks. They investigate things with their tongues. They coordinate using their foot and beak like humans do fingers and thumbs. All the while, they

chatter and argue like five-year-old humans. To meet these interests and needs, companion humans are endlessly constructing a jungle of toys, puzzles, perches and physical challenges.

Otherwise, macaws will sharpen, taste, test and play with whatever they can find. Their values come before yours. Whatever you may care about window sills, home furnishings, any other objects or even any of your habits or other relationships, can all be tested by parrots.

For companion pets, the philosophy and ethics of positive behaviour training are the meaning of life and death. Wretched and frustrated, or secure and learning every day, macaws can live for fifty years or more. You may need to include them in your will. Their behaviours, the ways their wild nature learned from you, will also reveal what you learned from them. With care, some values of nature and culture may overlap.

■ Mary Gardner is a biologist, writer and tutor. Read more of her work online at [www.echo.net.au/tangle-of-life](http://www.echo.net.au/tangle-of-life).

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terms of shared ownership, and that CT was in turn designed to remove some of the problems associated with MOs. It would be outrageous if people were now to buy into MOs or CTs for purely investment or income maximisation purposes, yet I’m told that that is already happening.

I have to put to you the following questions about Council’s current attitude:

1. Is there an explicit policy re short-term accommodation in new residential buildings?

2. Is Council’s position based on a specific Council resolution or was it an executive decision?

3. Please advise on what proportion of newly approved dwellings over the last few years had said condition imposed on them, and what basis is there for excluding some, as seems to be the case.

4. Is Council aware of any instances where dwellings with the said condition have nevertheless proceeded to engage in holiday letting? Has Council received any complaints from members of the public that holiday letting is occurring in a dwelling so conditioned?

5. In cases where Council has become aware of infringements, what has Council done about it, if anything?

6. Has anyone appealed against the said condition in terms of Sec 96, a review, or in the Land & Environment Court? If so, what was the outcome of these applications?

7. Do you think it reasonable that owners of Community Title lots should have to rely on their Neighbourhood Management Plan to prohibit holiday letting when Council could make it quite simple by imposing a consent condition?

J Anderson,  
Coorabell

I’ve written this letter because I’m seriously considering running for Council – though I must admit that I vacillate from one extreme to the other about this on a daily basis. Holiday letting – an explosion of greed which is contributing to the ever-lower levels of owner-occupation in this country – is one of the issues that drives me. Whether I end up nominating or not, you’ll be hearing more about these in the coming weeks.

My prohibition on holiday letting will no doubt lower

the pool of potential buyers, in effect lowering the value of the land. So be it.

J Anderson (Fast Buck\$)  
Coorabell

## A positive riff

I advocate a positive, sustainable, prosperous, and deeply rewarding future for Ocean Shores, Mullumbimby, and Byron Bay. Yes, I want to tell you about a better way for Byron Shire, Tweed Shire too, and how we get there.

You may have heard of me writing against corruption, illegal holiday letting, crooked nonsensical decisions, and so on. Trust me, I’m almost as sick of writing about corruption as I am of witnessing it destroy our community, as all corruption destroys.

My vision? A shire of university colleges and knowledge-based new enterprises. I am pushing forward the Byron Shire University Movement. (Check the posts on Facebook.) I am writing to universities, in Australia and around the globe (with Oxford included, my inspiration), asking them to open residential colleges in Byron Shire.

We already have a vibrant education industry in Byron Bay. My initiative expands

that, and includes Mullumbimby and Ocean Shores. It means stable, long-term jobs, but it also means the arrival of new businesses in sustainable industries: computer science, robotics, health, design, media, and the performing arts.

It will displace illegal tourism and reduce traffic impact by improving public transport links and cycleways. Students will be fulltime, and as part of their courses will work in new businesses, not take local jobs. They will live in residential colleges, not homes in residential zonings.

This process has begun. Success is certain if the community wants it, and surveys of residents have shown plenty of support. The Byron Bay University Movement. Join us.

Matt Hartley  
Byron Bay

## Poor pawpaw

Unfortunately Splendour also brings associated anti-social behaviour to Byron Bay. We witnessed a young girl attempting to climb up a pawpaw tree in Byron Street opposite Centrelink, ostensibly to collect the small green fruit. Her attempt failed, but obviously they came back later and, better prepared, succeeded in breaking off a

main branch and scattering the fruit everywhere. There are coffee shops and businesses nearby; did no-one witness this public mischief?

P J Prideaux  
Byron Bay

## About Pauline

Ten things to consider about Pauline Hanson:

1. Deep down inside Pauline, beneath the ignorance, hate, belief and assumptions, lives a beautiful angel with a lovely soul, who longs to be loved and needed.

2. As a child Pauline’s mind and world view would have been shaped by the community around her. This would have been the time of the White Australia Policy, and most people, along with our political and religious leaders, believed Australia was only for the white fella.

3. Pauline would have been encouraged to ‘keep the dream alive’ and would have learned at school about Henry Parkes and the fathers of our nation, the Federation of 1901 when they decided to kick out the Asians and said ‘We will decide who comes to our country’.

4. Pauline would not have been taught at school about Australia’s black history, the

frontier wars, and the black massacres that took place across the land.

5. Pauline would have been young at a time when the political, religious, educational and cultural structures would have promoted exclusion, division and a certain home-brand arrogance or ignorance.

6. From an early age, she would have been encouraged to join the ‘keep the dream alive’ brigade, forever destined to chant the greatness and uniqueness of a white Australia.

7. Now Pauline’s upset, her dream has become her nightmare, her mind is angry and she needs somebody to blame.

8. It would appear that Pauline is a child of our times, and that we as a society are all responsible for her ignorance, and everything else that brings – the fear, hate, greed, the high-maintenance egos.

9. Pauline has showed me you cannot fight hate with more hate. If she hates others and I hate her, well, then there is only a bit more hate in the world.

10. Pauline is helping me and teaching me how not to behave.

Dave Sherlock  
Byron Bay



## Magda Szubanski in conversation with Hannie Rayson at NORPA

Magda Szubanski is one of Australia's best known and most loved performers. She began her career in university revues, then appeared in a number of sketch comedy shows before creating the iconic character of Sharon Strzelecki in ABC TV's *Kath and Kim*. She has also acted in films (*Babe*, *Babe: Pig in the City*, *Happy Feet*, *The Golden Compass*) and stage shows.

Magda is a featured guest at Byron Writers Festival. She is also appearing in a special off-site Feature Event with playwright Hannie Rayson at Lismore City Hall presented in association with NORPA. Event Friday August 5, Tickets \$30 [www.norpa.org.au](http://www.norpa.org.au).

If you had met my father you would never, not for an instant, have thought he was an assassin. Warm-hearted, friendly, engaging, intelligent, genial, generous, humorous, honourable, affectionate, arrogant, blunt, loyal. He was a family man. He was handsome, although he did not have heroic stature. He was 5'4". He was stylish, fashion-conscious; a dandy even. He also looked incredibly young for his age. In his seventies he took to wearing his baseball cap backwards and, believe it or not, he carried it off.

He loved tennis, he loved ballet, he loved good conversation. Out there in the Melbourne suburbs – mowing the lawn in his terry-towelling hat and his Bombay Bloomers; in the lounge room doing the samba



at cocktail parties; late at night playing his harmonica in the seclusion of the laundry – you would never have guessed that he was capable of killing in cold blood. But he was. Poor bastard.

This is an extract from *Reckoning* by Magda Szubanski (Text Publishing) available in all good bookstores and online now RRP\$49.99.

## Stan Grant in conversation with David Leser at Byron Theatre

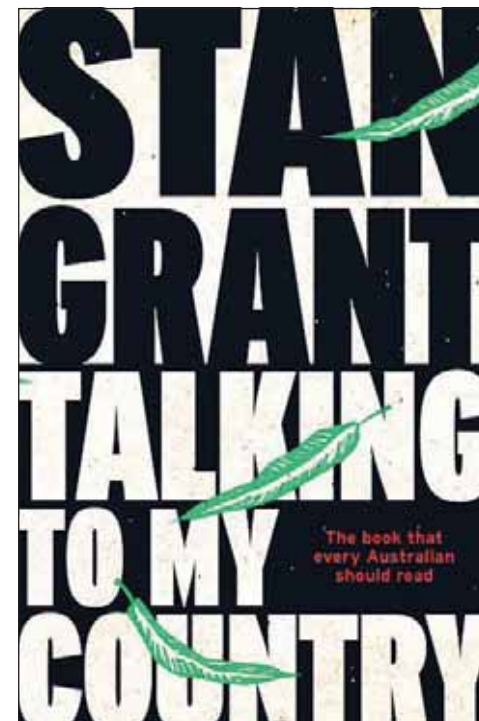
Stan Grant is the Indigenous affairs editor for *The Guardian Australia*. He is the winner of the 2015 Walkley award for coverage of Indigenous affairs. Stan Grant will be giving the Thea Astley Annual Address at Byron Writers Festival and will also be appearing at a special Feature Event in conversation with David Leser, Saturday August 6 at Byron Theatre. Tickets \$30 [www.byronwritersfestival.com](http://www.byronwritersfestival.com).

These are the things I want to say to you. These things I have held inside or even worse run from. It is not easy, what I have to say, and it should not be easy. These are things that tear at who we are. These are the things that kill, that spread disease and madness. These are the things that drive people to suicide, that put us in prisons and steal our sight.

I have started this so many times and stopped. I have tried to find the right words. It is so tempting to turn to rage and blame. I am angry: I know that. It flares suddenly and with the slightest provocation; it takes my breath away sometimes. I know where that comes from. I have seen it in my father and he inherited it from his father. It comes from the weight of history.

I am afraid too. And that comes from the same place.

I have known this fear all my life. When I was young it used to make me feel sick, physically ill in the pit of my stomach. It was a fear of what could touch us – the sense of powerlessness, of being at the mercy of the intrusion of the police or the welfare officers who enforced laws that enshrined our exclu-



sion and condemned us to poverty. It was a heavy hand that made people tremble. I see it still in my father. I see it as he tenses up just at the sight of a police car. He has done nothing wrong. But when he is pulled over for something as routine as a random breath test his heart beats faster and he fumbles his keys. We fear the state and we have every reason to. The state was designed to scare us.

This is an extract from *Talking to My Country* by Stan Grant (HarperCollins Australia) available in all good bookstores and online now, RRP\$29.99.

## Hello, Beautiful! Hannie Rayson's show at Byron Theatre



Based on her best-selling memoir, *Hello, Beautiful!* Hannie Rayson will be performing her brilliant one-woman show at Byron Theatre on Saturday August 6 as special Feature Event for Byron Writers Festival.

*Hello, Beautiful!* is written and performed in the style of David Sedaris, Nora Ephron and Spalding Gray – true stories from a life, spiced with wit, social observation, and

intimacy. Hannie road-tested the content from Perth to far north Queensland during her 2015 book tour. From country town halls to woolsheds, to prisons and theatres, audience members said, 'You should do your own show.'

So she did. *Hello, Beautiful!* the play opened in Melbourne at The Malthouse Theatre in May, directed by Malthouse artistic director Matthew Lutton.

Hannie trained as an actor at the Victorian College of the Arts and, although she has spent her working life as a playwright, she found herself wanting to bring together the writer and performer in her own show. Hannie says, 'In writing the memoir, I imagined my audience, the reader, tucked up in bed, laughing out loud. I wrote as though I were talking to a friend.'

With *Hello, Beautiful!* her

one-woman show, Hannie further develops this quality of speaking directly and eloquently to an audience. 'This seems to satisfy a desire on the part of audiences for the stories of real lives and real connections,' she said.

*Hello, Beautiful!* is personal, truthful, tender and hilarious.

Tickets \$30 each from [www.byronwritersfestival.com](http://www.byronwritersfestival.com).

## A wealth of workshops on offer

Next week Byron Writers Festival is running workshops covering everything from fiction, writing for children, adapting your work for screen and public speaking. We've highlighted just some below.

**Fiction Writing** with Louise Doughty and Kathryn Heyman. International bestselling author Louise Doughty and acclaimed novelist Kathryn Heyman have decades of experience helping new writers find their creative voice. Thursday August 4, 9.30am–12.30pm, Lone Goat Gallery.

**Screenwriting for the Novelist** with David Roach. In this lively, interactive masterclass, you will be working with award-winning screenwriter and director David Roach. Thursday August 4, 10am–4pm, Elements of Byron.

**Write to Speak** with Miles Merrill. Knowing how to perform and speak your words is essential to marketing, professional development and building your confidence in the public arena. Wednesday August 3, 9.30am–12.30pm, Byron Community College.

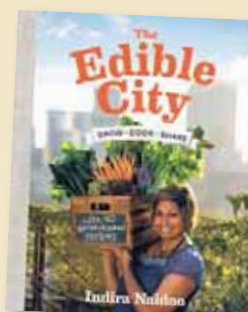
For the full list of workshops available and to book, visit [www.byronwritersfestival.com](http://www.byronwritersfestival.com).

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## Austerity and abundance

### Making credit where credit is due – for the 99 per cent

Liz Elliott

As I sit under a tree, the abundance of nature is overwhelming. The geology, the water cycle, the tides, the birds, the schools of fish, the forest of beauty and photosynthesis, the soils of billions of organisms per handful. This vast symphony of nature sustains and delights millions of species, and is the true wealth that underpins the economy.

Yet the economy is stripping away this real abundance to honour some artificial zeroes created in a bank computer. Out of thin air, banks allocate credit. This starts the process of employing and extracting resources. This credit creation could be useful but is most often used by the capitalist elite to build excessive houses and bet on the derivatives market. Ordinary people chase these dollar credits, surrendering their time to an anxious search for money for needs and ambition. Most people are debt slaves.

### Indebted

Worse, we are indebting our environment. If we strip-mine our environment, we are doomed as a species, dragging down with us most of the other millions of species. We don't even count the ecological services in our Gross National Product estimates, let alone in most corporate balance sheets. Most corporations, piratical gangs intent on maximising profits by any means possible, happily destroy environments, utilise skilled, healthy labour without paying much tax, and dominate politics so it serves short-term aims.

Women's increased workforce participation and fabulous new technologies have come onto the world stage in the last 30 years, creating great abundance. This vast creativity could be used for so many important things such as ending world poverty, or repairing the environment, or even just not working so hard, creating community and leaving nature alone.

Where has all this extra wealth creation gone? Largely into the pockets and tax havens of the capitalist elite, the one per cent who now own half of human wealth.

Governments can create credit. Governments do not need to pay a billion a month to private money markets

(the 'debt'). Governments in fact need to run deficits just to balance the extraction of so much wealth into dead ends such as the tax havens and the stockmarket, otherwise the economy would grind to a halt through inadequate demand. When the US government and others decided to 'bail-in' the wicked banks who brought you the 2008 crisis, the trillions were conjured up, as Paulson admitted, out of thin air. Against future taxpayers, maybe, but essentially money is no object when it comes to bailing out hyperwealthy banks and corporations, or war (such as 30 billion dollars worth of submarines, or the Iraq disaster).

### Corporate welfare

Corporate welfare overwhelms the welfare to old, sick and young persons. One estimate is that corporate subsidies in USA are five times their profits, making small business look uncompetitive. Moreover, Big Business has access to most superannuation/ pension savings via the stock market, while small business must borrow at high interest.

So in order to balance the budget, Australians, like the hapless Greeks and the abused Africans, are told to expect austerity. Austerity is reduced services and increased taxation. This will bring the nirvana of no government debt, we are told. Government spending, reviled by the neoliberal ideologists as inefficient and wasteful, in fact represents the collective desire of the accountable democratic state and its people for health, education, environment and security. A healthy, educated population is a foundation of economic progress, as well as inherently wonderful.

### Creating credit

But we don't need austerity. Governments can create credit for worthy purposes, just as private banks conjure money out of thin air. It's no more inflationary, if it's done with proper oversight and for productive purposes.

Somehow our governments have delegated the right to create credit to private bankers, and no-one's taking about that in schools or media. It's the greatest bank robbery of all time! The one per cent create money and extract real work and resources from the 99 per

cent to pay back their easily created loan with interest that is often three times the original loan.

So one way we don't need austerity is to stop paying the 40 per cent of efforts and resources currently going to the private banks. Another is to reduce waste, war and other corporate subsidies. Yet another is to create a public bank.

### Public banks

Public banks funded Australia in the early part of this century, and in Canada, Russia, New Zealand, Japan, Germany, and currently fund 40 per cent of the world's people. It's no 'butterfly chasing' idealistic proposal; it's common, easy and incredibly liberating to have public banking.

Public banks, as in North Dakota, cushion crises, support smaller independent banks, and fund government and other initiatives. They can return interest monies to education and help fund organic agriculture and affordable housing. They can offer breaks to farmers, small business and young families. Check out the websites of Ellen Brown and Michael Hudson.

### Inequality

To hear the National Party, for instance, pontificate about how hard it is for us to 'get ahead' when their government wilfully supports private banks and corporations to extract wealth from the community, is aggravating to me. Except that it highlights the Australian people's recognition of the growing inequality in society. This inequality is inherent in private bank credit creation – a few profit, most slog to pay. We need money and credit, but not to enrich the few.

As in Bernie Sanders's grassroots campaign in the USA, younger Australians are realising our social compact between the generations is broken. That individual efforts to 'get ahead' are not enough. We need to work together!

We need to explode the myth of balanced budgets and austerity. We can reclaim the true abundance of nature, society, women's work, technology, political experience and community goodwill. We can work less, love more and have a future.



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Trees and shrubs planted now will be well established before the summer heat arrives. Most gardeners find that it's easier to do the serious physical work in this nice cool weather, so get stuck into those big projects now.

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# Echo Property

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## Property insider

### Great Real Estate: new on the scene

You may have noticed a new real estate brand on the pages of *The Echo*. **Great Real Estate** is a new brand under the Unique Estates umbrella. Property Insider caught up with Nicolette van Wijngaarden, director of Unique Estates. Unique Estates is a boutique agency specialising in marketing luxury properties for sale and rental.



Nicolette van Wijngaarden

**PI:** How long has Great Real Estate been a brand under Unique Estates?

**NvW:** March this year was our official launch.

**PI:** What led to development of the brand?

**NvW:** Unique Estates created Great Real Estate to assist property owners that have a 'great' property they'd like to sell that isn't at the price point of Unique Estates' listing requirements. If it's not a super-high-end unique property but it's still a great piece of real estate we can use the marketing skills and channels we have developed over the past seven years under Unique Estates and apply them to our Great Real Estate clients. It is our new sister brand and a complement to our current real estate offering.

**PI:** How has it been received in the marketplace?

**NvW:** The feedback has been amazing and the takeup has been great!

**PI:** How does it differ from the Unique brand?

**NvW:** Great Real Estate offers great affordable property across the country to a local and national audience. Unique Estates offers high-end unique and or luxury property across the country.

**PI:** Are there any agents on the team who specialise in the Great brand, or do all agents on the team work with both brands?

**NvW:** Our agents cover both brands while our marketing teams tailor each campaign to suit the brand and the property. There are some great synergies as buyers under both brands often have property interests in both categories. It's just another way we can service our clients better.

### Local agent given LJ Hooker highest accolade

**LJ Hooker Brunswick Heads** principal **Peter Browning** has been awarded life membership of the leading real estate network's prestigious Captains Club, joining the very best real estate sales specialists across

Australia and New Zealand. For more than a decade, Mr Browning has been placed within the top 15 per cent throughout the LJ Hooker network. Through his continued achievements at the top level, LJ Hooker has admitted Mr Browning into the ultra-elite 'Life Members' component of the Captains Club.

Mr Browning is only the 38th salesperson admitted as a Life Member of LJ Hooker's Captains Club. Putting the achievement in further perspective, LJ



Peter Browning receiving lifetime membership award

Hooker currently has 8,000 property specialists within its international network.

'To earn a place in the group shows he is one of the most respected sales specialists and among the most customer-oriented real estate professionals in the LJ Hooker

network.

Within Brunswick Heads and surrounds, he is an agent of choice and is routinely recommended by those who engage his expertise on all property matters,' said LJ Hooker regional manager Paul Moore.

### More recognition for Wategos Forest and Beach House

Tropo Architects design of the Wategos house is continuing to have them shortlisted for awards. The design entitled Forest and Beach House has just received a commendation in the *Houses* magazine national awards. According to the publishers a Houses Award is one of the country's most sought-after accolades for residential design. Now in its sixth year, the 2016 program received 427 entries.



#### HAVE ANYTHING TO LET US KNOW ABOUT?

Any new faces? Career milestones? Exceptional results? Market observations? Have you had anything quirky or unusual happen to you out in the field? Email [propertyinsider@echo.net.au](mailto:propertyinsider@echo.net.au).

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## First Time For Sale

11 Minyon Street, Brunswick Heads

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Auction



Rare opportunity first time in more than 50 years for this property to be sold. In fact it's the first time the house itself has ever been for sale. Built in 1967 by local builder Sonny Coles for the Irwin family.



I have been told that the block is one of the highest in town and certainly has no issues with water or flooding. It is 765m<sup>2</sup> with a huge north-facing yard that goes to a rear lane. Yep, it's a full block street to lane and offers great opportunity for future developments subject to council approval. The house has 3 bedrooms, formal lounge, dining and kitchen all with that classic retro 60s, polished timber floors, anodised aluminium light fittings, irreplaceable tiles in the bathroom and on the front patio, built in robes and dresser with a mirror in each bedroom, different textured Masonite walls in each bedroom and fancy cornice. To inspect this rare opportunity call me or come along to the open house.

**Inspect:** Thursday and Saturday 11.00 – 11.30am

**Contact:** Peter Browning on 0411 801 795  
LJ Hooker Brunswick Heads

## Position and Potential!

9 Mayfield Street, Eltham

3 1 2

\$695,000



A nature lovers sanctuary on approx 1½ acres with approx 100 metre river frontage!

Yes – this property has “WOW Factor”! Plus – plenty of space to build a second home (STCA). Offering an array of birdlife, Platypus in the river at the bottom of the garden and a variety of wildlife throughout the grounds. A comfortable brick home with open plan living and open fire plus additional family room, guest accom or a perfect home office with internal and external access. Full length balcony overlooking Wilson River and huge garage/workshop with plenty of storage. A separate artist/writer studio offers a creative and inspiring environment. The Eltham Pub is within 2 min walk, the Eltham Pantry and primary school nearby and bus to a variety of high schools. 5 min drive to Clunes and Bexhill, 20 min to Bangalow.

Are you looking for something truly unique – then don't miss this!

**Inspect:** By appointment

**Contact:** Mary O'Connor 0418 462 849  
Bangalow Real Estate & Byron Hinterland Properties

## A Treasure of Eltham

55 Federation Drive, Eltham

3 2 1

\$724,000



Set on approx 1 acre, this classic home offers 3 bedrooms plus study, modern comforts mixed perfectly with up-cycled period features. Leadlight windows, solid timber floors and high ceilings enhance the modern building materials



around a clever, open-plan design. Entertain family and friends on the deep wraparound verandahs. The large living spaces are centred around a stunning kitchen that blends modern cabinetry and granite benches with original enamel sink and pressed tin splashback. The two bathrooms are truly luxe, blending antique cabinetry with modern fittings and tiling creating an elegant space. Just walking in the front door says “WOW” with a spectacular panoramic window taking in the best of the valley view. There's not thing out of place here so it's ready to move in and enjoy the peaceful setting and the convenience of being minutes to Clunes, 10 minutes to Lismore, and just 30 minutes to Ballina-Byron Gateway Airport.

**Inspect:** By appointment

**Contact:** Harcourts Northern Rivers 6686 1100  
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## Spacious Home, Quiet Location

6 Burrawan Place, Bangalow

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Auction 25 August 2016



Exceptional position on massive 1344m<sup>2</sup> block with the benefit of a tropical garden and expansive lawn area backing onto a creek reserve. Located in a quiet position at end of cul-de-sac yet within an easy 5 minute walk to the centre of Bangalow Village. Well presented home offering a very flexible floor plan suitable for a large family. Parents' retreat with own living area plus study, potentially 3 to 5 bedrooms, spacious upstairs loft. Large double garage. Move in and enjoy straightaway, but it still retains potential to improve even further to suit your personal needs. Genuine vendor interstate!

**Inspect:** Open Wednesdays and Saturdays 10.00am – 10.30am  
**Contact:** Duncan Lorimer 0400 844 412  
 Elders Bangalow

## Boutique Apartment

6/122 Lighthouse Road, Byron Bay

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\$1,150,000



A dream lifestyle location, this rejuvenated top floor apartment in 'Cape Apartments' is spacious, light filled and beautifully presented. Open plan design living/dining area features easy outdoor flow onto a private alfresco entertaining space with a premium equipped gourmet kitchen with stone servery counter. The second balcony captures breezes and Tallow Beach glimpses. The master suite boasts built-ins and a chic ensuite, with the main bathroom complete with integrated laundry facilities. Secure parking, opposite popular path to Cape Byron Lighthouse. It's a luxury apartment or boutique holiday escape within footsteps to Clarkes Beach plus walking distance to cafes and shops.



**Inspect:** By appointment  
**Contact:** Nick Dunn 0448 301 111  
 McGrath Byron Bay

## Your Search is Over...

13 Alooata Crescent, Ocean Shores

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This beautifully renovated single-storey home in Ocean Shores situated on a 695sqm block of land showcases enviable location with immense potential that growing families and investors alike will be sure to relish.

Accommodation offers 3 generously sized bedrooms all featuring built-in wardrobes and ceiling fans. Newly renovated, the bathroom showcases tasteful design with a double shower and large bath for relaxing evenings.

This home features brick veneer and tile construction, a northeasterly aspect, open plan kitchen, meals area, large living/dining areas, 3 generous bedrooms, all with built-ins and ceiling fans, split system air-conditioning, a large modern kitchen with breakfast bar, huge Tru-Line entertaining room fully enclosed, internal laundry and storage, 1.5kW solar system, side access for boat/trailer/motor home and a large carport.

Just minutes to renowned beaches, Country Club, and the one-stop Ocean Shores shopping centre. An easy drive to the beautiful Brunswick Heads, Byron Bay and Tweed Coast. Just 30 mins to Coolangatta airport. This property will not last long.

**Inspect:** Saturday 11.30am – 12.30pm  
**Contact:** Julie-Ann Manahan 0411 081 118  
 Raine & Horne Ocean Shores



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- Huge Tru-Line fully enclosed entertaining room
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 Saturday  
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**Agent**  
 Franco Braico  
 Area Sales Manager  
 0438 565 525

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**27 The Esplanade, New Brighton**  
**Paradise By the Beach!**

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- Two approved dwellings with ocean views
- Just Over half acre block of land
- High ceilings, abundant natural light
- Open Plan living, kitchen and dining
- Just around the corner to local cafes, round of golf and the shopping Village
- Strata subdivision (STCA)



Price Guide  
 \$585,000–\$645,000

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**Lot 2 Englishes Rd, Upper Coopers Ck**  
**Magical Private Hinterland Retreat – Packed with Potential!**

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- Character-filled Phil Anstey Design home
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## Hinterland acreage with views

31 Fairview Road, Rosebank

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\$899,000



Escape to Fairview...

A desired hinterland location offering a private and peaceful lifestyle, and discover this traditional family home that has everything you need and much more!



Tucked away amid rolling hills of the Byron Hinterland, this elevated 38 acre farm embraces the natural beauty of the area. Perfect for cattle grazing and fattening with secure stock proof boundary fencing, new yards and troughs. The property has the added bonus of town water supply.

The residence is all quality and features solid sandstone block construction, soaring ceilings in the living areas, solid handmade brush box architraves. 5 bedrooms plus a glorious winter sunroom and tiles throughout for easy maintenance.

The shady summer verandah adjacent to the private, lagoon style pool is perfect for entertaining. There is extensive shedding plus workshop. An array of fruit trees including citrus, pecans, bananas, mangos and macadamias.

**Inspect:** By appointment

**Contact:** Harcourts Northern Rivers 6686 1100  
info.ballinabyron@harcourts.com.au

## Haven on Coorabell Ridge

497 Coolamon Scenic Drive, Coorabell

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\$1,000,000 – \$1,100,000



On Coorabell's prized ridgeline, this superb property comprises five acres (1.99ha) of prime land complete with panoramic hinterland views and three renovated residences to enjoy. The main home provides harmonious indoor/outdoor living areas with striking open plan lounge/dining space bathed in warm light and a wraparound entertaining verandah overlooking the countryside. Quality equipped kitchen and beautifully appointed bathroom, study, generous airy bedrooms, with the main including built-in robes. There are also two self-contained cottages with studio style accommodation which offer amply equipped kitchens, stylishly presented bathrooms and balconies to take in the views. There is also a gazebo and private pool amidst beautiful gardens. It's an easycare block, with sealed driveways and access to Friday Hut Road. This property is an exceptional lifestyle retreat within 10 minutes drive of Bangalow and Byron Bay.



**Inspect:** Saturday 11.30am – 12.00pm

**Contact:** Tim Miller 0411 757 425  
McGrath Byron Bay

## Private Hinterland Retreat

Lot 2 Englishes Rd, Upper Coopers Creek

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Set in a peaceful and private corner of the sought-after Byron Hinterland, this beautiful 16 acre property offers you a number of options. Use the current home as is, or build your dream home on the additional building platform (STCA) and use the cottage as delightful guest accommodation/rental income. You could also potentially run a home-based business from the large shed.

You're just around the corner from the stunning Minyon Falls, the Nightcap Ranges and Goonengerry National Park also on your doorstep. Federal village and the famous Doma Caf are 12 kilometres away, Mullumbimby is 23 kilometres, it's just 32 kilometres to Byron Bay and the coast, or 35 minutes to Lismore.

**Inspect:** Saturday 1.30 – 2.30pm

**Contact:** Julie-Ann Manahan 0411 081 118  
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13th August 2016

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## Beach Lovers Paradise

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# Nothing better than breakfast on the deck

By Vivienne Pearson



I HAVE FOUND A NEW VENTURE THAT ALLOWS ME TO INDULGE IN THREE GREAT, YET SIMPLE, PLEASURES: EATING OUTSIDE, LOVELY VIEWS AND CEREAL.

The Ocean Shores Country Club has built a new deck and it overlooks the sea. The club's restaurant, Coast, is rapt with the deck's design – a half-circle tastefully combining polished concrete, wood and stone – and has responded by opening for breakfast. You can choose to sit in the shade under the deck's roof or up on high tables to soak up the sun as well as the view (and, if you're lucky, a bit of whale spotting).

In fact, on one morning last week we were told that no fewer than five whales were spotted, with the whales expected to come even closer to shore on their way home.

There is a great range of options with which to break your fast. As you might have gathered from my love of cereal, I prefer simple breakfast fare, so jumped at the homemade granola (laden with whole hazelnuts and dried figs) with stewed fruit, adding Greek yoghurt to further 'up' the yum factor. For those with heartier morning appetites, regular eggs are on offer, or you can spice it up with Spanish-style eggs or with dukkah-roasted pumpkin. The homemade baked beans are delicious and plentiful.



Coast restaurant chef Carl Barnes, who has worked at The Ivy in London, serves Spanish-style poached eggs for breakfast on the deck. Photo: Vivienne Pearson.

Carl Barnes and Rachael Bezett have managed Coast restaurant since late last year and are open to further changes, with longer hours and menu changes up for grabs depending on demand and feedback. With Carl's cheffing background in functions, movie-location catering, and fine dining (including at The Ivy in London and working with Marco Pierre White), they are also keen to get word out about the deck's great capacity for functions.

If breakfast out is not your thing, the deck is open the rest of the day for coffee and cake, as well as lunch and dinner – though at dinner, not only is there no cereal on the menu, I find it hard to choose between the two outdoor dining options – the sea views from the deck and the hinterland sunset views from the other side of the restaurant.

■ **Breakfast on the deck is available every day 8am–noon. Times may change as the weather warms, so check out [www.oceanshorescc.com.au](http://www.oceanshorescc.com.au).**

# The business that Jack Built

By Vivienne Pearson



ONCE UPON A TIME, BUT NOT SO VERY LONG AGO, THERE WAS A MAN WHO TOOK OVER A BUSINESS.

The business was not only a rival to his previous employer, it was located next door. In many versions, this story would be a tragedy, with scenes of shock, horror, recrimination, and even legal action.

But this version of the story is a happy one. The man in the story is Jack Wright. He has taken over the Brunswick Burger & Fish Bar. Located in The Terrace, Brunswick Heads, across a laneway from his previous employer, The Hotel Brunswick, who are fully supportive of Jack's new venture.

'The hotel is like a big family,' says Jack as he describes starting at the hotel as an 18-year-old 'glassie' before progressing through the ranks to become a bar manager.

His ex-boss, hotel licensee Kyle Douglas, confirms that there is no animosity. 'I'm excited that Jack is operating a business of his own,' Kyle says. 'He is a hardworking young man who is down to earth, friendly and knowledgeable. He has the right attributes to succeed in Brunswick Heads, and the Hotel is happy to offer support and advice where necessary.'

Not only is this a good news local business support story, it is a story of a hard-working, go-getting member of Gen Y. Jack is just 26 ('turning 27,' he says). He has good business role models with his sister and brother-in-law running a successful food distribution company. He also has great support from other family and friends. 'A chef friend helped me put together the menu,' he says. 'And a couple of mates helped me with the renovations.'

Jack is responsible for the renovation design, which includes pallet-style outdoor seating and a decorative wall of wood salvaged from an old Queenslander. Fittingly for his generation, he found inspiration via Instagram and Pinterest. He also did a tour of duty of the burger bars up and down the coast. 'I ate a lot of chips,' he laughs.

His chips are delicious, with a choice of regular or French-fry style, as well as sweet potato and tofu versions. Classic burgers are joined by ones based around pulled pork, teriyaki sauce and Cajun chicken. There will always be a vegetarian burger special and, of particular interest to families, there are \$5 kid meals.

The business that Jack is building is likely to change its name later this year but the friendly service, fun vibe and good food will remain.

■ **Brunswick Burger & Fish Bar, 10 The Terrace, Brunswick Heads. Open 7 days 11am – 7/8pm. 6685 1210. Facebook: Brunswick Fish Bar**



# A classic combination

By Vivienne Pearson

Wine and cheese – a combination so well accepted that the words roll off the tongue as smoothly as the actual wine and cheese slide down the throat.

There are historical reasons for this pairing – in early times (when food miles were of concern for the opposite reason they are now), wine and cheese were produced in nearby regions, particularly in France. There are also scientific reasons – our palate enjoys being cleansed by astringent sensations while we eat rich foods. By alternating between the tastes in one meal, we are able to control the balance between the two.\*

It was a junior staff member who suggested this timeless pairing when Byron at Byron was looking for a new winter offer. I suggest that this person is in line for promotion, as they know the simplest ideas are often the best.

The enactment is also simple. A cheese board, along with two glasses of wine, is available on the verandah daily from 4pm into the evening. Priced at \$38, this is designed for two people to share, but there is nothing stopping you from savouring two glasses and all the cheese yourself.

The verandah is heated and protected from the weather, but retains views to the lush bushland of the resort, visiting kookaburras (accustomed to a diet of wagyu beef!) and swallows that circle the skies around sunset. On Sundays, live music is a bonus, courtesy of singer/songwriter, Greg Kew (who moonlights as a muso in addition to his usual role as a waiter).

The specific cheeses vary, but will always include three contrasting types



A perfect match – Photo Vivienne Pearson

– for example, an English cheddar, an Italian Gorgonzola and a French bouche d’Affinois (similar to brie). Further variety of taste is provided by pear, quince, muscatels and/or nuts.

The final part of the science lesson is that, though wine is only mildly astringent, its ability to cleanse the palate increases with the quantity of consumption. So, if you need to order an extra glass of wine in order to get the balance just right, feel free to blame science.

\* Yes, this is based on real science – in this case the paper: Peyrot des Gachons, C.P. et al (2012) ‘Opponency of astringent and fat sensations’. *Current Biology*, 22, R829–830.

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evidenced by their effective running of, among others, Little Creatures and James Squire, two of Australia’s biggest craft-beer brands.

Their acquisition of the Byron Bay Brewing Company will take their craft brew tally to six; the fact it’s based in one of the most sought-after locations in the country is not lost on the multinational.

‘If you look at Australia, Byron Bay has got to be in the top three “must do” locations, so for us to have an asset in that space and be able to [be a part] of the tranquillity and the amazing location, it’s really good,’ says Will Wood, Lion’s business development manager for hospitality.

As Wood goes on to explain, Barry Schadel, the former owner of the brewery, was looking to retire and approached Lion regarding a sale. An agreement was reached and so now Lion do have a foothold in Byron Bay, something Wood is quick to acknowledge comes with a responsibility.

‘We do have great history with Geelong and Fremantle (where Little Creatures is brewed), the communities benefitting from our investments,’ he says. ‘[It’s very



A ‘brewery-led hospitality space’ might look something like this interior at White Rabbit.

North Coast news daily: [www.echonetdaily.net.au](http://www.echonetdaily.net.au)

# Stockpot Kitchen

By Samuel J Fell

Bowling clubs aren’t traditionally known as foodie hubs. Social hubs yes, places that serve as community meeting places yes, but not really somewhere you would once have gone for a fine meal, something other than your run-of-the-mill pub grub.

In parts of the Byron Shire, however, this is no longer the case.

Graeme and Jen Stockdale’s Stockpot Kitchen is a shining example, having been run out of the kitchen at the Bangalow bowlo for around a year now. Specialising in southern US-style cooking, their down-home approach and concerted use of local produce has endeared them to the local crowd, their specialty nights regularly selling out.

‘Graeme’s been cooking with fire for at least 15 years,’ says Jen Stockdale of her chef husband, on why they decided to head down the US comfort-food route. ‘So I’d bought him a small smoker for his birthday. He got really into it, and our friends had a big one that he really got in to. So from there it grew. My brother lives in America, so he’s always sending through all these things.’

The smoking culture has boomed in this country over the past five years, punters taking to the non-Australian method of barbecuing like ducks to water. Not many do it well, however; it’s not as easy as it sounds, but Stockpot have proven they’re on top of it all, Graeme Stockdale bringing his own flavour to this time-honoured way of cooking.

important for us] to reach out into the community and ask, “How can we help you?” We’re a successful business, and we want our community to be successful, so we purchase locals where possible, we recruit locally, and we look to engage community groups to see how we can, through our success, help showcase their success as well.’

How Lion will look to do this remains to be seen. The company in the immediate term is conducting a full refurbishment of the brewery and restaurant, which is currently closed until September. Plans include a move away from counter service to table service, while the focus on the beer itself will still be strong. ‘We’re very much [about] brewery-led hospitality spaces,’ Wood confirms. ‘So when customers come in, they get a very strong sense of who we are from our beer.’



Graeme and Jen Stockdale from Stockpot Kitchen



‘Trial and error,’ says Jen Stockdale on how these dishes come together – barbecue pulled pork, smoked brisket burgers, southern-style fried chicken. ‘There are a lot of different elements to it; he’ll experiment with dishes and then they’ll go on the menu when he’s happy with them. And talking to people, he talks to Fletcher (Potanin, Bangalow BBQ & Bluegrass Festival), they pick each other’s brains, and people will come in and say they had this dish when they were in the deep south, and Graeme will research it and figure it out. He always wants people’s input.’

The humble bowlo is still a community meeting place, a social hub, but now it’s got the food to go with it, courtesy of those such as Stockpot Kitchen.

The Byron Bay Brewing Company has won a slew of awards over the years, and so stands as a feather in Lion’s cap, and not just because of the location. All that remains is for Lion to properly transition into Byron Bay itself. Meanwhile, Pighouse Flicks and The Buddha Gardens Day Spa are still open.

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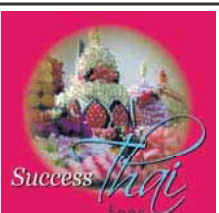


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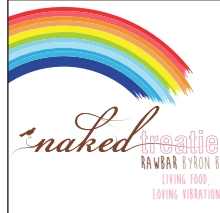


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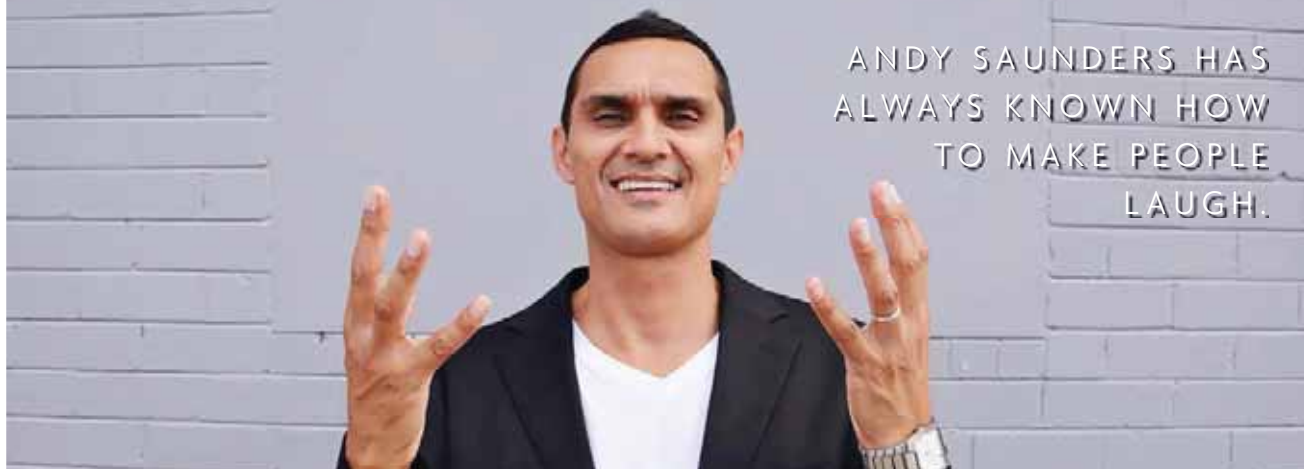
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## COMEDY WITH A MESSAGE



ANDY SAUNDERS HAS ALWAYS KNOWN HOW TO MAKE PEOPLE LAUGH.

'I was always a bit of a bad boy. Always saying the most inappropriate thing at the most inappropriate time. It was my not just thinking dirty thoughts. I was saying them.'

'I have always been able to translate an idea or something into my head to make a joke. A lot of people are funny, but they lack the skill to translate it to material!

'A lot of my family are really funny,' he says. 'They try and tell me jokes that I am supposed to say on stage and I am left saying to them, that's going to be hard to translate... and they say, look at Andy, he's the big comedian now!'

Andy came to public attention with his online comedy sketch show called [ITALIC]White Bloke Atcha. [ITALIC] 'I felt the hunger and fell into it,' he laughs.

'I remember my first real gig – it was a little bit daunting, and everyone does things that are like comedy. You joke with your family for 20 years before you become a professional, but the thing is my first professional gig happened in front of a bunch of strangers. They were going to hear what was in my head. It was a RAW comedy heat in the bar on the hill in Newcastle, jam packed. I was in the top three so went on to the state finals, which was good.' Yes it was good. State finalist for your first ever live performance is nothing to sneeze at!

'When I started off I was very political,' says Saunders of his foray into standup.

'It was because of the lack of inclusivity of Aboriginal people in main-stream media. Now we are all over mainstream media. Well we're in the anti-smoking campaign ads. I have always done a lot of tongue-in-cheek jokes and that can make me look angry. I steered away from that. There is a lot of humour in an angry comic, but you just don't want to mix it with bitter and cynical!'

Saunders is nothing remotely bitter or cynical. Fast, furious, able to jump from impressive act-out to act-out at lightning speed, making insane comedic connections missed by others... like Aliens coming to Earth and saying, 'take me to your leader' and having to take them to Donald Trump.

'Anger is a great comedy avenue but it needs to be used right; it's like crudeness. There are some comedians who go too far and it's not funny any more but if you are smart and use it in an articulate way people get it. That's the same with political humour and cultural humour. It takes skill to not show that anger, and to try to get your point across in words.'

As such, Saunders often finds himself a bit of a cultural educator for community members who have little Indigenous knowledge or experience.

'I find this quite endearing and quite funny that people come up to us and say you know what, I learnt something. It makes me just think, wow people can't be that detached from Indigenous people! But they are.'

Although Saunders's comedic star is definitely on the rise, he won't be leaving his home town of Taree any time soon. 'Living there really helps with my lifestyle and my inner peace,' he says. 'I tried the city twice and it just didn't suit me. I would definitely live in Byron Bay! For me it's about the connection in the country. I am not saying I couldn't connect in the city, but there is a rhyme I think to myself: One in seven billion and still more to come – how am I going to make a mark when I am only one?'

Oh, I should have mentioned: Saunders is also an impressive hip-hop and beat-box artist.

'I find power in being able to put words together. Humans really respond to rhyme.'

There are new rappers saying let's go away from rhyme. You are trying to change mindsets with words. People need to hear the lyrics and the rhyme helps them move their mindset!

When Saunders is asked about his greatest influence, he goes to family.

'My grandfather – unbelievable man, greatest human I have known – he taught me it's human to be different and humane to accept the difference. He was very compassionate, and my grandmother was the same.'

The matriarchs: we miss them. They are there for a reason, to instill those types of beliefs in the younger people. He used to have a bunch of people coming from universities and asking questions about acceptance and diversity and one time one of them asked him about to stop racism.

He said to this older journalist, 'Do you have kids? The only way to stop racism from this point on is to teach your kids to have acceptance, be inclusive and non-judgmental. Stop racism one family at a time; start with your kids.' It's that great saying; children are messages we send to a time we will not see and it's our job to make those messages strong and true, and I believe that is what humour is about. It's okay to laugh at things, and to laugh at yourself, and the best thing to do is to be happy and have a laugh...'

Andy Saunders is not just a comedian, he's one hell of a message carrier. Don't miss him when he headlines at the Byron Services Club with Ms Stella as support and Mandy Nolan as MC on Monday.

Tickets are \$20/25 and are available at the club or can be booked on 6619 0529.



## SUN SHINES FOR SPLENDOUR

SPLENDOUR TURNED SWEET 16 WITH A SENSATIONAL WEEKEND OF MUSIC, SHOWCASING OVER 100 ACTS PLAYING TO A CAPACITY CROWD OF 32,500.

With the headliners filling the amphitheatre to overflowing, there was definitely something for everyone, with younger patrons getting it on with Flume, Hermitude and the Avalanches, and something for the oldies and the Nostalgia buffs with a 3 hour Cure show on Saturday night.

Other acts packing out tents weren't always the headliners, and included Matt Corby, Opiuo, Snakehips, Twinsky, Wafia and Ballpark music.

Of course you couldn't go past proper hard rock shows with The Strokes, Sticky Fingers and The Kills.

With barely a cloud in the sky, and not even a hint of rain, this was possibly the most glorious weather on a Splendour weekend ever! No gumboots required!

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## POKE ME

'Mum, I am just going down to the hospital.'

When your 15-year-old son says this to you, it's hard not to panic. What's wrong? Has he accidentally removed a limb trying to cut gluten-free bread? Have the 20 cushions I've placed on his bed created a soft-furnishings-induced anaphylaxis? Is it the dreaded meningococcal?

I'm not a calm mum. If there is something wrong with the kids, I freak out. When I gave birth it

never occurred to me I'd spend the rest of my waking hours keeping them alive. The world is a scary place. Sharp edges. Creepy perverts. Sudden drops. Disease.

'Charlie - are you okay? What's happened? I'll drive you. That hospital doesn't work any more. We have to drive to The Farm. If we get the exit wrong you'll be getting kale infusions instead of blood. I'll get the keys.'

'It's okay, Mum. I am going to Mullumbimby Hospital. There is a Pokemon down there.'

Bloody Pokemon. So Charlie goes. I resist the urge to emasculate him even more by making him wear a helmet. He is walking after all.

Twenty minutes later he's back. 'Did you catch your Pokemon?'

'No, couldn't find it. He's a little despondent. 'Probably hiding in the asbestos.' You didn't touch the asbestos, Charlie?' Charlie looks at me in the way children look at you when it's clear you'll never be formally diagnosed, but when they recount stories of you to their peers they'll start it with 'Mum was nuts.'

For two weeks our family has been gripped by Pokemon madness. Fortunately the game's launch coincided with the advent of school holidays, so no parental engagement or those tedious parent-led activities were required. The good people at Pokemon GO took care of that. This school holidays involved Pokestops, Pokeballs, learning how to be a Pokemon trainer in your virtual gym and almost walking into oncoming vehicles while looking at your iPhone.

So for those of you totally out of the loop - Pokemon GO is a thing. It's an interactive augmented reality game that has attracted more downloads

and activity than Tinder or Twitter. You would have seen the Pokemon people. They're walking through town, or your backyard, staring at their iPhones, intently hunting something. Small groups have been gathered outside the Mullum pool all week - that's a major Pokestop. That's where you get balls. You see, when you play Pokemon GO you have to refill your ball supply. You need balls to throw at other Pokemon. Because you need to capture your Pokemon so they can battle other Pokemon.

Pokemon can be anywhere. As the game is kind of randomly generated it can create some inappropriate hunting locations. Such as the Holocaust Museum in Auschwitz which had to ask players to go elsewhere. It's hard for people to pay their respects when some dickhead is trying to catch 'Krabby'. While some businesses are taking advantage of the new phenomenon with 'Pokemon pub crawls', the consensus of cranky old people, who refuse to partake in anything more complex than

the ON/OFF button on their aircon unit, is that it's stupid.

But hey, weren't we complaining that the kids just weren't getting out enough? Now they're everywhere. Walking the streets. Even visiting museums. Paedophiles must be delighted. Luring kids into public was getting to be problematic. Now they're everywhere! It's probably why they call 'em Pokestops. (Too far?)

They're even in your backyard looking behind your bin. In the US some trigger-happy redneck ended up shooting at a couple of Pokemon hunters because he thought they were intruders. He heard young voices, with one asking the other, 'Did you get anything?' So he shot at them. Fortunately he missed. The consensus was that this was the fault of the kids.

However, I think if you are shooting at your intruders then you are possibly way more dangerous than Pokemon GO users could ever be. You'd be part of a game we've all been playing for years that's

become especially more relevant since the advent of Pauline Hanson and her merry band of supporters. (If Sonia Kruger wore a burqa, she wouldn't need so much Botox. Just sayin'!) I am waiting for someone to bring out Redneck Go. (Can't we capture rednecks? And send them back? Please?)

What a great defence Pokemon GO would have been for Oscar Pistorius. When he shot Reeva through the bathroom door it wasn't just an intruder. It was a Pokemon hunter. And what about this weekend at Splendour? I can only imagine that for tens of thousands of those early adopters of technology that it wasn't about the music so much this year; it was all about the splendour of green leaves (means a Pokemon is close by). So after floating blue cubes turned into circles, I reckon there wasn't just splendour, there was a whole lot of Pokemon in the Grass. As for me, I'm a bystander, I'm strictly Pokemon NO.

## Live Music

acclaim and Volume 3 is in the works.

Bill Jackson will be performing with multi-instrumentalist Pete Fidler, who has just released his own solo album *Buzz in The Room*. Together they have toured the US four times.

Local legend Sara Tindley will open the evening with a wonderful batch of new songs. Sara recently began recording her fourth album. **Saturday 6 August** at 7.30pm. Presale tickets are \$23 - trybooking.com/211410.

## SAE LIVE ON THE GREEN

Be part of **Live on the Green** at SAE when local bands Ragga Jump and Global Ripple play live and are streamed to Facebook. Changing the world one song at a time, Ragga Jump is led by songwriter/guitarist John Fogg, so if you like your music funky, and you want to jump up and have some fun, heal da world with teggae music, this is the gig to see. **SAE Institute** in

*Steel & Bone* was awarded Folk Alliance Australia 'Radio Presenters Album of the Year' in 2008 and his 2011 album *Jerilderie* was The Cowboy Sweetheart's Album of the Year on BayFM. More recently Bill and his songwriting brother Ross have embarked on a three-album project *The Wayside Ballads* - recording around 30 songs on two continents in a relatively short time. Volumes 1 and 2 have been released to great



WILLIE MCELROY & THE IMMIGRANTS, LAUNCHING THEIR NEW ALBUM AT THE RAILS ON SATURDAY 6 AUGUST

## WELCOMING OUR LATEST IMMIGRANTS AT THE RAILS

**Willie McElroy & The Immigrants** are an exciting new band formed in the Byron Shire. Their music traverses Celtic to soul to folk. Willy's passionate lyrics deal with contemporary struggles of oppression, love and kindness, yet are rooted in a deep mythological past. The Immigrants transport these songs to life with earthy rhythms and beautiful melodies. A seasoned crew, with colourful pasts, between them they have won ARIAS, released countless albums and trotted around the planet playing shows through Europe, the UK, Russia, Korea and the US. Their new self-titled CD produced by Christian Pyle is being launched at **The Rails** on **Saturday 6 August**.

## JACKSON, FIDLER & TINDLEY

Polka Dot Productions welcome **Bill Jackson** and his trusty sidekick **Pete Fidler** to **Club Mullum** on Saturday 6 August at 7.30pm. Bill Jackson has firmly established himself over the past few years as one of Australia's finest singer/songwriters. He achieves this by marrying compelling melodies and fine musicianship to clever, witty, poignant lyrics that never underestimate the intelligence of his audience.

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## WHALE MUSIC

Do your bit for **Sea Shepherd** and help them raise funds to keep their environmental campaign on track!

This **Saturday** sees some of the region's best DJs gather together to spin tunes and get the dance floor pumping. Featuring Jimmy D, Crystal Digit, PsyPhi and Magu, and introducing Parametric with warmup tunes. With sound by SAE Byron, lighting and lasers by

Min Min Lighting and events, and visuals by 4dlux, this is going to be a fully immersive experience! And of course, no fundraiser would be complete without a raffle! Prizes include Sea Shepherd merchandise, whale-watching tour for two from Byron Bay Whale Watching [www.facebook.com/whalewatchbyronbay](http://www.facebook.com/whalewatchbyronbay), dolphin kayak tour for two donated by Go Sea Kayak Byron Bay. Also, live art by Rady and silent auction of artwork!

**Kohinur Hall**, Main Arm, 4pm-midnight.

## SONGS OF THE SILVER SCREEN

Mullum's **Uke Night** is turning five. Miss Amber & Stukulele have been enthralled crowds with their big songs on little instruments, cleverly coming up with unique concepts each month to keep their event creative and fun. This month it's songs of the silver screen. \$15. Starts at 7pm at **Mullumbimby Ex-Services** on **Thursday**.

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## DRESS UP! IT'S BABY ET LULU!

BABY ET LULU IS THE MAGICAL MUSICAL PARTNERSHIP OF ABBY DOBSON: 'BABY' (LEONARDO'S BRIDE) AND LARA GOODRIDGE: 'LULU' (FOURPLAY).

Singing and recording in French, choosing classic and contemporary chansons has grown from a kooky little side project to a going concern, with the girls recording their second album *Album Deux* this year. This one for the first time features a number of their own original compositions written, of course, in French!

'We got an ARIA nomination, which was exciting,' laughs Abby. Not that they went. 'We've been lots of times and you really have to turn it on. I am naturally an introvert. I can do it; it comes at a cost!'

### So how does a self-confessed introvert cope when she finds herself centre stage?

'A lot of people I know definitely have that side of them. I wouldn't have admitted to it, or allowed myself to think that way. But being alone, that is always how I recharge. That is the definition apparently – introverts are people who recharge on their own and extroverts recharge in a crowd. That always made a lot of sense to me!'

### So what is it about the coming together of Baby et Lulu that is so magical?

'We are so complementary!' says Abby. 'I think she would be the extrovert. We are wired differently but we are great friends and we adore each other. When I do my own shows I would be a lot more anxious about putting the show on and making sure it was great but with Baby I feel a lot less pressure. The band is excellent. I am not holding the show, and she (Lara) is probably a little better at show biz than I am. We just cover each other in different kinds of ways. There are some days when I am quite lively and animated, and can be the opposite. It's not always the same. It's so nice to have a pal in your corner who knows you. We naturally cover for each other!'

'As for the appeal of Baby et Lulu – it's hard to know what the appeal actually is! We are still mystified. Our shows in Sydney always sell out – we don't really know why. We are two Australian girls singing in French!'

Many of the songs are wonderfully tortured. Such is the nature of love!

'It is intense and melancholy. I love the exquisite pleasure of feeling sad; it is exquisite and beautiful and taps into the poetic lines of you. That's what I love about singing generally and singing in French – the joy in playful songs. Some of the songs are really intense and passionate and we are allowed to do that onstage. As a singer I am allowed to be intense and dramatic and emotive, whereas talking to my friends in a cafe I am not always allowed to be so dramatic!'

'A lot of people don't love the depth of what are deemed unpleasant emotions. I watched a little story that showed we think that sadness is a bad thing where people are trying to pretend life is rosy and that we should be happy all the time and, if you are not, you have done something wrong. We don't have a great tradition of that here. Thank god for music! Go to a concert; you can cry in the dark.' Music really does allow people to be exquisitely sad. If only for three minutes.

But its not all heartache! There is a lot of joyous, cheeky moments!

'Baby et Lulu is playful and we dress up. We put on our high heels and lipstick and curl our hair and dress up. And we dress with each other. It's very girly. Neither of us does that. I thought that girly fun was over. I think people like that as well so they dress up too! I am not sure if it's escapism for people.

People tend to come and they come again, or bring friends, or come in big groups. Baby et Lulu is something to share.'

**Baby et Lulu** is at the **Byron Theatre** at the Community Centre on **Friday** at 8pm. Tickets at [byroncentre.com.au](http://byroncentre.com.au).

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CHANGO TREE AT THE RAILS ON THURSDAY

## CHANGO TREE AT THE RAILS

The **Chango Tree** have been hard at the desk with the final mix for their latest album *Home*. The unique male/female guitar/vocal combo, Ian T and Ree Liddell, have been mashing up their contrasting styles; while she rides the dobro, mandolin and guitar he is a 'surf-dawging' on eight-string acoustic-electric guitar synth. It's blues-cruise, surf-ska, funky-folk with a smash of harmonies. New CD released of original works is planned for November but there is a pre-release at **The Rails** hotel in Byron on **Thursday**.

## THE BIG SPLENDOUR DOWNLOAD...

This year Splendour was about diversifying the festival experience. After 16 years of providing one of the best new and young music festivals in the country, Splendour has taken up the gauntlet to engage and offer new experiences to festival goers who were able to participate in a Q&A session with Tony Jones, let loose at cutting edge comedy led by the insane genius of Wil Andersen & his troop of very very merry men and women alongside discussions and films on subjects as diverse as Refugees seeking asylum to the use of Drones.

And if you were having trouble re-energising each day for the Festivities ahead, there was restorative yoga, and even a



BELA FLECK AND ABIGAIL WASHBURN AT THE BANGLOW A&I HALL ON 17 AUGUST

## THE TAO OF BANJO

**Bela Fleck and Abigail Washburn** have mastered the deceptively intricate art of the duet. And they've done it on the banjo. Their performances embrace a diversity almost unthinkable – coming from just two banjos and one voice. Washburn's beguiling composing, playing and singing blend with Fleck's riveting and virtuosic musicianship to create music that is both unique yet familiar in texture. Fleck, a 16-time Grammy Award winner, has collaborated with Chick Corea, Oumou Sangare, Zakir Hussain, Edgar Meyer, Dave Matthews, Earl Scruggs and the entire Cleveland Orchestra for his banjo concert *The Imposter*.

Washburn's banjo has taken her far beyond the usual old-timey comfort zone, musically and geographically. An alumnus of Uncle Earl, the powerhouse all-female string band, Abby's adopted second homeland is China, and her music resounds with echoes of Appalachia and the tidal wave of emerging Chinese cultural influence.

Together, Fleck and Washburn employ the relatively rare three-finger-and-clawhammer banjo duet to create an explosion of musical white heat.

**Banglow A&I Hall, Wednesday 17 August.**

All tickets and booking info: [www.redsquaremusic.com.au](http://www.redsquaremusic.com.au).

## THE SPY WHO LOVED MUSIC

They were planning a gig a few months back, but a health setback put plans on hold. But now the band are fighting fit and ready to gig.

For people that get The Spys, it is more than a trend or a lifestyle accessory, and stands for more than lining up a shot at super stardom; it means something. The band's iconic high-energy rock, with hard-edged ska/reggae influences and a strong social conscience, give the the band and its songs an integrity and life force that have proven difficult to kill.

**Friday** at the **Ballina RSL**. Tix are \$25, and are available at the club.

Haka class for those wanting to touch base with their inner warrior.

But it was always about the Music. One of the highlights for this writer was Leon Bridges. The youngest of soul legends reminiscent of Lou Rawls and Al Green, bringing heart felt romantic Motown soul as a smooth funky and very soulful experience.

An absolute sea of people turned out to the amphitheatre for the Avalanches, with their one hour set expertly executed and delivered to a totally engaged audience who were relishing the opportunity to immerse themselves in a big hip hop pop show.

But for something blindingly uplifting with spectacular visual collage of Space and earth cut with close ups of sample pads and turn table skills, the Hermitude gang bought their best game.

Smaller acts in the Teepee Forest and World stage

delivered deep mixed beats to crowds who wanted to find something a little more underground. On other stages – ethereal synth and vocal acts like Wafia had the crowd singing along.

As the name suggests Twinsy sounds exactly the way you think a teen popstar would sound. Short, engaging verses, targeting her audience's appeal but wow, so loved by her crowd, who were singing along while dancing themselves to a higher place.

Splendour was a weekend of many things, including men with mullets and hula hoops, strangers coming together in a sea of audio pleasure.

So, you had to wait for a bus. For Quite a long time. Probably the only improvement needed for what was a near perfect weekend!

Splendour in the Grass 2016, is now officially in the memory bank. Or not. For some....

Marcus O'Mullane

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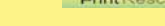
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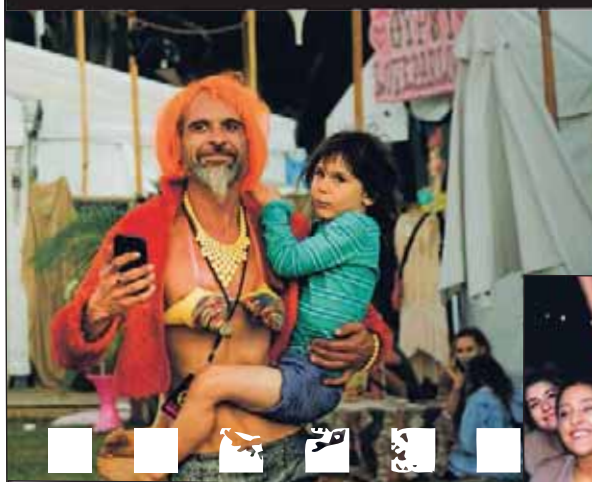
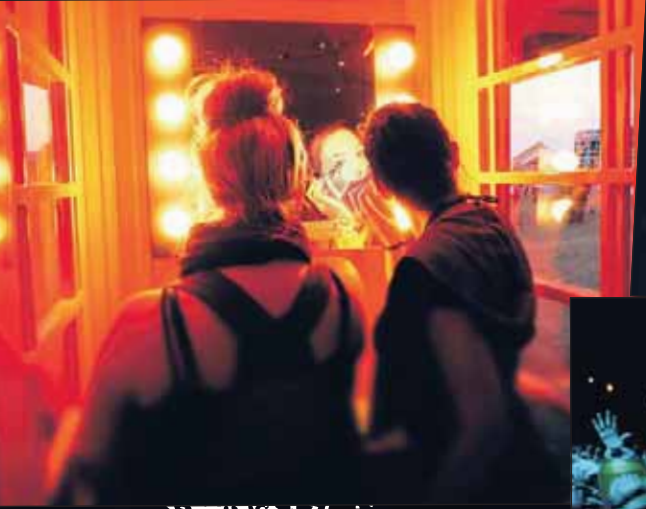
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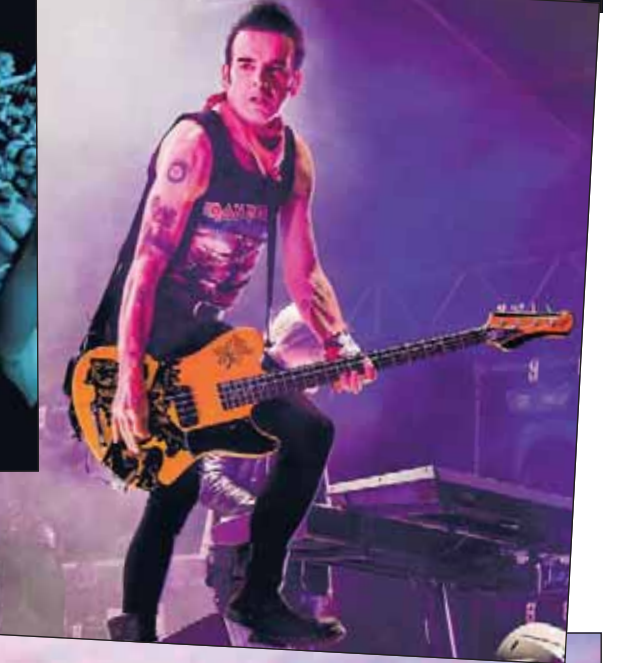


Lyn Kirby





By Jeff 'Splendiforous' Dawson







**Stars with Lilith**

As the Sun joins vivacious Venus and flirty Mercury in lavish Leo, social celebrations ramp up with lively style and entertaining flair...

**♈ ARIES:** While certain things draw to a close, Mars sparks new growth opportunities for your self-starting initiatives to take off. But they need patience; pushing or rushing will only cause irritation and delays – which can make you antsy, edgy or cantankerous, so take a chill pill and follow your joy.

**♉ TAURUS:** July still has some surprises up its transformational sleeve, which need you being careful not to get enmeshed in other people's stresses. Help if you can, leave what you can't. This week's Venusian fun factor combines with midweek moon in your sign for some lush and fabulously extravagant Tauran indulgence.

**♊ GEMINI:** As you quicksilver Mercurials join the dots faster than anyone this week, eloquent and articulate will win you way more pleasant results than assertiveness. Don't take the bait in arguments, and with your social calendar overflowing around late-week Gemini moon, do factor in a balance of restful downtime.

**♋ CANCER:** Planetary emphasis in the mood-brightening sign of the Lion comes with the usual plethora of histrionics, but also heralds the grand finale of something that's lingered on too long. This week's turning point releases its grip on the past, lighting up the last half of the year with optimistic promise.

**♌ LEO:** Your radiant ruling planet joining glamorous Venus and dramatic Mercury in Leo for your majesty's happy birthday month can be a fiery time of hot competition over who's boss. But forget that and focus on who this week's really about... think mane makeover, fur fluff-up and warm-hearted pleasures with lashings of bubbly.

**♍ VIRGO:** Been hibernating? You're not alone. But with just-do-it Mars charging up the social scene and mutable signs like yourself born to share, cross-pollinating with others is the key to feeling good this week, which supports getting on board with new ideas and letting others take the lead. Because they will anyway.

**♎ LIBRA:** Librans are artists at heart, so you'll be happy to hear the universal muse is at present ascendant. Fortunately, because this week's mad melodramas and egos on parade cry out for your gifts of creative diplomacy, graceful negotiation and air-sign objectivity. Caution: examine offers too good to be true for hidden strings and conditions.

**♏ SCORPIO:** With Mars rising like a fiery phoenix for its last days in Scorpio, stuck situations can suddenly, miraculously develop legs and momentum – though Jupiter counsels your all-or-nothing self against burning bridges. Resist rehashing the past and this week something you dismissed as ashes could show a surprisingly warm, inviting glow.

**♐ SAGITTARIUS:** If this combustible week ignites a tempestuous clash of values, try to avoid sarcasm or blowing things out of proportion. Keep angry reactions under wraps if you can, because this fun-loving transit also has plenty of potential for warm and wonderful Sagittarian adventures on the highway of life.

**♑ CAPRICORN:** After a hard half-year of eclipses, change and challenge, this week sizzles with creativity. Time for a healthy hit of fun, frolic and kicking up goat heels. Because, according Japanese Capricorn Haruki Murakami, when you come out of the storm, you aren't the same person who walked in. That's what the storm's all about.

**♒ AQUARIUS:** A surplus of fixed-sign influences tends to activate your stubborn side – along with everyone else's – skewing judgments off balance. Agreeing to disagree may be the only way of keeping the peace this week which, on the plus side, showcases your dazzlingly original ideas to admiring and quite satisfying attention.

**♓ PISCES:** This week responds to practical gestures of care and real-world words of affection. It sets the stage for lively, loving fun and games reinvented with a new twist – not just the same old, same old. Time to replace habits of past experience with a fresh take on the way you make choices.

## CULTURE

### YOUR RADIO HEART

**My Radio Heart**, a co-production between Sydney's Urban Theatre Projects, NORPA and Performing Lines, premiered at NORPA in 2014 with audiences raving about the emotional and evocative world Tralala Blip created on stage. *My Radio Heart* is being re-designed and re-imagined at NORPA this year, giving hometown audiences the first taste of its new incarnation before performances at the Institute of Modern Art in Brisbane and Melbourne's Malthouse Theatre. The new *My Radio Heart* gloriously blurs the boundaries between music concert, performance and audiovisual experience.

**Saturday 20 August** at 6pm, **Lismore City Hall**. Bookings [www.norpa.org.au](http://www.norpa.org.au).

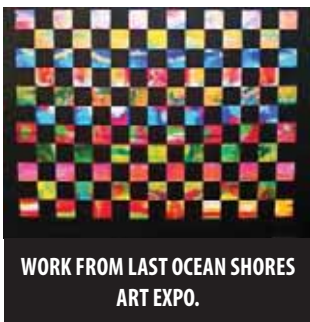
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### OCEAN SHORES ART – WHAT REALLY MATTERS

Now in its thirteenth year, the **Ocean Shores Art Expo** offers visual artists a weekend of valuable exposure. From 26 till 28 August, new artists launch fresh works, emerging artists further their art careers, and professional artists engage their followers with new artworks. This year artists are creating to the theme 'What Matters?'

The results will be as varied as the artists themselves. However, judges will select the standouts and award prizes totaling \$5,200.

An Expo prize of \$1,000 is selected by the Expo committee.



First and second prizes within six categories are selected by the 2016 panel of judges, Hobie Porter, Ros Goodchild, Kate Nutt, Karena Wynn-Moylan and David Hickson.

Opening Night on **Friday 26 August** features local musicians, gourmet nibbles and wine, and of course sensational art from the region. Put that date in your diary, and party with the arty folk.

But first, artists need to enter the works. Closing date is **Sunday 31 July** at midnight.

Entry and info online at [www.osartexpo.com](http://www.osartexpo.com).

### GETTING HAMMERED

Hammer and Hand Jewellery and Metal Collective is having a winter exhibition **Melting Point** showcasing new jewellery and sculpture. **Friday 5–8pm** for fire drums ablaze, mulled wine and hot soup on offer and two new members to be welcomed.

1/4 Ti-Tree Place, Arts and Industry Estate, Byron Bay.

### FUTURE DREAMERS: FREE SPIRIT FESTIVAL FUNDRAISER

The first **Free Spirit Festival** was held in January 2015 at Mt Belmore and set the tone for the emergence of a unique small-scale gathering of like-minded people who love to dance in nature to some of the world's best electronic music. The idea is to build slowly on the existing event model that has proved so popular at the Kohinur Hall events and crowdfund an awesome experience for the beautiful people who have helped bring that vision to fruition.

Free Spirit Festival is a unique transformational festival based around the sharing of wisdom, electronic music and art. With a strong focus on universal



**HAMMER AND HAND JEWELLERY AND METAL COLLECTIVE IS HAVING A WINTER EXHIBITION 'MELTING POINT' ON FRIDAY**

health and wellbeing, Free Spirit will include a wellness village embracing a broad range of disciplines ranging from connected breathwork to massage, iridology and many more.

A series of talks embracing plant wisdom will give festival-goers an insight into the extraordinary and powerful world of plants and the ways in which we can build a healthy relationship with nature through respectful symbiosis with the plant world.

Visionary art is the key to our understanding of our place in the energetic quantum and the festival will be a focal point for this extraordinary emergent form with talks, displays and workshops. The festival itself will be a living artform manifesting performance, live art and 2D/3D creation.

Music is a key to our relationship with the world we live in and electronic music has held the key to progressive emergence and evolution of a new consciousness for many decades. The festival program will include a carefully selected lineup of the region's finest DJs and music producers.

Free Spirit Festival is coming up on **27 and 28 August**, about an hour from Byron with a launch party/fundraiser at the **Mullumbimby Civic Hall** on **Friday 5 August**.

### IN THE MICK OF TIME AT THE BIG GIG

One of Australia's busiest comedians, **Mick Neven** is just as comfortable onstage at the biggest comedy clubs and



**ELLEN BRIGGS AND MANDY NOLAN ARE WOMEN LIKE US – AT OCEAN SHORES COUNTRY CLUB ON SATURDAY. CATCH THE TWO HOURS OF STANDUP COMEDY (AN HOUR BY EACH) THAT HAS BEEN SELLING OUT HOUSES AND GARNERING ECSTATIC REVIEWS AROUND THE COUNTRY!**

corporate functions in the city, and the smallest venues and sporting clubs in the country.

His material is observant, sharp and satirical, highlighting the foibles of modern life in a likeable and relatable fashion. It's intelligent, hilarious and sometimes political, delivered with high-energy and a never-ending stream of punchlines that continually take his jokes to the next level.

A regular guest on ABC *Grandstand* and Melbourne's 1116 SEN radio, Mick has also appeared on *The Circle* (See Mick on The Circle) and *Hey Hey It's Saturday* (Channel 9). He's travelled to entertain Aussie troops serving overseas and appeared in his own solo shows at the Melbourne International Comedy Festival and The Adelaide Fringe.

He is this month's feature comedian at the Ballina RSL for the monthly Big Gig Comedy, with Ms Stella and Mandy Nolan as MC. Catch them at the **Ballina RSL** on **Thursday 28 July**. 8pm. Free!

### LIVING ART SCULPTURES

France's most outrageous living-art sculptor, Benoit, presents his latest 'body' of work at Lily Pond Garden this weekend. From Rouen, just 100km west of France, it was a world surrounded by the makers of the most beautiful cheese. But Benoit didn't want to make cheese. He wanted to make sculptures. In nature. 'My mind goes at lightning speed,' says Benoit.

'I love to work with my hands, using my background in horticulture and being able to express myself through the medium of what nature provides me with her seasonal palette.'

Benoit's **Living Art Sculptures** and installations are on show at **Lily Pond Garden**, 60 Hinchinbrook Road, Burringbar, 10am–3pm this Saturday and Sunday.

Entry is \$7 and children under 12 may enter free of charge.

### MEET THE DECISION MAKERS

**Screenworks** is bringing some of Australia's leading film and television drama executives to the northern rivers to present at **Meet the Decision Makers**, a one-day seminar on **Monday 8 August**. Last time **Screenworks** brought a panel of guest speakers like this to the region it was a career-changing moment for local writer Rebecca Ingram, who had her drama project optioned by Goalpost Pictures. For more info go to [www.screenworks.com.au](http://www.screenworks.com.au).

### WRITE ON AT BRUNS PICTURE HOUSE

**The Byron Bay Writers Festival** is taking five writers on a five-town road trip over five days once again and we are thrilled to be hosting the stop in Brunswick Heads on Monday. The evening will comprise a chat about books and writing, some readings from the writers' work and an audience Q&A. They will then play a fun theatre-sports-style game, Tag Team Storytelling. This year's Fab Five are Jesse Blackadder, Luke Carman, Kate Forsyth, Gabbie Stroud and spoken-word artist Miles Merrill, with Zacharey Jane as MC. Wherever there are readers, the fearless 555 will go. Books will be available for sale and afterwards the writers will be available to chat and to sign their books. Event is free.

**Brunswick Picture House** on Monday at 6pm

### DOCUMENTARY MINI-FILM FEST!

The first in a series of Brunswick Picture House 'weekend mini-film fests' features the work of acclaimed actor and director Christopher



**byron writers festival**

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# THE RETURN OF MS STELLA

WHEN I MET  
MS STELLA HER  
NAME WAS  
STILL BARBARA.

She was this intensely clever and attractive 20-something young woman who'd rolled into town from Melbourne, scored herself a primo job writing the entertainment pages of *The Echo* and was soon to join me on stage in the Queen Bs.

Over three years we satirised, plagiarised and outraged as many people and venues as we could find. From the six-week residency doing Friday arvo downloads at The Rails to forgetting to bring a tent to Maleny Festival and having to sleep on our jackets on the grass, to feature shows at Cocomangas, where our doorman turned out to be none other than Puppetry of the Penis's co creator David Friend. (He would later go on to blow us right out of the water. Embarrassing when the bouncer has a better career than you do.) It was a wonderful, free and evocative time in Byron, full of nudity, sanyassins and satire, and perhaps I remember it even more fondly because I was in my late twenties and the book of my life hadn't been written yet. Barbara changed her name to Stella and got into documentary making. I kept getting pregnant. Stella left. I stayed. Eventually, after some stealthy moves I scored Stella's job at *The Echo* as entertainment editor and the rest I guess is history. In the last few years Stell and I have reconnected comedically, with me performing at the comedy room she runs in Newport in Melbourne where she lives. So as part of her winter sojourn it only seems right that Ms Stella should jump up at some of my gigs.

You can catch her supporting Mick Neven at the **Big Gig** at the **Ballina RSL** on **Thursday**, working at the **Byron Services Club** on **Monday** with Andy Saunders, and MC of the regular standup comedy open mic on **Thursday 4 August** at the **Court House Hotel** in Mullumbimby. All shows start at 8pm.

READ THE FULL STORY AT [echo.net.au/the-return-of-ms-stella](http://echo.net.au/the-return-of-ms-stella)



# GHOSTBUSTERS

It's early days yet, but this dreadful movie of mind-numbing noise and bluster has shot into contention, with a bullet, for a leading place among the year's Joe Cockers. Old-school ghosts, the ones that you rarely ever see other than as creepy, shadowy apparitions – the ones that actually scare you and make you wonder about whether the phenomenon could possibly be true – have been made a thing of the past by splatter-fest CGI. As a new take on the unfathomably highly regarded 1984 original, with women instead of men as the saviours of New York City from dastardly paranormal activity, I certainly didn't go along expecting anything other than vaporous green monsters causing idiot mayhem. But it is even more brain-dead than its spectral villains are ridiculous – it's like a ghost story written by Donald Trump instead of Edgar Allen Poe. The gang this time around is Erin (Kristen Wiig), Abby (the cheaply stereotyped Melissa McCarthy), Jillian (Kate McKinnon, in a performance that provokes jaw-grinding irritation) and Patty (Leslie Jones, who, for some reason, has attracted more online ire than director Paul Feig). The girls, as serious believers in ghosts, have to prove themselves in the eyes of the doubters and the government, which is at pains to keep the truth from the public (yawn). Chris Hemsworth as Kevin, their beefcake Aussie secretary, does a you-beaut dumb blonde routine without any memorable lines (the script is slipshod throughout), Ozzy Osbourne gets the briefest of cameos, playing himself at a heavy metal concert, and Bill Murray, in homage to Bill Murray, has seven figures added to his bank account for reciting some lines as a ghost sceptic. You get a few bars of Ray Parker Jr's classic theme song, but it's not nearly enough to lift the leadenness. The last twenty minutes are as loud as these sorts of action flicks always are now – I left with a splitting headache – and if you care in the least what happens you're easily pleased.

# LOVE & FRIENDSHIP

As a proto-feminist (long before the term was ever coined), Jane Austen will always remain relevant. Her *Pride And Prejudice* and *Emma* are unlikely to ever be out of print. This movie, adapted for the screen by American writer/director Whit Stillman, is based on a lesser known novella, *Lady Susan*. Portrayed with precision and unflappable calm by Kate Beckinsale, the eponymous heroine of the story (if we can call her that, so duplicitous is she), the widowed Susan Vernon, has made a mission of seeing to it that her daughter Frederica (Morfydd Clark) makes a match that will ensure her future happiness, wealth and security. To do this, she must outwit and manipulate the gentlemen with whom she cavorts in London and rural Kent.

There is a lot of information to be absorbed in the first five minutes as Stillman introduces us, in a bookish, almost stilted manner, to the players who will be caught in Lady Susan's web. There are the Manwarings and the DeCourcys, of whom young Reginald (Australian Xavier Samuel) will be her target, and a coterie of gentry, including the gibbering idiot, Sir James Martin (Tom Bennett), the doughty butler Wilson (Conor Lambert), and Lady Susan's American confidante, Alicia Johnson (Chloë Sevigny, adorable as ever). All of the characters are so finely drawn and the dialogue, as you'd expect, razor sharp (you actually need to listen closely) and wry. Art direction is a feast for the eye – although my companion informed me that the fabulous costumes were not all strictly in period, ranging between Restoration and Regency, which is neither here nor there for a mungo like me – and the edit never lets the narrative become bogged down in wordiness. Lady Susan's, and true love's, ultimate triumph is only slightly diminished by the partner she chooses for herself, but in the back of your mind you understand that she knows exactly what she's doing and that all will end well for her. Great stuff – if only we could get more of it.

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air-guitar competition. Think teased hair, power ballads, tongue-out, balls-to-the-wall lip-synching and power strumming, riffing and picking. 7pm. And on **Sunday**, it's **Best in Show**: A quirky film that follows five entrants in a prestigious dog show and how the slightly surreal personalities and characteristics of the owners match those of their dogs. Before the film, there's a special Best in Bruns Show, featuring local residents and their canine partners! Bring your dog along pre-show and let your loved one strut its stuff. 4pm! If you are keen to be part of the Air Guitar Comp and Best in Bruns Show, get in touch with us at [brunswickpicturehouse@gmail.com](mailto:brunswickpicturehouse@gmail.com) and stay for the film free of charge.



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### THURSDAY 28

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **DU'EAST**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **CHANGO TREE**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 8.30PM **MARK HEAZLETT TRIO**
- STICKY WICKET, BYRON 9.30PM **NICK BAMPION**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 9PM **DJ NERY**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 7.30PM **SAM BUCKINGHAM**
- BANGALOW BOWLING CLUB 7PM **ROCK'N'ROLL DANCING**
- CLUB MULLUM 6.30PM **SONGS OF THE SILVER SCREEN UKE NIGHT WITH LEIGH CARRIAGE, STEVE RUSSELL, MISS AMBER & STUKULELE**
- BALLINA RSL 10AM **KEITH POTGER 8PM BIG GIG COMEDY WITH MICK NEVEN, MS STELLA, MANDY NOLAN**

### FRIDAY 29

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **THE JAM WITH FERGO, DAVID ELY, CAM PORTER**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **PINK ZINC**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 5PM **LEIGH JAMES 9PM ALEX BOWEN**
- BYRON THEATRE 8PM **BABY ET LULU**
- STICKY WICKET, BYRON 9PM **LOCAL DJS 9.30PM JAELEN OGSTON**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 9PM **ADAM HARPAZ**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 7.30PM **PVBLO**
- HAMMER & HAND, BYRON A&I 5PM **MELTING POINT**
- SUN BISTRO, SUNRISE 5PM **GREG KEW**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7.30PM

### BIGGY P

- BRUNSWICK HOTEL 7PM **TOTUM**
- BRUNSWICK PICTURE HOUSE 7PM **A MIGHTY WIND**
- YOGA PEACE, MULLUMBIMBY 6.45PM **KIRTAN**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY 8PM **KARAOKE W JOHN FOG**
- CRABBES CREEK HALL 6.30PM **WHEN WE WERE KINGS**
- LENNOX HOTEL 6PM **DAN CLARK BAND**
- TINTENBAR HALL 7.30PM **AINE TYRRELL**
- WHARF BAR, BALLINA 7.30PM **SCOTT DAY-VEE**
- BALLINA RSL BLAKE'S TABLE 6PM **DIRTY RIVER DUO**
- BALLINA RSL 8.30PM **SPY V SPY**
- BALLINA RSL BOARDWALK 8.30PM **EPIC**
- ELTHAM HOTEL 6PM **MICK BUCKLEY & BELLE HENDRICKS**
- ROCHDALE THEATRE, LISMORE 8PM **SYLVIA PLATH: A DRAMATIC PORTRAIT**
- SALTBAR, KINGSCLIFF 8.30PM **JASON DELPHIN**
- CABARITA SPORTS CLUB **SWEET MIXJAH**
- CONDONG BOWLING CLUB 7.30PM **TWEED VALLEY JAZZ CLUB**
- SEAGULLS, TWEED HEADS **JOCK BARNES DUO**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS 5PM **MATT STOKES DUO**
- CURRUMBIN CREEK TAVERN 8PM **KEN KUNIN & THE CROOKED SKY + PIRATES OF THE TEMPEST + THE JAKE FOX BAND + LIAM WARD**

### SATURDAY 30

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **TAY OSKEE**

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **ANDY JANS-BROWN**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 9PM **TOM & JARRY DJS**
- BYRON COMMUNITY CENTRE 9AM **EXCEPTIONAL LIFE BLUEPRINT WITH MARCUS PEARCE**
- STICKY WICKET, BYRON 9PM **LOCAL DJS 9.30PM LUKE MORRIS**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 9PM **DJ JAMIE**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 7.30PM **NICOLE BROPHY**
- THE FARM, EWINGSDALE 6PM **JESSE MORRIS BAND**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7.30PM **PAT DAVERN**
- BRUNSWICK HOTEL 7PM **SOUTH WALL**
- BRUNSWICK PICTURE HOUSE 7PM **THIS IS SPINAL TAP**
- SOUNDSHELL, BRUNSWICK HEADS 10PM **POLITICAL TABLE DISCUSSION: THE ART OF HYPNOTISING THE MASSES THAT THE LESSER OF TWO EVILS IS NOT EVIL (HINT: IT IS)**
- MULLUMBIMBY SCOUT HALL 3PM **MULLUMBIMBY FOLK ENSEMBLE**
- KOHINUR HALL, MAIN ARM 4PM **SEA SHEPHERD FUNDRAISER WITH DJS MAGU, PSY PHI, CRYSTAL DIGIT, JIMMY D**
- OCEAN SHORES COUNTRY CLUB 8PM **WOMEN LIKE US WITH MANDY NOLAN & ELLEN BRIGGS**
- CRABBES CREEK HALL 6.30PM

### BRAN NUE DAE

- LILY POND GARDEN, BURRENBAR 10AM **LIVING ART SCULPTURE**
- SHEOAK SHACK, FINGAL HEAD 2PM **LUKE MORRIS**
- BALLINA RSL BOWLING CLUB 5.30PM **GLENN MASSEY**
- BALLINA RSL BOARDWALK 7PM **JESSE BALFOUR**
- WHARF BAR, BALLINA 7.30PM **BROADFOOT**
- ROCHDALE THEATRE, LISMORE 8PM **SYLVIA PLATH: A DRAMATIC PORTRAIT**
- MARY G'S, LISMORE **ROCHELLE LEES BAND**
- REPENTANCE CREEK HALL 5PM **WATLING & BATES**
- SALTBAR, KINGSCLIFF 8.30PM **TRACE BAND**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6PM **CHRIS COOK BAND**
- PHOENIX RISING, NIMBIN 12.30PM **MINUS ONE**
- SEAGULLS, TWEED HEADS **SWEET MIXJAH**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS 8.30PM **HERMAN'S HERMITS**
- COOLANGATTA SANDS HOTEL 8.30PM **STEPHEN LOVELIGHT**
- BURLEIGH HEADS FARMERS MARKET 8AM **RAKU O'GAIA**

### SUNDAY 31

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **JESSE PUMPHREY**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **SOUL SISTERS**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 4.30PM **OCCA ROCK 8PM SAFARI DJS**
- BYRON COMMUNITY CENTRE

- 9AM **EXCEPTIONAL LIFE BLUEPRINT WITH MARCUS PEARCE**
- BYRON GOLF CLUB 3PM **ISAAC FRANKHAM**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 2PM **DJ SANJEZ DJ EVA J**
- KULCHAJAM, BYRON A&I 6.30PM **THE COFFEE MAN**
- SUN BISTRO, SUNRISE 5PM **MATT ARMITAGE**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 3PM **SUNDAZE SESSION**
- BRUNSWICK HOTEL 4PM **THE NINTH CHAPTER**
- BRUNSWICK PICTURE HOUSE 7PM **BEST IN SHOW**
- POINCIANA, MULLUMBIMBY 2PM **JAZZ'N'BLUES**
- CLUB LENNOX 4PM **SEBASTIAAN**
- WHARF BAR, BALLINA 3PM **B-TOWN COLLECTIVE**
- ELTHAM HOTEL 1PM **CHRIS ARONSTEN**
- LILY POND GARDEN, BURRENBAR 10AM **LIVING ART SCULPTURE**
- PHOENIX RISING, NIMBIN 10AM **SONIC BLISS 12.30PM LIQUID AMBER**
- NIMBIN BUSH THEATRE 3.30PM **NADA YOGA W SHIVAN RATH**
- SPHINX ROCK, MT BURRELL 1PM **AMRITA**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS 7PM **RAKU O'GAIA**
- TWIN TOWNS JUNIORS, TWEED HEADS 2.30PM **DAVO & PIGEON BOY**
- COOLANGATTA SANDS HOTEL 4PM **THE ORPHANS**
- CURRUMBIN RSL 3PM **AINE TYRRELL**

### MONDAY 1

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **LEELUI**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM

### JON J BRADLEY

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 8.30PM **REGGAE**
- BYRON SERVICES CLUB 8PM **MANDY NOLAN'S COMEDY CLUB FEATURING ANDY SAUNDERS & MS STELLA**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 9PM **DJ OVAL**
- B-SPACE, BALLINA 5PM **JAM**
- TATTS HOTEL, LISMORE 7.30PM **THE COD SQUAD**

### TUESDAY 2

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **MARSHALL O'KELL**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **CHRIS ARONSTEN**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 8PM **MUSICAL BINGO**
- BYRON PUBLIC SCHOOL 7.15PM **NO LIGHTS NO LYCRA**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 9PM **DJ ANTIBAD & DJ ASH BARLOW**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7.30PM **BRACKETS OPEN MIC**
- ST JOHN'S HALL, MULLUMBIMBY 7PM **DANCE TEMPLE ECSTATIC DANCE**
- LISMORE WORKERS CLUB 7.30PM **JIM'S THRILLSEEKERS WITH JOSH BOYD**


### WEDNESDAY 3

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **PHIL & TILY**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 7.30PM **BIG WEDNESDAY**
- STICKY WICKET, BYRON 9.30PM **BIGGY P**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 9PM **DJ JAMIE**
- BYRON BOWLO **MUSICAL TRIVIA**
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- ELTHAM HOTEL 6.30PM **NOT QUITE FOLK JAM**

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● New moon	July 4	21:00
○ First quarter	July 12	10:51
○ Full moon	July 20	08:56
● Third quarter	July 27	08:59

## JULY 2016 Astronomical data and tides

Day of month	Sun rise	Sun set	Moon rise	Moon set	High tide, height (m)	Low tide, height (m)
1	F 0639	1700	0248	1411	0508,1.36; 1801,1.73	1114,0.35
2	S 0639	1700	0352	1502	0611,1.33; 1855,1.81	0023,0.47; 1205,0.32
3	S 0639	1701	0455	1558	0709,1.31; 1945,1.87	0119,0.40; 1255,0.29
4	M 0639	1701	0556	1656	0802,1.30; 2032,1.89	0211,0.34; 1343,0.28
5	T 0639	1701	0652	1756	0852,1.28; 2117,1.87	0300,0.31; 1429,0.29
6	W 0639	1702	0743	1856	0939,1.27; 2200,1.81	0345,0.32; 1514,0.33
7	T 0639	1702	0829	1954	1023,1.25; 2239,1.72	0430,0.34; 1558,0.38
8	F 0639	1703	0911	2051	1106,1.23; 2317,1.61	0511,0.38; 1641,0.46
9	S 0638	1703	0949	2145	1150,1.21; 2355,1.50	0550,0.43; 1726,0.54
10	S 0638	1704	1025	2238	1238,1.20	0630,0.47; 1816,0.62
11	M 0638	1704	1059	2330	0035,1.39; 1333,1.21	0711,0.50; 1917,0.69
12	T 0638	1705	1133		0121,1.29; 1437,1.23	0757,0.52; 2027,0.73
13	W 0638	1705	1208	0021	0216,1.21; 1544,1.29	0845,0.52; 2144,0.73
14	T 0637	1706	1244	0112	0321,1.16; 1642,1.36	0937,0.51; 2257,0.68
15	F 0637	1706	1323	0204	0425,1.14; 1731,1.44	1029,0.49; 2356,0.61
16	S 0637	1707	1405	0256	0523,1.14; 1816,1.52	1117,0.45
17	S 0636	1707	1450	0349	0614,1.16; 1858,1.60	0044,0.54; 1201,0.41
18	M 0636	1708	1540	0441	0700,1.18; 1937,1.66	0125,0.46; 1243,0.36
19	T 0636	1708	1634	0532	0744,1.20; 2016,1.71	0203,0.40; 1322,0.32
20	W 0635	1709	1731	0622	0826,1.23; 2055,1.75	0240,0.34; 1402,0.29
21	T 0635	1709	1830	0709	0909,1.26; 2135,1.75	0318,0.30; 1445,0.27
22	F 0634	1710	1930	0754	0954,1.28; 2215,1.73	0358,0.27; 1530,0.28
23	S 0634	1710	2031	0836	1041,1.30; 2259,1.67	0440,0.27; 1617,0.33
24	S 0633	1711	2132	0918	1130,1.32; 2344,1.59	0524,0.28; 1709,0.39
25	M 0633	1711	2234	0958	1225,1.33	0610,0.31; 1807,0.47
26	T 0632	1712	2336	1036	0033,1.48; 1325,1.36	0700,0.33; 1915,0.54
27	W 0632	1713		1112	0130,1.36; 1430,1.40	0755,0.36; 2036,0.57
28	T 0631	1713	0039	1208	0235,1.26; 1541,1.47	0853,0.37; 2200,0.56
29	F 0631	1714	0142	1256	0347,1.19; 1648,1.55	0955,0.36; 2317,0.49
30	S 0630	1714	0244	1349	0500,1.17; 1749,1.64	1055,0.33
31	S 0629	1715	0345	1444	0606,1.17; 1844,1.71	0021,1.41; 1141,0.30

Times are Eastern Standard.

Time lags: Ballina Boat Dock: 15 min; Byron Bay: nil; Brunswick River Hwy Bridge: high 30 min, low 1 hr; Mullumbimby: 1 hr 10 min; Billinudgel: 3 hr 55 min; Chinderah: high 1 hr 15 min, low 2 hr; Terranora Inlet: high 2 hr 10 min, low 2 hr 25 min; Murwillumbah: high 2 hr 30 min, low 2 hr 50 min. Tides in bold indicate high tide of 1.7m or more and low tide of 0.3m or less. Data courtesy of the National Tidal Centre.



## \$20,000 for Mullum netball shelter



Australian Diamonds head coach Lisa Alexander was on hand to give advice to Mullumbimby juniors last month.

The Brunswick Byron Netball Association has been awarded a \$20,000 grant to help build a weather shelter at the Mullumbimby courts.

Lisa Alexander, coach of the world champion Australian team, was on hand to help make the official presentation of the grant money in Mullumbimby last month. She also made time to give a host of local juniors some training and fitness tips.

Brunswick Byron Netball Association applied for a grant through ANZ Netball Nation. There were four grants of \$20,000 up for grabs Australia wide.

The proposed shelter will protect players and spectators from both the hot and wet weather, grants coordinator for the BBNA Julie Ryan said.

Council is also contributing roughly \$20,000 in cash and in-kind support, she said.

If all goes to plan construction will begin this year so the shelter can be ready for use by the beginning of next season, she said.

Part of the grant application was through a video presentation that featured local junior players explaining why the shelter was needed.

This video and the fact that the BBNA was ready to move ahead with the project helped get the grant request over the line, Julie said.

Being awarded the grant was 'pretty exciting and pretty hard to believe,' she said.

It was an Australia-wide program, 'so you expect not to get it,' she said.

The BBNA includes five clubs: Mullumbimby, Byron Bay, Bangalow, Ocean Shores and Main Arm, and includes 360 registered players.

You can view the video at [youtu.be/lsAN4M-k3j4](http://youtu.be/lsAN4M-k3j4).

## Main Arm monstered by Bankers

Brian Mollet

The Sunday before last dawned slick, moist and frigid, like a politician's handshake, enough to sicken, moist and frigid, like a politician's handshake, enough to sicken, moist and frigid, like a politician's handshake, enough to sicken.

Car-pooling in their hybrids from their geocentric dome houses, the Main Armers faced the grim clannish country folk of Left Bank, reigning champs and hardened by generations of infighting for the control of remote bush gullies.

Bucko won the toss for Main Arm and invited the Bankers to bat, hoping to test the top order with the ball likely to skid around. Openers Russ and Leon had a respectful look at Dan's first over then decided they'd seen enough. Soon the bowling attack was looking like the main street of Aleppo as Russ (30no) showed no mercy and Leon (67no) terminated with extreme prejudice. Bruce (32no) did not so much add insult to injury, he just added 'multiple' to the injuries.

The rattled Armers rallied after drinks with wickets to brutal Bruce (2/6) and Adeha's alter-ego, 'Captain Soy Milk',

but this just made way for Leon's return performance, which had smoke coming from the nib of the scorer's pen.

Main Arm needed a quick 180 to win but the only place this was likely to happen was on the adjacent skatepark where Ruckus was in full swing. Bucko (30no) led his embattled team well and when joined by Dan (29), who like popcorn always gives more than you'd think, the Armers were in the argument. The Bankers' bowling is as good as their batting, however, and Dan's demise and the calamitous runoff of brutal Bruce for a duck meant the late order was only playing for pride. Best of the Bankers' bowlers were fab Phil, Eli, Scruff and Russ. Only Merlin materialising in the late order was able to create any temporal disturbance of the boundary rope. The innings closed at 114 and the Armers never recovered from their monsterring in the first session.

Sunday was a bye as many will apparently have splinters in their arses, sliding the worn bannister rail of dust, detection animals, ear damage and twelve-dollar drinks.

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## Comp leaders triumph in local rugby derby

Byron Bay Rugby continued their unbeaten form by defeating the Bangalow Rebels 22-8 in a night game held last Thursday under lights at Alby Lofts Oval in Brunswick Heads.

Byron started the game strongly as they have done so many times this season.

They regained the ball from their own kick-off and set up great field position in the Bangalow half and they soon capitalised.

After several phases, five-eighth John Laughlin called a change in the direction of play that sent the ball to No 8 Jack Cooke on the blind side, who was able to get past the defence and cross the line close to the corner.

Bangalow were then punished after their No 8 Otty Fifita was given a yellow card for making a high tackle on Byron's Matt Lund. His replacement Troy Wynter went on to score the second try of the match after more sustained pressure from Byron.

Later in the half a strong Byron scrum 5m out allowed stand-in Byron scrum half Josh Smith to feed centre Craig Wallace who cut straight through the Bangalow defence to score under the posts.

Byron went into the half-



Byron celebrate another try as they continue to dominate the competition. Photo Peter Moore

time break with a comfortable 17-3 lead.

The second half saw each team earn a try, bringing the final score to 22-8.

With Bangalow still hunting a place in the top four, sitting in fifth position, club president David Phillips was relatively happy with the performance.

'Given Byron are undefeated this season we were not that unhappy with the result. It was five all in the second half.

'They were on top in the first half after they scored an

early try off the kick-off from a clever move, but Bangalow did have better moments in the second half.

'Byron deserved to win,' he said.

The table-leading Byron team was depleted after last week's tough charity match against Lennox Head and were weary of the rising Bangalow side. But their current form is too hard to argue with.

Lennox Head beat second-place Wollongbar, which means that Byron Bay are now 14 points clear at the top of the table.

## Byron tops poledance competition

Poledancer Christine Priestly was 'in shock' when it was announced she had been crowned Miss Lioness after winning a Gold Coast competition last week.

'I can't express how I felt. I couldn't believe it when they called my name,' she said.

'I came to poledancing with no skills, but if you put in the work it pays off.

The Byron Bay-based competitor out-performed a field of 22 other dancers from the four Pole Catz studios between Byron and Beenleigh in Brisbane.

Another local, Debbie Carlson, also competed in the advanced level of the competition under the name of Nifty Fifty and earned the Judges Choice award.

Christine has been learning poledancing for more than three years and is passionate about the fitness activity that is part dancing and part gymnastics.

'I started poledancing



Hard work is paying off for Miss Lioness Christine Priestly. Photo Tarah Wadsworth

classes a bit before my 36th birthday (I'm now 39), after having a cancerous breast lump removed and undergoing radiation therapy.

'Enrolling in pole classes was one of the goals I set for myself.

'Before I moved to Byron I made sure there was a studio

up here,' she said.

'You can see your progress each week, building strength and fluidity.'

Christine had tried different types of dance styles but nothing really stuck.

'Whenever I went to salsa there were not enough male partners,' she said.



## The wind in Dey's sails

Local councillor and Richmond River Sailing Club member Duncan Dey took 4th place in the Annual Tumbul-gum Passage Marathon Race along the Tweed River from Condong to Fingal Head.

Dey competed against 35 other boats, both dinghies and cruising yachts, in the 30 kilometres of sailing earlier this month.

Line honours went to Mike

Wilson from Brisbane, ahead of Gary McCrohan (from the Tweed Valley Sailing Club). After nearly five hours of racing only 40 seconds separated the two.

Glenn Williams from Big River Sailing Club in Harwood came third.

Azo Bell from Byron Bay, with crew Monique Smith and Marg Walgers, finished first in the three-crewed Corsair Class.

The strong result for Councillor Dey comes after topping his division's championship in Ballina earlier in the year.

Tweed Valley Sailing Club commodore Bill Fenelon hoped the Tumbul-gum Passage Marathon will become a tourist attraction.

'We expect the event to grow. It's not a hardcore race, more an enjoyable cruise.'

Photo Alison Blatcher

## Premiers too good for luckless Devils

John Campbell

It wasn't a case of Phar Lap v Radish, despite what the final score of 44-6 might suggest. What it was was a classic example of one team, Ballina, the reigning premiers, playing with impregnable confidence against another, Byron Bay, that has laboured like Sisyphus all season, only to find that it can never quite get to the top of the mountain.

The Red Devils travelled south to Kingsford Smith Park on Sunday with too many near misses under their belt to feel that they might knock over the NRRRL champions of the past two years. But footy is a funny game - anything is possible when it is thirteen on thirteen, and the Devils have that rare and precious commodity of heart.

They got stuck in with gusto, playing a perfectly executed first set, but unfortunately the Seagulls' first set was even more perfect. They scored a try that looked rather too easy and the Bay's 0-6 deficit after fewer than a dozen tackles had been made gave all of us the Edgar Britts. How bad might it get, we feared. The Devils let us know soon enough, for, as a collective, they refused to follow the script. Again with a handful of players backing up from the reggies - including Nathan 'Photogenic' Nicholls, who'd racked up a hat-trick of tries in the prelim - the boys got stuck in. Not even falling behind 0-10 was enough to dispirit them. Prop Chris 'Jawbone' Coleman bullocked



Byron's Joseph 'The Senator' McCarthy plays above his weight every week for the Red Devils.

his way over for a typical 'get that up ya' try and Joey 'The General' Gordon's immaculate sideline conversion suddenly gave the big-headed hosts pause for thought.

Ballina realised that they had a fight on their hands and the intensity lifted noticeably. If anything, the half-time siren came at the right time for them, for the priceless wind of self-belief had begun to fill the Devils' sails, and the upset of the season was a distinct possibility.

There was less to write home about in the second stanza. To give credit where it's due, Ballina took it up a gear and, with their veteran five-eighth Andrew 'son of Brian' Battese calling the shots, they produced forty minutes of intensity and high-quality footy that the Devils could simply not go with - despite their lung-busting effort.

Three tries to the Seagulls within ten minutes buried the Bay's hopes. The Premiers' running, passing and backing

up was of the highest order, whilst the Bay, as has too often been the case, shot themselves in the foot with hurried execution and unforced errors when presented with the opportunity to get back into contention.

None of the boys skived - Coleman and Gordon and, as always, Tom 'Deano' Martin - whose distribution from dummy half was flawless, 'Debonair' Scott Stapleton and Jason 'Buddy' Hackett worked hard in the forwards, while Cameron 'Jack' Gibson and Ryan 'The Crab' O'Connell were busy organising the backs and tyro full-back Callum 'Indiana' Jones was again like a rock at the back.

It's a bitter truth in sport, but nobody remembers who ran second - the Devils ran second again, but they are too good to be out of the winner's circle for much longer. Support them at Red Devil Park on Sunday - they are the real deal.





## On The Horizon

### DEADLINE NOON FRIDAY

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

### Tax help

Tax return doing your head in? Mullumbimby & District Neighbourhood Centre is offering Tax Help. Help is free at the centre every Tuesday by appointment through to September. Call 6684 1286 to make an appointment.

### BHPA meeting

Brunswick Heads Progress Association meets 1 August at 7pm at Brunswick

Bowling Club. Visitors welcome. Newrybar fireworks Newrybar Public School annual fireworks and bonfire spectacular Saturday 27 August, gates open at 4pm.

### Jujitsu

International Jujitsu Foundation now at the Mullumbimby Ex-Services Club Tuesday and Thursday 6pm. 13 years and older. Ph 0435 039 260.

### Camera Club

Ballina Camera Club digital meeting Thursday 28 July at 6.30pm at the Kentwell Community Centre. New members welcome, enquiries Mark 6686 6915.

### Ocean Shores Art Expo

Only a few days left to enter the Ocean Shores Art Expo. Entries close at midnight on Sunday 31 July. Theme 'What Matters?', online entry at www.osartexpo.com. Exhibition 26-28 August.

### U3A Ballina/Byron

Poetry session at 10am on 2/8/16 in the meeting room of the Mullumbimby RSL. All welcome. Enquiries 6680 7350.

### Junior chess

Mullum Junior Chess Club meets after school until 4.45pm Tuesdays in room F7 at Mullumbimby High School. All ages, all standards. Enquiries Mike 6684 6281.

### Compost talk

Public compost talk Sat 30 July, 10am (sharp) to 11am at Santos Store, Bayshore Drive, industrial estate, Byron Bay. See working examples. Info: Andrew 0413 530 559.

### ESL classes

Free English as a Second Language classes for migrants and residents in Byron and Ballina, suitable for beginner to advanced learners. Classes held at

Ballina TAFE and in Byron. More info: Penny 6681 8923 penelope.beaumont@tafensw.edu.au.

### Bushdancing

Live music from Hide The Potato Sunday 31 July at 1.30pm RSL Hall, Fawcett Street, Brunswick Heads. All ages welcome.

### Bangalow progress

Bangalow Progress Association will not hold a meeting in August but intends to hold a broader community meeting in September.

### Byron Sophia

Byron Sophia Philosophical Group: The Troubled Relationship between Sexuality & Religion - The notable case of Christopher Isherwood and his Guru, presented by Dr Victor Marsh, Thursday 28 July, 1-3pm, at Masonic Centre, Byron Bay. Info: Celia 6684 3623.

### Mystery talks

The Mysteries of Life and Death: A series of talks and meditations based in the ancient gnostic mysteries, Friday evenings in Byron Bay. Free of charge. Gnostic Society 0412 020 234.

### Byron FLEA

Byron FLEA at the YAC (1 Gilmore Crescent) 2nd Saturday of every month from 8am till 1pm. Free stalls for young people. Call Lotte 0490 026 840.

### Bridge Club

The Brunswick Valley Bridge Club meets every Saturday and Monday at 12.15pm at the Brunswick Heads Bowling Club. Info: Silvia Van Rossum 6676 3720.

### Byron Girls Group

A fun, creative and supportive group for girls aged 12-18 every Wednesday 4-6pm at the Byron Youth Service. Contact Lotte 0490 026 840 for details.

### Bay Community Singers

Bay Community Singers is a singalong group for seniors and anyone else who likes to sing. Mondays, Byron Community Centre, 10.30-11.30am. Entry by donation. 0417 277 211.

### ManTime

Calling all fellas who as a boy or man went on a Pathways, Making Men or Men2B Rite of Passage camp: weekly Monday night men's group 7-9.30pm at the CWA Hall Mullum. Email mantime.mullum@gmail.com or call Karim 0403 755 192.

### Town Choir

Mullum's Biggest Little Town Choir meets weekly at the Timber Slab factory, Jubilee Ave, Thursdays at 6.30pm. Newcomers welcome.

### Carers Community Group

Presented by Womens Health Forum 2nd Thursday of each month 1-2.30pm Ewingsdale Hall. Info: Yasmin 0437 886 424, whcarersgroup@gmail.com.

### Sex & Love Addicts Anon

Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous is peer-support group of men and women for whom sex and/or romance have become a problem. For details of weekly meetings, phone 0452 074 974 or visit www.slaa.org.au.

### CWA Bangalow

Interested women are welcome to join our vibrant group on Wednesdays and Thursdays 9am-1pm and the second Monday evening of each month 5-7pm in the Bangalow CWA rooms for craft, friendship and community support. Rooms are open daily Monday-Saturday 9am-noon.

### Mullum CWA

The Mullumbimby Branch CWA handicraft group meets 9am-12pm each 1st, 3rd and 4th Wednesday of the month in the CWA rooms, Tincogan Street. Classes in crochet, knitting, sewing and embroidery. Enquiries Margaret 6684 2956.

### Education Care

Education Care Projects - Kenya, 81-83 Burringbar St, Mullumbimby 9.30am-4pm Mon-Fri.

### Liberation Larder

The charity that collects, cooks and distributes over 450 meals per week to people in need is on the look out for volunteers. For information ring on 0435 879 778 or visit liberationlarder.org.au.

## Regular As Clockwork

### DEADLINE NOON FRIDAY

Please note that, owing to space restrictions, not all entries may be included each week. Email copy marked 'Regular As Clockwork' to editor@echo.net.au.

### Neighbourhood Centre

Mullumbimby & District Neighbourhood Centre is open Monday-Thursday 9am-4pm and offers a range of services and activities. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy art, music, games, great food and more. Call reception on 6684 1286 and discover what is on offer.

### BCC Seniors Activities

Byron Community Centre's Tuesday Seniors' Activities are back on their regular schedule: 10.30am Elder Beats Drumming \$10; 11.30am Morning Tea; 12 noon Chair Yoga \$5. The Bay Community Singers Choir will be resuming its Monday class at 10.30am from 2 May, cost is \$10.

### 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.

### Junior chess club

The Mullum junior chess club meets after school until 4.45pm Tuesdays in room F4 at Mullumbimby High School. All ages, all standards, encouragement and professional coaching. Ph Mike 6684 6281.

### Bridge club

Brunswick Valley Bridge Club meets at the Brunswick Heads Bowling Club Mondays and Saturdays 12.30 for 12.45pm start. Visitors welcome. If you need a partner please ring Phyllis Keyte on 6684 1103.

### Landcare

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

### Craft group

The Uniting Craft & Social Group meets every Monday 9.30am-2.30pm at the Uniting Church in Carlyle Street, Byron Bay. Come and chat, enjoy a cuppa, the company and your craft. Bring lunch and whatever else you need. All welcome. Do you prefer patchwork and quilting? Come along on Monday evening same place at 6pm. Enquiries Tilly 6685 5985.

### Meditation

**Bay Insight Meditation** with Radha Nicholson and friends Tuesdays at Suffolk Park Hall, 7.30-9pm. All welcome. Please bring a cushion. 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. **Dzogchen Meditation Group** - 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month at Brunswick Heads Community Centre. Contact Katie 0417

798 726 or qld@shenpenaustralia.org for more info. **Mindfulness Meditation** with Pairoj Brahma, Melli O'Brien and Heather Albrecht Every Tuesday 7.15-9pm at the yurt, Temple Byron (www.templebyron.com). Contact 0423 241 916, 401 359 559. www.themindfulnesssummit.com.

### No-interest loans

Byron Community No Interest Loans Scheme (NILS) is a not-for-profit community program providing people on low incomes with safe, fair interest-free loans of up to \$1,000 for purchasing essential goods and services. Contact the Byron Community Centre to find out more.

### Budgeting Support

Money Matters is a free service helping people identify where their money is going, how best to save and, most importantly, how to get on top of bills! Contact the Byron Community Centre to make an appointment; private sessions run every Monday afternoon.

### Museums

**Brunswick Valley Historical Society Inc Museum** at corner of Myocum & Stuart Sts Mullumbimby open every Friday 10am-12 noon and market Saturdays 9am-1pm. Discover your local history. **Bangalow Museum & Tea Room** open Tuesday-Friday 10am-3pm, Cnr Ashton & Deacon Sts Bangalow. Volunteers sought, please contact the museum 6687 2183.

### 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 experiencing difficulties and challenges because of the alcohol or drug use of someone close to you? Learn coping skills and gain support from others.

**Confidential meetings** in Byron Bay 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month, 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. Are you concerned about somebody else's drinking? Al-Anon Family Groups meetings held Fridays 2pm. Uniting Church Bangalow - 1300 252 666 www.al-anon.alateen.org/australia

### U3A discussion group

Brunswick Valley U3A audiovisual discussion group, Thursdays 10am Mullumbimby Ex-Services Club. Info 0432 165 006.

### 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.

### 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.

### End-of-life choices

Voluntary euthanasia options are discussed at meetings held quarterly on the Gold Coast. Phone Elaine 55808215

### 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 Abreast

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, mazzzeratiz010@gmail.com.

### Op shops

**Uniting Church Op Shop**, Dalley St, Mullumbimby - open each Saturday 8am-12 noon. **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. **Mullumbimby Seventh-Day Adventist Op Shop** opens Monday - Thursday 10am-3.30pm, Friday 9am - 2pm and third Sunday of the month 10am-2pm.

### Lions Club

Interested in making new friends and helping our community? Lions Club of Brunswick Mullumbimby meets 1st & 3rd Tuesdays at 7pm Ocean Shores Country Club. More information President Joan Towers 0400 484 419.

### 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.

### 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** meetings coaching in communication and self-development run on 1st and 3rd Mondays, 6.40pm at Byron Services Club, Byron Bay; www.byronbaytoastmasters.org. **MullumMagic Toastmasters** meet every 2nd, 4th and 5th Monday in Mullumbimby 7-9 pm. Contact Ashni 0439 843 657 or Mani on 0488 433 047.

### 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 visit www.codependentsanonymous.org.au or phone 9281 3330.

### Potters & Sculptors

Mullumbimby Potters & Sculptors The Community Art Gallery (Gallery at the Drill Hall) is open every Tues & Thurs 10am-2pm and on the 3rd Saturday of the month (Mullum Market Day) 10am-4pm. Pottery and sculpture crafted by local artisans for sale. The Drill Hall Complex, 2 Jubilee Ave, Mullumbimby. Enquiries: mullum.potters@yahoo.com.au

### Probus club

Brunswick Heads Probus club meeting 10am Tuesday 2 August at Ocean Shores Country Club. Guest speaker Heidi Purdy, a yoga instructor, showing how to improve your health. All welcome. Enquiries Margaret 6680 3316.

### Indira Naidoo visit

Friends of Libraries, Byron Shire, in conjunction with Byron Writers Festival, will present Indira Naidoo, author of *The Edible City*, in conversation with Belinda Jeffrey at the Moller Pavilion, Bangalow Showgrounds, Thursday 4 August, 2pm for a 2.30 start. Catered by Bangalow CWA, tickets \$10, bookings essential - Bangalow Newsagency 6687 1396.

### Antiques & Trading Fair

Northern Rivers Collectors Club Inc in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Mt Warning AM (Murwillumbah) are holding their 26th Antiques & Collectables Exhibition & Trading Fair at the Murwillumbah Civic Centre on Saturday 6 August, 8.30am-3pm. Admission adults

\$6, school children \$1. Proceeds to Tweed Palliative Support Inc. Details Trevor 6677 9577 or 0439 779 577.

### AWL AGM

Annual General Meeting of the North Coast Branch on Saturday 30 July at the Ocean Shores Country Club at 5.30pm. All members, friends and interested parties are welcome to attend.

### Fromelles exhibition

'Once Lost, Never Forgotten - 100 Year Commemoration of the Battle of Fromelles, France' by Deborah Gower - till 1 August at Club Mullum Art Space, Mullumbimby Ex-Services Club. Special memories of artist residency in Fromelles.

### Bangalow Men's Shed

Bangalow Men's Shed opening Wednesday 3 August 4.30-6pm, cnr Station and Deacon Streets, Bangalow. Info Clare 0425 307 715.

### Bangalow Red Cross

AGM Bangalow RSL Hall, Friday 5 August at 10am. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## Mungo's Crossword N135

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### Cryptic Clues

#### ACROSS

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- ... fearless, I printed scandal ... (8)
- ... to gain publicity opportunity ... (9)
- ... to publish complete ... (5)
- ... works of Lassie on the sly during the Christmas holiday break! (3,5,6)
- Range and directions (5)
- Effeminate rings - we hear in song that they're coming! (9)
- Sacking and prayer book following hell (9)
- Company... Right! Private, you're a dog! (5)
- Ugly thug ... Hoot! Hooray! Not the way to talk (7,4,3)
- A mark denoting fate (5)
- Idiot rant - silly custom (9)
- Looks after, in advance, claims? (8)
- Scientologist's holiday (6)

#### DOWN

- Radical 10, confused but forward-looking (5-5)
- Passover one source of entertainment (5)
- John Laws's golden works around both poles (7)
- Requires new mixed seed (5)
- Actors mumble regret, say, and a cutting remark (7)
- Shoot an old chook? That's a pretty ordinary effort (9)
- Hurry, back first quadrella in 26 (4)
- Security devices find hair under the bed (8)
- Help idiot individual with attitude (10)
- Free fire (9)
- Rising swimming star is wise, we hear, about state of the galaxy (6,3)
- Set apart saint in ten dead (7)
- Messenger for the firm: Fraudulent illusionist dominates Queen! (7)
- Gun journalist is secured behind barriers (5)
- Tahiti, confused, surrenders time to another island (5)
- Small nap in a rubbish bin (4)

### Quick Clues

#### ACROSS

- Grants access, lets in (6)
- Bold, fearless (8)
- Gain, superior position (9)
- Speak, put into words (5)
- Period of no real news - usually the Christmas holidays (3,5,6)
- South American mountain range (5)
- Scottish clan; also brand of soup (9)
- Sacking, retrenchment (9)
- Breed of dog favoured by the queen (5)
- If you talk like this, it's nonsense (7,4,3)
- Fate, nemesis (5)
- Body of custom or history (9)
- Apes. Claims (8)
- Sea voyage (6)

#### DOWN

- Very modern, at the head of fashion (5-5)
- Motion picture (5)
- Lumps of tissue situated above the fauces (7)
- Requires (5)
- Plant with poisonous leaves and edible stalks (7)
- Poor quality literary work produced for quick money (9)
- Small arrow used in pub games (4)
- Detachable security devices with movable hasps (8)
- Help, support (10)
- Unload, dismiss (9)
- Our galaxy (6,3)
- Keep separate, set side (7)
- Messenger, used for urgent mail (7)
- Kept behind barriers, as in a housing compound (5)
- Caribbean island, reputedly home of voodoo (5)
- Pass over, run away (4)

#### Last week's solution N134

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The annual Splendour festival attracted the usual crop of interesting young people to the Shire, some of whom looked happy to be here, others a little dazed and confused. While the cops were putting an emphasis on drug searches, *Backlash* pondered the latest study from the RACQ, which showed that one in three Queensland teens has put their lives at risk by taking a selfie while driving. Um, not to mention jeopardising the safety of any unsuspecting drivers or pedestrians in their path. And it's unlikely this dangerous behaviour is confined to Queensland teens - or to teens.

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Congratulations to the IGA store in Mullumbimby for entering so enthusiastically into Plastic Free July. And owing to the positive response from the public, store manager Daniel Tiffin says they'll be keeping the store plastic-bag free. See more about this excellent campaign at [www.plasticfreejuly.org](http://www.plasticfreejuly.org).

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In *Echo*netdaily we look again at the dreaded Pokemon GO phenomenon, this time in relation to a fatwa being ignored by Indonesian players: [echo.net.au/indonesia-shrugs-off-pokemon-fatwa](http://echo.net.au/indonesia-shrugs-off-pokemon-fatwa). Saudi Arabia's top clerics issued the fatwa on the Pokemon game in general, saying it promotes gambling and the theory of evolution, among other wicked things which concern religious leaders who prefer to live several centuries ago rather than face reality. Mandy Nolan also engages with the craze in this week's *Soapbox*.

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Enthusiastic birdwatchers and sound fetishists will be



These battle-hardened veteran police officers were among those on the lookout for drugs at Splendour In The Grass on the weekend. It looks like they might have found several.  
Photo Jeff 'Just Say Wow' Dawson

delighted to learn that the MacCauley Library (<http://maccauleylibrary.org>) has made public its collection of 150,000 bird and animal calls, and its videos as well. We were particularly impressed with the bizarre sounds on the Crested Manucode of PNG.

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It comes as no great surprise that Australia is 'confirmed as a global laggard on energy efficiency'. According to the Energy Efficiency Council ([eec.org.au](http://eec.org.au)), 'A global assessment of the energy efficiency of the world's biggest energy consumers has found Australia is a long way behind other industrialised countries. Australia's poor energy-efficiency performance reduces Australia's international competitiveness, increases our energy bills and greenhouse gases, and increases the number of Australians that die each year during hot and cold weather (currently 3,000 per annum). You can download the energy efficiency scorecard at [\[aacee.org./research-report/e1602\]\(http://aacee.org./research-report/e1602\). And unsurprisingly Germany claimed the best score among 23 developed](http://a</a></p>
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nations, which represent 75 per cent of all the energy consumed (by humans) on Earth.

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With a delicious **Permaculture Feast**

Sunday 31st July 2016  
11am until 3pm  
Opening at 12pm with **Tamara Smith MP**

Mullumbimby Community Garden  
Stuart St Mullumbimby

Lots of free kids activities including:  
Jenni Cargill Strong's wonderful stories  
No sew Bag making  
Sunflower plantings to take home  
and lots more

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