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New suburbs proposed

Residential strategy now on exhibition

Hans Lovejoy

Who wants Billinudgel to become a suburb? How about extending Mullumbimby to the west, north and east?

Expanding Ewingsdale and creating a suburb at Skinners Shoot are other suggestions for possible future residential areas in Council's preliminary draft residential policy, out now for public comment until November 11.

According to the draft policy, large swathes of agricultural and rural land could potentially become (greenfield) suburbs by 2036, despite government requirements for housing numbers already being largely met by planned and potential infill developments.

The residential strategy is a key planning 'instrument' that sits below other planning documents that guide how and where development occurs.

Underpinning the residential policy are directives from the state and federal governments, particularly the state government's *Draft North Coast Regional Plan*, which was released early this year and has not been heard of since.

That plan mainly identified roads and airports as desirable infrastructure and caused a stir owing to also identifying CSG for the north coast.

Another document that staff say 'informs' the preliminary draft residential policy is the December 2015

Byron Shire Housing Needs Report.

Authored by Brisbane-based Buckley Vann Town Planning Consultants, the 134-page report examines obstacles that inhibit housing growth and recommends 'regulatory or policy change', addressing 'internal Council governance' and 'Council-led initiatives.'

Biodiversity hotspot

Retired planner John Sparks, who provided input for West Byron and the Byron Bay Masterplan, told *The Echo* that 'Byron Shire is part of one of the most biodiverse areas of NSW with more species of plants and animals found here than in any other ecosystem in the state.'

'The value of nature and what it provides to our way of living is not quantified or recognised in the current strategy and should be considered before any built environment is proposed.'

'Our existing statutory planning system is based on conflicting regulations which are forever challenged and manipulated to suit private agendas. You cannot regulate for good design. A strategic plan must consider all aspects of social, political, economic, environmental, sustainable, ethical and spiritual aspirations of the people who will live, work and play there, creating a positive strategy for growth with multiple benefits to the community it serves.'

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Cavanbah capers



The Cavanbah Centre on Ewingsdale Road held its open day on Saturday, which featured a special performance by Arakwal dancers along with food, music – and sport of course! Clockwise from Billy Blair the dragon is Calum Kirkpatrick, Odin Bennett, and Harper Faulks. Photo Jeff Dawson

Govt's shark nets opposed

The state government's latest announcement for shark nets to be trialled at Sharpes and Lighthouse beaches in Ballina appears to be dividing the community, with the local MP, mayors and environmental groups claiming such a move would be devastating for marine life.

Greens Ballina MP Tamara Smith, both Ballina and Byron Shire mayors, Sea Shepherd and Australian Seabird Rescue (ASR) have all voiced their opposition to shark nets for a six-month trial period.

It follows an attack on 25-year-old Seneca Rus in clear water at Sharpes Beach mid-morning on October 12.

Mr Rus received a single puncture wound, despite having his surfboard trashed. His attack comes just over two weeks after teenage surfer Cooper Allen was mauled by a shark at Lighthouse Beach.

It was after that attack the government first indicated it would reconsider netting, following the failure of eco-barrier trials at Lighthouse and Lennox Head beaches.

And owing to the moratorium on building new shark nets, the government will need to ask their federal counterparts to change Commonwealth legislation to allow it to proceed. Ballina MP Tamara Smith told

The Echo that shark nets are old technology, don't work and have reduced marine life on the Gold Coast, where they are deployed.

Shift in sentiment

The decision was made owing to a 'shift of sentiment', premier Mike Baird said when announcing it on Facebook. The statement was supported by primary industries, land and water minister, Niall Blair.

The Echo asked Mr Blair's office who on the north coast was consulted on this decision and who/what organisation asked for the nets, but is yet to receive a reply.

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Did you get good service?

Entries for the annual Brunswick Heads customer service awards are now open!

Cherie Heale from the Brunswick Chamber of Commerce says, 'We believe our local workers are "Simply the Best" in the Shire. They are renowned for their colourful, friendly, customer service and outstanding work ethic. And in among our most gregarious are also plenty of quiet achievers.'

Ms Heale says finalists in the professional category – Simon and Lorraine Freeden of Byron Bay Eco Cruises and Kayaks – are a perfect example of those quietly achieving great things for Brunswick Heads by providing exemplary customer service.

'Customers had great things to say about them last year, such as "Simon and Lorraine are passionate about Brunswick Heads and the health of the Brunswick River and are a huge drawcard to our town."

Prizes on offer

Ms Heale says Brunswick Heads has many outstanding workers in offices, cafes, shops, accommodation outlets and



Simon and Lorraine Freeden (Rainforest River Cruises) with Linda Hibbard (Brunswick Heads Visitor Centre). Photo supplied

entertainment facilities.

'If you have experienced memorable customer service grabbing your morning coffee, sorting out your finances, being entertained or even getting your car serviced, come on down and put your nomination forward.'

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have provided amazing prizes for our winners and you can help reward and encourage our local business owners, employees and volunteers.'

Nomination forms available at the Visitor Centre in Park Street and participating businesses. Nominations close November 4.

Federal Park Party October 22

The annual Federal Park Party is on this Saturday from 12pm.

It is a celebration of the vibrant communities living in the hills above Byron.

Now in its fifteenth year, its highlights include a

jumping castle, dog show, a busking comp, games and fabulous food. There will be music all day, and it is a free community event. For more visit www.facebook.com/FederalParkParty.

Film fest launches to packed house



Bailey and Zach Doomadgee with their grandmother after the premiere of *Zach's Ceremony* which was the Byron Bay Film Festival's opening film on Friday night. Photo Jeff Dawson

A capacity crowd gave a standing ovation to the opening night film *Zach's Ceremony* at the Byron Theatre on Friday, marking the start of the tenth Byron Bay Film Festival.

The documentary follows an Aboriginal boy's evolution into manhood through ancient initiation rituals, and Zach spoke at the screening about the journey the documentary had taken him on.

Zach also paid tribute to his little brother Bailey, who

had been anxious about performing for the first time without dad Alec Doomadgee alongside them.

Alec, now a Byron Shire resident and the driving force behind the film, was in New York at the Margaret Mead Film Festival for a screening of *Zach's Ceremony*.

Zach's grandmother also features in the film and her appearance onstage at the Community Centre added to the rapturous reception.

The festival runs for ten days until October 23, and features more than 100 films with special events.

Just one of those events includes a free event at the Brewery on Friday October 21 – the APRA AMCOS Music Video Awards. Finalists include videos from SAFIA, Timber Bones, Boy & Bear, The Secret City, Wren, The Church and Life is Better Blonde.

Visit www.bbff.com.au for tickets.

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In the water for a cause

A local father-and-son team is off to swim Australia's longest river, the Murray, to raise awareness of the nation's high suicide rate.

They are part of Team Help, and will compete in Australia's first open-water swimming sanctioned event, where the aim is to swim 2,508 kilometres in 90 days. Eric and Hunter say the inspiration of Team Help is based on the idea that 'through actions of our own, we can inspire others to achieve great things in their life.' For more visit www.takeyourdream.com.



Myocum father-and-son swim team Hunter and Eric Helmic. Photo Jeff Dawson

Parking fines hit Sunrise residents

Parking fines have hit Sunrise locals, says resident Casey Speed, who has told *The Echo* that it's the first time in 18 years of living in the suburb that it has occurred.

'Without warning we were hit with \$108 parking fines for parking on the kerb,' he said.

Mr Speed believes the entire suburb has been blitzed.

As a result of the fines, everyone is forced to park parallel to the road, he says, which narrows the road and makes it dangerous.

Unsafe parking

'When I asked Council how I could park safely on my street, I wasn't offered any advice.'

He says he spoke with five Council staffers and ended up talking to a computer. Mr Speed says he also called the police to do himself in for unsafe parking owing to parking parallel to the road.

'The police were sympathetic to my predicament,' he said.

The Echo contacted Council for comment.

Best conservation fest on the planet

Eve Jeffery & Luis Felio

The main tent at Sunday's Big Scrub Rainforest Day was filled to absolute capacity with half of the audience spilling out into the parklands at Rocky Creek Dam.

On what was a glorious sunny day, the 18th annual event was a huge success.

After a heartstirring welcome to country by Bundjalung man Uncle Roy Gordon and his 'senior management', (young daughter Waylard), the keynote speaker and much loved ex-senator and former leader of the Greens, Bob Brown, took the stage.

Brown started his speech by saying he wanted to speak about the idea of just getting things done.

'I want to talk today on the line of: don't get depressed, get active,' he said.

'It's a pretty simple dictum, but as I have said on many occasions, I take my leaf from the philosopher of the last century, Bertrand Russell, who said, "the trouble with the world is that the stupid are cocksure, but the intelligent are full of self-doubt.'

'My answer to that is: "Well, get over it"'

As usual Bob Brown had everyone feeling warm and fuzzy, particularly when he said he felt that if there is a festival on planet Earth that is



Bundjalung man Uncle Roy Gordon with his daughter Waylard, who both gave a stirring welcome to country at the 2016 Big Scrub event at Rocky Creek Dam on Sunday. Photo Tree Faerie.

doing more to help rainforests, then he doesn't know about it.

'We are in a world in which, whoever designed life on this little planet, made a ladder of power in human affairs, on which the stupid and cocksure more readily climbed, with no trouble at all, trod on the fingers and heads of the sensitive, intelligent, more-caring people, who dropped off as a result.'

'Now I am not sure what category I come in to but what I do know is that I have 30 years in politics and it was a very privileged time, but I never became minister for anything. And that's why it's such a terrific pleasure to be here today with some thousands of people who are committed to restoration rather than destruction.'

Brown urged northern rivers locals to join him in protest actions to stop the bulldozers if the proposed Adani coal mine gets the green light from the Queensland government.

He told hundreds of people gathered that the major banks have already backed away from funding the controversial mine project, but, the QLD government was still fast-tracking it, and had recently approved a giant coal terminal at Abbot Point.

Protest laws

Brown also spoke of his action in the High Court against the Tasmanian government's controversial anti-protest laws, similar to laws passed in NSW and Western Australia.

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Free concert to support American Sioux tribe this Saturday in Bruns

A free family concert from 2 till 6pm on Saturday is planned at the Terrace Soundshell, Brunswick Heads, to raise awareness of the 'Standing Rock' water protectors camp in North Dakota, US.

Organisers Steve Andrews, Murray Kyle and Iris Nunn say they want to draw a bright line between the struggle of the American and Australian first nation people.

Iris says there is a media blackout regarding the Native American Sioux tribe, who

are standing up to protect their land, water and sacred sites from the construction of a 1,172-mile oil pipeline.

'When mobs in the US unite as one nation, as they are doing in North Dakota, it helps us all see what's possible.

'Many tribes here are heart-broken and frustrated, as a corrupt legal system "bulldozes" through their ancient laws, which care for Earth and people. Sacred land is being taken by mostly foreign-owned mining companies.'

Keeping a community well fed

Billie Morton

It is Wednesday afternoon at the Mullumbimby Community Food Box and the shelves are being stocked.

The food truck from the Sydney-based government agency Food Bank has arrived.

In the storeroom of the Uniting Church, large enough to hold 100 different types of products, Gil and Barry Lomath are hard at work, as they have been for nearly four years since this local service came to Mullum.

They are unloading, sorting, labelling and pricing the goods that will go on sale Thursday morning when the Church doors open at 9.30am.

Their small posse of selfless volunteer supporters jostle for space as boxes of natural sea-salt potato chips, coconut



David Sweeting helps to unload food. Photo Jeff Dawson

water and muesli are prized open, disgorging packets and bottles that would take a hunk out of your purse in the shops.

Here, they will go on sale for as little as fifty cents to those who turn up and flash their Centrelink cards.

Unsurprisingly, in a town where health is up there in a pantheon all of its own, the food bank offers a wide range of quality nutrition. There's

an impressive array of fresh – often organic – fruit, veges, eggs and whatever else has been donated that week by the generous people of the Shire and beyond.

Billinudgel Wholesale Fruit and Veges provide most of the fruit and veg, and are just one of many local businesses that contribute.

Gil and Barry's volunteers just have to pick it up, which

is their biggest hassle – they could use a hand with this.

Anything left over goes to the community kitchen and the Byron and Brunswick Larders. Eventually, it will end up at the soup kitchen – or the church's Wednesday Mothers' Group.

Look after mums

'We look after the mums,' says Gil. No-one likes waste around here.

Lately, Gil has been seeing more families with kids coming through the doors. 'More middle class and the working poor.'

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Lighthouse Run aims for cancer equipment

This year's Byron Lighthouse Run, to be held this Sunday October 23, is raising money for a prone breast board for the Lismore Base Hospital's Radiation Oncology unit.

Organisers say the prone breast board will allow

selected patients with breast cancer to receive treatment lying on their stomach.

Stephen Manley, Northern NSW Local Health District's Radiation Therapy manager, says the new generation of breast boards allows for

treatment of lymph nodes as well as the breast.

'It ensures more accurate treatment, as well as greater patient comfort.'

The Byron Lighthouse Run is a great way to bring this about; it is for the ben-

efit of the community and an early morning run or walk is good for everyone.

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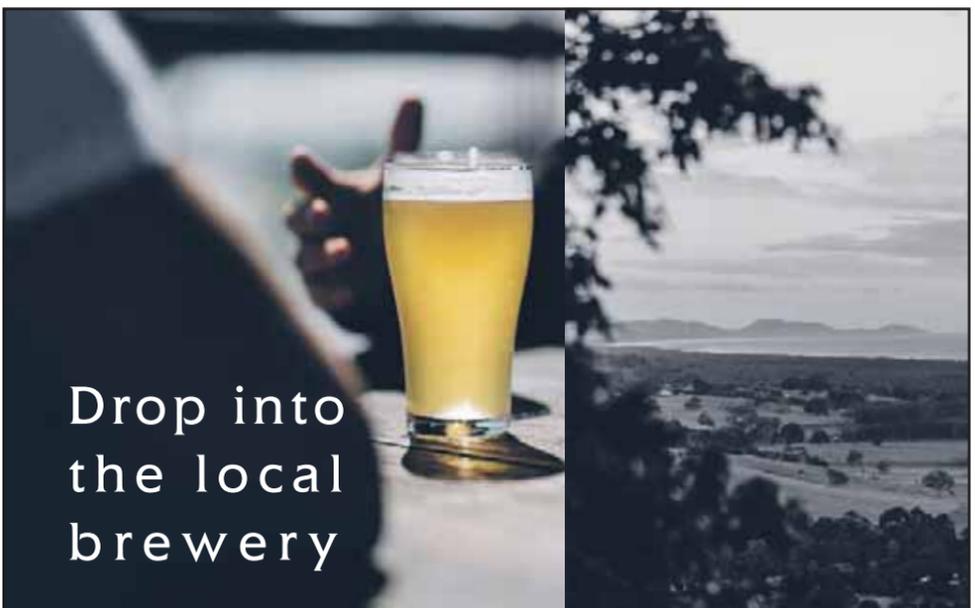
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Secret Crown land sell-off plan under fire

A parliamentary report has found that government plans to sell off Crown lands are strongly opposed by communities, including those on the northern rivers.

The report says communities value their Crown land parks and cherish them for their environmental, social and cultural values.

On the northern rivers, the community-based Brunswick Heads Foreshore Protection Group for years has been fighting to stop a land grab of prime foreshore Crown land by a government-appointed trust running public caravan parks.

The NSW Nature Conservation Council (NCC) and NSW National Parks Association (NPA) are now calling for a full audit of Crown lands to ensure such lands, including those with threatened species

habitat, are adequately protected and never sold.

The NCC's chief executive Kate Smolksi said Premier Baird was poised to introduce significant changes in Crown lands management 'without coming clean with the people about what's really at stake.'

'We have not seen his draft legislation and the government can't tell us what environmental values are at risk from these proposals,' Ms Smolksi said.

Dollar signs

'The parliamentary report shows that when the government looks at Crown lands, it sees dollar signs, and when the people look at Crown land, they see a rich environmental and cultural legacy that they want protected for future generations,' she said.

Bali prosecutors to charge Byron local over murder

Australian Sara Connor has been locked up in Bali's notorious Kerobokan prison where she and British boyfriend David Taylor await trial over the alleged murder of a local police officer.

Two months after the body of Wayan Sudarsa was discovered bloodied and covered in sand on Kuta Beach,

Connor and Taylor were taken from Denpasar Police Station on Monday morning, where they have been held since their arrest.

Connor's lawyer Erwin Siregar said the mother of two from Byron Bay told prosecutors 'I'm not guilty' when asked what she thought about the case.

Dreaming of an award



Arakwal representatives Delta Kay and Nigel Stewart from the Cape Byron-based cultural education program Dolphin Dreaming are calling for support to win the People's Choice Award in this year's NSW Tourism Awards. You can vote by going to surveymonkey.com/r/NSWTourismAwards2016 and voting for Arakwal Dolphin Dreaming. Just by lodging a vote, you stand to win a great NSW holiday experience. To learn more about local Arakwal culture or to book for a Dolphin Dreaming experience, visit www.arakwal.com.au/dolphin_dreaming. Photo Jeff Dawson

Child poverty on the rise: report

A new report by the the Australian Council of Social Service (ACOSS) claims that 731,300 children – or 17.4 per cent of all children in Australia – are living in poverty.

It's an increase of two percentage points over the past ten years, says ACOSS, with nearly three million people living in poverty in Australia in 2014, or 13.3 per cent of the general population.

ACOSS CEO Dr Cassandra Goldie said, 'It is a national shame that after 25 years of economic growth, we have not done better at changing

this trajectory and ensuring our most precious national resource, our children, are given the best possible start in life.'

Lone-parent families poorest

'Those most at risk are children in lone-parent families, who are more than three times [more] likely to be living in poverty (40.6 per cent) than those from couple families (12.5 per cent). Since 2012, the poverty rate for children in lone-parent families has gone up from 36.8 to 40.6 per cent.'



New Byron Bouncers team formed

The 4th April 2018 marks the opening ceremony of the Commonwealth Games in the Gold Coast. With that in mind, and with experience in entering his fire breathers into the opening ceremony of the Sydney Olympic Games on 15 September 2000, Charles Crawshaw is inviting Byron Shire residents to join him with a pair of 'bouncy boots' and create the 'Byron Bouncers'.

Our pitch to the Boston-based business Jack Morton, who are managing the opening and closing ceremonies of the games, will include several 'synchronised' bounce routines. All the bouncers will be musically linked through MP3 sunglasses such that jumps/flips/twists will be perfectly timed and choreographed.

With a commitment to proudly show fit Australians tearing across the stadium, some bouncers may include flame throwing in continuance of the 'Bush Fire' segment launched at the Sydney Olympics; all of which is a stand for World Peace by 2020.

"I am excited about creating a fun loving team here in Byron Bay where we can promote fitness and enjoyment," Crawshaw said recently.

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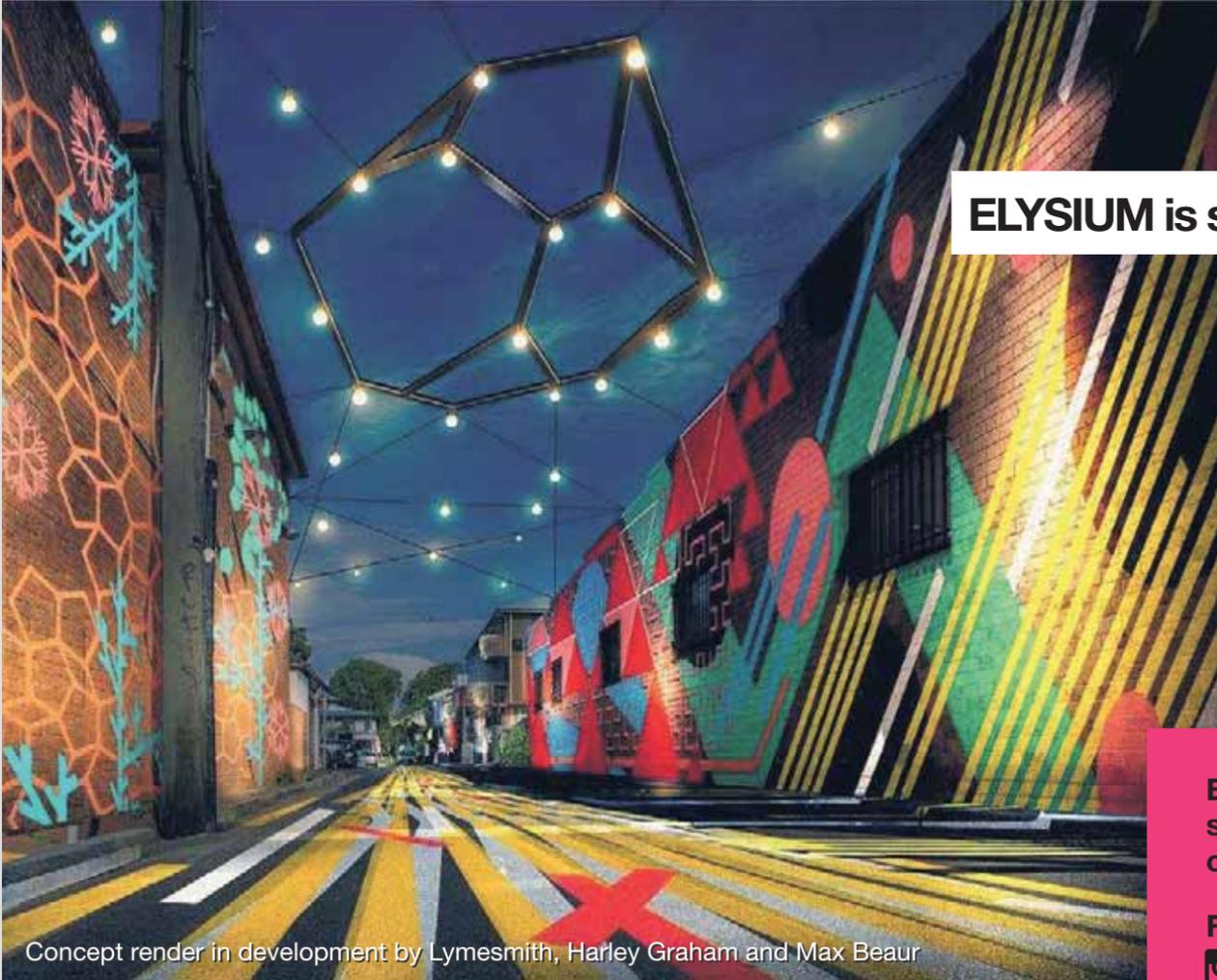
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Former Byron mayor to resign from parliament

Staff reporters

Greens MLC Jan Barham, a former mayor of Byron Shire, announced last week that she would be resigning from the NSW parliament next year to care for her elderly mother.

Ms Barham became the first Greens mayor to be popularly elected in 2004 after joining the council in 1999.

She served a second term as mayor after being elected in 2008.

Ms Barham announced her intention to resign during a sitting of the parliament and spoke of the pressures of being an elected representative for 17 years, and the deaths of close friends and family in recent times which resulted in her taking a leave of absence from the parliament since the winter recess.

'The last five-and-a-half years have been tough,' she told her parliamentary colleagues.

'I came into this place while still serving as mayor of Byron Shire Council.

'I did the two jobs simul-



Greens MLC Jan Barham at the 2014 Bentley CSG blockade just outside Lismore. Photo supplied

taneously and that was a little silly and extremely exhausting.

'With the council elections in September 2012, I thought my life would become easier and that I would cope better, but within six months my brother was diagnosed with terminal cancer, aged 59.

I turned 58 last week.

'In the last five years, eleven friends aged between 53 and 60 have died. I include both my brother and the late Dr John Kaye in that list.'

Ms Barham said it was time to step aside and 'make

way for someone who has the energy, enthusiasm and capacity to do the job'.

'I am proud of the work I have done and the things I have achieved working within this parliament and in my north coast community, but it is time to make some changes.'

Motivating factor

She also said her mother was a motivating factor in her decision to resign.

'She is 87, living at home alone and does not want to go to a nursing home, and

I do not blame her,' Ms Barham said.

'I have been a member of two inquiries that looked into the issue of aged care – the registered nurses in nursing homes and elder abuse – and I know how important it is that the people we love are cared for in their later years.

'I feel now is the time for me to take on more of that responsibility and also to spend some quality time with her. She has certainly supported me.'

Labor tribute

Labor frontbencher Walt Secord was quick to pay his respects, and in a statement said Ms Barham 'always put the community first.'

'She was a fierce advocate for Indigenous people, the elderly and those who could not speak out or defend themselves. It does not surprise anyone that she is retiring from parliament to care for her elderly mother.

'Jan Barham is a person who always thinks of others. The NSW parliament will miss her gentle and kind nature.'

Byron's voice heard at Local Government conference

Both ethical investing and affordable housing motions by Byron Shire councillor Paul Spooner (Country Labor) were adopted at the Local Government NSW conference, which was held in Wollongong last week.

Crs Cate Coorey and Jeanette Martin also attended, and Cr Spooner told *The Echo* hundreds of delegates voted from councils from around the state.

Local Government NSW

(LGNSW) is the peak body that represents all NSW councils, and Cr Spooner said there was 'huge support' for his motion to seek ways for councils to ethically invest.

In the last term of council, Cr Spooner initiated a policy that requires Byron Shire Council to invest ethically where possible.

Cr Spooner says, 'Our local policy puts an impost on staff to seek out ethical investment options and this

motion seeks to centralise the decision making at the state level, making the process more efficient.'

Affordable housing

As for affordable housing, delegates voted for LGNSW to request the state government to 'set targets for NSW planning instruments that specify minimum levels of affordable housing for residen-

tial development to encourage a higher proportion of affordable housing across the sector.' Cr Spooner's call for a 30 per cent target within affordable housing provisions in NSW planning instruments was defeated during debate, he said. He claims the current Affordable Housing provision in the State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP) is 'inadequate' and told *The Echo* the Affordable Housing SEPP is limited to just ten years.

Retiring cop saluted



Tweed-Byron local area command policeman, Senior Constable Mark Ellison, retired last week. Photo Jeff Dawson

Senior Constable Ellison, from the Tweed/Byron Local Area Command, joined the NSW Police Force in 1980.

On Thursday afternoon at Tweed Heads police station, Senior Constable Ellison was 'marched out' of the station, a tradition on retirement of a long-serving officer.

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Senior Constable Ellison first served at Petersham police station in Sydney for nine years before transferring to Tweed Heads.

He served the community from there for 26-and-a-half years performing general duties before announcing his retirement.

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Byron Shire conundrum

The Byron Shire conundrum – it’s a stunning place and has the greatest biodiversity in the state.

As such it attracts truckloads of visitors, with sea and tree changers from the cities all wanting a piece.

Yet the area has very little residential land and homes available for sale. Rentals? Just as hard to come by for those on modest to even adequate incomes.

So the question for the region is – just because it’s highly sought after, should more of it become available?

If so, how much? Maintaining the natural beauty and biodiversity of the region is clearly a high priority for many who call this place home.

Council are currently formulating a residential strategy – see page one story – which offers an opportunity to aim for that intangible balance: responsible and sustainable development while maintaining the region’s uniqueness.

Now is the time to get involved; as retired planner John Sparks says, placing a value on natural environment and actively encouraging community should be a priority.

For more visit <http://yoursaybyronshire.com.au/draft-residential-strategy>.

Hans Lovejoy, editor

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CHESS by Ian Rogers

World politics and the chess world collided this week, casting an unfortunate reflection on Vladimir Putin and Donald Trump.

The week started with world title challenger Sergey Karjakin being asked which of the US presidential candidates he would most like to talk to if they visited the world championship match in New York next month.

As a Putin booster, it was not surprising that Karjakin replied, ‘Trump – [I would ask him] does he play chess and has chess helped him in his business success?’

Unfortunately for Karjakin, a few days later at a rally in Pennsylvania Trump gave an indication of his chess knowledge by stating (in relating to multilateral trade deals), ‘You have to be like a chess grandmaster – and we don’t have any of these.’

Trump appeared to be unaware that the US has 90 grandmasters, the second-highest tally in the world, five of whom took home Olympic gold a few weeks ago at the Baku Chess Olympiad.

More seriously, the man

who stars on Karjakin’s t-shirts, Putin, received a set-back when the European Court of Human Rights ruled in favour of former world champion and opposition figure Garry Kasparov in an unlawful arrest case.

Back in 2007 Kasparov, by then living in New York, had flown in to Russia to speak at an opposition rally in Samara. On arrival he had his ticket and passport confiscated on the spurious claim that the ticket was a forgery. Kasparov was held in Moscow for five hours, just long enough for him to miss his flight to Samara and the rally, which was timed to coincide with a Russia-European Union summit.

The European Human Rights court ruled that Kasparov’s detention was arbitrary and not based on any reasonable suspicion that his ticket was forged.

Kasparov has constantly been making comparisons between Trump and Putin, notably Trump’s desire to put his main opponent in jail.

Should Kasparov, Karjakin and new President Trump meet at the world title match next month in New York, it could be quite an explosive gathering.

Buffoon Brandis creates another mess

Our attorney-general George Brandis states, as an inviolable credo, that barristers must give fearless and impartial advice at all times.

This is a legal ideal, and perhaps one that he believes in, but the fact is that he, like all his predecessors in the office, faces an irreconcilable conflict of interest.

Certainly he is a lawyer, and a very important one: he is the first law officer of Australia.

But he is also predominantly a politician; a senior government minister.

And as such, he has an obligation to both prosecute and defend the decisions of the cabinet and the party room, even if – indeed, especially if – he disagrees with them.

He cannot be, and is not, impartial when it comes to matters of political controversy; the only alternative is resignation and Brandis, like almost all of his colleagues, is not going to take his guiding principle quite so far.

The contradiction inherent in his position is hardly unique; just about all of his predecessors have found themselves in similar situations.

And, like Brandis, they have resolved their dilemmas by putting their politics first. Many have done so with spectacular success: three of them – Alfred Deakin, Billy Hughes and Robert Menzies – went on to become prime ministers, and another three – John Latham Herbert Evatt and Billy Snedden – led their respective parties, while others, notably Garfield Barwick and Lionel Murphy, thought they should have.

Almost all attorneys-general have been prominent lawyers, but most have been, predominantly, ambitious

politicians, with all the conniving, wheeling and dealing, and necessary compromise that is unavoidable in their rise up the greasy totem pole.

Not all make the climb without scars; Evatt and Murphy, for instance, were severely wounded in the process before retiring hurt to the relative peace of their respective judicial benches.

And now Brandis is in the spotlight, defending both his government and his reputation over a stoush between himself and another and more eminent senior counsel, the second law officer of Australia, the solicitor-general Justin Gleeson.

Brandis has long been seen as a bit of a loose cannon, pompous, vain and gaffe-prone, something of a liability. But he is a staunch ally of Malcolm Turnbull.

by Mungo MacCallum

tor-general Justin Gleeson.

Gleeson is not a politician; he is a public servant.

His function is, without ambiguity, to give impartial and fearless advice to his clients, primarily to the government, but also to other members of parliament and senior public servants. He is nominally under the portfolio of his minister, but is expected to be independent.

He was very well connected in prominent legal circles and was given the job of solicitor-general in 2013 after a highly distinguished career in private practice. Until recently, there has been absolutely no controversy over his role from either side of politics.

But it has now become apparent that friction between Brandis and Gleeson has been building for some time; Gleeson believed that he was being bypassed, with Brandis seeking advice from others behind

his back.

And open warfare broke out with Brandis’s directive that from now on Gleeson was to ask the attorney for permission to advise others who sought his counsel.

Gleeson believed his independence was being undermined and threatened, and he had plenty of support: one former solicitor-general, Gavan Griffith, who served under the Hawke, Keating and Howard governments, said that the image of a dog on a lead came to mind. Gleeson also declared that Brandis had not consulted

accused him of a naked power grab, and with some justification; he had done much the same thing as the arts minister (subsequently removed by Malcolm Turnbull) when he stripped money from the independent Australia Council to fund his own choices.

And when he appeared before a senate committee on Friday, he gave no real explanation of the need for the directive that has caused the furore. Instead, he took the stand as both lawyer and politician; filibustering shamelessly to preempt questions, patronising and dismissing his interrogators and arrogantly demeaning Gleeson and any other critics. He knew best; they were either ignorant or mischievous.

In the end he will almost certainly get away with it: the jury is stacked, the government has the numbers. But he has hardly enhanced his reputation with the legal fraternity, and given that he – like so many previous AGs – is reportedly hoping for a job on the High Court when he is ready to retire from the undignified hurly-burly of parliament, the exercise in massaging his ego may be somewhat counterproductive.

And of course it has all been yet another unwelcome – and apparently unnecessary – distraction for a government and a prime minister with all too many such diversions.

Brandis has long been seen as a bit of a loose cannon, pompous, vain and gaffe-prone, something of a liability.

But he is a staunch ally of Malcolm Turnbull, who has to support him; in the present circumstances Turnbull has to support everybody.

At least he has no conflict of interest; he gave up being a lawyer long ago.



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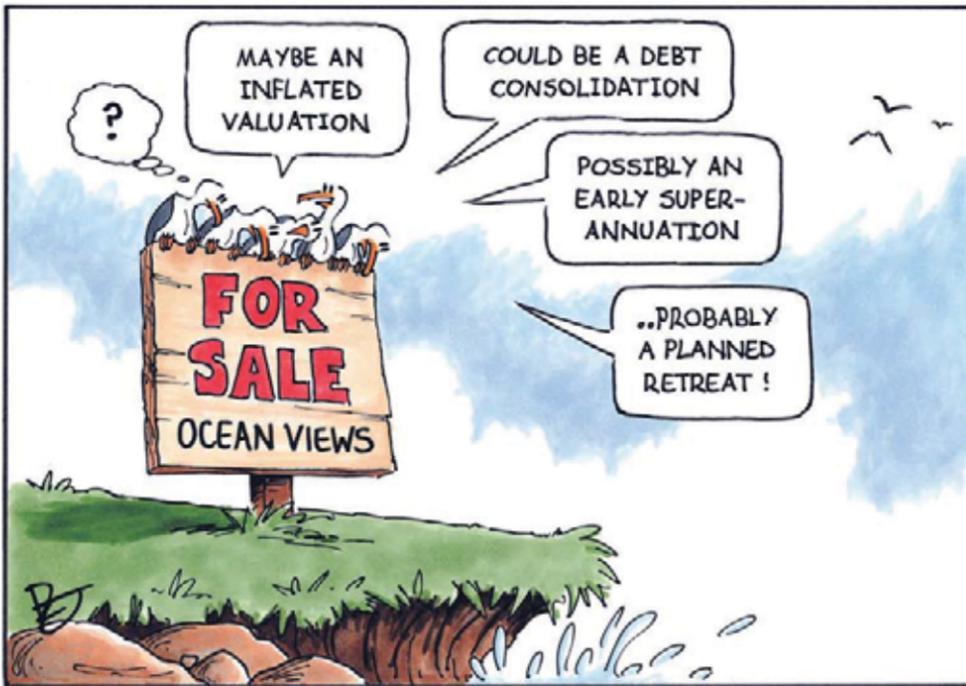
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Thanks, Jan

I wish to express my appreciation to Jan Barham for years of selfless commitment to Byron, the north coast and the environment, and to wish her well in whatever her future holds. I have appreciated her strong advocacy for forest conservation, for maintenance of planned retreat, and a host of other issues over decades of community service.

I fell out with her over development issues around Byron, but I appreciate that she has always done her best for what she considered was right for the community.

The north coast has lost a strong and effective advocate in Sydney with her retirement. Thanks, Jan. We owe you a lot.

Dailan Pugh
Byron Bay

Dirty toilets

On Wednesday October 5 we visited Byron Bay with eight of our family members up from Canberra for the week. We took them to our

favourite beach – Wategos and the lighthouse.

Much to our disappointment both the male and female toilets at Wategos were not a pleasant experience (disgusting). They were very unclean to overflowing and so much so my nephew refused to use the men's.

The council charges \$8 to park at the beaches and lighthouse, so why can't they ensure the facilities are kept in better condition?

This was two days after a long weekend in school holidays. Just imagine if our visitors were from overseas – not a good impression for our tourism industry.

I wanted to voice my great disappointment and hope that Byron Council can ensure the toilets are clean.

Suzanne Sticka
Terranora

Mandy and abuse

Once again Mandy Nolan is spot on ('Confessions of a Pussy Grabber'). However, it is not only rich men who take what they want.

Donald Trump's 'locker room' talk exactly represents the attitudes that have seen the sexual enslavement of millions of women and young girls worldwide. Objectifying women and reducing them to mere body parts enables a global culture of repression and rape.

His comments cannot be lightly dismissed, and anyone, rich or otherwise, talking about women in this way should be called to account.

Louise Andrews
Byron Bay

Mandy and housing

Once again Mandy's insights are on point regarding the affordable housing farce. However, I feel she loosens her grip on the subject towards the end when the blame game kicks in.

The homeless and landlords are all part of the same game and to simply aim her barbs at 'profiteering landlords' does little to unpack the main player here, which is capitalism.

The problem we face is a

human one. Economics after all is a simple man-made construct which can be and will be in time defunct.

Profit has become a systemic cultural norm which produces the currency of power. With power you can influence more, buy more, sell more and make more profits.

A sad outcome here is that some people get left behind or feel part of the dispossessed, but the saddest part is that at a flick of a switch most people making less would jump at the chance of making more. And thus the cycle and the misery continue.

Airbnb for example has gone ballistic because all of a sudden normal mortgage-paying people can do what Byron house owners have been doing for decades: letting out a shithole for an over-inflated market price and feeling okay about it.

If capitalism were reworked, reworded and re-scripted to produce equity, diversity and non-profit forms of currency and reward for the toils of our social contract, then maybe things would be less black and white and divisive when discussing the haves and have-nots in a capitalist society. Until then it seems we will continue battling for the crumbs while the bakery, so to speak, gets further and further away.

Kol Dimond
Mullumbimby

Happy ending

Last Monday arvo I lost my purse in Mullumbimby. I looked for it, but no joy.

Tuesday evening my phone rang and it was the police asking if I had lost something. I admitted I had and

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– Dennis McKenna

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Wins at Bathurst

Garry Leeson wins his third A.M.I.C. State Sausage King Title – Poultry category (Chicken Spinach & Macadamia) at the state finals held recently at Ridges Resort, Mount Panorama.

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WHAT A WORLD IT WOULD BE...



► continued from page 9 described my purse.

Some kind soul had found it and stuck it under the door of the police station. Bless them.

Then to add the cherry on top, the police dropped it off on their rounds a little while later. My deep thanks to all concerned, especially the finder. Everything was still in it.

Gotta love this town.

Andrew Hall
Ocean Shores

Bouquet for fires

On behalf of Jack and Ursula Elliott and myself I would like to extend thanks to the following fire brigades: Woodburn, Wardell, Meershaum Vale, Alstonville, Newrybar, Byron, Wilsons Creek, Main Arm, Lennox Head and Federal, who were absolutely amazing when some vandals lit a fire at Empire Vale on Friday October 7.

I received a phone call at 6.20pm when I was in Ballina to say that my property was on fire. I rushed home and saw flames everywhere, both on my property and the Elliotts' property.

Within a short space of time four brigades had arrived. The fire crews were some of the best organised

people I have ever witnessed. They operated with minor difficulties, like a dead battery in one fire truck and a pump which would not prime in another.

The teamwork was excellent and when one brigade had done about four hours the next relief crew arrived to do their roster. The Ballina police were also in attendance.

On Friday we had four fire tankers in attendance throughout the night, with a change of crew about midnight when the next four arrived. The fire continued to burn on Saturday with more crews in attendance and that night we had another crew keeping watch until midnight. All these fires are volunteers.

Guys, you did a splendid job. Thank you all so much.

Margaret Howes
Empire Vale

Railway support

The Northern Rivers Railway Action Group would like to congratulate the people of Byron Bay and the many visitors who will happily use the Byron Bay train which can, at long last, serve the greater community.

The question that's been raised since it was approved

at Byron Council's meeting (6/10/16) is why Transport for NSW would not consent to Condition 15 as the landowner.

Crs Spooner, Hackett and Coorey who voted against it should also know, if I do, that if that condition had gone ahead it would have established a precedent for every bit of infrastructure near to the coast in the whole of NSW. Every road, bus stop etc would have had to be pulled up and revegetated if the ocean came within 50 metres.

Of course they do not want this, and the situation remains that the Byron Bay Railroad Company have already agreed to ceasing operations if this happens, as well as removing the platforms and storage shed and revegetating, in Condition 6 of their original DA.

Cr Coorey questioned the community support for this train. She overlooked the 122 submissions made to Council on this issue alone, including 93 in support of the Byron Bay Railroad Company application and only 29 against. BBRC has worked hard to address the environmental, social and economic concerns raised to be allowed to go ahead with running a small

train on our tracks for 3km.

The incredible benefits of transporting 106 people into and out of Byron will only become real when it actually happens – thank God it has passed all the hurdles now.

Lydia Kindred
President, NRRAG

US voter stats

USA election: should we show concern about voter registration statistics?

1. Total number of citizens eligible to vote, 218,959,000.
2. Total number of citizens registered to vote, 146,311,000.
3. Total number of citizens who voted in the 2012 presidential election, 126,144,000.
4. Citizens who voted in the 2012 presidential election, 57.5 per cent.

A comment from a Republican spokesperson after the second Clinton v Trump debate: 'This is like something out of the 60s Congo elections.'

Should we as a nation send Julie Bishop to persuade the UN to send in election monitors? That's the big question.

B Hinchcliffe
Mullumbimby

World War III

World War III between the USA and Russia inches closer each day, with the US

chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Joseph Dunford, saying that the current Democrat Party policy of a 'no fly zone' over Syria would certainly mean a war between USA and Russia.

Soon after General Dunford said this, Russia announced plans to strengthen its naval base in Syria and it shipped S300 missiles to Syria. Russia's former air force commander Pyotr Deinekin said that Russia needed a second airbase in Syria. This week ZeroHedge.com reports that Russia has ordered all Russian children studying overseas to return home immediately without waiting to do their end-of-year exams overseas.

Neither Russia nor the USA appear ready to let go of Syria, yet if the pair of nuclear superpowers start a war with each other that has implications for every creature living on the planet.

As Elon Musk says, whatever the reason, it appears there might eventually be an extinction-level event.

Peter Olson
Goonengerry

Aspirational

I read with interest the aspirations attributed to the nine recently elected Byron

Shire councillors (*Echo*, October 12) – in many ways a sort of grab-bag of motherhood statements, echoing the promises made by the various candidates in the weeks before the election.

I note, in particular, the remarks made by the sole remaining voice on Council in favour of 'growth at any cost' and am fascinated by his concerns at the 'well-worn path that previous councils followed' in 'saying "no" to everything and spending millions in legal costs to fight them'. I'm just having some difficulty in reconciling these remarks with his performance in seeking to develop his own property.

It is worth remembering that this particularly contentious, semi-industrial development on his rural land has been the subject of numerous development applications over many years, at least one of which ended up in a hugely costly onsite hearing in the Land & Environment Court. It is worth pointing out that this particular dispute involved Council (aka the ratepayers of the Shire) in a huge bill from its Sydney lawyers, none of which cost was recovered from the applicants, the worthy councillor

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Phillip Frazer

We, the whole world really, are in a crisis caused by our failed experiment with giving control of almost everything to corporations, which was based on the magical thought that businessmen would run things better than nations did. They don't, so now we are in a worse mess than we were when 'neoliberalism' – a warm and fuzzy rebranding of 'corporatism' – was launched by Ronald Reagan's handlers with a hand from P Keating.

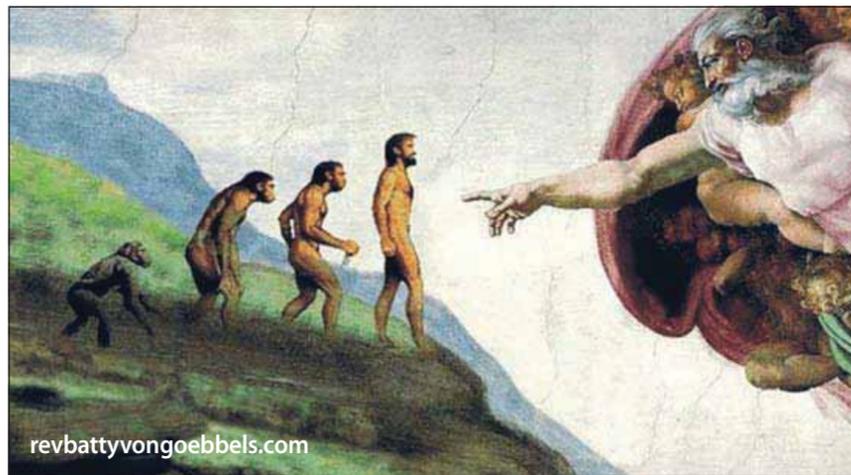
This laissez-fairyland of corporate rule has brought us bailed-out banksters and declining incomes for the 99 per cent, yet hucksters like Trump, Rupert Murdoch, and a gaggle of shock-jocks insist that the real problem is too much Political Correctness – a bizarre movement with a huge following.

What are they on about? On the surface, they believe that jobs are vanishing, wages are dropping, and migrants are swarming over borders because of feminism, environmentalism, and multiculturalism: these newfangled movements have taken goodies from the older and whiter people and given them to gays, trees, and wogs. Obviously, there's something deeper at work here.

Consider these four great leaps forward of recent history:

1. In the beginning, GOD MADE EARTH. Every human tribe had creation stories, also for life after death. God or gods made everything the way it is, and they gave the priests rules that the rest of us must obey. Various churches got rich and powerful from owning the stories.

2. GOD DIDN'T INVENT US, WE INVENTED HIM. Came the Enlightenment, then the Renaissance, and sciences such as astronomy, physics and biology conspired to undermine the creation myths and led Nietzsche to declare God dead. Overstatement or not, over the course of the 16th through 18th centuries many powerful people realised



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that man had invented god, not the other way around.

3. 'US' MEANS WOMEN AND MEN. In the 19th–20th centuries applied science – ie manufacturing by machines – moved peasants off farms and into cities, unravelling family relationships. Women were already somewhat freed by the decline of religious authority (male) and so came the first two waves of feminism, the upshot of which is that Man was forced to accept Woman as co-pilot of Spaceship Earth.

4. THE UNIVERSE REVEALS ITSELF AS INVENTOR OF EVERYTHING. In the past 50 years, we have come to recognise that we exist inside a complex of ecosystems outside of which we cannot exist, so the planet and ultimately the universe itself are what's running everything. The main consequence of this is that, for the first time ever, we have a prescription for everything we do and how we do it – we must navigate within the realities of our ecosystems – instead of making the rules up and calling them god's edicts or inalienable rights.

Back to today: ranters and ravers such as Trump, Abbott, Alan Jones in Australia and Alex Jones in America, Ann Coulter in America and Pauline Hanson here, are all powered below the visible line by a great resistance to these great leaps forward. We are still in the war between science and fantasy, 600 years on.

Trump is most fixated on #3 – resisting women as co-captains of Spaceship Earth – for example by asserting a man's right to grab a woman's genitals (priests have never let that one go, so to speak), or #4 – I have no reason to act in our species' interests let alone our planet's. I will treat Earth like I treat women, as a commodity. Trump has tweeted thus: 'The concept of global warming was created by and for the Chinese in order to make US manufacturing non-competitive.'

Just as I was finishing this tiny treatise on our species' primal wars, I read an essay by Deepak Chopra blaming Trump and the Trumpsters on 'the shadow', which is more or less the Id. I have used the Id to explain Trump in previous articles but I believe the science v superstition framing is more useful, because we can do something about it, which is not so easy with the Id.

We could, for starters, shift half our defence budget over to teaching science from pre-K to post-grad. For every conceivable threat Australia might face, having millions of young people with brains grounded in science will save the nation, and the planet, more effectively than 12 nuclear-compatible submarines will – and that \$50 billion saved would pay for the schools and teachers.

■ Phillip Frazer promises to write more about science from coorabellridge.com.

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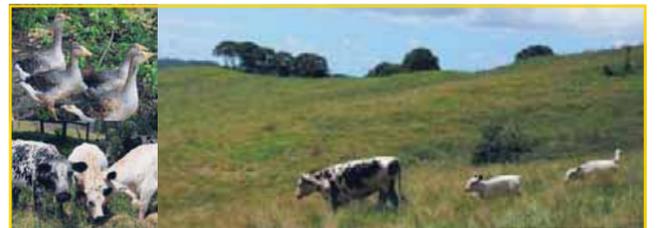
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Is this my life as an organic toxin?

Story & image S Sorrensen

When will it run out of petrol? Soon, I hope. I'm exhausted. But, with steely resolve, I will continue brushcutting until the tank of petrol is finished. This is good work.

I live in the bush. I like it. But, I have grass to keep short. Quite a lot of grass.

I have lived here for a long time. When I first arrived, I set up a caravan among bare rolling hills under the cliffs, shaped a tarp to collect water, and bought a brushcutter. (It's too steep for a regular mower.) I kept the grass around the caravan short so the kids could play safely and I could play bocce.

Soon, angophora, acacia and eucalyptus seeded from the cliffs above, sprung up on the hills newly freed from the hard hooves and relentless appetites of cows. In a world where degeneration of the environment was the norm, this was a rare regeneration, a happy positive in a world of negatives.

I felt I was doing the right thing: integrating human



activity into a rejuvenating natural world.

Three decades and three brushcutters later, the caravan has morphed into a shack, the bare hills into forest, the children into parents – a success – but I'm still cutting the grass on the same hill under the cliffs. I'm happy to. It's all part of keeping the balance.

Sure, I use petrol – that's a worry – but I justify that with the many acres of regeneration I'm fostering. (I'm good at justification.)

I brushcut often and always until I use a whole tank of petrol. There's a lot of grass. Without brushcutting dedication, the grass would win the battle and invade my space. Balance between the growing forest and human habitation is the key to a sustainable new world here on the hill. And on the planet.

I feel it in my hips – that side-to-side swinging takes its toll – and my shoulders. Still, I straighten my spine and push the whipping nylon line into a patch of scotch thistles. This is good work. I believe people and nature belong together. Sure, that may seem obvious, but sometimes we forget.

The nylon line has worn down again, so I hit the brushcutter head into the ground releasing more line from the spool. I use a lot of nylon line.

It's a big, tough hill.

Despite the sore hips, despite the whirring noise that penetrates the ear muffs, despite the odd piece of plant shrapnel that stings my neck, I feel happy because, not only am I creating a healthy human-nature balance at my place under the cliffs, BP has abandoned its plans to drill for oil in the Great Australian Bight. This is good news. There is no longer any justification for extracting fossil fuels. The oceans are in enough trouble – overfishing, acidification, plastic...

Oh dear. Nylon line is plastic.

I hit the stop switch. (The tank is not empty.) I stand on the hill, a realisation swamping me like the ringing silence: I have been sprinkling this hill with fine plastic particles for years with my brushcutting, seasoning the wildlife's diet with Mr DuPont's toxic invention, contaminating the ocean via the creek below – I'm polluting my paradise as I create it.

Oh dear. Is every action I take condemned to being a polluting one? Is humanity really a part of nature, or, like plastic, an organic toxin derived from it? Is environmental balance even possible or is evolution taking us somewhere else?

I don't restart the brushcutter.

Sitting on the hill, I think of brushcutters with fine metal chains, electric brushcutters with fine metal chains, wwoofers with push mowers, llamas...

Hmm. I feel like playing bocce.

But I'll look for my brushcutter blade instead.

See more of S's work at Echonetdaily.net.au echo.net.au/here-and-now

LETTERS continued from page 10 and his wife.

These external legal costs have been in addition to an enormous internal cost to the management of the Shire's business as successive applications for further and further extensions to this facility and its operating hours have travelled the long and winding road through Council's planning and approval process and, finally, arrived on the desks of his fellow councillors for consideration in Council meetings.

A DA for a massive increase in storage capacity is due to test the patience of the newly elected body sometime in the not too distant future.

He's quite right, though – 'we need to fund our infrastructure maintenance and renewal program through a fiscally responsible budget' and a great place for this to begin would be with the withdrawal of this recent DA, in the process freeing up council staff and councillors alike, to focus on the really important challenges we face, in his own words, 'meeting our financial and social targets and fixing roads, bridges and potholes'.

Graham Mathews
Byron Bay

Shark nets

Part of an open letter to premier Mike Baird:

Dear Mr Baird, I am writing to you in regards to the recent decision to install shark nets on the NSW north coast. As you are aware, shark nets indiscriminately kill marine creatures, they do not prevent shark movements and are merely a kneejerk reaction to recent attacks in the area.

Let's compare the story of the shark with that of another infamous Australian animal, the snake. There are approximately 3,000 reported snake bites each year in Australia, of which only one to two on

average are fatal. Many Australians grow up in or near the bush and are aware of the dangers.

We protect ourselves when entering the snake's habitat by wearing long pants, boots and/or gaiters, we keep our backyards tidy to deter them, we teach our kids about them, we teach snake first aid, we have immensely improved our medical knowledge and we expect snakes to be around seasonally in spring/summer. Why do we not treat sharks in the same way?

Why don't the public and the media insist on culling snakes, if they insist on culling sharks? Why do we not teach our kids about shark safety, first aid, and how to deter them?

Instead, we go into their habitat with no protection and no knowledge, and are then surprised when we encounter them. Like we have done over the years with snakes, we can reduce the incidence of fatal shark attacks on the north coast. Knowledge will be a powerful solution and science will lead the way in unravelling the truth.

Invest in shark research: The more we know about shark behaviour, the more we can predict. Invest in non-lethal shark-deterrent methods: suitable eco-barrier designs, shark-spotting programs and drones, personal shark-deterrent devices.

Teach people how to predict shark activity through knowledge of the ocean. Instead of just giving people peace of mind with nets, take the steps to reduce fatalities!

Decisions should be based on science and not on emotion. Shark nets will *not* save human lives. You will see no reduction in shark attack likelihood during the six-month trial. Let's invest in solutions that will work to save human lives now and into the future.

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We all live through the looking glass

Daniel Sage

In the office where I work in the city, they have lifts with long floor-to-ceiling mirrors along the back wall. A traveller, upon entering, will often check themselves straightaway, paying mind rarely to whoever else is on board. At least it solves the problem of where to rest one's roving eyeballs, since eye-to-eye contact in a public space Must Be Avoided At All Costs.

A mere five years ago, the same traveller, male or female, would be sneaking that look at themselves, making sure with their peripheral vision no-one was watching, or no-one important at least.

Nowadays, that's in the bin. It's brazen. Walk in, turn to the mirror, preen, travel on. On one hand it's refreshing to dispense with the shame and layers of public display pre-Facebook life insisted were so important. But it is also strange and alienating. Each overt preening is a ring-fence to rebut public life, a mark of disregard: in old parlance, rude.

All on display

Such behaviour used to be part of one's toilet, conducted in private. (The related word *privity* comes from the French for private and before that from the Latin, to be apart, separate from others). As was applying your makeup. But it's a commonplace of city life now to sit opposite harried ladies on the tube doing the whole lot between Golders Green and Leicester Square, juggling tubes and powders and brushes.

Does it matter? Well, nobody knows. We're all caught up in the internet nonsense, adapting to mores we know are rougher but hope also useful and good, and merrily ditching privacy along the way.

We're accustomed to constant surveillance, to being recorded in every shop and street and by all the cameras hidden out of sight too. It's 1984 times ten.

In the UK we have the highest density of CCTV cover in the world, close on two million cameras according to *CCTV Magazine*. It's popular to believe CCTV solves crimes but a recent report by the police concluded that while it's helpful, 80 per cent of crimes remain unsolved and only three per cent of crimes are solved using CCTV evidence. Nor is it cost effective; the professional gear is expensive to

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install and maintain.

But it's here to stay. The promise of usable evidence, the chance to gather information on citizen movements. Multiply that by the times when it does work. It's too attractive a sum. Add in the billions of photos snapped by personal cameras in every other electrical gadget. All uploadable fodder for the permanent online archive. The internet doesn't care whether our dirty washing is made public or worse.

Perhaps this all began the day we invented windows, heralding a new era of seeing and being seen while about our private business. And nowadays we build edifices almost entirely of glass. London's newest tallest building – The Shard, full name The Shard of Glass – has 11,000 panes.

Inner vision

Last year, a British medical team announced a fertility treatment breakthrough promising a threefold increase in the number of viable embryos available for IVF. Previously, a large proportion of embryos were unusable because of genetic and cellular defects. But by using cameras to screen out the bad ones, greater quality control is possible. High-definition cameras monitor the cells as they divide, with up to 5,000 photos in the first five days.

Critical changes occur at predictable points, so doctors can scan the data for anomalies, significantly boosting healthy harvests. (If this sounds like the first chapter of *Brave New World*, remember in the end the hero John finds freedom, for a while.)

In fact, timelapse photography has been used for some time in artificial reproduction programs. Incubating IVF embryos are routinely recorded, monitored and archived. Their Facebook pages start from before they are born.

It may all seem to be

floors, everything?

Recently, one of the big corporate players drew a line in the ongoing battle for user hearts. The company that brought us Windows on the screen, Microsoft, unveiled a new slogan. Your privacy is our priority. It's a stand against Google and the rest of the snoopers gang with their giant data pump sifting through your personals like a dirty old man. Your privacy is our priority. However many times you read it or say it aloud it still sounds comically doubtful.

Like Massive Attack's 1991 song *Safe From Harm*: 'I was looking back to see if you were looking back at me to see me looking back at you.'

Oh, innocent days.

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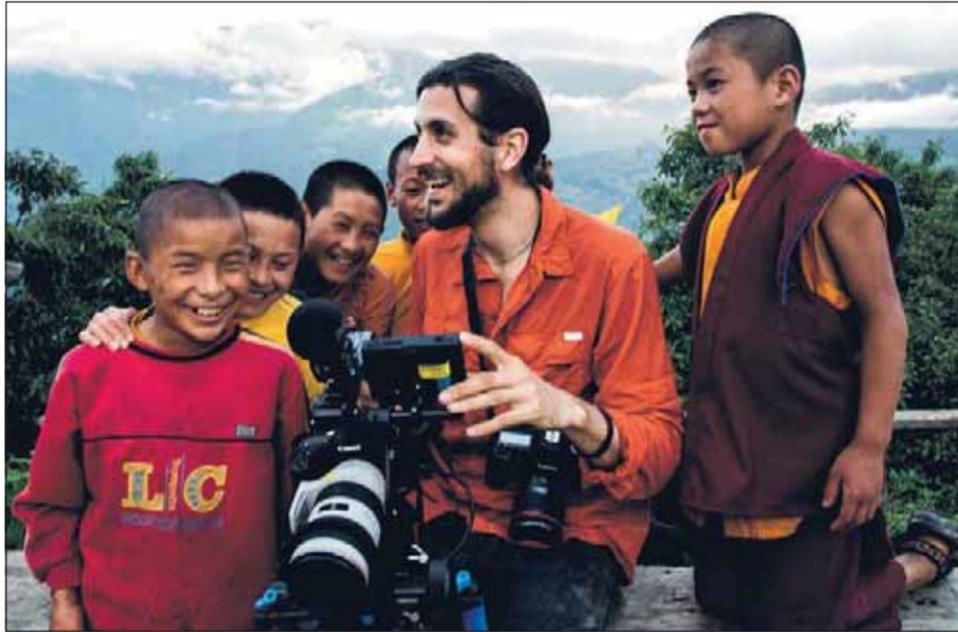
Digby Hildreth

If you missed the bus (the Magic Bus) that transported Byron Film Fest's guest Merry Pranksters to see *Going Furthur* at the Brunswick Picture House last Sunday, don't despair.

There's still a chance to see the colourful and consciousness-expanding doco – and its offspring, *Going Furthur with Burning Man*; they screen tonight (Wednesday) at 7.30 at the Byron Community Centre.

Going Furthur is an anarchic on-the-road report of the reincarnation of the original Furthur bus and its acid-gobbling occupants, the first hippies such as Ken Kesey, who painted it in psychedelic patterns to match the swirling realities between their ears, and hit the highway to share the alternative way of seeing things with America's buttoned-down citizenry.

It's a noisy and kaleidoscopic celebration of these pioneering trips, with Kesey's son at the helm, exploring the cultural legacy of the 60s peace, love and music revolution – seen today at rock



Cameras fascinate the locals in *Crossing Bhutan*.

concerts and tribal gatherings all over the US.

Relive the dream

LA-based Lindsay Kent, director, producer, cinematographer and editor, will be there to talk about what it was like to spend 75 days aboard the bus, reliving the dream of turning on a benighted Amerika.

Alternative lifestyles and altered consciousness are explored further on Friday

night with the World Premiere of *Marijuana Australiana*.

It's an entertaining documentary study – comprehensive and balanced – of the cannabis culture in this country, from the vibrant, joy-filled street party that is MardiGrass, to the lovingly tended plantations of the region's growers, to the recovery rooms in hospitals, where epileptic children and teens with cancer are getting on top

of their conditions with a pot prescription.

Also woven throughout the coming days' program are environmental films, from *Seed: The Untold Story*, to *Crossing Bhutan*, via *Bulkland*, and culminating in *The Bentley Effect*, the festival's showcase closer and a film which will bring back a lot of memories for northern rivers audiences.

Seed travels to the corners of the globe to meet indigenous peoples and community groups dedicated to preserving varieties of seed – corn and the other staple grains: the source of life for many of these cultures, and revered as such – in contrast to the

deadly encroachments of the GM/chemical fertiliser/herbicide approaches of the big corporate players such as Monsanto.

As much as anything, *Seed* is beautiful looking: the microcosms of life it celebrates are extraordinarily diverse in their colour, shape and texture: it's like looking at a handful of gleaming jewels.

Buying landfill

Bulkland shares another slice of the modern world – cheap plastic goods, destined for landfill, manufactured in their millions and sold to the world through a vast market in a regional city in China. Yiwu is 'the city that the dollar stores built', putting it on the global map.

But, as Australian Daniel Whelan's film reveals, through interviews with international entrepreneurs, local vendors, elderly residents and some of the thousands of migrant workers crowding the streets desperately looking for work every day, the boom is at an end.

Wages are low and employment hard to come by. With prices rising and quality low, the city is beginning to lose its allure. It provides a fascinating insight into the downturn in the Chinese economy.

Dotted between these

worthy films about the planet, and those documenting the way-out pursuits its inhabitants enjoy, are several high-quality dramas.

There's the familiar – the cane fields around Ballina, the setting for the unsettling thriller *Burns Point*; the realistic ('illegal' teens trying to live normally in the Bronx in Matt Newton's humane drama *From Nowhere*) and a leap off into hyper-reality with *High Rise*, the glossy, star-studded, J D Ballard-inspired dystopian satire on the English class system and social engineering everywhere.

There's music to end the week on, too, with a free night at Byron Bay Brewery to see 20 of the hottest music videos in line for an APRA AMCOS gong.

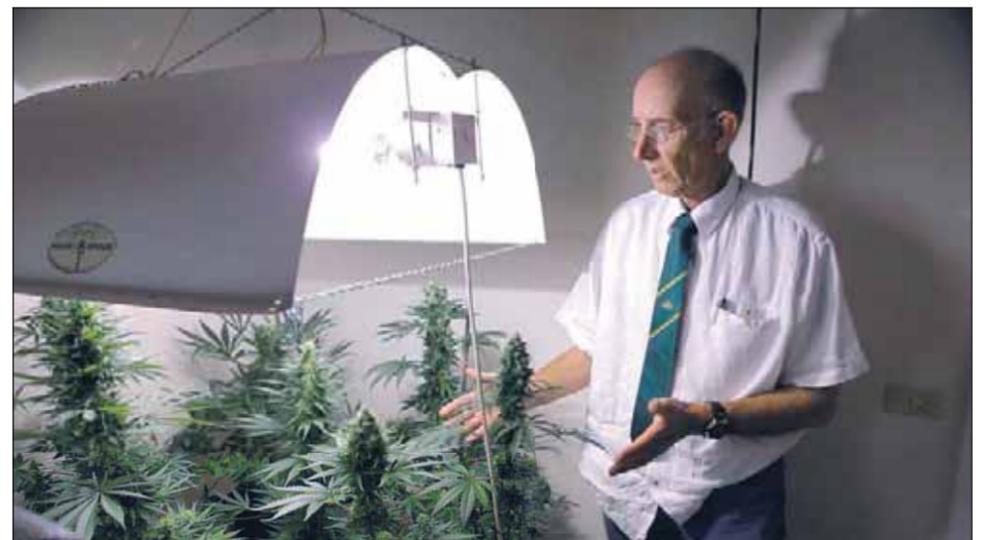
And on Sunday, help close the festival on an harmonious note with *The Music of Strangers* – 50 or so singers and instrumentalists from all over the globe come together to make beautiful music. Inspiring.

■ For program details and to buy tickets or a flexi-pass, visit bbff.com.au. Downloading Byron Bay Film Festival app lets you book your flexi-pass sessions, mark your calendar or purchase tickets. You can also buy in person from BBFF's venues.

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The origin of cheap, pointless shit in Yiwu, China, is revealed in *Bulkland*.



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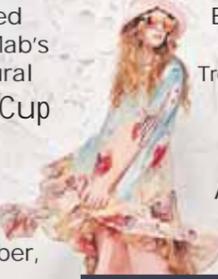
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- 1986** Naren & Dhira King purchase empty building and land, create Crystal Castle. Planting starts in the grounds.
- 1989** A cafe opens with a coffee plunger, tea bags & 1 cake baked on the premises. Team members = 1.
- 1999** Sono King starts designing the future Shambhala Garden.
- 2000** Sacred Labyrinth created.
- 2003** Playground created.
- 2005** Buddha Walk opens &, after winning 5 consecutive NSW Best Significant Tourist Attraction Awards, Crystal Castle is accepted into the Tourism Hall of Fame.
- 2006** Rainforest Walk created with Rainforest Rescue.
- 2008** Courtyard opens with rose quartz sphere water fountain : the Fountain of Peace.
- 2012** World Peace Kalachakra Stupa built with Gyuto Monks, blessed by HH the Dalai Lama. Crystal Castle renamed "Crystal Castle and the Shambhala Gardens".
- 2013** Daily guided experiences started with the Peace Experience. Soon added Music of the Plants, The Crystal Experience & Shambhala Gardens Tour.
- 2014** Day of the Dead held on-site for the first time. Forest of Family & Friends begun. Reflexology Walk created.
- 2015** Princess Mary and her family visit. Damanhur Spiral created. Crystal Castle donations to the local community exceed \$15,000 per year. Crystal Castle's Rebuild Nepal initiative with Toni Childs raises over \$65,000 and a multitude of rebuilding projects completed. Crystal Castle becomes officially recognised as a NSW State Significant Attraction.
- 2016** Crystal Castle acquires the world's biggest crystals, the Enchanted Cave and 5.5 metre high Crystal Guardians.

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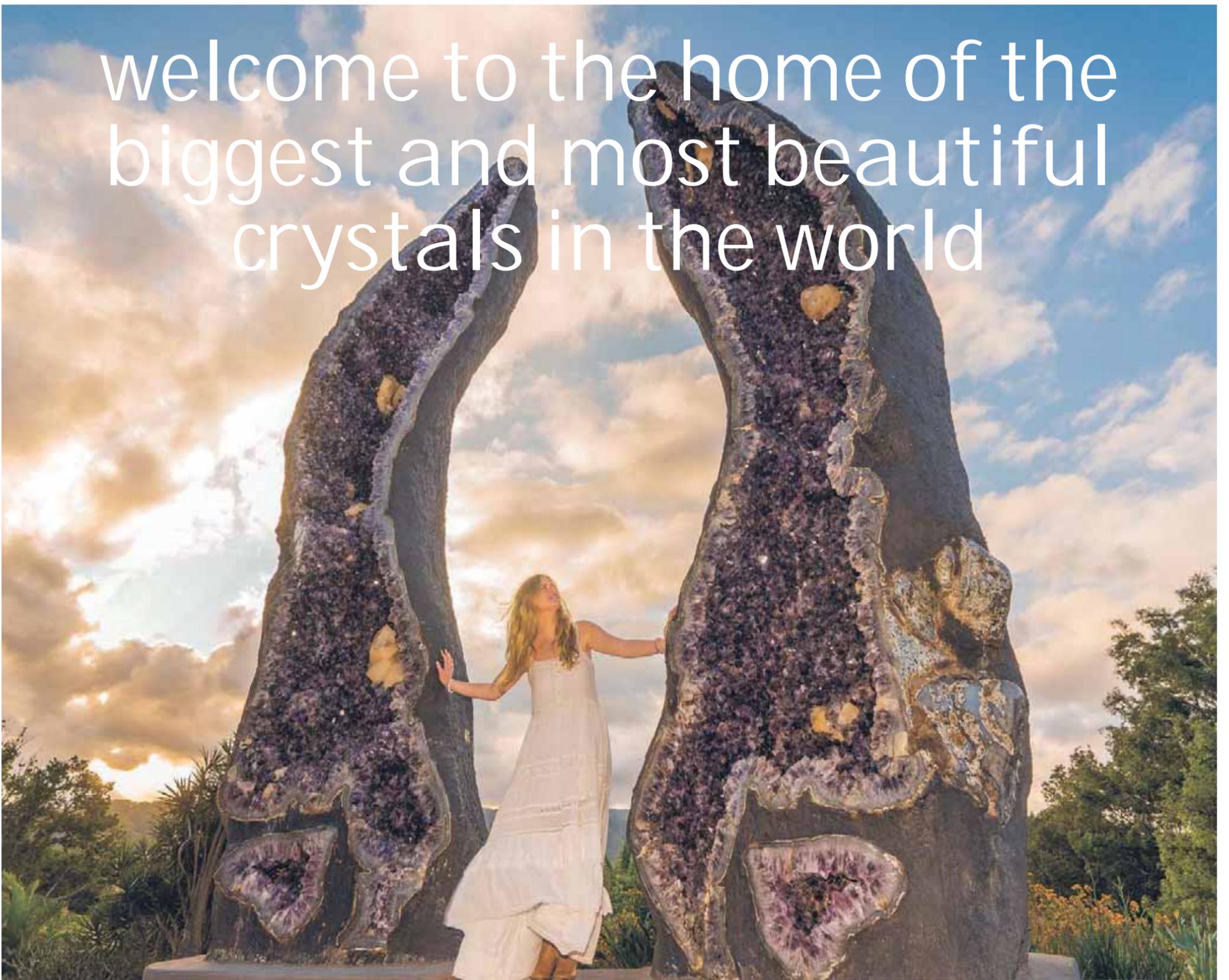
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LOU BRADLEY The event is headlined by Lou Bradley, a first-rate local songwriter with vitality and originality that will blow you away. She's country, she's folk, she's pop, and is known for her authentic songs that sweep across a vast terrain of life, love and friendship.

Lou has been captivating audiences since winning the inaugural John Butler Seed touring grant in 2005. February 2007 saw the release of the first of four albums, which was ARIA and CMAA Golden Guitar nominated. Lou has graced the stage with Australian country luminaries Kasey and Bill Chambers, Troy Cassar-Daley, Shane Nicholson and Gina Jeffreys.



MUSICAL TALENT AND DJ MIKEY Other highlights include Main Arm students showcasing their musical talent, and local favourite DJ Mikey will round off the evening with his worldly beats. With free entry there will also be fun activities, sideshow alley, pony rides and delicious food on offer.



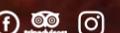
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Property insider Housing of the future starts today

Housing of the future will be judged by very different standards from the housing of today. As a starting point, it will need to respect ecological limits and suit significantly changed demographic patterns and lifestyles. These principles are embedded in the concept of 'positive development' – development that has a net positive ecological and social impact. This might seem like an ambitious goal, but progressive parts of the housing industry are already working toward positive development. It will need to be the norm in any scenario for a sustainable future.

Frameworks such as the international Living Building Challenge set benchmarks and guidance for achieving positive development, and the not-for-profit Living Future Institute Australia has been set up specifically to promote this objective.

Many of the homes we build today will still be in use in 50 or even 100 years' time when climate change, population growth and resource depletion will have created a very different environment. The structure of households will also be different, with a significant shift towards smaller (single-person or couple-only) households



Photo: Paul Downton

and an ageing population. These demographic shifts have begun but will be more pronounced in the future. In 2050, an estimated 23 per cent of Australians will be aged 65 years or more, compared to 13.3 per cent in 2006 (The Treasury 2010).

Housing of the future will

be flexible, adaptable and resilient, helping us to respond to both predicted and unexpected change. As resources will be scarcer and most likely more expensive, housing will need to be capable of meeting its own energy and water needs, producing food and recovering precious

nutrients and materials from waste streams. It will be space efficient in response to ecological limits and the increasing number of single-person households, reversing Australian housing stock's current status as the largest (by floor area) in the world.

Read more at <http://yourhome.gov.au/housing>.

Detached housing drives new home building

The latest ABS figures for new dwelling commencements reveal a fresh peak for detached houses, according to the Housing Industry Association (HIA).

'New home building confirmed its number one spot in Australia's domestic economy in 2015/16, with a healthy June quarter helping deliver a record fiscal year

of 229,404 new dwelling commencements,' said HIA economist Geordan Murray. 'Given its strong multiplier impact through to many other sectors – including manufacturing and retailing – new home construction clearly delivered huge economic dividends to the Australian economy in 2015/16.

'The volume of new residential work done alone generated a record \$58.5 billion of economic activity last financial year, before even considering the massive punch provided to other sectors of the economy.'

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If you can't come to an agreement on the fencing work required, you can apply to NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal (NCAT) to make orders and resolve the dispute.

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The home does offer 3 generous bedrooms plus a large downstairs rumpus room which could also be used as a fourth bedroom. As an added extra the rear balcony faces north and also has ocean views.



Inspect: By appointment
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1930s Queenslander...

22 Redgate Road, South Golden Beach

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Guide \$685,000 – \$735,000



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The home offers the essence of days gone by blended with a relaxed modern coastal lifestyle, and retains many period features, such as: gleaming polished timber floors, restored original timber windows and doors, stunning fretwork, soaring ceilings, timber picture rails, original timber wall panelling, ornate plasterwork and traditional gable rooflines. Your living areas include separate lounge and dining rooms, plus a bonus sunroom/home office. The spacious modern kitchen offers a 900mm stainless steel gas stove and a dishwasher. A tranquil covered entertaining deck, providing the ideal setting for relaxed alfresco entertaining.



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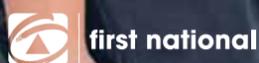
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- 4/2 Kipling Street, Byron Bay. Sat 9-9.30am
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- 1/11 Carlyle Street, Byron Bay. Sat 10-10.30am
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- 54 Balemo Drive, Ocean Shores. Sat 10-10.30am
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- 17 Palm Lily Crescent, Bangalow. Sat 1-1.30pm
- Lot 1/404 Old Byron Bay Road, Newrybar. Sat 1-1.30pm
- 463 Tuntable Creek Road, Tuntable Creek. Sat 2-2.30pm
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- 71 Parkway Drive, Ewingsdale. Sat 11-11.30am
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- 5 Pinegroves Road, Myocum. Sat 12-12.30pm
- 158 Lighthouse Road, Byron Bay. Sat 12-12.30pm
- 26 Bangalow Road, Byron Bay. Sat 12-12.30pm
- 35 Corkwood Crescent, Suffolk Park. Sat 1.30-2pm
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- 32 Bayshore Drive, Byron Bay. Saturday 11am on site.
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- 52 Melaleuca Dr, Mullumbimby. \$1,150,000
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A thirst-quenching Kombi

Story and photos by Vivienne Pearson



Kris Hendy, Jason Dwyer and Jason's real Kombi checking out the new Kombi Keg.

'I like Kombis and I like beer, so this seemed like a perfect combo'. So says Jason Dwyer, owner of an actual Kombi van as well as a new business – Kombi Keg Byron Bay. If the words sound like they could have come out of your mouth (or someone's you know), read on as you might be interested in having the Kombi as part of your next celebration.

The concept is so simple it's surprising no-one has thought of it earlier. Put a battered old Kombi van though a quality restoration but, instead of seats / beds / storage in the back, create a bar, with the inside for kegs and a chilling system and lines feeding up to taps on the outside of the van.

In fact, the concept has been thought of before but not very long ago. The concept was started by a man very like Jason (ie into Kombis and beer!) just last year, and already there are a dozen Kombis around the country and popping up internationally. Jason's wife found out about Kombi Kegs when researching ideas for Jason's 50th. When they found there was not yet one in this area, they decided to take it on themselves.

Ready for business just last month, the Kombi is available to come to wherever your party is. It gets loaded up with kegs of your choosing then you have two options. Manager Kris

Hendy can stay and serve, or the Kombi can be left for you to pull your own drinks. Most people take the second option. 'It's amazing how many people haven't pulled a beer before,' says Kris. 'It's a real novelty at a party.'

It's not all about beer – the Kombi can dispense almost any type of drink. 'Any liquid, whether carbonated or not, can be put through,' says Jason. This includes cider, wine, spirits (along with a mixer), soft drinks, juice and even pre-made cocktails. With six taps available, you can have five completely different types of drink (the sixth is reserved for water, part of the Kombi's compliance with safe-drinking regulations).

Jason and Kris anticipate weddings being a big part of their business but are not limited to big events. 'We can pull up in a field and set up,' Jason says. 'It is self-sufficient and doesn't need power, so can be a great part of a low-key celebration.'

The Kombi was only a twinkle in Jason's eye by the time his 50th rolled around. His friends enjoyed that celebration, but I suspect they are now really looking forward to his 51st!

Kombi Keg, available for bookings via www.kombikegbyron.com.au

The only planet with beer

Story by Vivienne Pearson

'Save the earth, don't print this email if you don't have to, this is the only planet with beer'.

It's an original and fun take on the 'please consider the environment before printing' line that appears in lots of businesses email signatures. The business this is from is, perhaps unsurprisingly, a brewing company – Stone & Wood.

The award-winning local brewery doesn't just pay email lip service to their environmental concern. Last Thursday saw a heap of the Stone & Wood team planting trees as part of the 18th Annual Rainforest Day. Working with Big Scrub Landcare, North Coast news daily: www.echonetdaily.net.au

the effort contributed to rainforest regeneration. The term 'Big Scrub' is used to describe what was once the largest area of subtropical rainforest on Australia's east coast.

'We rocked up at the start of the day not really sure what to expect, but we were ready to get our hands dirty,' says Jasmin Daly, creative and community manager for Stone & Wood. 'It felt good by day's end to look down the hill and see the 1,800 trees we'd planted.'

Being excellent business people as well as creators of great beer, Stone & Wood have, this week, re-released their Big Scrub Lager.



This limited-release lager is dry hopped and left unfiltered to create a golden-coloured beer.

If you were lucky enough to be at the Scrubbers Ball on Saturday at Dorrroughby Hall, you would have had a chance to find out

for yourself whether the tasting notes (impeccable balance of floral aromatics and spicy herbal nuances, along with a hint of lemongrass) are spot on. Stone & Wood donated a 'karma keg' (code for free beer!) of Big Scrub to the

event, which was a fundraiser for Big Scrub Landcare, as well as Bob Brown's Foundation (yes, Bob was there) as well as Big Scrub Landcare.

So if you're in an environmental mood, grab a beer and plant a tree. If you're reading this online, please restrain yourself from pressing print. Big Scrub Lager is available from lots of pubs and bottleshops locally – for a full list, see www.stoneandwood.com.au/bigscrub.



Tweed invites you to a fusion party

Story and photo by Vivienne Pearson

Byron Shire's next door neighbour is having a party ... and you're invited!

The party is called Tweed Fusion and it runs from this Saturday until 30 October. As at all good parties, there will be food. One easy option for dipping into the neighbour's local produce is at a twilight tasting-plate-based event to be held at Hastings Point (Sat 22 Oct). Another option is to visit the Murwillumbah Showgrounds' Farmers Market – you can do this any Wednesday morning, but on 26 October there is the extra incentive of a cooking demonstration by Jonathon Evans, the chef of Murwillumbah's Juju Cafe.



For the more dedicated party-goers, you can book to join a Taste the Tweed tour, which will take you behind the scenes at a coffee plantation, lunch at the new Potager Restaurant, and a tasting session at Tropical Fruit World.

The fourth annual Tweed Fusion 'party' includes many events that fuse food with art. For example, the Tweed Regional Gallery is the venue for a dinner combined with a tour led by Meg Stewart, author of an award-winning biography of Margaret Olley. Or, you can combine an evening of dance with dinner at Tyalgum's super-cute Flutterbies Cottage Café.

On the cheaper end of the event spectrum is the Tyalgum Village Spring Fair, offering art, music, performance, gourmet street food and artisan market stalls (free entry, Sat 29 Oct). Another kid-friendly event is a performance of *Ali Baba* by the Murwillumbah Theatre Company (22/23/29/30 Oct, \$15/\$6).

For those who like a surprise, there is a Country Picnic at a mystery destination after a Tweed River cruise aboard the *Spirit of Wollumbin* boat (Sun 30 Oct). Or, if you are not keen on formal events but need a prompt to explore the beauty of the neighbouring Tweed region, download guided maps for a self-drive trail exploring Tweed's cafe and gallery scene.

There is no doubt that our neighbouring Tweed is a beautiful region, and Tweed Fusion is a great excuse to check it out.

Info and bookings for all 11 events can be found at tweedfusion.com.au.

New 'Eat Street' planned

The old Byron Backpackers building on the corner of Fletcher St and Lawson St is due for completion in November this year. According to Kath Vaubell from Byron Bay Property Sales, the '8 Fletcher St' precinct will contain five retail shops and two restaurants and 'create a vibrant "Eat Street" along Fletcher, linking up with Bay Lane'.

There are a number of restaurants and a bar (The Bolt Hole) already in the immediate area, and the retail shops have also been designed to accommodate conversion to either restaurants, cafes or takeaways, having connections to kitchen exhausts and grease traps.



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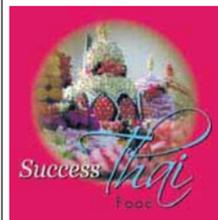


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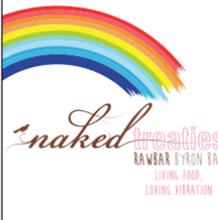
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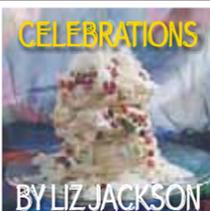
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CONQUERING THE GREAT MALL OF CHINA

DANIEL WHELAN IS THE DIRECTOR OF *BULKLAND*, A DOCUMENTARY FILM THAT LOOKS AT THE MOUNTAINS OF CHEAP PRODUCTS MADE IN THE CHINESE CITY OF YIWU AND THE PLIGHT OF THE DAY-WORKERS AND CHILDREN WHO DO THE WORK.



He spoke with *The Echo* about his film, which is screening at the Byron Bay Film Festival, 11am **Saturday** at the **Byron Theatre**.

What made you decide to make a film about the plight of Chinese labourers?

Labour is the reason that things from China are cheap. Our film is about the city where cheap stuff comes from so it made sense to spend some time with labourers. A huge part of the population in Yiwu are migrant workers who've come from other parts of the country to work in factories on the east coast. We didn't really intend to spend too much time talking about the labour aspect of the city until we went to a 'talent market', which you see in the film. It's an area of the city that is full of migrant workers looking for work, full-time or just for a day or two. There are also hundreds of agents working for factories set up there trying to find workers. We'd never seen anything like it; it was a bizarre scene. We met a guy there whom we followed as he applied and got a job in a German notebook factory. He lived apart from his kids and saw them once a year. He was earning money so they could be together again as a family but he couldn't get enough to cover his expenses and send much home. Almost everyone at this talent market wanted more money because they couldn't afford to live in a China that is getting more and more expensive.

What did you find in making your documentary?

I think the biggest takeaway was how much we rely on things being cheap now. Retailers, traders and manufacturers have battled it out to make things we don't want to spend money on so cheap that we don't even think about buying them. So much so that it's changed our habits. We consume so much more but for a lot less, in terms of fashion, toys and other non-essential goods. This is good in some ways - lots of work for people in developing

countries, affordable things for people with less money. But the flip side is the toll on the environment as we fill landfill with garments and broken toys and the fact that an entire city such as Yiwu lives on such tiny profit margins so that when wages rise businesses start to fail and people are out of work.

How did you choose which part of the story to tell, where to create your major focus?

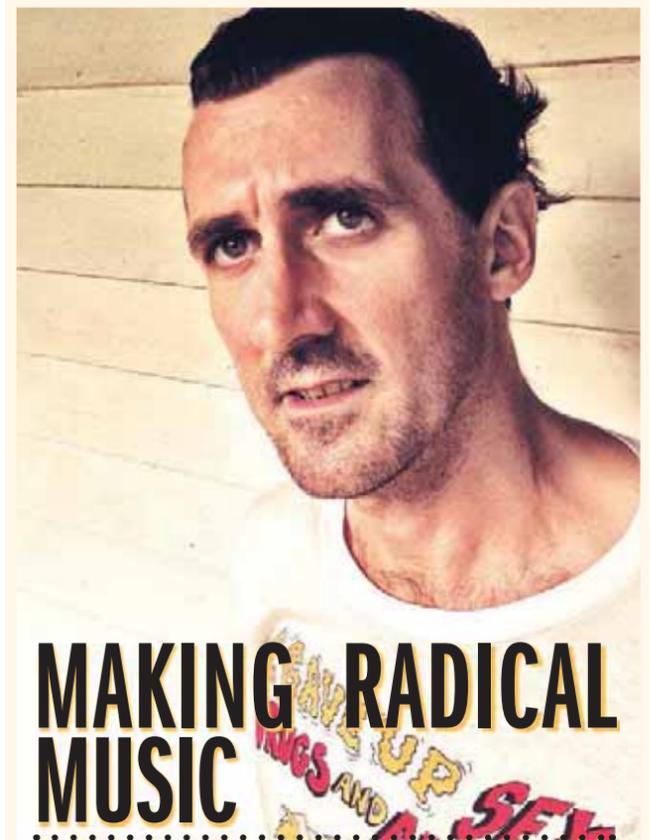
The whole shoot was character based. We wanted to find interesting people to tell the story so we ended up with a trader, a factory owner, a nightclub dancer, a failed Yemeni business, a merchant and a labour worker. Later, when we got into the edit, our editor Bonnie Fan suggested we break the story down by processes - so more or less how we get cheap stuff bit by bit. We started with the factories and labour, to the market, to the buyer who buys it and ships it to us, the whole time being told by the 5-6 characters we found. We cut a lot out to focus on that narrative.

How did making the film affect you?

It definitely strengthened my love of China and the documentary process. It's been a trying and difficult couple of years making this film with little money but to have something out there that people like and people are learning from - it's in the library at La Trobe now and being shown at UC Berkley - is a very satisfying feeling and definitely worth the time and effort. It's taught me a lot about documentary and made me love the factual world even more.

Do you think people will be open to your content? It's like the story of iPhone production; people were appalled but no-one was prepared to surrender their iPhone in protest.

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MAKING RADICAL MUSIC

Gareth Liddiard is the founding member of The Drones. Widely considered among one of the best contemporary Australian songwriters, his is a welcome voice of disdain in a political and social landscape that fails to impress. Writing songs about how we live, who we are and what we've become, Liddiard let loose with *The Echo*...

So why do you think our political landscape is so fucked at the moment?

It's complicated, but one reason is that 11 years of John Howard bred a bunch of young nationalists, I think. Ten-year-olds all over Australia were exposed to some pretty dopey bigotry on TV and naturally just assumed it was normal. A few years later they're all at the Big Day Out wrapped in flags and covered in Aussie swazies.

Have we evolved that much in the last 20 years, do you think?

People don't evolve morally or emotionally.

That's a myth born of hubris born of people constantly being told they're not animals and above nature just so they feel okay buying shit from people who rape the earth. Technology evolves because of population growth and collective memory and the passing of time without any major civilisation-smashing cataclysms. Then people such as Steve Jobs misconstrue technological advances for moral ones just so they can sell you shit. But if people improve they only improve in places/countries that are comfortable. So in a way people are only nice when they don't need to be bad. But that's okay. People aren't deliberately born people.

You can't hold it against them.

What about as a musician... is it hard to keep your beliefs and actions aligned?

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KILLING WONDER

She's dead. At just 25 million years. It's a tragedy. A human being should never outlive one of the natural wonders of the world. That would be like seeing Everest crumble, or the Victoria Falls dry up, the Northern Lights go out and the Grand Canyon turn to dust. She should not have died. We could have saved her. We knew it was happening but we did nothing. We let the government and the coal industry rape her, and now she's dead. She still had so

much life left to give. The glorious, vibrant and oh so colourful Great Barrier Reef is gone. Fishes once darted through her technicolour reef forest, striped sea snakes tickled their tummies on her outreaching fronds and every year around about now she spawned coral in what can only be described as an underwater snowstorm. She gave so much to so many. She had so much to offer. She was diverse. She was connected. She was a place

where so many once felt safe. She was home. From her long flowing seagrass, to her mangroves, her sand, her algal and sponge gardens and her world-renowned interreefal marine life, she wasn't like anywhere else.

She loved fish and had more than I'd ever seen – 1,625 different species to be exact. Thirty different types of whales and dolphins. She even kept molluscs, those creepy phylum of invertebrates. She didn't judge. She welcomed them all. She was unbelievably beautiful. A natural beauty.

I remember the first time I saw her. It was a balmy summer's day in the Whitsundays; I put my head underwater and I saw her. It was like nature's acid trip. I couldn't take it in. She was a technicolour explosion of life. She was a world that I could visit, but I didn't belong to. I felt privileged to be there.

I swam to the surface and I screamed. She was so intense, so encompassing, so much more incredible than I thought she was going to be. She was a religious experience. A turtle swam past me and I cried. Here I was, bobbing around in the ocean surrounded by her. She was ancient and she was constantly being reborn all at the same time. She was sacred.

Now she's gone. My children will never see her. They will see pictures of her but it's not the same as her. The vibrant, alive, sensual experience of her. She was so generous. She welcomed two million visitors each year and I complain when I get two. She was a contributor. She generated \$6 billion a year for the people on her shores. She supported 69,000 jobs.

Now she lies still. Silent. Her colourful coral bleached like old bones. Her sad white corpse floating in the ocean just off the Queensland coast.

A reminder of she who was killed. Her stinking body. Where you once smelt sea spray and salt, now there is a 'stench of death'. It is the smell of millions of rotting animals. It is the smell of the quarter of her that died just last year.

How do you dispose of a body this big? How do we bury this Coral Sea Wilderness that stretched for 2,250 kilometres, whose natural world was bigger than the whole United Kingdom, composed of 2,900 individual reefs and 900 islands?

So what happened? Who is responsible? Well, all of us, and some of us. Coral bleaching is killing the reef. It's caused by a rise in sea temperature that in turn kills the algae that give the reef its vibrant colours. So to the climate-change deniers, maybe it's time to reassess the foundations of your ignorance. Global warming is killing our reef. But it's not just the rising sea temperatures. It's the

runoff from our land-based chemicals such as fertilisers, pesticides and sediment from farming. Our poisons are killing the reef. And it's coal. The Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority caved into the pressure of the mining industry and the federal government. What a legacy for future generations.

The federal government has made a World Heritage listed Natural Wonder a coal port, where they ship 60 million tonnes of coal through the Reef each year. So when she was vulnerable, they killed her. We charge mining companies and the government, both Qld state and federal, for destroying the largest living structure on Earth. What kind of compensation do you have to pay out for that? It is murder after all. All I know is, if planet Earth were a rental we wouldn't be getting our bond back.

LIVE MUSIC



JAY HOAD AT THE RAILS ON THURSDAY

A FULL HOAD

Jay Hoad has spent the last seven years touring the globe, following the sun and his inspiration for music throughout the Caribbean, Southeast Asia, Fiji, India, and North America, keeping up a relentless performance schedule while passionately learning about Third World culture and every style of music he can sink his teeth into. **Thursday** at the **Rails**.

CHILLING WITH PALM WINE

In a golden age, before lines were drawn on a map, talking drums beat messages between villages in West Africa. Caravans traded salt, copper, gold... and slaves. Some of these slaves returned from the Americas as sailors bringing guitars and western music. How fine it was to share palm wine and play music, this fusion of Calypso, Latin, and European styles with the traditional rhythms of West Africa closed the gap between three continents with Palm Wine Music.

Something similar has been happening in the hills behind Byron. A group of musicians

who meet to play and share palm wine!

The Palm Wine Ambassadors, superlative music to chill to... at the **Treehouse** in Belongil on **Thursday**

THE DUBMARINE VIBE

You could call Brisbane outfit **Dubmarine** many things, but unforgettable is probably top of the list. When you see this band live, you know you'll walk away with a grin on your face and sweat on your brow.

High powered and high energy, the nine-piece tour-de-force somehow smash together dub, dancehall, reggae, drum'n'bass, and tap into a groove all their own. It's heavy, in the best possible way.

Backed by a rhythm brass section and led by the vocal gymnastics of Indigenous superstar and Gangulu man D-Kazman, Dubmarine have a mission – to produce bass-crunching, rhythm-pounding, hip-shaking modern music fusing elements of music from all around the world. And that's exactly where they have taken their music over the past few years – around the world. Building on a run of acclaimed releases – including the 2014 album *Laser Sound Beam* – the band has earned



DUBMARINE AT ISLAND VIBE ON NTH STRADBROKE 28-30 OCT

fans around the globe, drawn to a near-legendary live show. In Europe they have hit stages and festivals throughout Germany, the Netherlands, Belgium and The Czech Republic, and this year they were invited to perform at the truly unique Sakifo festival in the Reunion Islands.

Recently Dubmarine were the first Australian band to be invited to perform at the International Jazz Festival in Capetown, South Africa. Their

star continues to rise here with a live show built on a catalogue of killer releases, including *Depth of Sound*, that feature the band's trademark bass-driven foundations, trombone blasts and thunderous synth explosions.

Dubmarine play **Island Vibe** at North Stradbroke Island **28-30 October**.

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KATHRYN JONES, AT MULLUM FOLK CLUB AT THE DRILL HALL ON WEDNESDAY



BACK TO BACHARACH AT THE BALLINA RSL ON FRIDAY

Live Music

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NEW ACTS FOR FALLS

Falls Music & Arts Festival

Byron has announced that Northeast Party House, Haelos, Hein Cooper, The Middle Kids, Spit Syndicate, Dena Amy and Mallrat will join the already massive lineup with the likes of Childish Gambino, London Grammar, The Avalanches, Violent Soho, Matt Corby, Alison Wonderland. Falls is also getting set to add some local flavour to its upcoming summer bill, giving local emerging acts the chance to play in front of thousands of people from across the country. Falls Byron is teaming up with four local print and online media outlets to foster up-and-coming local acts – and they're asking the community to pick their fave and score a spot at Falls. *The Echo* is pushing **Tralala Blip**, an innovative band that has disabled and non-disabled members. Choose **Tralala Blip**.

Voting is open until the end of October at the Falls Festival Byron website www.fallsfestival.com/byron-bay/foster-a-band.

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HILL PARTY

Federal is an amazing place to live. I was there for just 18 months but I totally fell in love with it. The place, the lifestyle and of course the community. **The Federal Park Party** in the village of Federal is a great way to experience one of our

most vibrant communities living in the hills above Byron. Bands and DJs are Maple Duo, Two Lions, Fox Fires, Wandering Eyes, Pob, Chop Suey, Sunny Side Up, Rudekat. Other highlights include jumping castle, dog show, busking comp, games and fabulous food.

Saturday at Federal Park, from 12 noon. Free.

MAIN ARM MUSIC

Main Arm Upper Primary School hosts an evening of live music this **Friday**. Headlined by Lou Bradley, and featuring the Cassettes, a unique 80s flashmob performance, and the much-loved Curly Cousins, who promise to delight and inspire both young and old with their rich harmonies, uplifting arrangements, multi-instrumental talents and audience interaction.

Other highlights include Main Arm students showcasing their musical talent, and local favourite DJ Mikey will

round off the evening with his worldly beats. With free entry there will also be fun activities, sideshow alley, pony rides and delicious food on offer. From 4pm.

MRS JONES GETS FOLKED UP

Ten years have passed since **Kathryn Jones** stepped onstage at the infamous Mullumbimby Folk Club. Going on to record an EP and two albums, with the latest receiving eight nominations at the 2016 Tamworth Country Music Festival and winning two awards, Kathryn has gone from strength to strength. This pocket rocket of talent and charisma shows just what can happen when a girl follows her dreams. She is joined by her musical partner/award-winning producer Steve Passfield, who crosses many musical borders from his First Fleet Celtic roots to western swing and bluegrass. Chalkboard spots will be available from 6.30pm, so if

you are an original singer/songwriter and would like the opportunity to perform to a quiet respectful audience, come along and put your name down. **Mullum Folk Club** at the **Drill Hall on Wednesday 26 October**, 7.30pm. Entry \$7.50.

UK UKE

This month Miss Amber and Stukulele present **British Invasion...** a Uke Night that features the burgeoning musical era of the mid-60s when popular UK singers and bands became significant to the rising 'counterculture' all over the world. In the front ranks were The Beatles, The Dave Clark Five, The Rolling Stones, Herman's Hermits, The Hollies, The Animals, The Kinks, The Yardbirds, Gerry and the Pacemakers, Cilla Black, Dusty Springfield, Peter and Gordon, and The Zombies and heaps more.

Thursday 27 October at Club Mullum (Mullum Ex-Services). 6.30pm.

SCRATCH MY BACHARACH

Burt Bacharach is one of the most prolific and successful songwriters of the 20th century. Burt Bacharach wrote the music for more than 700 published songs, which have been recorded by some 2,000 artists – from Frank Sinatra and Elvis to The Beatles, Dionne Warwick and The Supremes. Back to Bacharach features Paulini and Michelle Martinez. Australia's love affair with Paulini started back in 2003 in the first season of *Australian Idol*. Michelle Martinez is one of the incredible singers who light up the Blue Moon Lounge in the hit TV series *Love Child*. The collective musicians in the Kings Cross AllStar Band have performed with the likes of Julian Lennon, Frank Sinatra, Liza Minelli, Shirley Bassey, The Temptations, The Four Tops, The Monkeys, Frankie Valli and more.

Back to Bacharach featuring *Love Child* at **The Ballina RSL on Friday**.

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Catch *Twelfth Night* with a cast of all women, at the **Drill Hall Friday and Saturday** at 7.30pm and **Sunday** at 2pm.

The show runs through Fri/Sat/Sun with the same time until **6 November**. \$20 and \$15 concession.

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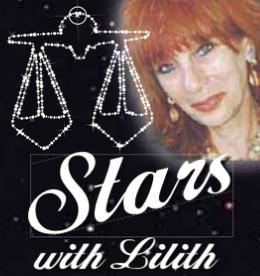
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If last weekend's Uranus-aligned full moon rocked your boat, this week's Venus in light-hearted Sagittarius just wants to have fun...

♈ ARIES: Anyone trying to tell you what to do or how to do it this week is in for quite the surprise – as you might be yourself – by the twists and turns you're presented with. To which you can respond with indignation or, being the smart Aries you are, decide to have fun with the ride.

♉ TAURUS: Been itching to address something that really needs getting out into the open for sensible discussion? This week looks set to scratch that itch, ready or not. And then to soothe any fallout when Venus moves into fun-loving, playful Sagittarius, with its readiness to see the funny side.

♊ GEMINI: Venus in restless Sagittarius is always on the move, putting travel on your mind. Caution, though: right now she's more adventurous than dependable, and can be extravagant. So when midweek Gemini moon lowers your sales resistance, best not punish the plastic and spend what you don't have to.

♋ CANCER: If the recent full moon brought unexpected news, a sudden shakeup, emotional bombshell or other kind of dramatic happening, stay under the radar this week and integrate. A nice bath and comfort food can work wonders. By late-week Cancer moon it's safe to come out and play...

♌ LEO: If you run into a power struggle you didn't see coming this week, don't replay the bad old stories. Focus instead on fashioning the outcome you'd prefer – you're writing this script, after all. Need inspiration? Read Leo Antonio Machado's poem about bees making golden honey out of all his old failures...

♍ VIRGO: If your mind wants something this week and your body won't cooperate, let reason have its say but trust your gut, no matter what. It's probably siding with Virgo writer Michael Ondaatje's wisdom when he writes: *Trust me, this will take time, but there is order here... Meander if you want to get to town.*

♎ LIBRA: Quite a balancing act keeping the Libran seesaw on an even keel with the cosmic climate flipping from full-moon intensity to easy-breezy as your boss planet Venus canters into devil-may-care, wind-in-her-hair Sagittarius. This week's note to self? Don't give your service to someone who doesn't deserve it.

♏ SCORPIO: Stay away from aggravating situations or angering people this week, which could easily ramp up the heat in all our kitchens with an unsettling announcement, abrupt turnaround or volatile reaction, any of which will call for your coolest Scorpio face. If reasonable negotiations aren't available, is it time to walk?

♐ SAGITTARIUS: If this week's pressure cooker sees you or someone else steaming, resist the impulse to issue or accept ultimatums. Let things settle. Peace-loving Venus sashaying into your sign is about to bring out your spontaneous, friendly, generous and affectionate Sagittarian best. Not to mention seriously amp up your attraction factor.

♑ CAPRICORN: Canny Capricorns are strongly advised to keep this week's differences of opinion civil by staying open and negotiable. Then as juicy Venusian vibes loosen up your inner disciplinarian, there'll be plenty of friends ready and willing to join you playing hooky and sharing exotic leisure activities.

♒ AQUARIUS: With Venus visiting your house of colleagues and social groups for a three-week stint of frolic and adventurous pleasures, everything centres around friendships: the making of exciting new ones, spending enriching time with old ones, building bridges with damaged ones. Deciding which are worthwhile maintaining and which aren't.

♓ PISCES: Use this week's occasionally fractious interactions as opportunities to cultivate resilience and expand your repertoire of responses. You'll probably be in the mood to shake off a whole slew of used skins you've outgrown, because this is prime time for redesigning yourself by making something tired and passé new again.

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PUT ON YOUR BEST DANCING SHOES – THE BYRON LATIN FIESTA IS ONLY A FEW WEEKS AWAY!

Festival director Sky Blue spoke with *The Echo* about the much-loved event that is now in its 11th year!

Sky, what was the impetus for starting the Byron Latin Fiesta 11 years ago?

The north coast was home to me from an early age and, although I travelled overseas and moved to Sydney after completing high school, I always maintained a strong connection to the area. The north coast for me is a place of beauty and inspiration, with a pulse like nowhere else I have found.

Visiting and spending time with the local community, I saw opportunity here and wanted to develop the Latin dance scene. I used to run workshops at the Cotton Club, before it became the Buddha Bar. I worked for Jilly Jackson for the Lismore Lantern Parade and I collaborated with the team at Sassy Salsa. One thing led to another and the Byron Latin Fiesta was born! Creating the fiesta allowed me to tap into my passion for Latin music and dance and created an opportunity for the Latin dance industry to grow within Australia.

Headlining at the **Big Gig Comedy Club – Ballina RSL** on **Thursday 27 October** with Arnie Pie as support and Mandy Nolan as MC. 8pm. Free entry.

MINIMALISM

Minimalism: A Documentary about the Important Things is a fascinating film that examines the many flavours of minimalism by taking the audience inside the lives of minimalists from all walks of

life — families, entrepreneurs, architects, artists, journalists, scientists and even a Wall Street broker — all of whom are striving to live a meaningful life with less.

In the US, *Minimalism* had the largest box-office opening for an indie documentary to date, making it the #1 indie documentary of 2016 so far.

Brunswick Picture House on **Wednesday 26 October** at 7pm.

The Latin Fiesta attracts people from all over the nation to enjoy the unique attributes of Byron Bay. It celebrates Latin music and dance and it enriches people's lives with positive energy.

How has it changed and evolved a decade on?

The event has had challenges along the way, mostly with finding suitable venues within the Byron region. Licence restrictions, lack of dancefloor space and a desire for venues to make money from alcohol has forced us to move a few times but we are now very happy at the main venue hub, the Byron Community Centre.

The event has grown in size over the years and evolved to feature top international artists as well as a wide selection of national artists. It has more than doubled in size, now held over four nights and two days with more than 40 dance workshops in four different spaces and two party rooms. It also includes a pre-party and after-parties.

Australia's dancing community embraces the event and we are proud to say it is one of the longest-running Latin dance festivals in Australia.

Why are the Latin dance- and Latin music-loving communities so strong around here?

The Latin dance community in the north coast has seen changes over the years and can sometimes seem fractured; however, one thing that always brings everyone together is the annual Byron Latin Fiesta! The event is always open to including all local Latin dance artists. It creates a great opportunity for everyone to showcase what they offer and it

sparks new interest from punters, which helps fuel the local classes and social nights.

What do you like to bring to your event each year?

International talent, national and local talent, live bands and latin DJs. Opportunities for first-time dancers and well as experienced dancers.

We like to inspire people with the positive energy of Latin music and dance; to create a buzz on the north coast for all things Latin!

If people have never been Latin dancing before how can they engage?

For first-timers or those new to Latin dance, we have a dedicated beginners hub with workshops all day Saturday and Sunday. Everyone is also more than welcome to attend any of the night-time events. Every night features a showcase of performance, then you can soak up the music and atmosphere with the live bands and Latin DJs or try your hand at social dancing! Full bar service and stalls are also open at the Byron Theatre.

What are some of the highlights for this year?

More than 40 dance workshops and four nights of parties! Pre-parties and after-parties plus the main festival event. International artists Edwin Ferreras (New York) who will be teaching and performing Bachata and Anais Millon (France), one of the world's leading Kizomba instructors, as well as Cuban dancer Cruz Vazquez.

Live bands Chukale, Australia's leading Afro-Cuban salsa ensemble, and the fresh new sounds of Bombolaye.

In addition, the event features more than 30 local and national dance schools who participate by bringing their student teams to perform and by teaching fantastic dance workshops!

Byron Latin Fiesta, 4-6 November in venues throughout Byron. For program and ticket info go to byronfiesta.com.au.

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DEEPWATER HORIZON

Mark Wahlberg has been in some pretty hairy predicaments in his screen life, but blimey, this one takes the biscuit. Lantern-jawed Kurt Russell is also no stranger to danger, having coped with a hellish catastrophe similar to this one in 1991's excellent *Backdraft*, so we know we are in safe hands when the oil rig on which the boys are working off the coast of Louisiana explodes into flame. To those tragics who look back with fondness on the pre-CGI golden era of disaster movies – *The Poseidon Adventure* (1972), *The Towering Inferno* (1974) etc – take heart, we have been delivered an old-school ripper.

Sticking to the 'if it ain't broke, don't fix it' credo, director Peter Berg does not bother himself with needless narrative innovation. He introduces us in the first act to Mike (Wahlberg) and his sexy onshore wife-and-mom (Kate Hudson), then Mister Jimmy (Russell), the foreman, as all the blokes on the latest fly-in shift arrive for work on the Deepwater Horizon. There is a ton of testosterone and unintelligible dialogue, and we learn that the project is behind schedule. Meanwhile, bean-counting BP execs, one of whom is the loathsome John Malkovich, are putting the squeeze on to having drilling commence, regardless of safety precautions. The sad thing is that the story is based on fact, for the film is based on what happened in April 2010, when the lives of ten workers were lost and millions of gallons of crude were spewed into the Gulf of Mexico in what was an unprecedented environmental calamity. Without getting too high-tech, Berg also explains clearly, through underwater shots and concise sur-titles, exactly how these monstrous drilling vessels operate (they're floating industrial estates) and what the mechanical malfunctions were that led to the blow-up.

Solid performances from all involved ensure that the human-interest factor is not overwhelmed by stupendous pyrotechnics, while a sobering postscript keeps it real. It's not wildly extraordinary, but engrossing throughout and much better than you might have feared.



NEW YEAR'S EVE

The Byron Bay Film Festival has now established itself as one of the major cultural events on the north coast and, under the guidance of J'aimee Skippon-Volke, its founder and tireless organiser, the quality of entries, from both home and abroad, has gone stellar. Screening today at 5pm is a slow-burning and confronting Chinese movie by writer/director Ma Xiang that will make you laugh at the most unexpected moments while it subtly leads you to a concluding scene that is nothing short of apocalyptic.

After an opening sequence involving the ultimate in road rage, the story is set entirely within a dorm shared by four college students – all young blokes. It is New Year's Eve and one of them is celebrating his birthday. But there is little cheer in the room, for three of the guys live in abject submission to the bullying fourth member of the group, Wang. While he is out, his dorm-mates indulge in a prolonged bitch-session, boasting of how they will stand up to him and acting out their intentions with an old door-to-door salesman whom they have invited in. During their heavy drinking, the mood spirals into darkness and, with the salesman as passive observer, the boys' actions grow more hysterical. The acting is unlike what we have become accustomed to in Western cinema, but once you have adjusted to its at times frenetic tone you can't help but be drawn into the seething acrimony and pent-up resentments. And the humour is as abrasive as the language – a gag built on the fact that Wang steals the others' toilet paper is quite shockingly funny. Something must give, but what? And what part will the old salesman play in the resolution?

The most obvious 'reading' of the film is that Xiang is critiquing the new China, with its pampered princes of the bourgeoisie expecting the world to be laid before them on a platter while abandoning the revered values of the Middle Kingdom, but it is fantastically weird. Try to catch it.



CONQUERING THE GREAT WALL OF CHINA

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It's not so much a 'message film'. We're not targeting dollar stores or cheap production process; we are simply telling the fascinating story of the city were all your cheap stuff comes from. It's a human story and I think anyone who is interested will be open to it. I think it's easier to stop impulse buying than it is to not buy iPhones, which are pretty much necessary and we can only put pressure on companies like Apple and Foxconn to source and produce more ethically. I just want people to think before they buy those \$10 earrings that you saw at a little shop on Jonson St or you forgot to buy a friend's kid a birthday present so you just run buy him an off-brand GI Joe rip-off from the supermarket; those things were made by someone who gets \$8 a day and lives thousands of kilometres from their family in a city called Yiwu. Now you know.

In an ideal world, what kind of impact would you like your film to have?

A few people who watched the film have said that as soon as they go past a dollar store or go into one they think about things they saw in the film.

A friend of mine, who used to source products from cities such as Yiwu and other cities like that in China, quit her job in the fashion industry. It wasn't so much about the film but she couldn't handle what she was participating in, what she was adding to – this world of disposable stuff.

So those kinds of reactions are what we'd like from the film. Not so much to 'boo' these dollar stores, but to make people think a little bit more before stepping inside.

Bulkland screens on Saturday at the Byron Theatre at 11am.

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THURSDAY 20

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **FRIEND ZONE**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **JAY HOAD**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 8.30PM **JASON DELPHIN DUO**
- BYRON FARMERS MARKET 8AM **JESSE MORRIS**
- BYRON THEATRE 12.30PM **BYRON FILM FESTIVAL**
- PIGHOUSE FLICKS, BYRON 8PM **BYRON FILM FESTIVAL**
- STICKY WICKET, BYRON 12.30PM **SARAH GRANT**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 8PM **DJ NERY**
- MASONIC CENTRE, BYRON 1PM **PLOTINUS ON THE BEAUTIFUL**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 7.30PM **PALM WINE AMBASSADORS**
- BANGALOW BOWLING CLUB 7PM **ROCK'N'ROLL DANCING**
- SCU LISMORE CAMPUS 6PM **CONTEMPORARY MUSIC SHOWCASE WITH TYLER WILLIAMS, LUKE STAPLETON, KODI TWINER, MAX FOGGON**
- STAR COURT THEATRE, LISMORE 8PM **ELEANOR MCEVOY + ANDREA SOLER**
- NIMBIN HOTEL 7PM **JESSE MORRIS**
- CHINDERAH TAVERN 6.30PM **SIMON LEOLA**
- SOUNDLOUNGE, CURRUMBIN **KYLIE AULDIST + AARADHUNA, CC THE CAT**

FRIDAY 21

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **SONS OF THE EAST, THE MELTING CAPS, HOLLOW COVE**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **WALLFLOWER MEADOWS**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 5PM **DU'EAST DUO** 9PM **DUBMARINE**
- BYRON BREWERY 2.30PM **BREWERS CIRCUS**
- BYRON THEATRE 12.30PM **BYRON FILM FESTIVAL**
- PIGHOUSE FLICKS, BYRON 8PM **BYRON FILM FESTIVAL**
- STICKY WICKET, BYRON 9PM **LOCAL DJS** 9.30PM **NICOLE BROPHY**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON

- 9PM **SQUEAK LEMAIRE**
- LONE GOAT GALLERY, BYRON 6PM **WIND WATER EARTH**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 7.30PM **RACHEL BY THE STREAM**
- KULCHAJAM, BYRON A&I 8PM **ARMADREDDON**
- SUN BISTRO, SUNRISE 5PM **JESSE MORRIS**
- PIZZA PARADISO, SUFFOLK PARK 6.30PM **HOLLY TAPP**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7.30PM **GREG KEW**
- BRUNSWICK HOTEL 7PM **OOZ**
- BRUNSWICK PICTURE HOUSE 7PM **CHEEKY CABARET**
- MULLUM FARMERS MARKET 8AM **MARK RIDOUTT**
- MAIN ARM UPPER PRIMARY SCHOOL, UPPER MAIN ARM 6PM **MUSIC IN THE VALLEY WITH LOU BRADLEY, THE CASSETTES, MAIN ARM STUDENTS, DJ MIKEY**
- DRILL HALL, MULLUMBIMBY 7.30PM **TWELFTH NIGHT**
- WHARF BAR, BALLINA 7.30PM **BRUCE WORRALL**
- BALLINA RSL 7.45PM **BACK TO BACHARACH WITH PAULINI & MICHELLE MARTINEZ & THE KINGS CROSS ALLSTAR BAND**
- BALLINA RSL BOARDWALK 8.30PM **CONSTITUSHUN**
- ELTHAM HOTEL 6PM **BILL JACOBI**
- LISMORE SHOWGROUNDS **LEAH FLANAGAN DUO**
- YAMBA GOLF CLUB 7PM **ADAM BROWN**

SATURDAY 22

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **FEELING DAVE, THE VIOLENT MONKS, GOON ON THE ROCKS**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **CHRIS COOK BAND**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 9PM **RHYTHM & CUTLOOSE**

- BYRON BREWERY 2PM **KATIA DEMEESTER** 7PM **MICKA SCENE**
- BYRON ARTISAN MARKET 5PM **HAYLEY GRACE**
- BYRON THEATRE 11AM **BYRON FILM FESTIVAL** 7.30PM **THE BENTLEY EFFECT**
- PIGHOUSE FLICKS, BYRON 8PM **BYRON FILM FESTIVAL**
- STICKY WICKET, BYRON 9PM **LOCAL DJS** 9.30PM **OOZ**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 9PM **DJ JAMIE**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 7.30PM **TAYLOR**
- PIZZA PARADISO, SUFFOLK PARK 6.30PM **LUKE YEAMAN**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7.30PM **BILL JACOBI**
- BRUNSWICK HOTEL 7PM **DIRTY CHANNEL DUO**
- BRUNSWICK PICTURE HOUSE 7PM **CHEEKY CABARET**
- SOUNDSHELL, BRUNSWICK HEADS 2PM **BYRON STANDS WITH STANDING ROCK BENEFIT CONCERT WITH MANOA & MURRAY KYLE**
- FEDERAL PARK 12PM **FEDERAL PARK PARTY WITH MAPLE DUO, TWO LIONS, FOX FIRES, WANDERING EYES, DJS POB, CHOP SUEY, SUNNY SIDE UP, RIDEKAT**
- LULU'S, MULLUMBIMBY 11AM **BELLA MARIE**
- DRILL HALL, MULLUMBIMBY 7.30PM **TWELFTH NIGHT**
- PARK LANE THEATRE, LENNOX HEAD 7.15PM **NORTHERN RIVERS BIG BAND**
- BALLINA RSL BOARDWALK 7PM **MILO GREEN**
- WHARF BAR, BALLINA 7.30PM **SIMON DOE**
- STAR COURT THEATRE, LISMORE 8PM **YOU CAN'T**

STOP THE BEAT

- MARY G'S, LISMORE **THE INTENDERS**
- SHEOAK SHACK, FINGAL HEAD 2PM **KENTA HAYASHI** 7PM **RACHEL BY THE STREAM**
- PHOENIX RISING, NIMBIN 12.30PM **NEIL PIKE** 4.30PM **SUNSET DJ**
- KINGSCLIFF BOWLING CLUB 7.30PM **THE WAIT**
- SALTBAR, KINGSCLIFF 8.30PM **DJ JAKE**
- NUMINBAH HALL 4PM **TROMBONE KELLIE GANG & MANY MORE BANDS**
- TWIN TOWNS JUNIORS, TWEED HEADS 5PM **MICK MCHUGH**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS 8PM **JOHN ROWLES**
- BURLEIGH HEADS FARMERS MARKET 7AM **RAKU O'GAIA**
- SOUNDLOUNGE, CURRUMBIN **SONS OF THE EAST**
- CURRUMBIN TAVERN 8PM **BREAKING POINT + UPON A FALLING EMPIRE + LAVIDIOUS + NOVUS**

SUNDAY 23

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **DAN HANNAFORD**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **RAGGA JUMP**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 4.30PM **LATE FOR WOODSTOCK** 8PM **TOUCH SENSITIVE + GUESTS**
- CLARKES BEACH, BYRON 7AM **BYRON LIGHTHOUSE RUN**
- MAIN BEACH, BYRON 10AM **SEASIDE SCAVANGE**
- BYRON THEATRE 11.30PM **BYRON FILM FESTIVAL**
- PIGHOUSE FLICKS, BYRON 8PM **BYRON FILM FESTIVAL**
- BYRON BREWERY 2.30PM **DJ SUT**
- BYRON GOLF CLUB 4PM **OOZ**

- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 2PM **SUNDAY DJS**
- SUN BISTRO, SUNRISE 5PM **CHRIS ARONSTEN**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 12.30PM **STEVE ANGOORLY**
- BRUNSWICK HOTEL 4PM **SALMONELLA DUB SOUND SYSTEM**
- SOUNDSHELL, BRUNSWICK HEADS 10PM **DUKE ELLINGTON MEETS IDIOTIC POLITICS: I GOT IT BAIRD (AND THAT AIN'T GOOD)**
- DOMA CAFE, FEDERAL **KENTA HAYASHI**
- DRILL HALL, MULLUMBIMBY 2PM **TWELFTH NIGHT**
- POINCIANA, MULLUMBIMBY 2PM **JAZZ'N'BLUES**
- YUM YUM TREE, NEW BRIGHTON 10AM **JESSE MORRIS**
- LENNOX HOTEL 3PM **RAKU O'GAIA**
- CLUB LENNOX 4PM **HORACE BEVAN**
- SHAWS BAY HOTEL, BALLINA 1PM **WILSON COOPER BAND**
- WHARF BAR, BALLINA 3PM **B-TOWN COLLECTIVE DJS**
- ELTHAM HOTEL 1PM **CONSPIRACY OF ONE**
- SPHINX ROCK, MT BURRELL 1PM **PALM WINE AMBASSADORS**
- REGENT CINEMA, MURWILLUMBAH 4PM **BYRON FILM FESTIVAL**
- RIVERVIEW HOTEL, MURWILLUMBAH 2PM **BUGGY BROTHERS**
- PHOENIX RISING, NIMBIN 10AM **SONIC BLISS** 12.30PM **MINUS ONE**
- NIMBIN HOTEL 5PM **SLIM PICKENS**
- CLUB BANORA 5PM **BILL JACOBI**

MONDAY 24

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **THE WEATHER MEN**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **SAM BUCKINGHAM**

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 8.30PM **REGGAE**
- BYRON FRESH 4PM **SLIM PICKENS**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 9PM **DJ OVAL**
- B-SPACE, BALLINA 5PM **JAM**
- TATTS HOTEL, LISMORE 7.30PM **COD SQUAD**

TUESDAY 25

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **MARSHALL O'KELL**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **CHRIS ARONSTEN**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 8PM **OPEN MIC**
- BYRON PUBLIC SCHOOL 7.15PM **NO LIGHTS NO LYCRA**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 8PM **DJ ANTIBAD & DJ ASH BARLOW**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7.30PM **BRACKETS OPEN MIC**
- ST JOHN'S, MULLUMBIMBY 7PM **ECSTATIC TEMPLE DANCE**
- NEW BRIGHTON FARMERS MARKET 8AM **MARK HEAZLETT**

WEDNESDAY 26

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **HARRY NICHOLS TRIO**
- BYRON BREWERY 7.30PM **OPEN MIC WITH ALAIN DE CARNE**
- STICKY WICKET, BYRON 9PM **SARAH GRANT**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 9PM **DJ JAMIE**
- BRUNSWICK PICTURE HOUSE 7PM **MINIMALISM: A DOCUMENTARY ABOUT THE IMPORTANT THINGS**
- DRILL HALL, MULLUMBIMBY 7.30PM **MULLUM FOLK CLUB WITH KATHRYN JONES & STEVE PASSFIELD**
- NORTHERN RIVERS COMMUNITY GALLERY, BALLINA 10AM **ALL NEW HOME EXHIBITION OPENING**
- BALLINA HOTEL 6PM **OPEN MIC**

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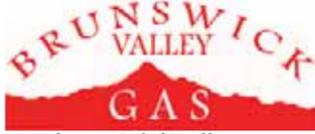
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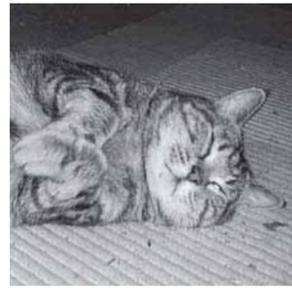
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"Dad-Big John" will be missed by all who knew and loved him. Admiration to his dedications and may the music of his life be with us forever, in peace.

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More than 40 teams from Fiji, New Zealand and across Australia played in three divisions vying for \$16,000 in total prize money.

The number of teams entering the event continues to grow each year, as does the standard of the players, including ex-internationals, organiser Matt Barlow said.

The Melville men from Hamilton beat Fijian outfit Nadra Navosa in a physically tough, but one-sided game, winning 33-0.

The running quality of the Fijian side was stifled by the swarming and gutsy defence of Melville.

Their attack was also clinical and created plenty of opportunities they could capitalise on. Their last two tries came from well-planned and



Gritty defence from the Melville 7s rugby side (red and white) helped them win the contest Photo Anthony Smith

placed kick-throughs, seized on by outside runners.

In the all-Queensland Women's Final Sunnybank defeated University of Queensland 29-15.

In the Men's play-off for third the Fijian Bula Quins beat the Red Heavies from UQ 17-14.

The Women's B-Final saw the Sydney Uni team defeated

by the Nations 7 side 31-0.

The Byron 7s have been running since 1990 and attracted a lot of teams purely focused on the social side of the game, organiser Matt Barlow said.

Byron Rugby introduced the social division so these teams didn't have to play hard rugby against the more competitive teams.

1,000 contenders ready to reach the lighthouse for charity

Ross Kendall

With more than 45 teams and a thousand entrants expected at the start line, the tenth staging of the Byron Bay Lighthouse Run is set to be the biggest yet.

The annual fitness event raises money to support cancer sufferers and this year all proceeds go to the purchase of a Prone Breast Board for the oncology unit of the Lismore Base Hospital.

Last year the event raised just under \$25,000 and this figure has already been surpassed.

Registrations are still open according to organiser Brigid Kramer.

'Registrations are going very well. Southern Cross University has entered a team with more than 100 members,' she said.

Joining a team helped people get motivated and made it fun, with many dressing up in themed costumes.



Mick Fletcher celebrates at the summit Photo SOK Images

Different events on the day include a run to the lighthouse and back, a walk along much the same route, as well as a 1km Kids Dash.

There is also a 'staggering prize pool' including accommodation packages and Falls Festival tickets, for the

random draw giveaway at the end of the day, she said.

The event starts at the Clarkes Beach end of Massinger Street at 7am Sunday 23 October.

Registrations close on October 20. See www.byronrun.com

Byron basketball juniors on historic run to the State finals

Tim Edwards

The boys' junior Byron Bay High School basketball team have followed the girls' team by making the final eight in the state wide knockout competition.

They qualified with an impressive win against Orange High School at the Cavanbah Sports Centre last week.

Cheered on by a parochial and noisy local crowd the Byron boys came back from a nervous first quarter to defeat Orange 99-76.

The last Byron High team to progress so far in the State Knockout was in the early 1990s (over 30 years ago), and local sports historians are scratching their heads as to whether two teams from Byron High have ever made the illustrious final eight in the same year.

The boys' and girls' junior teams will travel to Terrigal on November 2 to challenge the best high schools in New South Wales for the honour of being crowned state champions.

Both teams should give it a shake!

While most aspects of the Byron Bay teams' play



Rocco Cipriano drives through the Orange defence all the way to Terrigal for the state finals Photo contributed

impressed, the key to their success was the intelligent way they went about executing their game plan.

The guards dribbled and penetrated, but rather than put up a high-risk shot over a larger player, they pivoted and passed back to an unmarked team-mate who would nail the easy two points from mid-range. Despite an enormous effort from Orange's Mansell, who

played the full 40 minutes and finished the game with 60 points, the teamwork, skill and intelligence of the Byron team prevented the boys from the west from getting back into the contest.

Every one of the boys on the roster contributed and deserves congratulations. Good luck to all teams when they represent Byron Bay at the state finals in a few weeks time.

Cyclist of the Year: Steve Slee

Deb Fuller

Byron Bay Cycle Club has recognised Steve Slee's achievements and performance within the club and his contribution to the sport and community by naming him Cyclist of the Year 2016.

Steve is the epitome of a true sportsman, encouraging others and is always the first to help out and volunteer his time at club and local events.

Steve started cycling at the age of 48 when he entered the Byron Bay Triathlon using



Steve with Anthony Condon (BBCC race director) and Kumar Rajaratnam (BBCC president) Photo Supplied

his mountain bike. After this event he made a decision to buy a road bike and absolutely loved it.

Since that day he has com-

peted in many triathlons, road races, mountain bike races, off-road triathlons and criteriums, often finishing in the top ten.

Bangalow short soccer kicks off

The fun and action of six-a-side soccer has once again descended on the Bangalow sportsfields as the Summer6s got underway last week.

The tournament boasts more than 800 players in 72 teams with the women's comp accounting for 40 teams.

The numbers entering has been capped for a few years after the number of teams expanded to 90, and made the event too big to manage, according to organiser Glenn Hanigan.

The key to the success of the open-age competition was its simplicity and ease.

'There is no training



Fleet-footed Molly Parker from the Dirty Otters looks to split the defence Photo Maralyn Hanigan

commitment, you just turn up to the same venue each week and play the game,' he said.

Games last 40 minutes and are played over three

time slots.

After seven weeks of competition teams are graded for the final weeks of action leading into the finals.



On The Horizon

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CODA convention

Co-dependents Anonymous 2016 Australasian Convention Sunday 6 November 2016, the RSL Hall, Station St, Bangalow. All welcome. For more visit www.ozcoda.webs.com/coda-convention.

U3A Brunswick Valley

U3A Brunswick Valley Tuesday Forum 25 October 10am-12, Uniting Church Hall, Fingal St, Brunswick Heads. Documentary on the Red Centre and Kangaroo Island. Visitors welcome. Ring 6685 1732.

Health principles

Eight forgotten health principles: What are they? Speaker Tony Boutros, Seventh-Day Adventist Church, Mullumbimby, Thursday 20 Oct 10am. Enq Cranville 0408 612 924.

Hospital sale

Byron Bay Hospital Auxiliary garage/clearance sale at Byron Bay Hospital site, Shirley St, Saturday 22 October at 8am. Chairs, TVs, office equipment and more. Enquiries 6685 3162.

Healing circle

Free healing circle Sunday 23 October 3pm, Brunswick Valley Community Centre. Call Bridget 0431 691 562.

Ocean Shores Landcare

Small groups working in Yalla Kool Reserve Wednesday and Friday mornings are looking for new members. Call Felicity 0467 650 140.

Women's Health Matters

Women's Health Matters free Out of the Blues workshop for midlife and older women, workshops to learn skills to manage moods creatively, Mondays 31 Oct-5 Dec, Solarium Room, Ballina Hospital. Bookings 6620 2999.

BBCSG news

Byron Breast Cancer Support Group Pink Lighthouse Tribute at the Byron Bay Lighthouse to honour all affected by breast cancer Saturday 22 October at 6.30pm. Contact Sarah Sigley 0408 399 928. Byron Bay Mini-Field of Women

Tribute Sunday 23 October 8am at the Byron Bay Lighthouse.

Lone Goat Gallery

October 21 till November 2, *Wind, Water, Earth*, a journey through the elements, opening Friday 21 October at 6pm, jewellery and painting.

U3A Ballina/Byron

Music appreciation session on W Mozart with Gertie at 10am on 25/10/16 in the RSL rooms, Mullumbimby. Visitors welcome. Enquiries 6680 7350.

Vinnies sale

Vinnies Byron Bay Linen, Lace & Collectables Sale in their Marvell Street shop during the month of November, while stock lasts.

Mindfulness Meditation

Mindfulness Meditation Weekend with Patrick Kearney 22-23 October at Kuan Yin Meditation Centre, Lismore. Email Sonya for details and to register: sonyanourse@hotmail.com.

Babies in the Sun

The Australian Breastfeeding Association Mullumbimby/Ocean Shores Group topics for Monday October 24 meeting 9.30am at Ocean Shores are managing sun exposure for babies and the whole

family, and breastfeeding, women and work. The Hub Church, Rajah Road, Ocean Shores. Enquiries 0431 477 445.

Author talk

Friends of Libraries Byron Shire present local author Hebe De Souza in conversation with Phil Keegan about her book *Black British*, 5.30pm for a 6pm start, Friday 28 October, Bangalow Heritage House Museum & Tearoom. \$25 includes drink on arrival followed by Singh family curry dinner. Bookings essential Bangalow Newsagency 6687 1396 or <https://www.trybooking.com/234783>.

Lions book stall

Lions book stall 20-22 October at the Undercroft, Byangum Rd, Murwillumbah. Helpers always welcome. For more info call 0413 043 593.

Monster hospital sale

Mullumbimby Hospital Auxiliary monster garage sale at the old hospital site 29 October from 8am. Enquiries Morag 6684 2037 or Jenny 6684 1130.

Give Peace a Chance

Saturday 29 October at Drake Community Hall, 9am-9pm, sideshow alley, face painting, jumping castle for the littlies; art exhibition, workshops, stalls. Great food, music and fun for everyone.

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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.

#StartupByron

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

Respite Service

Byron Shire Respite Service Inc delivers high-quality respite care to a broad range of clients throughout the Byron, Ballina and Lismore shires. Donations welcome: Ph 6685 1921, email fund-raiser@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

The Brunswick Valley Bridge Club meets every Saturday and Monday at 12.15pm at the Brunswick Heads Bowling Club. Visitors welcomed. For further information/partner ring Phyllis Keyte on 6684 1103.

ESL classes

Free English as a Second Language classes in Mullumbimby, suitable for beginners to advanced learners. More info call 0421 796 529 or 6674 7267.

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). No fees, contact 0423 241 916, 401 359 559. www.themindfulnesssummit.com. **Healing Meditation** 7.30pm Wednesdays Temple Byron and Sunday mornings in Myocum. Dean 0414 364 415 or www.unityhousebyron.com.au.

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.

Library fun

Baby Bounce session Mullumbimby - Tuesday 11.30am, Brunswick Heads - Friday 10.30am, Byron Bay - Friday 10am. Storytime for toddlers and pre-school children Mullumbimby - Friday 10.30am, Brunswick Heads - Monday 10.30am, Byron Bay - Tuesday 10.30am.

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, mazzertat2010@gmail.com.

Bush School

Each Thursday during term time the Brunswick Bush School takes kids 6-13 years out into the bush to learn, grow and connect with each other. Facebook: Brunswick Bush School and email: brunbushschool@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. **Companion Animals Welfare Inc (CAWI) op shop** Brunswick Heads (next to supermarket) open Mon-Fri 10am-5pm. 1st Sat of the month (market day) 9am-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. **Mullum Magic Toastmasters** meet every 2nd, 4th and 5th Monday in Mullumbimby 7-9 pm. Contact Ashni 0439 843 657 or Mani on 0488 433 047.

Liberation Larder

The charity that collects, cooks and distributes over 450 meals per week across the Byron Shire to people in need is on the look out for volunteers. There are a variety of roles. For information ring on 0435 879 778 or visit our Facebook page or liberationlarder.org.au.

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. All welcome. Info: Silvia Van Rossum 6676 3720.

Byron Girls Group

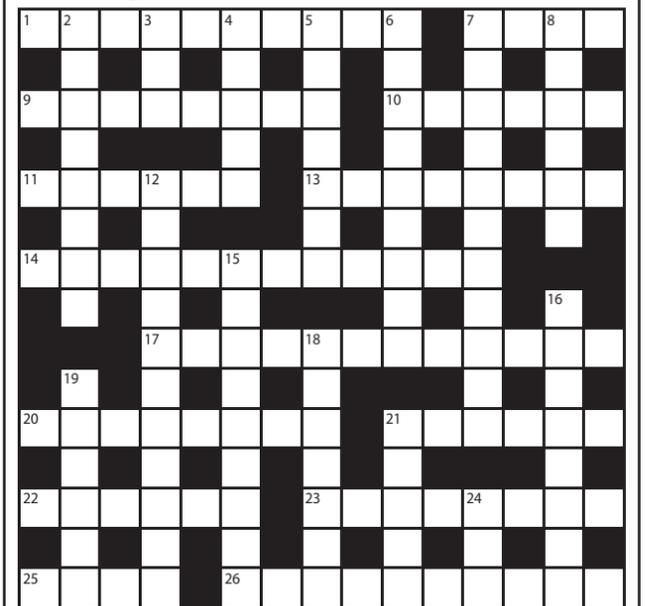
A fun, creative and supportive group for girls aged 12-18 every Wednesday 4-6pm at the Byron Youth Service. Contact Lotte 0490 026 840 for details.

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, info@raisetherooftsing.com.

Mungo's Crossword

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Cryptic Clues

ACROSS

- Peacekeepers wrong about weapon? That's crazy! (10)
- Rifle fire (4)
- Former PM holds nothing for kitchen hand (8)
- Mr Gunn, Dido's lover (6)
- Conditions back, beside a beer bottle! (6)
- Lives in, like nuns (8)
- A land manager employed at huge cost (2,3,3,1,3)
- Boxer has scar? Hesitation ... pause, we say (14)
- Applied for defeat, and was in debt (8)
- Majestic month (6)
- Sound to compare fungus-algae symbiote (6)
- A roll, worker? About 500, plentiful (8)
- Iron, a right terror (4)
- The voters choose, and speak (10)

DOWN

- Foolishly into 'nice' drug (8)
- Tool for everyone, by the sound of it (3)
- Harmony? Winehouse has it! (5)
- Frank, consuming Ecstasy, was made sweeter (7)
- Suffering bat howled for the coup de grace (5,4)
- 'Preparing for a flood,' commented Spooner, sympathising with a man whose elastic trouser top had fallen below his ample midriff (11)
- Audibly pursued the virtuous (6)
- 'Twitcher,' said Spooner, rebuking Mrs Malaprop (11)
- A cut covers small but regular grant of money (9)
- Thorax, head - it's an old story (8)
- Last few plays - Beckett's play, anyway (7)
- Jeer: get off the horse! (6)
- Present last month - grown up! (5)
- The German left back (3)

Quick Clues

ACROSS

- Lacking stability, deranged (10)
- Loot, pillage (4)
- Menial kitchen worker (8)
- Priam's son, mythical founder of Rome (6)
- Small bottle of beer (6)
- Resides, occupies (8)
- Exorbitant cost (2,3,3,1,3)
- Boxer between 63.5 and 67kg (14)
- Granted, conferred (8)
- Eighth month (6)
- Fungus-algae symbiote frequently confused with moss (6)
- Plentiful, in great quantities (8)
- Apprehension, terror (4)
- The voters en masse, or a constituency of them (10)

DOWN

- Drug found in tobacco (8)
- Carpenter's tool (3)
- Friendship, harmony (5)
- Cooked in sugar syrup, for instance fruit peel (7)
- Fatal stroke, coup de grace (5,4)
- Forming a barrier, usually against floods, with sacks filled with rubble (11)
- Pure, virtuous (6)
- Amateur ornithologist, twitcher (11)
- Tolerance; also a fixed and regular grant of money (9)
- Edible fruit of the beech tree (8)
- Last moves in a contest, especially in chess (7)
- Mock, jeer (6)
- Mature, grown up (5)
- The (German, masculine, singular) (3)

Last week's solution N146



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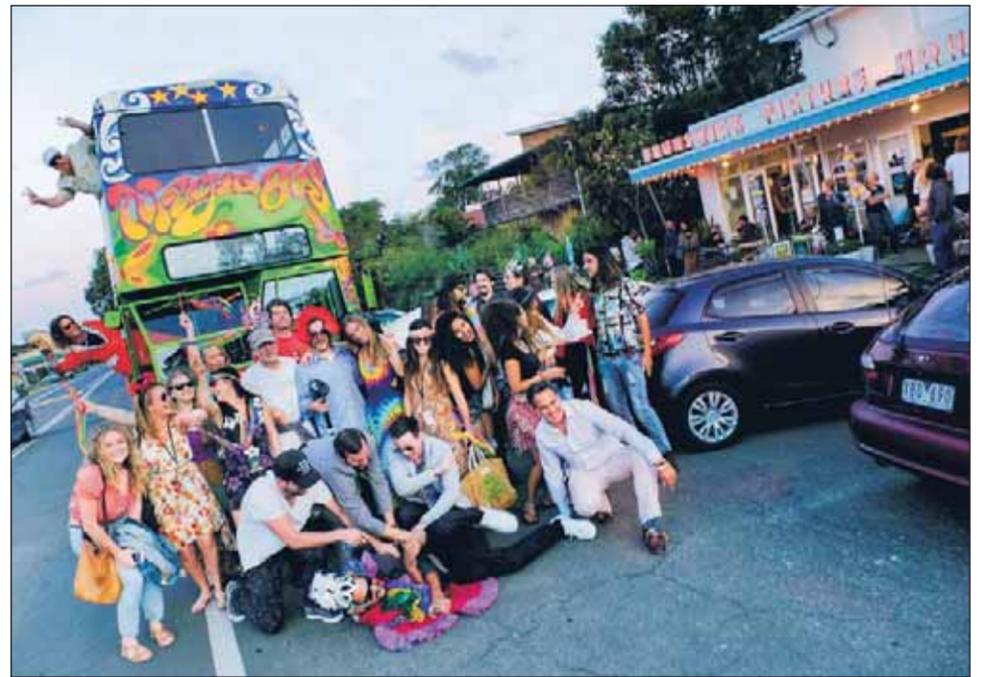
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Whatever you think of her brand of politics, Greens MP Jan Barham, recently retired so she can look after her mother, was one of the hardest-working politicians Macquarie Street ever had. As an MP, Byron Shire mayor and unpaid environmental activist, Jan spent her time delving deep into the legislation and arguing passionately for the protection of the planet which happens to keep us alive, despite what some cashed-up high-fliers might think. *Backlash* thinks the Shire owes Ms Barham a debt of gratitude and wishes her well.

Hopefully 'journalist' Chris Allen had a great stay in Byron Bay last week. He was up at the behest of *A Current Affair* to create fear and panic among those unable to think for themselves. Mr Allen reported that Byron has an 'ice epidemic'. To ramp up the panic, ACA re-ran irrelevant CCTV footage of booze-related fights from years ago. In response local top cop Superintendent Wayne Starling issued a statement saying there was no evidence to support claims of an epidemic. In addition, at the 'Breaking the Ice' community forum last week a doctor pointed out there were far fewer hospital admissions for ice problems than there were for alcohol mishaps. But hey, ACA, why let the facts get in the way of a story?

It will come as little surprise to north coast devotees that yoga is the 'fastest growing fitness activity' in Australia, its popularity doubling since 2008, according to Roy Morgan Research. The proportion of women doing yoga has almost doubled over the



The Magic Bus served as a stand-in for the replica of the original Merry Pranksters bus in the documentary *Going Furthur* (the original signmaker had a problem with the spelling) which screened at the Brunswick Picture Show last Sunday as part of the Byron Bay Film Festival. See what's coming up at the filmfest on page 14 and find out more about what a long, strange trip it's been at facebook.com/goingfurthur. Photo Jeff 'Nothing Wrong With The Brown Acid' Dawson

period, from eight per cent to 15 per cent. Yoga is most popular among younger women aged 14 to 34, with over one in five now taking to the mats either regularly or occasionally. Only five per cent of blokes participate. Once you get past the occasional psychopathic guru and those suffering from Yoga Ego, the benefits of the activity are pretty obvious. Why, even *Backlash* is a firm adherent of Cabernet Yoga, daily stretching to reach the bottle, contemplating the bouquet of crushed blackberries and relaxing into the mystical sensation of a warm inner glow.

And in sports news just to hand, we hear that Mike Baird is up for selection in the NSW diving squad for his spectacular backflips with a double pike.

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