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Mayor hits back at fellow Green over governance

Hans Lovejoy

Division has emerged within the Byron Greens party, with mayor Simon Richardson and former Greens councillor Tom Tabart trading barbs over the mayor's performance and ability to hold Council staff to account.

Last Wednesday, Tabart addressed the Greens mayor in an email which also included all eight councillors and general manager (GM) Ken Gainger.

Tabart claimed that DAs were taking 60 days to process and that contract planners were being employed at great expense. 'You may like to ask or you may think this okay, I don't,' he wrote.

Additionally Tabart claimed 'no applicants have been sought by the GM for new community members on advisory committees.'

'You may also like to instigate some sort of audit of the depot organisation and operation - my information is that it is a shambles that is costing heaps in terms of lost hours and employee morale.'

Tabart ended with, 'I know that governance has never been your top priority, but it is your responsibility and you now have the numbers.'

Both the GM and director of Sustainable Environment and Economy Shannon Burt have replied to all of Tabart's claims (see other stories).

But the rift between the mayor and Tabart later escalated after Tabart told *The Echo* the mayor 'threatened to not communicate with me any more unless I mended my ways.'

The Echo asked the mayor, 'Is it true you said that to Tabart, and if so, isn't that a little precious? Why not embrace the criticism?'

Baseless accusations

Cr Richardson told *The Echo*, 'I love Tom but he gives me the shits.'

'I sat next to him for four years in Council and I supported every single resolution he put forward to uncover the "baddies" within staff. That was virtually his only project.'

'The problem was that whenever he put something forward he could never back it up. The GM would say, "okay, show me some evidence," but there was none. You can only do that for so many years. After four years, Tom really didn't achieve much. I fully supported his initiative [while] he kept looking for rats under the bed... maybe there aren't that many rats?'

'[The assumption that] "Don't trust the GM, don't trust staff, they're all bastards"... sorry, I work intimately with these people every day, and they're not [untrustworthy]. It's that simple.'

'Ever since I helped to employ the current GM, I have had faith in him. He also employed [Sustainable Environment and Economy director] Shannon Burt and I was on that panel... I see what they do every day. The vast bulk of what they do is professional and efficient and I don't want to second guess everything they do, because I have other shit I want to do. Whereas Tom had no other shit he wanted to do other

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Ridin' on sunshine



Byron's solar-powered cycle rental company Sunshine Cycles will be hosting a 'Towards Zero Emissions Byron' Lighthouse ride on February 4. The day will include a chance to try the retro-styled electrocycles, which are designed and built in Byron. Pictured is Luke and Phoebe, who have set up their office and a charging station at the entrance to Byron's First Sun Caravan Park. For more info call 0406 755 547. Photo Jeff Dawson

Shark net trial results: 43 caught, 12 dead

While the deaths of marine life caught in north coast shark nets have been labelled a failure by Greens MLC Justin Field, NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI) have described the number of animals released alive as 'a promising start.'

DPI director general Scott Hansen released the results of the first month of operation Tuesday, and said, 'four sharks from targeted species (White Shark, two Tiger Sharks and one Bull Shark) were caught in the nets.'

Of the 43 animals caught in the nets, 12 animals were killed, including a Bottlenose Dolphin, a Green Sea Turtle and a Bull Shark.

Hansen said his department was committed to doing all it could to

ensure captured animals were released as soon as possible.

'These nets have provided greater peace of mind to the community particularly during the school holidays,' Hansen said.

Increase NSW catch prompts net review

Yet remarkably, a review of shark nets across the state was announced on the same day as the trial results. A report on the NSW net program found a dramatic fourfold increase in the number of animals caught and 300 per cent increase in marine animals found dead in the nets.

Shark mesh nets at 51 beaches

between Wollongong and Newcastle caught 748 marine animals and killed 364 of them in the 2015/2016 year, according to the *Shark Meshing (Bather Protection) Program Annual Performance Report*.

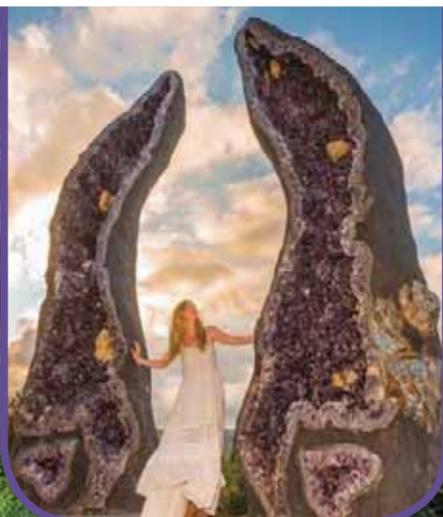
Again the DPI gave it a positive spin, claiming that 'Encouragingly, more than half of the marine life caught in the nets were released alive (51 per cent), up (12 per cent) from previous years.'

Mr Field blasted the DPI for sitting on data that showed 'the existing nets with dolphin deterrent devices weren't working effectively.'

'It's time we phased out this culling program and replaced it with non-lethal solutions,' he said.

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Council business opens in the Bay



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Lennox residents resist quarry expansion

Lennox Head residents were quick to organise a meeting last Friday to discuss a proposed expansion of a sand mine, located on Newrybar Swamp road, off Ross Lane.

Co-organiser Amelia Hicks told *The Echo*, 'It was a fantastic meeting with almost 40 people in attendance.'

'We discussed the proposed mine, the approval process and what we can do to stop it. Many residents were con-

cerned about the increase in traffic, stating safety concerns.

'We are all eagerly seeking more information about the environmental impacts, including acid sulfate soils.

'People were also concerned about the dust coming onto their properties, which is already an issue on Fig Tree Hill Drive. Residents from Sanctuary Village were high in attendance. They already have trouble accessing Ross Lane

from their driveway owing to traffic and are woken up by trucks as early as 5.30am.

'Their properties are low-lying and they worry about the impacts that this could have on the flow of groundwater and the potential for flooding.'

She says the group have been advised that the plan, along with an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), will be submitted to the state government in early February.

Mayor hits back at fellow Green

continued from page 1 > than jump at shadows.

'So he's right, governance is not my top priority, because I'm satisfied that the governance in this council is as good as it's ever been.

'If I publicly attacked staff all the time and asked why, why, why, I would have doors closed on me.

'Instead, I've had staff go above and beyond some of the projects they've worked with me on. I trust people until there's a reason not to. I'm very loyal, and if I'm screwed over, I find it very hard to forgive.

'But I look around with this staff and most of them are trying their hardest.

'I'm not too sure what Tom

wants me to act on.

'We answered all his grievances [in the email] and he was virtually wrong on every one of them. I know he won't accept that and there will be another list...

'Enough of the snide back-handers. There's only so much abuse you can put up with.

Personal jibes

[In relation to harassment] 'To some degree it's a sport for some people in the Shire, and those people need to raise their game. I'm not going to sit and cop personal jibes from someone and then be asked to be their workhorse.

'I deal with people who influence, every day. They either

influence poorly or properly, so I see what works.

'Someone who can write a considerate, mature, clear, precise email, then straight away I'm halfway to helping them.

'The other way doesn't work. And all they are left with – with respect – is a letter to the editor as a way to influence. No one else bothers to listen to them or take their views seriously. Tom used to laugh at people like himself.

'Yeah, I was precious with Tom, but now I'm over it.

'So Tom – ask me a question, show me some respect – and I'll answer it.'

■ For full interview with the mayor, see page 5.

Chase ends in road spikes, blaze, arrests

A 19-year-old man and a 14-year-old girl were arrested on Sunday after a police pursuit from Ballina to Tweed in a car that travelled for 45 kilometres on one tyre and three rims.

Police say that around 10.50am on Sunday, a Ford Falcon allegedly failed to stop for a roadside breath test at Ballina. A pursuit be-

gan but was terminated owing to safety concerns. About 12.30pm, police saw the vehicle at Wardell and tried to stop it. When it failed to stop, another pursuit commenced.

Driven on rims

It ended about 1.15pm, when the car stopped on the Pacific Highway at Crabbes Creek, after road spikes were

deployed twice and the car travelled on one tyre and three rims for about 45 kilometres.

A short time after the pursuit ended, police say the car caught alight. The man and his young passenger were arrested at the scene and taken to Byron Bay police station.

On Tuesday, the man was sentenced to 21 months jail.



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Surf festival's big lineup

G Love (US) is just one of the top acts booked for the Byron Bay Surf Festival, which runs from February 24 till 26.

Organisers say it's a celebration of the culture that surrounds the sport. Other highlights include the Surf Culture Now artshow and a sunset cinema, featuring a traditional Indigenous welcome followed by Hawaiian music by Paula Fuga, followed by a feature surf film.

The surf art market and tipi pop-ups will showcase work by designers, shapers, yogis, and artisans. Another event is the grassroots activist workshop, which recognises the important work small groups undertake in activism.

Find out more at www.byronbaysurffestival.com.au.

Cracking start to woodchips



The McGregor family again lit fireworks last Saturday night above Brunswick Heads, signalling the start of Woodchop Festival week, which runs from Wednesday till Saturday. Photo Jeff Dawson

DA submissions up 100 per cent

The number of development applications (DAs) that Council assess – be that lopping a tree, a house or a large development – has doubled in the past year according to staff.

Responding to claims of long processing times by former Greens councillor Tom Tabart (see page one story), Sustainable Environment and Economy director Shannon Burt says, 'Over the last 12 months, DAs received by Council have increased to around 100 per month (where historically they have been around 50) and many of these continue to be for significant/complex developments.'

'As stated below on average the current determination time for a development application is around 52 days. However, this can vary depending on the nature of development proposed, the application detail submitted and the determination authority.'

'Notwithstanding the

above, in an effort to improve our customer service, and further reduce DA processing times, a lot of work in re-organising DA support staff (admin support for the planners) has occurred to streamline many of the DA administrative and assessment referral and determination processes through automation and on-line capability.

'We also introduced last year (for the first time) three tiers of customer support for planning matters and development applications including a routine pre-lodgement service, formal meeting with technical staff, and also a development assessment panel for more complicated proposals (www.byron.nsw.gov.au/publications/development-support-services).

A further new initiative, just commenced, is the optional Development Application (DA) lodgement ser-

vice. This service is aimed at reducing waiting times and assisting applicants in ensuring all required information is submitted at the beginning of the development process so it can be assessed as quickly and efficiently as possible. This service is available to all development applications lodged from January 1, 2017.

The service enables Council staff to undertake a formal review of documentation before accepting the application for assessment and determination. This will help avoid delays at a later stage as all relevant information and documentation is provided up front rather than being followed up during the assessment of the application. This service is aimed at reducing assessment times further for all. (www.byron.nsw.gov.au/newsletters/2016/12/19/preda-review-service).

Ms Burt also refuted the claim by Tabart that employing contract planners to cope

with the load was not cost effective.

'Council does engage contract planners from time to time to assist with any backlog of DAs,' she said.

Contract planners

'This is quite cost effective, because although DA application numbers fluctuate, we maintain our numbers of planners at a constant level. When we get peaks in the number of DAs submitted, contract planners are engaged for a short term to help with the extra workload. This is much more cost efficient than employing more permanent planners, as the cost of doing so is much higher given on-costs associated with leave entitlements, workers' compensation, superannuation etc. The employment of temporary staff occurs under the award wage, and not for the amounts of money as has been suggested [by Tabart].'

Scientists to feature for June festival

A 'supergroup' of Australia's leading scientists will be bringing their expertise to Byron Bay for a two-day festival planned for June at the Elements of Byron Resort.

Organisers say the festival will explore science, space, astrophysics and astrophotography, with speakers including Dr Karl Kruszelnicki and Dr Alan Duffy.

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Land values rise

Land values across the north coast have risen in the past year, according to the latest government figures.

The land values, which reflect the property market at 1 July 2016, were issued on Friday by the NSW Valuer General, Simon Gilkes.

Mr Gilkes says Western Sydney University has independently checked the quality and accuracy of the land values for residential, rural, industrial and commercial property against industry recognised valuation standards.

Mr Gilkes said when determining land values, property sales are the most important factor considered.

'Land values do not include the value of the home or improvements to the land,' he said. 'Land values are one factor used by councils to calculate rates.'

'Changes in land value don't always mean a change in council rates.'

'Each council develops a revenue policy which is used to determine rates charged to fund community services. Councils make their draft revenue policy available for public comment.'

From July 1, 2017 land values will also be a factor used to calculate the Emergency Services Property Levy (ESPL) which will replace the current levy on property insurance. The levy will help fund fire and emergency services across NSW.

Landholders will receive a Notice of Valuation showing their land value before it is used by council for rating. This gives landholders time to consider their land value.

Landholders who are concerned about the land value recorded on their Notice of Valuation have 60 days to lodge an objection.

■ For more info visit www.valuergeneral.nsw.gov.au or by calling 1800 110 038.

Main Arm NBN tower unwelcome

Residents gathered on Sunday to protest against Telstra's proposed microwave 'data only' antenna for its facility in Main Arm village.

The group claim it will 'constitute a serious health hazard and do nothing to improve mobile coverage.'

Resident Nino MacDonald said, 'The Telstra proposal will effectively irradiate an area within a radius of 50 metres with 10.15 mW/m2 of microwave radiation; equivalent to holding a phone next to your head 24/7.'

'Our concern is that the highest radiation would include a daycare centre, the Main Arm store and cafe as well as several residences.'

'Under current planning laws, Telcos are not required to seek development approval for work undertaken on their land. However owing to ongoing community pressure, construction, which was supposed to have commenced in early January, has been temporarily delayed.'



Not convinced of the safety regulations, Main Arm residents want a halt to a planned NBN tower in the village. Photo supplied

According to Visionstream, Telstra's agents, the matter has been 'escalated' and is now before Mitch Fifield, federal communications minister. Residents have also called on Justine Elliott MP to intercede on their behalf.

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now before Mitch Fifield, federal communications minister. Residents have also called on Justine Elliott MP to intercede on their behalf.

Community colleges: funding and role

Further to last week's comment piece on the government's attitude towards funding public education providers such as TAFE, Byron Community College director Richard Vinycomb approached *The Echo* to explain how community colleges also rely on government funding, while often filling the gaps where TAFE and private providers are not present at the local level.

Vinycomb says, 'Community Colleges (as community-governed enterprises) are a very good alternative vocational education provider in NSW to TAFE, and also another model of what sets us proudly apart from say QLD, which only has the TAFE or privately owned providers.'

'We have the capacity to offer some of the most relevant courses, even ones that TAFE does not offer at all.'

Vinycomb says that the Byron Community College qualifications came about in the late 90s after TAFE decided not to build a campus in Byron.

'Then-mayor of Byron Shire, Ian Kingston, and two high school principals, upon hearing that North Coast Institute of TAFE would not build a campus in Byron, asked me if there was anything further we (then ACE) could do... so we added a range of qualifications to our scope of national registration, and started successfully running them ourselves.'

While some of the overall bucket of funding was diverted last year to the Smart and Skilled scheme, a model that funds organisations to train students that includes TAFE, Vinycomb says that model also helps fund Byron Community College.

Diverted funding

'Colleges in Lismore and

Ballina also offer their own locally relevant qualifications.'

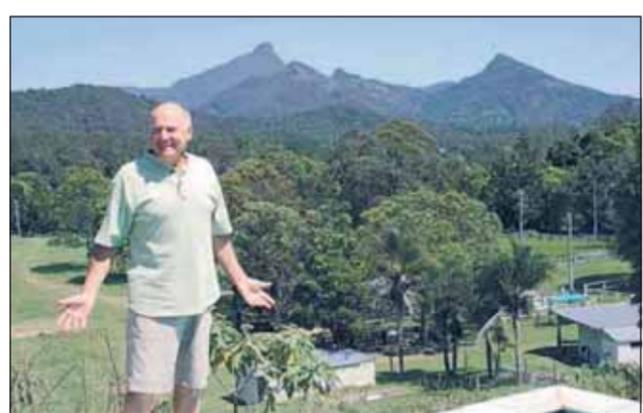
'We are very efficient with administration, achieve great results, have very good student feedback, and are just as accountable for quality expenditure of taxpayer money as TAFE or private providers should be.'

'In addition, we integrate these funded vocational programs as part of the whole picture of what we do, linking with the other community education opportunities such as literacy and numeracy, support for disadvantaged learners, and quality-of-life courses.'

Ex-minister lodges water extraction plan – again

A public meeting has been called by local residents to again discuss an application to extract water from a licensed bore at Uki.

The meeting, which will also discuss the broader implications of water extraction across the Tweed Shire, is in response to a former state government agriculture minister re-submitting a plan to extract 24 megalitres of water a year from a bore on his Uki property.



Former NSW agriculture minister Jack Hallam pictured some years ago at his Uki property. File photo

Uki Hall Jan 19

The group have invited Tweed Shire Council representatives to the meeting, which will be held at Uki Hall on January 19 from 7pm.

Jack Hallam, who was agriculture minister under the Wran Labor government in the 1980s, lodged a plan in October last year to use an existing 25-megalitre a year

licence from the NSW Office of Water on the property for 'bulk loading and delivery of extracted water.'

Three loads a day

The plan involves taking a maximum of 24 megalitres of water from the existing bore by large semi-trailer tankers (2.5-metre wide, 28,500-litre capacity) to a commercial

bottler and distributor.

The proposal is for up to three loads a day (six trips), six days a week from 7am to 6pm.

Following an outcry from local residents, which involved a meeting that attracted about 60 people, the proposal was withdrawn but re-submitted just days before Christmas.

It's understood at least 40 objections have been lodged

against the plan with the Tweed Shire Council.

Concerns over water table

The closest neighbour to the proposed bore, Tess O'Toole, told *The Echo* that residents were concerned about the impacts on the local road network and the water table. 'I'm the closest property and the trucks will be going straight past my place,' she said. 'The road itself has four culverts ... it's crazy to be driving trucks along it.'

Ms O'Toole said it was not just the Rowlands Creek Road proposal that was a concern to residents who were worried about drawing water from bores.

'There's another at Dungay, and an application (to draw water) from Crabbes Creek area was dismissed,' she said.

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Lennox Head Poetry Festival kicks off Jan 20

The very first Lennox Head Poetry Festival kicks off with Poet's Pot Luck on Friday January 20 at Lennox Bookmark, 2/66 Ballina St, Lennox Head, 5-7pm.

The festival is presented free to the public by the Lennox Arts Board (LAB) and curated by poet and Curtin University academic Susan Bradley Smith.

LAB President Martin Chatterton will open the festival, and Southern Cross University students and staff will perform an interactive, themed reading. This features local poets Stevi-Lee Alver, Sharon Fearnside, Andrew Woods, Lynda Hawryluk, and Moya Costello.

On Saturday the 21st Saturday Night Poetry Fever will be hosted by Club Lennox from 6pm. Susan Bradley Smith's latest book *The Screaming Middle* - largely set in Lennox - will be launched.

This will be followed by poetry readings and an open mic.

See more at www.facebook.com/lennoxheadpoetryfestival.

Vale Paul Barrett



Paul Barrett in full flight with his Samba Blisstas group. Photo Jeff Dawson

Paul Barrett, founder of the popular local drumming group Samba Blisstas, died on January 13.

Tributes have flowed on social media from the local creative and music groups and the wider community.

Paul Barrett's interest in Brazilian samba street percussion goes back to the 1990s, when he led Freo

Samba in Western Australia.

Freo Samba was a colourful part of Fremantle's culture and performed at many events during its seven-year history including the Fremantle Festival, Buskers Festival, Latino Festival, and several Perth Glory matches.

Councillor and friend Paul Spooner paid tribute to Barrett, whom he knew

from those days. Barrett founded the Samba Blisstas (carnavaldrumming.com) in 2003, who have performed at many local festivals and NYE events. Barrett has been battling a cardiac condition since November.

■ The Samba Blisstas are due to perform at The Rails in Byron Bay on January 26 from 4pm.

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Mullum locals dive in to help save reef

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Are you ready to swim the length of the Great Barrier Reef?

Raising money to help protect the reef, local metal-work and mathematics teacher Josh Scott-Jour is joining the annual swimathon, held by community/environmental lawyers EDO QLD to raise funds for vital legal work to protect the reef.

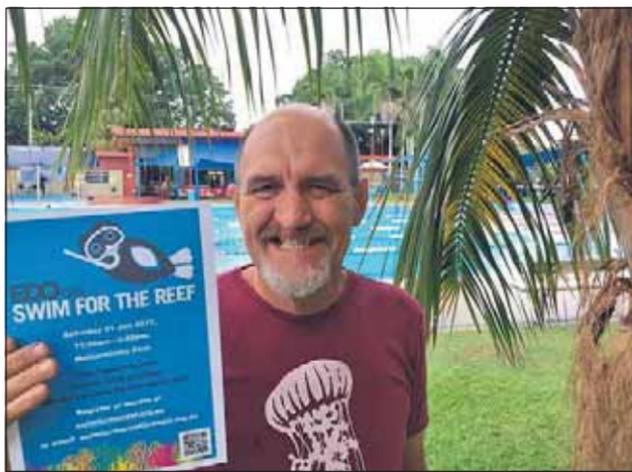
This will be the first swimathon held for the reef at Mullumbimby Pool taking place from 11.30am till 2.30pm on Saturday January 21.

'There is no denying the Great Barrier Reef has had a terrible year, between the worst mass coral bleaching in its history to the approval of projects that pose further enormous risk to its future,' EDO QLD CEO Jo Bragg said.

'We are hosting Swim for the Reef to raise much-needed funds and awareness to fight for stronger laws to protect the reef, including meaningful community rights.'

'As non-profit lawyers for the community, we want to increase our impact future-proofing this great natural wonder and the thousands of livelihoods dependent upon its good health.'

Last year, 150 swimmers from Brisbane, Bundaberg



Josh Scott-Jour is joining the annual swimathon to help EDO QLD on January 21. Photo Simon Haslam

and Germany swam 285km, equivalent to swimming from the northern tip of Fraser Island to Innamincka Shoal.

The EDO is hoping to double the distance swum this year with the ultimate goal being to swim the full length of the Great Barrier Reef – a whopping 2,300km, or the length of 46,000 Olympic swimming pools.

Leave the coal in the ground

'I'm super passionate about climate change,' said Josh, who is organising the Mullumbimby event.

'Climate change is the number one issue for the whole world. We need to leave the coal in the ground.'

Money raised from the event goes directly towards work the EDO is doing including education of community groups on the laws and their rights as well as assisting in court cases that help protect the reef.

Bring along a crazy team of swimmers and see if you can swim more laps than Josh's Mullum Sand Mulletts. Families are welcome with big and little laps all contributing to the cause. 'It would be nice to fill the whole pool,' said Josh.

■ Sponsor the Mullum Sand Mulletts online at <http://bit.ly/2jmWTUA> or on the day at the pool. General sponsorship and donations can be made through Swim for the Reef.

Hayter's Hill BnB DA sparks concerns

Plans for three bed and breakfast guesthouses in Hayters Hill have sparked concern from neighbours, who fear it may be later developed into a wedding venue.

The DA submission proposes a 'stage two' development on the plans, indicating a restaurant and associated parking – the property is adjacent to rural blocks with residential homes.

Town planner Joe Davidson argues on behalf of the applicant in the application that the bed and breakfast proposal is consistent with the *Local Environmental Plan 1988*, and as such, will not cause residential amenity or social impacts.

The property is located on the ridgeline overlooking Byron Bay, on the corner of St Helena Road and Bangalow Road.

Neighbour and former mayoral candidate Jack Sugarman 'vigorously objects' and told *The Echo* other neighbours are also against the plans.

Rehabilitated area

'One of my most troubling concerns with this proposed development is that when I purchased my property in 1987, there was major slippage in the immediate area which closed St Helena Rd in the mid 1980s. Over the past 30 years, I have devoted

much of my time and money to rehabilitate the area in an effort to stabilise the risk of slippage. Seven years ago I joined the Council sponsored "Land For Wildlife Program" and have invested substantially on a yearly basis in the purchase and planting of Big Scrub Species which were historically located in this area.

'The aim is to provide a wildlife corridor reaching from the Hayters Hill Nature Reserve all across my property up to, and including, the Big Scrub Remnant across the road owned by Neil Holland and Erica Hayter. This development would directly impede the safe passage of many native species across the ridge line.'

Flickerfest returns with new short films

Short-film festival Flickerfest returns to the northern rivers from January 27 till 29.

The festival will screen local, national and international films at the Mullumbimby Civic Hall.

'At Flickerfest Mullumbimby we will be screening an entertaining, inspiring and award-winning range of 30

short films, many of which are world or Australian premieres,' say organisers.

The festival includes an opening night party on Friday 27 followed by the best of the international shorts. The local Byron All Shorts screening will be on the Saturday from 4pm.

The finalists for Byron All

Shorts have been announced and include films by, among others, locals Jonatan Lundmark, Kaitlyn McMurtry, Susie Forster, Irene Fuez, Duncan James, and David Lowe and Eve Jeffery of Cloudcatcher Media.

See the full program at <http://flickerfest.com.au/tour/byron-bay>.

Join the circus, January 28

The team responsible for an action-packed summer of circus and flying trapeze on the foreshore will be holding their annual open day on Saturday January 28 from 9.30am till 1.30pm.

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Drunk, naked man causes havoc

A drunk man who stripped naked and drove around the grounds of a Byron Bay resort in a golf buggy last Friday evening has been charged with trespass, using the club cart without consent, wilful and obscene exposure, offensive language and behaving in offensive manner.

At about 6pm on Friday police were called to the resort on Butler Street, following reports a drunk man was

causing trouble.

Police allege the 30-year-old man from Coffs Harbour was trespassing on the grounds and that when staff tried to get him to leave, he jumped into a golf buggy and began driving it around the grounds 'in an erratic manner'.

They say he knocked over a number of rubbish bins before crashing the cart into a gutter.

When staff again tried to speak to him, he stripped naked, 'exposing himself to other members of the public in the area.'

When police arrived they say the man was 'yelling and swearing, and had to be handcuffed.'

He was arrested and charged but was released on conditional bail, and will appear at Byron Bay Local Court on February 2.

SAE open day January 19

SAE's campus, located at 373 Ewingsdale Road, is holding an info night on Thursday January 19 4pm-7pm.

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Council committee status explained

Council's general manager Ken Gainger has clarified the status of its committees, particularly regarding some of the vacancies that exist for community members.

It was in response to claims from former Greens councillor Tom Tabart that many were yet to be filled (see page one story).

Mr Gainger said, 'The finance committee has always been a committee comprising councillors (four) only and the Water Waste and Sewer (WW&S) committee has six to eight community members.'

'I am advised that advertisements calling for new community members have already been prepared.'

'The Internal Audit Committee has three community members, one of whom is appointed as the independent chair. The state government has recently mandated that each council must have an "Internal Audit and Risk Committee" (BSC has voluntarily operated an IA Committee for some years).

'Because of the recent de-

cision by the Office of Local Government (OLG) to mandate this committee, the committee's charter will have to be modified by the council to meet the new model requirements.

'Once this is done, Council will call for community nominations for the three community members.'

Depot ops under review by GM

Mr Gainger also said that there is a current review of depot operations, and is one of a number of operational reviews undertaken within the purview of the GM.

'The Council included the assessment of the potential re-location of the depot as an action under its Financial Sustainability Plan for 2015/16, so the review will be quite extensive so as to look at current operational efficiencies, the adequacy of the facilities and whether they are fit for purpose.'

'This will in turn inform a blueprint for a new depot design capacity.'

All Shreked up



The loveable ogre Shrek has just landed in Ballina; *Shrek Jr* the musical is now playing at Ballina Players Theatre until January 22. The cast includes local kids from eight to 18, with Mullumbimby kids making up 10 members of the cast, including Shrek and Donkey.

Mullum cast members pictured clockwise are Isla Martin (wicked witch), Sadie Glynn (pied piper), Sophie Brazenor (donkey), Imani Hannaford (young princess Fiona), Edo Safra (pig one), Akira Harris (captain of the guards), Riley Venables (big bad wolf) and Alaska Jarvis (Gingy). Tickets can be purchased online at ballinaplayers.com.au or Just Funkin Music Ballina 6686 2440. Photo Jeff Dawson

Writers fest seeks members

The Byron Writers Festival has kicked off its 2017 membership drive.

'We invite you to join or renew as a member before February 28 to win prizes and connect with others who enjoy being swept away by great

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It's that time again! Let's peek inside the local

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Okay – seats in the upright position, trays up and fasten your buckles – Greens mayor Simon Richardson speaks to *The Echo* about many of the issues facing the Shire.

Rate rise

Are you satisfied with how the rate-rise conversation is proceeding – ie is the GM doing enough to look at all budget savings measures?

I'm not overly satisfied... the timing hasn't been great. We had elections and then the Christmas break... I'm satisfied we've met every requirement. We probably could have been a bit more proactive; we need to be clear about what we are going to spend the money on. I would have liked to see a much longer lead-in time to get far more community engagement.

[In relation to the GM] I think what he has done in the last few years has been extraordinary when it comes to budget savings... before that it was a dog's breakfast.

Part of a new GM's job is to cut the deadwood [which he has done], but you don't

want to cut so much that morale suffers.

[As for rate rise options], Show me another way we can make an extra \$25m over four years. I'm staggered that there's so many in this area who are Bernie Sanders fans, democratic socialists and fans of the Scandinavian model of government. I mean, these are high-tax models. Yet when it comes to paying for ourselves, 'someone else should do it'

From the staff's point of view, they were looking at process. The first was we say to IPART (Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal) that we are open to a rate rise, then we start to drill down [on allocations] and that's where we are about to go.

If we ask for a 10 per cent rate rise, which is what I think we are probably going to go for, after that, we will decide how that will be allocated. And that might mean it could be a 20 per cent rise in Byron CBD and a six per cent rise for residents. The proportion [split] is up to Council. The state government doesn't even have a position on that. How we get that ten per cent is up to us.

I don't know how many



Greens mayor Simon Richardson.
Photo David Hancock

times I've had to answer the question: 'what about a bed tax' – you can only answer that so many times. I'm sure we are never going to win great kudos for a rate rise.

But we are really conscious of trying to make this as equitable as we can and not lumping it all on residents. The last thing I want to do – and I'm a ratepayer too – is pay an extra cent in rates.

Would you support changing Council's independent auditor to examine operations in more detail, for example? It's not to say they are doing a bad job, but isn't it good to get a different perspective?

Yeah that's true. This mob

The mayor's top five

Here's a list of what the mayor considers priorities for 2017:

1. 'Getting the community engaged' with the rural and residential land strategy.
2. Rail corridor. 'I hope to have a feasibility study done by mid-year.'
3. Get a solid emissions direction on renewable energy, explore and pursue biomass energy production, aim towards a closed-waste economy.

4. Citizen jury – community ownership of issues that affect everyone. Bring a cross-section of the Shire together to work on various issues.

5. Resolve our coastal and water management. 'For example, bringing the Brunswick River back to health. We have the capacity to do it. It would involve working with NSW Fisheries and other work such as removing causeways as they stop the passage of fish.'

[Council's independent auditors] do every council on the north coast. I'm open to that; I don't see anything wrong with potentially getting different eyes over it. [However] I think they do a good job.

Why wasn't this issue canvassed prior to the election?

It was... I mentioned it.

I remember mentioning there were going to be some pretty severe rate rises at a meet the candidates in Mullum. Obviously, no-one really ran it as a campaign item.

But it was in our financial sustainability plans, which were clearly listed over the last two or three years. These were unanimously supported by the previous council.

Other fundraising possibilities were discussed, including state government assistance and voluntary contributions

We cannot get one cent for infrastructure from Destination NSW, the state's tourism body. The reason is that they only support things that will increase visitation; they will give money for another festival, but you have to quantify how many extra bums on seats and beds. That's the only funding you get.

We need to start again with NSW Destination – it would be good if Labor join the Greens in putting legislation forward asking for a bed tax, for example.

We know our toilets are a tourist turnoff. But we cannot use any of that tourism infrastructure for toilets.

I'm also exploring volunteer contributions. We've got one in our caravan park. We want to do it like an opt out – for example you can opt out of Jetstar for emissions or whatever. We could do the same where for \$2 a day you can 'Help the Bay.' This could roll out across all of Council's managed caravan parks. I've been in discussion with many of the town's bigger hotels with this idea.

I know a lot of AirBnB people who have said to me – 'If you started that, I would do it. I'm feeling shit that I'm destroying my community but that is what I need to do.'

And of course the larger impact needs to go onto business. Our business rate in Byron CBD is low.

Other options for savings include sewage treatment plants (STPs). They are our biggest energy users. We could put solar panels around them;

not only would that make them energy efficient, but we could make money from it.

There is a massive chunk of land next the plant on Valances Road, for example.

Closed-waste economy

We were in a situation in the middle of last year where I was at a workshop and staff said, 'okay our options for landfill is \$30–50m to redo Myocum [landfill facility], \$20–30m to join Kyogle's [waste facility] or build a whole new regional one...'. So I asked staff to explore a 'no landfill' position.

This is exciting, because not only could we save \$20m, if we have a closed-waste economy, all of sudden we have innovative jobs turning waste into other products without landfill... I'm thinking of a whole precinct for this.

We've got a biomass prospectus out, which looks at how we can use our organic waste for energy.

Currently we get all our garden waste and we take it to Lismore to be turned into compost. But we wrote into the contract that if we have other spots in the Shire we would use that. We've got great opportunities for companies to set up and use biomass for energy sources.

These are the things I'm really excited about. We are expecting a report back in March on the biomass review.

Streamlining

We've also created a sustainability projects working group within Council that I'm chairing, and includes the GM and the heads of every department. It's purely in-house, and its aim is to make council more effective. For example, it took nine months for COREM

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Byron Bypass

Do you agree with former Greens councillor Duncan Dey that the bypass plan could fail owing to the current court challenge and its overblown cost, estimated now to be around \$19m?

For me it comes down to cost. I'm an advocate of European city-style living: people in, cars out.

It's a simple no brainer. The golden rule about urban planning is if you build more roads you bring more cars. So if you want to stop congestion you get rid of cars.

[But] I support the Butler Street bypass – what we know is that 18 per cent of the cars going in would use it, and they are people who live in Sunrise and Suffolk.

But if I were asked to spend \$10m on a traffic mitigation scheme, a bypass would be about number three for me [as a priority]. Number one would be park and ride and two is getting the rail corridor going. Basically the state government asked us 'how much will a bypass cost?' I remember meeting [former Ballina MP] Don Page, [roads minister] Duncan Gay and the GM, and minister Gay asked 'How much is this going to cost?' Our initial estimates were around \$12m.

So they said, 'Okay we'll put in \$10m and you put in \$2m.' So for me, that changed the game. For residents in Bayside and Sunrise, that's a decent spend. I have a lot of people asking me, 'When is this going to start? We've been waiting for decades.' So for that price I could justify it.

The GM and I later flew

down to Sydney and presented our costs to Ministers Niall Blair, Duncan Gay and Mark Speakman, and they said, 'There is no more money.'

We asked if there was any chance of splitting the cost over three financial years and their reply was: 'Just keep thinking.' Right now, we have no more money. The bottom line is if they don't stump up more, I won't certainly be advocating Council pays \$5m for a bypass. I'd rather spend it on other things.

Park 'n' ride

'We are going to try again [the trial's outcome was unsupported in the last council term]. The timing was interesting. For me, it was working. By way of background, we got one year to do it. Techa [from Kulchajam] and I – we were basically doing it all day... we were putting up signs ourselves getting them made in Tweed. It was very ad hoc.

But it worked – 95 per cent of those who used it said '10 out of 10, we would use it again'. We were dealing with hundreds of families who used it over the two weeks.

It's a massive psychological shift to get people out of their cars. In the second year, we managed to get a three-year trial from councillors, which meant we could look at corporate sponsorship.

We spent the whole time focusing on keeping costs down – and we halved the costs with roughly the same numbers. But after that, park and ride was cut [by the previous council majority].

I flew down to Sydney to speak to Transport NSW between the first and second year [of the trial]. We wanted to get approval to close Ewingsdale Road out of town, say ten minutes out of every hour, so buses could use the

road. As it was, it was \$5 to park all day and it saved about half the time of the journey.

So if it was an hour's traffic jam you got there in half an hour. This way you would have gone straight in.

At that point Transport NSW said, 'It sounds good, but we have other priorities but it is within our plan as an innovative thing to look at.'

After [the previous council majority] killed it, Transport NSW got in touch with me around the middle of last year and said, 'We're now really keen to help you with park and ride. So now we'll have the conversation again and see how it plays out. Now there's paid parking there's better incentives and we can say '\$20 in town or \$5 all day for park and ride.'

Green centrist

I've always thought you are much more centrist than the rest of the Greens that I know of. The older school are very much more about prioritising the environment over business, yet you appear more willing to look at ways of getting stuff done.

That's a fair comment. But the either/or is not applicable.

I've got a mate, who is a coal miner, who bought a local property and pulled out every camphor and has planted more than 100,000 cabinet rainforest timber trees. There are probably 200,000 there now.

It's been so successful that two or three other people around the area are doing the same thing. So that's far more than we [the local Greens] have ever done.

There are tax incentives and the idea is based around how communities have dealt with their forests for millennia – periodically and selectively they take the odd tree.

Traditionally, we've put farmland and blue gum plantations, and that's failed.

This is the same idea, but is using 10 or 12 endemic species.

In 20 years' time – if you want to – you can grab the odd one here or there that is worth a motza for its cabinet timber. I want to help facilitate that. A lot of Greens would be appalled at this. The idea of a tree being felled is outrageous.

For me, that tree wouldn't have been there if you didn't plant it in the first place.

And that land was paddock surrounded by camphor. Now, there are 150,000 local trees that are providing the biodiversity outcomes we can only imagine. When comparing the two options, one is far more environmentally friendly. Yet, within the Greens movement, and during the election, I wanted to pump this idea – this is a great opportunity to get our soils looked after, to get employment, carbon sequestration and biodiversity outcomes. It's a great story. But people within the Greens were resistant.

From an environmental activist point of view – I've had my ribs busted, I was at Jabiluka [uranium protest] – I spent six years of my life full-time in forests around the country – I don't need to be told what's Green by someone who has just retired to the area.

■ Mayor's holiday letting comment next week

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Bigger than Franklin

I was living in Tasmania at the time of the Franklin River Blockade in 1982 against the proposal by the hydroelectric commission to build a dam across the wild river. While I was not one of the brave souls out on the river in a flimsy rubber dinghy – the river itself was scary enough in flood – I supported the Wilderness Society, along with many others, in efforts to stop the ill-thought-out plan.

The conservation movement was well organised and many saw its activism as pivotal in bringing down the Fraser government at the 1983 election after Bob Hawke promised to stop the dam. There may be parallels with today in the fight to stop the monstrous Adani Carmichael coal mine in Queensland, though this time Labor has thrown its support behind this atavistic anomaly.

In a wide-ranging article by Joshua Robertson in *The Guardian* last Saturday – <http://bit.ly/adanif> – Galilee Blockade campaigner Ben Pennings is quoted as saying, 'This is going to dwarf the Franklin blockade.' The campaign may well do so, given the obvious folly of investing in fossil fuels in the age of climate change and its attendant sense of urgency, and the number of different fronts on which a well-rehearsed activist movement will come together.

As Robertson details, professionals such as lawyers will be supporting the new blockade, the burgeoning grey radical movement, exemplified locally by Knitting Nannas Against Gas, will manifest as Grandparents for the Galilee, and the proposed mine is on the traditional land of the Wangan and Jagalingou people – <http://wanganjagalingou.com.au> – who have been trying to stop the development through the courts. Not only Adani itself but the companies subcontracted to it will be subjected to lobbying and protest.

What's there to like about the Adani proposal, apart from the mythical number of jobs quoted by Labor in its attempt to hang on to some of the Queensland electorate? It threatens environmental damage to some 400 square kilometres of inland Queensland and to the already at-risk iconic Great Barrier Reef. Its end-product will add a further burden to the planet in the form of global warming, and Adani's record of pollution and corruption in India hardly bodes well for its activities here.

And at a time when India and China are throwing billions into solar and wind projects, it seems a special kind of folly for our federal government to be flicking a billion dollars Adani's way. Economic reality, anyone?

The Galilee Blockade begins its digital activism at galileeblockade.net and also on Facebook. Local seasoned campaigners against fracking and the logging of northern rivers rainforest will be joining in. Anyone with a concern for the viability of Earth will most likely consider it a campaign bound to be bigger than the Franklin Blockade.

– Michael McDonald

Will Malcolm derail the rort train?

Who says Malcolm Turnbull is indecisive, that he is a ditherer, that he is just a shadow of Tony Abbott? This time, he has pounced.

Once it became clear that Sussan Ley's expenses were turning into a political liability, our fearless leader informed her that she had agreed to stand down from the ministry while not one but two inquiries could be implemented. And when the preliminary results came through and it became clear that Ley would never pass the pub test, Turnbull informed her that her resignation had been accepted whether it was offered or not.

It was all over within a week, albeit a week in which the media gleefully trolled through her and others' affairs in the hope of unearthing a scandalous headline or two, and of course they have been amply rewarded. The public, as usual, has been righteously enraged at the arrogance and rapacity of their masters. But Turnbull acted reasonably promptly and has promised a swift reform of the system, which will placate at least some of the bloodlust.

The comparison with Abbott and the lamentable procrastination over despatching Bronwyn Bishop has proved a salutary lesson. Whether it was loyalty, timidity, pig-headedness or simple stupidity, the former prime minister buggerised around for weeks before informing Bishop that her resignation was accepted, whether it was offered or not.

There was a difference, of course: Bishop was a widely unpopular figure even within her own party and her transgressions were so blatant as to be politically unforgivable. Ley is less disliked and, perhaps, less culpable. But the times – the demands for stringency, belt

tightening to the point of indigence among the hoi polloi meant that a swift response was needed, and one was provided – at least for the moment.

The actual implementation of the promised reforms is yet to be seen, but the outline of less entitlements, more stringency over real expenses and above all greater transparency can only be a welcome, if seriously belated, improvement. That was the good news. But it was a bruising week to start the new year, and certainly not the one Turnbull would have chosen.

So bloody what? Whether true or not, that is not the point. The issue is not one of black-letter legality but ethics, if that concept has not withered away completely in the Australian parliament. Explanation, justification and excuse are utterly irrelevant in this case, and finally, many months after the report that was supposed to fix the Bronwyn Bishop problem was meant to be resolved, there is the prospect of movement.

Not quite yet – just what the proposed independent tribunal will entail and, crucially, who

forced to account for their indulgence. An early indication came from the trade minister, Steve Ciobo, who lamented that being forced to consume champagne and caviar in the corporate boxes of the MCG during the 2013 AFL grand final was just part of the job.

Well, if sporting events, parties and freebies are an essential ingredient of the arduous task of being a minister, at least the sponsors who lure compliant politicians to their junkets can pick up the tab – all of it, the travel, accommodation and all the other incidental expenses, not just the drinks and canapés.

Ciobo took the line that he is not invited to such events as Steve Ciobo, but as the minister for trade. Unfortunately at the time of the 2013 grand final he was not the minister for trade – he had only just been appointed as a lowly parliamentary secretary. Apparently his prescient hosts realised he was destined for greatness, and obviously he agreed with them.

But even now that he has reached the dizzy heights of cabinet, his benefactors must declare their largesse openly and promptly, as must the politicians who accept it. Then perhaps the long-suffering public will make their own judgments about the motives and worth of the exercise. Until now we have seldom known much about the comfortable arrangements until it is too late, and then only after some diligent ferreting from assiduous journalists. With any luck that will change.

As even the most avid reformers admit, you can't legislate for morality. There will still be politicians who endeavour to wriggle through the loopholes. But at least the net will be harder to evade. Perhaps the silly season has not been wasted after all.

The public, as usual, has been righteously enraged at the arrogance and rapacity of their masters.

by Mungo MacCallum



Whatever the outcome, the optics were terrible and Ley's immediate response did not help. Her shopping on the Gold Coast, she insisted, was not a planned purchase but an impulse buy; but given that her impulse was to snap up not a \$10 blouse from the local op shop but a \$800,000 investment property with three bedrooms and ocean views it made her whim just a trifle more extravagant and improbable than that of the average punter.

Ley and all those so far exposed as rorting the system chorused vehemently that everything they have done was within the rules, and given that the rules are so confused, ambiguous and self-serving that they can accommodate just about anything short of serial infanticide, they may well have been right. But the declarations of innocence have all the force of defendants in the Nuremberg trials asserting that they were only obeying orders.

will administer it are the devilish details yet to be revealed. The likelihood is that the rules, or the guidelines as the miscreants prefer to call them, will not change materially but the interpretation of them will be a lot more rigidly enforced, probably at the hands of a retired judge or at worst a senior bureaucrat not longer beholden to his government's masters.

But the key to it all is that the politicians will be forced to be more accountable, both to the tribunal which will also counsel and assist them to forgo their more outrageous claims, and to the public. They will be named, and the threat of that alone will probably preclude the need for shaming, and almost certainly deter any risk of sanctions.

The politicians cannot not forever remain a privileged class, although, inevitably, they will resist fiercely; note Bronwyn Bishop's rant about socialists as a harbinger of the resistance of those who may be

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In defence of Israel

■ If Fast Buck\$ did not play so fast and loose with facts, readers might get a more accurate version of the Israel-Palestine conflict (Letters, January 11). The most egregious of his litany of wild claims is that 'Israel was founded on terrorism'; it was in fact founded by a majority vote of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

What is simply outrageous, however, is the writer's statement that 'there are many Jews who would kill every Arab on sight'; this is not only a highly offensive and baseless remark, but racist and bigoted, and no self-respecting newspaper should give it air.

Vic Alhadeff
CEO, NSW Jewish Board of Deputies

■ It is very disappointing to read such anti-Israel diatribes and derogatory and patronising remarks by letter writers Fast Buck\$ and Gareth Smith about my fellow Jews and Israelis considering Byron Bay is such a popular holiday destination for Jewish commu-

nity members from Sydney and Melbourne and visiting young Israelis.

If the Arabs and Muslims in 1947 would have accepted the umpire's decision – United Nations Resolution 181, which Australia supported, one state for the Jews and one state for the Arabs – instead of hundreds of millions of Arabs ganging up on the then fledgling 600,000 Jews, thinking they would annihilate them in a few days, then the Palestinian Arabs would have their own state today. Up until 1947 there was no such thing as a Palestinian state, only scattered Arab tribes.

Israel since then has thrived and added much value to the world at large, using its brain power.

Israeli settlements did not exist and were not an issue prior to the 1967 war, one of the many wars the Arabs instigated. Notwithstanding the Palestinians are fighting among themselves, it is Palestinian intransigence and their failure to elect a leader that represents all factions, Palestinian violence and hatred to-

wards Jews that prevents a Palestinian state, not settlements.

Proof of that is when Israel vacated 100 per cent of Gaza and only received thousands of rockets in return.

The Palestinians may have the UN and much of the international community on side; however, even though the Palestinians have one billion Muslims supporting them, including nuclear powers Iran and Pakistan, Israel will continue to defend the only Jewish state (Muslims have 57) in a hostile Arab/Muslim neighbourhood.

I can assure Smith and Buck\$ the six million Jewish Israelis and two million Israeli Arab citizens are not going anywhere. They can defend themselves and Palestinian violence and a biased, Arab controlled UN participation will not achieve statehood.

Only direct negotiations between the two parties, similar to the successful peace deals Israel negotiated with former enemies Egypt and Jordan, will end the conflict.

Michael Burd
Toorak VIC

Shirtless

In Brazilian beach towns, do shoppers who frequent the supermarket Companhia Brasileira de Distribuição buy their fruit and vegetables without wearing T-shirts? Do they prance around topless in Tommy food outlets on the Dalmatian coast? Are fleshed torsos in Japan's Seiyu depart-

ment stores welcomed into the door by security staff?

In the Mexican beach town of Sayulita, how often are you forced to smell the BO of a shirtless or bikini-clad wanker as you wait in line? Irrespective of the size of a person's bikini or six-pack, Caprabo supermarket in San Sebastian would usher

out anyone not wearing coverage. A hygiene protocol that's adopted by every pub in Byron Bay but left to fester in our local fresh-food chains.

While supermarkets and convenience stores might not be locked into the hygiene standards set by the Food Safety Authority, at the end of the day Byron's supermarkets

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are dealing with fresh food which interacts with air-conditioned posers who believe they're way too hot to put a fucking shirt on!

Dan Bode
Byron Bay

The solar train

I wrote a letter to *The Echo* last week regarding Elements advertising its 'solar train'. It was not published.

My name was used on page one of the latest *Echo* without any of my information published. However, Elements' Jeremy Holmes's 'statement' reads as if he is replying to my unpublished comments. I have been misquoted by Elements' Jeremy Holmes using the information in my letter as if it were his information. I would like an apology from *The Echo* for this.

I have further questions. As I have continually asked for solid facts from Elements regarding its July 2014 announcement of its solar train, I still fail to see them.

I have been in business. If I were installing a train system

involving millions of dollars I would know exactly where the project was headed with dates for completion, costs for labour and costs for infrastructure. Jeremy is still using vague terms, no dates and no facts. I referred to the GM of Lithgow Mining Railway in letters over a year ago after speaking with him and his saying it was possible to convert this train to solar. That is old news.

Jeremy Holmes, I have questions:

1. You say 'technically feasible to implement now.' Will these electric engines and 'necessary components and materials' be operational when the service starts in Byron in April 2017?

This is a YES or NO answer.

2. My understanding is that the curved solar panels pictured on the train in last week's *Echo* are for low power generation only. Are the panels on the train right now or was the image photo-shopped?

3. Is there sufficient power

in the proposed batteries to run the train in its proposed 56 trips per day?

4. 'Batteries and their charging off the grid supply are being designed...' This is a new development. If 'solar-charged batteries' are charged off the 'grid supply,' they are not solar charged. They are using normal power, generated by burning coal elsewhere.

5. Are the platforms and sheds designed to support the heavy solar arrays?

6. 'The project has the support of Transport for NSW.' Exactly what support is Elements receiving from Transport for NSW? Is it the same support I get from Transport for NSW when I catch a train to Sydney?

I challenge Jeremy Holmes to reply in this forum and not hide behind media releases.

Lee Cass
Byron Bay

■ While I think the proponents of the solar train deserve bouquets for attempting to be Byron in their **continued on next page ►**



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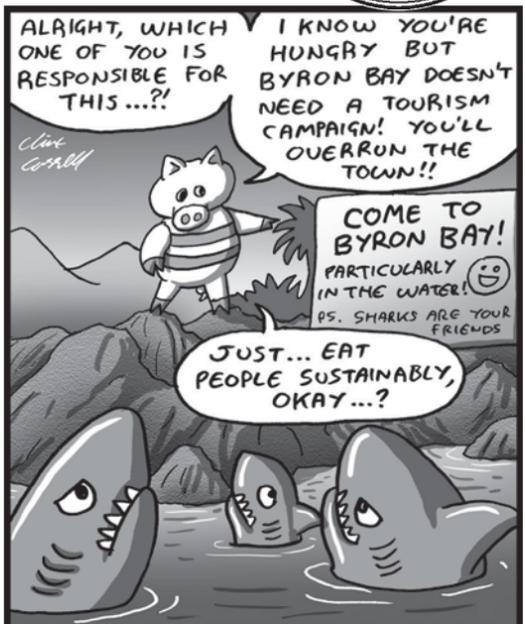
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The Spanish, the parties and the national park

■ Re 'Byron wakes up to NYE aftermath' on the front cover of *The Echo*, January 4.

I am Spanish and I have lived in this beautiful part of the world called Byron Bay for the last three years. I wish to express how sad and disappointed I felt when I read this article.

I attended five beach parties (Tallow and Whites Beach) in the past few years. Two of them were organised by Spanish people, one by Italians and two of them by Australian locals. The two biggest ones were organised by locals for the last two NYEs with a few hundred people attending.

So I am very surprised that the 'Spanish community' is considered 'the core of these

parties'. It is unfair to give the main responsibility for these parties to our community and also unfair to make such a big statement based only on a personal opinion.

I believe that the words used to talk about our home countries are truly disrespectful, describing them as destroyed and trashed places. I don't know if any of you have ever been in Spain, Italy or any of the countries that you think we are coming from but these countries are, in fact, beautiful and environmentally rich.

I understand and share the concern about the conservation of the area and about putting the birdlife at risk. I also share the same opinion that using these estuaries as a place to make parties is defi-

nitely not a good idea. I consider myself conscious about the environment, finding myself cleaning and taking the rubbish that other people have left on the beach. That is why I felt this article as a personal attack for many of us who belong to the 'Spanish community'.

I also want to express my concern about the damage you can cause, too, by giving a personal opinion on the cover of the local newspaper. Also how this personal opinion, based on nothing, can influence the locals' concepts about us.

I am sure that all of us who came to this great country looking for its incredible quality of life are as grateful as I am to have the opportunity to live here. So please, don't be disrespectful to us and let's try to find a solution for this 'problem' together.

Victoria de la Fuente
Byron Bay

■ I express my sadness and disappointment with the

Echo editor who wrote 'Byron wakes up to NYE aftermath'.

Firstly, how can someone write such a disrespectful article on the front page of a local newspaper? What is the information given based on? Have you thought about the moral damage involved?

I personally respect all different opinions or thoughts that anyone can have about anything, although it is quite important to be based on facts when writing for a newspaper as there is always an impact in it. This article is based on someone's personal and uncertain opinion and it is not fair that it goes to a newspaper.

If the writer of the article or the local environmental activist Dailan Pugh would have done a bit of research they would have been very surprised when finding out who is actually organising most of these events/parties.

I am Spanish and I have lived in Byron Bay for the last three years. I consider myself part of this 'Spanish commu-

nity' mentioned in the article as I know most of the Spanish living in the area and I neither know nor have heard of anyone organising a beach party for NYE, so why do we have to be included in this article?

Moreover I would like to mention our respect and love for this beautiful piece of land and the gratitude for having the opportunity to be part of it.

The Spanish community deserves public apologies from the *Echo* team.

Javier Mayrata
Byron Bay

■ I wish to apologise for singling out the Spanish community with my comments regarding doofs at Tallow Creek. I acknowledge that irrespective of how many Spanish people attend or how many doofs they organise, the community is not responsible. Just as I am not responsible for the local doof organisers.

I appreciate Victoria de la

Fuente's comment on *Echo*netdaily that using estuaries as a place to make parties is definitely not a good idea. Others I speak to after the doofs tell me the same thing. So why do they go?

All those who attend are part of the problem and need to accept collective responsibility.

They are contributing to the environmental harm, whether it's scaring away the migratory shorebirds and threatened species, collapsing the nests of bee-eaters and pardalotes in the dunes, polluting the estuary with excrement, or leaving broken glass and cigarette butts buried in the sand.

If enough people stopped going, the doofs would not happen.

People who know the organisers need to report them to the police or NPWS. They are environmental criminals, and we all need to encourage others not to attend.

Dailan Pugh
Byron Bay

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thinking, the student of design in me can't help but ask why would someone want to utilise a megatonne behemoth designed to tow hundreds of multimegatonne carriages across a vast continent to simply transport people from North Byron to Central Byron, elevation zero.

Why not park the old rumbling thing somewhere significant as a coffee shop/monument to the past, and build a lightweight, wheeled, funky, covered verandah, available to all, silent run-

ning, cheap to run, easily and safely accessible, a joyful Byron thing that would not only become an icon but would actually help the congestion, maybe one day even linking up with Tyagarah for the Blues Fest, or beyond?

Gavan Higginson
Main Arm

Curious George

Is this George Greenough the surfer worrying for the welfare of the dolphin (Letters, January 11) – kill the sharks for I want no threat in the ocean? Or George Gree-

nough the environmentalist worried for the health and balance of the oceans and all the animals within?

If the latter, then I might suggest rather than focus on the damage the sharks do to the dolphin population look at the damage to dolphin numbers from seismic testing (oil, gas and mining), military exercises and associated noise from sonar, depth charges, everyday shipping, not to mention shark nets, bycatch, man's interaction with the oceans.

Thankfully around Byron

we get to see many dolphin pods but the same cannot be said for the Gold Coast.

Your dolphin experiences are wonderful and certainly for you experiences to be treasured. Not just because you survived potential shark attack but rather because you have had such remarkable natural interaction with the oceans.

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CHESS by Ian Rogers

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The confusion was understandable – until a few months ago, Kuybokarov was known as Temur Igonin and ranked among the top 25 juniors aged U/18 in the world.

Under his new persona, Kuybokarov warmed up for the Australian event by dominating the Penang Open in December and then set a cracking pace in Brisbane before being knocked over by main rival Max Illingworth in the sixth round.

Kuybokarov and Illingworth then jostled for the lead until top seed Ahmed Adly intervened, inflicting Illingworth's sole defeat in round nine only to be demolished in the penultimate round against the teenage Uzbek star.

That win gave Kuybokarov his first Grandmaster result and left him a point clear of the field with only the 22nd seed, Queensland student Yi Liu, to come.

However, Liu, who was playing the tournament of his life, having already defeated International Masters Smirnov, Solomon and McClymont, outlasted Kuybokarov to win in five hours and 66 moves.

Suddenly there was a logjam of four players at the top, with the result of the tiebreaker unclear.

When the prizes were awarded, Kuybokarov received the winner's trophy, though the four winners shared \$7,750 equally. Hours later it emerged that the organisers had used the wrong tiebreak system for the Open and Illingworth was the title winner.

The controversy has continued to run but Illingworth was sanguine, saying, 'The organisers ran such a great event and did a great job of looking after me, so one honest mistake isn't reason to get angry. I don't care too much for trophies.'

So the record books will show that 24-year-old Max Illingworth won his first Australian Open title in 2017 but Kuybokarov will return home to Tashkent with the Open trophy and a perfect tournament record with his new name.



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Commons: owned by none, used by many

Colin Cook

Mary Gardner writes interestingly about the Commons (*Echo*, January 4), countering the myth that they were abused, citing, *inter alia*, that 'In earlier times of Celts, Saxons and Normans communities managed open fields which were equitable and safeguarded abundance.'

The Hammonds in their classic, *The Village Labourer, 1760-1882*, recorded that '... No farmer... was at liberty to cultivate his strips as he pleased... it was settled for him by the Manor Court.' And go on to show that by the eighteenth century various courts of manorial jurisdiction had been merged and, 'most men of the village attended the court...' The business of which was, 'the management of common fields and common pastures and the appointment of village officers.' In short the commons were properly managed well into the 18th century.

Enclosure

The real tragedy of the commons was that vast areas were usurped by innumerable Acts of Enclosure passed by the Parliament at Westminster. These acts – enacted with skulduggery of every description – made it legal for large landowners to privatise what had previously been common land used by many of the lower echelons of society in a variety of ways for their subsistence.

Between 1700 and 1760, 152 acts allowed the enclosure of 240,000 acres of common fields and waste, between 1761 and 1801, 1,500 acts 2,400,000 acres – in 40 years, ten times more than in the previous period of 60 years – and between 1802 and 1844, 1,100 acts enclosed 1,600,000 acres (quoted by the Hammonds, figures rounded).

► do not bear this out.

We humans do not like to be thought of as part of the food chain. We can kill whichever we like other than human (war, etc excepted) but let not any other creature have the temerity to take a human life.

Rogue elephant, man-eater tiger, man-eater shark, rogue storm, dangerous mountain and so it goes.

George, I applaud your concerns for the dolphins but surely not at the cost of sharks, not just the great white.

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Greylag geese in Port Meadow, near Oxford. A pithy condemnation of the English enclosure movement was contained in a 17th Century English folk poem: The law locks up the man or woman/ Who steals the goose off the common/ But leaves the greater villain loose/ Who steals the common from the goose.

Photo Martin Cooper flickr.com//m-a-r-t-i-n

Notice that when white Australia was founded in the late 18th century, enclosure activity was at a peak. The founding of white Australia and Acts of Enclosure were very closely connected not just in time but also in the prevailing attitudes.

The UK elite, effecting and benefitting from the enclosures, really only took any notice of those who could make themselves heard: persons of some substance or influence. The illiterate cottager who simply enjoyed the various rights of common that his father enjoyed stood no chance against an Act of Enclosure; dissenters were required to provide written chapter and verse of their rights and argue them in front of commissioners.

Indeed such lowly citizens were barely considered in the deliberations in Westminster. So it is not surprising that when Westminster's expedition arrived here in 1788, the concept of enclosure came with them. The idea of commons and persons using the land just for living were of no consequence.

Thus at the beginning of white 'settlement' of Australia the Establishment mindset was one of enclosure – the concept of 'commons', where

accurate data on the impact of sharks on dolphin numbers compared to human impact.

I have observed humpback whales, killer whales, along with seals, missing parts of fins and chunks out. This is after all the ocean, a natural habitat.

If great whites' numbers have increased then that may be in concert with the increase in humpback whale numbers, for which the great white is a natural predator. Surely you would not suggest we cull the numbers of humpbacks so as to limit the food source for

land is not owned by any but used by many, was in their view outdated, bad, inefficient, if indeed they thought about it at all.

From my understanding, Australia then was like a vast, continent-wide, agglomeration of Aboriginal Commons – the land not 'owned' at all but used, shared, nurtured and venerated by the numerous tribes of the Indigenous population according to their needs and culture. White man did not see this at all; it was *terra nullius* and the commons were brushed aside with no thought of compensation – much as in England.

Conflicts

Henry Reynolds wrote of this in *Frontier* (Allen & Unwin 1996); Dr Reynolds examines the close parallels between the conflicts in Europe and the British settlement of Australia: 'the Aboriginal experience can be profitably compared to those of the squatters on the shrinking commons, the foresters and men of the fens who struggled to maintain a traditional economy in opposition to the ever growing commitment to absolute property rights.'

Van Dieman's Land would seem to be the one

this animal. The turnaround for the humpback is certainly a celebration and salutary lesson for man as to the damage and good we can do.

Let us all protect the oceans. Think Sea Shepherd.

Mike Glab
Suffolk Park

Off to Mars

I'll see ya later, I'm going to Mars with my old mate Elon Musk. One-way trip for \$100K, commencing 2024. Climate deniers need not apply unless for provision of compost.

On Mars we will need peo-

place where the concept of 'the commons' did flourish for a few years. In his very well researched history, *Van Dieman's Land* (Black Inc 2008), 'Van Dieman's Land was aught but a vast common' quotes Boyce, p70, Ref32. Ironically, many had been sentenced to transportation because they had been caught using the commons of England in traditional ways – trapping and snaring game, ways that had been made illegal under the game laws and Acts of Enclosure. Boyce's introduction contains many references to the convicts' acceptance of sharing resources with Aboriginals and each other – land, water, game – and their adaptability to go bush, to obtain 'the essentials of life from the new land'.

The early chapters contain many specific references to Van Dieman's Land as a common and its effect on the early settlers, how the free access to the natural resources led to much entrepreneurial activity and even ideas of independence and democracy. Such moves were stamped out by Governor Arthur to produce a servile population to meet the needs of the increasing number of free settlers on their large land grants.

Aboriginal mind

A deeper connection between the idea of commons versus enclosures was brought to mind a year ago at a Fedtalk by Aboriginal academic and activist, Dr Mary Graham, QUT. She spoke about Aboriginal philosophy in comparison to 'western' modes of thought, saying that Aboriginals had no difficulty in holding to different concepts simultaneously.

In contrast, western views were 'either or', 'this or that', 'alive or dead'. This is an exact parallel as between enclosures (this is mine, not

ple capable of understanding science and making science-based decisions. After all, we will be busy healing our planet, not destroying it.

We wish all you Earthies well. When we can, we will send you rations and solar panels. Shouldn't be too hard because there will only be a few of you left by then. In the meantime keep your pool filters clean and your gas wells pumping.

Sapoty Brook
Main Arm

■ A stormload of letters about rates on page 14.

anybody else's) and common land that has many users and uses. This is also shown in the western, legalistic 'Native Title' when 'Aboriginal Common' would have been more representative of traditional status.

Dr Graham's talk may be viewed at <http://bit.ly/fed-talk3>. Much is to be learnt from Aboriginal philosophy and traditional respect and reverence for the land.

In short, Australia was founded with the concept of enclosure foremost and this

preeminence continues to this day; the concept of commons – owned by none, used by many in various ways – is not part of modern Australia's DNA. Laudable ambitions to 'reclaim the commons' here need to recognise the challenges this presents.

Was 1788 the biggest act of enclosure of them all? Should we commemorate Enclosure Day on the 26th?

■ Colin Cook was a commoner of Ashdown Forest, Sussex, UK.

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What part of 'no' to the rate rise doesn't Council understand?

■ The Byron GM's responses to your queries over the proposed rate rise (*Echo*, January 11) are not correct, particularly in relation to a no-rate-rise option for the residents. If it were clear to Council as claimed by the GM 'that such an option was not feasible', then why was that option included in item 8 on page 3 of the so-called community survey where ratepayers were asked to rank the preferred options 1 to 4 with the fourth option being a no-rate-rise variation?

Is it true that it was compulsory for Council to include the no-rate-rise option in the community survey by IPART?

What was the result of the community input on the no-rate-rise option when it was given to the residents, unlike the sham pre-paid mailout to residents which did not include the no-rate-rise option? What was the cost of this sham community survey?

Why did Council inform the minister on November 16 last year that their reply-paid card was only a 'prompter' and included a section for ratepayers to include a no-special-rates variation? Why did Council also include in that same letter confirmation that Option 4, a no special rate variation, was indeed in their community survey paper in item 8?

If Council has 'slashed' legal costs as the GM claims he should be willing to tell ratepayers how much Council's abortive attempt to pursue the Ocean Shores Community Association cost the ratepayers last year when the judge ruled in OSCA's favour and found their claim was a valid public interest case and awarded no costs against OSCA.

If Council has slashed the number of senior staff, how much extra is now being paid for consultants to help the remaining senior managers do their jobs, including the general manager's job?

If Council is only now seeking ways to save money, why wasn't this done before appealing for a rates increase?

It appears to me and a majority of ratepayers that Council's problems are clearly management related.

Jim Mangleson
Ocean Shores

■ If ever there was an erosion of the core Byron community, the ones that live here permanently, the ones that deeply care about the Shire, this rate rise is it. The commercial businesses scattered throughout the Shire are the

ones who should be paying the correct rates.

By this I mean all the illegal holiday lets that operate for 24 hours a day and now the many, many Airbnbs that have sprung up in what appears to be in every second household. These businesses should be paying commercial rates and leave the core permanent ratepayers alone!

I have come across many scared, upset folks because of this impending hike in the rates. Council should take a good hard look at where their funds should come from.

Lorraine Blumberg
Byron Bay

■ While I don't envy the GM or councillors the job of trying to solve the intractable problems facing Byron Shire, I'm not entirely persuaded by the GM's defence of the SRV. We are told we pay some of the lowest rates in the state but what are 'general rates'? Just the waste, water and sewer charges, not the land valuation component? I know mine in total, for under 500 square metres, are about twice the oft-quoted Shire average. Have some residents' rates actually gone down while others have spiralled?

If this is the case then some residents, with perhaps humble homes in now sought-after areas, are shouldering the burden for our infrastructure. Because the SRV is a percentage increase this will be exacerbated, further exacerbating another, I suspect, galloping trend: workplaces full of people who travel into Byron Bay to work.

As ordinary Byronites are forced out by housing costs and now a potential doubling of their rates, will Byron Bay become one large commercial tourist hub serviced by employees from the hinterland and neighbouring shires with each relinquished property being snapped up for holiday rental? How sad for people who were born in Byron Bay or moved there decades ago, who used to love it and call it home.

Mr Gainger assures us that staff will investigate ways of spreading the load to the tourism industry but if this rates shortfall has been known for over two years isn't it a bit late to embark on such an ambitious undertaking when the decision has all but been made? As one of the participants in Council's no doubt costly glossy-brochured infrastructure survey, I certainly supplied some of these

suggestions last September.

I could add a suggestion to the efficiency measures: stop all the the costly investigations and 'consultation' when there is already a pre-determined outcome.

Was the GM previously reported in *The Echo* as maintaining that the roads most urgently marked for upgrade are mainly used by locals, not tourists? Perhaps we need to rethink that urban myth that all our problems are the result of a couple of million tourists being funded by a small ratepayer base. If this is the extent of wear and tear then what's our Council's excuse for such poor maintenance?

In any case, with the changes to local planning authority mooted by the state government and if we are to be forced out anyway, amalgamation is looking less of a disaster than it once did.

Liz Levy
Suffolk Park

■ It's good to hear that Byron Council is looking at other options to raise revenue for consistently neglected infrastructure in this Shire, by exploring tourist levies, holiday lets, paid parking, etc, but it is all too little too late.

The property Council sold to avoid amalgamation was the 4.5 acre Roundhouse site in Ocean Shores, at a pittance of its true value. A quick sale of community assets to pacify the state government requirements for 'Fit for the Future' status. That alone put a third of the population offline.

Council is sitting on 40 properties that they own but are doing nothing with. Most are in the Byron Bay region, including four properties along the Belongil wall. So no revenue, just costs to Council and the community. Why didn't you sell some of those properties?

Council also has more than \$53 million in investments, but no divestment (selling) any of that cash store to ease their infrastructure backlog.

Council's general rates are a little lower than other councils in the region but those councils provide better services, and they maintain their infrastructure and assets better than BSC. However, you are not advising the community that BSC water and sewerage rates are among the highest in the state, and that's where most of your revenue comes from, and yet Council wants to close Ocean Shores Sewage Treatment Plant, to connect it to the Mullumbimby STP to

supposedly cut costs. There is nothing wrong with our STP that proper regular maintenance wouldn't fix.

Slashing unnecessary legal costs and reducing staff salaries makes BSC more efficient, and you may have reduced staff, but all the contractors you engage for nearly all services surely must add to the bottom line. To us peasants, that's called robbing Peter to pay Paul and not good money managing.

We get that you are in a tough position, but hitting the small ratepayer base all the time whenever you need extra cash is not the answer. You need to think more laterally and have the tourists pay their fair share to support their use of water, sewerage, services and infrastructure while they are in this beautiful Shire.

Tina Petroff
Ocean Shores

■ Although it is proven that 70 per cent of the locals in the Shire don't want a monster rate rise, which means a doubling of the rate bill for coastal communities, Council is persisting.

The last council was threatened by the general manager with amalgamation if councillors didn't vote for the paid parking scheme in Byron Bay. That money was supposed to be used to fix the roads, but now its purpose mysteriously has changed.

Again this term the general manager is threatening councillors and the public with amalgamation if Council does not get a special rate variation approved, which will be paid mainly by the ratepayers in Byron Bay, Suffolk Park and Brunswick Heads.

The focus of the allocation of the additional funds is on renewals. In other words the constituents of some hinterland councillors will benefit more, for example, from getting Mafeking Road or Binna Burra Road upgraded, as per proposal, and being paid by the residents living along the coast. Not a fair way of doing things.

Heike Eidt
Byron Bay

■ The general manager, Byron Shire Council: I write to you having been a ratepayer (or my family being ratepayers) in Byron Shire since the late 1970s to express my opposition to your proposed application for an SRV.

The publications and surveys produced by BSC regarding the SRV were dis-

ingenuous and misleading. The one-sided propaganda (highlighted by the failure to allow ratepayers the opportunity to oppose a SRV in the survey) not only invalidated any community support for a SRV but discredited the entire process. Continuing with this approach the timing of the Council resolution to apply for a SRV and the restriction of feedback to January 18 (ie, over the Christmas period when many people are otherwise engaged) is in the great tradition of cynical political opportunism.

Please ensure that the application to the IPART contains all the publications by BSC so the Tribunal can ascertain for itself how poorly Council has conducted this matter.

Please also make the application public so that your ratepayers can ensure that (unlike your propaganda and surveys) it is balanced. Incidentally the IPART may be interested to know that the issue of a SRV was never mentioned at the recent council elections although it must have been known to many of the parties and was clearly a very significant issue for your ratepayers.

All the responses I have been told of or have read in the local newspapers have been strongly opposed to a SRV. In general terms they reflect a desire for Council to investigate and implement strategies to shift the growing financial burden from the relatively few ratepayers to the massive number of tourists (and the businesses that profit from them). This seems reasonable and is also, I would submit, the proper response of Council on behalf of your ratepayers.

An SRV is an easy and lazy answer to the undoubted financial mess Council has somehow created. It is also embarrassingly unimaginative for an organisation that prides itself on its initiative and alternative thinking. Most alarmingly it will have the long-term effect of driving more and more families away and will turn the Shire into the very place we are here to escape.

My feedback is that there should be a rate peg only (bearing in mind the recent rate increases through the increased UCVs) and no additional rate increase through an SRV. Rather Council should properly investigate and hopefully implement all possible strategies (such as

the successful implementation of paid parking) to raise revenue from the people and organisations who are using and wearing out our facilities.

I encourage all ratepayers to provide their feedback to BSC regarding this issue.

David Giddy
Byron Bay

■ The NSW government website of the independent regulator IPART has just released the intended special rate increases for all shires in NSW. Byron Shire's proposal is by far the most aggressive, with the highest percentage increase sought of almost all other shires in the state.

Here is the list: Byron Shire, 33.5 per cent, 46.4 per cent, 60.2 per cent cumulative over four years, permanent. Ballina 3.4 per cent above peg for three years, permanent. Bellingen six per cent one-off, permanent. Hunters Hill 4.5 per cent one-off, permanent. Inverell 4.75 per cent plus peg for three years, cumulative 14.94 per cent. Lockhardt 4.6 per cent cumulative for ten years. Mid Coast five per cent for four years cumulative. Muswellbrook 2.5 per cent for four years. Port Macquarie-Hastings 3.96 per cent one-off permanently. Shoalhaven 11.5 per cent over two years, 6.25 per cent over four years or five per cent over seven years (plus peg each). Willoughby 1.47 per cent and 1.45 per cent over two years (plus peg).

If you think the 7.5 per cent option is modest, think again. This option will raise an additional 56 million dollars (plus peg increases for six years) over the next ten years, coming from local ratepayers, and indirectly from local renters. For many, especially along the coast, rates will double and make living here unaffordable. And for the attribution 'deteriorate', it is a fantasy, a made-up conclusion with fabricated numbers. Do not believe it. Just a couple of months ago 7.5 per cent was 'maintain'.

The problem we now face is that Council cannot go back to a lower special rate variation. If it were to agree that the current proposal is excessive, even at the 7.5 per cent level, then it has only one option, that is to not apply this year and postpone it for 12 months until more funding options are pursued and a different, fairer rate increase is put before the people. Don't hold your breath.

Jens Krause
Byron Bay



Sport Sign-Ons 2017

Your fields, your club – Suffolk Park FC

We've saved our fields, now it's time to enjoy them! Following on from the successful campaign to save the fields in November, Suffolk Park Football Club invites adults and children to sign up for the 2017 football season.

SPFC is a fun and inclusive club; join in for fitness, friendships, or passionate competition. Our players range from school age to 60 plus, with kids, adult men's and women's teams.

Training begins in February at the fields, with games commencing around Easter. We'd also love to hear from anyone interested in coaching or volunteering for the 2017 season. Come to the Suffolk Park Tavern on Saturday 4 February 9.30am-1.30pm or Sunday 5 February 1.30-4.30pm, or go to the website www.suffolparkfc.com to complete your registration online.

Seniors co-ordinator 0438 363 821.

Juniors co-ordinator 0401 578 311.

www.suffolparkfc.com

Bangalow Soccer Club

created history in 2016, becoming the first club to win both women's and men's premier league titles!

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Brunswick Byron Netball Association

Our 2017 season commences in March with club sign-ons in February. All players five and older play on Saturday afternoons at the Mullumbimby Recreational Grounds. Come and Try Netball Session will be held on 11 February 9-10.30am at the Mullumbimby Recreation Grounds courts. Phone Julie on 6684 1724 to book by 9 February.

For more info see the accompanying advert our Facebook or website

www.brunswickbyronnetball.com.au.

Mullumbimby Brunswick Valley FC

Could 2017 be a more exciting year down at Pine Ave?!

2016 saw a fantastic year both on and off the field. Junior six-a-side has been simply awesome and pre-season training has already begun.

Division 1 football is back at Pine Ave this year as the young men's team continues to impress, while female and junior participation rates are going through the roof.

Jonathan Flantz is on board once again as head coach and this season sees Sharon Scriven on board as the club's female participation officer with a pre-season all-girls open-age gala day planned for February.

For all details simply go to www.mbvfc.com.au and follow the links. See you down at the ground.

Phone 0434 239 246 after 6pm or email info@mbvfc.com.au. www.mbvfc.com.au

Bangalow Netball Club

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Enquiries: 0420 989 151 between 9am and 5pm weekdays.

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2017 SEASON SIGN ON BANGALOW BOWLING CLUB

When: Wednesday 8th February, 3.30-5.30pm
Wednesday 15th February, 3.30-5.30pm

Where: Bangalow Bowling Club, 21 Byron Road, Bangalow

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Gillian Wall 0406 725 789

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Sign On is available via www.netsetgo.asn.au for those aged between 5 and 10 years and through www.mynetball.com.au for those aged 11 years and older.

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MAIN ARM: Contact Noreen 0438 181 219 Sarah 6684 1487 by 9th February

MULLUMBIMBY: 11th February 9 till 11am at Brunswick Byron Clubhouse. Contact Narelle 6684 3870

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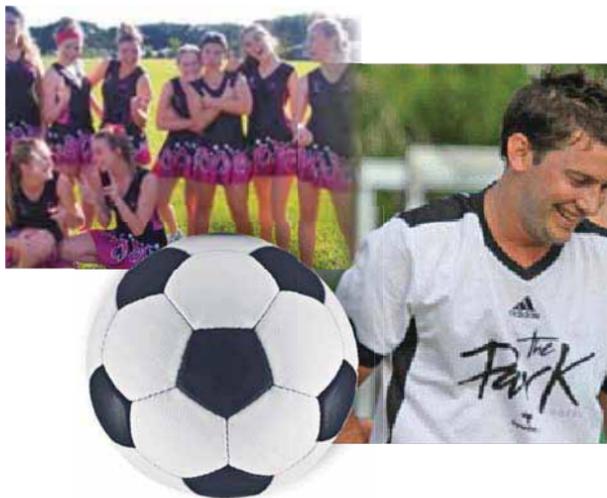
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Sport Sign-Ons



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Contact the club on 0499 606 066.

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The Byron Bay Junior AFL Club (Byron Magpies) is attached to the Northern Rivers Junior League and AFL Queensland. Their home ground is the Cavanbah Centre and the season runs from March till September each year. They cater for Auskick and Junior Football teams U/7–U/17 as well as two girls' teams.

The club welcomes players, umpires, committee members and trainers for 2017 season. Matches are played on a Sunday and are rotated around the different grounds of the clubs attached to the Northern Rivers League.

Pre-season training and events begin in February.

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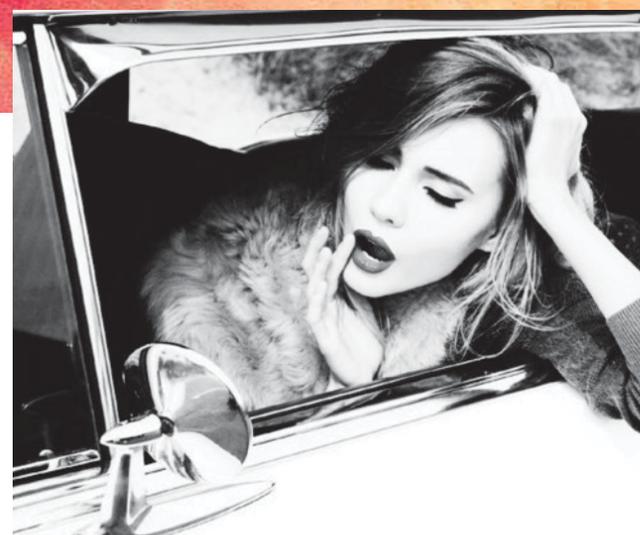
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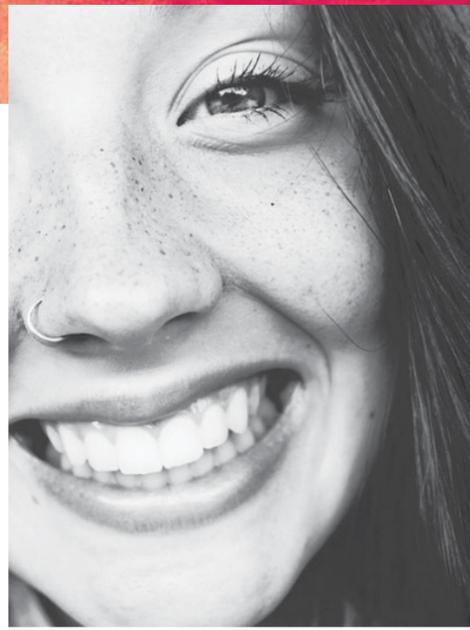
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The owner is grateful to her wonderful staff and many thousands of customers who made The Life of Byron such a success. Generations grew up loving this store, so please come in and take home a piece of Byron's retailing history!

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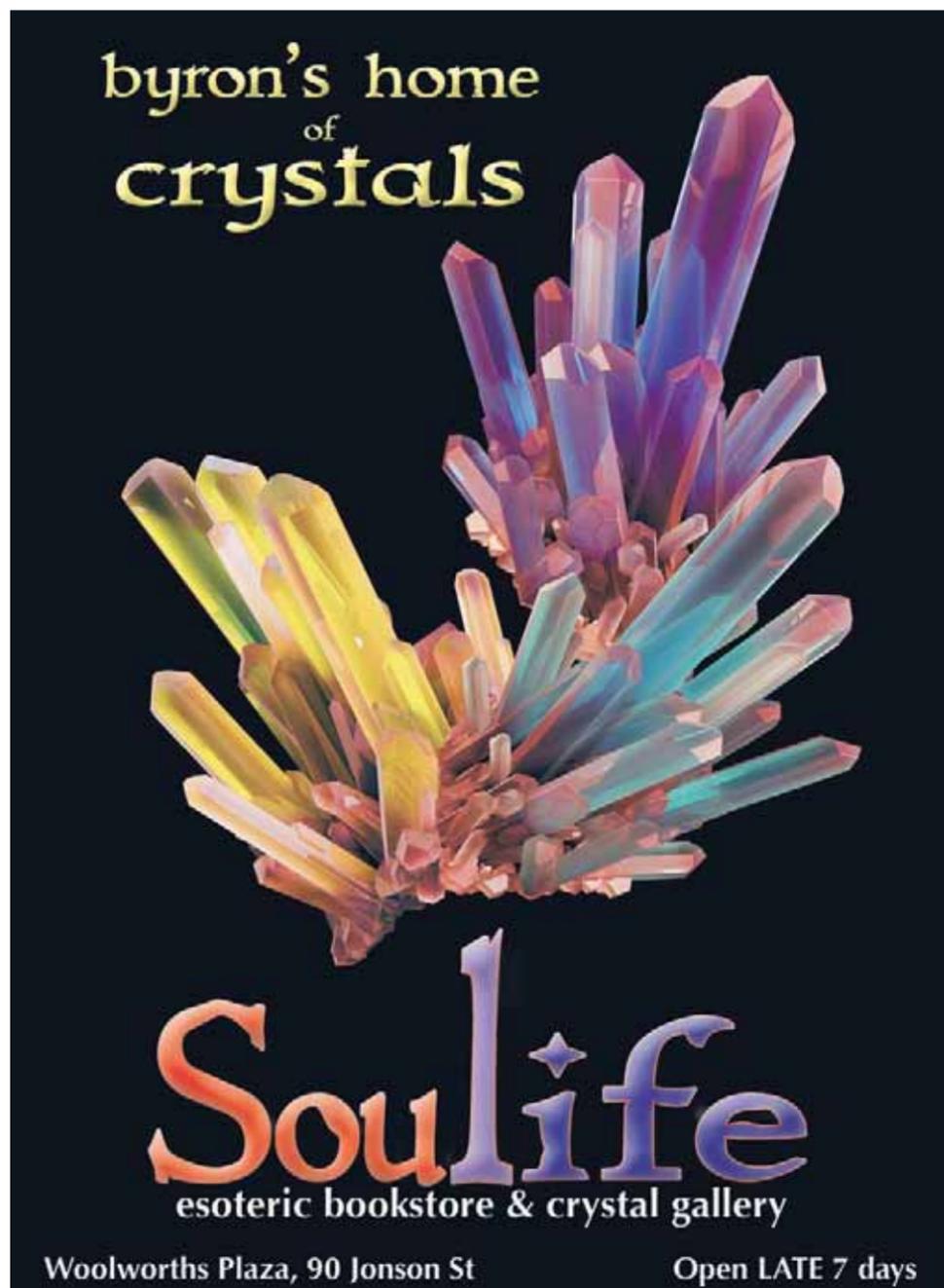


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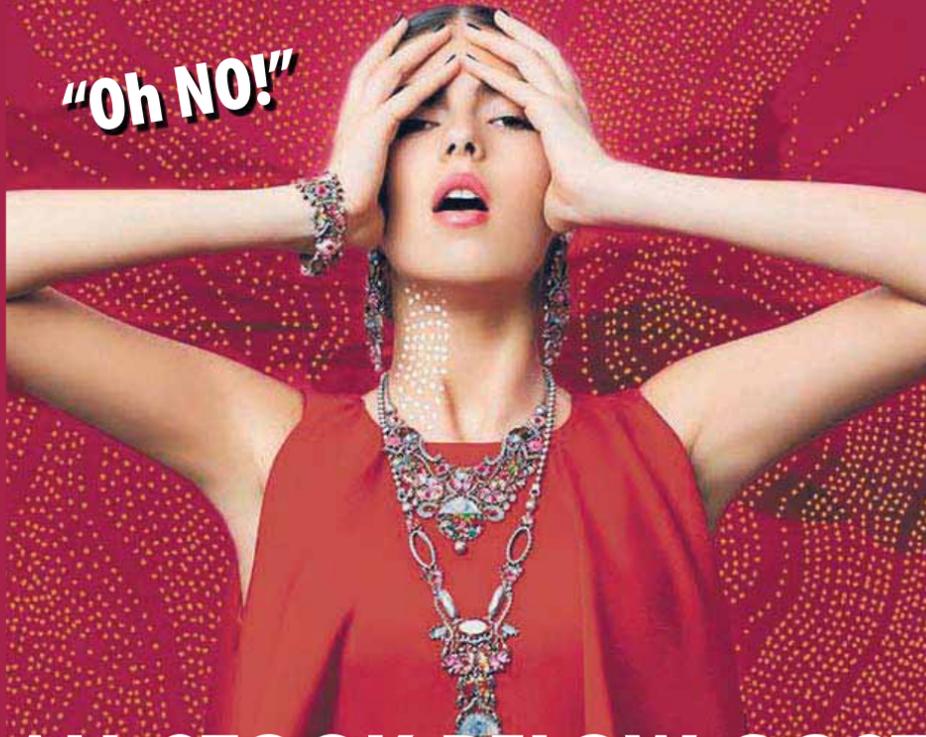
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The answer is simple – Our community!

The sense of connection and camaraderie, non-judgmental acceptance, safety for our young people, awareness of local and global issues, a gratitude for having found this special place and an appreciation of good food and the best coffee! In short,

we are a generous, accommodating, richly diverse and artistic community with a great zest for life.

Fantastic beaches are close at hand, majestic scenery surrounds us and a sense of the importance of caring and protecting our environment for future generations. This inspires people to move, invest in our area and raise their family here.

With the recent move to our beautiful new office in Burringbar Street, we are proud to invest in our town of Mullumbimby as your longest-serving, award-winning local agent.

We are passionate about serving our community and selling one of their most valued assets. Our mission: To change the face of the local real estate industry by providing every one of our clients with the best real estate experience possible. We will meet and exceed their expectations through honest, ethical, friendly and professional service that provides a positive outcome in every way. True Mullumbimby style!



Paul Eatwell and the team from the Professionals Mark Cochrane Mullumbimby

Harcourts Northern Rivers comes to town



Principals of Harcourts Northern Rivers, Steve and Natalie Leslie

If you've been wandering around Byron recently you'll have noticed Harcourts have taken up the prime position on the corner of Lawson and Fletcher Streets previously occupied by The Professionals Byron Bay.

Harcourts is a global company founded in New Zealand 125 years ago with its Australian headquarters in Brisbane.

Principals of Harcourts Northern Rivers, Steve and Natalie Leslie, say that it brings with it access to more than 800 offices in 11 countries – along with extensive property management support for residential and commercial leases.

Steve said, 'The Byron Bay

property market mirrors the town itself – famous for its unique ambience, colour and diversity.'

Natalie said Harcourts is able to offer a 'global presence' to home buyers and vendors in the region. 'There are advantages in reaching a bigger market,' she said.

Harcourts has 5,400 sales consultants around the world, and the company says Harcourts properties receive a weekly average of four million views online. That opens opportunities for international investment in the Bay.

With an office in Ballina, Steve and Natalie decided to open their second office in Byron Bay as they

have identified an opportunity to provide the local community with an advanced level of customer service and professional advice. Steve has 29 years' real estate sales experience and Natalie has clocked up a little more than 23 years in property management services. But are they jaded? No! They continue to be passionate about the industry and are excited to now have a base in the Byron Bay area.

While Harcourts Northern Rivers already has extensive experience in the Byron Bay market with sales consultants already working the area, the opening of the Byron Bay office has allowed them to employ three extra staff, bringing the team total to six salespeople, three property managers and four admin/support staff.

Harcourts is already a proud supporter of Shark Watch – an initiative that is working to make Byron Bay beaches a safer place to surf and swim – and Natalie and Steve are looking forward to expanding their community involvement in the area.

HAVE ANYTHING TO LET US KNOW ABOUT?

Any new faces? Career milestones? Exceptional results? Market observations? Email propertyinsider@echo.net.au.



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View Saturday 11am – 12pm
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404 Middle Pocket Road, Middle Pocket
Huge Private Sanctuary with Business Potential

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Call Julie-Ann today to enquire or arrange your inspection before this property is snapped up!



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BUNDALEER DREAMING! Lot 1 Bundaleer Lane

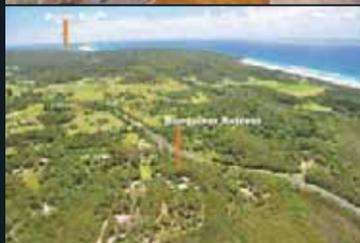
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Bundaleer Retreat is for sale strictly by appointment, so if you are in a position to purchase this very unique opportunity and crave an idyllic lifestyle pick up the phone and call the agent to get started.
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Mcleans Ridges 266 Cowlong Road

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8 Acres - Home, Plus HUUUGE Shed

This quality 4 bedroom home occupies a prime position on the Ridge with this stunning, gently sloping acreage. Features an amazing kitchen, spacious modern interior, indoor/outdoor room with pizza oven.

You could easily run your business from home, or store the biggest of 'toys' in the massive shed, measuring 19m x 8.5m with a 12 ft door height. Another bonus is the old dairy bales - in excellent condition - ready to be converted!

The owners are on the move! Take time to inspect this wonderful property today!

For Sale

\$799,000

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Byron Bay 5 Somerset Lane

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"Santorini Villa" is a lush mediterranean-style beach house within minutes walk to Byron Markets, beaches, shops and restaurants.

Offering 3 large bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, 2 kitchens, beautiful open plan living zones opening onto multiple courtyards, gardens and lawn areas. Soaring ceilings, funky colourful decor, terracotta flooring and rendered walls make the home a beautiful place to live. Private and secure, this is one of Byron's gorgeous hidden gems.

For Sale

\$1,595,000

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East Ballina 10 Bayview Drive

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Oh Wow - The Location

Very rarely does a property of this calibre come to the market so close to the beach. Located only 2 minutes' walk onto Angels Beach in East Ballina, this grand family home is also within easy walking to schools, and only minutes from central Ballina and Lennox Head. Offering 4 huge bedrooms, study/TV room, open plan living, 3 bathrooms, loads of storage and a great yard with an easy care garden. The living area and bedrooms open onto deep, north facing verandahs and from upstairs, take in beautiful coastal vistas and ocean glimpses.

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\$850,000

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Byron Bay 105 Paterson Street

Opportunity To Add Value

Located within an easy stroll to Byron's vibrant town centre, schools and beaches, this classic Byron cottage offers a highly desirable location. Built to last, with quality construction, hardwood frame, the home has the bones for a great renovation/extension, with large rooms, high ceilings and hardwood floorboards. The block is approximately 630sqm and elevated giving potential for extensions with an excellent outlook.

For Sale

\$1,100,000

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A Unique Opportunity!

49 Main Arm Road, Mullumbimby

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\$729,000



After many years of being home to a loving family the owners have decided it's time to downsize so this special home could be yours! Meticulously cared for, this home is in a highly sought-after position. An immaculate corner block, with rear to north facing aspect and only 10 minutes' walk to the beautiful Mullumbimby town centre.

Nestled close to the foothills of the majestic Mt Chincogan, this charming home boasts spaciousness and proximity to all the advantages Mullumbimby has to offer. Featuring multi-split air-conditioning, 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms and a single lockup garage on a spacious and very tidy 730sqm block.

The master bedroom has a modern ensuite and all bedrooms have built-in robes. To the rear of the property is a very comfortable covered and screened entertainment area, complete with barbecue and views to Mt Chincogan.

With huge potential for renovation and access from 2 sides of the property this block offers enough space for a secondary dwelling/granny flat (STCA).

This home will sell fast so please call or email us today for an inspection.

Inspect: Saturday 11.00 – 11.30am

Contact: Dominic Spreckley 0422 274 646 / 6687 1500
Elders Bangalow

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Inspect: Saturday 11.00am – 12.00pm

Contact: Julie-Ann Manahan 0411 081 118
Raine & Horne Northern Rivers Group Ocean Shores



Panoramic Valley Views

47 Coorabell Road, Federal

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\$620,000



You will be excited by the wonderful valley views from this 3 bedroom timber cottage and the opportunity to join the vibrant Federal community. Set 5 minutes from the village with its well known store and cafe, community preschool and school bus stops it is perfect for a young family or couple.

The easily maintained 1589sqm block has a perfect north easterly aspect and overlooks rolling farmland. Enjoy the spacious living area with wood flooring opening onto a big deck that takes full advantage of the view and the summer breeze. The open plan kitchen is centrally located so the cook can join in the conversation! The main bathroom has a separate toilet and there is a second toilet in the self contained studio on the lower level. Two of the three bedrooms have built-ins and there is a small study/sunroom taking in the view.

Open: Saturday 12.30 – 1.00pm

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Scott Harvey Real Estate



TWO PREMIUM VACANT LOTS IN BANGALOW - AUCTION SAT FEB 18TH



Lot 32

Lot 27



Neighbourhood Park

Rural Outlook

Parrot Tree Place, Bangalow Auction unless sold prior, Saturday 18th February

- Large lots, allowing dual occupancy (with suitable design) **Sat 18th February 10:00am on site**
- Both lots have an open aspect with rural views
- Flat and easy to build on, fertile soil
- Lot 27 (735m2) - Has a tree-lined creek adjacent to the west Scot Fuller 0401 911 557
- Lot 32 (801m2) - A higher-set lot that faces north Gail Fuller J.P. 0418 441 675

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35 Parrot Tree Place, Bangalow

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Guide: \$1,050,000 to \$1,150,000



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This soulful home with a Hamptons luxe style is a unified combination of beautifully restored features envisaged by the current owners and brought to life by a renowned local master builder.

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This property will be sold!



Auction: This Saturday at 10am

Open: Thurs 19th January 10.00 – 10.30am and Saturday 21st January from 9.00am

Contact: Tara Torkkola 0423 519 698
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AUCTION 9 February

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Bangalow

Auction Thursday 23 February 6pm

View By appointment

Agent Greg Price 0412 871 500

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A 'foreign person' can be an individual, corporation, trustee, beneficiary of land tax fixed trust, a government or government investor.

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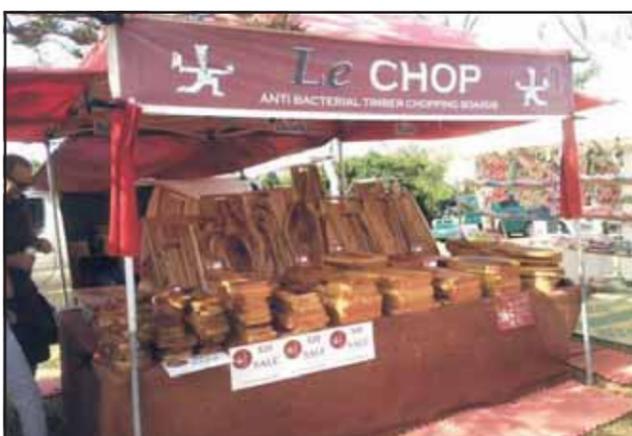
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2 & 3/88 Ballina Street, Lennox Head

- ✓ Heart of village, directly across from beach, boutique complex of 4
- ✓ Spacious and contemporary light filled units, both extensively renovated
- ✓ 3 generous sized beds + ensuites, open plan living spaces
- ✓ U/3: fully furnished holiday rental, elevated beach views from balcony
- ✓ U/2: permanent rental + tenant in place. Both units yield solid returns

- ✓ Self-managed strata (\$400/quarter), meticulously maintained complex
- ✓ Great opportunity – commercially zoned for future development (STCA)

Auction 11 February 12noon on site

Inspect: Saturday 21 January
1-1.30pm and 2-2.30pm
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- ✓ Elevated N/E aspect, open-plan living/dining/kitchen
- ✓ Impeccably maintained inside and out, light filled interiors, hardwood floors
- ✓ Renovated kitchen +breakfast bar and modern appliances
- ✓ Huge shed/workshop has plumbing + electricity-easily covert to flat (STCA)

- ✓ Infinity style pool + covered alfresco space – perfect for entertaining
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- 5 Ryces Drive, Clunes. Sat 10–10.30am
- 49 Main Arm Road, Mullumbimby. Sat 11–11.30am
- 251 Rosebank Road, Rosebank. Sat 11–11.30am
- 7 Tinderbox Road, Bangalow. Sat 1–1.30pm

FIRST NATIONAL BYRON BAY

- 43 Jacaranda Drive, Byron Bay. Wed 1–1.30pm
- 35 Parrot Tree Place, Bangalow. Thur 10–10.30am
- 6–8 Browning Street, Byron Bay. Thur 10–10.30am
- 3/9 Ruskin Street, Byron Bay. Thur 2–2.30pm
- 7 Eureka Road, Rosebank. Thur 5–5.30pm
- 26/33–35 Childe Street, Byron Bay. Fri 1–1.30pm
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- 17 Palm Lily Place, Bangalow. Sat 10.30–11am
- 7 Eureka Road, Rosebank. Sat 11–11.30am
- 85 Station Street, Mullumbimby. Sat 12–12.30pm
- 115 Station Street, Mullumbimby. Sat 1–1.30pm
- 14 Orchid Place, Mullumbimby. Sat 1–1.30pm
- 3/9 Ruskin Street, Byron Bay. Sat 2–2.30pm

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- 2/53 Gibbon Street, Lennox Head. Sat 10–10.30am
- 18 Tara Downs, Lennox Head. Sat 10–10.30am
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- 17 Amber Drive, Lennox Head. Sat 11–11.30am
- 200 North Creek Road, Lennox Head. Sat 12–12.30pm
- 55 Amber Drive, Lennox Head. Sat 12–12.30pm
- 3/88 Ballina Street, Lennox Head. Sat 1–1.30pm
- 11 Pacific Heights Drive, Lennox Head. Sat 1–1.30pm
- 2/88 Ballina Street, Lennox Head. Sat 2–2.30pm

MCGRATH BYRON BAY

- 46 Beardow Street, Lismore Heights. Sat 9–9.30am
- 1/33 Scott Street, Byron Bay. Sat 10–10.30am
- 13 Beachside Drive, Suffolk Park. Sat 10–10.30am
- 13 Remnant Drive, Clunes. Sat 10–10.30am
- 133 Foresters Way, Tintenbar. Sat 10.30–11am
- 15 Wollumbin Street, Byron Bay. Sat 11–11.30am
- 128 Lighthouse Road, Byron Bay. Sat 12–12.30pm
- 61 Caniaba Crescent, Suffolk Park. Sat 12–12.30pm
- Lot 10/213 Coorabell Road, Coorabell. Sat 12–12.30pm

RAINE & HORNE OCEAN SHORES

- 404 Middle Pocket Road, Middle Pocket. Sat 11am–12pm
- 24 Graeme Avenue, Goonellabah. Sat 1.30–2pm

Auctions

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- 1 Bannister Court, Bangalow. Thurs 9th February 2017

FIRST NATIONAL BYRON BAY

- 35 Parrot Tree Place, Bangalow. Auction 21st January at 10am, unless sold prior. Auction Guide \$1,050,000 to \$1,150,000
- 60 Bay Vista Lane, Ewingsdale. Auction Pending
- 5/110 Lighthouse Road, Byron Bay. Auction Pending. Guide \$860,000 to \$946,000

LOIS BUCKETT REAL ESTATE LENNOX HEAD

- 4 Byron Street, Lennox Head. Thurs 9th February 12pm Ballina RSL
- 3/88 Ballina Street, Lennox Head. Sat 11th February onsite
- 2/88 Ballina Street, Lennox Head. Sat 11th February onsite

MCGRATH BYRON BAY

- 46 Beardow Street, Lismore Heights. Sat 4th February 12pm
- 1/33 Scott Street, Byron Bay. Sat 11th February 10am
- 13 Beachside Drive, Suffolk Park. Sat 18th February 10am
- 15 Wollumbin Street, Byron Bay. Sat 18th February 11am
- 128 Lighthouse Road, Byron Bay. Sat 18th February 12pm
- 13 Remnant Drive, Clunes. Sat 18th February 1.45pm
- 95 Tristar Parade, Mullumbimby. Sat 18th February 3pm
- 2/33 Coogera Circuit, Suffolk Park. Sat 25th February 11.30am

New Listings

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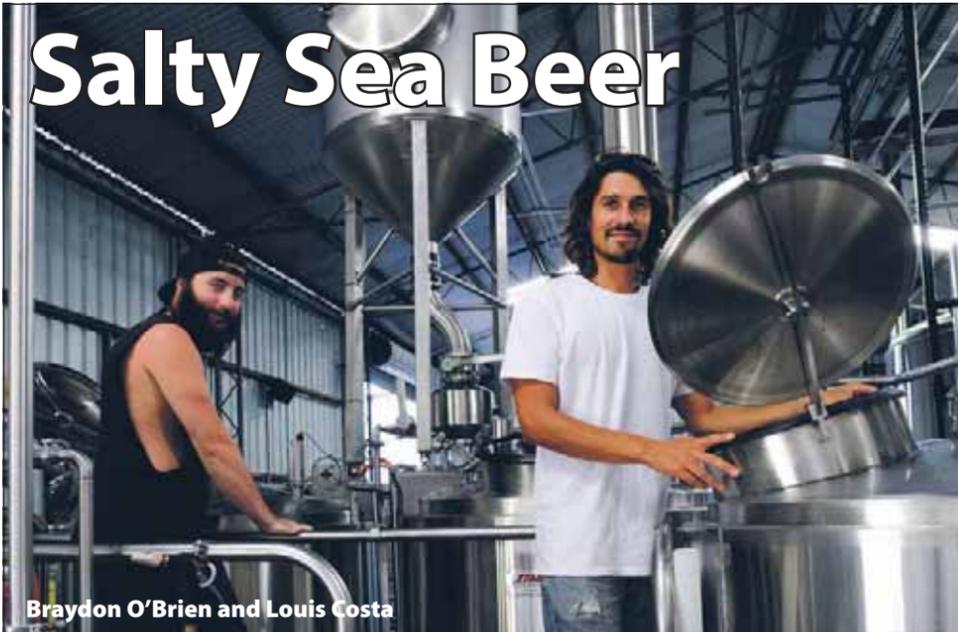
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Salty Sea Beer



Braydon O'Brien and Louis Costa



It's okay to drop in on a brewer: surfer/activist and Patagonia ambassador Dave Rastovich, Byron Bay Surf Festival founder and director James McMillan, Patagonia Byron Bay's Glen Casey, surfer Chrystal Fitzgerald, Stone & Wood brewer Louis Costa, BBSF director Max Tischler.

Stone & Wood Brewing Co have a unique local beer bubbling away in a tank for the upcoming Byron Bay Surf Festival.

The festival organisers along with freesurfer and environmental activist Dave Rastovich and Glen Casey from Patagonia Byron Bay dropped in to the Stone & Wood brewery yesterday to collaborate on the Pilot Batch brew with the brewing team.

The festival chose Stone & Wood as a partner because of their high social, economic and environmental standards. 'We could have aligned ourselves with big brands with big dollar signs, making life so much easier running a festival, but we have decided to partner with brands that are all about community initiatives as part of profits. For us this means it might take longer for us to

be a commercial success, but it is worth it as we will be a community success, which means much more to us when we look back on what we have created,' festival director Max Tischler said.

The crew wanted the beer to reflect the festival's surf culture vibe, choosing native coastal ingredients. 'It's not just based on any lime-and-salt combo,' Max said.

'It's a thirst-quenching Belgium Blonde brewed using local finger limes and Pacific Ocean sea salt,' according to Stone & Wood brewer Louis Costa.

The beer will be released at the festival's Saturday Slide on 25 February at the Beach Hotel and will be on tap at Stone & Wood's tasting room over that weekend.

Call for more research on carbohydrates

The Barilla Centre for Food and Nutrition has called for more research on the role of carbohydrates in diets such as the Mediterranean model. In particular they say that nutritious plant-based carbohydrates, that are not 'overly burdensome on the planet', and 'whole grain, rich in fibre and with a low glycemic response' are the pillar of a healthy diet, and more research is needed to agree on a means of distinguishing them from refined, sugar-laden carbohydrates.

They also say we have a problem communicating scientific information, and that, 'today's consumers struggle to understand the physiological impact of



carbohydrate foods, and cannot identify which fulfil the requirements of a sustainable and healthy diet.'

Adding Deluxe to Burgers



Owner Heartmut Nauss. There's a certain hip style to The Empire; serving frozen margaritas during the Friday night happy hour.

The Empire Café (and deluxe burger bar) Mullumbimby has a certain style to it, as well as a lot of history.

The walls have been rendered, and here and there the render has been removed to reveal chunks of the old red brick walls of the old Simpson building that houses it. On the walls are black-and-white photos of historic, and iconic Mullumbimby scenes and street signs.

Historic cafe of Mullumbimby

There are booths, and wooden floors and old flags, and of course the cafe's insignia is the Crown, recalling the days when the Empire Café stood proudly adjacent to the Empire Theatre cinema. According to Kevin Cork (see kythera-family.net) Anthony Peters/Pizimolas owned both the cafe and the cinema for some time in the period 1945-65 that he operated the cinema, with both establishments being known as 'Peters' to the local youth.

Of course the cafe has a history prior to 1945. According to *The Aliens of the Tweed and Brunswick* by Peter Tscialas it is built almost on the site of the Carkagis's cafe, the venue of a 1909 meeting that led to the formation of the Brunswick Heads Surf Life Saving Club. In 1911 that building was one of seven between Dalley Street and Mallams that was destroyed by fire, but when the Simpson's

building was rebuilt in 1912 the Carkagis re-established their cafe, now called the Empire, in almost the same position.

The Empire cinema, after intermittent screenings into the 1980s, was finally demolished in 1994, but the cafe survives.

That cafe, after numerous refurbishments, is still known as The Empire. Its beautiful oak floor, although it looks old, was in fact gifted to the cafe by the Uplift Festival; it was formerly the basketball court at the Byron Sports Centre.

The modern Empire

Current owners Iris and Heartmut Nauss have continued the tradition of keeping the cafe up with the times, serving a huge variety of deluxe burgers, and of course there's a happy hour every Friday and Saturday 5-6pm serving frozen margaritas or the weekly special cocktail for \$10, Stone & Wood beers for \$6 and selected burgers, nachos and poutine for \$10. A poutine is a dish based around chips covered in cheese curds with a gravy on top.

More info: The Empire, 20 Burringbar St Mullumbimby.

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If you're thinking to yourself, 'The Barilla group make an enormous amount of money from selling pasta, they would say that,' they agree, acknowledging that there is a 'prevailing suspicion about the objectivity of private-sector research.'

Concepts such as 'serving sizes' and 'balanced diets' are not agreed upon, and letting the manufacturer determine them is a 'flawed' system, according to Choice Australia, who say, 'Serving sizes are often inconsistent between comparable products, even within the same brands, and some are simply unrealistic.'

'Manufacturer-recommended serving sizes can be variable and unrealistic... so they shouldn't form the basis of a front-of-pack

labelling system for our food products,' according to Choice.

Barilla FCN also point to a need for more large-scale comparative studies conducted over a longer term, as opposed to short-term and narrow studies focusing on a single nutrient in isolation.

They also point to a lack of a research on the environmental social and economic impacts of our food choices. For example, whether eating plant-based food is more sustainable than feeding plants to animals, and then eating the animals.

If you wish to contribute to the debate prior to 15 February 2017, you can email public.consultation@barillacfn.com. For more info see www.barillacfn.com.

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THE CAT EMPIRE COME TO RED DEVILS



The genre-bending Cat are without a doubt one of the most fun live gigs I've ever been to. Impossible not to dance to, they enthuse fans with their uplifting mash-up of distinctive sounds. Singer/songwriter and percussionist Felix Riebl spoke with *The Echo* in the leadup to the double-header The Cat Empire are playing with Xavier Rudd.

After 10 years together as a band, how do you maintain the fire that keeps you being touted as one of the world's great 'party bands'?

It's a combination of factors, I'm sure. But I remember the first time we all rehearsed together, something exceptional happened, a chemical reaction. It's the stuff that binds bands, that unexplainable combustion, and while there are interesting topics to write about, and people from all over the world coming to our shows with the amount of energy they do, it's lively as hell.

What is a 'party band' btw?

I don't really like the expression *party band*; it seems to diminish the sense of reckless joy I get from writing and performing. I love music because it's able to take a huge range of emotions and ideas and turn them into a moment of real movement that *party* doesn't quite do justice to. Having said that, we've played hundreds and hundreds of festivals over the years, and we've celebrated dynamics and contrasts in our sound, and that's been a huge part of our collective story. Maybe 'party band' translates to 'festival band'.

What does it feel like to make people dance? Do you feel like the pied piper? Is it hard not to go nuts with the power?

When The Cat Empire was a trio, we often played in tiny, seated jazz clubs. I remember thinking to myself if only we could get them out of their seats. The first time it happened, it was such a rush, I can still recall the feeling; it was the bomb! The movement in the music is probably the most enjoyable thing. It's not a power you can easily contain; when it's good it just washes over you. I hope it's something similar for the audience.

The only time I felt like the pied piper was in the early days of touring, when we led a group of very drunk comedians and circus performers up to Arthur's Seat in the wee hours of Edinburgh... since then I haven't thought about it like that.

The Cat Empire has always had that wild onstage feel like anything can happen... could it? Or are you more tightly choreographed in your playing than you let on?

We came from a place of real chaos. Like those early Edinburgh concerts I told you about, really anything could happen, and often did. Over the years we've swayed between order and chaos, sometimes closer to one or the other. Generally the best shows still have the tension that's created by not knowing exactly what's coming next, but also a show that has a good arc.

What's the weirdest experience you've had touring and playing thus far?

Again, probably Edinburgh way back when. Images that come to mind are playing backing music to cut-mad comedians running onstage stark naked and screaming hilarious obscenities, starting at 3am each night and playing till 6am, chainsaw jugglers, sideways bagpipers, weird stalker fans showing their appreciation by throwing blood sausage onto the stage, stages full of people, us all sleeping on the floor of a single-room apartment, seeing only sunrise each day, living on warm beer and fried food. We were kids!

Your all-time standout show?

I'd probably have to say Royal Albert Hall in London. It was completely sold out and just one of those very special nights. I sang *Miserere* for the encore with my bother Max; that was a real moment for me personally.

Tell me about *Rising with the Sun*. How do you always manage to create such euphoric music?

I'm not sure exactly. Again, it's a combination of things, some collective and some very personal.

I feel as though the last two albums have been strong in that way though. As a songwriter, it's been a bumper patch, the ideas have been coming thick and fast. And as a band, maybe we've learned not to get in the way of ourselves too much, to just let it happen. Whatever it is, we've experienced a bit of a renaissance these last few years.

How did you record *Rising with the Sun*?

For one thing we didn't rehearse before we got into the studio. I had a collection of songs, and Harry had a few, and we wrote some in there. It meant the other musicians were hearing the songs as they were recording them, and that their early instincts for parts were often those we kept. In terms of the studio, we did it in Melbourne with Jan Skubiszewski at Way of the Eagle Studios. It's a simple and familiar space.

What will you be playing at your Byron show?

Ah you know, a combination of the new and old. Hopefully a few surprises. We're touring with Xavier and a mini-festival of bands, so fingers crossed there's some chaotic group moments in there as well.

Byron has always had a huge fondness for The Cat Empire. We always felt that we knew you were cool before the rest of the world caught on.

How do you feel about coming back to Byron?

Honestly, really excited. We recorded so much of our debut album up there; the place appears in songs; we've busked there; played almost every venue and festival, and the crowds have always been so up for it. It's going to be great to get back. It's a home away from home.

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Every time I speak to a baby I use that stupid high-pitched voice. I don't know why. I can't stop it. I see a baby and I start talking like a lunatic. I make my words long and drawn out like *hellooooooooooooo baybeeee*. It just looks at me. I think it likes me. I think it likes the baby-talk, so I keep going.

I go nuts on the baby-talk. I am cooing and smiling and it's dribbling like a beast. The baby is laughing. Or is it laughter or just that thing your face does when someone weirds you out and you can't stop smiling? I

wonder if the baby is thinking, 'This poor woman. Something is seriously wrong with her. I will keep smiling until she goes away. This is making me very very uncomfortable. Please don't let her have a "hold".'

I don't speak to all children like this. Just babies. I am not sure of the exact point where I address them like regular human beings. I guess it's when they're properly verbal and can't fight back. I only baby-talk to babies who can't say 'get fucked, you freak!' I wonder what this instinct to baby-talk is. It's possibly some

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sort of emotional connection. Perhaps babies respond better to higher-pitched tones. Or they like it when we appear more stupid than them.

Maybe it's some primitive setting we have as human beings that aids language development. But I can't see how. When you baby-talk you make language more complex and wildly inaccurate. You say things like 'choo choo train' and 'broom broom car'. I may have this wrong but I don't recall adult humans declaring that they have to leave to catch the choo choo train or that they couldn't find anywhere to park their broom broom car. Maybe those with an adult baby fetish and a penchant for nappies and having their genitals powdered,

but not regular grown-ups.

When we go to the doctor we don't say, 'I am here because of a pain in my tum tum and a very painful bot bot'. No, baby-talk does not seem to facilitate language development. In fact, I'm no linguist, but I reckon it probably impedes it. Baby-talk does, however, help you feel love and connection. When I speak in a high-pitched voice to a baby I feel this incredible rush of love for the cuteness. It's like the cuteness explodes my brain. It goes into overload and I can't talk properly. I wonder whether it's like another language just made up of tonal rolls and squeals and coos.

Behavioural scientists called this caretaker speech *Motherese*.

Interestingly it's gender based. Men don't seem to do it. It's the cuteness I think that makes me speak like a fuckwit. Although, thankfully, it doesn't happen when I meet a cute man. I would be a very lonely woman today if every time I'd met someone I fancied I started high-pitch baby-talking him, 'Helloooooo... who's a little cutie... who's a little cutie... bdbdbdbd'.

Although my internet research has revealed there is a sector of the community who prefer their women infantilised rather than empowered.

It's not just babies. I talk to animals like this, too. Mainly because I think, like babies, animals can't talk back. They

just feel sorry for you. Although they do seem to love it. 'Who's a beautiful boy. Who's a beautiful boy,' seems to bring my dog great pleasure. And possibly my husband, but I only scratch his tummy when I want something.

When I was meditating on my baby-talk addiction I realised I don't do this at the zoo. I don't talk to wild or captured animals like this. Only domestic animals such as cats and dogs. I wouldn't stand at the gorilla cage and coo, 'who is a big beautiful boy look at you big sweetie'. That would be demeaning to his big hairy gorilla masculinity. And besides, the poor bastard is behind bars. It doesn't seem right to coo-coo a prisoner.

I have tried to stop it. But I can't. It's like a cute baby/fluffy puppy reflex. In my opinion there's only one thing weirder than people who high-pitch baby-talk to infants... and that's people who don't.

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REHEARSING FOR HEAVEN

Rehearsing for Heaven, the world-renowned acappella singing workshop with global choral leader Tony Backhouse, returns to Mullumbimby this Saturday.

Kiwi Tony Backhouse founded Australia's longest-running gospel group, The Cafe at the Gate of Salvation, more than 30 years ago, plus other small and large gospel groups all over the world. He's taught at major musical institutions, collaborated with gospel choir leaders in American churches, Italian churches, Samoan churches, and toured singers through these authentic cultural revelations for more than a decade.

But Tony is most beloved because of his absolute gift of getting folks singing in harmony, instantly, seemingly effortlessly, and always joyously! Don't miss this annual chance to let your voice and spirit rise, with the master, and a whole bunch of other enthusiasts! Open to all levels of singers, the spontaneous choir session will raise the roof, exploring traditional gospel music and related styles, in one wild afternoon.

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LOVING, LIVING AND LENNON

In 1992, twelve years after Lennon's death, Waters and D'Arrietta first conceived and performed *Lennon: Through a Glass Onion* on a small stage at the Tilbury Hotel in Sydney. The show was an instant success. In the years that followed, Waters and D'Arrietta toured the show and played sold-out engagements at venues including the Sydney Opera House. The show performed a three-month engagement in London's West End.

'Its been fantastic the response the show is receiving, especially from the younger audiences that are coming along, some of whom were not even born when Lennon and The Beatles were recording and releasing their music. It's a testament to the legacy of the man and his music that still excites and intrigues people to this day,' says Waters.

'The song *Glass Onion* was John Lennon's postscript to The Beatles. It had such a strong image of crystal-ball gazing and peeling away the layers that it inspired the format for this show - a kaleidoscopic collage of song, word, emotion and image,' agrees D'Arrietta with Waters.

For the audience this is either an emotional trip down memory lane or a wonderful introduction to the life and times of one of the most fascinating icons of our time.

Just returned from New York, *Lennon Through a Glass Onion* also appeared at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival last year. Two Byron shows: **Friday 27** and **Saturday 28 January** at the **Byron Community Centre**. www.byroncentre.com.au 6685 6807.

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JIMMY BUFFETT COMING FOR BLUESFEST

years; off the top of your head name five. Here's your chance to learn some new tunes for your Aussie repertoire. The songbook for Miss Amber and Stukulele's Australia Day – 'Modern Australian' – **Uke Night** is shaping up to be a very satisfying, playable and enjoyable collection. **Thursday 26 January at Mullum Ex-Services** from 6.30pm.

GETTING IN SHAPES

Novocastrian experimental folk mainstays **Vanishing Shapes** play Byron this week on the last leg of their fifth tour. This will see the band's first appearances in Queensland and a return to the northern rivers region, where their style was endearingly dubbed 'fairy music' during their last visit. Vanishing Shapes' songs hint at melodic characteristics of music from Celtic, Turkish and Andean traditions with rhythmic ideas stemming from more juxtaposing influences, such as math rock, while other traits of their music display influences

from the realms of classical and jazz. Despite the bizarre combination of styles behind their sound, Vanishing Shapes have found a home for their music in some unexpected places.

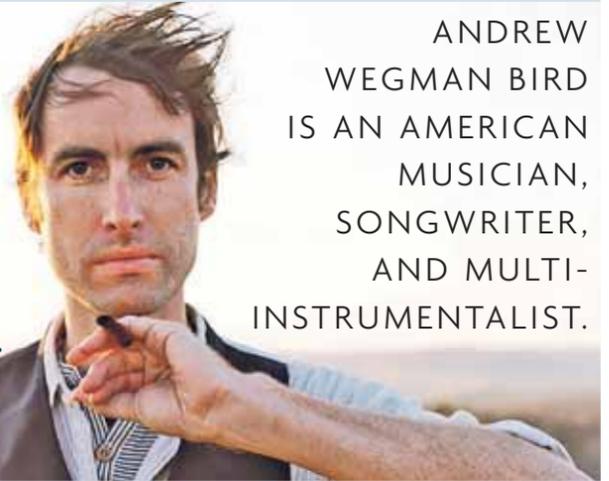
Receiving support from small festivals, warehouse and house party scenes as well as supporting national and international touring acts such as Afenginn, The Crooked Fiddle Band and Asta. They play the **Treehouse** in Belongil on **Thursday** and **Saturday** at the **Rails**.

A BUFFETT BUFFET AT BLUES

Bluesfest is thrilled to be starting the new year on a high note by announcing the king of Margaritaville himself, **Jimmy Buffett and The Coral Reefers**, will be performing exclusively in Australia at Bluesfest in 2017. Could there be a location more perfect for an artist famous for hits such as *Cheeseburger in Paradise*, *Changes in Latitudes*, *Changes in Attitudes* and of course the

classic *Margaritaville*. For the few who are uninitiated, singer/songwriter/author Jimmy Buffett has become a legend of popular culture. He has recorded more than fifty albums, most of which have gone gold, platinum or multi-platinum. His sold-out concert tours are an annual rite of summer for his legions of fans, affectionately known as Parrotheads, many of whom are professionals by day and who dress in spectacular and outrageous tropical outfits and headwear when Jimmy comes to town. In 2016 the song *Margaritaville* was inducted into the Grammy Hall of Fame for its cultural and historical significance. Only those recordings that have influenced and inspired both music creators and fans for generations are considered for this most special honour. Bluesfest is very happy to be making the dreams of the many Parrotheads around Australia come true this **Easter**. For tickets and program info go to **bluesfest.com.au**.

FLIPPING OUT TO THE BIRD



ANDREW WEGMAN BIRD IS AN AMERICAN MUSICIAN, SONGWRITER, AND MULTI-INSTRUMENTALIST.

He was initially known through his work with the band Squirrel Nut Zippers before forming Bowl of Fire, and is now best known as a solo musician. Andrew Bird takes five minutes to share with us some of the artists and songs that have shaped his life! The singer/songwriter and multi-instrumentalist will be returning to Australia this year off the back of his latest release *Are You Serious*.

What is the album on high rotation in your car at the moment?

Jackie Mittoo *Studio One Hits*.

What was your wedding song?

Schubert *Piano Trio in E flat*. The slow movement.

Your favourite songs to cover at the moment?

Too Close / On My Way To Heaven by The Staples Singers. Anything by The Handsome Family. *Perfect Day* by Lou Reed. *Harvest* by Neil Young.

If you could sing a duet with anyone dead or alive, who would it be?

Nina Simone.

Your all-time blues hero is... why?

Charley Patton. He didn't fit the mould of the 12-bar blues.

His songs have a hymn-like quality; they feel like they belong to the Caribbean as much as Mississippi. No-one has really sounded like him since.

Andrew Bird performs at **Bluesfest** opening night. For program and ticket info go to **bluesfest.com.au**.

What is the one song that reminds you of growing up, and why?

If I Said You Had a Beautiful Body Would You Hold It Against Me – The Bellamy Brothers. I grew up playing classical music but my dad kept things real with some questionable country and he played this song all the time in the car.

What is the song that gets you on the dancefloor every time?

I've Been Watching You (Move Your Sexy Body) – Parliament Funkadelic, or James Brown.

What is the song that's always busted out when no-one is around – why?

Herbie Hancock – *Mwandishi*. I listen to it in my studio on electrostatic speakers and it's the trippiest listen ever. Not a hit with my family though.

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COMING IN TANDEM

BYRON BAY SURF FESTIVAL DIRECTORS JAMES MCMILLAN AND MAX TISCHLER SPOKE WITH *THE ECHO* ABOUT THEIR UPCOMING EVENT AND WHO'S WHO IN THE SURFY ZOO.



Why did you move to Byron?

James: In 2002 I was on the north shore of Oahu in Hawaii hanging out with Jack Johnson and the Malloy brothers compiling stories and photos for my book *Blue Yonder*. Early one morning I was out surfing at Waimea Bay. I dropped in to a wave, made it through, and coasted in to the channel to a welcoming hoot from the only other haole in the water. Dan was living in Byron Bay and running a surf biz. After a few days hanging out and surfing together he told me there'd be a job waiting for me if I ever made the move north from my hometown of Cronulla. Between 2002 and '05 I made two road trips to Byron, visiting George Greenough and Dick Hoole. Those two legends of surfing, where they live and the lifestyle they live, was enough to lure me north for good right after my book was published late in 2005.

Max: Probably like many other people – I was chasing a girl.

James, how did the festival come about in the first place?

In the winter of 2010 I was spending many days fixing surfboards in an old shed on Skinners Shoot Road just outside Byron town. I was thinking about new projects a lot and how surfing and art had played a big part in my life and livelihood. I was showing my art in Japan quite regularly around that time and I'd just returned from a festival there in Tokyo, where I was part of a show with Thomas Campbell, Taylor Steele, Andrew Kidman, Hanai Yusuke, Alex Knost, Joe Curren, and local filmmaker Mick Waters. It was a blast, and I thought the idea of showing cool stuff, as a way of sharing the things I loved and believed in, to a mass of people was great. There was no shortage of surf culture out there, but this niche that I was a part of, which was a bit more underground at the time, was definitely worth sharing. And I was naïve enough to actually try to do it.

What excites you about BBSF 2017?

James: The time of year – surf should be pumping!

Max: The groundswell of anticipation within the local community has been so welcomed. Having taken the year hiatus we were hoping people missed the festival, and the response thus far would indicate the town is excited to have it back.

What is your hope for BBSF 2017?

James: That it is fun, that it educates and brings happiness. That it proves to be financially sustainable so we can continue doing it.

Max: We hope that people feel inspired by the festival, personally and professionally.

Tell me about the guests you have coming this year who really excite you.

James: Very stoked to have G.love coming.. Also the Goodwin family. I am very inspired by the life. Also Jack McCoy, highly revered and respected.

Who should come to BBSF 2017?

James: Anyone who want surf, arts, shapes, fashions, yogas, eats and loves the beach.

Max: Everyone and their mums.

24-26 February, Byron Bay Surf Festival: visit www.byronbaysurffestival.com.au.

Read the full interview at: www.echo.net.au/coming-in-tandem

SIMPLY INCORRUPTIBLE...



MONGREL ARTS PROJECT AND THE DRILL HALL THEATRE COMPANY PRESENT LOIS NOWRA'S CLASSIC AUSTRALIAN TRAGICOMEDY, *THE INCORRUPTIBLE*.

The Echo spoke with director and actor Gregory Aitken.

Why did you choose the play?

I have always admired Louis Nowra as a playwright and would mount an argument that he is Australia's best. Last year I re-read *The Incurruptible* and thought that it was such a fantastic play about Australian political corruption that I had just had to produce it. Though it was written in 1995, *The Incurruptible* resonates strongly with our world today. If you want to understand the mess we are in, see this play.

What does it say about the political landscape?

The play tells about the rise of a demagogue who is anti-democratic, anti-social justice and believes in selling off public assets to private enterprise. Sound familiar? Ion Stafford (played by Daryl White) is a complex man, a loner, who is driven by his strong will and the need to change the world into his or his parents' straightened image. The character is based on the Depression, southern USA politician Huey Long, and Queensland's Joh Bjelke Petersen. He could be any number of right-wing politicians in Australia, the USA and Europe now. Ion Stafford is a beguiling sociopath. The fun of the play is that the audience may be charmed by his simplistic view of the world and then horrified that they are.

How does delving into the political past help us understand who we are today? By the way, who are we today?

There are two quotations that inform our production. The first is by the late American playwright Eugene O'Neill.

'As the history of the world proves, the truth has no bearing on anything. It's irrelevant and immaterial, as the lawyers say. The lie of the pipe dream is what gives life to the whole misbegotten mad lot of us, drunk or sober.'

The other I found in a recent *Monthly* article by Richard Cooke: 'They (the American people) have decided the system is a circus, so they are sending in a clown. Trump marks the point at which many Americans decided their politics was so corrupt that he would be incorruptible.' Well if that's the case they got it wrong.

For most of us working on *The Incurruptible*, the play has been a form of therapy in how to cope in these unsettling times.

Why are we are drawn to psychopaths as leaders?

There is certainly a case that Ion Stafford, *The Incurruptible*, is a psychopath but I will let the audience decide. Louise Porter (played by Kasadevi Curtis,) who is the premier's press secretary, is the metaphor for the populace, the audience. At first she finds Ion Stafford repulsive but slowly falls in love with him. In uncertain times people are attracted by politicians who have convictions. These days they are usually always on the right. So the evangelical conservative right-wing politicians' simple message of selling a pipe dream attracts the gullible and desperate, while the left offers a kind of mourning for the end of the world. This production of *The Incurruptible* provides a portal of mutually entertaining anguish. As a nation we trust leaders who tout a 'vision' for something better or a fiction of an idyllic past. For the conservatives the plan is to scare the bejesus out of or into us while making nonsense claims. As for the left, they appear to have given up the ghost.

What should we expect from the Drill Hall production?

Magnificent acting, a stylish production and a brilliant play. Theatre is best when it is a collaboration. If I have any talent it is to bring together a team of very creative people. I have a director friend who said to me that 'an audience will travel a hundred kilometres to see a moment of truth onstage.' If he is right then I would travel a thousand kilometres or more to see this show.

The Incurruptible opens on **Australia Day, 26 January**, at the **Drill Hall Theatre**, Mullumbimby, and runs for seven performances until 5 February. For online bookings and more information go to drillhalltheatre.org.au.

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Stars with Lilith

Mercury's forward move reboots this week's cosmic computer for a second chance at doing something over, approaching it again in a new and different way...

♈ ARIES: Engaging with drama's absolutely not advised this week; much better to step away and let it play without your cooperation. Channel any urges to set things right into tidying up and bringing order to life's small, unfinished chores. Sound boring? Sure - but you'll also find it satisfying, rewarding and fulfilling.

♉ TAURUS: Feeling overwhelmed with too much on your plate even for a Tauran not generally daunted by large helpings? Then break this week's to-do list down into small bite-size pieces, one thing at a time, step by manageable step. Revise your estimates of what's achievable, and/or ask for help.

♊ GEMINI: Suggested strategy for this week's harsh judgements and sharp remarks? Rather than batting back with an instant reply, try letting provocative comments just lie in silence so everyone gets the chance to really hear and assess them. That said, low-key local activities and practical pleasures are currently your most enjoyable options.

♋ CANCER: This week's citizens can be picky, cranky, argumentative, defensive and impossible to please, making it one of those times your lateral crab-walk's absolutely invaluable for side-stepping spiky situations. More welcome news is late week Sun in your economic zone brightening the financial future, inviting others back onto your wavelength.

♌ LEO: If this week seems to be raining on your parade of new year ideas, wet-blanketing your enthusiasm, what to do? Whatever it takes to keep your love-light shining. Be generous and help where you can - there are plenty of valuable alliances and useful connections ready to be made.

♍ VIRGO: The passionate triffecta of Venus, Mars and Neptune in your zone of personal connection puts intense emphasis on relationships of all kinds this week. It's essential to keep criticism to a minimum to avoid verbal flare-ups. While not lowering the limbo bar too far, remember that expectation's the mother of disappointment.

♎ LIBRA: Best approach to this week's irritable residuals? Objective, conservative and practical. Fortunately there's plenty of planetary assist for finding common ground and brokering mutually useful solutions. One on one discussions are better for drawing differing agendas together; clashing group opinions more likely to drive things further apart.

♏ SCORPIO: After a possibly unpromising kickoff of criticism and complaints, you'll be pleased to hear this week segues into the fun zone when late week moon settles into your sign. In the meantime, there's no finer advice than Scorpio songwriter Johnny Mercer's: *Accentuate the positive, eliminate the negative...* and don't mess with Mr In-Between.

♐ SAGITTARIUS: It wouldn't hurt right now to revise some of your assumptions, and say yes to events you'd usually dismiss. But if this week's itchy-scratchy characteristics don't appeal to even your adventurous self, then investigate the road less travelled. Whatever you decide, do it differently, take a fresh approach...

♑ CAPRICORN: Looks like we could all be in for a dose of aired resentments, noxious gossip, olympic nagging and/or acrimonious venting. Which may take every erg of your Capricorn determination, leadership skills and creativity to steer this week's ship of dissatisfied travellers towards some sort of precarious accord and harmonious outcomes.

♒ AQUARIUS: It mightn't be easy to see the potential benefits embedded in this week's grouchy encounters. But listening and learning will help in discerning Jupiter's silver lining, as some things suddenly crumble while others finally begin to crystallize when late week sun lights up your sociable sign for a month of Aquarian birthdays.

♓ PISCES: If ever there was a week to dress for success this is it. Be selective, not only about how you present yourself, but also who you spend time with, listen to, take notice of. And be pro-active. Others aren't just going to take your ideas and run with them - you'll have to follow through.



IT'S WHAT'S UNDERNEATH THAT COUNTS...

Annette Luce is a New York City trained dancer. As a performing artist and teacher of Sexy Spirits in New York City Annetta has also moonlighted as a stripper in clubs. At this year's Taste of Love Festival she teaches both men and women the sacred art of stripping.

You are running workshops called Sacred Art of Stripping. How do you make something that has been pornographised to an extent into something sacred?

If we imagine that sex is natural, beautiful and sacred then it is a celebration of our naturalness and we can honour its many expressions. Pornography, good or bad, fills the vacuum left in our society. A society that lacks knowledge of sacred sexuality and rites of passage. People do not even have rudimentary teachings of sexuality and much less sacred sexuality. People have heard assumptions passed on, men learn from buddies in locker rooms etc. Lack of knowledge spawns a rift between the genders.

How do people feel after they have performed?

Sexual self-confidence. The body can be your ally. A renewed sense that it is better to have freedom in sensual expression.

How is stripping different for men and for women?

Stripping does reveal the differences for how men and women step into that space of performing. I like using this metaphor that uses qualities of the elements for looking at these differences. Women are like the element of water and men are like the element of fire. Since women are like nature there is mysterious essence that each woman exudes. For men it is a dance of virility and craftsmanship with moving precision from the depth of maleness. More about finding your attitude and approach for your strip.

What should we expect from you and your workshops at TOL?

Be the energetic presence that can fill a room, any room, any situation! To peek into your own interior pleasure vault of your sexual persona. Know how he or she wants to dress, how much you want to reveal or not reveal and to feel your own self-seduction. Costuming (but not of the traditional stripper gear) allows transformation to be seen in other facets of your sexual persona. Participants are encouraged to bring clothes or costumes that are outside the social ideas of what strippers wear. No corsets, just a body, encouraged to move with grace and sensuality. There is a 'costume box' that holds the promise of silky fabrics, flowing garb so one may feel their skin.

Stripping itself is socialised carrying a lot of baggage: what is acceptable and taboo. One has to be present and conscious, actually embodied, to strip from a place of authenticity.

Annetta Luce presents **The Art of Stripping** at the **Taste of Love Festival. Friday 20 till Sunday 22 January.** For program and ticket information go to tasteoflove.com.au.

Read the full interview at: www.echo.net.au/its-whats-underneath-that-counts

CULTURE

THE CONNECTED UNIVERSE

The Connected Universe film is a visually sumptuous meditative journey into the world of one of the most interesting thinkers of our generation, 'alternative physicist' Nassim Hamein. It explores Nassim's radically new scientific basis for the interconnectivity of everything from particles and galaxies to human beings. The film is narrated by *Star Trek* captain Sir Patrick Stewart. There will be an introduction by locals Pratima and Narada, who have been deeply immersed in Nassim's work for the last few years.

Screening **Saturday** at the **Drill Hall** at 7.30pm. \$15

CON'VAG'SATIONS

After the sellout performance of last year, this informal and diverse collective of some of Byron Shire's many powerful and creative women, aged from 17 to 80, have gathered to share their own personal stories about the most intimate area of a woman's body: our vaginas. This show is a part of the global revolution of V-Day, to end violence against women and children around the world. Fresh from the early-morning Main Beach flashmob dance at 7.30am, the women will be using poetry, spoken word, song and comedy to share their experiences, and inspire communication and connection.

Vagina ConVersations is funny, sad, exciting, challenging, and celebratory, and is a more contemporary evolution of the well known *Vagina Monologues*, bringing a fresh local flavour and a courageous, empowering evening to our own community.

Generously sponsored by the Community Centre, all proceeds will go to support Byron Escape Fund for the Women's Resource Service. Show sold out last year so get tickets now.

February 14 and 15 at Byron Theatre at 7.30pm.



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FOOTY SHOW FAVE FOR BIG GIG

There won't be a better way to celebrate Australia Day this year than at the Ballina RSL's **Big Gig** than with *Footy Show* favourite, Mick Meredith. After more than a dozen appearances on the show, his work has been described by football giants as 'outstanding'. Musical comic Mick has a style that has been described as laidback and cheeky. You will be losing it with his razor-sharp loveable wit. Mick is the quintessential Aussie bloke - with a twist. The twist is he's darkly funny and ridiculously talented in the musical department. Mick always had a love for standup comedy and gave it a crack in the 1990s at the legendary Harold Park Hotel. Since then he has appeared and headlined in every major comedy venue in Australia. Mick is joined by the laidback and laconic Marty Lappan as support, and Mandy Nolan as MC.

Ballina RSL, Thursday 26 January, 8pm. Free.



THE SURPRISINGLY POWERFUL YET MORALLY WEAK MANDY NOLAN IS THE MC AT HOME CRAFTED COMEDY, THE NEWEST STANDUP COMEDY OPEN MIC ON THE COAST, AT THE BYRON BREWERY ON THURSDAY

JUICY ART

Experience the best from local mosaic artists at their exhibition **Following the Juice** at **Lone Goat Gallery**. Rich in colour and diversity, this exhibition is a must-see for locals and visitors alike this summer. All welcome to the opening on **Friday** at 6pm, then on show until 30 January.

HOME CRAFTED COMEDY AT THE BREWERY

Last month saw the Byron Brewery launch standup open mic comedy in the beergarden. Proving to be a hotbed of new comedy talent, the bill is full with comedy wannabes, keen to try their hand at the dark art of standup. The great thing about standup is that people don't care if you're famous. They're interested in seeing you. The 'real' you. In fact the 'realler' the you that you can show an audience, generally the more successful you will be on stage. No topics are off limits; standup offers a smorgasbord of ideas, values,

concepts and beliefs, all distilled into a cleverly crafted gag. Standup comedian Mandy Nolan hosts this month's open mic. **Home Crafted Comedy** at the **The Byron Brewery** on the third Thursday of every month at 8pm. That's this **Thursday!** 'This should be fun,' laughs Nolan. 'It's the day after my 49th birthday. I should almost be done sulking by then!'

COMEDY IN THE GARDEN!

This February, **Byron Brewery** launches FREE headline comedy shows in their iconic beer garden. Offering patrons the kind of show you'd usually be paying big bucks for, the good people at the Brewery are brewing up big monthly laughs with a headline comedy night scheduled for the first Friday of every month. This is in addition to their regular third Thursday of the month Home Crafted Comedy open mic night.

Launching the very first **Comedy in the Garden** is **Lindsay Webb**.

Friday 3 February at 8pm. Free show!

BY JOHN CAMPBELL



JACKIE

It's a big ask when the weight of any movie is meant to be carried by countless close-ups of its central character – in this case Jackie Kennedy, the tragic widow of president John F Kennedy, assassinated in November 1963. Natalie Portman is up for the gig – her copycat speech of the first lady is in every way as impressive as costume and makeup's 'look' – but there is something 'not there', something unbridgeably remote about the woman she portrays, which is in all likelihood exactly what she intended. With constant time-jumps, some of which are not always immediately comprehensible, Chilean director Pablo Larraín splits his story between a pliable journo's (Billy Crudup) one-on-one interview with Jackie only days after that fateful day in Dallas, and her reactions to the ghastly event that changed her life (and American history). Portman's is an icy performance – her Jackie is detached and self-absorbed, always image conscious, with a façade that hints at being naïve, if not a little simple – though not so simple that she is unable to censor what might be written about her. All the time, however, it must be remembered that barely hours beforehand she had seen her beloved husband's brains blown out while they were sitting together in the presidential limo (it is an horrific scene). How would anybody behave in those circumstances? It is an intensely personal and claustrophobic film, notwithstanding the contrary (and lasting) legacy of Jacqueline Bouvier/Kennedy/Onassis as a prototype of the modern celebrity icon. The famous TV program in which she took viewers into the White House is cleverly re-staged and related to her obsessive concerns with her own place in the grand scheme of things as she went about creating 'Camelot' in Washington. Meticulous care is taken in art direction and period, which makes it all the more difficult to accept the casting of Peter Sarsgaard as Bobby Kennedy – he does not look (or sound) a bit like him and in a movie so painstaking in detail it was enough to throw me.



WHY HIM?

This is more or less a *Guess Who's Coming To Dinner* movie for a cruder age. And if you were devoted to *Breaking Bad*, it's not too much of a stretch to see it as a Mister White and Jesse rom/com – only with a cuter Jesse. Ned (Brian Cranston) owns a printing business that is going backwards under the onslaught of digital communication. His beautiful daughter Stephane (Zoey Deutch), unbeknown to him, has hooked up with Laird (James Franco), a foul-mouthed wizz-kid who has made g'zillions from creating computer games. So it is old fogey v annoying hipster, with predictable jokes and a foreseeable outcome – and it is unspeakably embarrassing that I enjoyed it so much. A lot has to do with Franco, who is one of the most charming idiots on screen these days, and his combination with the dour Cranston. As Barb, Ned's missus, Megan Mullally channels Tina Fey to great effect, and if their son Scotty (Griffin Gluck) is hard to take as the teen nerd, Keegan-Michael Key, as Gustav the houseboy, manages to upstage them all in a couple of scenes – the one that involves his entering the bathroom to help Ned cope with the paperless toilet while seated on the 'throne' with his pants down is hilarious. Overall, it's a typical example of an enjoyable but run-of-the-mill flick that almost shoots itself in the foot with an early overindulgence

in gross language and crass behaviour. It is as though director John Hamburg has the preconception that his audience is only capable of appreciating humour that is peppered with *fuck* and set-ups that allude to nothing more intelligent than bodily functions. Surprise surprise – with a well written and neatly observed story that is enhanced by a cast who knows exactly how to work their lines and grow their characters, the needless vulgarity subsides and a clever farce emerges. And for Kiss tragics, the appearance of Gene and Paul in stage drag is an absolute hoot.

THE LONG HISTORY OF SHORTS



AFTER KICKING OFF AT BONDI PAVILION TO RECORD CROWDS, FLICKERFEST STARTS ITS NATIONAL TOUR IN MULLUMBIMBY.

The Echo spoke with festival director Bronwynn Kidd about the event she has headed up for two decades.

What are the films that you are most excited about this year?

Once again we had more than 2,500 entries received for our 2017 festival and have distilled this down to around 122 films in competition, of which just more than 40 festival highlights will screen in Byron, so I'm very excited about the quality, creativity and inspiration of all the films we are screening in Mullumbimby. I have lots of favourites but really enjoyed *The Eleven O'Clock*, a great comedy in the Australian program, and the delightful *Spice Sisters* starring local comedian Sandy Ghandi. I was also really moved by *Nocturne In Black*, set in a village occupied by ISIS in Syria, and there are also some very impressive shorts in the Byron All Shorts competition.

What film did you find the most surprising?

I really loved the Spanish film *Timecode*, which is shortlisted for an Oscar and was also at Cannes. It's a great original idea and a beautiful, whimsical and very heartfelt story that took me on a journey I was not expecting at all. I would highly recommend it.

Why do you think it's important to take short films to regional centres?

Sharing our short film programs outside of the cities is a really fulfilling and inspiring part of what we do because many of our regional audiences often don't have access to the quality short film programs or independent cinema films that are not the usual Hollywood formula. It's important to us to share this truly entertaining and inspiring shorts and connect audiences with great cinema wherever they may be!

What is the most important aspect of storytelling in a short?

Definitely a great original idea and a well written script are the most important basis from which to begin a filmmaking journey. If you start with great elements and bring together the other aspects of filmcraft such as great performances, cinematography and sound you then create the magic of cinema.

What should we be expecting for the Byron/ Mullum event?

As Mullumbimby is our hometown I'm always really excited to be presenting these very exciting, entertaining and inspiring short films handpicked for local audiences at our local tour event. Our Mullumbimby Flickerfest is both a celebration of film and a great community networking event where people who love films and great stories can come together over the weekend and enjoy inspiring films from the northern rivers, across Australia and the world, encouraging both discussion and connection. I'm really looking forward to it!

Friday till Sunday at the Mullum Civic Hall, 27-29 January. See flickerfest.com.au.

Read the full interview at: www.echo.net.au/the-long-history-of-shorts

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Moana 11:45am	Moana 11:45am
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Ballerina 4:30pm	Fantastic Beasts AWFT 3:45pm
Red Dog: True Blue 6:15pm	Red Dog: True Blue 6:15pm
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Friday Jan 20	Tuesday Jan 24
Red Dog: True Blue 12:00pm	Trolls 11:15am
Trolls 1:45pm	Moana 1:00pm
Moana 3:30pm	Allied 3:10pm
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FLICKERFEST 2017 HIGHLIGHTS:

Friday 27 January

7.30pm – Opening Night Party

Join us as we celebrate our 19th year in the Northern Rivers to launch our festival of short films in style with a fully catered opening night party. Tickets include food, music and drinks from our partners Rosnay Organic Wine, Young Henrys Beer and Parkers Organic Juices.

8.30pm – Best Of International 1 Shorts

Following the Opening Party, Flickerfest is thrilled to present its Best Of International 1 Shorts program, a selection of film gems from our Academy® Accredited Sydney competition. Highlights include: the moving and insightful *Nocturne In Black* from Lebanon. 'In a war-ravaged Middle Eastern neighbourhood, a musician struggles to rebuild his piano after it is destroyed by Jihadists'; and the delightfully heart-warming *Timecode* from Spain, 'Luna and Diego are the parking lot security guards. Diego does the night shift, and Luna works by day, will they ever meet?'; plus *The Head Vanishes* – a beautifully crafted and poignant French Canadian animation, 'Jacqueline has

Flickerfest returns to the Northern Rivers 27–29 January for its 19th year, screening a smorgasbord of the best short films from the Byron region, Australia, and the world, across one cinema-packed short film weekend at the Mullumbimby Civic Hall.

Celebrating 26 years as 'The Home Of Great Short Film' in 2017, Flickerfest remains Australia's leading Academy® Accredited and BAFTA recognised short film festival, ensuring that we continue to present A-list short film programs recognised as amongst the best in the world.

At Flickerfest Mullumbimby we will be screening an entertaining, inspiring and award winning range of 30 Flickerfest short film highlights, many of which are world or Australian premieres, handpicked from 2,400 entries, giving local Flickerfest audiences the first look at the hottest short films in the world today.

We will also be presenting the Best of Northern Rivers Shorts at the Byron All Shorts finalist's screening, showcasing a wonderful new collection of creative shorts from our very talented local filmmakers.



Nocturne In Black



I'm Raymond



5 Films About Technology

lost her mind a bit, but whatever, she decides to take a trip to the seaside.' All three films are shortlisted for the 2017 Academy® Awards.

Saturday 28 January

4.30pm – Byron All Shorts

Also returning is Byron All Shorts, for the 12th year presenting the best of local shorts from the northern rivers. Encouraging audiences to experience the many amazing films and local

stories that are produced in the region each year. 16 local short films will screen across this 120-minute program. Highlights include *In A Cane Field* – In a beachside tourist town the body of a fifteen-year-old girl is found in a cane field. Her murder is a mystery that envelops the community; *Lift Me Up* – Mullumbimby musician Chris Mallory of 'Two Lions' shares his passions, dreams and musical endeavours within the broader community. *Gomerai Voices* – The

proposed Shenhua coal mine in the Liverpool Plains of NSW Australia threatens ancient Aboriginal heritage. Find out what's at stake: *Uber* – Sheldon, Sam, Pat & Aunty Rae discuss the merits of Uber...services...

8.30pm – Best Of Australian Shorts

Join us as we celebrate a diverse range of stories from across Australia that celebrate our unique identity and culture with our Best

Of Australian Shorts program. Highlights include *Messiah* written and directed by Damian Walshe-Howling. 'In a playful collision of cultures, a hapless Irishman and his Parisian girlfriend get more than they bargained for when they encounter a particularly mischievous stranger (David Gulpillil) in the spectacular Australian wilderness'. *Spice Sisters* starring local comedian Sandy (Gandhi) Arunha. 'Rohini a former Bollywood actress, is bored and restless with her life. When a popular reality cooking competition issues a call for entries, Rohini decides it's now or never to make a change'; and *I'm Raymond* is a delightful tongue-in-cheek satire about Raymond Banks 'An 8-year-old climate change alarmist who is out to bring down the family business'

Sunday 29 January

8.30pm – Short Laughs Comedy

Enjoy an evening of laugh-out-loud comedy from Australia and across the world with the Short Laughs Comedy program. Highlights include the hilarious *5 Films About Technology* that takes a darkly comic look at the absurd realities of how modern technology affects our daily lives; while *Facon* from Australia is a funny and quirky insight into our modern diet. 'Tia is an avid meat-eater who is strictly a vegan hipster in public. When Tia's judgmental vegan boyfriend invites himself to her family birthday party, Tia must find the courage to tell him her secret'; and oddball comedy *Twinsburg* from the USA shines the spotlight on a midwestern town founded by identical brothers where thousands convene for the world's largest gathering of twins.

PROGRAM TIMES & PRICES:

Fri 27 Jan: 7.30pm Opening night party
8.30pm Best Of International 1, \$22/20

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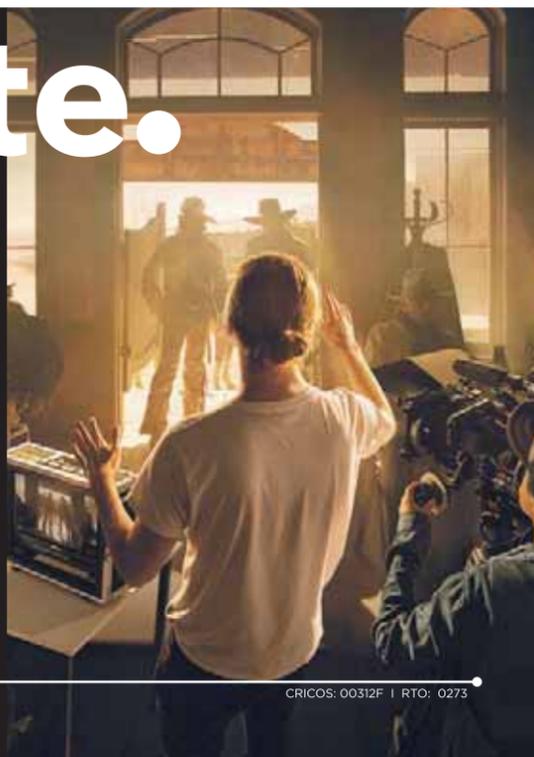
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- BANGALOW BOWLING CLUB 7PM **ROCK'N'ROLL DANCING**
- BRUNSWICK HOTEL 7PM **HAYDEN JAMES**
- BALLINA PLAYERS 2PM & 7PM **SHREK THE MUSICAL JR**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 7.30PM **ALOHA BABY**
- SUN BISTRO, SUNRISE 5PM **LIVE PERFORMER**
- PIZZA PARADISO, SUFFOLK PARK 7PM **RICHIE LANGFORD**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7.30PM **RICHIE WILLIAMS**
- BRUNSWICK HOTEL 7PM **PAULY P DUO**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY 8PM **KRAPPYOKEE**
- LENNOX HOTEL 8.30PM **DJS MAXY & EV** 11.30PM **DJ KOBY BRADLEY & CREW**
- BALLINA PLAYERS 2PM & 7PM **SHREK THE MUSICAL JR**
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- RICHMOND HOTEL, LISMORE 9.30PM **MERCY MERCY**
- NIMBIN BUSH THEATRE 8PM **WILD TALES**
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- CUDGEN SURF CLUB 6PM **WHO'S CHARLIE**
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- SALTBAR, KINGSCLIFF 8.30PM **DJ BEN**
- CABARITA SPORTS CLUB 7.30PM **DIRTY CHANNEL DUO**
- CHINDERAH TAVERN 6PM **NICKY CONVINE**
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- CURRUMBIN PUB 8PM **LURE, MONSTERS OF THE MIDNIGHT SUN, UVERSEU, SYRUP GO ON**

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- BANGALOW HOTEL 7.30PM **STEPHEN LOVELIGHT**
- BRUNSWICK HOTEL 7PM **PINK ZINC**
- SOUNDSHELL, BRUNSWICK HEADS 10PM **DRUMPF INAUGURATION PARTY FEATURING CLOWN SUPREMACIST PUPPETS HANSON, ABBOTT AND BERNARDI AND NO MUSIC. MC WILL BE THE DARK PRINCE HIMSELF, SATAN. MWAH HA HA**
- MULLUMBIMBY MARKET 9AM **KOBYA**
- LULU'S, MULLUMBIMBY 11AM **ESSIE THOMAS**

SATURDAY 21

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **ELEGANT SHIVA, SUN OF MAN, MELTING COLOURS**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **VANISHING SHAPES**
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- LULU'S, MULLUMBIMBY 11AM **ESSIE THOMAS**
- MULLUMBIMBY POOL 11.30PM **SWIM FOR THE REEF**
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- ILLAWONG HOTEL, EVANS HEAD 8.30PM **DIRTY CHANNEL DUO**
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- KINGSCLIFF BOWLING CLUB **LEIGH JAMES**
- KINGSCLIFF HOTEL 8PM **JOSH LEE HAMILTON**
- SALTBAR, KINGSCLIFF 8.30PM **DJ JAKE**
- CABARITA SPORTS CLUB 7.30PM **CAVO & PIGEON BOY**
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- COOLANGATTA SANDS HOTEL 8.30PM **HIGH TIDE**
- CURRUMBIN RSL 3PM **DALLAS JAMES**

SUNDAY 22

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **MATTHEW ARMITAGE**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **MINNIE MARKS**
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- BYRON BREWERY 3PM **OFA FANAIIKA**
- BYRON GOLF CLUB 4PM **ROD MURRAY DUO**
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- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 12.30PM **DJ EVA J & DJ SOFRESH**
- SUN BISTRO, SUNRISE 5PM **SURF REPORT**
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- BRUNSWICK PICTURE HOUSE 11AM **DR HUBBLE'S BUBBLE SHOW**
- BRUNSWICK HOTEL 4PM **THE FERAMONES**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY 3PM **JAM**
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- BALLINA PLAYERS 2PM & 7PM **SHREK THE MUSICAL JR**
- ELTHAM HOTEL 1PM **CONSPIRACY OF ONE**
- PHOENIX RISING, NIMBIN 12.30PM **MONKEY & THE FISH**
- NIMBIN HOTEL 5PM **ADAM BROWN**
- CUDGEN SURF CLUB 4PM **EUREKA FUNK**
- CHINDERAH TAVERN 2.30PM **SALLY SA DUO**
- SPHINX ROCK, MT BURRELL 1PM **STEVE MANOA.**

MONDAY 23

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **MATT GRESHAM**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **ADAM BROWN**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 9PM **4'20' REGGAE**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 9PM **DJ OVAL**

TUESDAY 24

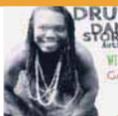
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- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 8PM **RICHIE WILLIAMS BAND**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 8PM **DJ ANTIBAD & DJ ASH BARLOW**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7.30PM **BRACKETS OPEN MIC**
- LENNOX HOTEL 6PM **ROB SARIC**

WEDNESDAY 25

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **DAN HANNAFORD**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **OOZ**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 8PM **HARRY NICHOLS**
- BYRON THEATRE 10.30AM **CHILDREN'S AFRICAN DRUMMING, DANCING, STORYTELLING WITH GABRIEL OTU**
- BYRON BREWERY 7PM **OPEN MIC WITH ALAIN DE CARNE**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 9PM **DJ JAMIE**
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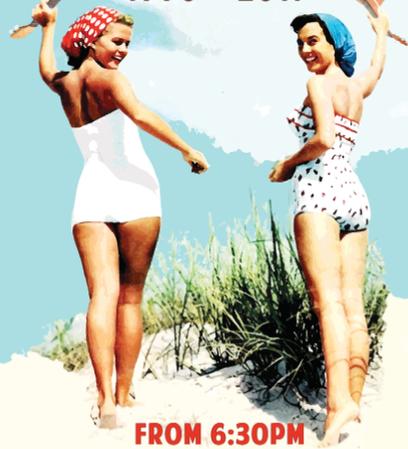


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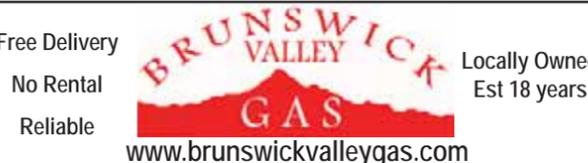
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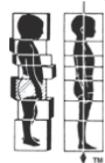
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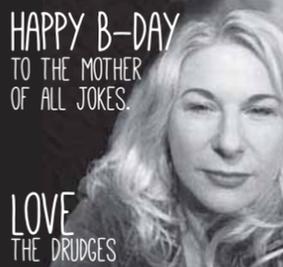
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NSW SLSC team triumphs in NZ

A highly successful tour of New Zealand ended in the best possible fashion for the local members of the NSW Country Surf Life Saving team who were crowned Trans-Tasman Champions last week, sealing their third consecutive title in the process.

A 20-strong team contested the three-meet biennial series against surf athletes from Northern Region (New Zealand) and the Central Coast with the athletes in fine form at the beaches of Waipu, Pakapuna and Omaha during the competition.

NSW Country Coach



The NSW Country team outclassed their opponents on the beaches of Waipu, Pakapuna and Omaha in the north of New Zealand. Photo contributed

Alan Beveridge was delighted to be coming home with the extra weight in the team's kit.

'It's been a wonderful competition and was a real team effort over the three days of competition. Every single member of this team can feel rightly proud of their contribution to this success,' Beveridge said from New Zealand last week.

'What has been most pleasing from a coaching perspective has been how well the team came together. Once we got over here everyone switched on and was really supportive of each other and this good environment really came out during the competition.'

The 2017 NSW Country SLSC Team includes: Will Jones, Caitlin Callahan, Jy Timperley and Bradley Hunt from the Byron Bay club and Shaylla Young, Luke Chaffer, Angus Macphail, Nadine Canning, Anthea Warnen and Joshua Jones from the Cudgen Headland SLSC, and Claudia Crawford from the Cabarita Beach SLSC.

McDonagh starts Junior Surf League with a win at Bells Beach

Crystal Cylinders

Mikey McDonagh from Lennox Head, has started his 2017 World Surf League Australia Oceania Junior Qualifying Series campaign with a win at the first event at Bells Beach on the weekend.

Solid well-shaped, four foot waves at Bells Beach gave McDonagh a great canvas to work with. In only his second competition at Bells Beach, Mikey proved that he will be a force to be reckoned with in future years.

Putting together multiple power carves throughout the final, McDonagh was able to best Lucas Wrice with a heat total of 12.25 points.

'I'm stoked. This is only the second time I have surfed at Bells competitively and to be able to get waves in the Bells Bowl was a dream,' McDonagh said.

'The event had some really good surfers in the draw so I'm over the moon to be able to come out on top.'

'The Subway Surf Series is the first step to the big leagues and to have the first event at Bells is incredible. I hope I can continue my run and get a few more good results throughout the year,' he said.



Mikey riding high after his win. Photo Surfing Victoria

Australian surfers Macy Callaghan and Ethan Ewing have both claimed World Junior Championship titles at Kiama on the South Coast over their international rivals.

They overcame a great deal of pressure as home favourites, but also had to endure media hype focused on their competitors from the USA.

The future of Australian surfing is in good hands with Callaghan and Ewing as they delivered masterful displays of surfing and strategy, as well as equally impressive displays of humility during their interviews.

Ethan recently qualified

for the Dream Tour and Macy, at only 16, is well on her way to qualifying in 2017.

The World Pro Junior has evolved from the very first pro-Junior competition held at North Narrabeen in 1977, which was called the Golden Breed/Pepsi Pro Junior and was won by Tom Carroll.

In 1992 Kelly Slater was the first international to win the Ocean and Earth Pro Junior at North Narrabeen.

At first it was for men only and under-18s; it changed to include women in 2005 and was for under 20-year-olds. This year the age limit was dropped back to 18 and under.

First quarter		January 6	06:46				
Full moon		January 12	22:33				
Third quarter		January 20	09:13				
New moon		January 28	11:07				
JANUARY 2017 Astronomical data and tides							
Day of month	Sun rise	Sun set	Moon rise	Moon set	High tide, height (m)	Low tide, height (m)	
1	S	0551	1947	0817	2150	1120,1.71; 2329,1.21	0422,0.26; 1745,0.33
2	M	0552	1947	0914	2231	1159,1.68	0503,0.30; 1826,0.33
3	T	0552	1947	1011	2311	0014,1.21; 1239,1.63	0548,0.36; 1909,0.34
4	W	0553	1947	1109	2349	0105,1.21; 1323,1.56	0640,0.43; 1957,0.35
5	T	0554	1948	1208		0205,1.23; 1414,1.48	0741,0.50; 2050,0.34
6	F	0555	1948	1309	0029	0313,1.28; 1513,1.40	0854,0.55; 2147,0.32
7	S	0555	1948	1411	0109	0425,1.37; 1620,1.34	1015,0.57; 2246,0.29
8	S	0556	1948	1515	0152	0534,1.49; 1730,1.30	1137,0.53; 2344,0.24
9	M	0557	1948	1620	0239	0636,1.63; 1840,1.28	1251,0.45
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11	W	0559	1948	1828	0427	0826,1.85; 2037,1.30	0130,0.14; 1450,0.28
12	T	0559	1948	1927	0527	0915,1.91; 2127,1.31	0219,0.11; 1540,0.23
13	F	0600	1948	2020	0629	1001,1.92; 2215,1.31	0307,0.10; 1626,0.21
14	S	0601	1948	2108	0732	1046,1.89; 2300,1.30	0353,0.13; 1710,0.22
15	S	0602	1948	2151	0834	1128,1.82; 2344,1.28	0439,0.20; 1751,0.26
16	M	0603	1947	2231	0933	1207,1.71	0523,0.29; 1831,0.31
17	T	0604	1947	2307	1030	0029,1.25; 1245,1.59	0608,0.40; 1910,0.37
18	W	0604	1947	2342	1124	0115,1.22; 1322,1.46	0657,0.51; 1949,0.41
19	T	0605	1947		1218	0210,1.20; 1401,1.34	0752,0.61; 2032,0.45
20	F	0606	1947	0017	1310	0315,1.21; 1452,1.23	0900,0.69; 2124,0.47
21	S	0607	1946	0052	1401	0425,1.25; 1555,1.16	1022,0.71; 2221,0.47
22	S	0608	1946	0129	1453	0530,1.32; 1704,1.12	1142,0.68; 2319,0.45
23	M	0609	1946	0207	1544	0623,1.41; 1810,1.12	1245,0.62
24	T	0609	1945	0249	1635	0710,1.50; 1904,1.15	0011,0.42; 1336,0.55
25	W	0610	1945	0334	1726	0751,1.58; 1950,1.18	0055,0.37; 1418,0.47
26	T	0611	1945	0422	1815	0831,1.66; 2031,1.23	0135,0.32; 1456,0.41
27	F	0612	1944	0514	1902	0909,1.71; 2112,1.27	0213,0.27; 1530,0.36
28	S	0613	1944	0609	1947	0946,1.75; 2151,1.30	0251,0.23; 1606,0.32
29	S	0614	1943	0706	2030	1024,1.77; 2231,1.33	0330,0.21; 1641,0.29
30	M	0615	1943	0804	2111	1100,1.77; 2313,1.36	0410,0.22; 1718,0.27
31	T	0615	1942	0903	2151	1139,1.73; 2357,1.37	0452,0.25; 1756,0.27

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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Tweed dragon boaters look to extend decade-long run



A call to arms has been sent from the Tweed dragon boat racers. Photo supplied

Dragon boat racers of the Tweed River are calling for new recruits to continue their decade-long run of fun, friendship, triumph and resilience.

Dragons Abreast Mount Warning is a local dragon boating club for survivors of breast cancer that is affiliated with the sporting group, the Mount Warning Dragon Boat Club.

'Dragon boat paddling was established here 10

years ago, by a group of breast cancer survivors and their supporters, who fund-raised enough to lease two boats, and it has been going from strength to strength ever since. Both clubs have won awards at world paddling events,' according to Meg Main secretary of the DAMW.

Both clubs train together locally on the Tweed River from the Condong Boat Jetty (near Murwillumbah) on

Saturday mornings (7.30am) and Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

'Everyone is welcome. Whether you just want to get fit, or whether you are keenly competitive, there is a place for you in our boat,' Meg said.

'Be prepared to meet new friends, have lots of fun, improve your fitness and learn new skills,' she said.

Contact Anne Bowden 0428 446 482 for more information.

Garbage bin becomes unlikely trap for Ocean Shores golfers

Two golfers playing just days apart have managed to tee-off and hit their ball straight into a garbage bin on the tenth hole at the Ocean Shores Country Club course.

'To do it once is one in a million, for it to happen twice within a week is one in ten million,' keen golfer Michael Krilich said.

Before Christmas his golfing partner Bill Nichols was playing his usual Monday round of skins with his favourite foursome in the Stableford comp at the Country Club when they got to the 10th and the most unusual thing happened.

'They got to the 10th and skins were squared away, so it was a new skin. His three playing mates' tee shots were off the tee fairly successfully and Bill teed it up and slammed his drive. "Did you see that", he said.'

It was a full-blooded drive



Bill Nichols and the increasingly popular garbage-bin trap on the 10th. Photo Michael Krilich

for a full 48 metres to the left and straight into the bin.

Recounting the feat and mentioning that it was his first and only 'hole in one', club legend Eddie Pittendrigh remarked that the 'hole in one was sheer garbage.'

But the story didn't end there. 'On the Saturday after, member Steve Bravington

holed out in the same bin with his tee shot,' Michael said.

The good news for Bill, a 29-marker player, was that he managed to go on and win the hole, and the skin.

A miraculous feat considering he managed to pick out the bin, endure a penalty shot and then go back to the tee to start the hole again.

Future swimming talent sets up training camp in Mullumbimby



Olympic swimming hopefuls have been concentrating on building performance and endurance, and team bonding, while in the Byron Shire this week. Photo supplied

Ross Kendall

The Brisbane-based Rackley Swim Squad is holding a training camp at Mullumbimby Pool this week as they prepare for the World Championship trials in April.

The 'exciting swim team includes our next generation of stars,' according to pool manager Craig Davidson.

Among them is former Byron Shire local Tristan Ludlow who has competed at the Australian Junior Worlds, as well as the Youth Commonwealth Games and World Cups.

Other swimmers include:

Louis Townsend (Australian Junior Pan Pacific team and Australian Youth transition squad), Eliza King (National Champion and Australian Junior Pan Pacific team), Layla Lumley (Queensland State teams) and Kirrily Siebentausend (Australian Junior Pan Pacific team).

'The swimmers are working on making the next step in transition from the Australian Youth teams to the open level of competition,' Craig said.

'The Mullumbimby Pool was a good spot for the camp as it was not far from home, relatively secluded, and was

close enough to the beach to allow ocean swim sessions,' Rackley Swim Squad head coach Damien Jones said.

'Tristan is from here, and I also know Craig,' he said.

The training camp is about results and performance and getting things done without distraction. It is also about bonding.

'We can be secluded in our own blue bubble,' Damien said.

'The squad will also take in extra activities like yoga while they are here,' he said.

The squad will train early in the morning and late each evening this week.

Finals berth on the line for hot and cold Lennox XI

The Lennox Head cricket team chased down the 222 runs scored by Murwillumbah playing at home on Robjones Oval on a very hot Saturday last week to take the points in the far north Coastal League.

'It was great to chase a big total. To win with just two balls to go was even better,' Lennox Head captain Justin Hooper said.

When the players took to the field at 12.30pm the mercury had already risen to 38 degrees.

'It was very taxing on the

bowlers, so there were a lot of short spells and plenty of changes,' Justine said.

Lennox won the toss and put Murwillumbah into bat who reached 7/222 of their allotted 40 overs.

P Dhillon was the mainstay of the innings with 62 runs, supported by the top three batsmen as A Houssen scored 22, C Strong 31 and JL Mitchell got 24.

Lennox was able to get off to a good start and the innings was consolidated by the captain's top score of 77 not out.

'I was able to hit the ball around as the bigger hitters came in from the middle order, and just played a supporting role,' he said.

Despite losing early wickets Lennox kept the run rate up and stayed in the game.

For the last 20 overs the team managed to score eight runs an over to keep in touch.

'To get a win under the conditions was a great result due to the renewed and refreshed batting lineup that included some new players as well as people returning from injury,' he said.

The result was a far cry from the first game back from the Christmas break played the week before when Lennox lost to Byron Bay.

Lennox chose to bat on the Byron Bay Memorial Recreation ground but couldn't take advantage of winning the toss, scoring 114 runs.

The last seven batsmen contributed a total of 27 runs.

Byron chased down the total with four overs to spare. George Worthington top scored with 38 not out.

'It was our worst game of the season,' Justin said. 'We couldn't get bat on ball.'

The team now has everything to do to stay in the race for the finals as they play the competition's top sides over the coming weeks.

'If we don't win the next couple we are out of the running,' Justin said.

Clark aims for the top 100 after winning tennis at Tweed Heads

Ross Kendall

Up and coming Byron tennis player Louis Clark has won this year's Tweed Heads Summer ATM tournament, backing up his second place at the Ballina tournament the week before.

Clark made light work of the field and went through the contest undefeated, winning the final against Stephen Stoddart in straight sets, 6-0 6-0.

'It was great to win the tournament. I am very happy with that,' he said.

'I came to the tournament with some good form and confidence after Ballina. I was hitting it pretty well.'

'My first game was against a young Frenchman and that was pretty tough. But once I got through that I was confident I could get through and win the final,' he said.

The two good performances should see Louis rise up the Tennis Australia rankings from 115 to around 105.



Louis is having a good year after first and second placings in two local tournaments this year. Photo contirbuted

'I am getting near the top 100,' he said.

Tweed local Flynn Schieb also had a good tournament taking out the 18-and-under boys singles against number one seed Ethan Shoesmith 6-1 4-1.

'Flynn is starting to make his mark as one of the top

young guys in the state,' tournament director Natasha Kersten said.

Clark will play his next tournament in Mornington, Victoria, and is training hard for the event.

'It is a platinum event, the highest ranking an event can have in Australia,' he said.

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Art Cube: Who are you? by Amanda Bromfield, 6 February at The Art Cube, Byron Shire Council foyer, Mullumbimby. Amanda is a Lennox Head artist who sculpts clay and makes her own glazes to create ceramic work about the issues that concern women.

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.

U3A discussion group

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

Quota Club

Quota Club of Brunswick Valley meets every 1st Thursday of the month at the Ocean Shores Country Club at 6pm. Ph 0439 733 763 for more info.

Spanish conversation

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

Men's Groups

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

Repair Cafe

Mullumbimby's Repair Cafe at the Mullumbimby campus of Byron Community College in Burringbar Street on Saturdays 9am till 12 noon. Volunteers will be there to help you fix things that might otherwise end up in the tip, or to advise how it might be done.

Rainbow Dragons

Rainbow Dragons Abreast (RDA) welcomes breast cancer survivors for a paddle at Lake Ainsworth, Lennox Head, on Sundays 7.30 for 8am start. Info Marian 6688 4058, mazzeratiz10@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, Sat 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. 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.

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.

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.

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.

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

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@raisetherooofsinging.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.

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.

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.

Please note: This section is intended for the benefit of non-profit community groups.

Regular As Clockwork

DEADLINE NOON FRIDAY

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

Neighbourhood Centre

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

#StartupByron

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

Respite Service

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

Junior chess club

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

Bridge club

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

ESL classes

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

Meditation

Buddhist meditation teaching and practice now at the Living Yoga Sanga, first floor, 63 Stuart Street, Mullumbimby, 6–7.30pm, Mondays. Contact Mishaela on 0438 858 842 or mishaela@si.org.au. **Dzogchen Meditation Group** – 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month at Brunswick Heads Community Centre. Contact Katie 0417 798 726 or qld@shenpenaustralia.org for more info. **Mindfulness Meditation** with Pairoj Brahma, Melli O'Brien and Heather Albrecht Every Tuesday 7.15–9pm at the yurt, Temple Byron (www.templebyron.com). No fees, contact 0423 241 916, 401 359 559. www.themindfulnesssummit.com. **Healing Meditation** – 7.30pm Wednesdays Temple Byron and Sunday mornings in Myocum. Call Dean 0414 364 415 or www.unityhousebyron.com.au.

Landcare

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

Craft group

The Uniting Craft & Social Group meets every Monday 9.30am–2.30pm at the Uniting Church in Carlyle Street, Byron Bay. Bring lunch and whatever else you need. All welcome. Do you prefer patchwork and quilting? Come along

Myocum Streets. Kobrya playing live. No dogs please.

Medieval weaving

6 February at Club Mullum Art Space, Mullumbimby Ex-Services Club, local artist Kim Tait exhibits medieval weaving.

Potters & Sculptors

Mullumbimby Potters & Sculptors 2017 membership starts January. New Members join-up dates Thurs 19 January and Thurs 2 Feb at the Studio 10am–2pm or email mullum.potters@yahoo.com.au. All levels welcome.

Breastfeeding Support

Australian Breastfeeding Association Ocean Shores/Mullumbimby Group meets Monday 23 January at 10am at The Hub Baptist Playgroup Centre, Rajah Road, Ocean Shores. Topic: Baby's First Year – 44 Good Ideas! Enquiries 0431 477 445.

Rate rise

Join strategy group to stop the planned Special Rate Variation. Text 0434 193 901.

Byron Library fun

Friday 20 January at 10.30am – Mystery celebrity magician! Bookings required on 6685 8540.

On The Horizon

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Breast Cancer Support

Byron Breast Cancer Support Group will meet Wednesday 18 January 12–2pm at Byron Community Cabin (old Girl Guides hall), Carlyle Street. Anyone experiencing/ed breast cancer is welcome to attend. Light refreshments and green tea provided. Contact Tamra 0401 361 736.

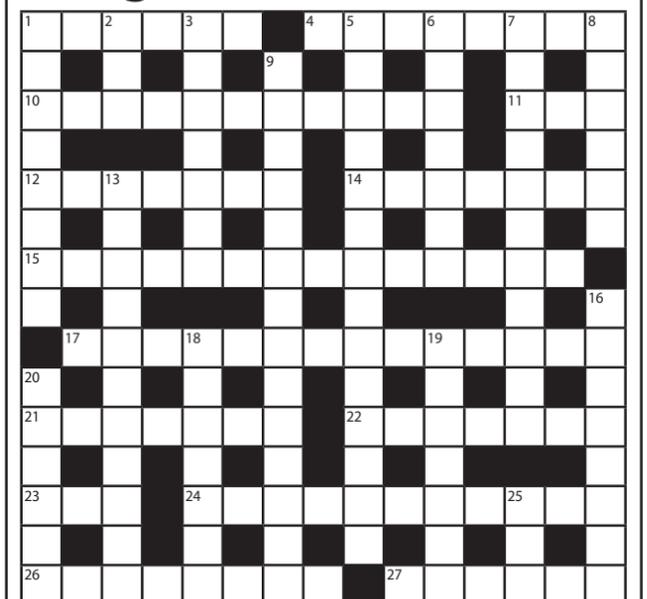
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Mullum market

Mullumbimby Community Market Saturday 8am–2pm cnr Stuart and

Mungo's Crossword N162



Cryptic Clues

ACROSS

- This is one (6)
- Rare Roman alb on offer (8)
- There! Amazing! Revolutionary queens! Congratulations! (5,6)
- Negative QRSUVW (3)
- Ran around old abstainer – saw... (7)
- Confused janitors. I left for proverbial hard workers (7)
- A scheme about organising ethnic use to arrive at a very desirable situation with Montgomery Clift and Elizabeth Taylor (1,5,2,3,3)
- Meal based around the components of one lark and one knife? Get stuck into the grog! (5,4,1,4)
- Lineman had trouble with skin pigment (7)
- Lug in the shelter – it's most adjacent (7)
- A church – a winner! (3)
- Pilfer surreptitiously in the middle of an assault – make a bird of it! (6,5)
- Dense air mixed to make a poisonous compound (8)
- Free range or stye? This one's got a really hard shell! (6)

DOWN

- A nastier puzzle? What a bore! (8)
- You, we hear, are stuck between rivers in a Capek drama (1,1,1)
- Yank takes in Centigrade, but he's not convinced (7)
- Thinkably great? Unthinkably, amazingly! (14)
- Working skittish horse – at least it's towards the land! (7)
- Mickey's wife consumed your organs of vision, we hear; make them smaller! (11)
- Most overdue, but most up-to-date (6)
- Deluded older hand is communist chicken (5,6,3)
- Rise, Lord. I'll uncover the men who are exploiting your resources (3,8)
- That dear French leader! (8)
- 'Long Anais,' said Spooner approvingly, watching a game of skittles (7)
- The first is entitled to take wing, but proverbially it can't concentrate (1,6)
- Scamp, in the style of an antelope (6)
- Louse up the can (3)

Quick Clues

ACROSS

- Over, from one side to another (6)
- Out of the ordinary (8)
- Orchestrate expression of approval (5,6)
- Word of denial or prohibition (3)
- Dappled (7)
- Subjects of King Priam in the Iliad (7)
- Highly desirable position; also a film starring Montgomery Clift and Elizabeth Taylor (1,5,2,3,3)
- Imbibe constantly and excessively (5,4,1,4)
- Skin pigment sensitive to sunlight (7)
- Closest, most adjacent (7)
- Top card in a suit (3)
- Small brightly coloured bird, *carpadocus purpureus* (6,5)
- Compound of element 33 (8)
- Edible mollusc (6)

DOWN

- Inland water basin or the bore to utilise it (8)
- Carel Capek's robot play (1,1,1)
- Doubter, unbeliever (7)
- Incredibly, astoundingly (14)
- Towards the land (of wind) (7)
- Make very small (11)
- Most up-to-date (6)
- Popular breed of domestic fowl (5,6,3)
- Miners of crude petroleum products (3,8)
- Former British Prime Minister (8)
- A skittle (7)
- One proverbially flighty and short-lived insect (1,6)
- Medium sized antelope known for its speed (6)
- Louse found in children's hair (3)

Last week's solution N161



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It's a nonsense for us to pretend we're a caring society when the politicians we elect are so callous, by and large, in their disregard of human suffering. The 2017 Human Rights Watch report at hrw.org details our failings in areas such as Indigenous incarceration, asylum-seeker detention and intrusion on civil liberties. Certainly there are countries which are far more callous, but we have no reason to pat ourselves on the back.

According to publiceye.org, conspiracism as a genre is 'a structured combination of a stylistic meta-frame of tragic apocalyptic dualism merged with narratives built around the components of demonisation and scapegoating'. Simple enough, hey? So we start by wanting to understand something [cheese] and then look for the [conspiracy, plot, secret group] behind it, such as [bankers with a vested interest in dairy]. Naturally the conspirators would be [secretive, evil, powerful, aliens] and their conspiracy would have begun long before one might reasonably have expected, say, for example, in [the long grass of Africa,



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ancient Babylon, the secret cheese factory of Atlantis]. The conspirators have been responsible for many heinous events throughout history [the Great Plague, French Revolution, double brie]. Today, the conspirators are everywhere – banks are, right? – and can be identified by [secret handshake, birthmark on their wallet, air of superiority]. They receive help from a powerful elite [the Rothschild family, cows, cheesemakers] and their conspiracy benefits undeserving [drowning asylum seekers, Sussan Ley, restaurateurs] at the expense of [Catholics, vegans, depositors]. Of course the conspirators want to [oppress, enslave, fondue] all [men with beards, vegans, the lactose-intolerant] and establish [the reign of the Antichrist, a cow-led dictatorship, a nice accompaniment to a shiraz and fava beans]. To establish your own conspira-

cy theory, simply replace the words in brackets with topics that intrigue you and add ways in which your invented conspiracy may be averted [vigilance, ray guns, etc].

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