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## GM maintains hard line on rate rise

Hans Lovejoy

Calls from local Country Labor Party branch members to crack down on holiday letting, increase commercial rates and raise paid parking in certain areas to address the Shire's ailing road infrastructure have been rejected by Council's general manager Ken Gainger as an inadequate revenue source.

Additionally Mr Gainger claims that most of the Shire's roads 'service ratepayers rather than visitors.'

Council staff are suggesting dramatic rate rises to pay for infrastructure via a Special Rate Variation (SRV) that, if approved by councillors, could see a massive 60 per cent cumulative increase across the board over four years.

### Special rate v levy

And while the *Local Government Act (1993)* allows councils to implement a special rate, the GM argues that a special rate 'is not a levy per se,' and would still not be enough to address the funding shortfall.

NSW Labor's shadow minister for local government, Peter Primrose MLC, told *The Echo* special rates can be created under section 495 of the Act.

Mr Primrose called it a 'betterment levy,' and said, 'These levies (also known as special assessments) are direct charges on owners of select properties to pay for infrastructure or services that benefit their properties.'

But Mr Gainger told *The Echo*, '[A special rate] is based on the

Council levying a special or higher rate upon a certain class of properties or a specific precinct because of extraordinary/special circumstances – but it is a rate nonetheless. Levying a special rate is not a solution to Council's funding problems, because if we levy a special rate on some properties, other properties pay less and the overall rates funding pool (called the notional yield) remains the same.

'It is this rates funding pool that we need to increase through a special rate variation (SRV).

'The fundamental problem for Council is the need to grow its rates revenue base beyond that allowed by rate pegging. The only way it can do that is via a Special Rate Variation (SRV) application to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART).

'We shouldn't confuse the levying of a "Special Rate" with a SRV. A SR is merely the apportionment of a greater portion of the current overall rate yield to a particular class of property or a precinct. It derives no additional revenue for Council.

### Recurrent source

'A SRV, if successful, generates a substantial (multimillion-dollar) and recurrent source of new revenue which we badly need to fund a sustained reduction in our infrastructure backlog.

'Similarly, the creation of an "investment arm" of Council would add another layer of recurrent cost that we do not need, given our

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## Happy birthday Feather



For 12 years, Byron's inspirational hippy/Goddess of Grace, Feather, has volunteered at the homeless breakfast kitchen in Byron. Last Thursday she celebrated her 80th birthday with friends. Fellow volunteer Gwen Gould says of Feather: 'At 80, she still dances in the street, drums an almighty beat, swims daily and works here to help feed the less well off. You don't see her out front; she's in the kitchen sporting a colourful mini-skirt, high heels, flowers in her hair and goggles to peel the onions! Many happy returns, Feather! Photo Jeff Dawson

## Suffolk Park sportsfield saved

Luis Feliu

Suffolk Park residents will keep their sportsfield from a government sell-off after Byron Shire Council successfully negotiated to purchase the Beech Drive education-owned land for \$900,000.

The announcement comes after a vocal community campaign and calls from Council, NSW Labor and Greens Ballina MP Tamara Smith, who said the community – ie Council – should not have had to foot the bill.

In a joint media announcement

last week, Greens mayor Simon Richardson and north coast Nationals MLC Ben Franklin said they had worked closely to achieve an outcome that would contribute to the 'wellbeing and connectivity' of the family suburb for generations to come.

Cr Richardson said the site, which was no longer required for education and had been put up for sale, would now be designated 'community land' and retained in perpetuity for community use.

It will be subject to a plan of management consultation with the Suffolk Park community to deter-

mine the preferred uses of the site.




Suffolk Park Progress Association vice-president Patsy Brosnan told *The Echo* locals were 'absolutely delighted that our community's effort has paid off.'

'Intense lobbying plus the wonderful community rally showed the state government we have something worth fighting for,' Ms Brosnan said.

'We must thank Byron Shire Council for purchasing the land with a portion of our allocated Section 94 contributions, plus Ben Franklin MLC for his community

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**Bushfire 'a timely reminder'**  
Water bombing helped to get a fire under control in Upper Wilsons Creek on Friday.  
Photo Jeff Dawson

More than 33 hectares at Upper Wilsons Creek were destroyed by a bushfire on Friday. Rural Fire Service (RFS) say it's a timely reminder for people living on rural properties to have a bushfire plan and be ready to act on it.

The blaze was eventually brought under control by RFS and National Parks helicopters in Mount Jerusalem National Park, west of Mullumbimby.

RFS north coast co-ordinator Inspector Matt Inwood, said thankfully no properties were damaged.

'The fire, believed to be from a lightning strike, started in inaccessible country near Mount Jerusalem,' he told *The Echo*.

**Stressful situation**

Upper Wilsons Creek resident Matt Gillespie thanked 'all the amazing people who made a stressful situation bearable and even at times, enjoyable.'

He told *The Echo*, 'To the NSW National Parks & Wildlife Services and the Rural Fire Service: great job.'

'Especially thanks to the Wilsons Creek, Federal, Main Arm and Billinudgel crews who ensured our safety, and the safety of our home,' he said.

Inspector Matt Inwood said a fire plan should include preparing a property and how to respond if fire is burning in the vicinity or in fact threatens a property.

He added that a fire at South Ballina, which has been burning for more than two weeks, continues to smoulder underground in peat soil, 'and the nature of those types of fires is that peat soil can be very deep; the fire gets in underground and it's difficult to extinguish.'

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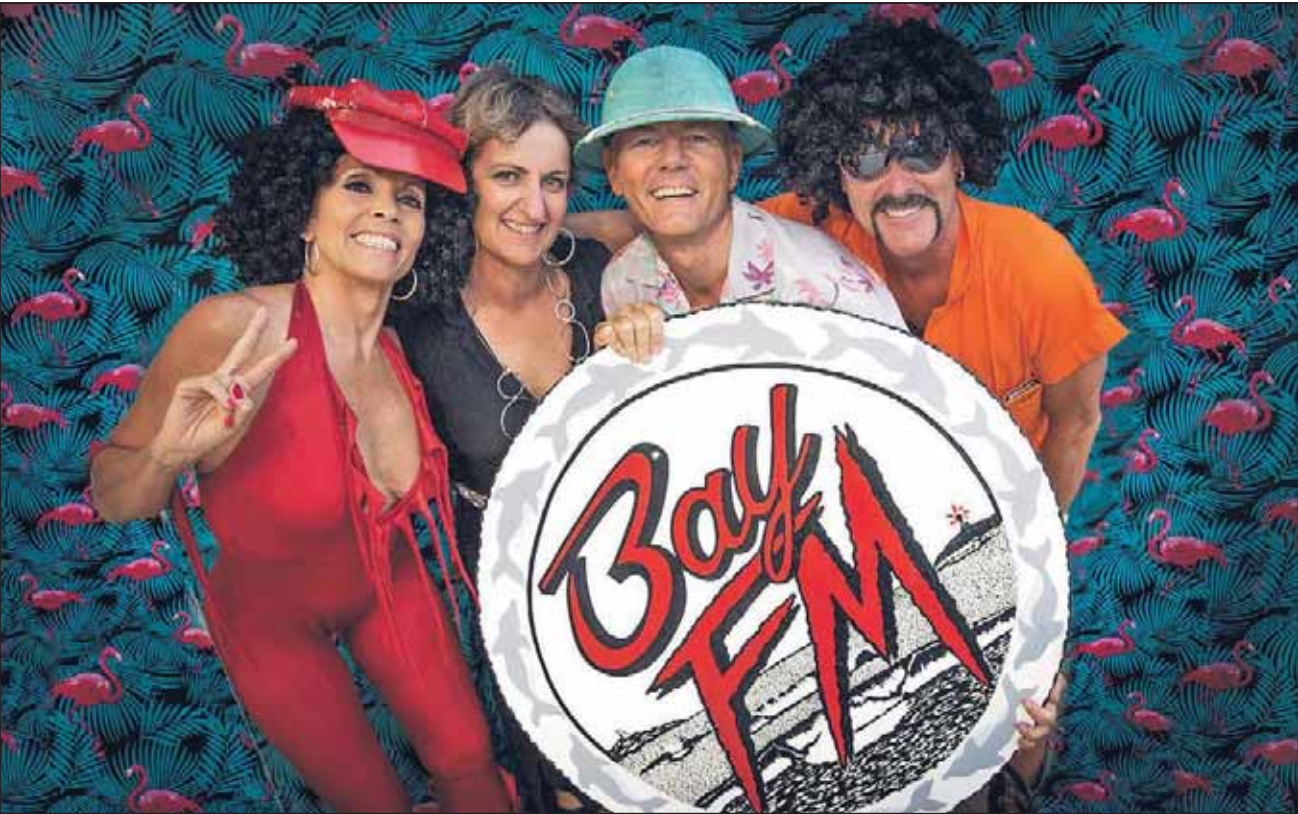
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# Furious dancing for community radio



More than 500 dancers hit the Bangalow Bowlo floorboards on Saturday for the annual Bay FM Christmas Boogie Fever Discotheque. Apart from all the fun, it raised much-needed funds, keeping Bay FM on air serving our community and beyond. Flanked by superstar dancers Keren and Ant, Bay FM's event stylist Jeannie and event co-ordinator Beaver greeted guests at the fundraiser. Photo Tree Faerie

# Splendour, Falls sold to global festival promoter

Staff writers

Multinational festival promoter Live Nation has bought a 51 per cent interest in Secret Sounds Group, the Australian company led by Jessica Ducrou and Paul Piticco that produces Splendour and Falls festivals.

While the purchase includes Secret Sounds' touring, sponsorship, PR, artist management and domestic agency businesses, the group says that the acquisition does not include North Byron Parklands

(NBP) festival site at Yelgun. 'This Live Nation partnership does not include Parklands or our record labels and venues; they are excluded from the investment,' Ducrou and Piticco told *The Echo*.

**Business as usual**

The pair also say they wish to 'reassure our festival audience; nothing will change with Splendour In The Grass and Falls. It's business as usual.'

Splendour in the Grass and Falls are the first Australian festivals to join Live Nation,

which claims to have the 'largest and most diverse festival portfolio in the world,' encompassing more than 80 global festivals, including Governors Ball, Lollapalooza, Reading, Leeds and Rock Werchter.

Secret Sounds Group claims on its website they 'represent the interests of more than 250 leading domestic and international artists across specialist label, publishing, touring, public relations, commercial rights, management and booking businesses.'

Secret Sounds also holds

Sydney New Years Day dance party Field Day (capacity 25,000), Victoria's Unify festival (capacity 8,000 patrons per day), Western Australia's Southbound festival (capacity 15,000 per day) and Listen Out, a series of electronic and dance festivals held in Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Western Australia (capacity 60,000).

NBP is currently applying to the state government for permanent approval to hold 12 events a year with up to 50,000 punters and a further eight events with up to 25,000.

# Samba Blisstas founder recovering from heart failure

The founder of the popular drumming group, the Samba Blisstas, is recovering in hospital after suffering heart failure last week.

Paul Barrett was admitted to Tweed Hospital last Wednesday and later transferred to Gold Coast Hospital's cardio unit.

The diagnosis so far is dilated cardiomyopathy or heart muscle failure/enlarged heart.

He remains in Gold Coast Hospital undergoing tests and treatment.

**Fundraiser**

Samba Blissta member Janel Morrissey has started a gofundme campaign to raise \$5,000 to help with his medical and living costs.

■ The campaign can be found at [www.gofundme.com/3134voo](http://www.gofundme.com/3134voo).



Paul Barrett. Photo supplied

# Land sale between Council and govt: \$900,000

► continued from page 1 support and continued negotiations with Adrian Piccoli, the minister for education.'

The land will be funded from developer contributions that have been collected exclusively to fund open-space projects in this area.

Greens MP for Ballina Tamara Smith welcomed

the announcement, saying it was 'a victory for the Suffolk Park community and another example of people power that we as a community in the northern rivers area are world renowned for.'

'What a cost, though, to our already stretched local council and thus a cost to our community,' Ms Smith said.

'When you consider that the space had historically been planned to be used for a school, why should the community have had to pay \$900,000 to buy the land to keep it as social capital?'

**Privatising assets**

'This is a government that has made more than \$16 bil-

lion from privatising our intergenerational resources. Forcing a community to buy land that has already been earmarked for the community is not exactly largesse.'

'Thank goodness for the willingness of our community to stand up loud and proud for what is right,' Ms Smith said.

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Man killed by lightning on Mount Warning

A man is confirmed dead after two people were struck by lightning on the top of Mt Warning (Wollumbin), near Murwillumbah, Tuesday morning. Emergency services were alerted at about 4.50am and it's believed the man and a woman camped on the summit overnight. The woman is being treated for neck and head injuries. The ages and nationality of the couple are yet to be confirmed.

The rescue operation was co-ordinated by local police, volunteers from the Volunteer Rescue Association (VRA) and State Emergency Service (SES), as well as NSW Ambulance Paramedics.

Roads, glorious roads



Council's upgrade of South Golden Beach's main road, Beach Avenue, has drawn gratitude and praise from the South Golden Beach Community Association and its president Kathy Norley in particular. Kathy is pictured with most of the council work team who got the job done. Photo Jeff 'Never Gonna Stop' Dawson

GM maintains hard line on rate rise

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modest property portfolio.  
'It cannot be justified.'

Not cynical

The Echo asked if the rate increase proposal was a box-ticking exercise, 'where Council need to just say to the government that a rate increase has been canvassed, ie exploring of other possibilities can be ignored.'

Mr Gainger replied, 'The SRV is by no means a cynical exercise. We are absolutely committed to following through on the undertaking that Council gave the IPART and the government in our submitted Council Improvement Plan (CIP).

'Without a substantial rate rise, Council will fall well short of at least five of the key performance benchmarks set by the government. That would see our infrastructure renewal backlog blow out and Council once more become susceptible to amalgamation. 'Council's infrastructure

(roads) problems are shire-wide and most of these roads service ratepayers rather than visitors.

'A bed tax cannot be introduced and given that 700,000 of our annual visitations are SE QLD day-trippers who do not stay overnight, such a tax would struggle to raise \$200k pa. Similarly, tinkering with pay-parking revenue will only raise marginal additional revenue.

'Our very substantial infrastructure renewal needs can only be addressed by significant rate increases.

'While we understand that this will never be a popular proposal, it is absolutely necessary.'

Hardship policy

Mr Gainger said a draft hardship policy 'has been drafted for the councillors to consider. It is likely to go through a few iterations before being adopted and released publicly.'

'Council understands that

pensioners and other disadvantaged will be affected and for this reason we have prepared a hardship policy which contemplates rate relief for those people.

'It is anticipated that increases in general rates will in part be offset by reductions in water and sewer rates to the tune of \$100 per year for the average ratepayer.'

No rate variation

As for criticism from the public that the fourth option - ie no rate variation - had been unavailable on many of the feedback forms, Mr Gainger said, 'The primary conversation focus for the special rate variation centred on the proposed three rate-rise scenarios of 7.5 per cent, ten per cent and 12.5 per cent.'

'In order to ensure we reached as many residents and ratepayers as possible about the proposed rate rise, the communication mix offered multiple ways for people to supply their feedback.

'This included the quick Reply Paid feedback card, the more detailed online survey, submissions and or, part of the random telephone survey.

'The decision not to feature no special rate variation as an "option" reflects the commitment given to the IPART and the minister in Council's Council Improvement Plan (CIP) that Council would submit a SRV to increase its rates yield.

'It is understandable that many residents have indicated their preference for no rate rise - rate increases are never popular, but in this case they are necessary if Council is to fix its crumbling road network and reduce its infrastructure backlog. The status quo is not an option for Council.'

■ Results and feedback from the proposed Special Rate Variation (SRV) are still being compiled, Mr Gainger said, and will be reported to Council at the December 15 meeting and will be available in the agenda a week prior.

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Green Army benefits will be lost: Envite Environment

With the likely scrapping of the Green Army program, local operators say it will result in many local young people no longer being able to gain skills and earn a supplementary income to their Newstart allowance.

The Green Army was former PM Tony Abbott's flagship environmental 'direct action' climate plan; participants received between \$614 and \$996 a fortnight to

participate in conservation-restoration projects.

The federal government announced it may be scrapped under a deal to save \$350m.

Local projects

Envite Environment, who say they have run four projects out of Byron Bay and more than 50 across the NSW north coast, claim it has brought a wealth of environmental, social and eco-

nomic benefits to the area.

Representatives from Byron Shire Council, Dunecare, Envite Environment and the community gathered Tuesday morning to congratulate Byron Bay's Green Army Team on completion of another successful project.

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# Sharing culture across the globe

## Local youth connect with kids from Kodiak Island, Alaska

Katie Grubb

Local Indigenous students from Southern Cross School of Distance Education spent last week around Lennox Head and Ballina sharing culture and discussing global issues such as marine debris with youth from Kodiak Island, Alaska.

Called Cross Current Collaborative, it aims to create global perspectives, share culture and create positive futures for young kids.

All via the internet.

Despite Alaska's distance from here, some of the problems their community faces are not that different from our own. As indigenous cultures still partly rely on subsistence living, issues such as marine debris are very real for them.

### Marine debris

Thongs and other marine debris that fall off ships were an issue for both locals and Alaskans.

Kodiak Island kids said that one year their whole beach was covered by marine debris, and another year boxes of fireworks washed up from Japan.

Activities for the week included a beach and lake

cleanup, a turtle release, cultural dancing, canoeing, and collecting water samples.

The best part was a live snake show that was broadcast from Australia to Kodiak Island, where 65 Alaskan schools, as well as local distance-education students, attended the event virtually, and asked questions in real time.

Short video clips were made each day of the event and were shared globally.

It was the first time ever that a state school in the northern rivers area has live-streamed globally and shared culture like this.

Adviser to NSW Department of Education (Distance Education Technology) David Foley, told *The Echo*, 'It opens our kids up to the world and opens the Kodiak Island kids up too, because they are also in an isolated community.'

■ The Cross Current Collaborative was supported by The Australian Marine Debris Initiative, Seabird Rescue, NSW Parks and Wildlife, Tangaroa Blue, Byron Bay Surf Festival, Plastic Free Byron, Positive Change For Marine Life and the Dorroughby Environmental Education Centre.

■ Katie Grubb is from Tangaroa Blue



Deadly Bunarm Boys (Ramone and Kyle) from Southern Cross School of Distance Education. Photo supplied

## Byron Flea Market Sat

The monthly flea market will be held this Saturday at the Byron Youth Activity Centre (YAC), located on Gilmore Crescent in Byron Bay.

Co-ordinator Berri Drum said it is the perfect opportunity to find a unique Christmas gift for friends or family and in the process reduce your Christmas landfill.

Berri says the Flea always has a family-friendly community vibe. To book a stall, contact Berri on 0490 026 840.

## Shark Watch event this Sat

A sign-up/fundraising Shark Watch event will be held this Saturday at Belongil Beach from 9am till 1pm.

A full crew will be in operation at the beach, located opposite the TreeHouse in Childe Street, and will demonstrate how drone spotting works. There will be barbecues, music and shark spotting games. All welcome.

## Kids helping kids



A new project led by Jane McGowan, Louisa Harwood and Byron Bay Public School students has raised funds for year six students from Coraki Public School, pictured, to participate in activities in Byron. Called Kids 4 Kids, Louisa says the students were excited to learn some circus tricks at Circus Arts in the Byron industrial estate last Friday. 'Belinda Hultgren from Circus Arts was very supportive,' she says, adding the project will continue. Photo Jeff Dawson

## Cyclist injured in hit and run in Brunswick Heads

Police are appealing for information from the public after a cyclist was injured at Brunswick Heads last week.

About 8.15am on Friday December 2, police say a

62-year-old man was cycling north on the Pacific Motorway, about 1km north of the Gulgan Road, when he and a semi-trailer truck collided and the driver did not stop.

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The Legal Light

Nathan Luke



Did you hear what Davo did at the Christmas party :) ?!

A legend in my own family was the story of a bloke in the 1970s and 80s who at the office party, every single year, would drink 100 KBs get obnoxious and tell the boss to get \*\*\*\*ed and then resign in spectacular fashion. He would then come back cap in hand to sheepishly get his job back each year.

Times have certainly changed and such behaviour would certainly not be tolerated these days.

There are serious and potentially costly legal pitfalls hidden inside the festive frivolity. Sure it's a great time for employers to show their appreciation for the hard work done during the year by their staff, but it's also a time when the grog flows and things can get out of hand.

Work tribunals and Courts are packed with cases of office Christmas party excesses that end in sackings or compensation claims. The important thing to remember is that the legal rules of behavior inside an office apply equally to events organised by the Employer that are held outside the premises. Employers can become liable for bullying, injury or harassment as the Party is still under the control of the Employer.

Employers should have a quick chat to the staff to lay down some basis rules to avoid the classic dangers of Christmas parties including sexual harassment, drunken injuries, invasive and embarrassing social media posts and drink driving.

I suggest that a good policy is that the Boss should stay stone cold sober at the party, control events, and send Davo home early in a cab.



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St Finbarr's fun



Not quite your old school bubbler, Shorty Brown the Bubbling Clown was just one of the many attractions at Saturday's St Finbarr's Christmas Fair. There was even a waterslide park! The day was also a celebration of the school's centenary. Photo Jeff Dawson

Byron Schoolies 'best ever'

Organisers of youth services for Byron's schoolies event are saying it was the 'best ever'.

The event was also commended by police who were pleased with how few incidents there were.

Byron Schoolies Safety Response co-ordinator Nicqui Yazdi said, 'This was our eighth year and by far the cleanest year we have seen as yet when it came to the Schoolies following the directive of not bringing alcohol or glass into the park and also

cleaning up after themselves.'

Ms Yazdi says only a few incidents were attributable to the schoolies themselves, and were mostly minor incidences.

Shuttle success

Ms Yazdi says the introduction of a HUB/Hospital shuttle bus in the evenings, sponsored by Go Sea Kayaks, was a brilliant initiative. 'After a few minor hiccups in the first few days, it turned out to be a great service,' she said.

Where chocolate and yoga mix



Who doesn't like chocolate? It was a packed house at Sunday's cacao ceremony, which helped launch the 2017 Spirit Festival program. The afternoon and evening of song, dance, chocolate and yoga at the Mullum Civic Hall also saw the announcement of huge lineup – just some of the featured lineup includes Elijah Ray, Tina Malia, Duncan Peak, Franko Heke, Les Leventhal, Whaia Whaea, Christabel Zamor and Louise Solomon. Check [spiritfestival.com.au](http://spiritfestival.com.au) for the March 31 till April 2 cultural festival. Photo Jeff Dawson

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# Flying the BYS coop



Fourteen teenagers celebrate with BYS manager Deb Pearse. Photo Jeff Dawson

Twenty-three young people who have just completed Year 10 have also received certificates after completing two years in programs at BYS Mullumbimby Cottage.

Byron Youth Service (BYS) manager Deb Pearse says, ‘There were additional successes where one student completed the BYS hospitality course, two transferred schools and one gained an apprenticeship.’

‘While, as a youth worker, I’m sad to see

them go, I am so proud of them, and our dinner celebrated their many achievements.

‘There are still a few celebrations to go; the YAC Is Back fundraiser, the Mullumbimby High formal and the Street Cruise team will be at the Brunswick Twilight Markets on Wednesday December 14 to provide assistance if needed.

‘It’s time for three groups to fly the coop to make space for new young people next year.’

# International creative agency hatches locally

In the two short years since graduating, Spanish-born Jaime Gonzalez has opened a local independent film production company that now boasts a client base that reads like a who’s who in the street/surf fashion world.

The young agency is called Flamingo Amigos, and others on the team are Oscar Fernandez and Olga Blanco.

Landing the fashionable street label Afends was a game changer, says Jaime.

‘Tasked with developing content for their biggest campaign to date, the videos we created racked up more than more than 250,000 views in less than a week,’ he says.

This was their big breakthrough, he says. From that point on he says his agency had street cred, having proved



Jaime Gonzalez from Flamingo Amigos studied locally and has grown his business to include global clients.

they could execute a big production for a big-name client.

‘From day one of my studies at SAE, I knew I wanted to have my own creative agency, so I decided to use the assessments as opportunities to work towards that goal.

‘I would go to class with

questions that my lecturers would then help me take to the next level to shape my business in the right direction, thanks to the advice from the SAE staff.’

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## Our inhumane nation

Common decency seems to be in short supply at the highest political levels in Australia. The refusal of both major parties to tackle the issue of our offshore concentration camps in terms of anything other than political expediency has led those who do care to come to their door.

Last week two protesters scaled Parliament House in Canberra and unfurled a banner which read 'Close the bloody camps now'.

As Zianna Fuad, spokesperson for the Whistleblowers, Activists and Citizens Alliance (waca.net.au) which undertook the action, noted, 'I actually think we've tried all our other avenues of civil debate. I think most people with an ounce of compassion would agree with her.'

Protesters also stopped Question Time and glued themselves to various bits of furniture. They also dyed the water red in the Parliament House 'pond' to represent turnbacks at sea, holding signs reading 'Turnbacks are murder' and 'Blood on your hands'.

Our political masters, who are happy to savage each other in the house, went all precious petal over the protest, describing it as a great affront to democracy, where others might think that the fact protest is allowed is one of the great benefits of democracy.

Assistant minister to the prime minister, James McGrath, a Queensland senator who assisted in the overthrow of Abbott and spent \$29,967 of his travel allowance in the first six months of 2016, described the protesters as 'grubs'.

'... they're being sooks and quite frankly they should wake up to themselves and get a job,' he told Sky News.

It's a statement worthy of a 1950s pub pontificator but hardly shows advanced intelligence on the part of a government minister. An intelligent minister might think, 'Hang on, maybe something is really wrong with what we're doing.'

Our government could at least overcome its entrenched hypocrisy and withdraw its support for the United Nations refugee convention first signed in 1951. The Universal Declaration of Human Rights should also be binned, and while we're at it let's give a few more spying powers over our own people to our homegrown spooks.

The protesters will go to court for their actions. Some punishment and costs will be meted out, though probably not as harsh as Jimmy McGrath would like.

Such consequences for the protest are reasonable enough. However, parliament will not take a positive lesson from the protest. Instead, our politicians' siege mentality will see that security is beefed up at Parliament House.

Impressive architectural features will be bastardised by more fences and security cameras. Perhaps some of our MPs will get some idea of what it's like to be in a concentration camp – albeit with a good wine list.

– Michael McDonald

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## Horse-trading gets weird in the Senate

One of Malcolm Turnbull's many boasts is his business acumen.

Part of his credentials for being palsy-walsy with the previously loathsome (Turnbull's term) Donald Trump is that the two would have a lot in common, because before they became politicians, they were both businessmen.

Given Trump's reputation for rip-offs, bankrupting his companies and dudding his creditors, this may not be the most appealing analogy, but it is presumably the best he can do: our prime minister has the soul of a wheeler-dealer, a horse trader, a haggler.

The problem is that while he may have the will he does not always have the technique. His experience in negotiation has been in the boardroom of Goldman Sachs, but the atmosphere of the Senate crossbench is more akin to that of the Istanbul Souk.

The rough and tumble of serious dickering, in which bargains are offered and then withdrawn, in which the last price is seldom actually final, in which everything is on the table and then, just as abruptly, off it, is as foreign to him as a grudge match of rugby league in the western suburbs.

And it shows – he gives in too easily, he will do anything to secure an outcome, even if he ends up giving away more than he receives.

Naturally, Turnbull rates the last week as a triumph – it justifies his gamble on a double dissolution, it has proved that he can make the parliament work, and now he is delivering – just like the boy from the Pizza Hut.

And unlike that ambitious youth, he does not expect a tip – indeed, he is willing to pay just about anything to secure the idea of delivery, even if the substance may be very undernourishing indeed. Thus various

wild and wacky ideas have been accepted by a wild and wacky crossbench, many of them totally unrelated to the bills they are supposed to inspire.

The results have not been all bad: the promise of serious and widespread protection for whistleblowers engineered by Nick Xenophon and Derryn Hinch is welcome and long overdue, even if its connection to the Registered Organisations Bill is, to say the least, tenuous.

*The rough and tumble of serious dickering is as foreign to Turnbull as a grudge match of rugby league.*

by Mungo MacCallum

But the demand from David Leyonhjelm that the ABC and SBS become entangled in additional red tape by hosting superfluous community forums is not only irrelevant to the Building and Construction Commission, but also abhorrent to real libertarians, among whom Leyonhjelm professes to number himself. The idiosyncratic senator says it is to compensate for the lack of freedom imposed by the ABCC, but the logic is impenetrable.

Similarly Xenophon made a non-negotiable demand for more water for South Australia, and then backed off – or did he? It will be interesting to see the outcome. The ABCC Act eventually passed after Hinch and Xenophon negotiated a raft of amendments to which the government agreed, rather than suffering the humiliation of defeats through the alliance of Labor and the Greens.

According to two of the weird sisters of *The Australian*, Judith Sloan and Grace Collier (and can the third, Jennnifer Oriel, be far behind?), the Commission has been gutted to the

point of impotence – 'an appalling mish-mash of inconsistent and unworkable provisions that completely undermines any benefits that could flow,' to put it in Sloan's terms.

It must be said that the rant is hardly surprising; Sloan and Collier would never have been satisfied with anything short of a return to feudalism. But the compromises – capitulations – were not what the conservatives either wanted or expected.

And the large burst of protectionism which was tossed into the mix is completely against the government's free trade mantra. The tough cop on the beat became a real pushover once the crossbench applied the heat.

Which brings us to the Backpacker Tax, apparently orchestrated by the Keystone Kops.

When the government woke up after the budget, the Nats in particular finally realised that the tax rate of 32.5 per cent which they had snoozily passed into legislation was not quite what their constituents wanted. So there was a frantic rethink, and with the Farmers Federation they arrived on 19 per cent.

But Jacqui Lambie undercut them: 10.5 per cent was the competitive rate her constituents wanted, and immediately Labor and the Greens backed her in.

The money men, Scott Morrison and Matthias Corman, were adamant: 19 was the rate, it was all the budget could afford and it would not change – well, until Barnaby Joyce put an armlock on Turnbull, and our fearless prime minister told them that, actually, the compromise of

15 per cent suggested by Pauline Hanson, of all people, was not such a bad idea.

So, back to the drawing board: but Hanson's rebellious sandgroper, Rod Culleton, Hinch and Leyonhjelm lined up with Lambie and that went down too. So the Dutch Auction proceeded: how about 13 per cent?

Never, fumed Morrison and Corman; but given that this was what they had said four days ago about 19 per cent, it was hard to take them seriously.

And then, over the horizon galloped the ignored and reviled Greens, offering a face-saving 15 per cent – but only after superannuation concessions turned it back into an effective 13 per cent, and they trousered \$100 million for Landcare as a bonus.

As Shorten and his colleagues pointed out, the government's preferred solution produced a higher tax rate with less money for budget repair; Turnbull had been hit with a custard pie.

But he didn't mind: the point was that his side had won the senate vote and Labor had lost, and that was all that mattered.

So his tattered colleagues could pick up what was left of the pieces and retire for what they devoutly hoped would be a relaxed and comfortable break.

But not before Turnbull could be asked a Dorothy Dixier from an obsequious backbencher asking him to parade the government's achievements.

He responded at some length: an extended diatribe about how awful Bill Shorten is.

And that, it appears, is the only delivery that has not been either a wide or a no-ball. Merry Christmas. There is no need to wish Malcolm Turnbull a happy new year – as he repeatedly assures us, he is the happiest prime minister of them all. Just like the other residents in Fantasyland – the happiest kingdom of them all.



## Coastal Management Act 2016 FLAWED LAWS

Public submissions are now being sought until December 23 over a proposal to amend Section 117(2) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

What's that?

As part of the creation of a new coastal management framework, the *Coastal Management Act 2016*, other bits of legislation apparently need tinkering with. It replaces the *Coastal Protection Act 1979*.

But adjunct professor at University of Technology Sydney, John Sheehan (and acting commissioner of the Land and Environment Court), told *The Echo* that if approved, Section 117(2) would give the minister 'extensive powers'. He's expressed concern over them, as well as changes to the State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP).

The wording in the last part of the Coastal Reform s117 Direction is vague, he says, and is pasted here:

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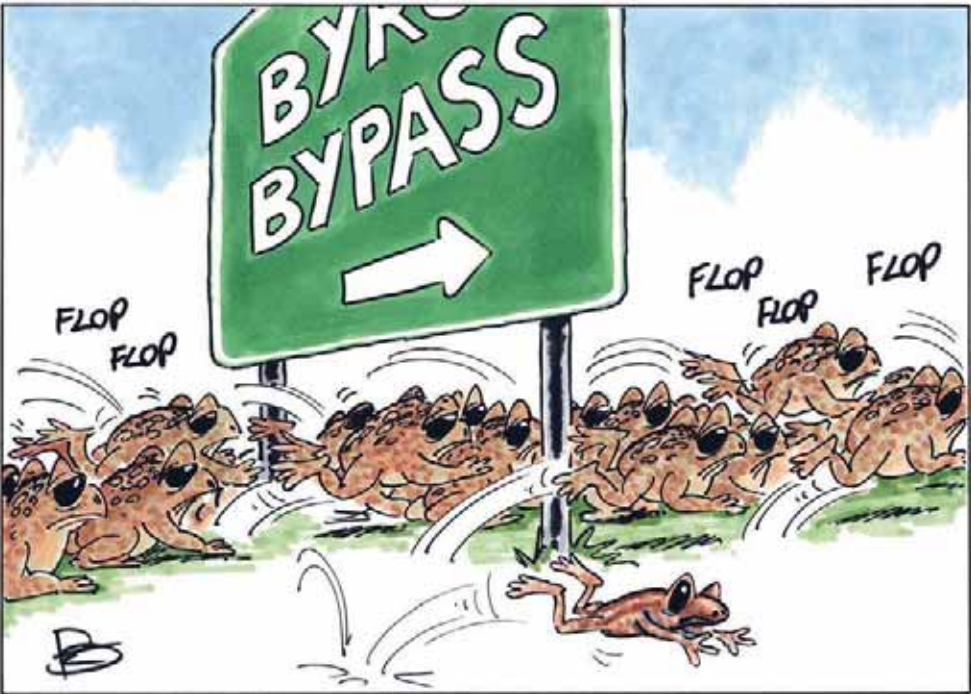
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What a joke

The Great Barrier Reef might go on the UNESCO endangered list? What a joke! The whole bloody planet should be on the list! Especially now that the USA is firmly in the hands of the fossil-fuel tyrants.

Sapoty Brook  
Main Arm

Parklands pays

In response to Sue Arnold's letter to the editor (Echo, November 30), it is strongly suggested this former journalist does what every good journalist worth their salt does and undertake a basic level of fact checking. Parklands paid \$165,000 (includes \$15,000 in GST) to Byron Shire Council on August 24, 2016.

As described on the invoice (#4974.13) that Council issued to Parklands, the payment was for 'Monetary Contribution to Road Work

at Tweed Valley Way & Brunswick Valley Way Intersection'. Council did receive a Commonwealth grant of \$300,000 and the Parklands contribution was to expand the roundabout from one lane to two lanes.

It's as unexciting as that, Sue! For future reference, Council's phone number is 6626 7000.

Mat Morris  
General Manager  
North Byron Parklands

Closing Wategos

Which council genius decided that a good way to start the holiday season would be to make it hard for people to go to the beach? For this surely is the effect of closing the entire length of Marine Parade at Wategos for major roadworks.

No doubt these works are necessary, but in November/

December? Come on guys, how about some considerate scheduling? Or was the intention to get the work done and the meters installed ready for the summer windfall?

Paul Rea  
Coorabell

Test for councillors

Council's meeting on December 15 will test the newly elected councillors when they discuss the report from the Community Advisory Committee for Water and Recycling. Already from the agenda for the committee meeting held 1.12.16 W&R management are introducing strategies for investigation which have already been completed.

Smoke testing of the gravity mains in Mullumbimby has been done, identifying deep infiltration as the major source of infiltration into the gravity mains. Reports have

been done and submitted. Where are they?

The earthenware pipes cannot be relined, a fact that was reported on by independent contractors specialising in this field in 2003. Where is their report?

Brunswick Valley Sewage Treatment Plant (BVSTP) is now accepted in the report as hydraulically overloaded during wet weather. The reuse of treated effluent has failed.

Management is now advocating a reduction in load on Ocean Shores STP (OSSTP) by piping sewage from there to BVSTP. What logic underpins this, given the problems with the failures in this state-of-the-art system? Surely this has to be an error.

The suggestion that a pipe be laid from OSSTP to BVSTP which will transfer effluent continued on next page ➤

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### Why do 60% of Australians say they feel lonely?

Science has shown that humans have an innate need to feel connected, but at this moment, it's safe to say that here in Australia, the land of mateship and barbies, we don't.

New research from Australia's crisis support charity Lifeline has revealed that 60 per cent of Australians say they often feel lonely, and 82.5 per cent said loneliness is on the rise in society. Of that 82 per cent, 44 per cent were living with a spouse – a situation that, to an outsider, doesn't sound lonely at all. The survey also found that while 53.3 per cent of respondents said they had someone to confide in, a startling one in three did not.

So what could be causing the increase in those lonely feelings? In a modern age, when we're never really disconnected from the outside world, it's safe to say that we should feel less alone than ever before.

Lifeline Australia CEO Pete Shmigel thinks that our constant connectivity could be part of the problem, however. "For a society that is more technologically connected than we ever have been, these results suggest we're overlooking good old-fashioned care and compassion when it comes to our mental health and wellbeing."

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► continued from page 11 for the Mullumbimby reuse system makes no sense at all, since the major consumers of the reuse being generated by the BVSTP have not used the reuse for three years.

Why would BSC not introduce reuse into Ocean Shores and the surrounding towns?

The time has come for an independent investigation to be commissioned into the performance of BSC W&R management. The drain on ratepayers' contributions cannot be allowed to continue without there being accountability.

Alan Dickens  
Brunswick Heads

### The new hospital

If anyone has doubts about our new hospital, then maybe you'll be interested in this. I was fortunate to have an accident on Saturday mid-afternoon, and was driven to the emergency department.

It was quiet, and I was ushered into one of the swish bays to be attended to. The fine workmanship of finish, colour scheme, LED lighting, acoustics and general architecture had me transfixed, trying to get a reality check, as my belief system had me alternating through what seemed to be a spaceship,

then luxury submarine, but then possibly a hospital again. Quite a wondrous distraction, between the efforts of the highly competent doctors and nurses with many decades of raw experience, with all the modern gear to boot, to help determine a good outcome.

Was I afraid of dying? Heck no. This was entertainment to die for. Almost!

Upon being discharged after two hours, I couldn't help realising just how incredibly lucky we are to have some of the best coastal lifestyles on the planet and to also have this remarkable recovery facility sitting at Ewingsdale, just in case any of us needs it. So if you loved the old hospital, as I did, and you're a bit sceptical of the new one, as I was, then be patient to be a patient, then see what you think.

Tim Shanasy  
Byron Bay

### Drug trade scam

As Derek Harper pointed out (Letters, November 30), random breath testing is a scam. However it's even bigger than he thinks.

The main target is cannabis because legal cannabis threatens the drug trade. Wherever it has been legalised the use of other drugs

plummets. Let's be clear, the drug laws have nothing whatsoever to do with protecting society from the problems of drugs. If they did we would see rather better results from 50 years of expensive and unexamined warfare.

The war on drugs has created one of the largest industries in the world – illicit drugs at approximately \$300bn/year. As with the other giants (approximate amounts) – big pharma \$1,720bn, armaments \$1,700bn, oil \$200bn – the beneficiaries are the one per cent, the wealthiest and most influential people on the planet.

No surprise the political systems and mainstream media they own are rarely allowed to address this scam. Anyone attempting it is immediately ridiculed, portrayed as druggies or friendly to criminals.

The Greens last week noted if we hope to deal with the problems they can cause, drugs must be a health issue not a legal one. But, most of all, it's a human rights issue.

Growing and smoking a plant harms nobody and, therefore, is not criminal behaviour. Declaring this victimless activity a crime is the lynchpin to creating one of the largest amounts of money

on the planet. This has always been the object of prohibition. The opium wars, alcohol prohibition and now this, the most successful of them all.

It's time prohibitionists were denied the moral high ground. They are being manipulated for profit.

Robin Harrison  
Binna Burra

### Dead wildlife

The carnage on the back roads around Mullumbimby, Myocum and Byron is awful and increasing. Endangered birds are constantly being killed even when they are on the side of the road.

People need to slow down; they are going way over the 80 speed limit and are not only a danger to other drivers, hitchhikers, cyclists and pedestrians but to our vulnerable wildlife as well. The speed limit needs to be 60 along these roads to protect everyone.

Drive slowly, please, protect our wildlife from being killed unnecessarily. Let's all just take it easy on the roads.

Rebecca Ingram  
Mullumbimby

### Securing homes

My thanks to Julia Franco for her letter of last week. I am

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# Wategos Pay Parking starting soon

## starts mid to late December



### Pay Parking is being introduced at Wategos on Marine

Parade in mid to late December - look out for the machines! A four hour time limit will apply to the street. If you have a current Byron Shire E-permit exemption, you can park for no additional cost in Marine Parade. If you don't have an E-Permit, the cost will be \$3 per hour. If you require more time when your four hours has expired, you need to move your vehicle to another space. Please check the signs before leaving your vehicle.

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# Lessons learned from the triumph of the unflushable Trump

Phillip Frazer

Okay – I warned you that Trump could win this election, and I warned those who thought he might be fun that his cabinet and their staffs will launch a crusade for America to bomb the rest of the world into submission, and to make life inside the USA more like it was in their 1950s dreams. The dreams of Giuliani, Palin, General Mattis, and the rest of Trump's hacks will soon be our nightmares. How the hell did it happen?



Photo Michael Vadon <http://bit.ly/MiVadon>

## 1. Enlightenment beats Old Testament by 2.5 million – old Testes win

The consensus among commentators is that many Trump voters are white folks pissed off that China took their jobs, banks took their homes, brown people took their taxes, and Hillary took the piss out of them.

The Democrats' prescription for change is that they'll 'listen to their fears', but a blogger who grew up in that community points out that his people can't unravel the scary stuff because the only belief system they've ever known is a Bible-based stack of notions, like, 'black people have dark skin because they are cursed by god', and 'homosexuality is a mortal sin'.

Only moving outside that box of fundamental fantasies will enable them to re-evaluate. Meanwhile, they keep voting for Republicans who promise to give them their country back, and then don't because they can't; it's gone.

My theory about Trump v Clinton was that it was yet another round in the 300 years' war between science and lala-land. A startling number of older Americans still live by rules written by gurus thousands of years ago, or by modern ones like Bill O'Reilly

– even though smart people have figured out how most things really work on this planet, and we need to get on with saving it and ourselves.

It's a matter of time, though. If only under-35-year-olds votes counted, Trump would have won 29 electoral votes to 509 for Hillary the Democrat. But with the Trumpsters in charge, how much time do we have?

## 2. Election day is managed by volunteers, fixers, cheats and bad equipment

American elections are all run by state and local governments, each with their own rules, and most 'vote rigging' is by local Republicans. Their mission is to prevent fairness, openness, and making voting easy – because those things increase Democratic votes coming from working people in the cities, especially women, blacks, Latinos, Asians and young people. They also tamper with actual votes and voters – see [gregpalast.com](http://gregpalast.com) for gruesome details.

State governments also manage voter registration, and again, Republicans limit poor people's access by making registration and voting as difficult and expensive as possible.

And then there's the Electoral College. Intended to give extra power to small-population states, it has given the presidency to popular-vote losers Bush in 2000, and Trump in 2016. Surely its time is finally up ... but any monument to established power is a very hard rock to move.

## 3. American politicians are bought and owned by the rich

Trump got the votes of one out of four people eligible to vote. Clinton got at least 2.5 million more votes than he did, and almost half of all eligibles didn't vote. By getting tiny majorities in low-population rural states, Trump will probably be named president when the Electoral College formally declares the numbers on December 19. There's a very slight chance that some of the party hacks who do this charade-voting might go rogue and screw the system.

Regardless, the US has to face up to the fact that their electoral system is in worse shape than Mumbai's railways.

The whole business of electing politicians has been hijacked by billionaires. This year Democratic and Republican candidates raised and spent \$1.3 billion between

them, mostly collected from wealthy corporations and individuals, who spent another \$600 million on ads pro or con the candidate they wanted to win or lose. Clinton got more Defence, Wall Street and Hollywood money, while Trump got an estimated \$3 billion in free media for being a famous TV 'personality' and an unapologetic bigot.

The elections also chose 500+ candidates for Congress (\$1.5 billion spent), 12 state governorships, thousands of state legislators, and 'ballot initiatives' on marijuana, minimum wage, gun control, etc – another half a billion bucks.

Two years ago the Supreme Court ruled that spending money like this to win political posts was 'free speech' and so could not be seriously regulated. Rich people and big corporations are thrilled. US labour unions spent just \$167 million on all these electoral battles combined. Trump spent just \$56 million of his own money on his campaign.

## 4. Fake news spread on social media poisoned the election

Suddenly, fake news is big news, because thousands of fake stories written by teenagers in Macedonia and Los Angeles screwed the election. A few dozen youths posted whatever got the most views, because Facebook pays them per view, and they discovered that Trump supporters shared bogus stories more than any other 'market' did, so they focused on inventing anti-Hillary crap. Far more people read a fake 'Hillary WILL be busted by the FBI' story than read the *New York Times* investigative scoop on Trump paying no taxes.

Several Trump insiders own sites with millions of followers that publish inven-

tions and distortions that would make Rupert Murdoch envious: one, Laura Ingraham, could be presidential press secretary and another, Steve Bannon, will be White House chief of staff.

During the election, Trump's daily boasts, insults, and taunts of 'lying Hillary'

got him far more attention than a single policy speech would have if he'd ever given one. Mainstream media continue to lap him up. Bullshit, clearly, still baffles brains.

■ Phillip Frazer has composting toilets up on [coorabellridge.com](http://coorabellridge.com).

## South JONSON STREET

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certainly motivated to secure homes for our people.

On a positive note, my group have now offered, at no cost to Council, to employ local residents and legal personnel to investigate and prosecute black-market rental activity on behalf of the community, in the manner of legal-justice firms such as Slater and Gordon. The new councillors can choose people over corporations.

Do people really want to endorse replacing residences with more black-market

tourist accommodation? I had thought the benefits of choosing the real growth areas – education, media and technology – were widely appreciated.

Homelessness and ingrained poverty are weapons used to drive people out, and they are succeeding under current policies. It burns my heart and soul to see people on the street, even people with jobs, while Council encourages illegal letting. I don't know how anyone with a conscience can bear it.

Our team can fix it, fast

and free. We can deliver rate and rental reductions across the board.

As soon as the election was over, Council moved to increase rates. Because of plans to double tourism again within four years, more residences will need to be shifted to the black economy, and residents will be required to finance the infrastructure for tourism expansion.

Over time, Byron Shire residents will be removed via rate increases and residential areas converted to tourist zones, simply by letting

things slide. Give us the green light to take action. It will be a pleasure if the five councillors needed say 'Yes!'

**Matt Hartley**  
Byron Bay

## Hate crimes

Hate crimes against people of colour, Muslims and Jews have sharply escalated since the election of Donald Trump. In many parts of Europe, Australia and the UK, anti-Semitism, Islamophobia and anti-migrant racism are also on the increase.

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# Ripping the precious petals of Bangalow

■ Who knew the denizens of Bangalow were such precious petals? How alarming that their world of 'the top shelf of fine dining, art, fashion, design and innovation' is to be intruded upon by industry.

This expansion of the existing industrial estate some 2.5 kilometres out of town will provide employment for many people but of course not for the Bangalow unemployed with their soft tertiary degrees or diplomas in film, media, or design of no value to any employer.

No, not from them. This is 'unskilled factory work' only for the likes of 'revhead westies' from Lismore, Casino and Kyogle.

How awful for you all.

**Colin Clarke**  
 Ocean Shores

■ I had to laugh (wryly) upon reading the letter by Milton Cater (*Echo*, November 30) who says the proposed Bangalow factory complex will

'lower the tone' of Bangalow and that the 400 postulated jobs will be taken by 'revhead westies'. Hilarious. Snobbism much!

However, I wasn't just laughing at Milton; I was laughing at myself and all the people everywhere who think they can stop others from encroaching on their 'sacred space', disturbing the amenity and 'lowering the tone'.

Mine goes something like this: 'OMG the roaring traffic on Coolamon Scenic Drive between Ocean Shores and Mullumbimby shouldn't be allowed – trucks, vans, motorbikes, 4WDs in the middle of the road and oh those young Ocean Shores revheads in their hotted-up cars... the noise! the pollution!'

Yes, Milton, I wish these people would 'get real' and use a more reasonable route, 'elevating' the countryside instead of 'destroying' it. But I'm not holding my breath,

and neither should you.

**M Morgan**  
 Mullumbimby

■ I'm told an article has been published in another local paper which, in supporting a totally inappropriate DA for Bangalow, claims that the Bangalow Progress Association opposes everything; not so.

The Association opposes developments which fly in the face of what residents and visitors have clearly said in a recently conducted survey they want for the town; they value Bangalow as an historic country village surrounded by green hills and good farming land, and offering a quality shopping experience. We support developments which promote these attributes and oppose those which would be detrimental.

The proposal for Lismore Road where the developer wants to cover prime agricultural land – a good working

farm – with huge sheds, over 500 car parks and other commercial activities, we find absolutely unacceptable – and the DA proposes doubling the number of sheds in the future. While farmers are allowed, under the zoning rules, to process their own produce to supplement income, this proposal is well outside these guidelines and would establish a huge manufacturing (and waste) complex on the outskirts of Bangalow; a smaller version within the industrial estate across the road would probably have been supported by the BPA.

Should this DA be approved by the Regional Planning Panel, which will make the decision, it will be at the expense of Bangalow as we know and love it and I suggest that anyone who thinks I'm exaggerating should do their own research.

**Jenny Coman**  
 Secretary, Bangalow Progress Association

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At first glance the Anti-Semitism Awareness Act, which is being rushed to the US Senate floor, is cause for optimism; however, this bill

would classify any university campus criticism of Israeli government policies as officially anti-Semitic. For example, criticism of the Trump government's proposal to boost Israel's \$38 billion aid package would fall foul of this legislation.

Anti-Semitism and Islamophobia would be sharply reduced if the state of Israel along with Islamic countries like Saudi Arabia would dramatically align their policies to comply with international human rights law. It is unacceptable that Jews and Muslims should experience prejudice fed by their respective countries' appalling behaviour.

As we approach Christmas with its traditional emphasis on goodwill to all people, let us emulate those fabulous Jews from the US and other countries who took them-

selves to Hebron, Palestine, under the banner 'Occupation is not my Judaism' to link arms in solidarity with the Palestinian struggle for justice and peace. They got their hands dirty rebuilding dwellings demolished by settlers and the Israeli Defence Force and helped to replant citrus and olive groves burned to ashes by renegade settlers (<http://bit.ly/kigaza>).

If Vic Alhadeff and the NSW Board of Jewish Deputies truly want to combat anti-Semitism they should start slamming Israel's iniquitous occupation.

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

### Tech mania

Phillip Frazer is right (*Echo* articles, November 30): we're lurching – or is it sleepwalk-

ing? – toward an automated, robotic, dystopian, technocapitalist future.

Guy Rundle, Tim Dunlop and many others have chronicled the consequences of this corporatic madness, leading Professor Stephen Hawking to predict a world dominated by super AI 'beings'. However, the important thing now is not to simply let this dystopian nightmare unfold without active and focused appraisal and resistance.

We should carefully scrutinise the implications of such technological developments. Who really benefits from them?

Do they add to or detract from the quality of life? And what of the future of work itself? What form should it take into the future? Do robotics and so forth necessarily mean a workless society?

As Naomi Klein recently pointed out, there are in a decent and equitable society all manner of jobs that can contribute to societal wellbeing and the common good – in health, education, creative arts, food production, and various caring and community-based professions. At the same time, recognition needs to be given to those caring roles, invariably undertaken by women for little or no material reward.

So, let's not sleepwalk into a future dictated by corporate interests and runaway technology. We should never fetishise technology or regard it

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# Funny, it's more than a stage I'm going through

S Sorrensen

Ballina. Thursday, 8.40pm

The gig is going well. When standup is going well it feels great. And I'm not just talking about for the audience; I'm talking about for me.

Yes, folks, it's me on the stage, microphone in hand, laughter tinkling from the audience, like beer glasses do from the bar. It's a beautiful sound, people laughing. (As is the tinkle of beer glasses.)

Downstairs, pokie machines peal and chime, ATMs whir and clang, tills jingle and toll, food buzzers buzz, and phones ring, ping and sing, but here, upstairs in comedy heaven, it's the sound of laughter that fills the room (and that tinkle thing, of course). That makes me feel good.

That laughter is the audience and me sharing a mo-

ment. We have connected over a silly gag. Yep. I feel good. Alive.

It's not that I'm desperate for people's validation. No. I don't need permission to be a human. (I already showed my licence at the door.) But, getting a laugh when you're doing comedy is, well, a relief. It's also what's expected.

I am many things: writer, teacher, comedian... father, son, lover... hippy, greenie, black belt in karate. (Okay, one of those I made up.) Tonight, I am comedian. (If all goes well, later, I may be lover, but let's not count our drinks before they're poured.)

Standup is a deadly game. You kill or you die. And if you die, you die a horrible death... alone. There's no drummer to blame. Just you and a clammy silence that crawls onstage, thrusts its hand into your stomach, rips out your guts and chucks them onto the carpet. (This really happens.



Check out the club carpet yourself.)

Stand-up, it's a bit like life, I guess. You make your entrance alone, and your exit. What you do during your brief time in the light is up to you. If you're tough, a few people will laugh with you at life's peculiarities, appreciate

your uniqueness and not foul your water... if you're tough.

If you're sensitive – wrong planet.

Standup is performance stripped down to its essentials. There are no elaborate sets (behind me is only a comedy banner with bad punctuation), no costume

(I'm wearing what I always wear: hemp shirt, synthetic pants, deck shoes), no re-takes (this is here and now) and no script (sure, I have ideas and gags, but I'm too lazy to learn stuff).

You just stand up and talk. Simple (but tricky). It's about connection. We all want to connect. To share our bewilderment at life. To be honest, just for a moment, human to human. Strangely, given the onstage bullshit, it's all about honesty. Oh, and timing.

Timing. I should say something now. The last joke has faded, and the room is quietening (except for the beery tinkle). I should say something, but... I'm keen to hang onto this moment, because I feel happy. I want to make this feeling last as long as possible; to stretch it into the night, into tomorrow. (The headliner would be pissed off.)

It's the humanity of

standup comedy that appeals to me. In an era when friends are made but not met, where conversations are between keyboards, where the complexities of human interaction are gelded to 140 characters, the connection I'm having now with these people in this room by the river, is real. Refreshing. Bombarded by wave after wave of electronic information that's either vacuous or dire, distracting or destructive, I hardly know what's real any more.

This is.

Oh dear. Tension builds in the room. I should say something. I've stretched the silent moment to breaking point. I hear it snap. (Snap!) The beer tinkle grows louder. A cough. A 'come on, mate...'

'Thank you,' I say.

'And goodnight.'

■ See more of S's work at **Echo**netdaily.net.au  
echo.net.au/here-and-now

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as integral to 'progress'.

The key driver of today's technology research is of course corporate profit, and that's why Prime Minister Turnbull has pushed for the commercialisation of all university research, meaning that private interest takes precedence over the common good. This needs to be resisted.

The other day I saw a debate on ABC's *Lateline* between two academics mulling over the ethical merits of robotic sex dolls. Leaving aside the rampant sexism inherent in such 'anatomically correct'

artefacts, it's worth pondering why highly educated researchers are devoting their precious time to such activities when there are so many pressing needs out there. Could it be that there's a huge killing to be made?

**Dr Richard Hil**  
Ngara Institute  
Mullumbimby

## Diesel daze

The last fortnight has revealed health evidence that should be of great concern to the north coast and in particular Byron Bay. The highest and most significant causes of cancer in Australia are ultra-

violet rays (UV) and diesel emissions. Anyone doubting hard evidence should make contact with ABC RN Radio.

This evidence will no doubt influence the research of the excellent community teams working on reducing toxic emissions in the Shire. Of note are the Zero Emissions Group and the Belongil Action Group.

The latter are addressing the research and credibility deficits surrounding the the authorisation and management of the proposed Byron Bay Railroad Company (BBRC) solar/diesel/electric train that is to run from Sun-

rise Beach to the Byron township. This train is to run a minimum of 28 times per day, 365 days a year.

There is to date no hard evidence of filtration systems on the train. Diesel particles travel huge distances. They lodge on vegetation, affecting the lungs of feeding species, and also lodge in the lungs of humans. The very young and aged are most vulnerable to same.

It is acknowledged that diesel vehicles also travel Ewingsdale Road, but medical evidence does not accept this as a reason why such a train (lacking hard empirical evi-

dence) should be considered.

It was disappointing that the green mayor supported the train – in full knowledge that the imperative procedures of a social impact study had been ignored?

Spin and strawman appeasement approaches insult communities in Byron. The Elements development is in a highly sensitive environmental area. Development proposals in the past revealed that environmental impact studies (EIS) were required. These were fought for by the community.

Anyone doubting environmental law should make

contact with Su Higginson of the Environmental Defenders Office (EDO). Anyone seeking further knowledge on lung disease should contact the Australian Lung Foundation of Australia 07 3251 3600.

North coast communities deserve a train that will service regional needs. The evidence of sacrifice (eg potential lung disease) and community trauma should be rationally considered within the debate. The only thing certain in life is change and that should offer hope, integrity and a better way forward.

**Jo Faith**  
Newtown

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## CHESS by Ian Rogers

Magnus Carlsen received the 26th birthday present he most desired with victory over Sergey Karjakin in rapid playoffs on Thursday to retain the World Championship title in New York.

The Norwegian's third title victory was by far his most difficult, with Carlsen trailing his Russian opponent with just four games to play and his mind, self-admittedly, 'not in a good place'.

However, Carlsen levelled the match with his trademark persistence in the tenth game and two games later, with the match tied 6-6, the players headed for a day of playoffs – four half-hour games to be followed by 10 five-minute games and an Armageddon game if needed.

On the last day Carlsen finally showed the reason why he had been an unbackable favourite at the start of the match, dominating the final three games and ultimately winning 3-1. Carlsen's final move of the final game, shown in the diagram, was a queen sacrifice to checkmate and secure the world title – a finish likely to be republished for decades to come.

Carlsen's progress was followed with almost unbelievable devotion by television audiences in Norway, with an incredible quarter of Norway watching every minute of the final day.

For Karjakin the final day was a giant let-down after performing so far above expectations in the main part of the contest. The 26-year-old Russian was within a few good moves of taking a two point lead after nine games, having been willing to suffer and defend like no-one has ever done against the normally unstoppable force of Carlsen.

Carlsen will have two years to enjoy his title before being required to take on the winner of the March 2018 Candidates tournament in November of that year.



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## Incarcerated in West Papua, my son endured a six-month ordeal

Susan Skyvington

Before gaining independence in 1999, East Timor endured 24 years of brutal suffering under Indonesian occupation. Are we aware, do we care that this is today being repeated in West Papua?

Just 200km from Australia, the western half of New Guinea island, formerly Irian Jaya, West Papua also wants freedom from Indonesia, but is being violently oppressed.

My son Saul Dalton was detained for six months in this remote province, inadvertently caught up in both independence struggles.

A young graduate, Saul went as a UN-sponsored witness to the referendum in East Timor. Proud of him for his social conscience, unusual among his materialistic Gen X cohort, I was also concerned. Massacre was predicted if the vote went against Indonesia retaining East Timor.

### Bloodbath

A violent bloodbath did ensue. Saul hopped onto an inter-island ferry to escape trouble. Or so he thought. Ten days later he landed up in Irian Jaya. Out of the frying pan into the fire. John Howard had just sent Australian-led troops into Timor to quell the slaughter.

Indonesia hated Australia for this intervention, for their loss of face. Saul was arrested on boarding a short flight back to Darwin. At midnight, driven into dark remote jungle, he was sure this was where his life would end.

Indonesian foreign minister Ali Alatas gloated next day to his Australian counterpart Alexander Downer at a New York UN meeting: 'We are holding one of your countrymen.'

I went to try to get him out. From Byron paradise plunged into Papua hell. I was told, 'We do not like your country, we will not help your son. We have photographed him in Darwin wearing a Falintil [the ET resistance movement] t-shirt demonstrating against the Republic of Indonesia.'

My naive plea, 'But we were all supporting East Timor,' did not help.

Alone, defended only by a police-appointed non-English-speaking lawyer, Saul was put through a drawn-out



Saul Dalton, second from right, and friends.

### Free West Papua activism



An Australian site for human rights in West Papua is at [freewestpapua.com.au](http://freewestpapua.com.au). The Morning Star flag designed by Markus Wonggor Kaisiepo in 1961 has become a symbol of the independence movement.

trial on charges of misusing his visa (endorsed by the Indonesian Consulate in Darwin with 'Pro-UNAMET', to assist in the UN mission to East Timor) for espionage, for trying to wrest this province from the Republic of Indonesia – sent moreover by the Australian government!

### Payback

The Papuan prosecutor told me, 'I know your son has done nothing. I am being asked to bring these false charges against him as a payback to Australia.' Young Melky Huka, who had helped Saul, died suddenly, mysteriously.

Eventually my son was released. A case of straying into the wrong place at the wrong time. They had not caught a big spymaster, just small fry. Face had been saved.

We were asked to write a statement to General Siagian, head of armed forces of Irian Jaya, to never speak out against the Republic of Indonesia.

Through our long ordeal, the legacy of which is PTSD, we learned about this most remote, secret, sinister place, of its exploited natural beauty and rich resources, its brave,

gentle freedom-loving people. I have met human rights lawyers and advocates, tribal and church leaders, musicians, artists – all have lost loved ones, land, and livelihood. But not their spirit.

Saul was held near giant US-owned Freeport, the world's largest gold and third largest copper mine (200,000 tons of copper ore per day).

Freeport's four per cent royalty is the single largest contribution to Indonesia's GNP.

It pays millions of dollars to Kopassus, the 'elite' Indonesian military unit, to provide security to the mine.

### Destruction

That is also why Saul was arrested: no-one is meant to go there, to reveal what is happening in this last innocent Shangri-la being brutally raped behind closed doors.

I witnessed a kilometres-wide swathe of mining waste descending from the glacier-topped mountain of gold to the sea, decimating rainforest, rivers and villages along its path. Papua's rainforest, home of exotic birds of paradise, is being destroyed.

In 2004 Yale Law School concluded that genocide is occurring, half a million of West Papua's people massacred since Indonesia appropriated it in 1969. Australia is complicit in turning a blind eye, and our taxes are paying for Kopassus training.

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### From the Chamber:

Welcome, everyone, to the Shop Local campaign being run by the Mullumbimby Chamber of Commerce in partnership with Echo Publications. This is a wonderful opportunity for the community to support local businesses and for our local businesses to give back to the community.

Thanks to *The Echo*, we have \$3,000 to give away in vouchers to local shoppers to spend at local participating stores. Last year, we had more than 10,000 entries from local shoppers and this year we anticipate even more. In keeping with the strong values of the Mullumbimby Chamber of Commerce, this campaign is about stimulating the local economy, bringing the community together, and building a supportive and sustainable Mullumbimby.

We wish you all a prosperous lead-up to the festive season and a wonderful start to the new year.

### From *The Echo*:

*The Echo* grew up around here and we're proud to support the Shop Local campaign, because those of us who've chosen to live here love it. You can walk down the street with your kids and they'll know people in the shops. When you buy something, you know your money's staying local – you can see the local owners supporting the schools and other local businesses.

It's probably been like this for a hundred years: 'oyster bars' have been replaced by cool cafes, organic stores and computer shops; and it's a bit harder to get a park, but you can still see your friends from the hills shopping in Mullumbimby's main street or at the music festival. There's a great sense of community here that we should support by shopping locally.

### Art Piece Gallery

Mullumbimby has become the creative and artistic hub of the Shire, providing a platform for a multitude of styles and media. So catch our Christmas show 30 x 30. Keeping it small and perfectly formed, more than 30 artists show their best in the space of 30 x 30 cm. Also find fine textiles by Shyama, sturdy, sagar-fired ceramics by Made of Australia and exquisite jewellery by Lisa Black.

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The Bookshop stocks a wide variety of books including lots of local content. It specialises in good literature, art and design, and also has children's and young-adult content. Denise loves her friendly customers who have supported the business for the past 15 years. Denise also offer a special order service and gift vouchers are available.

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Vince Devine has been a butcher in Mullumbimby for 42 years. He works in his shop and employs five staff. Devine Meats offer a wide range of products, mostly sourced from local farmers. Whenever you head into Devine's you're greeted with a smile and (if you need it) very helpful advice.

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- Dolphin Office Choice
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- Hooked and Cooked
- IGA Mullumbimby
- James Hardware (Mitre 10 Mullum)
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- Mullum Chemsave Pharmacy
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- Mullumbimby Bakery



# MULLUM SHOP LOCAL THIS CHRISTMAS!

## SHOP LOCAL AND WIN!

**Our week three winners and the local shops they shopped at are:**

**Peter Martin** – Mitre 10  
**Janelle Maree** – IGA  
**Christina Gray** – Devine's Quality Meats  
**Chris Sinclair** – IGA  
**Robyn Oberhofer** – Mitre 10



Christina Gray – winner (left) with Vince Devine – Devine's Quality Meats (right)

### How to enter

1. Simply spend \$20 or more at a participating store and you will receive an entry form.
2. Fill out the entry form and have the back stamped by the participating store or attach your receipt.
3. Drop the entry form into the specially marked box located at participating stores.

Each Monday of the campaign, five winners will be drawn. Ten winners will be drawn in the final week. Winners will receive a \$100 voucher to spend at a participating store. There are 30 x \$100 vouchers to be won. Winners will be contacted by phone or email and will be announced on the Mullumbimby Chamber of Commerce website and in *The Echo* newspaper.

**Terms & Conditions:** The Mullum Shop Local campaign runs for five weeks from 16 November and finishes on 21 December. Vouchers must be spent by 31 March 2017 and cannot be spent at more than one store. Winners draws are final.



**Each Monday at 2pm out the front of the Mullum Newsagency, five winners will be drawn.**

### Mullum Instyle

Mullum Instyle sells an enormous range of variety goods, homewares, gift lines for all occasions and an extensive range of kitchenware. The variety range includes stationery, craft, toys, candles, cards, garden, auto and hardware. Be inspired with your Christmas gift ideas – visit Mullum Instyle. They are open seven days and offer eftpos and layby facilities.

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As a locally owned community enterprise, Santos Organics invests 100 per cent of its profits into improving service to their customers, and into social and environmental projects that they and their community care about. They are dedicated to providing a product range that minimises the collective impact on the environment, while maximising health benefits for you and your family. Thanks for your ongoing support!

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### Spice it Up Thai Restaurant

Spice it Up is located at the Mullumbimby Bowling Club. Open Wednesday to Sunday from 5.30pm dine in and takeaway. They cater to anyone wanting to indulge in mouth-watering fresh local produce cooked by a professional team specialising in Thai cuisine. People love to come to their restaurant for that guaranteed consistency: great food and service with a smile.

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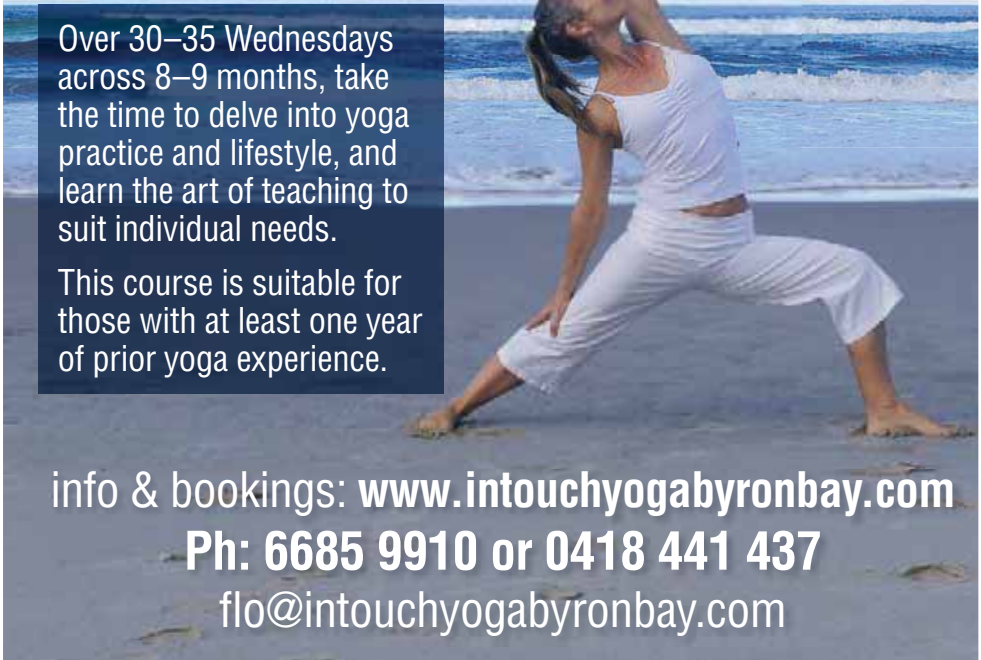
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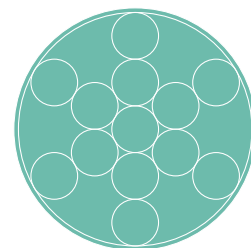
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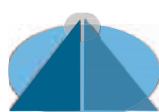
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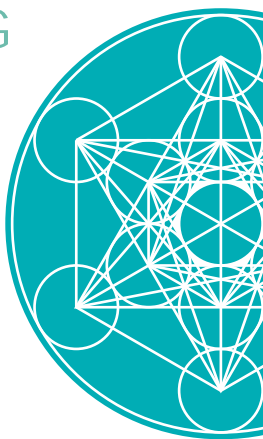
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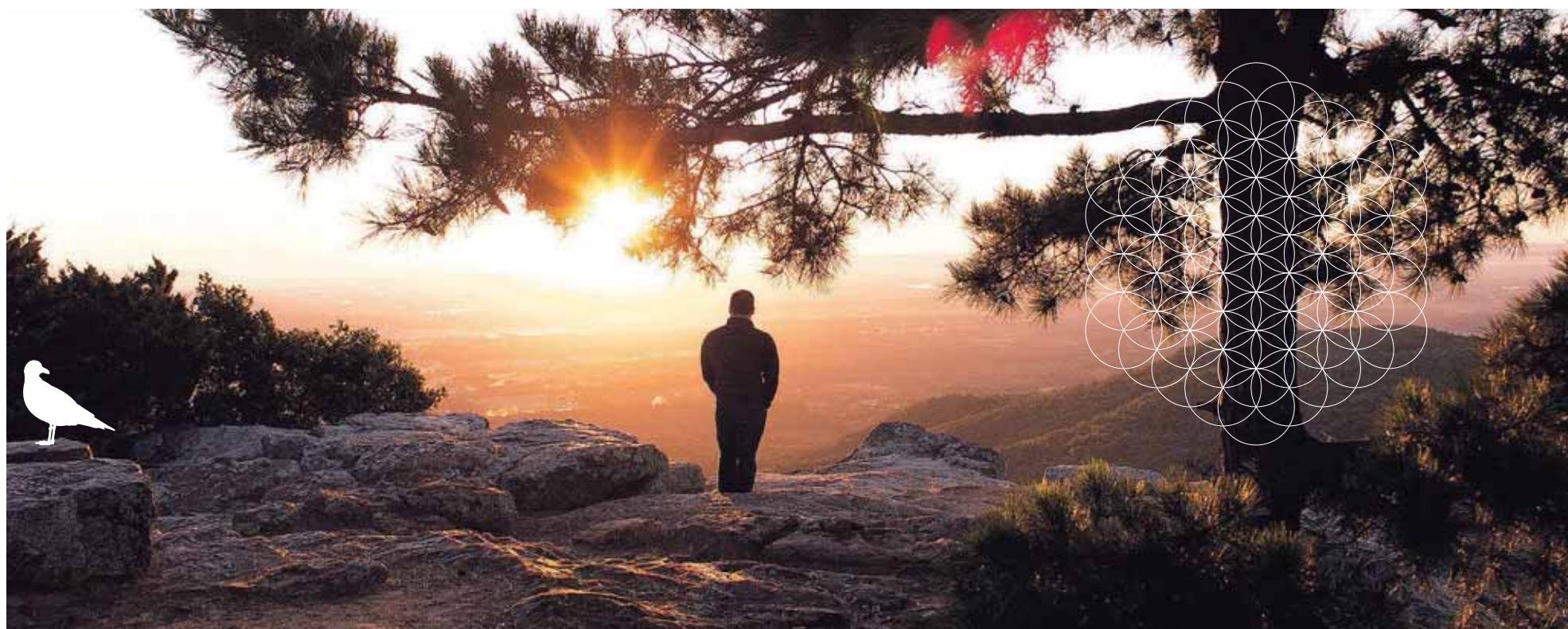


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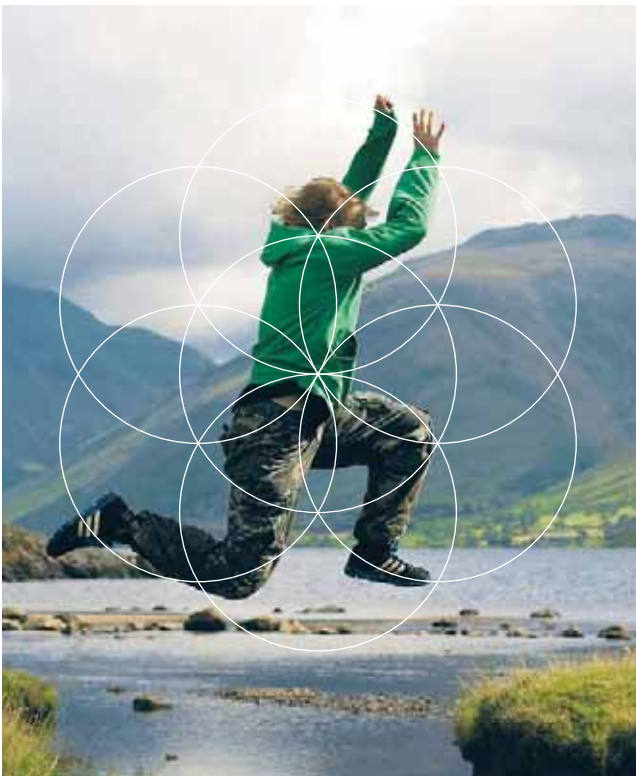
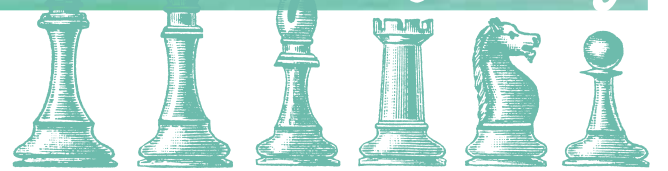
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Ayesha has postgraduate qualifications in Evidence-Based Complementary Medicine from the Australian Centre for Complementary Education and Research.

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# Festive Season

## GINGER NECKTAR

In February next year Ginger Necktar Drink Company celebrates 20 years of making the drinks that you love to drink. From humble beginnings in Lois's kitchen up in the hills at Rosebank, Ginger Necktar is still a handmade live drink that is created from cold-pressed raw ginger juice, freshly squeezed lemons, raw unprocessed honey and Grander energised rainwater.

The team at Ginger Necktar are passionate about offering their customers a range of drinks that have not been subjected to processes that destroy or deplete their nutritional value.

If you have not tried one of their drinks (Ginger Necktar, Ginger Cranberry Necktar or, for the ginger lovers, Ginger BLAST) then go and try one today.

Then you will know why customers LOVE to drink the drink that they LOVE to make!

8/70 Centennial Circuit, Byron Bay Arts & Industry Estate 6680 9433



## CHAMPAGNE LANE

Champagne Lane is the new kid on the block in Bangalow. They stock a range of beautiful luxury linens and sleep wear. Exclusive stockist of the Talia Benson range of ready-to-wear linen range featuring affordable but stylish designs. Linen is the best fabric for summer!

This gorgeous store has something for everyone. Tucked away in one of Bangalow's eclectic lanes, Champagne Lane is a treasure trove full of unique gift ideas and goddess attire perfect for Christmas. Including amazing art, special ornaments, unique trinkets, beautiful underwear, homewares, pot plants, lamps, soaps, candles, flowing dresses, lights... everything! Champagne Lane is Bangalow's best-kept secret. Update your home this summer with our range of exquisite cushions full of texture and colour to brighten your lounge and living area.

Special gift packs are arriving every day.

Come in and find the ideal gift or something special for your home or loved ones this Christmas at Champagne Lane. Nicole will help you find a gift to please even the most pernickety family member!

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## WHAT'S YOUR PASSION?



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[www.facebook.com/champagne.lane](http://www.facebook.com/champagne.lane)





## GUESTS COMING FOR CHRISTMAS?

We have everything you need for the bedroom at Beds R Us Byron Bay!

Treat your guests with a comfy queen-size mattress from \$299. Queen bed frames from \$199! Futon sofa beds only \$579.

### Gift Ideas?

Give your loved one a Merry Christmas with a brand new pillow. We have a huge range and all our quality Dunlopillos are 20 per cent off. Or a beautiful quilt cover set. All our KAS designs are 30 per cent off.

### Treat Yourself!

You deserve a brand new mattress for Christmas. Did you know that a good mattress not only improves your health but also helps you live longer. All our Sleepmaker Cocoon models are 50 per cent off and our premium Swisstek Mattress are 30 per cent off.

Come in and see Anna and the Beds R Us team at 16 Brigantine Street, Byron Arts and Industry Estate, for the right bed at the right price, right now!

## BOOKS ARE THE PERFECT GIFT

Come and discover Bookworms and Papermites, the awesome little bookshop in the heart of Bangalow. Here are some suggestions for the perfect gift this Christmas.

**Byron Trails:** Mairead Cleary has produced a wonderful guide of fifty more walks that you can take in Byron Bay and beyond. The guide includes detailed instructions telling you where to start your walk, how long the walk is, how much time you will need for it and the degree of difficulty. I love the contemporary addition of the closest cafe stop. There are detailed maps, information about staying safe in the bush, and recommendations for the best time of the year to take the walk.

**The Couple Next Door:** Your husband said that it would be fine. After all, you only live next door. You'll have the baby monitor and you'll take turns to go back every half-hour. What could go wrong? There's always the possibility, as you race up the stairs of your deathly quiet house, that your worst fears will be realised and your beautiful daughter will be gone!

**Orphan X:** Evan Smoak is a man with skills, resources, and a personal mission to help those with nowhere else to turn. He's also a man with a dangerous past. Chosen as a child, he was raised and trained as part of the off-the-books black box orphan program, designed to create the perfect deniable intelligence assets – ie assassins. He was Orphan X. Evan broke with the program and, using everything he learned, managed to disappear – or has he? A very pacy thriller.

*Bookworms and Papermites, Bangalow Newsagency  
26 Byron Street, Bangalow, 6687 1396*

## NEW BYRON BAY FESTIVAL OF DESIGN

Byron has a new, exciting festival! This full-day event connects Byron's most talented upcoming designers, live music and delicious food in a free-entry festival format. First edition is on Saturday 17 December at the Byron YAC (1 Gilmore Cres) from 8.30am till 7pm. Come and enjoy Byron's festival vibes surrounded by new local talents.

*More info: [byronbayfestivalofdesign.com.au](http://byronbayfestivalofdesign.com.au).*



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## BOOKWORMS & PAPERMITES

*If you are wondering what to buy your friends and loved ones this Christmas, books make the perfect gift. Here are some more recommendations from the Bookworms & Papermites team:*

**Byron Trails** a fantastic guide to the many wonderful walking tracks of the Byron Shire.

*Mairead Cleary*

**Orphan X** for the young adult and those who like the Jason Bourne genre.

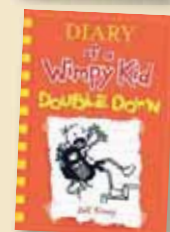
*Gregg Hurwitz*

**Dairy of a Wimpy Kid Double Down** (Book 11) for the budding reader.

*Jeff Kinney*

**The Couple Next Door** the babysitter cancels at the last minute; you're only going next door and you've got the baby monitor with you! What happens when they get home is compelling reading!

*Shari Lapena*



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# Festive Season

## BRUNS FISH BAR — CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Brunswick Fish Bar thought they would kick summer off by having some Christmas presents to win.

What better way to enjoy your day, cool off in the salty ocean then having the chance to win a Hand Shaped Surf Board valued at \$850 from Therapy Surfboards. They also have personal training sessions from Transform Fitness and gift vouchers from Brunswick Surf.

To enter all you have to do is call in to The Brunswick Heads Fish Bar and try their magnificent burgers. They have Moroccan Lamb & Tzaki, Pesto Chicken & Brie, and dare to be different: try their Wong Burger. (minimum purchase \$30 to go into the draw)

Straight across the road from the Brunswick River, enjoy the awesome atmosphere and the relaxed feel that is Brunswick Heads.

10 The Terrace Street, Brunswick Heads. 6685 1210

## ROCK OF AGES

The northern rivers' most renowned tattoo studio, Rock of Ages Tattoo Parlour, has been in operation since 2009. It has earned the reputation of providing highest quality work in a professional, relaxed environment.

Rock of Ages has six house artists proficient in all styles of custom tattooing including Japanese, realism, black and grey, fine art and traditional artwork. Summer will see the arrival of world-travelling guest artists as well as facilities for walk-in appointments owing to overwhelming demand.

Gift vouchers are available for the perfect Christmas present that is sure to please. Rock of Ages would like to extend their thanks to all of their valued clients for their continued support in 2016 and are looking forward to the creative prospects 2017.

Open Monday-Saturday from 10am.

Call 6687 5872 for more info.

## GIVE A NORPA GIFT THIS CHRISTMAS!

Transporting someone to a world of wonder through theatre, dance, cabaret, music, circus and comedy makes the perfect gift for the arts lover in your life, and what a way to support local culture while gifting great experiences.

You can order tickets to any of the shows in NORPA's 2017 Season, subscriptions and gift vouchers and, with 18 productions and more than 50 performances to choose from, there is something for everyone.

For gift purchases before 24 December NORPA will include a drink voucher with every \$50 spent and package it all up beautifully to go under the tree.

Visit the Box Office at 1 Bounty Street, Lismore, or call 1300 066 772 and their staff will print tickets, include drink vouchers and gift wrap them on the spot.

If it gets to Christmas Eve and you realise you need a last-minute gift, you can go online at [www.norpa.org.au](http://www.norpa.org.au) and purchase print-at-home tickets.



Brunswick Heads Fish Bar.

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## CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

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## DESTINATION POINCIANA MULLUM

We gathered a list of what people love about the Byron Shire and we put it all together.

Casual courtyard setting with top-class chefs. No plastic, ethical source, natural setting, cold beer, organic wine, vegan options, talented musicians, filtered water, healthy kids.

The menu is born from global inspiration from Kahlil Perazzo. Having travelled the world and entered the Byron Shire through Harvest, he has been hungry to produce a multi-dimensional dining experience that challenges our guests. All dietary requirements are met in his creative and courageous cooking attitude.

It's a beer garden with awesome free musical talent on show. The meals are priced really well for anyone to try something new. We order at the bar to keep the prices real and ask you to bring a friend every time! This place is something for Byron Shire to be proud of. It's a destination for any breakfast, luncheon or evening outing whether it's romance or group hugs you are after! Bringing the best of the Byron Shire together – choose the Poinciana.

Open seven days from 8am plus dinner now Thursday, Friday and Saturday with cocktail and wine bar open till late.

## OH MY GODDESS!

Come in and experience a space filled with beautiful fashion, world music and jewellery. Enjoy the huge range of lingerie. Sexy, practical, small, large – we've got it covered!

Our swimwear ranges from little crochet numbers to well-constructed swimsuits for the voluptuous woman.

This is a boutique where goddesses of all ages can shop together, share their passion for beauty and have a good time.

Well worth a visit!

7 Park Street, Brunswick Heads. 6685 1307



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# Festive Season



## ONE-OFF STYLE EVENT

Returning to Brunswick Heads with an eclectic but classic range of apparel, shoes, accessories, jewellery, dress-ups, art works and bric-a-brac.

\$5 – \$300.

Sourced from far and wide, this is not to be missed!

There is something for everyone. All ages, all sexes, small and large sizing. Stacks of stuff.

Created by Marina of the Yellow Dot.

Old and new customers, I look forward to seeing you there.

BYO bag (save the environment).

*Brunswick Heads Memorial Hall*

*9am–5pm 11 December*

## KIVA SPA

It's nestled in a bamboo grove down a back lane in Mullumbimby, and people flock to KIVA SPA from near and far. They give gift vouchers to their loved ones because everyone feels better after a visit; more relaxed, more connected, more available, softer and more accepting.

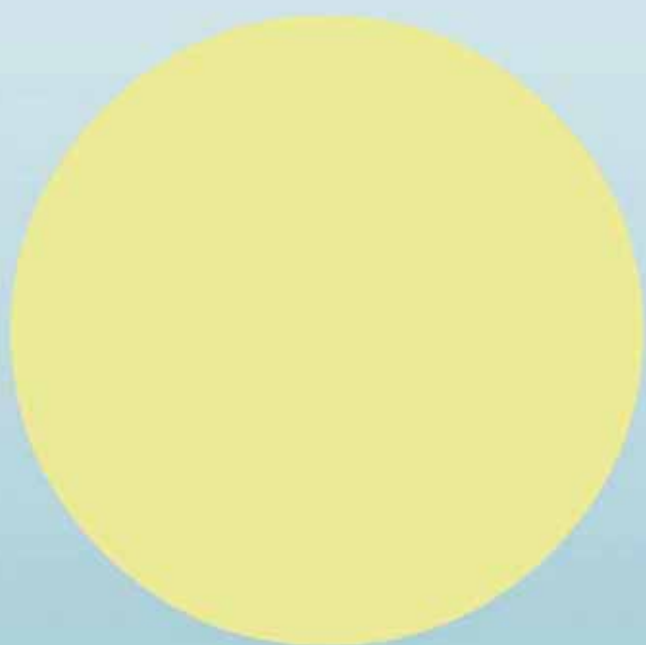
The combination of hot spas, steam room, wood-heated sauna and plunge pool does wonders for body and soul. All is contained within a lush, secluded garden, delicious in the rain and delightful in the sun. We have 45 of the best therapists in the area at your service.

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# Festive Season



## BYRON BAY LONGBOARDS

Byron Bay Longboards (formerly Surf Central) is an old-style, locally owned and run surf shop. Owned for 15 years by Sput and Michelle Keevers, it has recently been sold to Ewingsdale residents Doc and Lin Watson. They have changed the name back to the original Byron Bay Longboards Surf Shop as they love the imagery this conjures of relaxed, sun-drenched days surfing and playing at the beach. Of course we cater for short boards, body boards, swimmers and general beachgoers too. Come in and say hi and meet our resident golden retriever, Bear. Mention this article to get a 10 per cent discount.

89 Jonson Street, Byron Bay

## GOODBYE, THE LIFE OF BYRON

After 28 years of bringing beauty and enchantment to the Byron shopping experience, THE LIFE OF BYRON in Lawson Street is closing its doors. This iconic women's fashion, jewellery, gifts and accessories store has long been a must for locals and visitors. Generations have grown up enjoying the richness of the store. All THE LIFE OF BYRON stock is 20-70 per cent off in a massive Christmas and summer closing-down sale. Maria Malta came to Australia in 1989 from a retailing family in Brazil and built a thriving business. She will give the store and all its fixtures, worth more than \$100,000, including lighting and two air-conditioners, away FREE to anyone willing to take over her lease at the end of January. Maria is grateful to the many thousands of customers and wonderful staff who supported her through these decades. They will be missed!

2/17 Lawson Street, Byron Bay



89 Jonson St, Byron Bay

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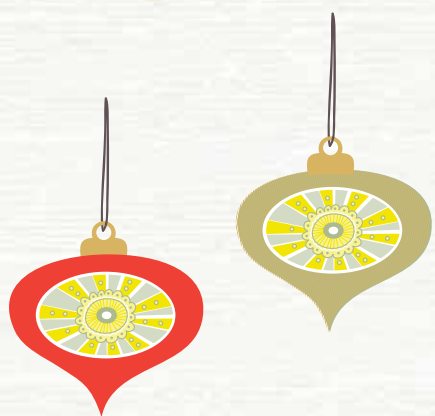


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# Festive Season



## CRYSTAL EXTRAVAGANZA

This show is a family destination, jam packed with awesome dinosaurs, crystals, fossils and amazing hand-crafted gemstone jewellery. There's loads to explore, as this Christmas Spectacular features Australia's leading mineral dealers, making it easy to find a gift for that hard-to-buy-for relative or friend. The Byron Bay Crystal Spectacular is being held at the Cavanbah Centre on 10 and 11 December. That means hassle-free parking. So come along – the entry tickets are valid for the whole weekend and there is truly something for everyone.

December 10 and 11, Cavanbah Centre, Byron Bay

## BLOWDRYS, NAILS & MAKEUP – BYRON DRY BAR

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## SUMMER HAS ARRIVED

with beautiful new lightweight cotton and linen quilts!

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New delivery of hand-embroidered cotton sheets instore soon!

Summer fashion in natural fibre range of linen, silk and cottons

Her Shed Apparel is for the woman who appreciates classic designs with a modern twist. Luxurious yet easy to wear and comfortable for everyday luxury. Why wait for a special event when you can wear it every day. Their pieces are perfect for layering and will soon become the go-to essentials in your wardrobe.

Her Shed Home is a range of the most exquisite bedding in the current season's palette. Crisp cotton, luxurious silk, velvet and linens are designed to stand alone or mix and match to create a unique look.

'Our purpose is to provide a stylish, classic range of bedding and fashion for those who appreciate the everyday luxury of fine quality natural fabrics. Her Shed is classic, elegance with a twist.'

**Her Shed Apparel and Home**

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## LITTLE POLLI & THE BLACKBIRD

If you have not yet discovered Little Polli & the Blackbird, the store is stocked full of unique Christmas gift ideas. You can find creative crafts for kids, novelty items ideal for that secret santa gift, and beautiful handcrafted jewellery, clothing accessories and homewares.

Little Polli & the Blackbird is Lismore's exclusive stockist for Elk, Maiocchi, Polli, Nancybird, B.sirius, Status Anxiety, Rare Rabbit, Glasshouse Fragrances, Holiday, Brave and True, Emily and Fin, Olga de Polga, Cotton Village, Rasaleela and the store's very own label, Selop.

Come in and visit the Polli girls: Sharon, Tanya and Rose Poles – they offer exceptional service and friendly advice. They love helping their customers find the perfect outfit or that special gift – especially at Christmas!

The store has a wonderful Wish List – a gift register of sorts that allows your loved ones to find you the perfect Christmas gift – and you still get a surprise.

Gift vouchers are also available for those who can be tricky to buy for. They've got it all covered at Little Polli & the Blackbird.

Corner of Magellan & Carrington Streets, Lismore, [facebook.com/littlepolliblackbird](https://www.facebook.com/littlepolliblackbird), 0478 127 101



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# Festive Season

## BYRON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Want to get that special person in your life the perfect gift? Well now you can. The gift of learning is something that opens doors to new opportunities and will stay with them forever. With courses available to cover a range of tastes, there is something for everyone. We have gift vouchers available for any amount that can be purchased online or through our office.

Byron Community College would like to take this opportunity to say a massive thankyou to all our students, tutors and staff for an amazing 2016. They've run more than 400 courses to more than 2,500 students, who are walking away with new skills and/or qualifications. Each year they are inspired by their students' eagerness to learn, make new friends and share life-changing experiences. It's encouraging to see how many people are expressing interest and enrolling in new courses for next year. So from all at Byron Community College, a very happy and safe festive season full of love, laughter and fun.

[www.byroncollege.org.au](http://www.byroncollege.org.au), 6684 3374



## DECEMBER HAS ARRIVED

and for many of us this marks the start of Christmas. At Byron Designworks we have a lovely array of decorative items and Christmas trees. LED lighting plays a large part in what we have on offer this season, which mean that lights used for Christmas are also suitable for other events throughout the year. Whatever you require we have a lovely range of different items to sparkle and glitter. There are also lots of gift ideas whether for someone special or for 'secret Santa'

We are taking our final deliveries of daybeds over the next few days. Offering some locally made from Australian hardwoods, and teak ones imported from our supplier in Java, there is a diverse range of daybeds for you to choose from. A selection from our vast array of beautiful cushions will finish your daybed off perfectly.

Byron Designworks, 3 Ti Tree Place, 6685 5714

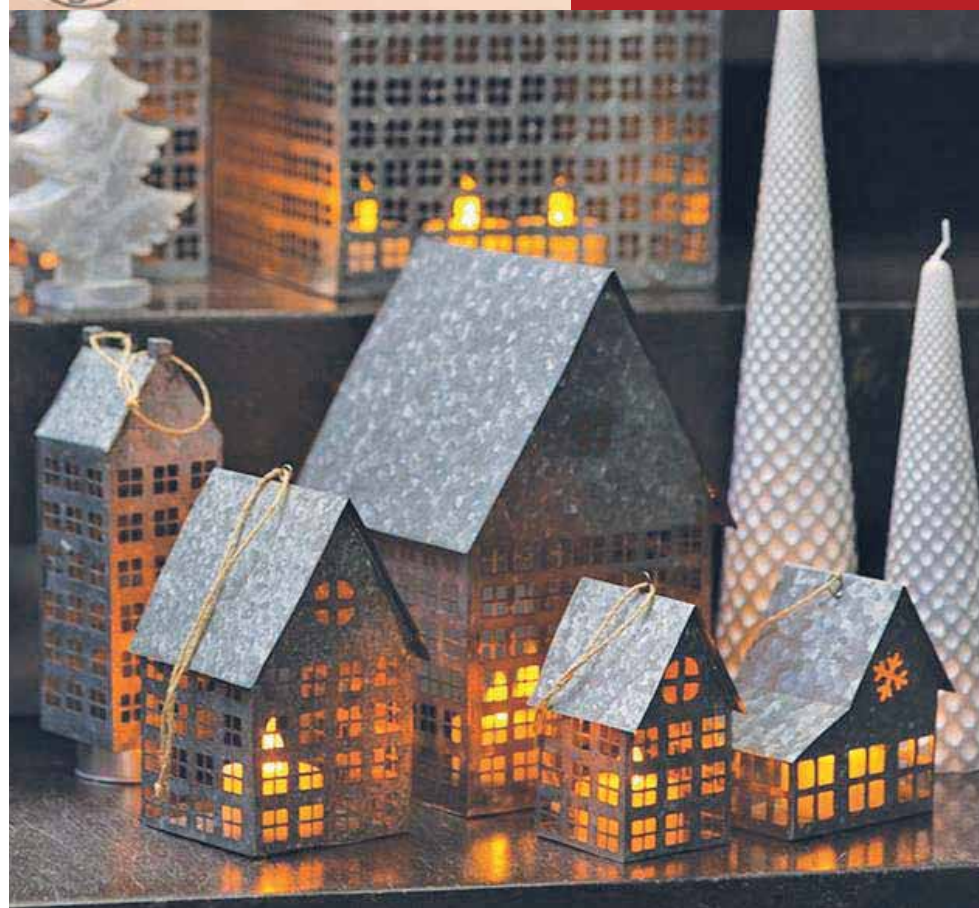
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## THE LANEWAY

If you are looking for somewhere unique with a cool creative vibe, where you can shop, eat, drink good coffee and get pampered, wander off Mullum's main street into The Laneway, at 55 Burringbar Street. The Rock & Roll Coffee Company serves up funky music with tasty fresh Asian food. The baristas are skilled, the chef is always on his game, and the coffee is delicious. When you are satiated, wander this funky laneway and check out the unique stores. Sunshine Alley houses contemporary jewellery, art and design, you will often see the artists at work, soldering and hammering at the bench, creating unique handmade jewellery in the store for you. Tinker Tailor Dancer Trader offers a beautiful collection of carefully curated goodies from near and far. From luxe leather jackets to Japanese ceramics, gift buying couldn't be made easier! Brown Paper Packages Vintage Store is full of surprises! You'll find gorgeous authentic vintage clothing next to bright and sparkly mermaid tails. It's eclectic and colourful. Now If you need a fabulous do for the festive season, slip into Frankie God of Hair for a little pampering. Frankie and Koko will give you a super hairstyle while you listen to some sweet tunes!

*Check out The Laneway, off Burringbar Street, Mullumbimby*

## BYRON BEAUTY

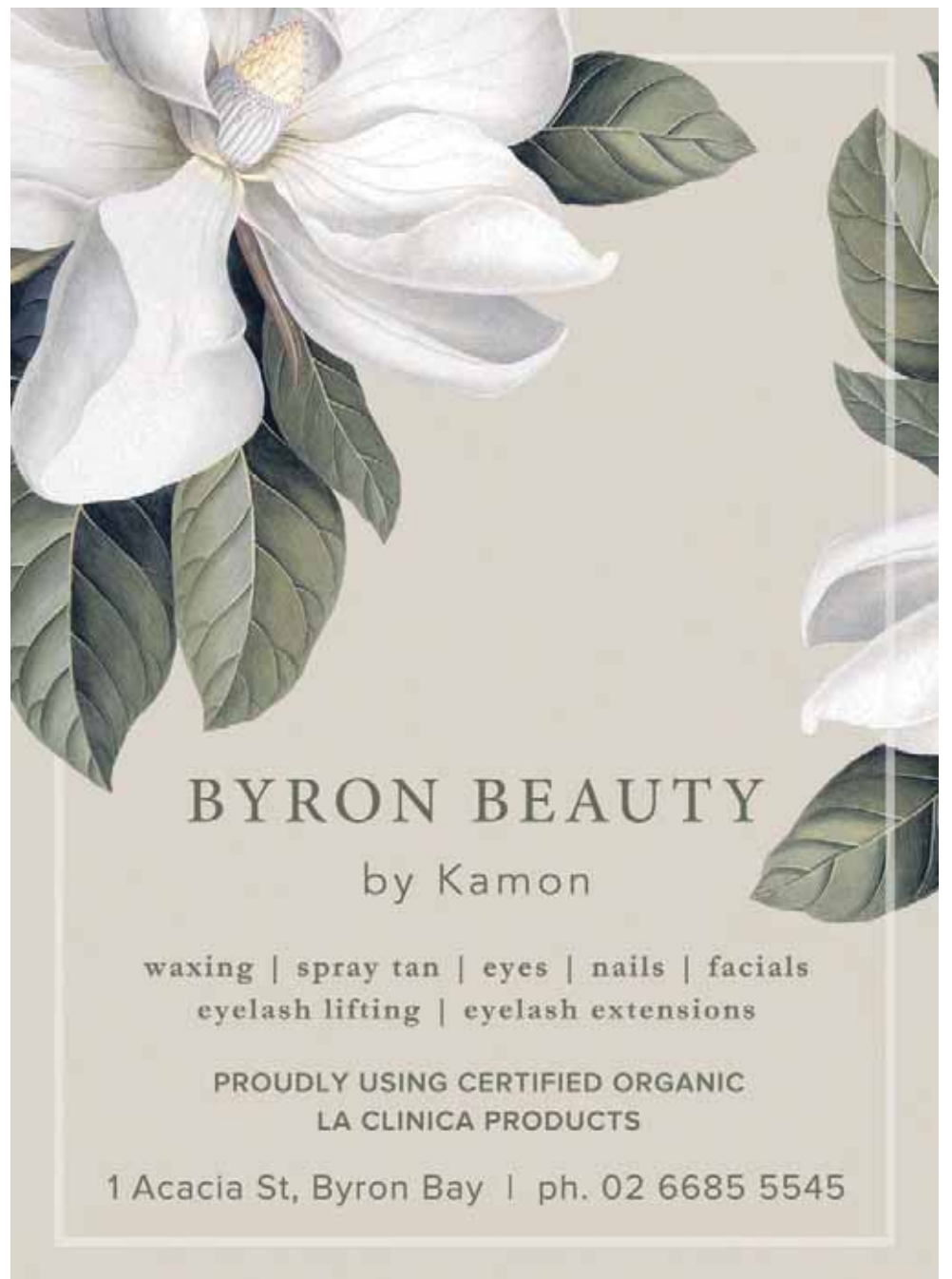
We offer a space in which you can completely immerse yourself in a unique treatment experience.

### Behind Byron Beauty

Kamon is an internationally experienced beauty therapist with extensive knowledge in skincare and beauty therapy. She brings an in-depth understanding of all skin types with her to Byron Beauty, and can prescribe you a personalised La Clinica skincare program to address your individual needs.

Kamon's eyebrow shaping is famous locally and abroad; her attention to detail leaves you looking and feeling your absolute best. Kamon also provides the ultimate treatment in manicures and pedicures, and her application of Shellac and Bio Sculpture is of an outstanding quality. Kamon's gentle touch and serene nature will have you floating until your next visit.

*1 Acacia Street, Byron Bay, 6685 5545*



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by Kamon

waxing | spray tan | eyes | nails | facials  
eyelash lifting | eyelash extensions

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[ seasons greetings ]

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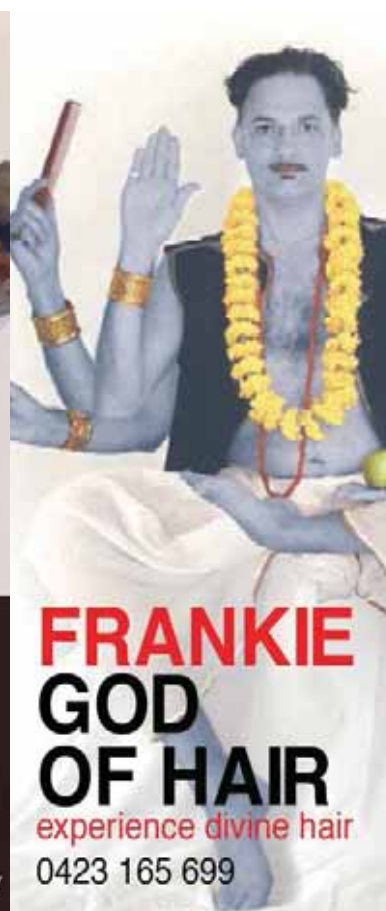
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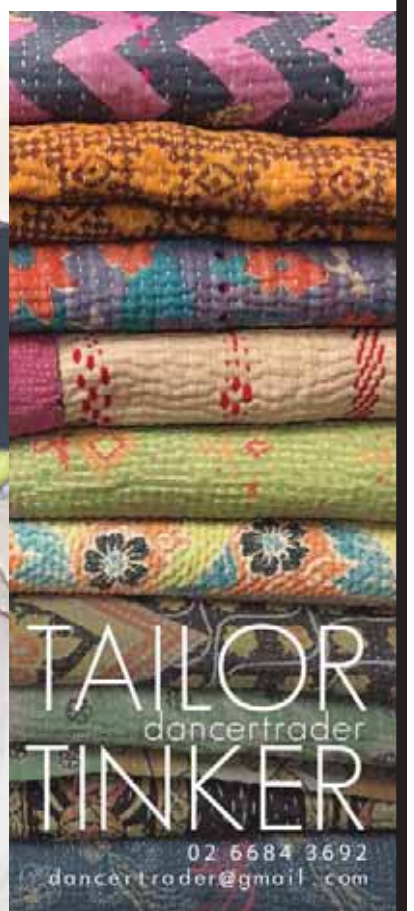
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*Thankyou to our customers for all of your wonderful support... have a fabulous festive season*



# Festive Season

## WANT A FREE SPAGHETTI CIRCUS T-SHIRT?

Of course you do!

Summer is here and the kids need some awesome new threads for the holidays. You could even tick a present off the Christmas list and put a new Spaghetti T under the tree!

Enrol for 2017 classes before the end of term, by 16 December, and score a FREE Spaghetti t-shirt.

Local legends Spaghetti Circus have been loved for generations by the young and young-at-heart for their dedication to the community and its youth. With a perfect blend of play and skilled instruction, Spaghetti's world-class coaches deliver a range of classes for all ages throughout the school term.

Many classes fill quickly so make sure you head to [spaghetticircus.com](http://spaghetticircus.com) and check out what kind of fun you'd like to have!

January School Holiday Workshops now open for bookings.

### Circus Workshops for 7-14 years

10am-3pm, 4-6 & 18-20 January.

\$60/day or \$150 for three days when booked in advance online.

### Junior Workshops for 4-6 years

9.30am-12.30pm, 4-5 January & 18-19 January.

\$40/day or \$70 for two days when booked in advance online.

[spaghetticircus.com](http://spaghetticircus.com)



## BYRON BAY PORK AND MEATS

Byron Bay Pork and Meats is a local, family owned business, that provides quality, fresh meats at a competitive price. Call in and place your Christmas orders for smoked leg hams, free-range turkey, pork roasts or chicken.

Open every Saturday morning (including Christmas Eve) until 1pm. Come in and see our friendly staff for a choice of local, grass-fed, organic and free-range meats – all antibiotic and hormone free. Our smallgoods range includes locally produced smoked leg ham, salami and a variety of gluten-free sausages.

Dalley Street, Mullumbimby, 6684 2137



TERM 1 2017 CLASSES

# ENROL NOW

Enrol & pay online by  
16 December and get a free  
Spaghetti Circus t-shirt!

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for our Beef and Pork Sausages  
2nd prize Lismore Show  
for our Bacon

Open Every Saturday morning  
(including Christmas Eve) until 1pm.



70 Dalley Street, Mullumbimby  
Phone 6684 2137





## SUBIE BAY

Byron Bay's only Subaru specialist, Subie Bay, is up and running. Perry and Scott have joined forces to bring their extensive expertise together under one roof. We offer all logbook servicing, maintaining your Subaru as per manufacturer's specification. Any repair work isn't a problem, from small jobs right through to engine replacements. We have the up-to-date diagnostic tools offering a complete mechanical and electrical diagnosis of your Subaru. Need parts? Look no further. We can supply new and used parts. We offer genuine and quality after-market parts at competitive prices.

Book in now to have your Subaru serviced and safety checked before the Christmas holidays.

3/11 Grevillea Street, Byron Bay. 6685 5200

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Pre-purchase Inspections

**3/11 Grevillea St  
Byron Bay**

**6685 5200**

## 100 HAM RAFFLE

### FRIDAY 9 & 16 DECEMBER

TICKETS ON SALE FROM 6PM AND DRAWN AT 7.30PM

Orana Rd, Ocean Shores NSW  
P 02 6680 1008 | E [info@oceanshorescc.com.au](mailto:info@oceanshorescc.com.au)  
[www.oceanshorescc.com.au](http://www.oceanshorescc.com.au)

**Ocean Shores**  
country club



# Festive Season

## THE ULTIMATE BEACH TENT

Byron Bay Beach Life are the creators of the original Byron Bay Beach Shades.

Perfect for the beach, park or poolside, your versatile beach shade can be easily assembled by one person in minutes.

Offering the highest-rated sun protection for you and your family, the beach shade won't block your view or breeze while keeping you shaded this summer.

Your beach kit comes complete with a compact carry bag, small rubber mallet and sand pegs for strong wind resistance, with five great designs to choose from.

Treat somebody you love this Christmas with a Byron Bay Beach Life beach shade.

Shop online for quick delivery –

[www.byronbaybeachlife.com.au](http://www.byronbaybeachlife.com.au) – or drop by the retail store at 16 Station St, Bangalow (The Masonic Hall).



## SPICE IT UP THAI RESTAURANT

Spice it Up is located at the Mullumbimby Bowling Club. Open Wednesday to Sunday from 5.30pm dine in and takeaway. They cater to anyone wanting to indulge in mouthwatering fresh local produce cooked by a professional team specialising in Thai cuisine. People love to come to their restaurant for that guaranteed consistency: great food and service with a smile.

Jubilee Avenue. Phone 6684 2209.

## BYRON BAY BAMBOO

With summer nearly here it's a really great time to plant bamboo for that privacy screen or hedge over the warm months. It's an even better time when you can take advantage of the best clumping bamboo varieties at special prices.

After more than ten years Byron Bay Bamboo will be closing its retail business in Tyagarah owing to the sale of the property.

So from now till 16 December they are having a clearance sale of all stock – many species of bamboo, gingers and heliconias, plus a range of treated dried bamboo poles.

They will be open Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 9.30am till 3pm.

Owner Kaye Wood would like to thank all her past customers. 'It's been an amazing experience meeting so many people and watching their gardens grow, and being involved in many bamboo events. We are excited to move to internet sales from January onwards but you can still order by email/phone or by visiting us online. We deliver locally and interstate.'

Any questions: call 0400 696 264.

# SPICE IT UP

## Thai Restaurant

### MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

### FROM THE SPICE IT UP TEAM

## MULLUM BOWLING CLUB RESTAURANT

**FREE**  
Courtesy bus  
available

OPEN WED–SUN FROM 5:30PM  
DINE IN OR TAKE AWAY

# ~ 6684 2209 ~

## BYRON BAY BEACHLIFE

### BEACH ESSENTIALS FOR BEACH LOVERS

Easily assembled by one person in minutes

Won't block your view or breeze

Multiple set up options for high or low sun position

Kit comes complete with sand pegs & small rubber mallet

WATER  
RESISTANT

STRONG WIND  
RESISTANCE

EXCELLENT  
UV PROTECTION

REINFORCED  
CORNERS

Retail Store – 16 Station Street, Bangalow (The Masonic Hall)  
or shop online – [www.byronbaybeachlife.com.au](http://www.byronbaybeachlife.com.au)



## MULLUM'S FIRST HAPPY HOUR – NOW AT THE EMPIRE!

Are you fed up with driving to Byron to enjoy a decent Happy Hour? We've got your back! From Friday 9 December we will bring the Happiest Hour to Mullum! Every Friday and Saturday 5–6pm you can enjoy great drinks – Frozen Margaritas or our Cocktail of the Week for \$10, Stone & Wood beers and selected wines for \$6 – and selected burgers, nachos and poutine for just \$10!

More Mexican bites will be added to the menu soon to provide a perfect match to our weekly cocktails (think Ink Gin etc).

Bring your friends and/or family and enjoy the cozy atmosphere at Mullum's iconic Café & Deluxe Burger Bar – so hot right now!

*The Empire, 20 Burringbar St, Mullumbimby, 6684 2306*

*Mon, Tue closed / Wed, Thu 10–4 / Friday 10–9 / Sat 9–9, Sun 9–3. We are closed for holidays over 25/12/16–3/1/7. Merry Christmas to you all!*

## BYRON BAY SERVICES CLUB

### Saturday December 10

Byron Services Club gears up for the festive season this Saturday with the first big night leading up to Christmas. It's raffle mania in our Christmas raffle with 30 huge meat trays, 10 x half hams and 10 turkeys up for grabs. A special cash draw is thrown into the mix with three big \$500 cash prizes for lucky Christmas punters – swipe your membership card every day for free entry, and the cash will walk out the door on the night. Tickets on sale from 5pm and the Bistro is open at 5.30pm.

### Saturday December 17

This coming Saturday sees the Byron RSL host its biggest night of the year with the now famous 100 HAM NIGHT. It's true: two x full legs of ham, and a crackling 98 half-hams are up for grabs in our biggest night of the year. The punters come from far and wide for this one with a big chance of taking the Christmas ham off the shopping list. Best be early for this one with tickets on sale from 5pm, and Bistro dining open from 5.30pm.

*132 Jonson Street, Byron Bay, 6685 6878, [www.byronbayservicesclub.com.au](http://www.byronbayservicesclub.com.au)*



Enjoy our great Frozen Margaritas or the Weekly Special Cocktail for \$10  
Stone & Wood beers and selected wines \$6  
Selected Burgers, Nachos & Poutine \$10

New opening hours:  
Mon, Tue closed / Wed, Thu 10–4  
Friday 10–9 / Sat 9–9, Sun 9–3  
CLOSED for holiday break  
from 25.12.16 – 3.1.17  
20 Burringbar St, Mullumbimby



**BYRON BAY  
BAMBOO**  
A U S T R A L I A

**CLEARANCE  
SALE**  
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**OPEN THURSDAY/FRIDAY/  
SATURDAY  
9AM–3PM**

OTHER TIMES BY APPOINTMENT.  
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### BAMBOO PLANTS

- Non-invasive clumping Bamboo
- Decorative
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- Miniature
- Screening
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- Chinese Dwarf
- China Gold
- Sacred Bamboo
- Tiger Grass

### BAMBOO POLES

- Stock & customised

**[www.byronbamboo.com.au](http://www.byronbamboo.com.au)**

## Christmas Raffles

**SATURDAY 10 DECEMBER**

**CHRISTMAS RAFFLES**

**30 MEAT TRAYS**

**10 TURKEYS 10 HAMS**

Tickets on sale 5pm Draw starts 6.30pm

**3 BIG CASH DRAWS**

3x \$500 to be won! Draw starts 7.00pm



**SATURDAY 17 DECEMBER**

**CHRISTMAS RAFFLES**

**100 HAMS  
TO BE WON!**



Tickets on sale 5pm Draw starts 6.30pm



**BYRON BAY SERVICES CLUB**

**SOUTH END OF JONSON ST, BYRON BAY 6685 6878**  
[www.byronbayservicesclub.com.au](http://www.byronbayservicesclub.com.au) [info@byronbayservicesclub.com.au](mailto:info@byronbayservicesclub.com.au)



## Property insider

### Consumer hotline set up for strata reform

The reforms have taken five years of public consultation, including more than 3,000 submissions, and contain more than 90 changes to the law. To help consumers deal with the changes, NSW Fair Trading has been set up a hotline on 1800 214 023.

NSW Fair Trading commissioner Rod Stowe said: 'With major updates made to the existing strata laws, our contact centre officers who specialise in strata law have been familiarising themselves with the changes to ensure that they are equipped to provide the right assistance and advice.' 'These changes will improve strata living for more than two million people who own, live in or manage strata schemes

across the state.' Key changes in the reform include:

- making it easier for owners to complete cosmetic and minor renovations
- making it easier to hold meetings and vote on decisions using modern forms of communication
- new options for addressing issues of parking, pets and smoke drift
- ensuring tenants can play a valuable role in the life of their strata scheme
- a new collective sale process enabling owners to jointly sell and/or redevelop their strata scheme, which the NSW Land and Environment Court must ensure is 'just and equitable' for the owners.

### Attention agents and property advertisers:

As you know the *Byron Echo* is highly sought after, always, but particularly over the holiday week of December and January. Contact your *Echo* rep for information on our Christmas packages.

#### Deadlines:

Deadlines for *The Echo's* bumper Christmas issue and the following New Years issue are earlier than usual. For *The Echo's* 21 December issue deadline is 14 December and

**Michael Murray from Byron Property Search** as released his monthly newsletter – go to [byronpropertysearch.com.au](http://byronpropertysearch.com.au). Lots of interesting content in there. He muses whether the Byron Bubble can survive Trump and offers some advice on where might be best to buy to get the most capital gain (clue: it's not in the postcodes 2479–2483).

**Michael Murray**



for the 28th, the deadline is 20th December.

#### The best of 2016

Let us know about your successes in 2016. Send up to 200 words and a photo to [propertyinsider@echo.net.au](mailto:propertyinsider@echo.net.au) and we will feature them over the December/January issues.



### How to get the best result for the sale of your property:



The wider the net the more the fish

With a lot of buyers researching the market online these days, as a seller is it really worth allocating a marketing budget to print? If you are trying to achieve the highest possible price for your property, the answer is Yes.

Why? As with any other commodity, property is no different in that an increased demand has an upward influence on price. The key to increasing demand is to create maximum awareness that your

property is on the market. You don't want any potential buyer missing the fact. Using print increases the net you are casting to find buyers for your property. In this area, ie the Byron Shire and Lennox Head, no other paper is seen by more people than the *Byron Echo*. All you need to do then is make sure you have a good agent to convert the competition generated on your property into the best possible price for you!

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

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



### Mullumbimby

#### 56 Ann Street

#### OPPORTUNITY IS KNOCKING

- 2 titles, 2 sealed roads
- 3 bedroom house, single lock-up
- Strolling distance to Mullum CBD
- 2 bedroom flat out back NABBSC
- Rural outlook adjacent.

Much potential and opportunity. Owner is inviting offers.

5 2 2

**Price** By Negotiation  
**View** By Appointment  
**Contact** Peter Browning 0411 801 795

**LJ Hooker Brunswick Heads**  
02 6685 0177



### Ocean Shores

#### 40 Kallaroo Circuit

#### CANAL LIVING

This well-maintained property, which is close to the primary school, offers:

- 3 bedrooms, main with ensuite
- 2 bathrooms, main with spa bath
- Double garage
- Undercover barbecue area
- Solar hot water
- Built in 1993, size of block 916m<sup>2</sup>

3 2 2

- Close to shops + transport
- Flat walk to beach

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Hurry this will sell

5 Ryces Drive, Clunes  
🏠 3 🚗 1 🚗 1 \$535,000



Now is your opportunity to secure a large family home or ideal investment located in a tree lined street within easy walking distance of the Clunes General Store and Café.



Freshly painted and carpeted with 3 good bedrooms and a 3-way bathroom, providing enough space to convert to a main bathroom and ensuite to master bedroom. A major bonus in this price range is having two large living areas in addition to a downstairs workshop/studio. Nestled on a broad block (782 Sq. m) with dead-level access to a single lockup garage with internal access to the house for those rainy days.

Sensibly priced for quick a sale!

**Inspect:** Saturday 10.00 – 10.30am  
**Contact:** Duncan Lorimer 0400 844 412 / 6687 1500  
Elders Bangalow

Feng shui designed beach house

2/2 Alcorn Street, Suffolk Park  
🏠 4 🚗 3 🚗 4 \$3.2M



The Beach House is a Feng Shui designed luxurious beachfront retreat 4 bedroom, 3 bathroom, office, pool, summerhouse, under cover parking and guests parking.



Located in a premium beachfront garden estate right on a magnificent unpolluted beach, backs on to the Arakwal National Park and offer you beautiful bush walks to a lake at the back and equally refreshing beach walks on a flat wide sandy beach at the Front.

Big kitchen: Stone bench, Bamboo panelled, self-closing draws, 2 dishwashers, wine cooler, fridge, sliding pantry, gas stove, electric oven, micro wave, timber flooring.

**Inspect:** By appointment  
**Contact:** Lainie Towner 0430 588 106  
sales.coastal@remax.com.au  
Remax-Coastal

Elevated Rainforest Paradise

756 Trees Road, Tallebudgera Valley, QLD  
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Private and secluded yet close to beaches, Miri Miri occupies a commanding position overlooking the Gold Coast. In a secret pocket of beautiful Tallebudgera, Miri Miri offers the lifestyle you have dreamed of.



A modern architecturally designed home with stunning views from Currumbin to North Stradbroke Island emerges from your rainforest driveway. The north-facing 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom home, is designed with Queensland lifestyle in mind. Living areas that open to the outdoors, swimming pool and fire pit all embody the relaxed and outdoor life. Accompanied by sparkling ocean views by day and twinkling lights at night, this is resort living in your own home.

This is a unique property offering a desirable lifestyle opportunity. Peaceful, spectacular, and spacious, within easy reach of trendy urban beachside suburbs. A hidden retreat close to the famous Burleigh and Currumbin surf breaks, and Gold Coast International Airport.

**Inspect:** By appointment  
**Contact:** Denzil Lloyd 0481 864 049  
Unique Estates



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**R&H Ocean Shores**  
**6680 5000**  
**View**  
Saturday 10.30 – 11.15am  
**Agent**  
Julie-Ann Manahan LREA  
Licensee/Principal  
0411 081 118

**45 Urunga Drive, Pottsville**  
**Enjoy the Seabreeze Family Lifestyle**  
Set in the popular Seabreeze Estate, this delightful single level home offers you and your family the ideal beachside lifestyle. As this brick and tile home is low maintenance, you can spend your days at the beach! Later, come home to relax with a cool drink or a barbecue in your covered alfresco entertaining area overlooking the fenced rear yard, where there's plenty of room for a pool.

Summer Selling...

Summer is a great time to sell!  
Leave the hard work to us.

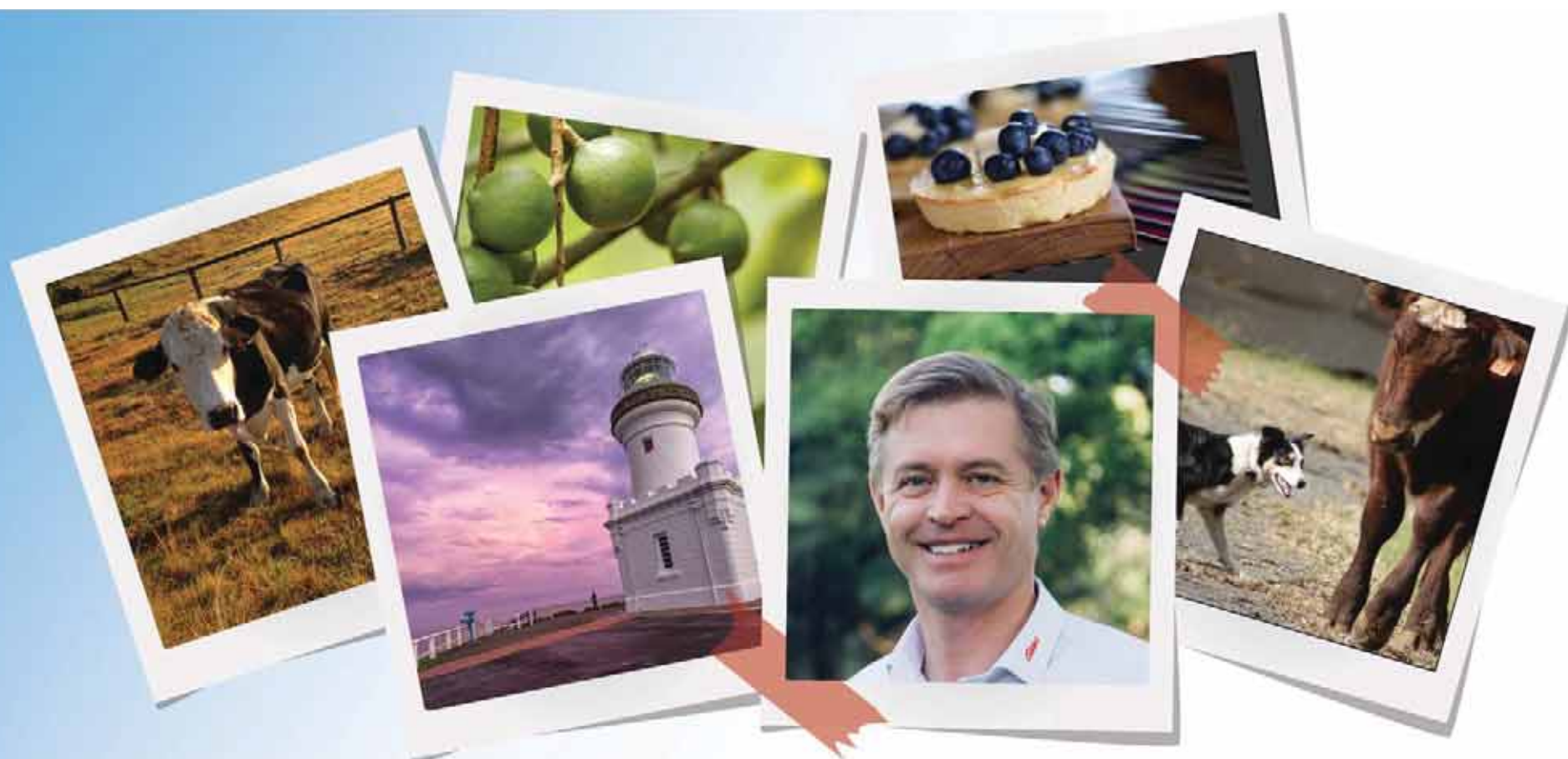
Call today to arrange a suitable time to discuss your options, then you can relax in the knowledge that you're in good hands!

**Raine & Horne**  
**Northern Rivers Group, Ocean Shores**  
**Julie-Ann Manahan LREA**  
**Licensee/Principal**  
**0411 081 118 6680 5000**









# Duncan Lorimer

Principal / Licensed Real Estate Agent / Stock & Station Agent

*“City experience, country know-how”.*

**I’ve been working in real estate since I was 18 years old** and now have over 35 years of experience! Over the years, I’ve owned three real estate agencies, two being in Sydney and have been co-principal of Elders Bangalow since 2010.

In that time I’ve worked on everything from retail and commercial through to residential, but now I particularly **love selling lifestyle properties in the Byron Hinterland.**

In 2008 my family and I moved to acreage in Federal, where we built a new home, so I have first-hand experience in making this dream a reality. We also have a macadamia orchard on our property that I have really enjoyed learning about from scratch – I’m a frustrated farmer!

When it comes to buying and selling real estate, I believe that the best possible results come down to **effective communication**, clear insights into the property market and above all integrity. My experience with and knowledge of lifestyle properties means that each sale is as smooth as possible for both buyer and seller.

Elders Bangalow really is the heart of the Hinterland - our central location gives us a **real understanding of both town and country living.** We have an **incredible quality of life in this area** and I feel fortunate to be part of such a wonderful community. I love the diversity of experiences to be had from adventure activities to pristine beaches – all on our doorstep. It’s a great place to call home.



## Bangalow - The Heart of the Hinterland





19a Byron Street, Bangalow

[www.eldersbangalow.com.au](http://www.eldersbangalow.com.au)

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AUCTION  
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SATURDAY



NEW LISTING



### SUBSTANTIAL HOME WITH VIEWS

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- Fantastic family home
- Well maintained 3.19 ha (8 acres)
- Expansive views to Nightcap Ranges
- Generous modern kitchen
- Spacious open plan living room
- Huge covered entertaining decks

### PRIVATE POSITION ON THE EDGE OF BANGALOW

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- Fabulous position central to Bangalow and Byron
- Impressive, two storey, contemporary residence
- Popular, easy care, 5 acre parcel
- Currently fenced for horses and cattle
- Elevated position with lovely outlook
- Water tank + town water + dam

251 Rosebank Road, ROSEBANK  
Open from 9.30am Auction Day  
Duncan Lorimer 0400 844 412

**AUCTION 10 December**  
**10am On Site**

7 Tinderbox Road, BANGALOW  
Open Saturday 11am - 11:30am  
Janice Maple 0401 026 359

**FOR SALE**  
**\$1,650,000**

NEW LISTING



### WONDERFUL CREEK FRONTAGE

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- Expansive easterly views
- 23 clean acres
- Large 4 bedroom home
- Separate 2 bedroom studio
- Large undercover patio
- Sparkling inground pool

### EXPANSIVE VIEWS, QUIET LOCATION

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- Expansive hinterland views
- Commercial style kitchen
- Huge open plan living
- Woodfire combustion heating
- Saltwater pool in tropical surrounds
- Timber entertaining deck

TINTENBAR  
Inspections by Appointment  
Duncan Lorimer 0400 844 412

**FOR SALE**  
**\$1,225,000**

1 Byrne Road, ROSEBANK  
Open Saturday 11am - 11:30am  
Duncan Lorimer 0400 844 412

**FOR SALE**  
**\$590,000 - \$625,000**

The Heart of the Hinterland







**Lot 10/213 Coorabell Road  
Coorabell**

3 Beds 3 Baths 3 Cars

Expansive Wilson River Valley views towards iconic Federal township and surrounding countryside form a stunning backdrop to this unique architecturally designed rammed earth home. Engineered to provide a luxurious lifestyle retreat, positioned in the Keys Garden Estate in Byron's spectacular hinterland.

Auction  
**Saturday 10 December 12pm**  
Price guide \$1.3m-\$1.43m  
View  
Saturday 11.30am-12pm  
Agent  
Sharon McInnes 0408 659 649  
Greg Price 0412 871 500



**14 Orana Road  
Ocean Shores**

3 Beds 2 Baths 2 Cars

This modern family home provides privacy and serenity in an elevated position with views over the fairways and waterways of the Ocean Shores Golf Course.

Auction  
**Saturday 10 December 11am**  
Price guide \$575k-\$625k  
View  
Saturday 10.30am-11am  
Agent  
Fiona Crandell 0400 418 886



**130 Rosebank Road  
Rosebank**

3 Beds 1 Bath

'Glenarlie' a private six hectare rural lifestyle haven enjoys gentle sloping paddocks and a charming farmhouse with views over Coopers Creek Valley.

Auction  
**Thursday 15 December 6pm**  
Price guide \$695k-\$755k  
View  
Wednesday 4pm-4.30pm  
Saturday 11am-11.30am  
Agent  
Greg Price 0412 871 500

**McGrath**

[mcgrath.com.au](http://mcgrath.com.au)



Wonderful Creek Frontage

276 Friday Hut Road, Tintenbar  
🏠 6 🌳 3 🚗 5 \$1,225,000



Set amongst the green hills of the northern rivers hinterland on 23 acres is this substantial family home and a spacious, modern 2 bedroom studio. Lounge and kitchen area have high raked ceilings and lots of natural light. Both open out onto a good size undercover patio lending to alfresco dining regardless of weather. A separate dining room gives you a nice space large enough for the whole family while 3 bedrooms are ample accommodation for everyone. There is also a fully self-contained parents retreat or guest accommodation which comprises a large bedroom with ensuite, lounge and kitchen. The upstairs patio looks out over the sparkling inground pool to an expansive easterly view taking in the green rolling hills of this area. A free-standing 2 bedroom open plan studio consists of open plan living, kitchenette, timber floors and high ceilings. An undercover verandah adds extra space and an all weather place to relax all year round overlooking the grounds.

With clean paddocks, a permanent dam and large creek frontage with swimming hole the possibilities for usage are endless. With easy access to Ballina amenities, beaches and airport as well as an easy drive to Bangalow and Byron this property won't disappoint!

**Inspect:** By appointment  
**Contact:** Duncan Lorimer 0400 844 412 / 6687 1500  
Elders Bangalow

Hilltop Spectacular

14 Banool Circuit, Ocean Shores  
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Position is always a great consideration when buying property; this property offers this, and many other great attributes. The beautiful home sits high on a hill, adjoining a nature reserve. It is a natural leafy setting, offers views of Mt Chincogan at the rear and wide ocean views to the east and north. The welcoming home is set over 2 levels. It has 3 bedrooms and each has a separate balcony, ideal to relax, enjoy pacific views, whale watch and listen to the native birdsong. The living area offers space and ambience with soaring cathedral ceilings, polished hardwood floors, a wood combustion fire, and sliding doors lead onto the front verandah. The kitchen, finished in exotic solid hardwood timbers, is convenient to both the adjacent dining area and the huge paved outdoor area where you can entertain under the large shingle roof gazebo. You can walk to the beach, close to schools, and it's a short drive to shops and cafes.

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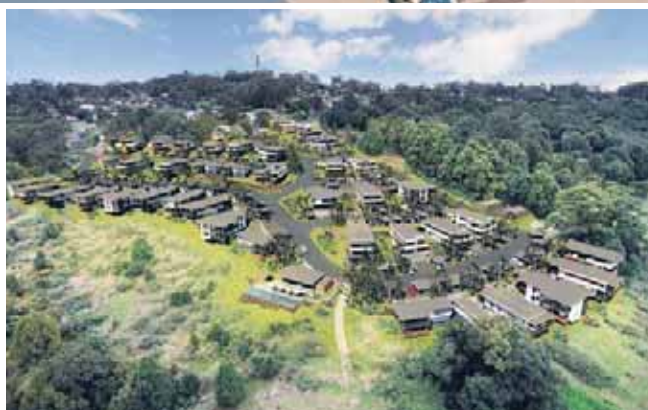




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- 322 Kings Road, Federal. Sat 10–10.30am
- 8 Ruskin Street, Byron Bay. Sat 10–10.30am
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- 14 Orchid Place, Mullumbimby. Sat 10–10.30am
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- 89 Massinger Street, Byron Bay. Sat 11–11.30am
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- 130 Rosebank Road, Rosebank. Sat 11–11.30am
- 20 Kalemajere Drive, Suffolk Park. Sat 11–11.30am
- Lot 10/213 Coorabell Road, Coorabell. Sat 11.30am–12pm
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## New brewery for Stone & Wood

Stone & Wood have been given council approval to relocate to new purpose-built premises on Centennial Circuit that will be visible from Ewingsdale Rd.

'Visitors when they come to Byron come and seek us out,' said Jasmin Daly from the local independent brewer. 'The new site will continue to show people what we're all about. It is not a bar but they will be able to see the brewery and our team in action, taste our beers, and it will be a space to connect with our community.'

While most of the high-volume production of core beers will still be done in Murwillumbah, the Byron brewery will continue to brew pilot batches and limited releases, as well as housing the tasting room and offices. The existing site deep in the industrial estate will continue to offer tours to tourists and locals until the new premises open, at which stage it will be closed to the public.

Local firm Harley Graham Architects designed the building; the project architect was Hayley



Pryor. 'Our aim is to show the working brewery, and all the bits that make it up,' said Harley Graham, 'but one of the most important parts of the brief was that it wasn't so much about

visiting a brewery, it was about experiencing the Stone & Wood family – you can see people working in their office, see the vats, and see how the whole thing works.

'Hence it's a very open building. It is also very sustainable; there's natural ventilation flowing through hanging gardens, the air will filter through a green courtyard, and with misters blowing recycled water onto the plants it will create a special indoor/outdoor space with a campus feel to build community between the public and the staff,' said Mr Graham.

Jasmin said that she was looking forward to working in the new space. 'We are keeping the space simple,' she said, 'and the team will be able to come down and eat lunch and interact with the punters when they are enjoying their beer.'

One of the limited-release beers that will be coming out in the New Year is The Gatherer. This will be commercially available from local outlets. Jasmin described this as 'an ideal summer seasonal beer produced every year using local ingredients, super-refreshing and thirst quenching.'



## The pleasures of the spa

As M Dordonville remarked in 1841 in his book *Pilgrimages to the Spas*, no small portion of those who come to Spa do so for pleasure, and not for health.

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At Ladies' Night you'll receive a prosecco on arrival, canapés throughout the evening and a 30-minute massage treatment, inner-health elixir from Beauty Chef, a VIP goodie bag and more discounts, and hear about their new treatments.

And, of course, you get to laze around in the spa facilities, including the sauna, the roman bath and the pool. Unlike at Spa, you don't actually have to drink the pool water to get healthy; in fact you could celebrate your Byron healthiness with a cocktail on the deck after your treatment.

However, if you miss the night, don't feel too disappointed as the spa is always there. In fact, locals are not only welcome to drop in at the spa, but also welcome to begin their day anytime with yoga on the deck surrounded by beautiful rainforest beside the infinity-edge pool.

**More info: [www.thebyronatbyron.com.au/spa](http://www.thebyronatbyron.com.au/spa)  
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## Go out (and get home safely) in Byron

By: Vivienne Pearson

As a nation, we are great at organising Christmas and New Year celebrations. We think about the venue, the food, the drink, and maybe some decorations. If it's a 'work do', some thought is put into how office politics might play out.

Too often, the planning ends at dessert and fails to take into account how people are going to get home.

As a Shire, we are perhaps worse than other regions at planning how we'll get home. 'There's no public transport,' some say. 'We didn't think we'd drink so much,' naively say others. 'We'll be right,' say others, hopping into their cars despite the clear evidence behind blood-alcohol limits for drivers.

For those who like a drink or several with their celebration, options to consider at planning time include designated drivers, club courtesy buses and kind parents. The other option is Go Byron.

Go Byron is the region's taxi service – and by 'Byron' it definitely means Byron Shire, not just Byron town. The name 'Go Byron' was coined earlier this year, describing the union of Byron Bay Taxis and Xcede, and since then the team have put technology front and centre of their operation.

An app – easily downloadable and free – allows you to make bookings and then see the progress of your ride. The benefits of the app are multiple. You no longer have to leave a noisy celebration in order to be on hold when ringing for a taxi. You get notifications that your booking has been successful and that a vehicle has accepted the job. You can then track your driver in real time, so you know when to start saying your goodbyes.

The app is so successful that there are moments of comedy. 'I've turned up to find people looking intently at their phones who then get a surprise to see me there in person!' says Go Byron director and driver Terry Pitt.

The app even allows you to pre-register a credit card, allowing you to ride without having any form of payment



An elven Vivienne uses her phone to summon a festive ride home from Go Byron director and driver Terry Pitt, and Marc Beckman fleet supervisor and driver – photo credit Seini Pitt

on you. Great for nights when possessions have become unimportant, or for when an employer or parent undertakes to pay for a ride that they won't be present for.

For a fancier celebration, luxury vehicles can be booked. Larger groups can prebook a range of larger sized vehicles. Those travelling with a wheelchair or young children will appreciate that more than 60 per cent of the fleet is wheelchair accessible and carries infant/child seats. This means that even for spontaneous journeys one of these vehicles is likely to be available.

While spontaneous is great, all of Go Byron's services can be booked well ahead of time – again, using the app. Not only does booking ahead mean you are less likely to make an alcohol- and celebration-influenced poor decision but it means you'll be prioritised during busy times.

'Technology makes it so much easier for people to make the decision not to drive,' says Go Byron chairman Lindsay Roser. He suggests downloading the app in advance, rather than waiting until you have had a drink too many to get the app. Then, while you're at it, plan your trip home from your end-of-year celebrations.

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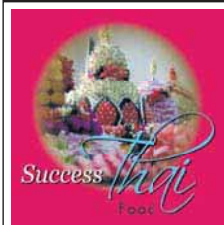
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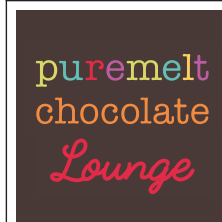


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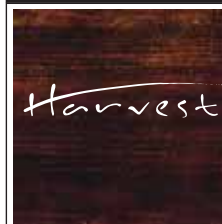
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# GET DOWNNE FOR XMAS!

Bob Downe makes his triumphant return to the Brunswick Picture House for some Yuletide fun, along with his Barrel Girl Cindy Pastel and special guests. It'll be a Christmas to remember as Bob opens his prezzies — who knows, he might even share them with the other children!

## Bob, what's so special about Xmas for you?

I find it particularly special when it's bloody well OVER! For me and so many others, the fun starts escaping the fam after Boxing Day — and starts to peak with the Tropical Fruits Parade on the 29th followed by another blissful NYE at the Lismore Showgrounds! (How's THAT for a segue plug?)

## What do you like to have under your tree?

A nice bit of mulch. Preferably made with Haighs rum-and-raisin chocolate, and some Allen's mint leaves. All fresh off the Pascal Tree!

## What do you think is the perfect Xmas lunch?

Who cares about the food as long as there's so much champers that you can't remember what you ate? (But don't tell Mum that — she starts prepping in July.)

## Who would you invite to your perfect Xmas dinner?

Oscar Wilde (but not that little user Bosie), Julia Gillard (but not Kevin Rudd), Liza Minnelli (but not whomever she's currently married to), Fergie (but NOT Prince Andrew), and the cast and crew of *Matilda* (but NO KIDS!)

## Have you ever had a family Xmas go horribly wrong? What happened?

When Auntie Bev mistook the eggnog recipe and instead of nutmeg she put in cayenne pepper. It was a race to the toilet block at the Now Or Never Caravan Park, I can tell you!

## Do you always Xmas in Murwillumbah? What's a typical Xmas morning like for the Downe clan?

I'm always up at sparrow's fart to try to open my presents first, until Mum orders me back to bed with the stern words, 'Bob! It's 4.30am!' — then I toss and turn until it's 8.30 and the fun begins. Wait a minute — that all stopped when I turned nine years old! These days I rock up in time for lunch, usually around 3pm, and Nana Downe says something Christmassy like, 'So honoured your highness could drop by!'

## Are you a fake-tree man or a real-tree man?

A bit of both. You can't tell the difference these days anyway, with those Oswald Sealy plastic ones! So brilliant. I've commissioned them to do my next hairdo.

## If you could dress the Myer Window what would it look like?

I'd do a punk one. With mannequins dressed as the Sex Pistols having a Xmas dinner food fight and spewing all up the window. Different!

## Tell me what the Bob Downe Spirit of Xmas is all about?

Get there. Get presents. Get pissed. Get upset, then fight, then make up. Get it over with, basically!

## What should we expect for your upcoming show at the Brunswick Picture House?

Me, my Xmas fairy Cindy Pastel, a visit from Santa, a few laughs, a singalong and all done and in the pub by 10. Merry bloody Christmas one and all!

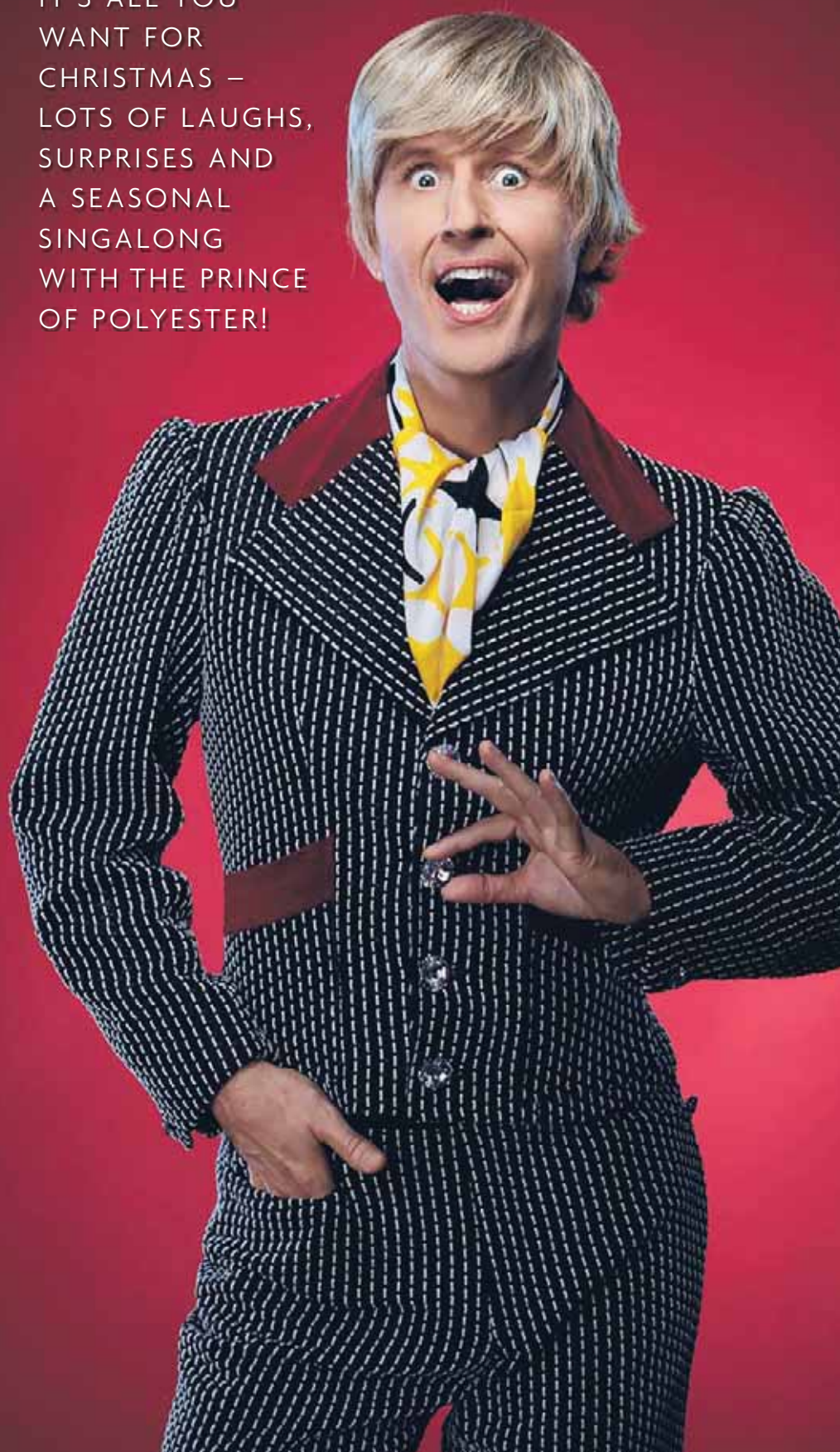
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## VIRTUAL DEMENTIA

You know what kind of person you are when your computer breaks. At 4.45pm last Friday my two-year-old Apple Mac decided to hold my life hostage by refusing to start. Like a cyber tantrum. Or when I do it to my husband or kids, I call it 'planned ignoring'.

So much for all that bullshit about the superpowers of Mac computers. 'They never get viruses.' 'They never break.' Well,

turns out my computer was unaware of its superior status, and in one slip of the finger the stupid thing shat itself.

There were no warning signs. Maybe it had been acting strangely, I hadn't really noticed. Looking back I guess I should have seen the signs. Like the pop-up windows that I kept closing down that told me my iCloud had floated off. I'm not a technical person. I like to pay

other people to do that shit, and I just kept forgetting to deal with my cloud. I mean, how do you deal with something that doesn't even exist? I'm a tactile person. This whole iCloud thing is like some sort of black magic that I don't understand. Isn't that a Rolling Stones song? Hey You? Get off my iCloud?

My printer had gone offline so I decided to employ the first line of computer-fixing wizardry and use the power switch. The turn it off, turn it on. It's actually my only trouble-shooting skill. It generally works. I guess in human terms the mini-break from the power source constitutes a 'holiday' and the computer returns refreshed and ready for action.

Not my Apple crap. Unfortunately I'm an idiot and I turned my computer off at the wall instead. That's when it decided to have a stroke.

When I tried a restart I just got a loading bar that never loads. It had the shits. I wanted to cry. Machines however have no inbuilt empathy and one cannot use guilt to get them started again.

Then I wanted to smash it. Threats and coercion are also ineffective on the iMac. All my work for *The Echo* that week was gone. I had to do it all over. I really wanted to throw a tantrum. I didn't. I have more self-control than I thought. I decided to get angry at my husband instead. When things are beyond your control, it really helps to be able to yell at someone, especially if they are in no way responsible for your situation.

At least I had the external drive. All my work would be backed up there. Except when I unplugged the computer I realised that although the blue

power light had been flashing on the drive it hadn't been plugged into my computer. I blame the kids.

Computer then must be driven to Lismore. It was like going to ER. We were admitted, I gave the symptoms the Appicare number (medicare for computers) and drove home feeling like a part of me had died. Well, in a way it had.

Everything I have ever written, every invoice I have sent, all my tax records, my banking, every contact I have, all my work is in that computer. It's like having virtual dementia. I don't know a single password. I may never online shop again. I can't pay anything. I am now shut out of Mandy Nolan. And worse still, there are vagina jokes in there that may be unrecoverable.

Today I ring the Mac-Hospital for the prognosis. 'Your computer is number 13 in the

queue.' That's nearly a week since admission and it still hasn't been looked at. My entire work life languishing in the back of a shop in Lismore. The rage was building. Turns out I'm not such a nice person after all. Computer technicians are also unresponsive to guilt and threats; however, they do respond well to cash.

So I still don't know. Fingers crossed. Maybe I shouldn't have gone for a software upgrade when Mercury was retrograde. I am writing this on my laptop. It's my interim device. Nothing is stored on it at all. My iMac is my alpha. He has everything. And yes, I have gendered my computer. As it's stopped working I have decided it's a bloke. Women cope a lot better with being turned off. It happens to us every day and we still manage to reboot.

## LIVE MUSIC

### GET YOUR PARCELS HERE

**Parcels** return home for their first run of live shows since relocating to Berlin, signing with mega-hip Paris label Kitsuné and creating waves of buzz across Europe with their harmony rich, funk-pop sound. They release new single *Gamesofluck* in time for their touchdown on home turf for a tour in December.

It's been a massive two years for the young Byron Bay band. They've released three tracks – Myenemy, Anotherclack and Herefore (with remix EP) – racked up more than a million plays across platforms, and performed more than 40 shows with a sound that *Les InRocks* magazine describes as what you'd get if a humanised Daft Punk decided to jam with Steely Dan and Frank Ocean.

The five-piece formed during the final stretch of high school and spent the remainder of the year between bedroom studios and dimly lit garages recording their first self-produced EP.

Shortly after, all five members left the sunny shores of their coastal hometown for Europe's hub of musical inspiration, Berlin. With a one-way ticket, keyboards and minimal funds, the tedious task of relocation was undertaken.

The bold action of moving to the other half of the world paid off as the quintet's synth-loaded funk caught the eye of ever-curious label Kitsuné. Soon enough they met Gildas Loac, founder of Kitsuné, and were welcomed with open arms to the foxy family. Now officially signed to the Parisian label, firmly footed in Berlin, **Parcels** are escaping the European winter for an Australian summer tour. Smart boys.

Though there is a dangerously vintage feel, *Gamesofluck* is strapped against a fresh sound with close, dry vocal tones, precise guitar lines and modern nuances. The result finds itself pleasurably lodged between a classic feelgood dance track and a modern mellow pop song.

Get wrapped up this **Thursday** at **The Northern**.



PARCELS RETURN HOME FROM BERLIN, PLAYING HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN THIS THURSDAY

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Be sure to pop Thursday 15 December in your diary now so you won't miss The Tinsel Tones – Miss Amber, Kathryn Jones and Misty Henderson – and what ever you do, don't miss Naughty Santa. The songbook for the sixth annual **Christmas Uke-Tacular** is ready for download.

This irreverent celebration will help you survive the Christmas schmaltz even if you do secretly love a carol. We hope we see you there for a great family night – spread the word to friends, family and neighbours.

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# FASHION ON SHOW

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Over the past twelve months Simone has created a wonderland for fashion creation at her studio, where not only does she design and create her own statement pieces, but is also inspiring her students to design and create their own garments as well.

## What for you is the essence of great design?

For me the essences of great design is simplicity, space, the science of colour and divine angles. When I am working on my designs I am always feeling what's needed and what is true for the person that I am making the garments for. It's always about connecting with my clients, feeling their essence and bringing forth a design that encompasses that.

## What inspired you to open your studio?

I opened my studio in Byron Bay to offer a space that is light, clear and truly inspiring to all that enter its doors. I wanted to share how I do what I do and support others to also create beautiful clothing.

## Is it realistic to pursue a career in fashion?

## What are the major challenges?

It's not so realistic to pursue a career in fashion, but it's what is within me and the fashion world to me is so familiar. It's my language, my expression and where my genius lays. I love fashion, and what it can bring to people is enormous when the designer is making their wears for the people and not for money or prestige.

## Tell me about your students. What do you think young people get out of being part of your studio?

The major challenges that I have faced are the challenges that most small business face: finance, time poverty, and looking around and not seeing your team of dedicated works because it hasn't happened yet.

## What should we expect for your upcoming launch?

The School is very much in the beginning stages of development and I have the absolute honour of teaching 11 regular student from Lismore, Bangalow, Byron Bay, Main Arm and Possum Creek. My students start at eight years old up to adults. My students are amazing and spending time with them, sharing my love of fashion, teaching techniques, and getting to know one another is very rich. My students become more like family and watching them develop their skills through being supported through their self-chosen projects is very rewarding.

I think that people get to feel something different when they hang out in La' Studio for awhile. It's a beautiful studio, with great equipment to use, colour-coded fabrics, and we have lots of laughs; and of course there are also the frustrations that sewing presents but it's all learning, and my students are deeply cared for. I am developing my own curriculum and manuals for the fashion and design school



with the vision of creating game changers in the fashion and design arena.

At La' Studio's upcoming launch I am really looking forward to presenting my students' works on 10 December, as my students have blown me away with their creations. We will also be presenting a collection of vintage wears from the 1930s to the 90s with the help from my good friend Vikki Barrack, who is flying up from Sydney to help co-ordinate the event. We have a hair and makeup team, with local hairdresser Bruce Mann and makeup artist Paris Ambrose directing the team.

I will also be presenting 10 powerful looks under my own fashion label Simone Ellis. The event is alcohol free, dress code is gorgeous, and there is a limit of 100 tickets. Each ticket-holder will also receive a free two-hour fashion and design lesson, limited to one per family, which is valid for 12 months. Light refreshments can also be purchased at the event with all proceeds going back into the school.

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The Mo Award winner for Best Comedian spoke with *The Echo*.

**Tell me what it is about young people that bugs you. Gretel said she's fine with young people – it's just you who is bitter?**

Mostly that they're younger than I am, and their obsession with drinking 'green juice'. I remember when green juice was Cottee's Lime Cordial, and that was considered to be a health food! Bitterness is a rite of passage; it's one of the few perks of being middle aged.

**If you could do it all over again what would you do?**

Yes, but with better hair and not worrying about not having a boyfriend.

**What are the major challenges of being a comedian?**

Not putting on weight when you are reliant upon the servo stations for your basic nutrition while on tour.

**What about the triumphs?**

This is terrible. I keep staring at this question not knowing how to respond. I keep thinking 'what triumphs?' Who programmed me to be like this? Um... getting an aisle seat on the plane.

**Tell me about getting the MO Award. Did you really think they made a mistake?**

Yes, in my doubtful insecure mind, it's absolutely a mistake! I was referred to as Comedian of the Year a few days ago on

television, and I felt like I was living this horrible lie. That it's all trickery and a figment of my imagination. With awards and accolades come expectations. Imagine having to be good! Ahhh, it's terrifying.

**How has it been living in LA? Can an Aussie girl make it happen over there? What has it been like for you?**

I seem to spend a vast amount of time at the supermarket for no apparent reason. I just find the shopping aisles very grounding. Anything can happen over there. There are opportunities I would not have had here in Australia. But one has to truly put themselves out there and 'network'. Networking is not in my DNA. I'm not one for talking about how fabulous I supposedly am to strangers.

**What is the culture of comedy like over there? Is it supportive?**

I have met wonderful, encouraging comedians in LA. But as there are so many comedians, ie every actor is a comic, every model is a comic and every plumber is a comic... It's hard to really get to know the other performers, as every time you have a gig you are on with a new batch of comics. I feel like a grandma most of the time. They are all so young. Another reason to not like them, I guess.

**Do they get our Aussie sense of humour?**

Aussies do self-deprecating humour better than any other



culture. When I watch comedians over there, I miss hearing about self-loathing. I think there is a trend over there for more anecdotal routines and storytelling. I often have to sift through my routine and take out the Aussie colloquialisms. Apparently *bushpig* isn't a global compliment.

**Do they get you?**

When I slow down my delivery I think they get the essence and flavour of it.

**What project do you have on the boil right now?**

I am now a writer. I go through phases. One week I'm a comic, one week I'm a plus-size model. I guess I have been writing all my life, but I have really started to take it more seriously these last few years. I have just completed a comedy pilot that if I can activate the networking in my DNA I will be sending off to whomever wants to read it. I think it's the best thing I have ever written. It's my ticket out of having to live with strangers.

**What should we expect for your upcoming show with Gretel?**

Hair pulling and mudwrestling. We are two lovely middle-aged young ladies who should have towns named after us. We provide an eclectic and fun night of entertainment with a bit of young-people disliking thrown in for good measure.

Jackie and Gretel perform *We Don't Like Young People* at the Ocean Shores Country Club on Saturday.

Tickets at the club.

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THE LEGENDARY WOLFMOOTHER THIS FRIDAY AT HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN



## WOMEN LIKE ELLEN BRIGGS

SO WHAT MAKES LOCAL COMEDIAN AND MUM OF TWINS ELLEN BRIGGS TICK?

We got her to finish these sentences to delve deeply into her psyche. Turns out she's got some issues... and that's why she's so bloody funny!

**When I am alone I...** love it.

**The thing I wish the most is...** my dog could talk to me.

**Cricket is better than...** pretty much anything.

**My mother always said...** stuff I never listened to.

**When I make love to my husband...** I'm almost always awake.

**At parent teacher meetings I always want to...** say 'Your kid does!'

**Going to the gym...** sucks.

**Women who can eat anything...** must poop a hell of a lot.

**When I wear shorts...** I am either really drunk or dreaming.

**If I could have two people for dinner, living or dead, they would be...** John Mayer and Robbie Williams. I'm shallow and have terrible taste in music.

**I always thought I'd...** look hot forever. Who knew you lost your looks?

**My most precious moments are spent...** on my ride-on lawn mower listening to test cricket in the summer.

**At my school reunion...** I called someone a mole, a phrase I hadn't used since I was at school in the eighties.

**If I want to impress someone I...** tell them I know Mandy Nolan.

**People should come to *Women Like Us* because...** I am telling you to and I don't like it when people don't do as they're told. Plus the fun you have will get you through the hell of Christmas.

Ellen Brigs and Mandy Nolan present their two-hour X 2 solo standup sets as ***Women Like Us*** at the **Byron Community Centre** on **Friday**. Tickets on [byroncentre.com.au](http://byroncentre.com.au).

Show at 8pm.

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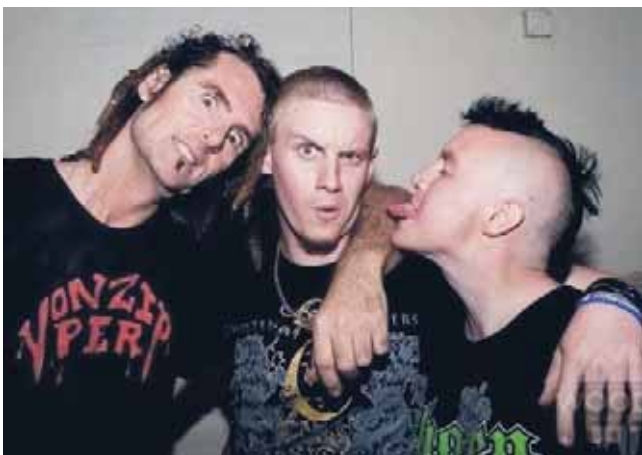
### THE 'MOTHERS COME TO LIFE

**Wolfmother** need no introduction but here's one anyway...

Hailing from Sydney, the groundbreaking rock outfit took formation in 2004. Their multi-platinum-selling self-titled debut album and sophomore record *Cosmic Egg* were critical successes, which led to achievements such as ARIA awards and a Grammy award.

The band has performed with the likes of legendary rockers AC/DC, Aerosmith, Pearl Jam and the Smashing Pumpkins; and appeared at world-famous festivals such as SXSW, Reading/Leeds, Download, Coachella, Rock Am Ring, Splendour In The Grass, Wurtcher Festival and many, many others over the past twelve years. Seeing them live is where Wolfmother comes to life!

Get lively **Hotel Great Northern** on **Friday**.



FAT ALBERT AT THE MULLUMBIMBY LEAGUES CLUB THIS SATURDAY

### LIVING AT THE LEAGUES

The Mullum Leagues Club is set to have a fundraiser in support of LIVIN, a non-profit organisation that was founded to wipe out the stigma of mental illness and raise awareness for suicide prevention.

The core of LIVIN's mission is the mantra 'It Ain't Weak to Speak', to encourage and inspire people to speak up and seek help.

Music for the event will be provided by the ever-awesome **Fat Albert**. Now in its eleventh year of heart-pumping, foot-stomping, sweat-dripping rock'n'roll, this music machine is stronger than ever.

Come along for the ride! Whether you like to mosh and sweat, dance and groove, or just sit and watch, the boys have your musical tastes covered. They live for this game, and are a very compelling outfit, so do yourself a favour and come check them out. You will not be disappointed!

**Saturday** at the **Mullum Leagues Club** from 3pm.

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BRAZILIAN VOCALIST MARILANE AT CLUB LENNOX ON SUNDAY

### THE MARVELLOUS MARILANE

Considered today one of the top Brazilian vocalists in Australia as well as a distinctive lyricist, she writes and sings in Portuguese and English with high regard for her work being voiced in the USA by musical luminaries such as George Benson and famous flautist Hubert Laws. She also sings in Spanish and Italian.

A producer and director of many Brazilian community and musical events in Australia, with appearances on Channel Ten and Channel Seven's *Morning Show* and on radio programs such as the SBS *Portuguese/World Music Radio* and many more. Marilane has performed extensively throughout NSW and southeastern Queensland.

**Marilane** now resides in Lennox Head after moving from Sydney, where she performed at the top jazz venues the Basement, the Harbourside Brasserie, and at Sydney's best hotels such as the Regent Hotel and Star City Casino, big jazz festivals at Manly, Bondi and Narrabeen, and Brazilian music festivals, and was a special guest vocalist with the Don Burrows Quartet at the Don Burrows 70th Birthday Salute at the Basement.

You can see her at **Club Lennox** on **Sunday** from 4pm.

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**Stars with Lilith**

Fiery Mars is joined this week by cool Venus in Aquarius – a blessing for group activities, less so for navigating the emotional intricacies of intimate connections...

**♈ ARIES:** This week rockets along at your natural speed: fast. The Eris/Uranus conjunction in Aries is confronting and exhilarating – but you love a challenge. During late-week Aries moon, remember the future's shaped by present perceptions: believe the world's full of competitors, and adversaries abound. See the world full of allies, and there they are...

**♉ TAURUS:** With your celestial mentor Venus taking a quantum leap into the sign of doing things differently, tried-and-true methods mightn't come through with the usual results for you this week. No worries. Since expectation's the dance partner of disappointment, why not try your luck at experimenting with more spontaneous and innovative approaches?

**♊ GEMINI:** This month's positive-thinking, spirit-lifting aspects are focused firmly on peace, truce and treaty, so keep in mind that loving disharmony back to harmony creates a greater resonance than previously existed. And this week's Venus doubles the pleasure and effectiveness of things done in tandem, shared with others.

**♋ CANCER:** This week gives legs to your long-term life goals via unexpected ideas, unconventional nudges or a sudden offer that might be the polar opposite of what you wanted. But taking that brave step away from the past could be just the personal breakthrough you've been waiting for. What have you got to lose?

**♌ LEO:** This busy, buzzy, self-promoting week lights a firecracker under your professional agenda. Though it's recommended to approach personal promotion with appropriate restraint, and awareness that a careless word could abruptly turn the tide of popular favour. Lead with your signature flair and expertise, and who could resist what you're selling...

**♍ VIRGO:** Can't you just smell the countdown of three shopping weeks left before seasonal festivities commence? Virgos are the pre-planning geniuses, plus your ruler Mercury in Capricorn loves nothing better than attending to details of holiday prep and ticking off the to-do list – best completed before Mercury's pre-xmas retrograde on December 18.

**♎ LIBRA:** With people-pleasing Venus moving into gregarious Aquarius and your personal house of fun, this week's cosmic cornucopia overflows with local activities, interesting visitors and pleasurable adventures. Knowing who's doing what and where is precisely your time to shine – though gossip and the rumour mill are best avoided.

**♏ SCORPIO:** This month's astral emphasis is on personal values: economic of course, but also relationships, business connections and fresh approaches to problem-solving. Invitations proliferate, but being a Scorpio's about consciously cultivating your inner resources, so practise the self-mastery of saying no to a few less essential social activities this week.

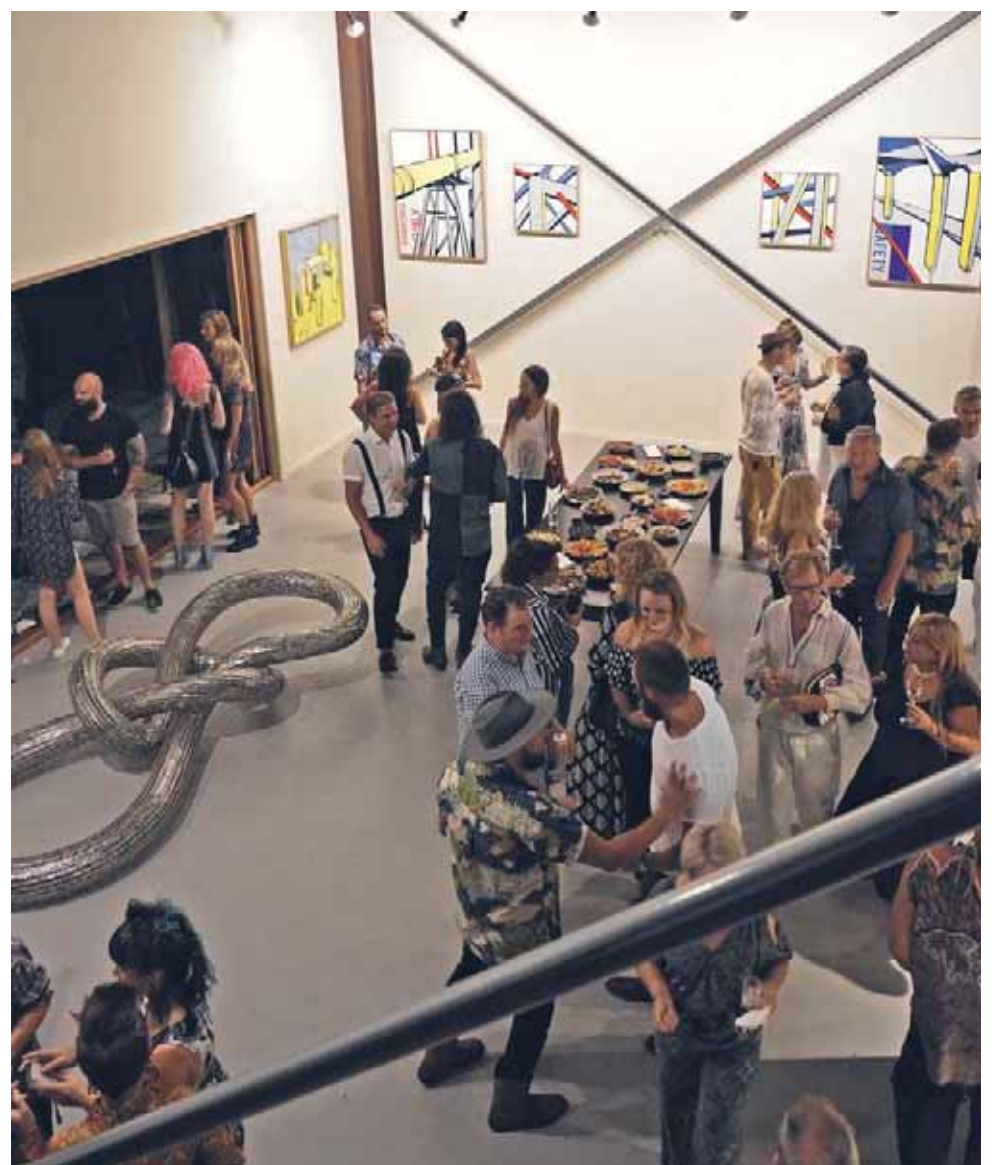
**♐ SAGITTARIUS:** With Mercury's move to the sign where actions speak louder than words, this week wants everyone walking their talk – which for you could be in the capacity of local ambassador or community spokesperson. Be aware that a careless remark could offend; ditto forcing issues or hasty decisions. Tact, diplomacy, charm... you can do them.

**♑ CAPRICORN:** This week mixes a heady cocktail of business and pleasure with excellent results. And Mercury moving into Capricorn provides convivial momentum for getting holiday plans laid and shopping arrangements made, with the foreknowledge that a backup plan B could be necessary when Mercury retrogrades later this month.

**♒ AQUARIUS:** Dwarf planet Eris, also known as Discordia, currently in conjunction with your ruler Uranus, suggests this week that it isn't necessary to divide the world and then fight the other side... While peacemaking Venus in your sign makes it easier to communicate amicably with those who don't share your views.

**♓ PISCES:** This week's powerfully motivating aspects get you and everyone else into end-of-year gear. Around midweek Pisces moon, the Japanese zen directive applies: *Who will do the hard thing? Those who can. And who will do the impossible? Those who care...* Best feel-good moments will be focusing on what you can do for others.

# BRINGING HIGH-END ART TO BYRON



## THE BYRON ARTS & INDUSTRY ESTATE IS FULL OF SURPRISES.

The latest is the Thom Gallery, created by art dealer Alex Thom and his partner textile designer Michelle Sczygiol. Together they have transformed this large warehouse space into an impressive gallery that features eight-metre walls and a 300-square-metre floor space.

'We wanted to create a world-class space that worked with our portfolio and fitted the Byron Bay sentiment,' says Alex.

The gallery shows contemporary collectible work from around the world. On entry the art lover is greeted with a giant polished aluminium rhino by Christian Maas. The French sculptor's work features throughout the gallery and includes a life-size very naked Marilyn Monroe, and what I think is a pole dancer.

Currently on show is the work of four-times Archibald Prize finalist, Sydney artist Jasper Knight. This is his survey show with industrial-styled works painted in enamel on wood.

His work is striking and one reviewer perhaps summed it up best with:

'Knight's image making draws from the things society has discarded as invisible, broken or ugly, yet the artist's focus is such that he draws us back to or salvages these places and objects asserting a place for them in our world.'

Alex Thom previously ran In This Street, the David Bromley Gallery in Byron Bay and, for the past eight years, he has worked representing the artist in galleries between Melbourne

and Byron. But it is Byron that has drawn him back.

'I was as missing Byron too much and my friends and the lifestyle we lead and I think there is a huge hole in the market for high-end collectable art. The clientele are here – and we thought, why not bring some of Australia's greatest art to them?' says Thom.

'We are looking at six major shows a year. Our next show is Conchita Carambano – her work usually varies but it is abstract in oils on canvas; and then in our Easter show we are looking at an Australian collectable, Aboriginal artist Tommy Watson.'

Thom and Sczygiol believe their space reflects the eccentricity of the artists and the clients.

'We are avoiding dolphins, mermaids and frangipanis!' laughs Thom, with Michelle adding, 'We will only have living frangipanis!'

Passionate and engaging, Alex and Michelle were originally going down the path of 'by appointment only' but they felt this put too much pressure on the viewer. While the gallery can be viewed by appointment, it is currently open Thursday–Saturday 12–6pm.

To make an appointment call 0411 813 999 or view the gallery online at [thomgallerybyronbay.com.au](http://thomgallerybyronbay.com.au).

**Thom Gallery** is located at 1/6 Fern Place in the Byron Arts & Industry Estate.



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# QUEEN OF KATWE

I have not seen a Mira Nair film that I've not loved to bits. Her latest is empowering and instructive, but it is not nearly as emotionally engaging as her previous work. There is something missing, and it is tempting to attribute blame for the movie's pervasive blandness to the Disney imprimatur. 'Feelgood' is a fine goal, but when striven for at all costs the end product can tend to be insipid. Or, to get down to the tin-tacks of storytelling – there is nothing at stake for the main character.

Based on recent actual events, this is about Phiona Mutesi (Madina Nalwanga), an illiterate girl who rose from a township slum in Uganda to become that country's national chess champion. Rags to riches is an ever-popular theme and Phiona's journey replicates any number of those with which the cinema has made us familiar. The fact that it deals with a black girl playing chess is a novelty that draws you in straightaway, but without an 'edge', without demoralising setbacks and the usual near-insurmountable obstacles in her way, Phiona's brilliant achievement feels prosaic and lacking passion.

Nair does well to make a compelling spectator sport of the shunting around of rooks and knights and bishops, and she has assembled a terrific cast – although it must be said that none of the locals have the polish of David Oyelowo, who plays the Christian outreach teacher who takes Phiona under his wing.

As an exposition of the conditions under which so many in the world have to live, it should not be missed. Phiona's family sleep on the floor, have no running water and share meals that barely keep them as skinny as beanpoles – how dare such people want a piece of our fat lifestyle.

Visually, it is interesting, too, to see the vibrant colours with which they paint their shanties and adorn themselves. It seems the higher the ladder takes us in the West, the more grimly monochromatic our wardrobe and surroundings become. Phiona's story inspires but Nair does not deliver the triumphant flourish it deserves.

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# FANTASTIC BEASTS AND WHERE TO FIND THEM

One afternoon in New York, in the dim and distant, *Amélie* was showing at staggered times on two screens at the same multiplex. I walked into the wrong one and started watching it halfway through. WTF!? I've never liked the movie ever since. I arrived for the opening credits of this, but I had the same impression, ie, that I had missed something that I should have been aware of.

It opens in overdrive, with virtually no explanatory preamble. Have audiences been dumbed down to the extent that only the smoke and mirrors matter? That all it takes are collapsing buildings and warp-speed physical transformations to engage the glazed-eye imagination?

It is New York, 1926. Weird stuff is happening and there is a growing mistrust of wizards. Newt (Eddie Redmayne) has sailed from England as a graduate from Hogwarts to sort it out with a case full of fabulous CGI creatures... but honestly, it is SO boring. I couldn't muster enough interest to pay much attention to the plot. When Colin Farrell turns up as Graves, in a suave black vest with white lapels, I figured that anybody who can't see that he will be the villain must be part of the numbskull crowd who lap up such tripe. I also decided that if it came down to a stink between Eddie and Colin, I would be barracking for the handsome Irishman big time.

Visually, there is nothing to not be impressed by, but it's like the 'super moon' – can you tell the difference (unless you are told, and led by the nose) between it and a million others?

The streets of the Big Apple of the Twenties are evocative and the grotesque characters in the speakeasy are fabulous, but there is nothing else to intrigue.

The screenplay is by JK Rowling, creator of Harry Potter, but I would be so much more keen on seeing an adaptation of her recent novel *The Casual Vacancy* – but that's about real people, so I won't hold my breath.

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- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **TYRONE NOONAN**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 8.30PM **JASON DELPHIN DUO**
- BYRON THEATRE 7PM **LEIGH CARRIAGE**
- BYRON SCOUT HALL 7PM **OPEN FLOOR CONSCIOUS DANCE**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 9PM **CLUB RAIDERS WITH FELIX DA HOUSECAT**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 7.30PM **BOBBY ALU**
- BANGALOW BOWLING CLUB 7PM **ROCK'N'ROLL DANCING**
- BRUNSWICK PICTURE HOUSE 7PM **BOB DOWNE'S CHRISTMAS CRACK-UP!**
- POINCIANA, MULLUMBIMBY 6PM **GABRIEL OTU WITH AFRICAN BEATS**
- BALLINA RSL 8.30PM **MARCIA HINES**
- KINGSCLIFF BOWLING CLUB 7.30PM **KINGY COMEDY WITH JENNY WYNTER & MANDY NOLAN**
- GOLLAN HOTEL, LISMORE 7PM **THE ROMANIACS**
- CHINDERAH TAVERN 6.30PM **JON J BRADLEY**
- NIMBIN HOTEL 7PM **JESSE MORRIS BAND**

## FRIDAY 9

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **WOLFMOTHER, ELEGANT SHIVA**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **BOHEMIAN COWBOYS**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 5PM **TUFFY 9PM ABBE MAY & GUESTS**
- APEX PARK, BYRON 6.30PM **CAROLS BY THE SEA WITH DAN & IMANI HANNAFORD, NORTHERN RIVERS UKE**
- ORCHESTRA, SCHOOL BANDS & MORE
- BYRON THEATRE 8PM **WOMEN LIKE US WITH ELLEN BRIGGS & MANDY NOLAN**
- DENNING PARK, BYRON 6PM **PARK&FLY**
- BYRON BREWERY 6PM **KILLER FRIDAY WITH DJ ORTHENTIX, KATIA DEMEESTER, QUEER CABARET, SARAH TONE'N**
- STICKY WICKET, BYRON 9PM **LOCAL DJS 9.30PM MICAH & MARTA**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 9PM **ADAM HARPAZ**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 7.30PM **PHIL & TILLEY**
- CIRCUS ARTS, BYRON A&I 6.30PM **SUPERHEROS VS SUPERVILLAINS**
- PIZZA PARADISO, SUFFOLK PARK 7PM **CARL CLEVES**
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- TWIN TOWNS JUNIORS, TWEED HEADS 5PM **BILL JACOBI**
- COOLANGATTA SANDS HOTEL 8.30PM **BELLA MARIE**

## SATURDAY 10

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **THE DEAD LOVE, HOBO MAGIC, THE ROYAL ARTILLERY**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **THE SWAMPS**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 9PM **INDIAN SUMMER & GUESTS**
- BYRON ARTISAN MARKET 5PM **CARL CREAVES**
- BYRON BREWERY 2PM **SHELLY BROWN TRIO 7PM KATIA DEMEESTER BAND**
- DENNING PARK, BYRON 6PM **PARK&FLY**
- STICKY WICKET, BYRON 9PM **LOCAL DJS 9.30PM BIGGY P**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 9PM **DJ JAMIE**
- BELONGIL BEACH 9AM **SHARK WATCH SIGN-UP & FUNDRAISER & MUSIC**
- CIRCUS ARTS, BYRON A&I 6.30PM **SUPERHEROS VS SUPERVILLAINS**
- INSIDE AFRICA, BYRON A&I 1PM **PALM WINE AMBASSADOR TRIO WITH JASON BURNS**
- LA STUDIO, BYRON A&I 6PM **FASHION ON SHOW**
- PIZZA PARADISO, SUFFOLK PARK 7PM **SLIM PICKENS**
- BANGALOW PUBLIC SCHOOL 8AM **BANGALOW DESIGNERS MARKET**
- BANGALOW BOWLING CLUB

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- BANGALOW HOTEL 7.30PM **JOCK BARNES**
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- FEDERAL HALL 8PM **HUNT FOR THE WILDERPEOPLE**
- OCEAN SHORES COUNTRY CLUB 8.30PM **JACKIE LOEB & GRETIL KILLEEN**
- BALLINA RSL BOWLING CLUB 5.30PM **GUY KACHEL**
- LISMORE WORKERS CLUB 7.30PM **TROMBONE KELLIE & THE MUDDY ROADERS**
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- KINGSCLIFF BOWLING CLUB 7.30PM **SIMON MEOLA**
- CHINDERAH TAVERN 6PM **DAVE CAVANAGH**
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- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS 8.30PM **MARCIA HINES**
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- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **RAGGA JUMP**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 4.30PM **EPIC 8PM DJ LONGTIME**
- BYRON BREWERY 3PM **ANDY JANS BROWN**
- BYRON GOLF CLUB 4PM **GREG LYON & THE HIP OPERATION**
- DENNING PARK, BYRON 5PM **PARK&FLY**
- FRESH, BYRON 7PM **SLIM PICKENS**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 2PM **DJ ESQUIRE & DJ EVA J**
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- OCEAN SHORES COUNTRY CLUB 1PM **PETE ALLEN**
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- CLUB LENNOX 4PM **MARILANE & SOUND WAVES**
- TINTENBAR HALL 3PM **MATT BEDNARSKY**
- ELTHAM HOTEL 1PM **BILL JACOBI**
- KINGSCLIFF HOTEL 3PM **INNOCENT BYSTANDERS**
- CHILLINGHAM MARKET 8AM **PETRA MOORE**
- PHOENIX RISING, NIMBIN 10AM **SONIC BLISS 12.30PM**

## MONDAY 12

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **MATTHEW ARMITAGE**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **CHRIS ARONSTEN**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 8.30PM **REGGAE**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 9PM **DJ OVAL**

## TUESDAY 13

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **MARSHALL O'KELL**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **LEIGH JAMES**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 8PM **MUSICAL BINGO**
- BYRON PUBLIC SCHOOL 7.1PM **NO LIGHTS NO LYCRA**
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- BANGALOW HOTEL 7.30PM **BRACKETS OPEN MIC**
- ST JOHN'S HALL, MULLUMBIMBY 7PM **ECSTATIC TEMPLE DANCE**
- NEW BRIGHTON FARMERS MARKET 8AM **ANGIE HUDSON**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS 7.30PM **CHRIS COOK BAND**

## WEDNESDAY 14

- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **THE BUTTON COLLECTIVE**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 8.30PM **GUY KACHEL TRIO**
- BYRON BREWERY 7PM **OPEN MIC WITH ALAIN DE CARNE**
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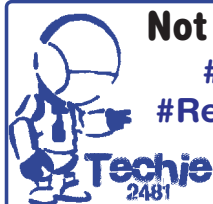
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easel, stage props, glass top o/door table

**BYRON** 115 Paterson St, Sat 8am. Retro  
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**MASSIVE SALE O.SHORES** 61 Balemo  
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## PETS



**Luna** is a 4-month-old Staffy x Jack Russell. She is playful, gentle, energetic and a people lover! She is good with kids and dogs, and is a quick learner – especially when there's a treat involved! She has been vaccinated and microchipped, and will be desexed when she is around 6 months old.

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**It's raining cats & dogs!**  
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**INDY** is a 2½-year-old desexed female border collie x staffy. She is an active girl who loves people and is affectionate and loyal. If you can give Indy a permanent, loving home please contact the **Friends of the Pound Rehoming Centre** on **07 5524 8590** or Pam on **0421 017 461**. Visit [friendsofthepound.com](http://friendsofthepound.com) to view other dogs and cats looking for a home.

Meet kittens

**Flopsy, Mopsy, Cotton-tail & Peter!**



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2nd SUN Lennox Head	0419 369 609
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3rd SUN Lismore Car Boot	6628 7333
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Each FRI 7-11am Mullum	6677 1345
Each SAT 8-11am Bangalow	6687 1137
Each SAT 8am-1pm Uki	6679 5530

☾ First quarter	December 7	20:02
☾ Full moon	December 14	11:05
☾ Third quarter	December 21	12:55
☾ New moon	December 29	17:53

## DECEMBER 2016

### Astronomical data and tides

Day of month	Sun rise	Sun set	Moon rise	Moon set	High tide, height (m)	Low tide, height (m)
1 T	0540	1929	0656	2047	1023,1.66; 2224,1.19	<b>0327,0.23</b> ; 1645,0.34
2 F	0540	1930	0743	2136	1100,1.65; 2302,1.15	<b>0400,0.25</b> ; 1725,0.36
3 S	0540	1931	0834	2222	1137,1.62; 2345,1.12	<b>0437,0.30</b> ; 1806,0.38
4 S	0540	1932	0927	2307	1217,1.59	0516,0.36; 1851,0.39
5 M	0540	1932	1022	2349	0031,1.09; 1300,1.54	0602,0.42; 1941,0.40
6 T	0540	1933	1118		0128,1.09; 1350,1.50	0658,0.48; 2035,0.39
7 W	0540	1934	1216	0029	0235,1.11; 1446,1.46	0804,0.53; 2132,0.36
8 T	0540	1934	1315	0109	0347,1.18; 1549,1.43	0920,0.54; 2230,0.31
9 F	0540	1935	1417	0149	0455,1.30; 1654,1.41	1038,0.52; <b>2323,0.24</b>
10 S	0541	1936	1520	0229	0557,1.45; 1758,1.41	1150,0.45
11 S	0541	1937	1626	0313	0653,1.60; 1858,1.40	<b>0013,0.16</b> ; 1257,0.37
12 M	0541	1937	1733	0359	<b>0746,1.74</b> ; 1955,1.39	<b>0100,0.10</b> ; <b>1358,0.29</b>
13 T	0542	1938	1841	0450	<b>0837,1.85</b> ; 2047,1.36	<b>0147,0.05</b> ; <b>1455,0.22</b>
14 W	0542	1939	1946	0546	<b>0927,1.91</b> ; 2139,1.33	<b>0234,0.04</b> ; <b>1549,0.18</b>
15 T	0542	1939	2048	0646	<b>1015,1.94</b> ; 2229,1.28	<b>0320,0.06</b> ; <b>1642,0.18</b>
16 F	0543	1940	2143	0748	<b>1103,1.91</b> ; <b>2318,1.24</b>	<b>0407,0.11</b> ; <b>1732,0.20</b>
17 S	0543	1940	2233	0851	<b>1150,1.83</b>	<b>0455,0.19</b> ; <b>1822,0.25</b>
18 S	0544	1941	2318	0952	0009,1.19; <b>1236,1.72</b>	<b>0545,0.29</b> ; 1911,0.31
19 M	0544	1941	2358	1051	0102,1.15; 1321,1.60	0636,0.41; 2000,0.36
20 T	0544	1942		1147	0202,1.13; 1408,1.47	0733,0.52; 2050,0.40
21 W	0541	1943	0034	1242	0310,1.14; 1458,1.36	0840,0.60; 2141,0.42
22 T	0545	1943	0109	1334	0418,1.18; 1553,1.27	0954,0.65; 2232,0.41
23 F	0545	1944	0143	1426	0521,1.26; 1653,1.22	1108,0.65; 2321,0.39
24 S	0546	1944	0218	1518	0613,1.35; 1751,1.19	1214,0.61
25 S	0547	1944	0253	1609	0658,1.44; 1844,1.19	0006,0.35; 1309,0.55
26 M	0547	1945	0330	1700	0738,1.53; 1930,1.19	0045,0.32; 1356,0.49
27 T	0548	1945	0410	1752	0815,1.60; 2011,1.20	<b>0122,0.28</b> ; 1438,0.43
28 W	0548	1946	0453	1843	0853,1.65; 2050,1.21	<b>0157,0.25</b> ; 1515,0.39
29 T	0549	1946	0540	1932	0930,1.69; 2129,1.22	<b>0231,0.23</b> ; 1553,0.36
30 F	0550	1946	0629	2021	<b>1006,1.72</b> ; 2207,1.22	<b>0306,0.23</b> ; 1629,0.34
31 S	0550	1946	0722	2106	1043,1.72; 2246,1.22	<b>0343,0.23</b> ; 1706,0.33

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



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AMBULANCE Mullumbimby & Byron Bay .....	131 233
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BYRON CENTRAL HOSPITAL.....	6639 9400
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Mullumbimby.....	6684 2144
Byron Bay .....	6685 9499
Bangalow .....	6687 1404
STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE Storm & tempest damage, flooding.....	132 500
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ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS 24 hours.....	1800 423 431
ANIMAL RESCUE (DOGS & CATS) .....	6622 1881
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MENSLINE 7pm–11pm nightly (phone counselling & referral for men). .....	6622 2240
NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS Meets daily .....	6680 7280
NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE .....	6684 1286
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE 24 hour crisis line.....	1800 656 463
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WIRES – NSW Wildlife Information & Rescue Service.....	6628 1898
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## Tweed sailors second in state titles

Bill Fenelon

Monique Smith from Elanora and her team, Matt Andrews and Kate Yeomans, came home triumphant, taking 2nd place in their first ever Corsair Queensland State Titles.

A hardcore group of Tweed sailors competed in the Monomasters regatta this weekend – sweltering up on the Sunshine Coast at Lake Cootharaba SC.

The regatta included the single-hander Impulse and 3-crew Corsair State Titles.

In the Impulse class Adam Hurt from Fingal Head battled through all six races in up to 30-knot winds and very choppy conditions while many of his fellow competitors went for one capsize too many and retired to the shore.

Adam's skill and experience paid off and he took 14th out of 26 entrants despite being in the oldest Impulse in the fleet.

The Tweed Valley Sailing Club also held its 4th heat of the Summer Pointscore Series in near-perfect sailing conditions on the Tweed River this weekend. Up to 20-knot winds and a strong tide made for fast, fun sailing for the 16 competing boats.



The Corsair Swell Lady took second place on Lake Cootharaba. Photo Julie Hartwig Photography

First to finish was Murwillumbah local Dave Chester with Karen Vidler on Hobie 16 Sledder.

First Corsair home was No 199 Minnow skipper Reg Court from Victoria with Deborah Flannery and Peter Ross.

Sunday was also the third heat of the Tweed River NS14 and Laser Championships.

Five boats competed in the NS14 class: 1st Glenn Slight and Kynan Luescher on *Radical Phase*, 2nd Malcolm Maiden and Tom Busbridge and 3rd Mark and Ty Banbury on *Sulis Blue*.

It was the Banbury's best result so far, and they are a team to watch!

This was the third win for

Glenn and Kynan and, with two heats remaining, they appear certain to win the series – but anything could happen.

The Laser win went to Gary McCrohon with 2nd John Haywood.

Next event for the local sailing club is Sunday 11 December, the most competitive class race, the Tweed River Corsair Class Championship, for the big three-handed 16ft boats. This will be a great event for spectators as these boats will all be flying Spinners. 1pm Race Start at Fingal Boat Ramp.

Look out for Monique Smith on *Swell Lady*. She is expected to set the pace after her great results this weekend.

## Rainbow Region dragon boaters collect a swag of medals

Monica Wilcox

The Rainbow Region Dragon Boat Club women's team has returned jubilant from the Grafton Jacaranda Regatta with a third place, then the combined team including cancer survivors brought home two gold at the Pan Pacific Masters.

The Rainbow Region men's team also brought home one silver and three bronze from the Pan Pacs held on the Gold Coast.

The Grafton Jacaranda was a large northern NSW regatta that attracted 11 clubs from Tweed to Port Macquarie. The Rainbow Dragons went up against full teams (20 members) with only 18 paddlers, so third was a very credible result.

The Pan Pacs featured three aged-based divisions as well as cancer survivor teams. A strong Rainbow Region contingent of 28 rowers joined with the Gold Coast Pinks, Maroochy Sea Serpents and some extras to make a team of 61.

The team's moniker was



The combined 'All Comers' dragon boat team ready to row at the Gold Coast. Photo Contributed

'All-Comers' and nicknamed BAP (Bad Ass Paddlers) and included an intermingling of world champion paddlers.

This set the tone for a team of quality synchronism, camaraderie and a good dash of paddlers' humour.

The humour was much needed when both days of racing were interrupted by storms and some finals could not be raced. Placings had to be calculated on best heat times.

The second day was reduced to 1,005 paddlers,

held-up under a massive marquee belting out bad-pun rain songs, during a torrential downpour.

Still, Rainbow Dragons came home with a highly respectable cache of medals for its members.

### Results

Grafton: Women 3rd.

Pan Pacs (500m): Cancer survivors 1st, 50+ Open/Men 2nd, 60+ Open/Men 3rd.

Pan Pacs (200m): Cancer survivors 1st, 50+ Open/Men 3rd, 60+ Open/Men 3rd.

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## Season finale for Byron youth soccer



Byron's Salem Edwards has a crack at goal. Photo Dogwhistle

Dogwhistle

Byron Bay's youth footballers celebrated a great end to the Summer Youth League season on Friday night with two outstanding performances against strong Alstonville sides.

The Wildcats showed just how far they have come this year, dominating their match against a much-fancied Alstonville side and unlucky to go down 2-1.

Having improved markedly throughout the competition, the Byron girls finished the season in a credible fifth

place and look like being formidable contenders in women's football in 2017.

Despite the absence of some key players (including both senior mentors) the young Rams stepped up to Alstonville and took a well-deserved 2-1 win.

After a strong start from Alstonville, the Rams pushed back hard, with their midfield once again holding the centre of the pitch and controlling much of the play.

A smooth build-up from Ronan Karup, Zac Sezer, Hari Scott and Ethan Archer found Connor Congdon on

the back post, putting Byron on the board with a clean finish.

A strong fightback from Villa bore fruit with an equaliser early in the second half.

The Byron boys responded by pressing harder and a late tackle on Hari Scott inside the Alstonville box saw Byron awarded a penalty. Ronan Karup's clinical finish sealed the victory.

The win saw them take second place in the 2016 competition from Alstonville, and crowned a terrific season for the boys and for Byron youth coach, Jonathan Pierce.



## Golfers prepare for 10th Pro-Am tournament at Byron Bay

The success of young golfer Conor Whitelock has been one highlight at the Byron Bay Golf Club as it prepares for the Australian Legends Tour Championship this weekend.

Conor is just 14 years old and recently won the A-Reserve Grade at the club, according to BBCG pro Greg Stewart.

'Conor has really had a break through year with this being his second Championship win of the year,' he said.

In late November the club also hosted the Byron Bay Public School Fundraiser Golf Day.

The format was a four-person Ambrose where golfers of all abilities got to enjoy the course, Greg said.

The school P and C was the driving force behind the event and was grateful for the ongoing support from the local business community for provided so many prizes.

But local golfers are now concentrating on the tenth consecutive Australian Legends Tour Championship hosted by the BBGC, which is played over three days starting this Friday.

The first two days are in a



Conor Whitelock has had an impressive year at the Byron Bay Golf Club after two championship wins. Photo supplied

Pro-Am format and on the last day the professionals are joined by a hand full of scratch handicap amateurs.

'We have had great support over the years from some iconic Australian professionals and this year is no exception. Peter Senior is scheduled to compete along with defending champion Tod Power.

'It is a real tribute to all involved that we have been able to keep running this every

year, for 10 years,' he said.

The 100 playing spots have all been filled.

Tee off times for the first two days start at 6.51am and go through to 1.36pm.

Sunday tee times will have the leading players starting at approximately 11.30 am.

Spectators are more than welcome and entry is free.

'Come along and walk the fairways with some of Australia's best senior professionals,' Greg said.

## Juniors train with elite AFL players



AFL young guns in training: (L-R) Conall Barrett, Flynn Petersons, Kurt Tippett, Harrison Kirkwood, Lachlan Hecker and Luke Nelson. Photo supplied

### Cindy Petersons

The AFL season is over but a committed group of five local players travel to the Gold Coast each Saturday morning to continue training with Joey Hayes at the Strongman camp.

On Saturday they and 45 other kids aspiring to be AFL recruits trained alongside Kurt Tippett (Sydney Swans) and Brent Staker (former Brisbane Lion).

Also at the camp were Mason Wood (North Melbourne) and Gold Coast Suns Academy head coach Andrew Raines.

This was Flynn Petersons' third Strongman camp and he also trains with Joey Hayes at USP twice a week.

He credits this training for his selection into the U/15s (level 2) Gold Coast Suns Academy, where he also trains twice a week.

Flynn was awarded Best

and Fairest for the second year in a row and also received the Club President's Award for his efforts in 2016 for the Byron Bay junior Magpies.

The boys were selected into the newly formed Northern Rivers team to play at the Maroochydore in the Queensland state finals where they won three out of four games.

It's fantastic commitment from our local lads.

## U/13 boys bring home the cup after Beez swarm Coffs Harbour



The Byron Beez Basketball swarm, U/13 and U/15s (absent: U/13 girls). Photo supplied

### Jenny Ogle

The Junior Beez took a swarm to Coffs Harbour to compete in the Annual Bellinger Braves Pacific Challenge where the U/13 boys' team brought home a trophy for the Bay.

A big congratulations to all the players, coach Alvin Caoyonan and support crew for thier effort last weekend.

U/13 boys and girls, and U/15 boys and girls teams battled it out throughout the

very heated weekend, playing a total of 22 games between them.

They played against Bellinger Valley, Port Macquarie, Coffs Harbour, Ipswich, Taree, Brisbane Spartans and Gloucester.

The Junior Committee and coaches, Nash Campbell, Matt Ogle and Alvin, are very proud of these teams and their efforts.

The players showed their passion, skills and commitment for the game of basket-

ball and the Beez during this weekend.

This level of competition is a step leading up to the 2017 Northern Junior League Competition in which Byron Beez will be competing.

The 2017 Representative Squad Trials for U/12s through to U/18s will be held this week.

The Girls will be held this Friday December 9, 4.30-6pm at the Cavanbah Centre, and the Boys this Saturday December 10, 1.30-3.30pm.

## Soli sinks Kennedy at Sunset

### Crystal Cylinder

Byron Shire's Soli Bailey beat Lennox Head's Stuart Kennedy in his first heat at the World Cup at Sunset Beach.

Bailey won the heat while Kennedy was eliminated from the event in third place.

Soli put in a solid performance in round three of the draw where the top seeds make their appearance, and was leading the heat at the halfway mark, but needed to up the ante with his performance in the latter stages.

In the end he was overtaken by some more critical surfing from his competitors in the final minutes and bowed out of his last heat for 2016 in fourth place, which means it will be back to the QS grind in 2017.

At only 21 years old Soli has built up an excellent resume of achievements and will now be hoping to put all that experience to work in 2017, which may be a make-or-break year for him after two years of knocking on the door of the 'Dream Tour'.

Although Byron Bay is represented on tour by recent resident Matt Wilkinson there hasn't been a born-and-bred-local surfer representing the Bay since Kieren Perrow retired in 2013.

Kieren is now considered



Soli Bailey is aiming for the 'Dream Tour' Photo WSL/Cestari

one of the most important people in the sport of professional surfing. He qualified for the world tour in 2002 and surprised pundits by finishing in seventh position and earning the ASP Rookie of the Year award.

He gained a reputation as one of the most articulate and intelligent individuals on the pro tour (he deferred an architecture degree at university to chase the tour) and also the reputation as one of the sport's most fearless riders.

Kieren claimed his biggest win at the 2011 Pipeline Masters, defeating Joel Parkinson in the final. In 2014 following

his retirement as a competitor after a nasty shoulder injury that kept him out of the water for months, Perrow took on the newly created position of ASP commissioner for the revamped world tour.

The Encyclopedia of Surfing states: 'Perrow was one of the most important components of the transition from the old ASP to the new WSL'.

'He provided peace of mind to surfers, old owners, new owners and financial supporters alike, legitimising the acquisition to all parties, nursing its transition period and ultimately the establishment of the WSL'.



On The Horizon

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Mullumbimby CWA

Mullumbimby Branch of CWA monthly meeting at 9.30am on Wednesday 14 December at the CWA Rooms, Tincogan Street, Mullumbimby. Christmas lunch will follow at the RSL Club. Bookings Sue 6684 1675 by Monday 12th please.

Hospital garage sale

The Byron Bay Hospital Auxiliary final

garage/clearance sale at Byron Bay Hospital site, Shirley St, Saturday 10 December 8am–1pm. Chairs, desks, office equipment and goods for sale. Enquiries 6685 3162.

U3A Ballina/Byron

Our last meeting of the year 13/12/16 at 10am in the meeting room of the RSL, Mullumbimby. First some fun music and then our Christmas party. Enquiries 6680 7350.

Land cookery comp

Mullumbimby Branch of CWA Land Cookery Competition Monday 12 December. There are also two junior sections, one for young people 18 and under on 31 March 2017 and one for those 12 and under on 31 March 2017. Recipes and rules at https://cwaofnsw.org.au/cookery.html or phone the land cookery officer Sue 6684 1675.

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. 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.

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: brunsbushschool@gmail.com.

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 Mullumbim-

Ladies friendship tea

Ladies Friendship Morning Tea in Brunswick Heads Uniting Church Hall, Fingal St, from 10am on Wednesday 14 December. All ladies welcome. Contact 6685 1487. The Christmas Day lunch will also be in the church hall – more details later.

Gem club street stall

Byron Gem Club street stall Friday 9 December at the corner of Burringbar & Stuart Streets, Mullumbimby, where the taxi rank is. Lots of beautiful rocks in the raw, crystals, specimens and jewellery.

U3A Brunswick Valley

U3A Brunswick Valley Tuesday Forum 13 December 10am–12, Uniting Church Hall, Fingal St, Brunswick Heads. ‘A Salmagundi of Sight and Sound’, Des Wann’s final presentation in his music talks.

by 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.

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, mazzterat2010@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. Info: 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. Food Box will close on 22/12/16 and re-open on 12/1/17. C3 Care **Byron Bay Food Care** – log on to www.c3byronbay.com to see if you are eligible, or call 6680 8872.

Carers’ support

Mullumbimby Mental Health Carers’ Support Group for family members and friends who have a loved one with a mental health issue. Meeting on 4th Thursday of each month 9.30am at the Mullumbimby Neighbourhood Centre. Info: Leanne 0409 818 643.

Toastmasters

**Byron Cavanbah Toastmasters** meetings coaching in communication and self-development run on 1st and 3rd Mondays, 6.40pm at Byron Services Club, Byron Bay; www.byronbaytoastmasters.org. **MullumMagic Toastmasters**

Visitors welcome. Ring 6685 1732.

Uniting Church op shop

Saturday 10 December 8am–12 noon the Mullumbimby Uniting Church Op Shop in Dalley Street will be holding their Christmas Outreach Fundraiser. Please support our effort to help provide water taps and tanks in PNG.

OSCA Christmas lunch

The Ocean Shores Community Association (OSCA) Christmas lunch will be at 1pm at the Ocean Shores Tavern on Wednesday 14 December. Enquiries 0431 477 445.

Volunteers needed

The Byron Theatre is calling out for volunteers to join our usher team. Professional, well-presented people wanted, availability in January pref. Attend our training Friday 9 December, 12.30–2pm,

meet every 2nd, 4th and 5th Monday in Mullumbimby 7–9 pm. Contact Ashni 0439 843 657 or Mani on 0488 433 047.

CoDA

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

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 Berri 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, Mondays, Byron Community Centre, 10.30–11.30am. Entry by donation. 0417 277 211, info@raisetheroofsinging.com.

ManTime

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

Town Choir

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

Sex & Love Addicts Anon

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

Potters & Sculptors

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

CWA Bangalow

Interested women are welcome Wednesdays and Thursdays 9am–1pm and the second Monday evening of each month 5–7pm in the Bangalow CWA rooms for craft and friendship. Rooms are open daily Monday–Saturday 9am–noon.

Mullum CWA

Mullumbimby Branch CWA Handicraft Group in the CWA rooms Tincogan Street Mullumbimby each 1st, 3rd and 4th Wednesday of the month throughout 2016. Classes in knitting, crochet, embroidery and sewing are offered. Enquiries Margaret 66842956.



69 Jonson St. For more info: 6685 6807. volunteers@byroncentre.com.au

Laughter Yoga

Laughter Yoga group Mondays 10–10.45am in Mullumbimby. Free and uplifting fun. Phone Magenta 0447 844 215.

ABA babies’ teddy bears

The Australian Breastfeeding Association (ABA) Mullumbimby/Ocean Shores Group invites all babies and toddlers to bring their favourite teddy bears to the ABA Christmas Morning Tea, 10am at the Ocean Shores Hub Church, Rajah Road, on Monday 12 December. Mums please bring a plate. Discussion: Breastfeeding and summer babies. Enquiries 0431 477 445.

Village Talks

All welcome for a free coffee, cake and a chat about disability support, inclusion



Mungo’s Crossword N155

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Cryptic Clues

ACROSS

- 1. Scent of where all roads lead, according to Giuseppe (5)
- 4. Supermarket in Greek island had time for a lethal product (9)
- 8. Dream about a cheer for lack of prejudice (9)
- 9. Mix, invert but no new fountain (5)
- 10. About the cult charge, Othello – back to where they’ll stitch you up! (9,4)
- 13. Antipasto future holds bland food (4)
- 14. Journalist followed harvest fruit and came back again (10)
- 17. Mopsy’s brother (10)
- 18. Singing of Southern Persian, perhaps (4)
- 20. Warship destroys sea turtle crib (6,7)
- 22. Power to fly over the lake (5)
- 23. Scream, cry of pain, leading to South East Asia – or a maritime part thereof! (6,3)
- 25. University returns one of its faculties, among other things, to this 4 down (9)
- 26. Balances short odds (5)

DOWN

- 1. Worker curve: note about a 4 down (10)
- 2. Fuel 049 (3)
- 3. Fair fight about 4 down (6)
- 4. Territory constrained by change – specialist in exercising restraint (9)
- 5. Shared proportion with Kelly (8)
- 6. Emirate cash enough for one or two 4 downs (3,8)
- 7. Be upstanding for sin! (4)
- 11. False test bypasses security devices (6,5)
- 12. Opinionated writing or idealist? Problem (10)
- 15. Advertising is back for the Queen of the Desert (9)
- 16. Traveller about right for a sadist (8)
- 19. Devalued rupee covers nothing for this 4 down (6)
- 21. Like individual, a 4 down (4)
- 24. Look at the bishop’s place (3)

and the National Disability Insurance Scheme, rolling out here next July, hosted by Anna and Damien, your local linkers with the Ability Links program. Main Arm Store Cafe Wed 14 December 10–11.30am. Info 0438 622 752.

Book sale

Friends of Libraries Byron Shire are calling for donations of books for our annual book sale to be held 10–11 June 2017. All funds raised go to our libraries. Please call 0449 680 665 or 6685 5022, or email byronbayfol@gmail.com to arrange for collection.

U3a Brunswick Valley

VIEW Club

The Brunswick Valley VIEW Club Christmas Lunch with entertainment at the Mullumbimby RSL Club on Thursday 8 December at 10.30am. Apologies to Rae on 0427 103 072 by Monday 5th.

Quick Clues

ACROSS

- 1. Scent, perfume (5)
  - 4. Cancer stick (9)
  - 8. Forbearance, lack of prejudice (9)
  - 9. Famous fountain in Rome (5)
  - 10. Place for surgery to reverse the effects of dissection (9,4)
  - 13. Bean curd (4)
  - 14. Came back into sight (10)
  - 17. Brother of Flopsy and Mopsy (10)
  - 18. Style of jazz singing (4)
  - 20. Large warship (6,7)
  - 22. Derived from the sun (5)
  - 23. Body of water between China and Korea (6,3)
  - 25. A 4 down (9)
  - 26. Odds of one to one (5)
- DOWN**
- 1. A 4 down (10)
  - 2. Crude petroleum (3)
  - 3. A 4 down (6)
  - 4. Exercising restraint of desires or passions (9)
  - 5. Shared, allotted (8)
  - 6. One or perhaps two 4 downs (3,8)
  - 7. Sinful, wicked (4)
  - 11. Passenger restraints in vehicles (6,5)
  - 12. Opinion pieces in newspapers (10)
  - 15. Cinematic Queen of the Desert (9)
  - 16. Tormentor, sadist (8)
  - 19. A 4 down (6)
  - 21. A 4 down (4)
  - 24. View, look at (3)

Last week’s solution N154

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Congratulations to local doctor David Miller, honoured recently at the 2016 NSW Rural Medical Service Awards for more than 35 years of service to the communities of Brunswick Heads and Mullumbimby. He was on call for the 'naked wave' of new settlers, wrote articles for *The Echo* and *GP Speak* (nrgpn.org.au) and was one of the pioneers of the local homebirth movement, writing *Birth at Home* in 1990, available now as an ebook from wutheringink.com.

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Something a bit cutting edge from our federal government: A House of Representatives committee last Thursday announced a new inquiry into



**Vegetarians, look away now.** The wonders of Photoshop have allowed ingenious artists to portray The Donald as many varieties of foodstuffs but this spammed version of America's favourite processed meat has a particular ring of authenticity about it. So chunky you could carve it. For a more considered view of Trump's upcoming dictatorship, er, presidency, see Phillip Frazer's article on page 13. Image Leontios Theron/Reddit via Imgur

the social implications of driverless vehicles. You can make a submission by February 6, 2017. Find out more at <http://bit.ly/govdrive>.

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The SMH recently published an interesting piece on professionals microdosing on psychedelics in the workplace: 'it's time to collect solid data about the claim that microdosing on LSD and other

hallucinogens make people more productive, more creative and less stressed at work, psychedelic drug researchers say'. Read more at <http://bit.ly/micromush>.

We guess the Baird government wouldn't approve since it has such a struggle with cannabis – and meaningful productivity.

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