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## Councillors uninformed

Council staff have failed in an attempt to force a Byron Bay residents group to supply membership and donor names and addresses through the courts – all without informing councillors.

It comes as Council were also unsuccessful in court on October 31 in recovering part of their \$453,129.29 in legal costs from the Butler Street Community Network, who challenged Council's bypass plans.

*The Echo* understands general manager Ken Gainger was delegated authority by councillors to defend the court case brought by residents.

As to the status of the overblown bypass budget, *The Echo* is yet to receive a reply from staff.

Both mayor Simon Richardson (Greens) and Cr Paul Spooner (Labor) confirmed with *The Echo* that they were not informed of staff's request to the courts for the personal information of the residents' group.

Cr Richardson said he would be 'happy to follow it up.'

'Any of Council's funds spent on defending its decisions, even when successful, or spent following up in seeking costs to be paid, is a regrettable use of funds.'

'Heaven knows, we could spend legal expenses in a myriad of better ways; however, if Council rolls over, over time others launch legal action [and] we would also be in a perilous position when trying to make decisions on behalf of the whole community.'

Meanwhile, Cr Spooner added he 'doesn't support vexatious court cases against community members.'

As for the current status of the bypass, he said costings have not shifted since \$20m was previously announced.

He said, 'We are still \$6m short; there has been no movement on this from the state government that I know of.'

### Initially shocked

Butler Street Community Network president Paul Jones told *The Echo*, 'We were initially shocked by the claim for costs sought by Council given their own error had caused the issue.'

'But the breadth of further information Council was demanding was simply outrageous.'

'Our community organisation is a not-for-profit association of private individuals. Council was launching a fishing expedition obviously intended to garner information in a way that was highly intimidating and suspicious.'

'The Network negotiated with Council over several weeks to seek an out of court settlement.'

'The Network refused to reveal its private affairs, however, an offer of \$4,000 in good faith was made to the Council to settle the matter.'

'The Council was also informed that the Network had no assets, so even if the Council did get a favourable order, the Network would dissolve. But Council refused the offer and chose, instead, to waste more ratepayers' money on a misguided effort to bully the Network and other community associations.'

'Byron Shire Council continued to pursue our association,' said Jones. 'Literally tearing up ratepayers' money with no hope of recovery in an exercise to discourage and destroy the community's voice.'

'We are now demanding no less than the resignation of the general manager (GM) Ken Gainger.'

## Bewitched by toddler wizardry



Ziff by magic! Olivia channelled Harry and Ron simultaneously in a bewitching performance at the Hogwarts fun day, held at Coorabell Public School on Saturday. Pictured also are Hermione and Endora Le Strange, who were spellbound by the half-Harry, half-Ron apparition. Dumbledore and professor Minerva McGonagall oversaw proceedings. Photo Jeff 'School Of Witchcraft and Wizardry Since 1986' Dawson

## Transport hub location perplexity

Confusion and uncertainty still surrounds the location of a proposed transit hub for Byron Bay.

While no costings have been provided, a Transport for NSW spokesperson told *The Echo*, 'Transport for NSW has been working with Byron Shire Council on developing a new bus interchange since 2015.'

'A number of sites were investigated by Transport for NSW as part of initial concept plans for the new bus interchange. Butler Street Reserve was a site chosen by Byron Shire Council as the most suitable

location as it fits within the Byron Bay Masterplan.'

### Not consulted

Yet Chris Hanley from the masterplan leadership group told *The Echo*, 'The leadership group and the community members of the master plan group were not consulted on this decision. We had no input into the design or location. This decision was made by Council staff who did not consult with us.'

The issue again highlights tension between staff and councillors, where

senior staff have taken an active role in policy decisions instead of implementing Council policy.

Mayor Simon Richardson (Greens) told *The Echo* that the transit hub location was not set in stone.

'The use of the term "masterplan" is regrettable in this instance and I will be instructing staff to cease using it to explain every action or decision within Byron Bay.'

'The only connection to the masterplan is that the masterplan illustrated the benefits and desirability of

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## Airbnb listings up nearly 80 per cent

According to [www.insideairbnb.com](http://www.insideairbnb.com), there has been a 79.6 per cent increase in Airbnb listings for Byron Shire in the last 18 months.

From April 2, 2016 to October 21, 2017, listings have increased from 1,483 to 2,665. Listings on Airbnb are tracked by [www.insideairbnb.com](http://www.insideairbnb.com), which includes an interactive map displaying what Airbnb properties are available.

### Entire houses

The majority of short-term Airbnb holiday lettings appear to be entire houses and apartments, with whole dwellings increasing from 62.4 per cent

to 75.9 per cent of total listings, according to the website.

Victim of Holiday Letting (VOHL)'s David Wallace told *The Echo*, 'Airbnb has now overtaken Stayz as the major online disruptor.'

'Some holiday lets don't advertise on Airbnb.'

'VOHL estimates that there is now 3,000 holiday lets in the Shire.'

Additionally councillors were told at Thursday's meeting that staff have prepared a holiday letting case for prosecution, which they intend to take to the Land and Environment Court. Details are confidential at this stage.



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3.30–4.00 Afternoon tea and informal discussion

Bookings essential, contact Bela Allen: 6684 7113 or [bela\\_allen@yahoo.com](mailto:bela_allen@yahoo.com)



This project is supported by funding from the Australian Government's National Landcare Program

## Train hits track, powered by solar

Two restored 1949 rail motor heritage carriages were delivered to Byron Bay on Friday, marking the final stages of a six year project to run a train along 3km of track from Belongil to the CBD.

Touted as the 'world's first solar train', the project is headed by not-for-profit Byron Bay Railroad Company, an offshoot of the Elements of Byron resort.

According to BBRC, 'One of the two diesel engines has been removed and the other remains on board for weight and balance and also to provide an emergency back up in case of electrical fault. The remaining diesel engine is not required for normal operation, even in cases of prolonged lack of sunshine.'

The cost will be \$3 for adults with some concessions provided for children.

Project manager Jeremy Holmes said his team were looking forward to running the passenger service and



One of the carriages delivered to Byron on Friday. Photo Jeff 'Heavy Lifting Since 1986' Dawson

sharing the experience with residents and visitors soon.

### 100 passengers

The train, which has been fully refurbished in its heritage colours, seats 100 passengers with additional room for standing passengers and luggage including

prams and bicycles.

Holmes says, 'While there are some trains throughout the world with technology that allows them to run parts of the train like lights and air conditioning on solar power, this is the first real train to run fully on power from the sun.'

Byron Bay Railroad Com-

pany says it is hopeful that passenger services will commence before Christmas. In the meantime, they say they will be training the nineteen new local staff, undertaking test runs and commissioning the new solar equipment. For more information visit [www.byronbaytrain.com.au](http://www.byronbaytrain.com.au).

## Neighbour's impacts from holiday letting unsupported by Council

A Byron Bay resident has told *The Echo* that Council staff have been unable to act on her complaints about her neighbours' Airbnb activities, which she says are so intrusive she has had to buy earplugs.

'I'm 71 years old and have been here 21 years,' she told *The Echo*.

'Over those years, I have done thousands of hours of community work, yet Council are unable to help me by enforcing compliance against this activity.'

'I'm suffering from stress and sleep deprivation because of this,' she said.

After she asked Council to intervene, she says Council compliance inspected the neighbour's property.

'I just got a letter from Council which said there are "no compliance issues identified at this moment".'

The issue arose after her neighbours renovated their house. 'They moved the entrance of their one bedroom Airbnb premises to be under my bedroom window.'

She says no DA was required to move the doorway entrance to the Airbnb-let premises.

'Guests used to go through another entrance,' she said, 'which was closer to the

neighbour's own entrance.

'They moved the problem, without asking me.'

The Council compliance officer could only suggest earplugs and mediation.

'I'm not interested in mediation as I believe these people won't change,' she said. 'Apparently people coming up a driveway doesn't constitute a noise complaint.'

'Whatever was said to the compliance officer, he argued it was within their legal rights. What about my rights?'

The woman says she has also documented to staff 74 times she has been woken up by late night visitors.

### Once friendly

'We were very friendly at one time, she says of her neighbours, adding they are a couple in the mid-50s who moved from Sydney two years ago.'

'Originally the woman wanted to start a yoga class in the garage, but that never happened; instead they are making heaps of money from Airbnb.'

'It's booked consistently,' she says. 'They don't even provide breakfast or parking, so it's not really a proper Airbnb. There is a sense of entitlement with people like this

– people are moving here and thinking they can do whatever they want.'

'After a few drinks, visitors come back up the driveway. Even though it wakes me up, I am told it's not my problem. I bought a home in Byron Bay because I wanted to hear the ocean, but instead I have to wear earplugs.'

She added that around 16 years ago, she was part of a community group that called upon Council to act on holiday letting.

'We handed a 6,000 signature petition to Council yet there's not been much enforcement of this activity.'

'I just want the door to be restored to the original entrance,' she said.

'While I'm not against Airbnb altogether, I don't accept Byron is just a holiday town and that we just have to put up with it.'

### Staff reply

In reply, Council's legal services co-ordinator Ralph James confirmed Byron Shire Council received a complaint from a Byron Bay resident in October who said the noise from a bed and breakfast operating next door to her property was disturbing her.

James told *The Echo*,

'Staff inspected the property, which is in a low-density residential zone, and found the door to the bed and breakfast was near the window of the person who had made the noise complaint.'

'A one-bedroom bed and breakfast accommodation in this area is permissible and does not require development consent and according to planning law, the bed and breakfast is legally allowed to operate.'

'Council understands the difficulty some people face when living in areas where guest accommodation is allowed,' he said.

### Perceptions

'If the noise is determined to be "offensive," Council can serve prevention notices requiring the control of the offensive noise.'

'People do, however, have different perceptions about the definition of "offensive" so generally this type of noise is defined as continuous and loud, for example a barking dog, noisy appliances or regular parties.'

'If this is the case then people can seek a noise abatement order,' James said.

■ Name withheld to protect her neighbours identity.

## Environmental Zones Review Extended feedback period

Due to the large volume of interest in Council's implementation of the Environmental Zones Review, the feedback period has been extended to 8 December 2017, to enable further time for landowners to have their say on this important matter.

### Find out more:

- Visit Council's website: [www.byron.nsw.gov.au](http://www.byron.nsw.gov.au) to view information about the review process, including draft mapping for your property.
- Contact Council on 6626 7126 to make an appointment to talk with our staff.

**Feedback Closes: 8 December 2017**

# Transport hub location perplexity

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 locating the bus interchange on the other side of the tracks from town, hence moving bus movements out of the town centre. The connection to Butler Street reserve was not in the masterplan.

## Pushy staff

Meanwhile, a push by Council staff to force councillors to decide on plans for a transport hub on Butler Street in only a few days has been deferred until a meeting on Thursday.

According to a November 1 staff memo, infrastructure services director Phil Holloway told councillors, 'I apologise for the late notice, but owing to the requirement to respond to Sydney Trains by this Friday, I would greatly appreciate your feedback at the close of the extra ordinary meeting tomorrow [Thursday].'

Six options were provided to councillors, with Sydney Trains expressing a preference for Option 1a. Alternative suggestions were also welcome, said Holloway.

Option 1a depicts buses running past Sommerset Street and entering a station located in the northern end of Butler Reserve. Buses would continue back onto Butler Street, creating a road surrounding the Reserve.

Cr Paul Spooner told *The Echo* that staff's request to make a major infrastructure decision within a couple of days 'was bullshit,' and that the Butler Street interchange plans were not a 'done deal.'

'Whatever the proposal is, the government needs to fit in with the community's plans,' he said. 'The masterplan leadership group should be included. I'm not against a bus station, but these decisions need to be in conjunction with others.'

'Personally, I think we



Conceptual plans of a Butler Street interchange includes a cafe and a plaza. Councillors will meet Thursday to thrash out how to move forward. Image Byron Bay Bus Interchange memo

should be looking at options such as the Cavanbah Centre on Ewingsdale Rd. It could be better planning in the long term.

Cr Spooner continued, 'The issue of staff pushing councillors on decisions was highlighted at Thursday's council meeting, where staff were asking us to make a decision on applying for funding for a pool at the Cavanbah Centre. The issue of any future pool needs to be communicated to the masterplan group and community at large. There should be a correct process.'

## Foisted by staff

Local state MP for Ballina, Tamara Smith told *The Echo*, 'I thought the state government had foisted this project on us and were dictating the location but it has become clear that it's the other way around!'

'It seems that in 2015, while the mayor with vision and fortitude was honing the best processes of community consultation we have ever seen in the establishment of the Byron masterplan committee, Council staff asked the government to build a transport hub to be located on Butler Street only; there were no other suggested loca-

tion options.'

'It is great that the state government is prepared to build a bus interchange, although it's not a selfless act as it will benefit Transport for NSW coach services and bring in tourism dollars.'

'We have had a volunteer masterplan committee selflessly giving up thousands of human hours over the past four years to consult the community on the changes to the town, but they have never been presented with this significant expansion of the CBD and the removal of the Byron and Farmers Markets.'

'As was suggested to me recently, surely with the kinds of serious communication breakdowns between community and council staff and councillors over a range of really important changes to our beloved town, a full-time council officer is required to oversee the implementation of the community-driven Byron Bay masterplan.'

'For the GM to say in a recent memo to councillors that removing the markets and replacing them with a bus interchange is in keeping with the objectives of the masterplan shows a distinct lack of respect for the process.'

'There are 20 or so community representatives on the masterplan committee - who have never been apprised of the Butler Street reserve plans.'

'Another great suggestion that I heard recently from someone on the committee is rather than spending \$20 to \$40million on the Butler Street bypass, why don't we embrace another brilliant vision of our mayor and create the best park and ride system in the world? That kind of money would deliver it.'

## Peak traffic levels

'I was also advised last week by the RMS that Byron Bay's traffic levels pegged for 2025 have now been reached, and that the bypass in Butler Street will have no impact on reducing car movements in town.'

Comment was also sought from Ben Franklin MLC (Nationals), but he referred *The Echo's* questions instead to Transport for NSW.

The Transport for NSW spokesperson also added that both council and Transport for NSW agreed that 'Council would undertake community consultation of the project including working with market holders to find a new venue during construction.'

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# Laid back or laid off? A look at underemployment

Paul Bibby

When Cris quit her well-paying film and television industry job to move to the Shire in the early 2000s, she knew finding regular work would be a challenge.

But the talented young woman didn't expect that, more than a decade on, she'd be facing the prospect of having to leave town due to a lack of consistent work.

For years, Cris rode the seasonal roller coaster of Byron's tourist-driven job market – working over summer, but struggling to survive for the rest of the year.

Now she's contemplating greener employment pastures. 'I love living here – this is my home,' she says.

'But if I can't generate the income to pay the rent then it's a no brainer.'

## Familiar tale

Cris's story is all too familiar for many in the Shire.

Thousands of locals are engaged in a nearly constant battle to generate enough regular income in a job market which is dominated by part-time jobs in tourism, hospitality and retail.

New figures from the Australian Bureau of Statistics show that Byron Shire has the lowest proportion of people working full-time of any local government area in NSW.

Just 42 per cent of working locals are hitting the 38-hour mark, well below the state average of 59.2 per cent.

At the same time, we have one of the highest rates of part-time work in the state, with 45 per cent of employed people in this category.

And more than a third of these part-timers are working just 15 hours a week or less – barely enough to pay the rent given the region's ongoing affordability crisis.

A major Sydney newspaper recently declared that the small number of Byron residents working 40 hours or more each week was simply a reflection of our 'laid back attitude' to work.

And it's true that there has long been a pilgrimage of people moving here with the intention to 'work less and surf more'.

Tony Davies, the chief executive of local community services organisation, Social Futures, believes the figures include a significant number of these 'sea and tree changers'.

'You've got people selling their house in Sydney for \$2m and buying a house in Mullumbimby for \$800,000 and living on the leftovers supplemented by a small amount of work,' Mr Davies says.

'There's also an older demographic in parts of the



Byron Shire has one of the highest rates of part-time work in the state. Image [www.masemp.com](http://www.masemp.com)

shire – people who are retired or semi-retired.'

But as Mr Davies acknowledges, it's not all pina colodas and organic bananas.

## Working poor

A significant proportion of Shire residents are struggling to get enough regular work to consistently pay the rent and keep food on the table.

The manager of the Mullumbimby & District Neighbourhood Centre, Julie Williams says many of the people making use of the centre's emergency relief programs are employed part-time.

'There is an assumption that people who access emergency relief are all unemployed,' Ms Williams says.

'But a very large percentage of the people seeking assistance are working between 12 and 20 hours a week.'

The median weekly income in the Shire for families and individuals is about 30 per cent below that for the rest of NSW, according to the ABS figures.

'One of the things that concerns me is the perception that Byron is an affluent community, when there are really significant, high levels of disadvantage,' Ms Williams says.

'It cuts across all demo-

graphics – it's not just young men or older women or single mothers. And it's not just the unemployed.'

## New jobs needed

Jane Laverty, the head of the local chapter of the NSW Business Chamber says underemployment is a 'massive issue' in the Shire and the northern rivers more generally.

She believes the answer is more 'export jobs'.

'We need businesses to set up here and produce products which they then export out of the local area,' she says.

'It means you've got more consistent demand for employment and there's money flowing consistently into the local economy.'

She says that to encourage this type of investment, the region needs to develop its 'third world infrastructure' and improve training opportunities.

## Chef shortages

Yet the Shire is definitely not suffering from a shortage of people with qualifications.

The ABS figures show that nearly a quarter of all locals over the age of 15 have at least a Bachelor degree, and a further 26 per cent of locals have some other tertiary qualification.

Yet, despite the qualified people who need work, some employers are struggling to find the staff they need.

The most glaring example is the current shortage of experienced, qualified chefs.

Ingrid Johansen, the business relationships manager at local recruitment company ETC, says local employers are struggling to find and retain chefs.

'I think people going into the industry need to have some skills to survive and need to know before they start that they will be required to work weekends and split shifts. It's not going to be like *Master Chef*,' Ms Johansen says.

However, Mr Davies says there are a few flickers of light on the horizon.

'Thanks to the National Disability Insurance Scheme, disability services is becoming a major employer,' he says.

'Regional NSW alone will need 20,000 new workers under the scheme,' he said.

A growing number of locals are also bypassing the limitations of Byron's job market by selling their products and peddling their skills online.

'The people of this region are creative and resourceful and they're finding innovative ways of making a living, especially as connectivity [via the internet] increases,' Mr Davies says.

Cris is among those who want to jump off the seasonal jobs merry-go-round by starting her own business.

'I have always put my heart and soul into my work and would definitely do so if I was running my own business,' she says. 'It would be great to earn enough so that I can stay here and maybe even start putting a little bit away.'

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## Refugees must have access to essential services: Labor

With around 600 asylum seekers barricaded inside the now closed Manus Island detention centre, there appears no solution in sight to the standoff.

Fairfax reports that despite running out of food, water and medication, the asylum seekers are 'adamant it's safer to remain than risk being attacked by locals at the new accommodation facilities on the island.'

The Echo asked local federal MP Justine Elliot (Labor) what her party's position was

on the issue; she referred to a statement by shadow minister for Immigration and Border Protection, Shayne Neumann.

He said, 'Manus Island and Nauru were set up as regional transit processing facilities but have become places of indefinite detention because of the failure of PM Malcolm Turnbull to negotiate other third country resettlement options.'

'Turnbull's failure to answer basic questions about arrangements in PNG is only

fuelling refugees' uncertainty about moving to new accommodation. It is incumbent on Turnbull to ensure refugees have access to essential services – including security, health and welfare services. Turnbull needs to get on with his job and immediately secure other third country resettlement options for eligible refugees.'

Turnbull has rejected an offer from the New Zealand government to take 150 of the 600 people.

# The awesome Del sets sights on Adelaide

Aslan Shand

When Main Arm Road was still a dirt road, Del Youngberry first came to live in the area with her husband and she has been an active part of the community ever since.

While she is known by many for her tireless work at the Seventh-Day Adventist op-shop in Mullumbimby, Del will soon spread her wings to fly off to Adelaide to be closer to her daughter and grandchildren.

Del has worked for around 15 years at the op-shop and pointed out what an important part of the community op-shops are.

'We donate the profits to the Westpac helicopter service, both the Main Arm and Mullumbimby Fire brigades, the Women's refuge in Ballina, the Brunswick Surf Life-saving Club and Brunswick Rescue as well as the Mullumbimby Hospital Auxiliary, Amitayus Home Respite Service and the animal rescue,' said Del proudly.

'I wanted to do this because I believe it is God's work and I am doing something that is part of the community.'



Del Youngberry and op-shop manager Faye King. Photo Jeff Dawson

The SDA op-shop recently celebrated its 20 year anniversary.

It provides a range of services to the community such as food parcels and other goods for people in need.

'Del has been my right-hand person,' said op-shop manager Faye King.

'She is talented at recovering furniture and making

cushions - she is kind of irreplaceable.'

## Vollies needed

The op-shop recently trialed a successful furniture store in the old SDA primary school on Main Arm Road and are planning to open up the furniture store again at their current locations.

'We'd love to have more

volunteers,' added pastor Cranville Tooley.

'But it takes initiative and dedication,' pointed out Del.

If you would like to volunteer at the op-shop then give them a call on 6684 4141, there is plenty of sorting to do and people needed to help. Del is planning to get back into her crafts when she has set herself up in Adelaide.

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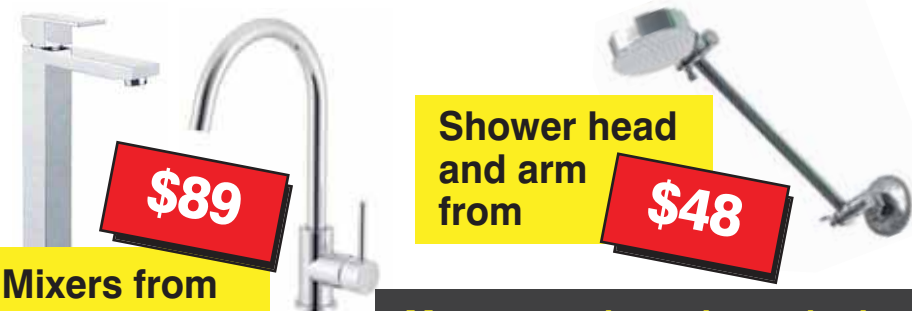
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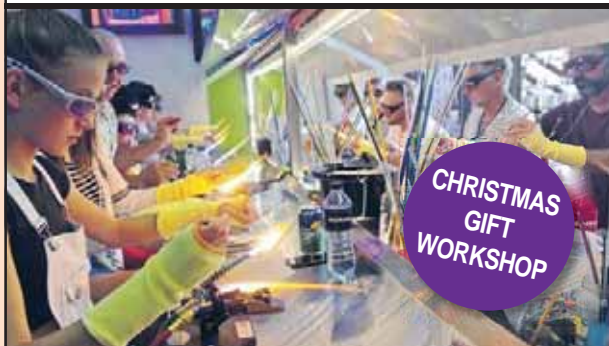
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### Lennox Chamber board announced

A new board has been elected to the Lennox Head Chamber of Commerce.

At its annual general meeting on October 24, the following positions were filled: president: Zain Peart (ZEP Finance), vice-president: Jason Shrieves (Boat Channel Boardracks), secretary: Angela Proudman (Lois Bucket Real Estate), treasurer: Sue Brennan (Lines End). Committee members include Aga Deblaise, Jason Dwyer, Rosie Kaplan and Craig McFadden.

Secretary Angela Proudman invites all local businesses to connect with the chamber.

To get involved visit [www.lennoxchamber.com.au](http://www.lennoxchamber.com.au).

### Byron gets the hustle



Popped Creative hosted Hustle last Friday, an inspiring evening of creative entrepreneurs who shared their ideas, inspirations, stumbles and triumphs. Held at Thom Gallery in the Byron Indy Arts Estate, the evening was the first of four such events. Pictured are Popped Creative directors Abbie Gibson and Liesel Arden. To see what panelists are coming up, visit [www.poppedcreative.com](http://www.poppedcreative.com). Photo Jeff Dawson

## Vale Peter 'Bullfrog' McKaskill

Joanne Palmer

Known to many as Bullfrog and to others as Froggy, Peter McKaskill was a unique man and known by a diverse range of people.

As a legendary Byron Bay singer, Peter rocked the Bay since the early 80s with his passion and love of music.

With local band Bypass, Peter and band members would rock-out at The Arts Factory and The Rails Friendly Bar, always entertaining a range of all generations with their mix of music.

For many years Bullfrog was involved with the organising of our local Bluesfest and of course his band Bypass would be part of the action.

Bullfrog was a colourful character on stage with his



bright pants, colourful shirts, range of hats and even his favourite yellow Buddha robe, outfits that only a man with his character could pull off.

Music was a big part of his heart and soul and on stage that shone through. It didn't worry him that he didn't make many dollars, his greatest payment of all was to give joy and happiness to others and to put

smiles on people's faces.

Peter also established Juke Box Joy, where he and a mate would visit the aged care homes singing golden oldies like Bing Crosby and Frank Sinatra even giving the elderly special Christmas shows.

There was so much more to Peter than any one person could know. He supported Aboriginal culture and the protection of sacred sites. He felt very strongly about the environment and was involved in starting the Greenpeace movement.

Peter was one of the first organic food growers in this area, trying to give others the realisation of the potential and beauty the land has to offer.

Of great importance was Peter's belief in the equality of all living species on Earth. He made it his mission to try

and make humans aware that humans are only the carers of this land. All living species play a significant role in the survival of this world and Peter's dream was for a world of peace and togetherness with all living species. Let's stop our world being consumed by greed, violence and corruption. Especially for the sake of our younger generations.

Peter had his ups and downs. He had struggles through his life, suffering his own demons from bi-polar and at times severe depression. To all who knew him well, Bullfrog-Froggy Peter was a kind, caring and loving man.

He gave so much of himself to others and our community.

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### Byron All Shorts film comp open

Filmmakers from across the region are invited to submit their short films of up to 30min in length, from all genres, for the Byron All Shorts film comp.

Finalists will screen on January 27 at the Mullumbimby Civic Hall as part of Flickerfest 2018, which celebrates the best films in Australia and the

world. Prizes and cash valued around \$3,000 are part of the awards, which include the Flickerfest-iQ Best Short Film Award, the SAE Quantum Emerging Talent Award, the SCCU People's Choice Award and more. Entries close Friday December 15. For entry forms visit [iq.org.au](http://iq.org.au).

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### M'bah drug dog blitz results in cautions

The never-ending war on a plant with medicinal properties resulted in a caution for a 'number of persons' in Murwillumbah's CBD on November 1.

Police report that 'small amounts of cannabis' were located around the town, and highlighted one instance where a sniffer dog 'indicated the presence of a prohibited drug in the free air space surrounding a 31-year-old old male.' Police say they then searched the man's backpack and located a bag containing cannabis leaf. 'The male was not responsive initially, but suggested there could possibly be cannabis in his bag as he takes it medicinally. The male was cautioned and asked questions about the substance where he made full and frank admissions about the drug being cannabis for personal use. The drug was seized and an application for the drug to be destroyed will be made.'

NSW Greens David Shoebridge MLC has recently claimed that these police operations cost taxpayers \$2,000 per dog, per hour.

## Lunchbox of goodness



Last Friday, seven local schools entered Mullum Farmer's Market's third Grow Your Own Lunchbox Challenge. Pictured are Ocean Shores Public School students with their school grown lunch ingredients. Photo Jeff 'Well That's My Lunch Sorted, Thanks' Dawson

## Flu cases decreasing: health dept

The number of positive influenza cases being reported at The Tweed Hospital is decreasing as the peak influenza period is coming to an end.

Chief Executive, Northern NSW Local Health District (NNSWLHD) Wayne Jones told *The Echo* that interim data for the month of October indicates a significant

drop in the number of positive influenza cases reported for The Tweed Hospital, with 20 cases being confirmed so far, down from 74 in September and 184 in August.

'The high number of positive influenza cases in 2017 compared to previous years may be partly attributable to the roll-out of new rapid test-

ing machines across NSW, one of which is in use at The Tweed Hospital Pathology North.'

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## New seating for Bruns

From left: Scout, Summer, Beth and Scarlet. Photo Vivienne Pearson

Two more themed seats, as part of the trail of seats along Tweed Street, will be officially launched on Thursday November 9 by federal member for Richmond, Justine Elliott (Labor).

The construction of the youth seat at the skatepark and the Fishing Boat Seat at the boat harbour were funded from a small grant from the federal government's stronger community program, Byron Shire Council, the Brunswick Fish Co and the Brunswick Heads Chamber of Commerce.

Spokesperson for the Tweed Street Taskforce Kim Rosen said, 'The seats were lovingly created as a collaborative community effort, with many people contributing their time and expertise over the last two years and the re-

sults are truly amazing.'

'The seats, which are more like art installations, brought many sections of our community together and are delightful expressions of our youth and fishing history and culture,' she says.

### Students involved

Students from Brunswick Heads Public School were guided by local artist Kerry Stanton and helped with one seat's design and construction using a simple earth bag technique. Kim said, 'It was terrific to see how much fun the students had shovelling and filling the sausage-like bags with sand and cement and then tamping them down to create the unique curved seat.'

The children's hand painted tiles decorate parts of the seat and add a touch of col-

our and fun. A short YouTube video showing their involvement and comments about life in our town was created by the students as part of the school's media program.

In contrast, the fish seat is of timber construction and looks quite at home on the Fish Co land with the moored boats as a backdrop. The seat was designed by the Brunswick Anglers Club as a half a fishing boat. It was built by Dave Ashton, Stewy Coles and members of the U3A Mens Shed in Mullumbimby and transported to the site. It provides a fun place for children and families to enjoy while picnicking.

All are welcome to the launch starting at 11am at the boat harbour and then moving to the skatepark at 11.30am on Thursday.

## Changes at Mary Ryan's



John Mitchell and Karen Martin with customers. Photo Jeff 'Bookish' Dawson

### Aslan Shand

Local bookshop operators John Mitchell and Karen Martin who ran Mary Ryan's Books in Byron Bay have not had their franchise agreement renewed after a dispute with the franchisor.

'This is the fastest growing bookshop in the country,' said Mitchell.

According to Mitchell, the franchisor receives a percentage of all the bookshop sales and they would have been getting good revenue from the Byron bookshop. However, at the end of the agreement, the franchisor Bill Concannon, has said that he doesn't want Mr Mitchell to

continue as the franchisee of the bookshop.

'We have had a recent dispute with the franchisor as he wanted to become more involved,' said Mitchell.

'He said we were no longer welcome because of irreconcilable differences.'

Mitchell is required to offer all the assets of the bookshop to Concannon and is now restrained from trading in Byron Bay for the next two years under the franchise agreement.

Mitchell said that, 'Though we are no longer trading, we are still left with a very expensive lease on the bookshop. The franchisor has an option to take on the lease.' However,

he says they are yet to be informed if that is the case.

Concannon confirmed with *The Echo* that the bookshop would continue in the same location and said, 'Yes, they (the future franchisee) would take on the lease.'

'I am negotiating with potential operators of the store for the ongoing future of the bookshop.'

### Term ended

'He wasn't removed. His term came to an end,' he said.

John and Karen have decided that they will continue their love of books and they will be trading out of The Bookworm at Lennox which is opening this Saturday.

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## Ben Law to star in locally made web series

### Paul Bibby

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It's the kind of dilemma that has plagued countless women and more than a few men as they navigate the perils of dating.

And that makes it perfect fodder for a new web series, to be shot in Byron Bay next month.

*Freudian Slip* is a six-part comedy series exploring the inner turmoil that accompanies romance and dating.

Each bite-sized episode explores a different dating dilemma from a woman's perspective, and the competing voices in her head.

### Externalise doubts

Local writer and director Clare Sladden says the series will 'externalise women's doubts and dilemmas.'

'It's a little bit like the age-old internal battle between

the angel and the devil,' says Sladden, 36.

'But we've gone a bit more Freudian, incorporating the idea of the super-ego that always wants to do the right thing, versus the Id which is all about acting on impulse.'

Featuring the acting debut of well-known journalist and commentator Ben Law, the series was inspired by Sladden's own experience of dating's trials and tribulations.

*Freudian Slip* is due to be shot in mid-December and released in March next year.

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## REDinc Mullum art expo this Fri

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REDinc is a not-for-profit community organisation that works with people with disabilities.

It was originally set up by a group of parents in 1991 who were concerned at the lack of meaningful options for their children transitioning from school.

REDinc artists have exhibited at the Lone Goat Gallery in Byron Bay and now it is Mullumbimby's turn!



## Where Bangalow becomes Chicago

As a truly professional production, Bangalow Theatre Company's production of *Chicago* features amazing dancers, highly credible actors and stunning line up of the region's finest musicians. The bad news is the last three shows are almost sold out. *Chicago* runs in the first two weekends of November. For more info visit [www.bangalowtheatre.com.au](http://www.bangalowtheatre.com.au).

Photo Jeff Dawson

## Grant to help teenagers get financially savvy

A \$10,000 grant to the Byron Youth Service (BYS) will soon be assisting young people to become more financially literate.

The grant is from the philanthropic division of the Financial Planning Association of Australia (FPA), which awards grants to community not-for-profit organisations with programs for socially and financially disadvantaged young Australians.

Byron Youth Service manager Teeya Blatt said, 'The idea of offering a financial literacy course came from young people themselves, in a survey we conducted in 2016.'

'We asked year nine and ten students what they would learn if they could learn anything they wanted, and it was surprising how many answers were practical, basic know-how: how to do taxes, how to budget etc.'

'Getting this grant is so satisfying because it means we'll be able to respond to that feedback.'

'The funding will provide the \$-Smart Youth financial literacy course participants with workbooks, receipt holders and calculators to encourage students to maintain their learning well beyond the time of the course.'

'The outcomes of this course are numerous,' said

Ms Blatt. 'Young people transitioning to adulthood will be empowered with knowledge of the real costs of living, get basic budgeting skills, understand superannuation and how to build savings.'

'Such knowledge is sure to increase their confidence and self-esteem.'

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## Byron after hours



The Byron Shire Echo hosted drinks after hours at Targa on Friday night with the Byron Chamber of Commerce. The Echo's general manager Simon Haslam pointed out that if 'we want to live in a vibrant, questioning and caring community, we all need to contribute in some way, because it's not just about the money.' Pictured are Mandy Nolan, Tom Mooney and Amanda Paul. Photo Jeff Dawson

## Rotunda eviction notice withdrawn

An urgency motion by Greens mayor Simon Richardson at last Thursday's extraordinary meeting will see an eviction notice withdrawn for Byron Environment Centre's rotunda in Railway Park, Byron Bay.

Councillors have also asked Council staff to provide a report on the decision making process that led to the removal of three trees in Railway Park at Byron Bay in late October.

Cr Richardson told the chamber that owing to the tree removal and eviction notice in the park, 'Community faith in the process is at an all time low.'

'Clearly mistakes were made. I don't know how wilful or deliberate they were but the bottom line is mistakes were made with communication.'

The motion was supported by all councillors except Cr Alan Hunter.

Cr Richardson told *The Echo*, 'No trees in Railway Park were cut down owing to borer [insect infestation].'

'There were a few reasons for the decision and I am currently obtaining information on this.'

### Contradiction

The mayor's statement contradicts general manager Ken Gainger's claim that one tree contained borer.

When *The Echo* asked for the arborist's report or DA relating to the tree felling, acting general manager Mark Arnold replied the report will be discussed at a future Council meeting.

Mr Arnold said, 'Councillors have also asked that no further landscaping or infrastructure works be done in Railway Park until they adopt the Railway Square Beautification plan.'

## Byron Council extends E-zone review period

Chris Dobney

Byron Shire Council has extended the period of review for its revised environmental zones to December 8, following widespread interest from landholders in the process.

Environmental zones were excised from the Local Environment Plans (LEPs) of five northern rivers councils in 2012 by the former local government minister, then Ballina National Party MP Don Page.

Mr Page's actions headed off a revolt by many landholders, who claimed councils were unfairly using E-zones to penalise farmers participating in Landcare and similar voluntary regeneration programs.

Some five years later, the resulting review of E2 (environment protection) zones and E3 (environment management) zones requires that they be applied by councils only if conservation has been the primary use of the land over the past two years.

### Grazing allowed

The proposal goes further to head off complaints by farmers by allowing grazing in the understorey of both zones, something that will likely raise the ire of conservationists.

The Department of Planning and Environment (DoPE) review says, 'The criteria for the application of the E2 zone will ensure that it is only applied to land containing vegetation with significant environmental attributes that is being used primarily for environmental conservation purposes.'



A section of e-zone map around Bangalow. Image Byron Shire Council

'Listing extensive agriculture as "permitted with development consent" in the E2 zone land use table, would ensure farmers do not have to rely on "existing use rights" if an E2 zone is applied to land that is being used for agricultural activities.'

'It will also provide opportunity for new agricultural activities that may be consistent with the E2 zone objectives, to be considered by a council through a development application process.'

'Such activities would constitute those that do not destroy, damage or have an adverse effect on areas of high ecological, scientific or cultural values.'

'This is expected to be limited to activities such as understorey grazing.'

### Not all are happy

Despite the considerable concessions, not all landholders are happy with the arrangements: one who wished to remain anonymous wrote to *The Echo* saying he felt he was being penalised for doing the right thing.

'People who still have veg-

etation on their property - ie have not bulldozed it - are being scapegoated by Council.'

'They are [the ones] having constraints placed upon them.'

'Whereas those who are bulldozing, in some cases to build additional dwellings - some illegal - for profit, are being encouraged and rewarded.'

'If the zones are to be imposed, should not they be on those who've already damaged the environment?'

The writer gave the example of 'property A', which he said has six neighbouring properties on the boundary fence.

'Two have carried out extensive excavation work involving the removal of native vegetation and the destruction of natural watercourses damaging property A.'

'Another property is a macadamia plantation and another has been used for commercial activity that is illegal in its zone.'

'But it is A that has been notified of potential E zoning. Neighbouring properties appear to have Council's blessing,' he said.

But Wayne Penn of Binna

Burra, who has an E2 zoning pending on his property is concerned that the new rules appear to override an 'in perpetuity' Registered Property Agreement entered into by a previous owner with the then NSW Department of Land and Water Conservation in 1999.

'Part of that agreement requires the owner to "exclude grazing by domestic stock from the agreement area," he told *The Echo*.

### Future owners?

'I do not farm my land, but it appears anyone who was to buy it from me could now legally allow cattle to trample and graze on the precious understorey of this very fragile ecosystem.'

'By comparison, under the new agreement, I would be prevented from undertaking activities that are much more compatible with an E2 zoning, for example: bed and breakfast accommodation, primitive camping, ecotourism or passive recreation.'

'This seems like a complete contradiction in priorities to me - and a complete capitulation to National Party interests,' Mr Penn said.

Byron Shire landholders who have E2 or E3 zones pending on part of their properties should have received a letter from Council dated October 9 encouraging them to go to Council's website for further information and/or to request a review.

Byron Shire Council was approached several times for comment for this article but failed to respond by deadline.

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## Councillors scramble to regain control from staff

What is happening inside Council is anyone's guess, but what we do know is that there is a growing list of transgressions by staff, and in particular by the most senior bureaucrat: general manager Ken Gainger.

And the nine councillors who were elected just over a year ago appear to be floundering about without a clue of what to do about it.

As a refresher, councillors formulate policy while staff enact that policy. With roughly 260 staff and a \$73m budget (November 2016 figures), Council looms large over everything else in the Shire. There's a lot at stake, and for democracy to work, responsibilities and integrity need to be upheld.

First, trees were chopped down without warning in Railway Park and then staff attempted to evict the Byron Environment Centre rotunda with misleading information.

Then it emerges that again, there were misleading statements surrounding the push to erect a transit centre on Butler Street Reserve (page 1 story).

In both instances, the Byron Bay masterplan leadership team were incorrectly implicated, either by staff or the GM.

The *Echo* has reported that the Byron Bay masterplan leadership team were left out of the masterplan process for both Railway Park and Butler Street; instead staff made it look like it was the leadership's idea to remove the Railway Park rotunda and plonk a transit centre on Butler Street Reserve.

This is looking less like mistakes and more like a pattern.

There are plenty of avenues for councillors to tighten up this operation.

Just one is to lodge a code of conduct complaint against the general manager to the NSW Office of Local Government.

Council's own *Code Of Conduct 2016* policy states under 'Development decisions' (page 4): 'You must ensure that development decisions are properly made and that parties involved in the development process are dealt with fairly.'

The Byron Bay masterplan leadership team are clearly supposed to be involved in the decision process – at least with the Railway Park anyway.

They appear to have been treated unfairly.

Councillors may also want to consider a review of their delegated authority to the GM (LGA, Section 380, Review of delegations) to ensure legal avenues are not being pursued against residents that damage the reputation of Council (page 1 story).

It's just so bizarre to be at this point, given the GM's long and respected career in the public service. The GM's actions do not indicate corruption because there is nothing to be gained other than rapidly unrolling his own vision of Byron Bay at the expense of everyone else. And to his credit, he was quick to apologise for chopping the trees down in the first place.

So – where to from here?

Hans Lovejoy, editor

## Rule of law becomes one more problem for lawyer PM

Taking a break between grave matters of national security and remembering the holocaust in Israel, Malcolm Turnbull said somewhat incongruously that he was having more fun than he had ever had in his life.

I don't know what he was smoking, but I wish he would send me some of it.

Alternatively he may have just admitted a devotion to masochism – or, of course, he may be declining into terminal insouciance. But more likely it was simple bravado, a defiant declaration that as everything around him is turning to shit, he is still happily undeterred, or maybe under turd, getting on with the job of delivering good government.

Okay, he has lost two ministers to the High Court and was forced to defend a third over what used to be the capital offence of misleading parliament, but he still has what he called a majority of 75 in the House of Representatives. Well, he does until some of them defect, which is not out of the question.

And even if one or two do, the government will not fall – he can still rely on at least three of the crossbenchers if it comes to a vote of no confidence.

So, what's the problem? Even when he discovered, belatedly, that the procrastinating Stephen Parry had joined those leaving the building after admitting dual citizenship by descent (or dissent, as one government press release whimsically put it) he was said to be furious, but his public demeanour was as bland as ever: he was disappointed, he said, but it was time to go on with business as usual, which sounded to his beleaguered colleagues like more of a threat than a promise.

And when he returned home to find that one of his closest allies, Josh Frydenberg, could also be embroiled in the chaos, he replied more in sorrow than in anger: it was time to end the witch hunt and to return to the land of common sense and the rule of law.

But in fact, common sense and the rule of law was precisely the problem. Initially, Turnbull had maintained that there were no real worries over the outing of three potential dual nationals: the only reason to refer them to the High Court was to establish clarity over section 44 of the constitution.

*Very few, including Barnaby Joyce himself, shared Turnbull's optimism...  
by Mungo MacCallum*



'The deputy prime minister, our leader thundered, 'is entitled to sit in this place and the High Court will so hold.'

Actually very few, including Barnaby Joyce himself, shared Turnbull's optimism, but hey, he was a trained lawyer and he had (or at least he said he had) unimpeachable advice from the government's current solicitor-general, Stephen Donahue, QC. There were ways around the constitution and surely the Court, in its wisdom, would devise a loophole or two to save the ignorant from themselves.

But alas, when the judges did deliver clarity it was with the unanimous and unambiguous verdict that section 44 meant exactly what it said – no room for ducking and weaving. So Turnbull and his Attorney-General, the accident-prone George Brandis, nudged Donahue in the direction of a passing bus and decided to

move on before some unlucky victim of a parking fine asked them to act on their behalf and copped seven years in the slammer as a result.

After all, Turnbull reassured the army of nervous Nellies wetting their beds in the party room, this was all a beat up by the elitists in the press gallery: no-one cared about it in the pubs and clubs. And indeed, the voters would much prefer not to have the government's incompetence, contradictions and general shenanigans thrust upon them day after day, week after week, month after month.

But regrettably they have

no real choice – the government just keeps on keeping on, business as usual. And as usual Turnbull will not, cannot, break the cycle.

As almost always, there is an obvious solution: the comprehensive audit of all members and senators being pushed by backbenchers on both sides of the aisle, as well as most of the crossbench and a very large section of the media. Even Bill Shorten, resistant at first, is prepared to work out a formula, and not merely to wedge the government: he, like many others, is concerned that the legitimacy of our system of parliamentary democracy is at stake if things are left to drag on and that witch hunts and, more importantly, real hunts, continue tearing the institutions apart.

Common sense and the rule of law would suggest that an audit is the quickest and cleanest way out of the mess, even

if some luckless and negligent individuals are embarrassed.

And the habit of a lifetime suggests that sooner or later Turnbull will capitulate – as dilatory as Stephen Parry, and in a way that fails to convince even the most credulous of his sincerity, but he will roll over, insisting, of course, that it will not actually be an audit, but some other mechanism serving precisely the same purpose – so he can still pretend that he is in charge.

And he will be hoping like hell that any future victims will be on the Labor side – one by-election, thankfully in a safe seat, is quite enough for the moment. But in fact the last couple of weeks of the parliamentary session will be a write-off anyway, with the same sex marriage result and its aftermath, the QLD election and the wash-up over the One Nation insurgency, and the inevitable resolution over the Manus Island standoff, which Turnbull cannot avoid by saying it is entirely up to Papua New Guinea because they are a sovereign nation.

After all, successive Australian prime ministers have, effectively, paid our nearest neighbour to remove Australia's unwanted responsibilities – people trafficking, some would say, but what the hell, we stopped the boats, and that is something to cling to. God knows, there hasn't been much else to crow about in this annus horribilis.

It will come to an end – or if not an end, then an intermission. Turnbull and his troops will be desperately hoping that 2018 will bring better tidings, but this appears unlikely, given the record of the last two years. Certainly not when Tony Abbott and the right-wing rump are around, and they are not gong away.

Happy Hogmanay, Malcolm.

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**Fare-thee-well**

With former councillor and Byron Greens founding member Tom Tabart leaving the Shire and moving back to Victoria there will be a huge gap in the knowledge base of local issues, the functioning of Council and local and state political history.

Tom was a Greens candidate for many state and federal elections and spent eight years as a Byron Shire councillor.

But many know of him through his prolific letter writing over the last quarter of a century. When I asked him how many letters published, he guesstimated 300. A great achievement!

For the many who encountered Tom, they know he was a fierce advocate for community rights and a fierce opponent of the wrongdoings of power. What is often misunderstood about Tom's public musings is that they were usually the last resort, not the first. Over the years, some people have been annoyed and/or frustrated at his intense focus and his sometimes acerbic style but I know that this emerged after his attempts to deal with matters away from the public gaze.

Having known him since 1993 I've been amazed at his boundless energy and political skills. Tom read Rachel Carson's *Silent Spring* in 1970 and was inspired to study science. As a scientist, an activist and a Green, he applied himself to every issue with an acute focus on achieving the best possible outcome with a precautionary principle approach.

His work as a councillor was detailed and determined, with many hours spent as a committee member focussing

on sewerage, waste, transport, finances and governance issues, including code of conduct. He was responsible for many substantial outcomes. As a Brunswick resident he took a keen interest in the caravan parks and crown land, hence the recent disappointment with current circumstances.

As a Green candidate he focussed attention on the Pacific Highway upgrade and the unnecessary destruction of irreplaceable biodiversity, the trashing of our public forests and the madness of burning forest and sugar cane 'waste' as green energy.

For me personally he was a loyal friend and confidante and I will miss him enormously. For shire residents, you will miss him too, even if you don't realise, but he always had your back and Byron needs people like Tom, now more than ever.

**Jan Barham**  
Broken Head

**Forced out?**

Because the Council has approved a two-storey, five bedroom, five bathroom house plus studio and pool to be built two metres away from our house, depriving us of most of our privacy and winter sun, we may have to reconsider living here.

I have spoken to the owner building the house next door and have been told it will be 'holiday let' as there is no way he would ever want to live in Byron Bay.

With the noise and constant parties that will surely follow, life here may become intolerable and we will be forced to leave, and do what everyone else is doing and rent to holiday makers.

Why not? When you can

get \$45,000 for 3 weeks rent from 'schoolies', by cramming 10-15 bunk beds into your house and charging the going rate which is \$1,000 per head, per week.

I do not want to be forced out of my granny flat but I am sick of phoning the police at 2am because I am still awake from some nightclub or all-night party.

What's left of our dwindling 'community' is slowly being sold to greedy developers who quickly subdivide the blocks, throw up the biggest house they can get away with, holiday let it and move onto the next one.

So you ask me for what purpose my granny flat will be used. Well at the moment it's where my husband and I reside. As for the future? Well, who knows?

I wonder how many bunks will fit into a granny flat.

**June McCormack**  
Byron Bay

**Protectionism**

Why is the Council so relentlessly pursuing the oppressive E3 zonings in Main Arm?

Over the past forty years we have reforested this valley without Council's assistance. So why lock up our land under these poorly conceived laws?

Whose idea was this? We certainly didn't vote for it. To protect regrowth forest by removing our right to freely manage it is plain dangerous.

Our roads and bridges are in a pitiful condition, and the fire trails on the northern side of the valley have not been maintained for decades - so when there is a major fire the fire brigades won't be able to protect us - while Council is spending significant money on implementing these

poorly conceived laws.

If you're going to forcefully create a massive fire-trap - make sure we are safe! This appears to be a politically oppressive exercise to justify the existence of even more bureaucrats. Basically very poor science. Leave us alone, Council - or fix the infrastructure first. When lives and homes are lost, the blood will be on Council's hands.

**W Boyle**  
Main Arm

**Our responsibility**

The experts are saying that the gravest threat facing the planet over the next decade is climate change. As the devastating impacts of climate change will affect each and every one of us, it is up to governments at all levels and all members of the community to take responsibility and do something about it.

Our Tweed Greens mayor Katie Milne has done just that. She put up a successful notice of motion at the 27 October meeting for Council to write to the prime minister and Queensland premier to express Council's concern about the extraction of 2.3 billion tonnes of coal from Adani's planned Carmichael mine in the Galilee Basin, which would result in 4.6 billion tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.

The resolution also requires disclosure by civil construction tenders of any involvement in providing services to, or contracting for, the development and operation of this mine and consideration of a Council policy position if that is the case. A similar motion was recently passed by the Lismore Council.

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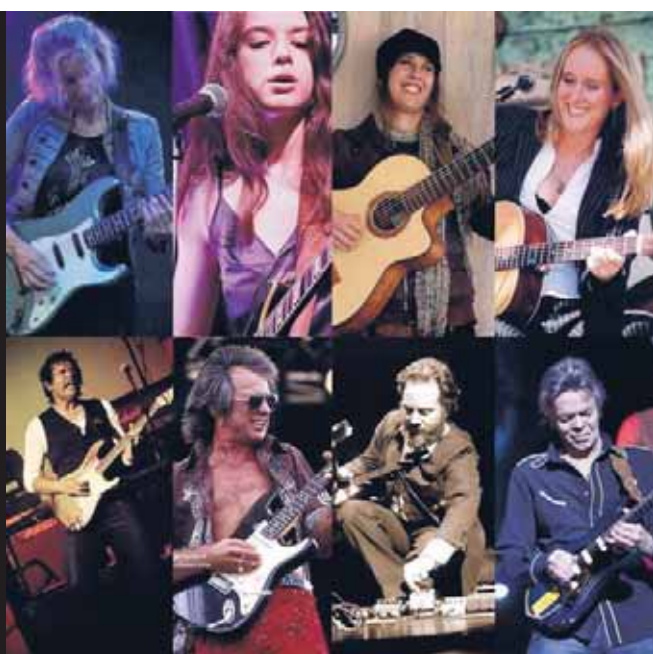
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# Byron Bay Guitar Festival November 10, 11 and 12

## FRIDAY - Bay FM Pre Fest Party

### MAIN STAGE

4.00pm - 4.45pm	Burning Hands (solo)
5.00pm - 5.45pm	Benny Walker (solo)
6.00pm - 6.45pm	Tash Wolf (solo)
7.00pm - 7.45pm	WHARVES
8.00pm - 9.00pm	Kallidad
9.30pm - 10.30pm	Steve Edmonds Band

### SATURDAY

#### GARDEN STAGE

11.00am - 11.30am	Tilka Fosamale
11.50am - 12.35pm	Pedro Rosano
12.55pm - 1.40pm	Ella Belfanti
2.10pm - 3.00pm	Azo Bell
3.30pm - 4.30pm	The Feral Swing Katz
5.00pm - 6.00pm	Martinez Akustica
6.30pm - 7.30pm	Kallidad
8.00pm - 9.30pm	Black Rabbit George
10.00pm - 11.30pm	Gang of Brothers

#### MAIN STAGE

11.00am - 11.30am	Grommet Winner - Harry Hart
11.45am - 12.30pm	Open Winner - Christina Crofts
12.45pm - 1.30pm	WHARVES
2.00pm - 2.45pm	Sunrose
3.15pm - 4.00pm	Tash Wolf & Band
4.15pm - 5.00pm	Benny Walker & Band
5.30pm - 6.30pm	Fiona Boyes (solo)
7.00pm - 8.00pm	Jeff Lang (solo)
8.30pm - 9.45pm	Kevin Borich with Lucius Borich
10.15pm - 11.45pm	Steve Edmonds Band

### PIGHOUSE FLICKS

11.00am - 12.00pm	Acoustic Uprising - Film <i>Acoustic Uprising looks at the innovative approach to acoustic guitar known as FingerStyle.</i>
12.30pm - 1.30pm	Fender Seminar with Stu French <i>The world's iconic guitar company bring you a tone-ful session with one of Australia's best session guitarists.</i>
2.00pm - 3.00pm	Wazinator presents Fiona Boyes <i>Fiona will demonstrate the power behind her solo shows - The Wazinator Stompbox sound!</i>
3.30pm - 4.30pm	Yamaha Seminar <i>Yamaha Backstage present an informative session with demonstrations of both the Yamaha and Vox brands.</i>
5.00pm - 6.00pm	Michael Dolce Masterclass <i>Get Michael's approach, concepts, techniques and conclusions with the Funk Fusion Masterclass</i>

### SUNDAY

#### GARDEN STAGE

11.00am - 11.45am	Craig Atkins
12.00pm - 12.45pm	Kit Bray
1.00pm - 1.45pm	The Invisible Numbers
2.00pm - 2.45pm	Josh Needs
3.00pm - 4.00pm	Burning Hands Band
4.00pm - 4.45pm	Garden Stage Guitar Jam
5.15pm - 6.15pm	Fergo & the Burden
6.45pm - 7.45pm	Greg Lyon & the Hip Operation
8.15pm - 9.45pm	Felicity Lawless Band

#### MAIN STAGE

11.00am - 11.45am	Fiona Boyes (solo)
12.00pm - 1.00pm	The Juke Joint Way
1.30pm - 2.30pm	Jim Kelly's Thrillseekers
3.00pm - 4.00pm	The Feral Swing Katz
4.30pm - 5.30pm	Pete C & the Soul Shakers
5.30pm - 6.30pm	Local Legends Guitar Jam
7.00pm - 8.00pm	Louie Shelton Band
8.30pm - 10.00pm	Phil Emmanuel Band

### PIGHOUSE FLICKS

11.00am - 12.00pm	Jim Kelly Masterclass <i>Meet Jim - a local music legend dedicated to the art of improvising, composing, performing and teaching.</i>
12.00pm - 1.00pm	Fender Seminar with Stu French <i>Hear the sounds of Fender and Gretsch with the harmonious duo - Stu and musical partner Michel Rose.</i>
1.30pm - 2.30pm	Michael Dolce Masterclass <i>Michael will be back to bring more knowledge with the continuation of concepts from his Funk Fusion Masterclass.</i>
3.00pm - 4.00pm	Pro Tools Seminar with Dan Brown from SAE Creative Media Institute <i>The world leaders in audio education present the guitarist's approach to home and professional recording.</i>
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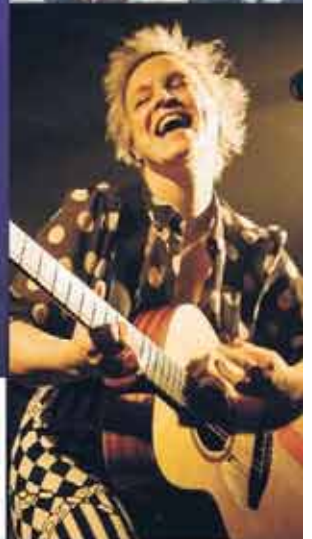


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► continued from page 13 Council's guiding principles, it should 'carry out its functions in a way that facilitates a local community that is strong, healthy and prosperous'. Their responsibilities therefore embrace all the issues which put residents at risk, eg extreme weather events, homelessness, inequality and domestic violence.

If the issue is not within their jurisdiction, it is up to Council to make recommendations to the relevant state or federal body and advocate for better outcomes for residents. Their responsibility goes well beyond roads, rates and rubbish.

If we are serious about reducing the impacts of climate change, we should be phasing out existing coal mines, not building new ones.

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**Lynette Dickinson**  
Pottsville

**McAuleys Lane**

One has to acknowledge that Council does a good job generally in management of its large portfolio; however, from time to time baffling decisions are made. The speed

limit in McAuleys Lane is a case in point.

For some reason Council has sign-posted McAuleys Lane as having an unlimited speed limit – same as for some main roads. Say what?

Recommending speeds to 100kph in this section of road borders on insanity. Sustained collisions, possibly deaths, doubtless will result. Why? 1. Because McAuleys crosses two intersections, Bilin Road in particular being quite busy with blind spots to left and right. 2. There are more than 30 hidden driveways in the Lane. 3. The road consists of numerous tight bends (including one blind corner that does not allow passing). 4. It is used by pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders. 5. The road surface is poor in places with loose gravel potholes etc requiring evasive action.

I do hope Council acts immediately on this matter. A speed limit of 50kph for the entire length of McAuleys Lane may be appropriate, particularly to slow the lunatic fringe, you know the ones, the drivers that tailgate vehicles travelling at 80kph in 80kph zones with double lanes preventing passing.

**Jeremy Gilder**  
Myocum

**The expert**

Who'da thunk Council's in-house solicitor Ralph James was a comedian?

I put a question at the September Council meeting and in the October agenda (p. 243) Mr James asserts that Council did actually employ expert witnesses in defending the appeal over Cr Hunter's development in Myocum. He implies that they didn't need to appear in court because they largely agreed with Cr Hunter's own expert witnesses. He disclaims any suggestion of cosiness by stating: 'The role of the expert witness is to assist the Court. Their overriding duty is to the Court and not to his or her client... Importantly the expert witness is not to be an advocate for a party [to a court case].'

Hilarious stuff indeed to suggest that a consultant would never do the bidding of the person paying the bill! Lawyers sometimes make similar claims about their own profession, all the while trying to conceal their smirks, of course.

Mr James becomes a little defensive when he goes on to say: 'The expert witness's duty is to work co-operatively with other experts and to endeavour to reach agreement.'

Hang on Ralph; I'm not suggesting that you or the GM have deliberately selected tame consultants, OK?

For a start I'd have to know their names – which you haven't provided. I do point out though that it's a universal axiom that consultants who are prepared to cut corners get far more work than those who stick to principles.

However, the part of Mr James's revelations that worries me is that councillors did vote not to defend Cr Hunter's appeal (ie it wasn't the GM acting wholly under delegated authority). So how does a council which voted against a development proposal suddenly roll over on the courthouse steps?

Clearly a key part was played by legal advice. Legal advice is privileged so I'm unlikely to ever see it, there being no leakers on Council. Also the debate itself was held in confidential session, so councillors can't even talk about what was said by whom.

Now you can't go into confidential session without a vote, and reasons have to be provided. I'll bet my middle testicle that the old ploy was used: 'There's legal advice involved, so we have to exclude the public.' Mr James, I've seen past GMs introduce

legal advice even though it wasn't required, just to keep the public in ignorance; so forgive me if I'm suspicious.

Finally I note that Council agreed to allow Cr Hunter's development, but successfully imposed its own consent conditions. Deary me, what a resounding victory. Pity that Cr Hunter's alleged past infringements of consent conditions went quite unpunished by Council.

My summary of the matter is that councillors and Myocum residents got comprehensively rolled using a series of textbook ploys. Once again His Smugness Simon Richardson noticed nothing.

**Fast Bucks**  
Coorabell

**Nasty trick**

So very sad to see some nasty little trick or treaters out there

using threats and offensive, abusive language... such as a gang of boys in t-shirts and shorts demanding treats – with menace.

Not bothering with costumes, a pumpkin or even a hint of kohl, spoiling it for all those cute monster kids who went to so much trouble. Threats and menace is not what a good fun kids' night is all about in Byron Shire.

**Jacqui Murray**  
Ocean Shores

■ Halloween! I arrived home in North Ocean Shores from an exhausting day at work on Tuesday evening (Halloween), parked my car in the driveway and before I could even open the car door, a group of three boys charged onto the property to 'Trick or Treat'. I opened the car door

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Under the governments Renewable Energy Target scheme (RET), the current STC calculation will reduce again at the end of the year and will do so each year until it is phased out in 2030, so if you've been considering solar, now is the time to act.

Today, the STC incentive for a 6.6kW system is just shy of \$4,200.00, fast forward to January and the annualisation of the STC scheme has come into effect and this will have dropped significantly to around \$3,890.00, dependant on the STC value, that's a difference of \$400 in a matter of months.

**Act Now**

To secure the current STC price, it's worth that noting your solar system must be installed and operational before the 31st of December, taking into account that solar just doesn't happen overnight. By the time you've signed your contract, its then over to the supply authority to apply for a grid connect, and this can take anywhere from 2 to 8 weeks, and then there's installation and finally operation. From the time you sign, to the time your STC's take effect, you will need to allow a period of eight weeks, so don't delay, ACT NOW and save yourself some serious money before the December 31st deadline.

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**CHESS** by Ian Rogers

In a highly controversial move, veteran Vladimir Kramnik has been granted a wild card to the 2018 Candidates tournament, the eight player event from which Magnus Carlsen's next World Championship challenger will be found.

Kramnik, 42, has been one of the world's best players for more than two decades, holding the traditional matchplay World Championship title between 2000 and 2008. But in 2017 Kramnik's star faded, as he dropped from world number three at the start of the year to number seven.

However, Kramnik is Russian, as are the major sponsors of next March's Candidates tournament in Berlin.

It was therefore no surprise that when tournament organisers Agon announced Kramnik's wild card their official announcement quoted the Russian Chess Federation President Andrey Filatov saying, 'Now Russia has at least two players who have a chance to become the challenger to the incumbent World Champion. I very much hope

that a Russian chess player will "capture Berlin" and will face Magnus Carlsen in November 2018'.

Such statements make a mockery of the claim by Agon that the wild card to the Candidates tournament has been granted on merit, especially given that France's Maxime Vachier-Lagrave has outperformed Kramnik on every measure this year.

The decision reinforces the growing influence of the Russian government on world chess, shown most flagrantly by the use of Russian embassies to campaign for FIDE President Kirsan Iljumzhinov in 2014 and again this year.

Agon partner Kaspersky Labs has been blamed for the theft of data from the US National Security Agency and banned from doing work for US government departments.

Candidates tournament sponsor EG Capital Advisors has very strong connections to Russian oligarch and chess fan Boris Mints, who founded the Otkritie bank later used by State oil giant Rosneft to avoid the US sanctions placed on larger banks after the Russian takeover of Crimea.

**Will the recent focus on the clothes-optional beach reduce sex-pests?**

I can sympathise with Jennifer Innes of Tyagarah re the problem of sexual predation at her local beach.

In her letter she reiterates many of the points covered already in the discussion. However, she says 'many of the letter writers criticising efforts to address the safety issues at the clothes optional beach at Tyagarah appear to believe in their own entitlement to be nude in public more than the entitlement of others to be safe'. She provides no evidence for this statement which is patently untrue. No-one is safe on a lonely beach anywhere.

She also blames the council, NPWS, the police and the 'naturalists'. She says that 'If nudity were not legal at the beach policing it would be less complex'. Also, 'the sex-pests have become an ugly and dangerous by-product of Byron's free and easy lifestyle'. Que?

And she finishes with 'A council initiative to address sex offences taking place in

isolated hard-to-police locations is an urgent matter for council'. She is correct on this point. Main Beach to Clarkes Beach is the obvious answer. Great for the tourist industry.

In the meantime I suggest she drive the extra mile to Coolangatta or Ballina as others have had to drive to Tyagarah.

In passing, as one who lives naked (except when it is cold), I have not swum at Tyagarah for fear of being classified as a 'dirty old man' - a fate that we all face.

**Jim Nutter**  
Main Arm

enjoying the lake without the seedy undercurrent.

A random, rather than a full-time police presence has resulted in significant improvement at the lake in a very short time. We therefore have reason to expect the same strategy will produce the same results at the beach once appropriate signage is in place.

Once word gets around that it is no longer possible to commit illegal acts with impunity we will rapidly see this behaviour dwindle.

**O Redman & M Swift**  
Byron Bay

tion of two freedoms, that of being able to swim naked and not having to suffer sexual harassment at the beach the latter trumps the former hands down.

None of the councillors object to nudity and I don't believe anything will change for those who discreetly slip of their dacks and go for a skinny dip. They are no threat to anyone.

Those who abuse the privilege of a secluded nude beach to prey on unsuspecting beach goers, you are on notice. The stricter controls at Tyagarah with signage that clearly stipulates the 800m clothes-optional areas, 200m to the north of the Grays Lane beach access are a trial.

I would encourage people to let police know immediately of any predatory or threatening behaviour they encounter, there or at any other beach. Let's reclaim a sense of safety on our shores.

**Cr Sarah Ndiaye**  
Mullumbimby

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► continued from page 17 and politely told them 'no thanks'.

A short time later while out walking my dogs, the same group of children re-

turned and threw a raw egg over the bonnet of my car!

Listening to the excited children scurrying from house to house while on the walk, the sort of comments I overheard were 'what did you get in that house?', 'Go over there - you get more from them.'

So what is Halloween really about to kids... by these actions I can only assume it is all about greed and getting whatever you can - true consumerism. And if you are told no, then for some kids where I live, you retaliate with vandalism. I am trying to embrace and accept yet another American tradition, but after this Halloween, I think I'll stick to my guns and say no to this one.

**Lesley Sampson**  
Ocean Shores

**Tight corners**

In reply to Alistair Bell's letter about my discussion of tight railway curves and keeping cars on the road (Letters October 25).

I should also have spoken about freight staying on our highways and thanks to Alistair pointing out the tight curves on the border loop being around 250m radius. Freight share for rail in NSW was 25 per cent in 2006 (Dr Philip Laird, Associate Professor, Wollongong University) but has dropped to less than 10 per cent due to travel and dwell times compared to road transport.

Tight curves and high gra-

dients of the 'steam age alignment' railway line between Sydney and Brisbane is pushing more and more freight onto roads. The upgrade of the Pacific Highway is compounding this loss, and without major track straightening, deviations and gradient lowering the ratio of rail to road freight share will widen.

So yes, the 80 curves with radii of less than 400 metres on the northern rivers line will keep people in cars and freight on our highways.

**Geoff Bensley**  
Byron Bay

■ In September 2004 Price Waterhouse Coopers designed a comprehensive plan to develop a 16 train a day rail service using a lightweight railcar which would cost \$28.8 million for repair of the Casino to Murwillumbah railway track. It might cost more these days but nothing like what the government's ARUP report said.

Imagine having trains running all day for locals as well as great tourist packages.

You could have a tour start from Murwillumbah station going to the Tweed Gallery for morning tea. You would just need to build a little platform on the railway line below the gallery and some steps up. Then hop back on the train to Billinudgel Hotel for lunch. Then Mullumbimby in the early afternoon for great music before heading to Byron for a late afternoon at the beach, followed by dinner and danc-

ing. Catch the train later on that night to Lismore, Casino or Kyogle for accommodation that's very affordable.

The next day you might go to the Casino railway museum and minirail for morning tea or take a tourist bus to Nimbin, be back in Lismore for lunch before being on the train to Byron for the beach or whale watching. Dinner could be at Byron or Mullumbimby before catching the late train for accommodation at Murwillumbah.

Using the 16 train a day timetable you'd have a great tourist experience and boost local economies. Save the railway tracks for real regional tourism on trains.

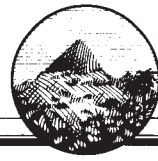
**Beth Shelley**  
NNRAG, Boorie Creek

**Distortion of history**

November 2 marks the centenary of the Balfour Declaration which established a 'national home for the Jewish people' in Palestine in exchange for Zionist influence bringing the US into WWI supporting Britain.

The Declaration insisted that 'nothing shall be done which may prejudice (Palestinian) civil and religious rights' but omitted to include their political rights which is not surprising given that Balfour revealed his pro-Zionist bias in a letter to Lord Curzon, 'Zionism... is... of far profounder import than the desires and prejudices [sic] of 700,000 Arabs who now

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## The Echo – The Thinking Dog's Paper

Thirty-one years have passed since Nicholas Shand dreamed up this newspaper and gathered a band of fellow dreamers to help him make it real.

In those 31 years The Echo has grown, like a magic beanstalk, far taller than we ever imagined, and it is now a feature of Shire life.

Our ongoing series on the history of our beloved rainbow rag continues this week, written by the newspaper's longest-serving drudge, David Lovejoy.

In 1989 a small ground floor office in Village Way, Mullumbimby, came on the market. It was next door to a dentist and opposite a licensed restaurant. It was not the only space Nicholas and I looked at when we decided to move the paper back to Mullumbimby, and it would definitely be very cramped, but it was the only one we could afford to buy, and it was opposite a licensed restaurant. My wife Wendy agreed to put the family house up for collateral on the mortgage and we became the proud tenants of our own premises.

### Tight office, tighter team

We were a close team, which was just as well given the space we were squeezing into. The printing experiment was abandoned and we moved that part of the operation to a medium size offset press in Ballina.

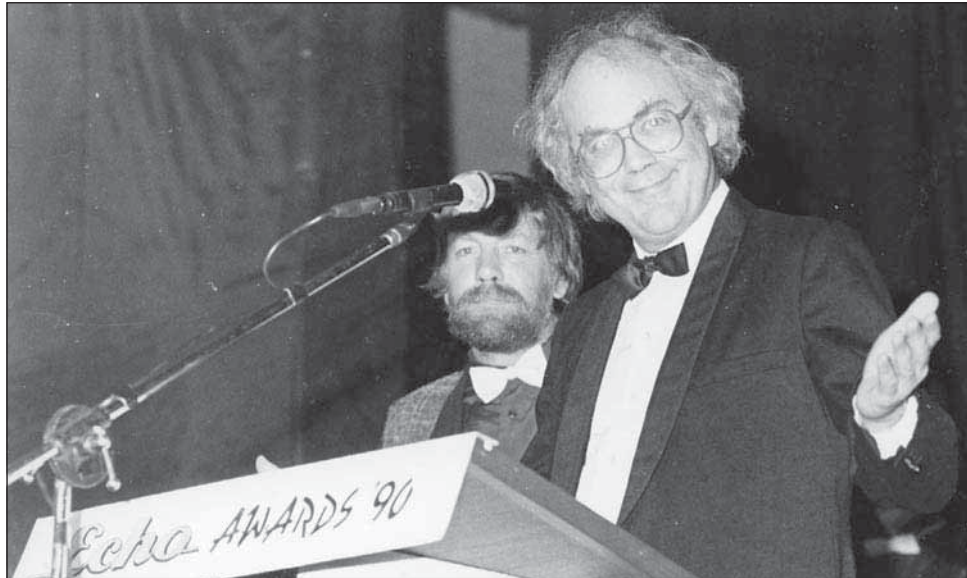
The company valued our custom, to the extent of sending one of its directors to act as courier every Monday night to wait until we had finished and then convey the precious pages back to Ballina. Just how much we were valued became evident when we later moved our custom and the press went bankrupt without the regular income from *The Echo*.

The period after our return from Brunswick Heads was a pleasant one. The licensed restaurant on the other side of the lane was taken over by Main Arm friends Gavan and Helen, who provided a bar for *Echo* hacks to prop up at the end of the day.

We seemed to have persuaded even the most conservative advertisers to let us have our editorial freedom: one week we devoted an entire issue to the legalisation of cannabis with hardly a squawk in response. In this positive atmosphere the newspaper continued to expand until forty-eight A4 pages was a regular event. The deluge of letters we received was a good indicator of our acceptance with readers, and so was the growth of our classified advertising columns.

The number of staff grew too. In addition to Nicholas, Jeff, Michael and me, we had a regular team of two or three part-timers designing and producing ads, Tuppy Lang overseeing the classifieds, Sandy O'Keefe on reception, Jeff Taylor in accounts, and the boisterous presence of Carol Page.

Carol was initially brought in to type, file and help with reception, but she proved to have many talents, eventually working with success in every *Echo* department except the art room. By the time she



Nicholas Shand and David Lovejoy enjoying their success at the second *Echo* Awards in 1990.

left the company many years later she had become an accomplished journalist and used her experience to start a newspaper, the *Snowy Rivers Echo*, in Jindabyne, a publication which still exists despite Carol's tragically early death.

### Trials of the tip

In those days we tried to develop the company in a businesslike way, although we did not often stray from the newspaper and what we knew best. Perhaps this was because of our first foray into merchandising. When we were still in Brunswick we had a thousand t-shirts printed with various designs, including 'The Echo – the Thinking Dog's Paper'. The shirts came neatly folded in ten black plastic bags. We opened one, distributed the contents to friends and staff, and left the remaining bags in the press room overnight.

The next day we discovered that they had all been left out for the garbage truck, and despite my best efforts foraging at the tip they were gone forever, leaving the handful of remaining shirts

as collectors' items.

Another marketing ploy was inadvertent: bored with laying out the television guide every week, I started adding unauthorised comments, including ridiculous plot lines for soaps like *Neighbours* which were developed, a sentence or two at a time, over the course of the week's programs. Readers loved this subversion, and chunks of *The Echo's* enhanced TV Guide were quoted as far afield as Brisbane's *Courier Mail*.

### Outrageous insults

One recipient of the TV Guide's satirical barbs was the singer Issi Dye. Two evenings a week he infested the breaks in the programs of the only commercial channel then operating in the region, breathlessly plugging local businesses – who thereby saved themselves the expense of having professional advertisements made. But no matter how outrageous our insults, Issi would smile and take the 'no such thing as bad publicity' line. In the end we

of the very first newspapers in Australia to be produced on a desktop publishing system. Months after we had installed our collection of Macintosh workstations, connected by yards of ethernet cable, I read in a trade magazine how the Fairfax organisation was fearlessly pioneering a network of Macs to produce its weekend colour supplements.

Marty lived in Brisbane so it fell upon me to learn how to keep the network operating. I continued in the role of de facto IT administrator until about 1995 when we acquired the real thing in the form of Jonno. Dishevelled, tranced and sometimes paranoid, Jonno nevertheless faithfully took our computer system to the next level, ensuring that, in February 1996, we were among the first newspapers in Australia to have our own website.

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## LAWS THAT WOULD BE GOOD

### Stop Arming Terrorists Act

Here's a law that would reduce the never ending-violence and death between nation states: the Stop Arming Terrorists Act.

US Democratic congresswoman and Iraq war veteran Tulsi Gabbard (Hawaii) introduced this bill to the US Senate in March 2017 and while it is unlikely to become law, it does give hope that humans are capable of more than just killing each other and destroying stuff.

Such legislation could well advance the species past this current idiotic stone age and help us explore inner and outer space.

According to [www.congress.gov](http://www.congress.gov), the bill would prohibit the use of 'federal agency funds' to provide assistance to its favourite terror organisations: Al Qaeda, Jabhat Fateh al-Sham, the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), 'or any individual or group that is affiliated with, associated with, co-operating with, or adherents to such groups.'

The bill suggests empowering the US Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI) to decide which country, within the most recent 12 months, 'provided covered assistance to such a group or individual.'

But here's the problem: Nation actor states such as Saudi Arabia have been accused of providing funds and arm the terrorist organisation ISIS.

The Saudi Kingdom publicly beheads those who break their stone age religious Wahhabism laws, which are the basis of their legal system. And that's just for starters.

Australia, the US and the UK have longstanding arms/oil deals with Saudi Arabia.

It's well documented that these arms/oil deals lifted the UK out of their economic ruin in the 70s. According to [www.dfat.gov.au](http://www.dfat.gov.au), 'Saudi Arabia is Australia's second largest trading partner in the Middle East region.'

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► **continued from page 18** inhabit that ancient land'. It has only been half fulfilled given that the minority Jews now have a state while the majority Palestinians are totally subservient to their gun-backed rule.

Messrs Turnbull, Shorten plus a huge contingent of senior politicians, military, media and relatives and friends of the Australian Light Horse Brigade made the pilgrimage to Beersheba and although Shorten initially visited the West Bank, the Palestinians were completely extirpated.

Netanyahu's Beersheba centenary address stated, 'Exactly 100 years ago, brave ANZAC soldiers liberated Beersheba for the sons and daughters of Abraham and opened the gateway for the Jewish people to reenter the stage of history'. However, both Jews and Muslims trace their origins to Abraham, Jews through Isaac and Muslims through Ishmael, so why did he limit the ANZAC contribution only to Jews and why were our politicians complicit in this gross distortion of history?

**Gareth W R Smith**  
Palestine Liberation Centre

### Council control

You cannot comply with the thousands of regulations within our Council planning system because they are inconsistent, not site specific, and many are conflicting or mutually exclusive.

This is the fundamental flaw entrenched in our statute based planning system which makes it open to exploitation and abuse. They are called planning controls because this is their intent – to control.

The Council, as the approving authority, has a choice to support or reject any community action. This should be based on support, guidance and encouragement of community and individual initiatives – not control for the sake of control, to justify power and authority or to appease corporate interests.

Proper planning is all about leadership and working collectively towards a common goal based on respect for nature and each other.

In the light of recent insensitive actions by Council in the Byron town centre and our villages I would ask them: Don't control us, support us. Don't conquer us, encourage us; don't fear us, respect us; don't hate us, love us. Because we are you and you are us. We all have a choice and what we choose will be our future.

**John Sparks**  
Bangalow

■ The recent eviction notice to the Byron Environment Centre (BEC) rotunda in Railway Park and the felling of trees; raises certain questions of the vulnerability of the Byron community to the dictates of crony capitalism.

Crony capitalism is a term describing an economy in which success in business depends on close relationships between business people and government, including local government.

This economy spills over into the nexus between the political class and business distorting the economy and society – corrupting public serving and social ideals.

It is also used to describe governmental decisions favouring 'cronies' of governmental officials. Crony capitalism is a welfare tool unto itself. It is the practice of partiality; business granted by the political class to the cronies, who in turn amass money through this nexus of relationships.

It could be viewed as a secret state, posing as transparent governance. It uses double-speak to hide its real agenda. It thrives on secrets and surprises and there is usually a crony who does the dirty work on the community... 'and doesn't know a thing.'

However, it is far from transparent. Hence the advance of cronies in obtaining Brunswick for capital gain, the legal oppression of the Butler Street community and the eviction notice to the BEC to get rid of the hippies and develop... quickly.

To cronies social justice is a nuisance, ecological integrity a worse hinderance to development, and public space for communities a down-right socialist idea!

Crony capitalism is about corporate welfare supported by governments upholding favoritistic monetary policies.

It is the most dangerous of economies, but worse, it is the 'iron fist in the velvet glove'. It thrives on dispossession of communities and steals rights from future generations.

Byron beware... all is not as it seems.

**Jo Faith**  
Newtown

### The Harvey scale

When a natural disaster occurs, its ferocity is measured on a scale of zero to ten. A storm creating no real damage is categorised in the low range whilst a devastating hurricane like Katrina receives a big score.

The latest media bandwagon appears to centre on incorrect sexual actions taken mostly by men of power in

film and television, on vulnerable women.

One must not belittle or brush aside these events. Twenty years ago they were as common as they are today, but the difference now is the use of social media as judge and perhaps sadly, jury.

How often do you hear the phrase 'oh, I'll just ask Google' as if this inanimate algorithm is the supreme source of moral judgement and truth.

But who is currently telling the truth and not just jumping on the social media bandwagon? And is an incorrect advance at a drinks party a hangable offence? It is well known that aspirants will go to extreme ends for a few column inches of national fame.

A UK politician apologised via the media for touching the knee of a female reporter over 15 years ago. When asked for a comment the well known and forthright reporter said 'can't remember, seems inconsequential, no one hurt, let's get on with our lives.'

They both took it upon themselves to control the story. However, social media is a hungry beast. Devouring without control. Egged on by users bent on having their views known, whether accurate or balanced.

Harvey Weinstein appears to have been an ogre in the film industry. Dozens have used the electronic media to tap a nail in his coffin. Nothing he says or does now will change the way the internet has decided to treat him.

Similarly Kevin Spacey is now tarred with the story of an alleged attack on a 14-year-old, 30 years ago. He can't recall the incident but is remorseful and apologetic. Out of the woodwork have now come more, accusing him of exposure, etc. Social media loves nothing more than a bit of slap and tickle, especially if it's linked to a celebrity – even better if they are gay. What would they have made of Laurence Olivier? Now Dustin Hoffman is yet another to feel the weight of mass media on his shoulders.

The problem appears to be that all these accusations are being lumped under one banner. What they are saying is that an under age advance, or non-consensual sex is equal to a politician putting his hand on a journalist's knee during dinner.

Is this right and fair? Social media doesn't really allow a differentiation. It's all or nothing. Journalism is becoming more about social comment and less about hard hitting investigation. That is,

what do the social blogs think rather than what did you discover from factual evidence.

Again the referee is absent. So we need a scale – I propose calling it The Harvey Scale.

**Hugh Downie**  
Federal

### Paid parking

There are many things that Byron Council does that I may disagree with, but paid parking is not one of them.

I may not like the fact that the sleepy idyllic backwater escape from the city I fell in love with many years ago is no more. Parking stations are a reminder of what has been lost.

I do not like the fact that I am getting old either, but this and the fact that the Byron of my youth is no more are the reality. Trying to find a park to pick up a parcel from the post office or to go to the chemist in Bangalow, is often difficult. Even a quiet afternoon drink at the pub is trying most days; trying to get a place to park. But what is more trying is having to pay an annual fee to park in Byron Bay as a rate-payer. And even more trying than that, is to suffer a nearly one-third increase in my annual land rates. All this to deal with a cost imposed on the Shire by new arrivals, tourists, and day trippers.

They love the region as much as long-time locals do. But we are killing the thing that we all love. This is not a new phenomenon, it has happened around the world and throughout history when people migrate to, or holiday in, idyllic places.

The secret to survival is not to kill the goose that laid the golden egg. Paid parking is doing little to diminish the things that attracted most of us here in the first place. An increase in the number of people, cars, noise, rubbish and wearing infrastructure (roads, parks, public toilets, play areas) are some of the problems we face because of more people. Simply put, the social and natural environment of the region is being changed by an increase in the number of people here.

Paid parking will not do much to change the population pressure; but it will impose some order on how people behave when they come and it will provide some money to deal with some of the wear and tear they impose. Just as a simple letter cannot do much to solve the big problems we face, neither can paid parking; but they can help.

**Paul Gannon**  
Coopers Shoot

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# Sex, lies and social media: I tweet therefore I am

Daniel Sage

Like the press pretty much everywhere, the UK media is in a frenzy of outing and shaming rapists, sex pests, touchers and all sorts of previously hidden pervs and miscreants. And a bloody good job the turgid status quo is being challenged and re-framed at last to rouse society not to tolerate base behaviour and generally to encourage people to ask before they take, especially when it comes to other people's bodies.

## Caution essential

A post-Weinstein world is reshaping fast before our noses, under a firestorm of victims' stories and perpetrator scandal. In the thick smoke it can be hard to see the flames, especially when so many stories are from so long ago. Memory is a notoriously fragile construct. And so, caution is essential in apportioning blame accurately.

But equally, it is vital victims are emboldened to report what has happened to them and to be heard and taken seriously. The freezing, terrible shame must be burned off.

## A healing virus

Listen. Don't turn a blind eye. Speak up. These are the activating key words released like a healing virus into 2017.

May they bring peace, justice, and change.

This week in Britain, the defence minister, Sir Michael Fallon, fell on his sword, admitting 'inappropriate sexual behaviour' towards a junior, Julia Hartley-Brewer, 15 years ago.

Hearing the news, Hartley-Brewer commented, 'If he has gone because he touched my knee 15 years ago, that is genuinely the most absurd reason for anyone to have lost their job in the history of the universe, so I hope it is not because of that.'

Few believe it is the only reason and fresh allegations are expected soon. It's impossible to know what's going on behind the scenes.

The lives of public figures are always skewed by what the media can see and show. And in many instances, the sheer clamour of outrage then arising from a million home keyboards judging and opining befuddles and ob-



The Social Media Courtroom. Source: Anders Laren Optik

scures exponentially.

We are living in an age of hyper commentary. I tweet therefore I am. Everyone has an opinion (on everything). Everyone is a judge. Trial by social media is an ugly business of stocks and gallows. Accusation blurs into proof. Kevin Spacey is shot to pieces in a week, but meanwhile Roman Polanski has been feted for 40 years and never brought to justice. One is condemned instantaneously, yet with the presumption of innocence; the other allowed to win awards and smile cheekily as a convicted outlaw. One was busted in 2017;

the other in 1977.

It's no surprise many of the cases reaching the news are from those heady old days. Glamour hid the filth. But now we know Jimmy Saville was doing it, Rolf Harris was doing it, Gary Glitter, Sir Edward Heath (probably, say police), the list goes on and on.

## Consent is key

Happily, the differences of those 40 years may finally be ravelling up. The cry is clear: Enough! Louche, casual, sexist conduct belongs in the bin. Accountability matters. Respect is a basic. Consent is key.

But the process is wild and dirty and fuzzy. Our mores change grindingly, even while sentiment erupts so fiercely.

Last Christmas, I did jury service in a murder trial at the Old Bailey. Grisly business it was, hearing what the plaintiff had got up to and having to sit across from his victim's family who were in no doubt he should be violently dispatched himself. Apart from one afternoon off when the judges went for Christmas tea, and the holiday days themselves, we endured three weeks of the laborious, forensic, technical and fanatically fair practices of the legal system.

## In fairness

It was a tawdry, horrible tale. Everyone was a victim, their lives affected by ten pointless minutes of drunken belligerence. Yet the care with which each aspect was explored and mapped inspired a willingness to engage in the process, to try to be fair, to listen, to consider, to weigh and balance and then decide.

We all made judgments the whole time going along, of course. But we reserved them.

It was an experience that changed my outlook on life considerably, and, by paradox perhaps, made me see the good in people more.

It amazed me that such a critical decision about the future of the accused was left in the hands of a bunch of lay strangers. And moreover, that this method of deciding guilt, trial by jury, was deemed the best our entire civilisation had come up with in however many thousands of years crimes have been punished.

Without the evidence, and the arguments, and the time to chew it all over, it would have folded in a flash.

Let's keep the 2017 hoses pointing to where the cleaning must be done. Let's rein in pornification, so a new normal doesn't take root even more pernicious than the old. Let's remember most men are not pests or boors and are participating in making a better, more equal world. Let's make consent king and queen in all spheres. Real confidence is knowing what you want, knowing how to ask and feeling okay if the answer is no.

# Disappointing vote on nuclear disarmament

John Hallam

The Australian government vote not to support the UN resolution (L45) in the General Assembly's First Committee on nuclear disarmament was disappointing.

L45 is focussed on setting up a meeting in New York that would be ideal for progressing 'step by step' moves toward nuclear disarmament such as nuclear risk reduction measures and other measures.

The resolution L45 was nonetheless adopted with 129 yes votes to 30 no votes and 12 abstentions by the First Committee recently. Last year (2016) it had been adopted by 144 yes votes, but Australia voted against it then too.

## Watered down

Australia also participated in sponsoring the resolution on 'United Action with Renewed Determination toward the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons' with Japan, a resolution which appears to have been watered down this year, causing support to drop.

As the PND and Human Survival Project's UN nuclear disarmament campaigner I find it hard to understand



May 21, 1956, the first nuclear device of this type detonated over Namu Island in the Marshall Islands. The island remains contaminated by radiation. AP Photo, File.

where the government is coming from on this one.

On the one hand they claim to have voted against the nuclear weapons ban treaty because they are in favour of a 'progressive approach', or a 'step-by-step approach' to nuclear disarmament.

Fair enough, but the step by step approach and the ban treaty reinforce each other and do not compete. When the Australian government was faced with a genuine 'progressive approach' opportunity in the shape of L45, which is about setting up a meeting in New York that would be ideal for progressing 'step-by-step' moves toward nuclear disarmament

- they vote 'no'.

This is absolutely incomprehensible. The thing about a step-by-step approach of course is that you've actually got to take the steps. The government is showing no willingness to do this, and no willingness to support additional steps that would reduce the day-to-day risks of accidental apocalypse posed by nuclear weapons (though it did vote to reduce operational readiness of nuclear weapon systems in 2016).

## Clear danger

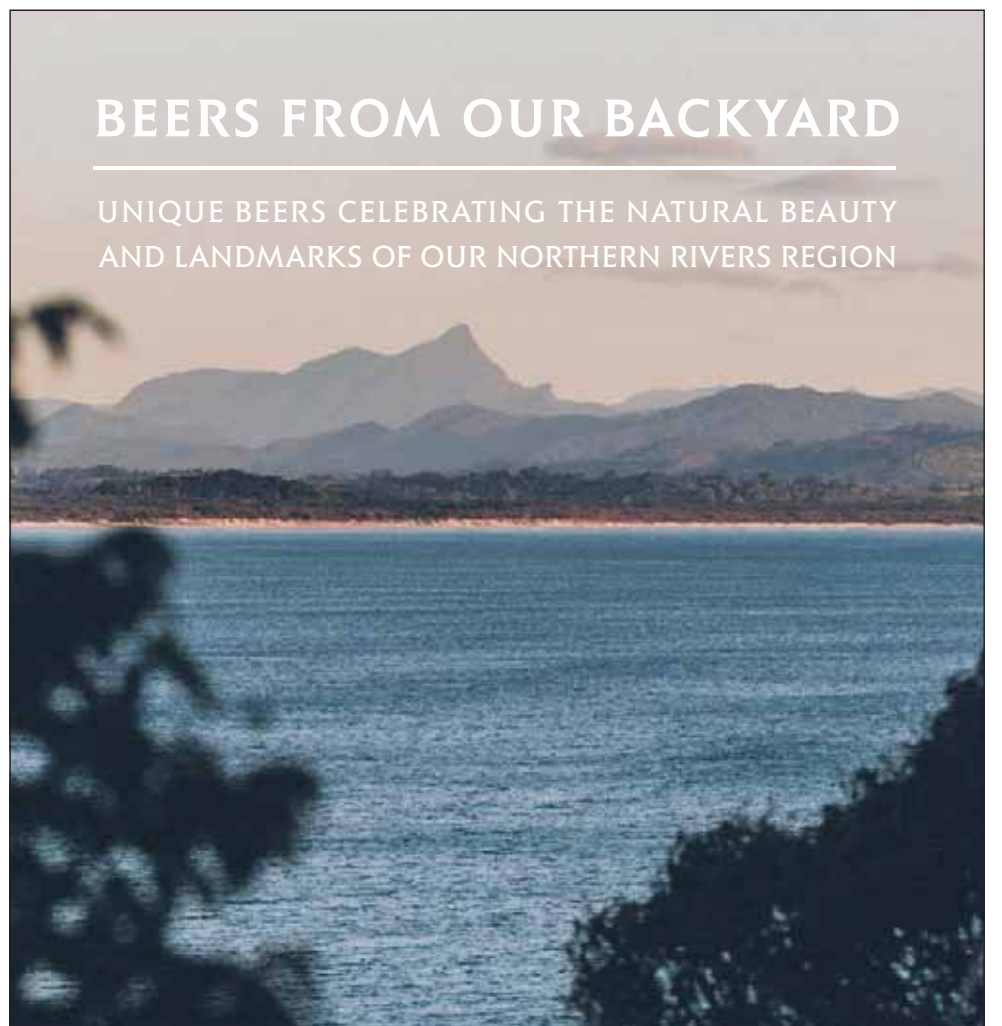
Nuclear weapons pose a clear and immediate danger to civilisation and to humans as a species, right now.

The risk of nuclear weapons use and nuclear war is as great as it has ever been. Our government is failing to take immediate and sensible steps to diminish this danger, and by doing so it places national security in dire danger and puts every Australian at risk.

A nuclear weapon that does not exist can pose no danger. Eliminating nuclear weapons - really and verifiably - would eliminate the single most potent and immediate risk to civilisation and to humans as a species.

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# Of Lights and Men: or the coming of aliens...

Story & photo David Lisle

The North is a mysterious place. In the early hours of a chilly mid-September morning, the haunting call of a loon, signalling its location to a mate, could be heard echoing across a lake in northern British Columbia. This eerie birdsong was the perfect aural accompaniment to a light show playing in the heavens above.

The appearance of the northern lights – *aurora borealis* – at the end of a long summer bicycling through the northern wild was a surreal moment. It seemed to hint at the imminent arrival of aliens, or the coming of Jesus. Whatever the case, it was apparently time to give

up this earthly existence.

The northern lights are caused by electrically charged solar particles colliding with gaseous particles in the Earth's atmosphere, which become 'excited', and light up. Streamers, curtains and other assorted shafts of light – commonly green or purple – can be seen dancing about the sky for seconds, minutes or hours. The effect can be seen at high latitudes except during summer when it's never sufficiently dark. Bikers who see the lights should recognise this as an important omen and head south, promptly. (We did, and are now sheltered on Vancouver Island.)

Traditional cultures have amazing stories to accompany the lights. Tales featuring



giants cooking their enemies in huge vats, or spirits playing a ball-game in the sky with a giant walrus head, seem hardly exaggerated when the lights are on display.

## Stars of wonder

Pioneering conservationist John Muir, a writer prone to excessive verbiage, was especially rhapsodical in describing his encounter with the lights. 'I fancy', wrote Muir in his posthumously published *Travels in Alaska*, 'that if all the stars were raked together into one windrow, fused and welded and run through some celestial rolling mill, all would be required to make this one glowing white

colossal bridge'. For the effusive Muir, the northern lights typified the capacity of nature to uplift the human spirit.

Writing over a century ago, Muir could scarcely have imagined the destruction subsequently wrought on our planet and the efficiency with which his 'great fresh unlighted, unredeemed wilderness' has been civilised. He went into the wild to rejoice at life; it was his cathedral.

Muir would have been horrified to hear the blasphemy of the other resident of Bob Quinn Lake that night, an itinerant geo-technician from Newfoundland who was excited about all the 'gold up in them hills' but bemoaned

the presence of so much 'overburden'. 'Overburden?' I said as calmly as possible, 'we call them mountains.'

We moderns seek out wilderness for many reasons. Indeed, going into the wild is a form of secular paradise seeking. The Lemonheads' song *Outdoor Type* – ostensibly the lament of a greenhorn who 'lied about being the outdoor type' – can be read as a critique of the way our culture valorises the wilderness experience and portrays it as essentially masculine. Or perhaps, having ridden thousands of miles through boreal forests and subarctic tundra this past summer with the song rotating insistently through my head, I'm becoming grandiose.

## Wild nature

Anyway, this particular earworm might have alerted Freud that, although not an outdoor novice, I was conscious of my deep unfamiliarity with the North. Its vast forests, hostile climate, rapacious bugs and notorious wildlife – including bears and wolverines – were certainly

intimidating. But that night watching the auroral display I realised that by virtue of either good luck or good management we'd just about survived the North; a few hundred miles into BC the signs of impending civilisation were already rife. The lights seemed to come as a wink from Mother Nature herself.

A few hours after *aurora borealis* appeared and I took that photo, the moon rose, flooding the sky with light and extinguishing the display. At 4.30am, after transferring my photos onto the computer ensuring that I hadn't imagined the whole episode, I finally lay down to sleep; exhausted and exhilarated.

Shortly thereafter, the chill air was shattered by the scream of a chainsaw. The blasphemous geo-technician who had idled his truck half the night – apparently to ward off bears! – had run out of firewood. But the squealing Stihl might as well have been a great grey owl hooting in the distance. I was too enchanted by the spectacle that had played out in the night to care. An epiphany to be sure.



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■ Mayor and Councillors,

The purpose of this letter is to formally register our ongoing objection to the proposed introduction of paid parking in Bangalow.

It is incongruous that since making this decision, the larger town of Mullumbimby will not be adopting paid parking and the same proposal for Brunswick Heads is being contested.

We understand that Council desperately want new funding sources for road and paving maintenance but the points outlined present a strong case against paid parking in Bangalow:

1. The report that was done by MRCagney Pty Ltd on traffic in Bangalow recommended time restrictions as a first option. A comprehensive traffic flow understanding would then provide context to consider paid parking. The report acknowledged there were no appreciable congestion issues in Bangalow.

2. The RMS, within its paid parking guidelines, talks about paid parking as a 'final' option and that it is not introduced solely as a revenue raising device.

3. Funding for projects and maintenance within the Shire is limited, this is a point that the Mayor returns to contin-

ually in the minutes of the council meeting of August 24, 2017, when addressing the issue of paid parking. However, paid parking cannot solely be a revenue-raising device.

4. In this meeting, the mayor also stated that Bangalow's footpaths are in poor repair and that the revenue from paid parking would fund this repair. However, only \$94 development contributions can be 'quarantined', so there is little confidence that this promise will be kept. Additionally, we would like to know the amount of money currently in the Section 94 fund and the plans for its use.

5. There is a lack of evidence supporting the amount of money paid parking will raise and comparisons between Bangalow and Byron Bay would be irrelevant because they are completely different towns.

Assuming you were able to fill 20 parks a day for seven days a week, at \$4 an hour this would deliver \$252,000 a year in revenue or four years to make a gross amount of \$1 million, less establishment cost, monitoring and the detrimental impact on local business.

6. While revenue for council seems to be a major motivation the impact on revenue of businesses has not been

considered. Councillor Paul Spooner acknowledged at the August 24 meeting, many of the shoppers in Bangalow are tourists. The need for correct change for parking will have a detrimental effect on trade and put even more pressure on businesses under the strain of sky high rents and a difficult retail period. Studies elsewhere show a 40 per cent downturn in trade following the introduction of paid parking.

7. Residents of Newrybar, which is part of the Ballina Shire, are documented to have a higher disposable income than many residents of the northern rivers, but do not qualify for a parking permit. They have therefore stated a preference for shopping in Ballina, rather than Bangalow.

8. There is generally sufficient parking availability most times of the day, according to the MRCagney study. Additionally this study was completed on a Saturday, the absolute peak day for the village, and parking capacity was still only at 90 per cent. This indicates that pressure for parking on normal business days would not be excessive.

9. The mayor has stated that before paid parking is introduced he will work

with the Bangalow Guidance Group to identify projects that could be funded by the scheme. However this group is not scheduled to meet before January 1, 2018.

10. In 2011, Bunbury Council installed parking meters in their CBD to combat a forecast rise in population and economic conditions but has seen neither. Instead, 90 stores have closed. There are many other accounts of councils who have installed parking meters and then removed them because of unrealised benefits.

The Bangalow community is working with council staff on a village plan but the aspirations of this work are being diminished by business as usual decisions from BSC, such as paid parking, to the extent that the Guidance Group is in danger of becoming an irrelevance.

The Bangalow retail sector is currently experiencing some of the toughest business conditions in recent decades and a weak commercial sector will ultimately threaten the liveability of Bangalow. Bangalow needs some respite.

We therefore request that the motion to introduce paid parking be rescinded.

Joanne Millar

President, Bangalow Chamber of Commerce

# Five things that should happen at the Bonn climate talks but probably won't

On TheConversation.com Matthew Paterson and Marc Hudson examine what would actually get the climate change ball rolling

The world's leaders are meeting – again – for talks on climate change. This year's Conference of the Parties (the 23rd, hence COP23) to the United Nations climate treaty in Bonn, Germany, is not expected to be a deal-clinching, make-or-break one like Paris in 2015 or Copenhagen in 2009.

That doesn't make it insignificant – the hope is that negotiators will make meaningful progress on implementing the provisions of the 2015 Paris Agreement.

Countries have agreed that they want a whole range of operational rules, deliberately left vague in Paris, to be agreed by the 2018 COP in Katowice, Poland. These include rules over financing for climate adaptation in developing countries, and for a new market mechanism to help implementation of the agreement, among others.

Climate negotiations typically involve several years of glacial progress followed by a flurry of extraordinary spectacle, involving negotiators staying up for two days straight to get a deal done. This dynamic is exhausting, and usually produces distinctly underwhelming results announced with great fanfare, along with the launch of yet another a new initiative or network. It all invites a weary cynicism about what we expect the UN process to achieve.

But if the Paris Agreement is to be anything other than a farce, it must avoid the sort of design which needs heroic politicians parachuting in once every five years. Rather, it needs countries to pay attention, to continue working patiently, revising and improving their strategies to 'bend the curve' on emissions and deal with the



2016 coral bleaching on the northern Great Barrier Reef, Australia. Researchers said, the only way to save the world's coral from heat-induced bleaching is with a war on global warming. Photo Tane Sinclair-Taylor/ARC Center of Excellence via AP.

mess that climate change is already causing.

Here then are five things that should happen:

## 1. Enough with the oil, coal and gas already

Parties – nearly 200 countries plus the EU – could explicitly recognise that the 'net-zero' emissions goal in the Paris Agreement means the end of fossil fuels.

What would that mean in practice? They'd make substantive policy announcements with serious effects, like eliminating fossil fuel subsidies – which even the IMF thinks are out of hand – or a coal phase-out by 2025. They'd also begin to think through how to arrange serious funding for renewables, the electrification of motorised transport and a ramping up of 'technology transfer'.

## 2. Sharpen the teeth of the pledges

Parties could agree that their commitments to cut emissions, known as 'nationally determined contribu-

tions' (NDCs), are inadequate and announce revised and more aggressive ones.

It was clear from the outset that these emissions cuts, taken together, would still see the world shoot past the 2°C target, let alone a 1.5°C one. Collectively, they could agree to accelerate the process of reviewing these commitments but to trigger this, countries seeking to lead would need to do this unilaterally.

## 3. Show us the money

Industrialised countries could announce new investments in the Green Climate Fund. There are lots of fine words about this fund, but richer nations have not put their money where their mouths are. It was supposed to be raising US\$100 billion a year by 2020, but countries have so far put in just over US\$10 billion in total (and that includes US\$3 billion from the US, whose status is now threatened by US president, Donald Trump).

This is hopelessly inadequate in the face of the need to both finance zero-carbon

development in developing countries and help those already facing 'loss and damage' from climate change. New and substantial cheques and means to simulate private financing of low-carbon development are needed.

## 4. Clarify the rules

Parties could agree on certain rules a year ahead of schedule. Last year, at COP22 in Marrakech, it was decided those rules that had been left vague needed to be agreed on by 2018, in order to help the first stocktake of progress in implementing the agreement.

These things tend to take a long time. Take the example of the market mechanism, for instance (article 6 of the agreement). After they were introduced in the Kyoto protocol of 1997 it took a further four years for everyone to agree on their operational rules.

This is all too slow. Now we have those earlier models to draw on, quicker progress would be a sign they are getting on with things.

## 5. Fantasy technologies are exposed as delusions

Parties could explicitly accept that 'negative emissions' technologies are no substitute for aiming for zero emissions.

The idea of 'net-zero' emissions – and many of the IPCC's scenarios – increasingly rely on weird and wonderful technologies to take carbon out of the atmosphere. The latest of these is Bioenergy with Carbon Capture and Storage: you grow plants, which absorb CO<sub>2</sub>, then burn them in power stations to generate electricity, capture the emitted carbon and store it underground. The trouble is, no-one knows if it can really work – but, at the same time, many are using this as a sort of magical escape clause to avoid the end of fossil fuels (see 1 above). A recognition that this is wishful thinking would be useful.

All five of the above are

pretty unlikely. The chances are that negotiations will continue along the path of nothing happening until the last minute (if then).

But here's one that will almost certainly happen, but will be largely meaningless. The Climate Action Leadership Network, already announced at the UN Climate week in September will be fully launched, as the latest in a set of such efforts to keep up the semblance of momentum in the negotiations.

Meanwhile, renewable energy technology will drop in price independently of all the fine words, and atmospheric concentrations of carbon dioxide will continue to grow.

■ Matthew Paterson, Professor of International Politics, University of Manchester  
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## Opting out of scripture gives ethics a chance

From Byron Bay to Bungendore, volunteers descended on the first Primary Ethics conference on October 28.

Primary Ethics is a not-for-profit organisation that offers free training and curriculum to community members to deliver weekly ethics classes to children at public primary schools across NSW.

Primary Ethics say that ethics classes are held at the same time as scripture and non-scripture, and give children from kindy to year six the opportunity to develop thinking, reasoning and de-

cision-making skills to help them in all aspects of their life.

'Developing an ethics program at your local school is a simple way to make a big difference in your community,' said Margaret Crowther, who teaches an ethics class at Canowindra Public School in the Central West.

Ms Crowther works as a farmer in the small town, running organic grazing and permaculture businesses. She also coordinates the local Community Garden.

'The ethics program definitely helps children (who

will soon become adults) develop more practical thinking and discussion skills for our changing world.'

Keynote speaker and ethicist Dr Simon Longstaff spoke about the importance of children developing ethical decision-making skills to meet the increasing challenges and pressures that young people face today. He also noted that school ethics classes 'are effectively about justice'.

For more information on primary ethics look up <http://primaryethics.com.au/>.



## BYRON SHIRE COUNCIL BYRON BAY PAY PARKING TIME LIMIT REVIEW

Byron Shire Council is reviewing the time limits of the pay parking area in Byron Bay. As part of the review of pay parking in Byron Bay, Council has identified a number of possible changes to time limits to bring the pay parking in line with the Byron Bay master plan and to better manage the parking throughout the town centre.

The proposed changes are on exhibition until 15 November 2017 and are available on Council's website at [www.byron.nsw.gov.au/public-exhibition](http://www.byron.nsw.gov.au/public-exhibition). Council is requesting the community to complete an online survey at [www.yoursaybyronshire.com.au](http://www.yoursaybyronshire.com.au).

Submissions close: **Wednesday 15 November 2017**

Enquiries: **Josh Winter 02 6626 7074**

Submissions should be in writing and addressed to the General Manager, Byron Shire Council, PO Box 219 Mullumbimby 2482 or sent by email to [submissions@byron.nsw.gov.au](mailto:submissions@byron.nsw.gov.au)  
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That's right, the 110th annual Mullumbimby show is here again and there is something for everyone to enjoy, enter or watch over the two fun-filled days on offer on Saturday 11 and Sunday 12 November.

The Show brings together the whole community. You can check out the sheep shearing, join in the Mullumbimby Pony Club sporting events or enter your cup cakes, jams or your latest Christmas decoration into one of the many competitions that are happening at the Pavilion.

## Tickets

Membership is now available and gives unlimited free access to the show on both days. Membership costs just \$15 per adult per year and \$7.50 for juniors (6–16yo).

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## Saturday 11th November Program

- 8am Horse, Showjumping & Cattle Rings, Poultry & Pavilion Opens
- 8am Mini Animals Petting Zoo
- 8am Showmans Guild of Australasia Sideshow Rides
- 10.00am Sheep Shearing Demonstration (Rural Youth Shed)
- 10.00am Trotting Heats Commence (Main Ring) Welcome on Main Stage
- 10.15-11.30 Talent Quest (All sections) (Main Stage)
- 11.00am Minutes Silence Remembrance Day
- 11.30am Spaghetti Circus Performances – \$5 entry (Spaghetti Circus Arena)
- 11.02-11.30 Talent Quest continues. Presentation of Prizes (Main Stage)
- 11.00am Truck Parade (Industrial Estate to Showgrounds)
- 11am til 4pm Steve McEwan's Reptile World Show (Reptile World Arena)
- 12-1.15pm The Mangrove Jack Band
- 12.00pm Sheep Shearing Demonstration (Rural Youth Shed)
- 12.45pm Grand Parade (Main Ring)
- 1.00pm Sheep Shearing Demonstration (Rural Youth Shed)
- 1.00pm Spaghetti Circus Performances – \$5 entry (Spaghetti Circus Arena)
- 1.15-2pm Official Opening of the Show by Mr Rob Bridgland  
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Mullumbimby Show Raffle & Sponsors Raffle Drawn (Main Stage)
- 2-3pm The Mangrove Jack Band
- 2.15pm Mini Trotting heats commence (Main Ring)
- 3.15-3.45pm Presentation Truck Show Trophies & Prizes
- 3.45-4pm Finals Uncle Tom's Pie Eating Championships
- 4-5pm Truck Auction for Charity (Main Stage)
- 5-8pm The Professionals Mechanical Bull (Near Main Stage)
- 5-8pm Push – Guest Band (Main Stage)
- 8pm Fireworks (Main Arena)

## Sunday 12th November Program

- 8am Mini Animals Petting Zoo Commences
- 8am Showmans Guild of Australasia Sideshow Rides
- 9am Mullumbimby Pony Club Sunday Sports Trifecta (Main Ring)
- 9am Pet Show (Cattle Ring)
- 10.am Show 'n' Shine Car Competition
- 10am Working Cattle Dog Demonstration – Athol Essery (Main Ring)
- 10.30am Trotting Heat (Main Ring)
- 11am Teams Event (Main Ring)
- 11.00am Thor Phillips – Guest Band (Main Stage)
- 11-3pm Steve McEwan's Reptile World Show (Reptile World Arena)
- 12pm Working Cattle Dog Demonstration – Athol Essery (Main Ring)
- 1.00pm Trotting Final (Main Ring) Sponsored by Garrards Horse and Hound  
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- 1.30pm Showtime FMX – Freestyle MotoX Stunt Show (Main Ring)
- 1-4pm Dan Hannaford (Band) Main Stage
- 2.00pm Pavilion Produce Charity Auction (Pavilion)
- 3pm Demolition Derby (Main Ring)
- 3.30pm Showtime FMX – Freestyle MotoX Stunt Show (Main Ring)



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## Rural Youth Ambassadors

For the first time boys have been allowed to enter the Showgirl competition which has been re-named the Rural Youth Ambassador competition.

The youth ambassadors have already had judging at the Mullumbimby Ex-Services Club, a combination of private judging and being asked questions during the Mullumbimby Agricultural show dinner in front of a large audience.

You can now get to see them shine, both boys and girls, at the official show opening on Saturday 1.15-2pm on the Main Stage.

## Farmers Market traffic changes

Please note that Friday 10 November there will be changes to traffic and parking for Farmers Markets patrons. There is no foot or vehicle access via the Coral Avenue gate due to livestock movements and biosecurity. All farmers market patrons must access via Chinbible Avenue gate. We apologise for any inconvenience.

## Stunt riders

FMX Freestyle MotoX stunt riders will be flying high demonstrating their crazy skills while doing mid-air acrobatics with flying motorbikes during two shows on Sunday - 1.30pm & 3.30pm. If you aren't too scared to watch them now is your chance to check out their wild antics.

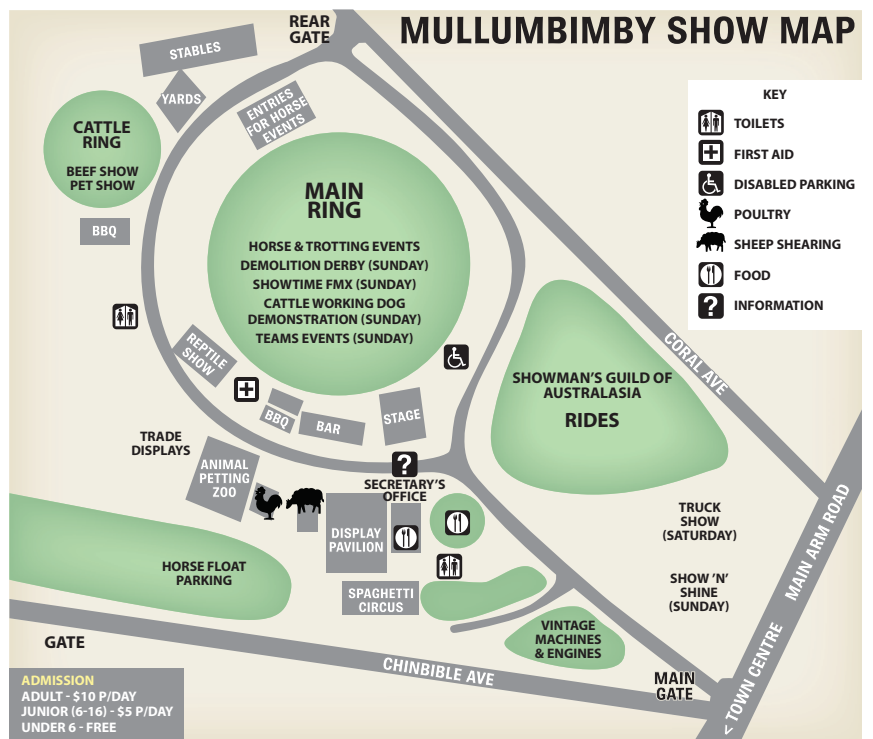
## Take the bus

A community bus service will run on Saturday. It will be doing pick ups from 9am at central places around Mullumbimby and Main Arm. See the Mullum show Facebook page



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## Eden's new landing

By Vivienne Pearson

What do you do when you can't get to the Mullum Farmers Market but want locally grown and created produce? You go to Eden.

Eden's Landing has been a staple of fruit, vegetables and produce since the late 1990s. Since changing hands three months ago, the shop has been given a new lease of life whilst they have not only kept true to the philosophy of quality local produce, but have actually increased their commitment.

New owners, Amir and Ricky Zikhron, have opened up the store, creating an uncluttered and delightful shopping experience. The produce takes centre stage, beautifully complementing the wooden floors and colourful paintings.

Amir has come to his new role with knowledge of the store through being a supplier! As the founder of Baraka Dips, Amir supplied his product to Eden's Landing under previous owners and he has now come full circle by stocking the brand he started.

This is reflective of his commitment to local produce – with far more stocked than can be named here. 'If someone comes to me with a locally manufactured product, it's already an 80% yes,' he says, emphasizing that the other 20% of the decision is informed by the quality of the product and whether it meets customer



Amir Zikhron surrounded by Eden's delights – photo Vivienne Pearson. Edens' meals and deli.



needs and regulatory requirements.

This philosophy extends fully to Eden's Landing fruit and vegetable selection. 'I use the same suppliers as I do for the Farmers Market, with matched pricing,' says Amir. The selection is broader with an additional emphasis being placed on unusual ingredients, like Thai eggplants and yams. All produce is Australian-grown unless labelled otherwise and Amir is open to hearing from new suppliers.

Another highlight of the store is the delicatessen, one of the only non-supermarket delis in the region. 'I'm a big fan of delis!', says Amir, who has a chef background. All deli goods are sliced to order and there are some unique items that Amir has looked far and wide for, like a Wagyu beef salami and a smoked goat cheese.

Half of the deli is dedicated to meals, salads and snacks, all

made on site, like goat's cheese and prosciutto frittata. Freshly squeezed juices are available and new on offer is vegan and refined sugar-free icecream.

A small selection of dry goods, food containers and cleaning products – all fitting with the locally made philosophy – complete the range. 'We are almost a one-stop shop,' says Amir. Customers are loving the refreshed Eden's Landing. Says Vicki Goodhand, who has worked in the store for nearly two decades: 'Our customers just love the whole vibe. Many have been loyal through the change, some have returned and we are seeing many new faces too.'

Pop your face into Eden's Landing to find a great range of fresh local food for you and your kitchen.

**Eden's Landing. Shop 4, 97 Stuart Street, Mullumbimby Ph: 6684 1007. Open 8am-6pm Mon-Sat. Also at Mullumbimby Farmers Market, Friday mornings.**

## More luscious dining music

By Vivienne Pearson

After enjoying classical Indian music at Billi's Indian recently, I enjoyed another musical-dining evening at Luscious Foods.

Luscious is one of Byron's best-kept eating secrets. Hidden even within the bounds of the Arts & Industry Estate – every time I go there I need to stop and check my map – Luscious is a little oasis offering award-winning authentic Israeli and other Middle-Eastern food.

Normally a day-time venue, Friday nights see it transformed into a dinner and music venue. 'We offer table service in a beautiful setting. It is cosy and the music is not too loud,' says owner, Zohar Flantz.

The night I went, the music was provided by Tarshito ('He's famous enough to only have one name,' I was told by a friend!) on guitar and Paul Kimmel on flute. 'We play together often,' says Tarshito of the duo. 'I also play a lot of kirtan, sound journeys and music for dance,' says Tarshito, who has a recording studio in the hills behind Mullumbimby and over 50 CDs of his music.

Paul Kimmel is a flute teacher in addition to being a classically-trained flautist. He demonstrated his mastery of not only a golden 'regular' flute but a bansuri (Indian bamboo) flute and bass flute, a highly resonant instrument that is so large that it has a 180-degree bend). The overall sound of the duo was atmospheric and chilled.

The regular Luscious menu transports me instantly to my travels in the Middle East, with lamb koftas and falafel made just the way I remember them. An unexpected delight was Zohar's 'Magic Mushrooms', a luscious dish of mushrooms sautéed in turmeric, caramelized onion and spices.

Friday nights see the addition to the menu of a special dish. On the night I went, it was Malabar Prawns, uniquely created by Friday night chef Bruno Branco Assunção, using herbs and seeds from his own garden.

Next time, I'll leave room for a wood-fired pizza (I've got my eye on the lamb pide option, complete with mint and feta) and a desert



Paul Kimmel and Tarshito at Luscious Foods – credit Maria Patricia Fair.

(I'd have to decide between the traditional Turkish Malabie, a milk-dessert with rose water, or the Sphinge, a hot cinnamon Moroccan doughnut).

Friday nights give those who can't usually make it to the Arts&Industry Estate during the working week (they are normally open Mon-Fri 7.30-3) a chance to enjoy Luscious' food with some ambient music a complete bonus.

**Information: Luscious Foods, Unit 1/6 Tasman Way, Byron Arts & Industry Estate. Ph: 6680 8228. Friday nights from 5.30-9pm, bookings recommended. Music varies each week, see Instagram for details @lusciousfoodsbyronbay.**



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Michael loves Sri Lanka and has visited many times for holidays, business ventures, a film project and post-tsunami aid work. Around The Sun organises small group tours to interesting places around the world.

Meet at the Travel Room, William St Kitchen & Bar, Lennox Head, at 6 pm, Thursday 16 November, for photos and information, an informal chat plus questions and answers, for 30 or 40 minutes.

After that you can stay on to help celebrate a night of 'firsts': Michael's first 'Very Best of Sri Lanka' tour; Around the Sun's first travel talk at the Travel Room in the William St Kitchen & Bar; and the first night of William St's brand new dinner menu!

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**Michael Murray will lead a trip to Sri Lanka**



## The Empire and Made in Mullum Fun celebration this Friday

This Friday night 10 November from 6pm one of Mullum's oldest cafes will be young again as The Empire's new management put on a bit of an 'opening night' celebration, with, gasp, free beer.

Yes, it's still safe to bring the young ones to come and eat burgers, and yes, you do have to eat a meal in order to get a free beer, but it's certainly a good opportunity to put event beer sponsors Stone & Wood to the test.

Much has changed in Mullumbimby since 'oyster saloons' were all the rage, or since The Empire cinema was adjacent to the café. For example, DJ Crucial D will be on hand to play a few tunes on the nights.

However, there is still a very good spirit to Mullumbimby, it seems like a 'real' town.

On the same night, right next door to The Empire, the artisans from the 'Made in Mullum' gift shop will also be open (celebrating six years in business), giving you a good opportunity to do some early Christmas shopping from their range.

'Made in Mullum' has a lot of handmade and funky things: clothes, wooden carvings, clay Christmas decorations, jewellery, artworks, and some very cool hats and clothing from fourfeathersau. Keep it unique!

**The Empire. 20 Burringbar Street, Mullumbimby. Ph: 6684 2306. Facebook/Insta: @EmpireMullum.**

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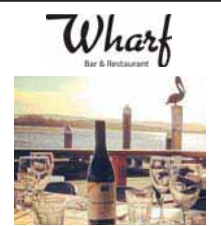


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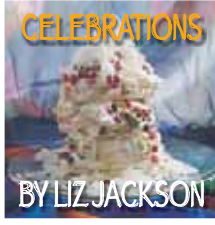
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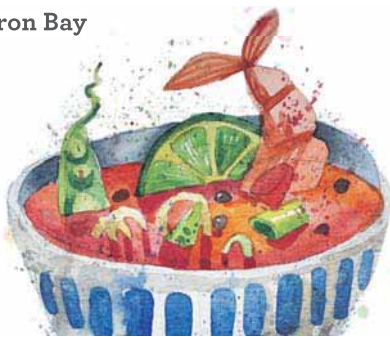
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### Workshops and Info Sessions



#### Bruns Eco Village: Security of tenure outside the competitive housing market

The dominant worldview in Australia is the success = ownership model. Bruns Eco Village aims to challenge this view by presenting a feasible platform for community living while providing the security of tenure that ownership brings.

We have developed an innovative Alternative Ownership Model where you can rent and invest simultaneously. This model will remove village homes from the speculative real estate market. Long-term leases will allow you similar rights as ownership on the use of your home.

If you are one of the many people who are disillusioned with isolated modern living and are looking for an interdependent community lifestyle that respects the natural world, then Bruns Eco Village may be for you.

Bruns Eco Village is open to all and is a demonstration of how integrated, inclusive community living can be.

We are inviting registrations for our weeklong Village Development Program (VDP) in February 2018 – a unique workshop covering the richest topics related to creating and living in community.

**Come along to our information session to find out more.**

St John's Hall, Mullumbimby. 2–5pm Sat 25th Nov. Visit our website: [www.brunsecovillage.com.au](http://www.brunsecovillage.com.au)  
Email: [askbev@brunsecovillage.com.au](mailto:askbev@brunsecovillage.com.au)

#### Local Land Services Ready to Help

Local Land Services is ready to help land owners across the North Coast understand and utilise the new opportunities that became available on August 25 under the Land Management and Biodiversity Conservation Act.

The NSW government has funded Local Land Services to get extra resources and staff to deliver this new service and make it as simple as possible for landholders.

'Our staff are ready to work with landholders across the North Coast. We want to make it easier for landholders. We can listen to your goals and ideas, and work with you to help determine how the system can support your farm plan and business needs,' commented Kristian Holz, Group Director Sustainable Land Management, LLS.

The new approach strives to deliver triple bottom line outcomes for landowners by:

- Providing certainty and long-term planning solutions that deliver balanced growth and value environmental assets

- Supporting landowners with advice, new tools and products to make the right choice for their farm system
- Creating more land use options through flexible codes and payments for private land conservation.

The newly created Sustainable Land Management team at Local Land Services are available to help landholders with the new system.

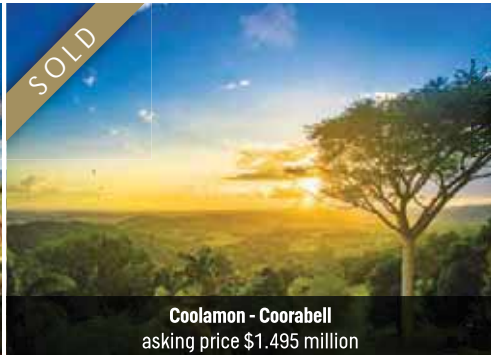
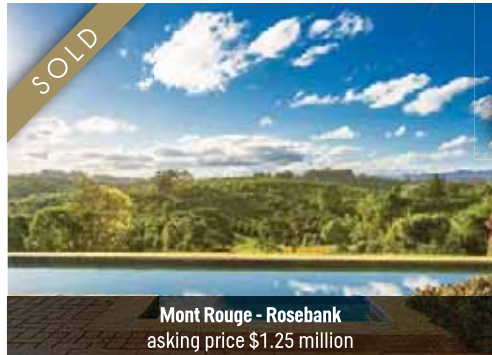
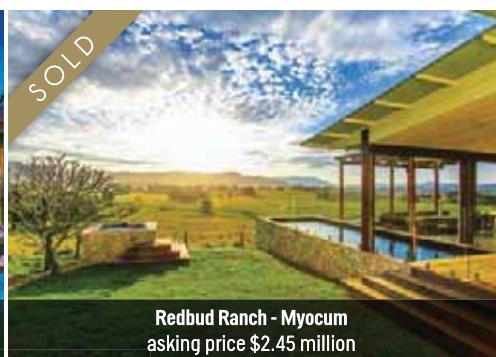
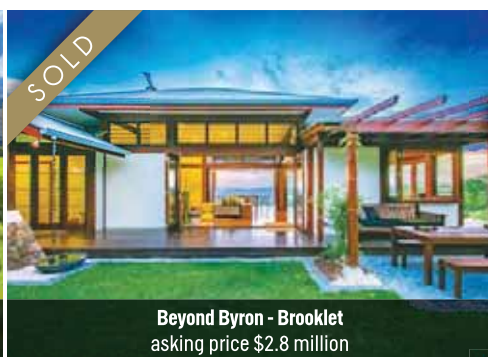
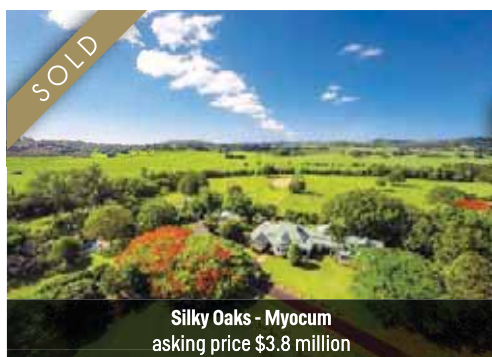
They can provide tailored advice on applying the new land management code of practice, accessing incentives for protecting native vegetation and where required navigating approvals for clearing or development.

'The new framework will provide a better system than what is currently available. It will increase flexibility for farmers and will provide better environmental outcomes across NSW,' said Mr Holz.

Farmers are uniquely placed to support environmental outcomes for the broader community, themselves and future generations.

Local Land Services will hold an information session in Lismore on 14 November at the Lismore Workers Club, focusing on the new framework and its benefits to landholders.

**To find out more visit [www.lls.nsw.gov.au/sustainable-land-management](http://www.lls.nsw.gov.au/sustainable-land-management)**



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## Walk to Beach and Schools

4 Mayo Court, Skennars Head

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\$795,000 to \$865,000



Stroll to the beach from this perfectly positioned 4 bed, 3 bath double garage family home, offering multiple living areas with a fantastic private layout.

Sitting on a 779m<sup>2</sup> block in a quiet cul-de-sac in Skennars Head, this family home is just a few minutes' drive to either the town centres of Lennox or Ballina and only a few minutes' walk to Sharpes Beach and highly sought after schools. The floor plan is designed for privacy and your own living spaces within the home. Each of the bedrooms are spaced apart with their own bathrooms and there is further potential to separate downstairs as a studio.

Original but impeccably maintained, this property is a rare find in a tightly held location and a must to inspect!!

**Open:** Saturday 12.00–12.30pm  
**Contact:** Rohan Cunico 0422 508 948  
 James Young 0419 856 840  
 Byron Bay First National



## Rare Opportunity

1575 Dunoon Road, Dunoon

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\$800,000–\$850,000



This home is something you won't find anywhere else and has a homely feel with features such as high arch ceilings, wood heater and air conditioning throughout. Open plan lounge and dining with access to the wraparound verandah. Spacious modern kitchen with gas cooktop, range hood, ample storage cupboard space. The loft style master bedroom is large with high ceilings, air conditioning, skylight, 2 x built-in wardrobes and separate sitting area. Bedrooms two and three are located downstairs with built-in wardrobe and access to the verandah. Family style bathroom, large shower and clawfoot bath tub. Entertain all year round on the back covered verandah with ceiling fan, 90% UV shades and views. As well as perfect sitting area to capture the morning and afternoon sun on both sides of the house. Council approved second dwelling currently used as a popular bed & breakfast with a continuing licence till 2019. It is fully self-contained with a kitchenette, bathroom and verandah.

**Open:** Inspect by appointment  
**Contact:** Katrina Beohm 0467 001 122  
 Katrina Beohm Real Estate



## Cheapest house in Byron Shire

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\$450,000



Opportunity to purchase a unique property in the heart of Billinudgel a small coastal town in Byron Shire.

Here you can enjoy country /rural living whilst being –

- 20km to Byron Bay with residence parking permit included
- 50km to Tweed/Coolangatta Airport and major shopping centres
- 10 minute push bike ride to pristine South Golden Beach
- 10 minutes to the Blues and Splendour Festivals
- Surrounded by Mullumbimby, Brunswick Heads and Ocean Shores which offer lifestyle Plus

This 3 bedroom timber, renovated dwelling with its original charm, is zoned RU5 Village which means you may combine residential with commercial.

There is future potential for a house lifting grant (OEH) from Byron Shire Council.

**Open:** Saturday 11.00 – 11.30am  
**Contact:** David Holden 0435 789 677  
 LJ Hooker Brunswick Heads



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### 18 Orana Road, Ocean Shores MORE THAN MEETS THE EYE!

Situated on a large 1037m<sup>2</sup> block, this recently renovated 3 bedroom home with rumpus room is elevated and captures a sunny northerly aspect, pleasant outlook and a beautiful summer ocean breeze. Potential investors and first home buyers won't want to miss this fabulous opportunity, as it's one which is sure to be snapped up quickly.

**Price guide** \$640,000–\$680,000  
**View** Saturday 10.30am–11.00am  
**Agent** Julie-Ann Manahan LREA  
 Licensee/Principal 0411 081 118  
 Jason Dittmar  
 Area Sales Specialist 0477 222 452

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### 5 Gibingbell Close, Ocean Shores Peaceful Garden Lover's Home, Prime Location

Set on a prime, elevated 828m<sup>2</sup> block, this low maintenance brick and tile home with a covered veranda, enclosed sunroom and entertaining gazebo is a garden lover's dream come true. Inside you'll find three bedrooms with ceiling fans and built in robes, open plan living and dining with polished timber floors and air conditioning plus extra tiled room downstairs ideal for home office or storage.

**Price guide** \$668,000–\$695,000  
**View** Saturday 11.30am–12.00pm  
**Agent** Julie-Ann Manahan LREA  
 Licensee/Principal 0411 081 118  
 Jason Dittmar  
 Area Sales Specialist 0477 222 452

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### 37 Peter Street, South Golden Beach Captivating Waterfront Queenslander

This enchanting Queenslander is definitely going to pull at the heart strings... nestled in a leafy, peaceful and private corner of the sought-after beachside enclave, South Golden Beach, this welcoming home captures all the character and charm of days gone by. Offering the perfect beachside retreat, this lovingly, restored, pre-1900 Queenslander home features all the traditional hallmarks of its historic style with French doors opening to the verandahs and gleaming polished timber floors throughout.

**View** 3.30pm–4.00pm Wednesday  
 1.30pm–2.00pm Saturday  
**Agent** Julie-Ann Manahan LREA  
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### The Palms Village – Tweed Heads South



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### Noble Lakeside Park – Kingscliff



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### Pyramid Holiday Park – Tweed Heads



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Call Kelvin 0423 028 468 **\$179,000**

### Cobaki Broadwater Village – Tweed Heads West



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Call Kelvin 0423 028 468 **\$339,000**

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## AUCTION – DIVERSITY

### 7 Rajah Road, Ocean Shores

Looking for a house & business or wanting to start a business or create an affordable housing flat? Then this is the property for you.

- 3 generous bedrooms + study
- Modern light kitchen & dining
- Large formal lounge and living
- Enormous covered, quiet & private outdoor area
- DA approved and operating hair salon \$\$\$
- Big, block 921m<sup>2</sup>

To top it all of the house is located on a main road ideal for promotion & exposure for any business.

**View** Saturday 1.00 – 1.30pm

**Auction** 25 November at 11.00am on site

**Contact** Peter Browning 0411 801 795

**LJ Hooker Brunswick Heads**  
02 6685 0177

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## Ocean Shores

### AUCTION – HILLTOP SANCTUARY

Secluded ¾-acre hilltop sanctuary with extensive forest views to the ocean.

- Unique hilltop ¾ acre, Build a 2nd home on the beautifully forested hillside (STCA)
- Comfortable, Quality, original cond, luxury 80s home, + large sep studio
- 4 Bed, office, 3 bathrooms, Covered Decks
- 5.2KW solar power and Hot water, A/C, wood fire. 2 x Rainwater tanks
- Indoor/ outdoor screened workshop with H/C water, 4th outdoor shower
- Walk to shops, preschools, minutes to beaches and Brunswick Heads

**View** By appointment

**Auction** 11 November 2017, 10am  
RSL Hall, Fawcett Street,  
Brunswick Heads

**Contact** David Mutkins 0421 906 460

**LJ Hooker Brunswick Heads**  
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## Brunswick Heads 3 Booyun Street

### AUCTION – BRUNSWICK'S BEST

Architecturally designed, masterbuilt and flawless craftsmanship.

- 4 bedrooms + study and music/media room
- 4 toilets, 3 bathrooms, luxurious fittings
- New Guinea rosewood joinery
- Miele appliances throughout
- Solar & solar passive design
- 1012m<sup>2</sup> block, north facing, rear lane access
- DA approved for affordable housing/flat at the rear

Like to live in a very special house in the most desirable town on the east coast of Australia? For a viewing or plans call Peter Browning on 0411 801 795.

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**Inspect** Tuesday & Friday 12.00 – 12.30pm

**Auction** 25th November at 12.00pm

**Contact** Peter Browning 0411 801 795

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## Multiple Dwelling Opportunity

9 Nana Street, Byron Bay

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\$1,750,000 - \$1,850,000



Located in the heart of Brunswick Heads, this multiple dwelling property provides endless opportunities for the savvy investor. With options to live in and still earn a rental return or lease all three units to maximise your income.



The top level presents a three bedroom, recently renovated unit with timber floors with a master boasting stunning floor to ceiling windows. The extra-large entertaining deck provides ample shade and overlooks a lush generous sized, fully fenced, family friendly yard with rear lane access. The lower level comprises of 2 tastefully renovated units, a one bedroom and two bedroom unit featuring tiled floors and open living space, and each unit is accompanied by their own private courtyard. Conveniently located only a short stroll from the Brunswick River, the Bruns Pub, boutique shopping, sparkling beaches and only a 15-minute drive to iconic Byron Bay.

**Open:** Saturday 11th November 11.30am-12.00pm  
**Auction:** Saturday 25th November at 1.00pm  
**Contact:** Sharon McInnes 0408 659 649  
 McGrath Byron Bay

## Brunswick Heads Classic

23 Fawcett Street, Brunswick Heads

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\$1,550,000



Charm and character abound in this classic 1950s timber home with all of the yesteryear delights – soaring ceilings, polished timber floors, french doors, hopper windows, picture rails, timber walls, Juliet balcony & breezeways.



There's even the old string light switches. Sound old? Well it is. But there are the modern conveniences too like ducted air-conditioning with climate control, Foxtel installed in the lounge room and the master bedroom and ceiling fans in every room. The attractive and low maintenance gardens and yard will provide endless opportunities for lazy afternoon entertaining under a beautiful poinciana tree. Don't feel like entertaining? Then grab a towel and walk 70m and have a swim in the river. Yep, less than 100m to the river and only a very short stroll to the town centre, pub, footbridge, beach and surf club.

**Open:** Saturday 12.00 - 12.30pm  
**Contact:** Peter Browning on 0411 801 795  
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## Spacious Living

18 Blackwood Crescent, Bangalow

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\$795,000



Ideally positioned minutes' walk to the charming main street of Bangalow, this single level home is spacious and well designed. The period-inspired facade welcomes a formal lounge with large windows, separate dining connecting to a covered entertainer's patio and a spacious open plan family living area. The quality kitchen is perfectly planned to let you cook in style with all the mod cons and polished timber floors throughout, these spaces add to the appeal. Appointed with an ensuite and walk-in robes, the master bedroom also opens onto the patio. Carpets in the bedrooms add a touch of comfort. Set on 462m<sup>2</sup> the yard is fenced and easy to care for. A double lock up garage with bench space completes the package. Walk or ride your bike to shops, schools, clubs and sporting facilities and within an easy 15-minute drive to Byron Bay and beaches. An outstanding entry point or investment into the Byron Shire market.



**Open:** Saturday 11.00-11.30am  
**Contact:** Su Reynolds 0428 888 660  
 Luke Elwin 0421 375 635  
 Byron Bay First National

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**AUCTION**

Lot 1, Midginbel Lane, Mullumbimby

**NEW LISTING**



### Spectacular Ocean Views & Mountain Life

### Vacant land

Held in one ownership for decades, this amazing 23 hectare (approx. 55 acre) parcel represents a huge slice of the eastern face of Mt Chincogan. Running right to the top of the mountain and featuring excellent plateau homesites as well as massive stands of untouched mature eucalypts with all the attendant wildlife. Privacy is guaranteed and views are spectacular. The location allows quick access to the Pacific Motorway, Mullumbimby or Ocean Shores shops, Brunswick Heads or New Brighton for the

beach. Just 20 mins from Byron Bay and 40 mins to Coolangatta International Airport. Without doubt a dress circle property ready for the creative touch; your dream blank canvas. By mortgagee in possession.

**AUCTION:** Sat 2nd Dec @ 12 noon, In our rooms  
**INSPECT:** By appointment  
**CONTACT:** Mark Cochrane 0416 142 663  
**OFFICE:** Mullumbimby 02 6684 2615



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### 44 Byron Street Bangalow

1 Bed 1 Bath

A rare opportunity to secure a prime commercial freehold property in the heart of the bustling Bangalow village. Presenting excellent street exposure with natural light, this ideal location has been operating as Barebones Art Space for 24 years.

**Auction:** Saturday 11 November 9am  
**View:** By appointment  
**Agent:** Sharon McInnes 0408 659 649  
 Byron Bay office 6639 1200

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## 226 Fowlers Lane Bangalow

5 Beds 2 Baths 2 Cars

Nestled amid six acres of gorgeous subtropical surrounds, this secluded family sanctuary reveals a wonderfully warm and inviting interior atmosphere, paired with resort-like facilities. Its private hinterland setting is still only minutes from village amenities and Byron Bay's iconic beaches.

**For sale** Price guide \$1.60m-\$1.75m

**View** Saturday 12pm-12.30pm

**Agent** Greg Price 0412 871 500  
Byron Bay office 6639 1200



## Lot 2 Blackwood Crescent Bangalow

A great opportunity to secure a prime building block within easy walking distance to Bangalow's shops, cafes, schools and sporting fields. Near level site for easy construction, elevated outlook to design around. Start building early next year.

**For sale** Price guide \$495k  
**View** By appointment  
**Agent** Greg Price 0412 871 500  
Byron Bay office 6639 1200



## 231 Fowlers Lane Bangalow

This captivating property offers amazing hinterland views, a guests' studio and modern home designed to complement the surrounds. Set in an environmentally aware community, just minutes to Bangalow and Byron Bay.

4 Beds 3 Baths 4 Cars

**Auction** Saturday 2 December 3pm  
**View** Wednesday 4pm-5pm  
Saturday 11am-11.30am  
**Agent** Greg Price 0412 871 500  
Byron Bay office 6639 1200



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### 451 COOPERS SHOOT ROAD, COOPERS SHOOT

- Grand family home with pool on top of the hill
- Elite Coopers Shoot address with beautiful rural views
- Quality built home with spacious rooms and extra storage
- Flexible floor plan allows separate self contained quarters
- Rare, private and level 2.5 acres with room for an additional dwelling
- Central location, minutes to Bangalow, Newrybar and Byron Bay

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quality home in extraordinary location

**Open:** Saturday, 11 November 11.00 – 11.30am  
**Price:** E.O.I by 4pm 30.11.17  
**Enquiries:** Helen Huntly-Barratt 0412 332 232  
 Tara Torkkola 0423 519 698



### 13 CEMETERY ROAD, BYRON BAY

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- Newly renovated in prime Byron position
- Spacious open plan living with soaring high ceilings
- Modern chic kitchen, north east aspect
- Large entertainers deck with beautiful leafy outlook
- Roadhouse Cafe and direct access to Tallow Beach are nearby
- Only minutes to the town centre, Main Beach and schools

**Open:** Saturday, 11 November 9.00 – 9.30am  
**Price:** \$1,000,000 to \$1,100,000  
**Enquiries:** Tara Torkkola 0423 519 698,  
 Luke Elwin 0421 375 635



### 7 ALCORN STREET, SUFFOLK PARK

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- Premier location with direct access to Tallow Beach
- Contemporary Asian inspired pavilion design
- Open plan living with high cathedral ceilings
- Generous north facing deck with beautiful native outlook
- Private 734m<sup>2</sup> block set in a lush tropical environment
- Suffolk Park shops and tavern are a comfortable walk away

**Open:** Wednesdays 3.00 – 3.30pm, Saturdays 10.00 – 10.30am  
**Auction:** Saturday, 18 November 1.30pm Onsite  
**Enquiries:** Helene Adams 0412 139 807  
 Paul Banister 0438 856 552

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### 60 MASSINGER STREET, BYRON BAY

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- Modern coastal living in prime Byron location
- Very spacious home with a private yard and studio
- Open plan living + media room and study, large deck
- Quality kitchen with all the finishes a home of this calibre offers
- Rear lane access, excellent investment with high rental potential
- Easy walk to Clarks Beach, town and the Top Shop

**Open:** By Appointment  
**Price:** \$2,450,000 to \$2,600,000  
**Enquiries:** Su Reynolds 0428 888 660, Luke Elwin 0421 375 635



### 47 CARLYLE LANE, BYRON BAY

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- New resort style home in quiet Carlyle Lane
- Designed with privacy, light and lifestyle in mind, 2 years old
- 4m ceilings in the main living quarters, polished concrete floors
- Stunning Blackbutt timber kitchen with all Miele appliances
- Outdoor covered oasis with 4m x 2m pool and outdoor shower
- Prime Golden Grid location walk to beach, town and restaurants

**Open:** By Appointment  
**Price:** \$2,100,000 to \$2,300,000  
**Enquiries:** Tara Torkkola 0423 519 698



### 6 BARKALA COURT, OCEAN SHORES

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- Frontage to beautiful Yelgun Creek
- Walk to South Golden Beach
- Home plus studio on 944m<sup>2</sup>
- Spacious open plan living
- Immaculate gardens with veges and fruit trees
- Perfect lifestyle property with location and potential

**Open:** Saturday, 11 November 1.00 – 1.30pm  
**Price:** \$795,000 to \$865,000  
**Enquiries:** Su Reynolds 0428 888 660, Luke Elwin 0421 375 635



### 1/1 LANGI PLACE, OCEAN SHORES

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- Luxurious, resort style home in premium location
- Beautifully designed, very private and secure
- Harmonious blend of open plan indoor/outdoor living
- Opulent main suite with private deck
- Eco friendly and energy efficient design
- Stunning views over Golf Course, adjacent to Country Club

**Open:** Saturday, 11 November 11.00 – 11.30am  
**Price:** \$875,000 to \$950,000  
**Enquiries:** Tara Torkkola 0423 519 698, Paul Prior 0418 324 297

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## Dream family residence

23 Teak Circuit, Suffolk Park

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Auction



A beautiful place to create family memories, this immaculate home provides the perfect balance of lifestyle, leisure and togetherness. The awe-inspiring foyer features timber stairs and high ceilings leading to the master, boasting an ensuite, parents retreat/office and breezy balcony. This property presents a great layout to chat with friends and watch the kids play in the sandstone surround swimming pool in a secluded oasis garden. Set on an 803sqm corner block in a low traffic pocket, footsteps to the school bus stop and moments to lakeside parks.



**Open:** Wednesday 8 Nov 3.30pm–4.00pm  
Saturday 11 Nov 10.00am–10.30am  
**Auction:** Saturday 25 November at 11.45am  
**Contact:** Stuart Aitken 0419 242 432  
Heidi Last 0416 072 868  
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**OPEN HOUSE** Saturday 11–11.45am **NEW LISTING**

**Easy living – simple life** 2 1 1

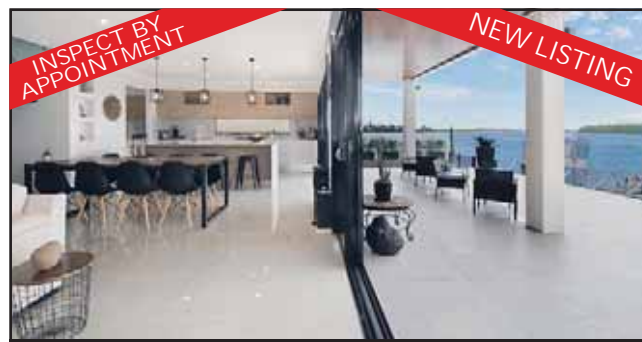
**4 Fern Street, Mullumbimby**

- ✓ Neat and tidy brick and tile cottage on 579m<sup>2</sup>
- ✓ Just a short stroll to the shops, cafes and Mullumbimby Market
- ✓ Large lounge room opens to the kitchen/dining room and rear garden
- ✓ Two bedrooms with built in wardrobes
- ✓ Tidy bathroom with shower and bath and a separate toilet.

✓ Hang up the car keys and enjoy the easy life!

**Price: \$735,000**  
Inspect: This Saturday 11–11.45am  
Contact: Sally Packshaw 0474 153 535

**Professionals** & Mark Cochrane



**INSPECT BY APPOINTMENT** **NEW LISTING**

**Immaculate & Spacious** 4 2 3

**101 Burns Point Ferry Rd, West Ballina**

- ✓ Brand new, executive residence with countless extras on level 830m<sup>2</sup> block
- ✓ Set on rare 42m river frontage + private pontoon, expansive views of Richmond River
- ✓ Chef's dream kitchen, stone tops, integrated window splashback + butler's pantry
- ✓ Light filled, vast living/dining space opens onto alfresco, sheltered patio with views

- ✓ Upper level: master suite + parent's retreat, modern ensuite, walk in robe + study nook
- ✓ Private i/g salt water pool, new easy care gardens & lawn surround property
- ✓ O/sized DLUG with workroom space PLUS oversized SLUG-perfect for boat/jet ski

AUCTION onsite 2 December 10am  
Contact: Vaino Lillioja 0487 026 765

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**OPEN HOUSE** Saturday 1–1.30pm **NEW LISTING**

**Rural Retreat in Lennox** 4 3 2

**9 Tara Downs, Lennox Head**

- ✓ Spacious modern family home on 950.4m<sup>2</sup> corner block + elevated outlook
- ✓ Recently renovated with contemporary finishes & colour palette – move right in
- ✓ Entertainers kitchen, stone benchtops + o/sized island bench, modern appliances
- ✓ Open plan living with seamless transition to covered, private timber deck
- ✓ Extra living space currently utilised as home office, great for media/rumpus room

- ✓ 1 bed stylish & spacious granny flat is modern & private, returning \$395/week
- ✓ Family-friendly cul-de-sac, short drive to village & Sharpes Beach & schools

AUCTION onsite 18 November 10am  
Inspect Saturday 1–1.30pm  
Contact: Lois Buckett 0428 877 399

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- Approximately 3.5 acres to 5 acres each
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- Over 50 acres of community land
- Natural forest, creeks and waterholes
- Small community of only 11 lots plus 1 community lot
- Underground power, telephone and sealed roads
- Excellent location 5 mins to Bangalow, 10 mins to Byron
- Inspection by appointment only

**AUCTION 2 December  
Sat Onsite 2.30pm**

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**2 CAMPBELL STREET, BANGALOW**

**Owner Has Bought Elsewhere** 5 2 5

- Fabulous location, just a 2 min walk to the main street
- Spacious, flexible floor plan over two levels
- Generous 974sqm block with rear lane access & pool
- Recently repainted throughout plus new carpet
- Potential to create granny flat downstairs (STCA)
- Pleasant outlook towards St Kevin's church
- Ideal for large family or space to work from home
- Owners have bought elsewhere and are ready to go!

**AUCTION 7 December  
If not sold prior**

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## Open for Inspection

### BYRON BEACH REALTY BYRON BAY

- 1/13 Alcorn Street, Suffolk Park. Sat 9–9.30am
- 2/13 Alcorn Street, Suffolk Park. Wed 4.30–5pm

### ELDERS BANGALOW

- 2 Campbell St, Bangalow. Sat 11–11.30am
- 11 Remnant Dr, Clunes. Sat 11–11.30am
- 229 Rosebank Rd, Rosebank. Sat 12–12.30pm
- Sunsets of Bangalow, Fowlers Lane, Bangalow. By appt only

### FIRST NATIONAL BYRON BAY

- 5/8 Wollongbar Street, Byron Bay. Wed 12–12.30pm
- 7 Alcorn Street, Suffolk Park. Wed 3–3.30pm
- 6 Giaour Street, Byron Bay. Thu 12–12.30pm
- 79 Massinger Street, Byron Bay. Thu 3–3.30pm
- 6/155–159 Broken Head Road, Byron Bay. Fri 9–9.30am
- 10/4 Fawcett Street, Ballina. Fri 10–10.30am
- 1635–1651 Coolamon Scenic Drive, Mullumbimby. Fri 12–12.30pm
- 6/114 Bangalow Road, Byron Bay. Fri 1–1.30pm
- 5 Dalley Street, Mullumbimby. Sat 9–9.30am
- 39 Ryces Drive, Clunes. Sat 9–9.30am
- 10/4 Fawcett Street, Ballina. Sat 9–9.30am
- 1 Taylors Road, Eureka. Sat 9–9.30am
- 13 Cemetery Road, Byron Bay. Sat 9–9.30am
- 53 Carlyle Street, Byron Bay. Sat 9.45–10.15am
- 9 Rosewood Avenue, Bangalow. Sat 10–10.30am
- 22 Brandon Street, Suffolk Park. Sat 10–10.30am
- 7 Alcorn Street, Suffolk Park. Sat 10–10.30am
- 54 Balemo Drive, Ocean Shores. Sat 10.15–10.45am
- 18 Blackwood Crescent, Bangalow. Sat 11–11.30am
- 1/1 Langi Place, Ocean Shores. Sat 11–11.30am
- 451 Coopers Shoot Road, Coopers Shoot. Sat 11–11.30am
- 2/33 Scott Street, Byron Bay. Sat 11–11.30am
- 74 Sunrise Boulevard, Byron Bay. Sat 11–11.30am
- 534 Main Arm Road, Main Arm. Sat 12–12.30pm
- 162 Blindmouth Road, Main Arm. Sat 12–12.30pm
- 4 Mayo Court, Skennars Head. Sat 12–12.30pm
- 256 Midgen Flat Road, Newrybar. Sat 12–12.30pm
- 871 Main Arm Road, Main Arm. Sat 1–1.30pm
- 11–19 Byron Street, Wardell. Sat 1–1.30pm
- 6 Giaour Street, Byron Bay. Sat 1–1.30pm
- 6 Barkala Court, Ocean Shores. Sat 1–1.30pm
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- 37 Elizabeth Avenue, South Golden Beach. Sat 12–12.30pm
- 7 Rajah Road, Ocean Shores. Sat 1–1.30pm

### LOIS BUCKETT REAL ESTATE

- 6/23 Namitjira Place, Ballina. Sat 11–11.30am
- 2/31 Silkwood Road, Lennox Head. Sat 12–12.30pm
- 18 Lakefield Avenue, Lennox Head. Sat 12–12.30pm
- 9 Tara Downs, Lennox Head. Sat 1–1.30pm

### McGRATH BYRON BAY

- 23 Teak Circuit, Suffolk Park. Wed 3.30–4pm
- 231 Fowlers Lane, Bangalow. Wed 4–5pm
- 9 Walgoon Way, Ocean Shores. Thu 5.30–6pm
- 28/12 Hazelwood Close, Suffolk Park. Sat 9–9.30am
- 7 Massinger Street, Byron Bay. Sat 9–9.30am
- 680 Left Bank Road, Mullumbimby Creek. Sat 9.30–10am
- 23 Teak Circuit, Suffolk Park. Sat 10–10.30am
- 231 Fowlers Lane, Bangalow. Sat 11–11.30am
- 48/12 Hazelwood Close, Suffolk Park. Sat 11–11.30am
- 37 Belongil Crescent, Bangalow. Sat 11–11.30am
- 9 Nana Street, Brunswick Heads. Sat 11.30am–12pm
- 226 Fowlers Lane, Bangalow. Sat 12–12.30pm
- 124 Coopers Creek Road, Repentance Creek. Sat 12.30–1pm
- 6/1-5 Keats Street, Byron Bay. Sat 12.30–1pm
- 133 Foresters Way, Tintenbar. Sat 12.30–1pm
- 24 James Street, Dunoon. Sat 2–2.30pm
- 9 Walgoon Way, Ocean Shores. Sat 2–2.30pm
- 478 Tuntable Creek Road, The Channon. Sat 3–3.30pm

### PROFESSIONALS & MARK COCHRANE

- 4 Fern Street, Mullumbimby. Sat 11–11.45am
- 892 Main Arm Rd, Mullumbimby. Sat 11–11.45am

### RAINE & HORNE OCEAN SHORES

- 18 Orana Road, Ocean Shores. Sat 10.30–11am
- 5 Gibingbell Close, Ocean Shores. Sat 11.30am–12pm
- 15A Weeronga Way, Ocean Shores. Sat 12.30–1pm
- 37 Peter Street, South Golden Beach. Wed 3.30–4pm, Sat 1.30–2pm
- 3 Dugun Court, Ocean Shores. Sat 2.30–3pm

## Auction

### BYRON BEACH REALTY BYRON BAY

- 1/13 Alcorn Street, Suffolk Park. 9 Dec 4pm Onsite

### ELDERS BANGALOW

- Sunsets of Bangalow, Fowlers Lane, Bangalow. Sat 2 Dec Onsite 2.30pm
- 11 Remnant Dr, Clunes. Thu 7 Dec, 6pm Heritage House
- 2 Campbell St, Bangalow. Thu 7 Dec, 6pm Heritage House

### FIRST NATIONAL BYRON BAY

- 5/8 Wollongbar Street, Byron Bay. Auction 11 Nov 2.30pm Onsite
- 6 Giaour Street, Byron Bay. Auction 18 Nov 11.30am Onsite
- 7 Alcorn Street, Suffolk Park. Auction 18 Nov 1.30pm Onsite
- 79 Massinger Street, Byron Bay. Auction 9 Dec 11am Onsite

### LOIS BUCKETT REAL ESTATE

- 9 Tara Downs, Lennox Head. 18 Nov 10am onsite
- 101 Burns Point Ferry Road, West Ballina. 2 Dec 10am onsite

### McGRATH BYRON BAY

- 44 Byron Steet, Bangalow. Sat 11 Nov 9am
- 73 Paterson Street, Byron Bay. Sat 11 Nov 10am
- 41/31 Hayters Drive, Suffolk Park. Sat 11 Nov 11.15am
- 43/31 Hayters Drive, Suffolk Park. Sat 11 Nov 11.45am
- 9 Walgoon Way, Ocean Shores. Sat 11 Nov 2.30pm
- 6/1-5 Keats Street, Byron Bay. Sat 18 Nov 11.30am
- 37 Belongil Crescent, Byron Bay. Sat 18 Nov 4.15pm
- 28/12 Hazelwood Close, Suffolk Park. Sat 25 Nov 10.45am
- 23 Teak Circuit, Suffolk Park. Sat 25 Nov 10.45–11.45am
- 9 Nana Street, Brunswick Heads. Sat 25 Nov 10.45am–1pm
- 124 Coopers Creek Road, Repentance Creek. Sat 2 Dec 1.30pm
- 231 Fowlers Lane, Bangalow. Sat 2 Dec 3pm
- 7 Massinger Street, Byron Bay. Sat 2 Dec 3pm

### PROFESSIONALS & MARK COCHRANE

- Lot 1 Midginbel Lane, Mullumbimby. Auction Dec 2

## New Listings

### BYRON BEACH REALTY BYRON BAY

- 1/58 Paterson Street, Byron Bay \$2,200,000–\$2,400,000

### ELDERS BANGALOW

- 2 Campbell St, Bangalow

### FIRST NATIONAL BYRON BAY

- 1,2 & 3/24 Towers Drive, Mullumbimby. From \$470,000
- 1 Taylors Road, Eureka. Auction
- 2/33 Scott Street, Byron Bay. \$1,000,000–\$1,100,000
- 79 Massinger Street, Byron Bay. Auction 9 Dec 11am Onsite
- 74 Sunrise Boulevard, Byron Bay. \$820,000–\$870,000

### LOIS BUCKETT REAL ESTATE

- 101 Burns Point Ferry Road, West Ballina AUCTION
- 18 Morton Way, Skennars Head \$870,000

### McGRATH BYRON BAY

- 48/12 Hazelwood Close, Suffolk Park
- 7 Massinger Street, Byron Bay

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- 892 Main Arm Rd, Mullumbimby – \$645,000
- 16 Aloota Cres, Ocean Shores – \$685,000
- 4 Fern Street, Mullumbimby – \$735,000
- 35 Argyle Street, Mullumbimby – \$795,000
- 4 Parakeet Place, Mullumbimby – \$855,000
- Lot 1 Midginbel Lane, Mullumbimby – Auction
- 160 Coopers Lane Sth, Mullumbimby – \$1,695,000

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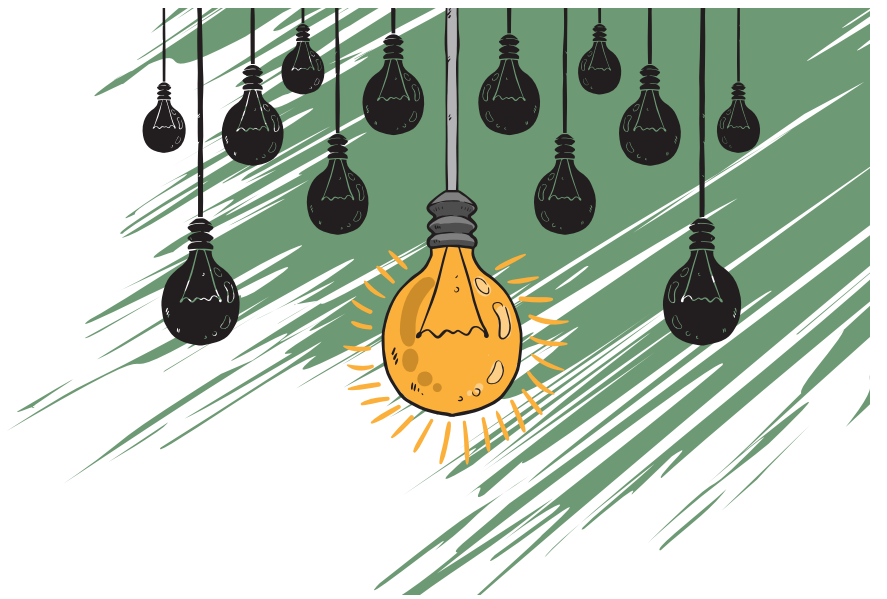
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# THE Arts



## Artist in Focus Sabine Brosche



Sabine Brosche is a nature lover and artist with a passion for reclaimed materials and found objects.

She creates new work by reusing and recycling materials such as discarded paper, old books, packaging and cardboard – demonstrating her interest in recycling and making something from 'almost nothing'.

She has been part of four group exhibitions this year and the current show 'Chandeliers & Other Ocean Ornaments' at Art Piece Gallery in Mullumbimby is inspired by the ocean and its mysteries.

'The Byron Shire has such a diverse and rich variety of artists, and so much opportunity for collaboration, networking and inspiring each other. I just love that.'

sabinebrosche.com  
instagram.com/sabinebrosche\_art  
facebook.com/sabinebrosche.artwork/

### Study Visual Arts in 2018

Byron Community College offers the nationally accredited Certificate III and IV in Visual Arts in 2018. Held at the College's Mullumbimby campus, the courses guide students to explore and develop their artistic abilities through a combination of theoretic and practical learning. Head tutor Virginia Reid is supported by guest tutors such as Maria Fernando Cardoza and Hany Armanious.

Courses are Austudy approved and with a high standard of student support, the college is able to accommodate a variety of specialised learning needs.

Come along and check out the 2017 end of year exhibition on Friday December 1st from 5pm – 7pm in the Laneway studio, Riley Lane, Mullumbimby.

**Enrolments are now open with great early Bird fee reductions available until December 20th.**

Head to [www.byroncollege.org.au](http://www.byroncollege.org.au) for information or call 6684 3374.

### Lone Goat Gallery Call for Applications 2018

Lone Goat Gallery invites exhibition proposals from artists, designers, curators, community and cultural groups for their 2018 Calendar. The gallery welcomes applications that display innovative ideas and approaches to contemporary arts practice.

The gallery program features exhibitions of four-week duration.

**Applications close 31 January 2018.**

Head to [www.lonegoatgallery.com](http://www.lonegoatgallery.com) for more details.

Opening Friday 10 November is GOAT SHOW, featuring 19 artists who have exhibited at Lone Goat over the past 12 months, or will be in coming months.

GOAT SHOW will be a celebration of the diversity of artists and community that Lone Goat is proud to be a part of, and runs from 10–29 November.

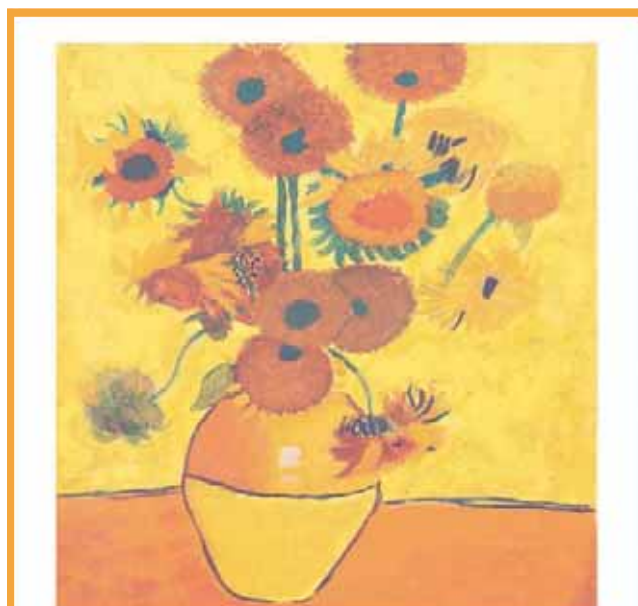
All welcome at the opening on Friday 10 November, 6–8pm. [www.lonegoatgallery.com](http://www.lonegoatgallery.com)



### BSA Afternoon Art Club & Project Space Exhibitions

Afternoon Art Club has begun at BSA but there are still places available for teens (13–15 years) interested in developing their arts practice. To see what BSA long course students have been working on don't miss the third-year group exhibition, Front Up, which opens 17 November and NINE, featuring the work of second-year BSA students, opening 1 December.

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Lone Goat Gallery 2018 Exhibition Program  
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# THE Arts



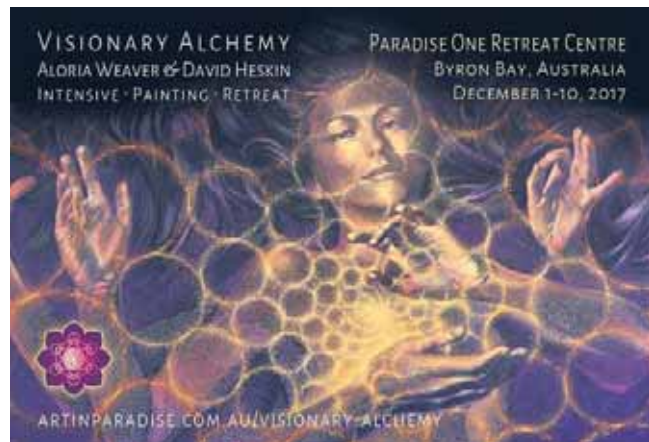
## Helen Garner Celebrates 50 years of Writing in Byron Bay

Byron Writers Festival is delighted to present a special evening with one of Australia's greatest writers and long-time Festival favourite, Helen Garner, appearing in conversation with Matthew Condon at Byron Theatre on Wednesday 6 December.

In her first appearance in Byron Bay since 2004, this much-loved literary star will share an intimate retrospective of her writing life, spanning 50 years of work – from her Australian classic *Monkey Grip*, to the brilliant literary true crime book *This House of Grief*.

To coincide with the event, Garner will be marking her 75th birthday with the release of two stunning hardback editions of her recent collected works, *True Stories and Stories*.

Be sure to get in quick and secure your seats for this momentous occasion. Tickets on sale at [byronwritersfestival.com/whats-on](http://byronwritersfestival.com/whats-on) or call 6685 5115.



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This coming weekend they are both opening their studios for their annual pre-Christmas sale. Some people may have already made a visit during the August Mud Trail, this time it is just the two who have recently fired up a storm of new work ready for wrapping as yuletide gifts.

The studios are open 10am–4pm both days.  
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50 Years of Writing with Helen Garner

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Her music has captured listeners around the world with her beautiful melodies, deeply personal lyrics and soothing voice. She is passionate about using the gift of music she has

been given to bring people hope and comfort in God's character. This talented singer-songwriter is currently touring New South Wales on a Songs of Ascent concert tour. The Byron Bay concert will be just over an hour long, and refreshments will be offered afterwards.

**Date: 11 November 2017 • Time: 7 – 8pm**

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You will find international artist Sharon Tudor Smith's artwork hanging on the walls of both her shops in Ballina.

Gekko Arthouse (Fashion|Art |Homewares) is located at 18-20 Cherry St, and also at Shop 44 Ballina Fair Shopping Centre.

Sharon is often found in her studio in Knockrow throwing paint and making marks on large canvases, sometimes for specifically commissioned artworks and sometimes just creating another fantastic piece.

**Visit Sharon on Facebook or Instagram 'Art by Sharon Tudor Smith' or the website at [www.gekkoarthouse.com.au](http://www.gekkoarthouse.com.au).**

**Attention Artists, Creatives and Craft People of This Wonderful Shire**

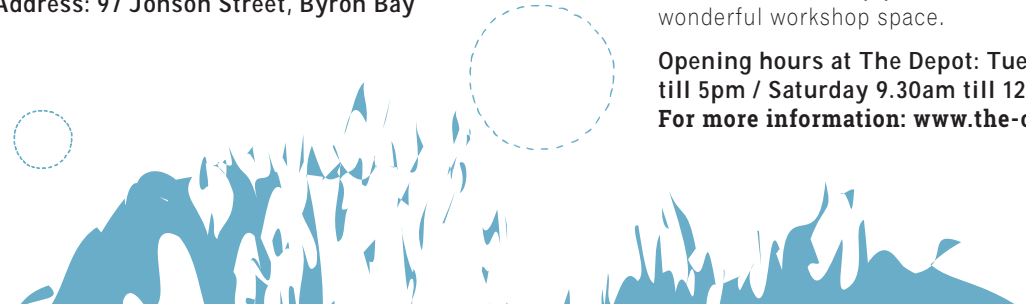
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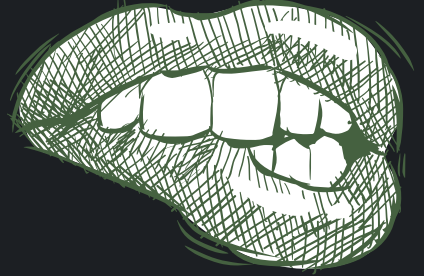
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## BYRON BAY GUITAR FESTIVAL: MEET BENNY WALKER

This weekend sees some of Australia's best guitarists come to the Byron Bay Brewery for the inaugural Byron Bay Guitar Festival. Conceived and created by Byron Music's Nick Sergi, the festival presents 43 performances on two stages featuring Kevin Borich, Phil Emmanuel, Jeff Lang, Fiona Boyes, Paul George, and Steve Edmonds and Gold Coast-based guitar legend Louie Shelton. Playing alongside them will be a huge list of local legends including Jim Kelly, Greg Lyon and the Hip Operation, Fergo & The Burden and Azo Bell.

One of the must see acts is Benny Walker, also announced for Bluesfest next year.

A Yorta Yorta Man from Echuca, Benny Walker is the real deal and definitely a star in the making. His killer voice and epic tales are mixed with a deep groove and passion for the land.

For Benny his love affair with the guitar started when he was a kid.

'I picked up the guitar at the age of ten. My dad and my granddad were guitar players. It was always around. I was learning piano from 8. Once Dad showed me how to play I was off. I had been playing the piano so the guitar took over. I have gone back to the piano now.'

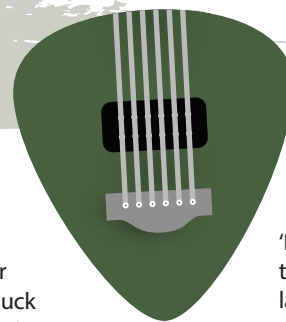
The two instruments provide two key writing voices for Walker who says, 'Its a really different approach. On the guitar you instinctually go for places that are comfortable. The piano is laid out so differently which is not familiar so I am more unpredictable in what I am doing. It inspires different melodies. The piano inspires one thing, the guitar another.'

Walker has a vocal quality that stops you in your tracks. Interestingly his voice developed alongside his playing. He wasn't handed a guitar because of his voice. Maybe it was the luck of the draw. Not everyone who learns guitar as a kid ends up with a voice like Walker's.

'I think my voice kind of developed, I was so young,' says Walker. 'You go through your voice breaking, and there were a few horrible years of attempted singing, and it wasn't until high school when I started writing and singing a little and my voice developed with the guitar - you pick things you like and imitate. I used to listen to Chuck Berry and I was into old rock'n'roll and blues. The first song I learnt was *Pipeline* by Dick Dale. I am not sure where it came from but I loved a lot of older stuff as far as singer/songwriters like Neil Young and James Taylor. I also appreciate more contemporary guys like Ryan Adams and John Mayer, guys who play and sing and write great songs.'

When it comes to songwriting for Walker it's the first line that dictates a song. 'I have become more and more critical of my writing and hopefully that is starting to show. It's like a book writer who goes back and re-reads and adjusts and edits. I try and be more concise. You have to be.'

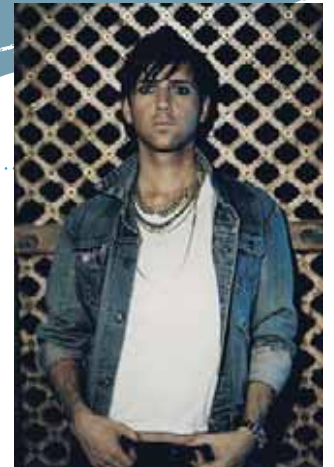
When it comes to songwriting there's an unguarded rawness that shines through. *Oh No You Don't* tells the story of his struggle with dark times.



## LIVE MUSIC

### THINKING 2018?

A new year is on the horizon and there is no better place to celebrate than blissful Byron Bay. You've worked hard all year, and now it's time to gather your nearest and dearest, put your party shirts on and make this one you'll never forget. The crew from Sunday Safari are presenting their best lineup ever with over 14 hours and two stages at our cultural home, the **Byron Bay Brewery**. The drinks will be flowing and the sunshine glowing and with our reputation for consistently epic parties, this event is guaranteed to sell out. Featuring the music of Patrick Topping, Tiga, Jack River, World Champion, Ella Fence, Niterunner and Safari DJs plus many more!



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'I wrote my album *Through the Forest* when I was having a tough time, it was a darkish album, and that got me through that and later I started writing some songs for the next record, some blues rocks, and I brought them home and listened to them and picked up the acoustic guitar and walked it back to the home studio in my house and started playing the three chords to *Oh No You Don't*. I really quickly realised I was reflecting on that period of my life, so it was about knowing how to deal with those feelings, and when I was well and in the clear, or through the worst of it and on an up and that song came along, it's quite empowering.'

'When it came out I had people stopping me in the street and messages about how I had connected with them and I remember how it felt to be like that and it gives someone a feeling they are not alone. People say music can heal, and you can take it as you like, I think it's a good example of how you can connect with complete strangers.'

Benny Walker, playing on the Saturday, with his full band playing everything off the new EP *Undercover* and a few songs off the last record.

**Byron Bay Guitar Festival** at the **Byron Bay Brewery** this **Saturday** and **Sunday**. For tickets, information and playing schedule, visit [www.byronbayguitarfestival.com](http://www.byronbayguitarfestival.com) and keep up to date on their social media pages [www.facebook.com/byronbayguitarfest](http://www.facebook.com/byronbayguitarfest) and [www.instagram.com/byronbayguitarfest](http://www.instagram.com/byronbayguitarfest).



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Multiple amazing sell out shows at their favourite local venue the Solbar has seen the band solidify a strong local following. The band has recently completed their third EP with Rock Royalty Jeff Lovejoy and have partnered with Firestarter music Adam Weston from Birds of Tokyo promo Label

for its release in early December accompanied by a state by state tour in early 2018.

**Buck Dean and The Green Lips** play the **Hotel Great Northern on Friday** at 8.30pm.



MUSICAL MEMORIAL FOR ANTHONY LYCENKO AT THE BANGALOW HOTEL ON TUESDAY

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THE STUPID HAT

I can't stand large groups of women in hats. They're scary. It's why I loathe Melbourne Cup. You put a hat on a woman and give her a glass of champagne and you've unleashed an evil more terrifying than the beast from 20,000 fathoms. I don't get the point of Melbourne Cup hats except to make drunk chicks look stupid. And from experience I can tell you, when we're drunk we don't need help to look stupid. It comes naturally. Stupid is easy when you're pissed. The hats are just obnoxious. I mean, how do you even get in a taxi with that thing on your head? No one wants to be the person stuck behind the fat bitch in the big hat when the big race is on. Hats are passive aggressive. It's all LOOK AT ME LOOK AT ME! But worse are those creepy fascinator things. That's not even a hat. It's more like what happens when a proper hat has a hot date with a lawn mower. The more mangled the better. If it doesn't have weird shit sticking out of it then people know you got it from Big W. No Melbourne Cup ensemble is complete without a fascinator, or as I call it, 'Please don't Emancipate Her' on your scone. What the hell are they for? They don't keep any sun off. Or rain. Nor do they look good. Or pick up wifi. You can't keep tampons in them. Or money. Or your tips for the big race. So what's the point? I think they call them fascinators because it's fascinating that smart women willingly pin a mangled bit of feather and net to their head. Men wouldn't wear stupid shit like that on their heads. Because they've got too much self-esteem. They've got stupid shit hanging between their legs, they're not putting more on their

heads. Ironically I can see the point of a fascinator on a bloke because blokes generally aren't that fascinating to start with. And a good number of them have some nasty bald spots that you could hide with said net sculpture pinned to noggin. Those hats are proof that when it comes to our feminist liberation from being decorative baubles on the patriarchal christmas tree we still have a long way to go. So what's the point of the fascinator and what is the relationship to horse racing? Maybe it makes the horses run fast. Away from the drunk women in hats is my guess. I am convinced that those hats actually lower your IQ. I've got a whole box full of them. I only have to look at them and I feel stupid. Melbourne Cup is one of the biggest days on the comedy calendar. Every year I have to stand in front of a bunch of drunk women in hats and the only way to do that is to wear a hat too. If you don't wear a stupid hat then they can't see you. It's not our fault. The hat actually makes you want to behave badly. I put the hat on and I instantly want to wear a tight uncomfortable frock, I want to paint my nails, get botox and exchange my practical handbag for a small ludicrous 'clutch'. I want to wear really really high shoes that I can't walk in. Particularly when I'm drunk. I also want to drink champagne. Not just a little bit of champagne. I want to drink a shitload of the stuff. Even better if it's pink. And when I put the hat on I can't talk in a normal voice anymore. It goes all high-pitched, with rising inflection at the end of every sentence. As soon as I put the hat on I want to talk at the same time as everyone else. About nothing. You can't wear one of those hats and talk about climate change or politics or who you think should get the next Nobel peace prize. Nope. Those hats are for talking shit. And when you put them on you have this magical ability to talk shit non-stop exactly at the same time as every other idiot in a stupid hat. Mainly about your hats. It occurred to me that is the point of the hats. Because racing is cruel. And women are known for their empathy. Smart women would boycott stupid gatherings that saw a horse whipped until the finish line for no greater good than gambling. But with the hat on we don't care. We're just happy to make it home with our pants on. OK ladies, here's the challenge. Try Melbourne Cup without a hat next year and see how much you enjoy it. Or don't. It's up to you. BTW, anyone want a hat?

for Byron's SHIFT Project – an inspirational program that seeks to address the more complex issues around homelessness by supporting women into housing and providing them with the

support mechanisms needed not just to keep a house but to create relationships, work, and to integrate back into life. **Sunday 19 November** from 3–6pm. With renowned Irish musicians Mark But-

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## ABSOLUTE CLEARY

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Life smiled on Jon Cleary and his crew The Absolute Monster Gentlemen, a true four-piece riot of gospel harmonies and rocking grooves. New Orleans is very much Cleary's spiritual home, it's a place he believes that doesn't exist anywhere else in the world, and his band transports that magic to stages around the globe.

'It's all about music in New Orleans', says Cleary. 'There is a culture here that is not found anywhere else in the US - it's a culture that produces a lot of music, it's linked really more to Cuba and to Haiti then it is to the rest of the US historically, and it makes the musical mix kind of African.'

New Orleans is a place where street parades just happen because music is something that can't be contained to a room or a stage.

'The street parades in the old days, you never knew where they were, more often you would be driving along and there would be 300 people dancing down the road! These days it happens more frequently but it's more organised, it used to be spontaneous, now it's planned. But they are still great!'

Cleary's approach to music has always been humble.

'I have always felt the first job is to learn how the music was made and I got to play with a bunch of the old guys, I was very lucky as they are mostly all gone now, these are the guys who invented Orleans R&B. I had to learn how it is put together and delve into it, and then write new songs, and think about the arrangements, make them sound funky and then in that process it becomes yours, it's fed by all the tradition, but at the same time you try and be individual and to make it yours.'

'That's what I am doing right now, there is an infinite number of ways - for me when you have the idea it almost comes in my imagination fully done. I can hear what it sounds like - it's like listening to an album that hasn't been done yet and the challenge is to retain that and not lose it, just one track by one track.'

Cleary is currently in post-production on his upcoming album. 'I worked on all the songs, did the arrangements, recorded everything myself, chose some good musicians, played them the tunes with all the parts and then the idea is they take it and make it better, but I am careful that I sometimes use stuff from the early sessions. In recording you don't want to lose the important part of the song, the hook comes like a finished record, the challenge is to get it!'

Cleary is truly a channel for the music, perhaps that is part of the excitement when he takes the stage. Music just flows for this bloke. Even in the air.

'One of the songs came to me on an airplane! Songs come unbidden, the whole first chorus. Songs get written in all sorts of different ways, the best way is to come through inspiration, if you are lucky to have those moments, so I am playing a lot of music, a lot of piano, and listening. There is always a cloud of ideas you can draw on, some of these ideas for the last record started ten years ago, there is one on the new album from 30 years ago!'

Jon Cleary and the Absolute Monster Gentlemen are one of the exciting International acts headlining Mullum Music Festival this year!

Tickets are selling fast, so get in quick! 16-19 November. Tickets on [www.mullummusicfestival.com](http://www.mullummusicfestival.com)



## TWINNING AT THE BRIZZIE ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE

It was the time of big hair with giant fringes that obscured one eye. Some of us didn't look out of two eyes until the nineties. It was about puffy pants, really puffy pants, and billowing shirts. Kind of like a pirate who went to a slumber party. We all wore eyeliner and looked intensely confident about how bloody flamboyant we were. And that was just the blokes! The Culture Club, headed up by Boy George are making a triumphant return having sold out some of the world's most iconic venues including Hollywood Bowl in LA and London's famous Wembley Arena. They hit the stage up in Bris Vegas and are joined by Thompson Twins. Remember them? They are going to be playing live for the first time in 27 years. Thompson Twins had huge hits - songs such as *Hold Me Now*, *Doctor Doctor*, *You Take Me Up*, and *Love On Your Side* provided the soundtrack for many people's lives worldwide in the mid-eighties. It's been 32 years since Thompson Twins have been to Australia and no doubt fans will welcome Tom Bailey back with open arms. They will be joined by the Eurogliders, headed up by one time local, much loved and rock music super star Grace Knight!

**Brisbane Entertainment Centre, 2 December!** Have a blast from the past!

Eurogliders took the charts by storm in the 1980s. In 1984, Eurogliders released their album *This Island*, which spawned their No.2 hit single, *Heaven (Must Be There)*. Another Australian top ten album, *Absolutely*, followed in 1985, which provided three further top ten singles, including *We Will Together*. Grace and Bernie, along with their superb band, have reunited to once again captivate audiences with their sophisticated and high-energy brand of pop. Eurogliders will play all shows (except Perth). Brisbane Entertainment Centre Culture Club, Thompson Twins, Eurogliders (Brisbane December 2).

GET THE BIG POUT AND THE BIG HAIR READY, THE THOMPSON TWINS PLAY THE BRISBANE ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE ON 2 DEC!

## BYRON MUSICIANS REMEMBER OUR FIONA

Byron Bay musos pay tribute to Fiona Porteous at the Rails this Saturday. This is a musical tribute to the No.1 fan of the bands that her Scottish hubby Alan Park played keyboards in. The bands playing on the night are The Feramones (Rails virgins), Pete C & the Soul Shakers (regulars) and EPIC (also Rails virgins) whenever these bands were playing Fiona would be on the dance floor having a ball. All of the bands playing are donating their fees to the Melanoma Research Foundation as a mark of love and respect for Fiona and help to find a cure. The Rails is also contributing with many thanks to Tom Mooney who was also a dear friend of Fiona's.

Sadly on 17 July 2017 Fiona died from melanoma, so this gig will raise some dollars towards research. Sadly Fiona was diagnosed and gone within two months and her friends and family are still in grief. Fiona's love of music is reflected in the story of how she met Alan in 1996 when he was musical director for Sir Cliff Richard (for 26 years) and she was Sir Cliff's (and Olivia Newton-John's) wardrobe mistress.

So, come on down to the Rails and celebrate the music Fiona loved to dance the night away. There will be some very special guests coming along to play on the night but my lips are sealed! From 6pm.

## THRILLS AT BRUNS PICTURE HOUSE

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# THE DE-TOUR OF TIM ROGERS

After a big year of books, records, tours and theatre, these shows are a summing up, a wrapping up, and an all-round celebration of a transformative year for Tim Rogers where literature, music, and theatrics all came together.

Rogers brings his De-Touring show to Byron, featuring songs both old and new, highlighting those from Tim's latest album *An Actor Repairs*, witty tales from his first book *Detours*, and vintage Tim Rogers anecdotes from his many and varied other projects throughout the year. For all shows Tim will be bringing along his friend Hanny J, who is a dynamite songwriter and performer he met when she was playing bass for his heroes Clowns.

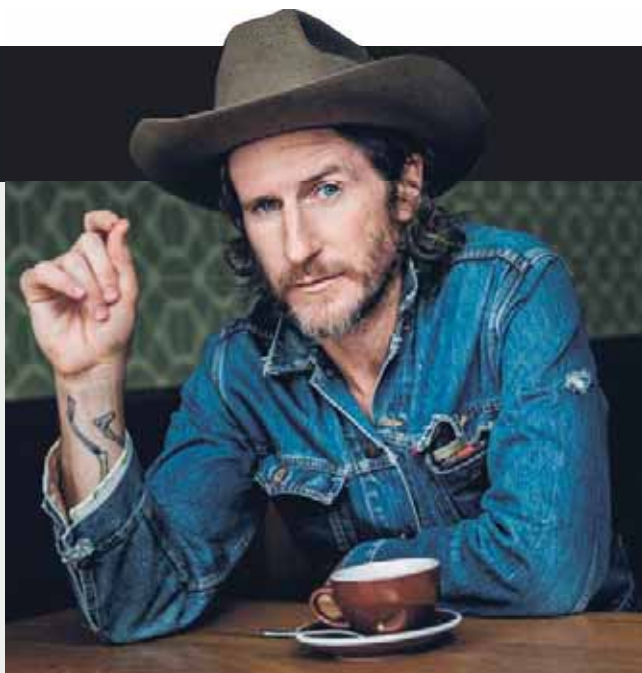
His first book *Detours* launched this September to critical acclaim, and it's no wonder. Rogers is reflective, insightful, well read, empathetic and self-deprecatory. He's taken life by the balls. He's had mainstream success and he's made mistakes. All the ingredients necessary for a cracking memoir. I had never interviewed Rogers, nor met him. I'd heard stories. Rogers's stories are a bit legendary and no doubt like Chinese whispers they have gained momentum over time. I hadn't expected to be as impressed as I was by Rogers. But he is a very impressive man. Singer, writer and actor, Rogers is truly a renaissance man. Although I don't think you'll be seeing him on *Dancing with the Stars*.

So what about the book?

'I liked the memoir form', says Rogers. 'I don't particularly like auto biography - being a musician I had read a lot of autobiographies by musicians and they had a lot to prove or scores to settle - that their behaviour is better or worse, or their genius is unrecognised, and there is the name dropping element.'

'Donald Fagen, the Steely Dan singer and songwriter, wrote a diary of a tour he did called *Eminent Hipsters*, his perspective of being a much-heralded songwriter and his perspective on humanity, and he would only refer to the past, and with memoir.'

You can be in the middle of the tale but the bigger story lies elsewhere, and it doesn't need to be talked about, it might read as a



very prosaic story, my intent was the bigger story was elsewhere, and it wasn't about me at all.

'I really enjoy the style of writing where there is aleatoric - it's the thought that the information you garner through life is stored somewhere subconsciously. I can be writing a piece and word play and references come to me in a flash, maybe it was something I read years ago and it returned.'

Rogers reflects on the contemporary music industry and the approach of new musicians compared to his anarchic start. 'I find musicians these days to be very alert to the need to be professional about it. When I started out it was like hitching to a pirate ship.'

His LP *An Actor Repairs* started as a monologue. 'I was asked to prepare for a monologue - and I was out of my depth. I worked away at it and being more and more in theatre and acting is intriguing and baffling and frustrating and what it does to people and I was drinking with a few older actors at the time. In the end I dropped the ball and went back to the album.'

Reflecting on his current tour Rogers says: 'Shows can turn into stand up comedy routines, because of audience attention spans, and there is the opportunity to test that, I forget how wonderful music is, and this year has been books and theatre and I really want to get out and play songs.'

'I don't know if it's the role of art to make people a little bit uncomfortable - if you are trying you can make people feel pretentious. I am not sure. Sometimes I am told that my honesty and songs makes people uncomfortable - maybe I have been touched in some way, it's uncomfortable for me to write without that, to write the way your poor little adult brain is thinking.'

For tickets and program information go to [mullummusicfestival.com](http://mullummusicfestival.com) 16-19 Nov 2017. The YMP is about de-mystifying the pathways to performance careers and the music industry, developing relationships between established and emerging artists who have proven enriching and beneficial for both the mentors and the mentees. The YMP is a unique and exciting initiative

that has brought many young artists into the spotlight and enabled them to move forward with more insight into the realities of being performing artists. This year the YMP teams up young artists with mentors handpicked from the festival's stellar lineup. The mentors have chosen the winners from the many applications.

'Of course the riskiest thing any artist can do at the moment is approaching empathy and intelligence and intelligence that begins with empathy.'

Rogers is not interested in writing or performing what he calls a 'powerpoint to popularity'.

'There are rules about writing songs you can employ to make a song more successful. I didn't get that book out from the library, but to do something that is more opaque or impressionistic won't get you the loudest applause. As musicians, that's our duty - to not condescend to people.'

It's clear that Tim Rogers has found his voice, on stage and off.

'I was trying so hard 20 years ago and so conscious of opinions of me, and I didn't have a voice at all, and it's only been in the last couple of years I have really found it and hearing that voice come through and with the proliferation of opinion and comment, to retreat from that and to swim in my own pool of crapulence and not engage in public opinion so much, then I can hear myself think - I can make a completely unique contribution that is worthwhile, and think it's something of a value, and just not feel like I am competing for people's attention all the time, whether it's writing prose or music or trying to impress the ghosts I admire.'

Tim Rogers performs Thursday 16 November at the Byron Community Centre. Tickets at [byroncentre.com.au](http://byroncentre.com.au)



## HUBBLE'S BUBBLES

Everybody loves bubbles and Dr Hubble is back to show you why! Dr Hubble (portrayed by world-renowned circus and sideshow performer Shep Huntly) will be on hand

to take you on a magical journey behind the bubble, as he shows you bubbles in all their glorious shapes and sizes, including the famous 'exploda-bubble' and possibly the biggest bubble you have ever seen! Saturday and Sunday at the Brunswick Picture House at 2pm!

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## MULLUM MUSIC MENTORSHIP WINNERS!

The winners of the Mullum Music Festival's esteemed Youth Mentorship Program have been announced. While the festival celebrates ten years, this marks the eighth year for the mentorship initiative with entries now coming from as far as Brisbane to Sydney. Conceived by Festival Director and Director Glenn Wright, and coordinated by Tom Whitaker, the Youth Mentorship has had a real impact on developing career pathways in the

music industry.

This year's Category Mentors & Winners are: Band mentor Husky, winner Miel (Bellingen), Singer songwriter mentor Aine Tyrrell, winner Ruby Gilbert (Brisbane), vocal mentor Kodi Twiner, winner Amy Nelson (Sydney), Under 15 mentor Domini Forster, winner Grace Donsworth (Illuka).

This year's mentorships will be awarded at the Mullum Music Festival opening night, with a performance by Under 15 winner Grace Donsworth. After their mentorship with their category artists the other winners will play spots over the festival.

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## THE OPENING OF AN EMPIRE

The Empire in Mullumbimby has been pumping out the love for some time now but in the haste to get food on the table they missed their grand opening! So they're doing it this Friday! With live music by DJ Crucial D, be there to celebrate the new owners and their excitement about being behind the wheel of an iconic Mullumbimby cafe. Well over 70, the Empire has been a fixture in the Mullumbimby food scene since 1945. Come to the Empire for good food and good times on **Friday** from 6pm.

## TROUBLE IS BREWING . . .

Spirited Doctor Isla Fenwick is determined to work at the coalface of medicine in India before committing to life as a dutiful wife. With hopes of making a difference in the world, she sails to Calcutta to set up a midwifery clinic. There she will be forced to question her beliefs, her professionalism and her romantic loyalties.

On a desperate rescue mission to save the one person who needs her the most, she travels into the foothills of the Himalayas to a tea plantation outside Darjeeling. At the roof of the world, where heaven and earth collide, Isla will be asked to pay the ultimate price for her passions.

From England's seaside town of Brighton to India's slums of Calcutta and the breathtaking Himalayan mountains, *The Tea Gardens* is a wildly exciting novel of heroism, heartache and healing.

Fiona McIntosh is an internationally bestselling author of novels for adults and children, including *The Chocolate Tin*, *The Perfumer's Secret*, *The Last Dance* and *Nightingale*. Fiona roams the world researching and drawing inspiration for her novels, and runs a series of highly respected fiction masterclasses.

Join Fiona and Friends of Libraries, Byron Shire for an evening of treats, tea and discussion. **Tuesday 21 November** at 6pm. Bookings essential. For tickets visit [www.byronbayfol.com](http://www.byronbayfol.com) or call Bookworms & Papermites 6687 1396 aka Bangalow Newsagency.

## STORIES IN THE CLUB

We all love a good story, and this Sunday another diverse line-up of tellers will gather for Stories in the Club: Athol Compton and Gurulbu (also known as Uncle Magpie), Des Bleasdale, Kageni Njeru, Neil Amber, Jack Murray, Lachlan Belleville with storyteller and story curator, Jenni Cargill-Strong as MC. Gurulbu and Athol Compton were both featured in the Arts Northern Rivers book *Our Way Our Stories*: told by Indigenous elders of the Northern Rivers which was edited by Dale Simone Roberts and launched at the Byron Bay Writers Festival. Athol, a former screen actor and *Minnibul* man, will give welcome and tell a story.

Gurulbu, a song man, will also share from his culture. Ninety-year-old, Des Bleasdale knows he is on the home straight and is putting everything into it. Des will tell the tale of the last dog he owned and the adventures he had along the east coast of Australia when he lost him. Kageni Njeru left Kenya to train in Australia as an electrical engineer. After graduating, she worked on rigs in Western Australia. A year ago she moved to our shire and began working in aged care. Over a cup of tea with a client, she was gifted the life story of a wise elder and her adventurous, fascinating life. Jack and Lachlan, students of Mullumbimby High school and members of the Mullumbimby Gavel Club (Junior Toastmasters), will tell a personal tale together. Jack Murray, 13, is a huge exponent of young people learning public speaking as a healing tool and particularly loves storytelling of the Fantasy genre. Lachlan Belleville, a star of Spaghetti Circus, this year MCD at The Byron Writers Festival and won a session of Table Topics at Mullum Magic Toastmasters. Jack and Lachlan will tell *Selfies*, a series of snapshots from their boyhood growing up here in Mullumbimby, touching on the highs and lows, bullying and drugs. Neil Amber is a member of Toastmasters and the Ngara Institute. He loves gardening and integrates his life experiences by writing short stories, many delivered as speeches in toastmasters. His story will speak to parents of the perils of raising kids, adapting to unexpected dramas and finding comic relief to calm the nerves.

Stories can be factual, fictional or factional – which is a blend of the two. Stories in the Club is supported by the Ngara Institute, Creative Mullumbimby, Toastmasters, The Story Tree Company and Stories on Foot. More information about this event and Jenni's storytelling workshops at [www.storytree.com.au](http://www.storytree.com.au) or call Jenni on 0403 328 643.

## MYSTIC NIMBIN

Nimbin has always been legendary for its counter culture. And now there's more mind-altering magic in store with the **Nimbin Mystic Festival**. Palm reading, clairvoyance, tarot readings, channelling, numerology and astrology are just some of the modalities on offer.

Set at the glorious Nimbin Town Hall, the real star of the event is Nimbin. An iconic and stunningly spiritual location it's sure to get you in the mood to connect with your inner self. Choose from a fabulous showcase of mystics, psychics, tarot readers and the like to get answers for

yourself and into the future.

Be entertained by belly dancers, buy some crystals and jewellery, and even indulge in a massage. Enjoy scrumptious food from the cafe throughout the two days and also into a candlelit Saturday evening.

Jazmin Theadora, co-organiser of the fair, has a long history in the business of mysticism – she has worked as medium, astrologist, tarot reader and clairvoyant, and has also immersed herself in psychometry and herbal lore since the '60s. A skeptic? For a gold coin donation, go experience the mysticism for yourself! You don't have to believe to enjoy a little cosmic coincidence!

**Nimbin Town Hall November 11 and 12, Saturday** 9am–9pm and **Sunday** 9am–5pm. Enquiries: Jazmin 0427 822 128

## BRADBURY IN AMERICA

David Bradbury's latest film *America and Me* is having its local and World Premiere at the **Old Drill Hall** in Mullumbimby on **Wednesday 8 November** at 7pm. *America and Me* documents the filmmaker's observations over three months in the US during the lead up to the shock election of Donald Trump. A one-man band and always travelling with his camera, David Bradbury was easily able to slip into gear and start filming while on tour of his antimilitarism documentary *War on Trial*.

Eight US cities later he chronicled what was happening on the streets of America; 40 years after Ronald Reagan introduced the economic theories of Milton Friedman and the infamous Chicago Boys to the world.

He interviews veterans of America's failed wars to maintain Empire, gets down in the gutter with the homeless to find out what life is like on the streets, speaks to a nun who was violated by the military junta in Guatemala under the directions of a CIA operative, goes to the US/Mexican border where Trump plans to build the Wall, visits the rust belt of middle America where factories are closed and people are hurting... and ends up at the Standing Rock protest camp for Election Day.

These vignettes give context to his critique of the American penchant for Empire, using telling moments from his earlier films shot on the edge of the American colossus – Nicaragua No Pasaran, Chile Hasta Cuando?, Frontline, South of the Border and Public Enemy Number One.

Hosted by Kerry O'Brien and presented by the Frontline Film Foundation this is a fundraiser to take the film back to the US. \$20

Tickets on [americaandme.eventbrite.com.au](http://americaandme.eventbrite.com.au)



## POLYNESIAN SHOW & HAWAIIAN FEAST

SPRING IS IN THE AIR; AND HULA DANCERS ARE TRAINING TO THE GLORIOUS MUSIC OF POLYNESIA – IN PREPARATION FOR THIS UPCOMING LUAU.

This Sunday the community is invited to the cosy little St Martin's Hall in Mullumbimby to experience No Ke Aloha O Ka Hula – Luau, which translates to For the Love of Hula – Polynesian Show and Vegetarian Hawaiian Feast. Hula dancers Anna Carbonell and Gisela Conechado spoke with *The Echo* about what's in store.

### What is the significance of a luau? What happens at a luau?

The sharing of food is a universal way of celebrating. In Hawaii the feasting at a luau is combined with music and dance. The word Luau comes from the Hawaiian word for the leaf of the taro plant which when cooked is somewhat comparable to spinach.

### What happens at a luau?

In a traditional luau in Hawaii, attendees are greeted with fresh leis and 'Aloha'. They are then directed to their seats and are invited to partake in a buffet-style feast consisting of poi (staple Polynesian food made from the corm of the taro plant), dried fish, kalua pork cooked in the traditional Hawaiian imu (underground oven), lomi lomi salmon, huli huli chicken, sweet potatoes, bananas, haupia pie and other sweet treats. Once seated, the dancers come out and perform the dances from Hawaii, Tahiti, Samoa, Cook Islands and New Zealand. The guests are even invited to learn how to dance the Hawaiian hula and Ori Tahiti.

### How have you been preparing for this event?

We train together several times a week, choreographing, laughing and refining. We travel to Queensland for further dance study together with our Polynesian teachers. Costumes have to be made or altered and we are grateful for the assistance of talented seamstress Pauline Hibbard.

### What shall we expect on the day?

No Ke Aloha O Ka Hula Luau will present a traditional-style luau except the feast will include island vegetarian meals such as taro leaves in coconut milk, roasted sweet potatoes and other savoury root vegetables, mixed vegetables in rice noodles, Hawaiian vegetable fried rice, haupia pie and stewed bananas with coconut cream. Once seated, dinner will be presented, we will be serenaded by Andrea Kirwin and followed by the dances of Hawaii and Tahiti. Hula Pili Kai dancers will perform to one of Andrea's original songs played live. They will also share another uniquely Australian hula. Nalu and Gisela will invite some to try the Hawaiian and Tahitian Hula.

A bit about the wonderful Andrea Kirwin:

Formally one of the front people from Canberra's The Andy and George Band, Andrea Kirwin has now quit her day job and is pursuing her music fully and the results are awesome. She currently plays solo and also with her backing band of handsome musos. This Fijian-Australian is one of Australia's most brilliant musicians. Andrea Kirwin's sound has been described as an earthy blend of folk, roots, reggae, blues, funk and soul.

**No Ke Aloha O Ka Hula Luau** – Polynesian Show and Feast. **Sunday** at **St Martin's Hall** in Mullumbimby. Doors open 4:30pm, show starts 5pm. Bookings: [www.trybooking.com/QWNQ](http://www.trybooking.com/QWNQ) or call 0410161747

READ THE FULL INTERVIEW ON [ECHO.NET.AU/POLYNESIAN-SHOW](http://ECHO.NET.AU/POLYNESIAN-SHOW)

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NETWORK NEWS MERCURY IN SAGITTARIUS CHATTING UP MONA LISA VENUS IN RETICENT SCORPIO MAKE FOR AN INTERESTINGLY PUSH/PULL CONVERSATIONAL DYNAMIC THIS WEEK...

**♈ ARIES:** As this week's spring cull continues adding to the list of what could, with a degree of relief, be fruitfully pruned to make your world leaner and cleaner (like outdated accumulations, obligations, habits, attitudes, connections), give these an honourable sendoff with respectful farewells and gratitude for the gifts they gave.

**♉ TAURUS:** If this week's intensity activates sudden, uncomfortably up close and personal face-offs, stay steady, hold your ground, dig your four feet in. No need to get swept away. Try lighting up into what Tibetan Buddhism calls playmind. Think dance partner rather than oppositional opponent. The real key? Not taking things personally.

**♊ GEMINI:** With Mercury revving up in the sign of the verbally vivacious, you'll have a lot to say. Okay... just be advised that this testy week comes with a Note To Self: Be discreet with confidential information. Don't say anything you're going to regret later. Your personal mantra? Silence is golden.

**♋ CANCER:** Excessive lunar intensity makes midweek Cancer moon prime time for withdrawing to the comfort couch for self-pampering, cocoon therapy and considering constructive outlets for this week's energy surges: like home DIY projects, soothing fractious moods, keeping the peace. You got it: keeping out of trouble.

**♌ LEO:** Current potential for theatrical reactions? High and rising towards late week Leo moon, especially on the homefront. Which requires a special effort to be your own best friend instead of worst enemy by refraining from hurtling headlong down the drama road. So empathise rather than polarize. Search for common ground...

**♍ VIRGO:** Articulate Mercurian eloquence makes Virgos convincing advocates for whatever they're supporting or promoting this week. But if your exacting expectations aren't met, or even recognised, by others, look past bickering and criticism to what people really want. If you can oblige them, good. If not, just say so without rancour.

**♎ LIBRA:** Your zodiac queen Venus takes this week on a depth-dive into Scorpio waters which you may have thought were under the bridge, but suddenly resurface. How unnecessary, you're probably thinking. A more helpful approach might be looking for the buried treasure and remembering shadows are the dancing partners of light.

**♏ SCORPIO:** With Venus the partnership principle joining Sun and Jupiter, planets of energy and expansion, in your sign, relationships are under the Scorpio microscope – and scalpel. This week has your appeal and abilities peaking, but be respectful of others, superhero. Don't take people for granted, especially where money issues are concerned.

**♐ SAGITTARIUS:** Messenger Mercury's megaphone in Sagittarius gives voice to your vision this week. Which strongly recommends taking advantage of exacting Saturn's last days in your sign to save yourself from Oops! conversational banana-peel moments. And advises that if demanding answers, you may not get ones you're ready to hear.

**♑ CAPRICORN:** This week's best suggestions? Listen. And learn. Be flexible, not stubborn. Shall I go on? Don't be over-quick to dismiss something just because you don't agree with it. Do be open to taking new concepts on board. People you least expect could be the catalysts for some significant learning curves.

**♒ AQUARIUS:** This week's big energies see Jupiter's dive into Scorpio's depths lifting the mask off everyday communications much like using dynamite to remove cobwebs instead of a feather duster. If conversational exchanges turn challenging and confrontational on deeply felt topics like money, politics or medical options, stay calm, be kind, don't fight.

**♓ PISCES:** If some of this week's people seem stubborn, unbudgeable, set in their ways, then ask for assistance from the invisible Neptunian collective. And be willing to receive it in perhaps a surprising form and from a different direction than expected. There aren't any wrong answers: it's all in the way you interpret them.

CINEMA REVIEWS

BY JOHN CAMPBELL



THOR: RAGNAROK

The renovated cinema at South Tweed is now fitted out with faux leather recliner chairs. I succumbed to their lazy-boy comfort within ten minutes of this beefcake blockbuster and, before my companion prodded me, was dreaming happily of when Kiwi director Taika Waititi made films for grown-ups (*Boy*, *Hunt For the Wilderpeople*). Waititi has now graduated to the big league and, with a budget of \$180 million (good luck to him) and megastars in the cast (Anthony Hopkins, Cate Blanchett, Mark Ruffalo and Benedict Cumberbatch, not to mention, from our own backyard, Chris Hemsworth), he has come up with a super-hero fantasy that will please its producers and satisfy its audience of young blokes.

For those who don't fit into the target demographic and who find it hard to stay focused on glossy drivel, despite its celeb involvement, the movie averts boredom's black hole – only just – thanks to a tongue-in-cheek approach that for a while takes your mind off the CGI excesses. Most people (including myself) are unfamiliar with Norse mythology, but it doesn't matter. The god Thor (Hemsworth) has found himself in a faraway galaxy, while his sister (Blanchett) has stitched him up back on his home planet. Or at least that is what I think was going on – it's so easy not to give a rat's when you know that whatever happens it will inevitably lead to a humungous fight that takes up the last fifteen minutes and ends with... well, you know how it ends (is it a spoiler to say that Hemsworth wins? Surely not). Waititi has made the characters more human and self-deprecating than your traditional superhero, which can't be a bad thing. The sexy, kick-ass heroine (Tessa Thompson) maintains today's trend to bogus girl power – there is a cute sarcastic piece of dialogue when Thor acknowledges and praises the advent of women in the genre – but in the end, it's just the same-old-same-old. Fab to hear Led Zeppelin's 'Immigrant Song' in the soundtrack.

seven THREE SUMMERS

This film is as PC as you can get. It is as though writer/director Ben Elton has aimed solely to create a script that would best suck up to the holier than thou group-think of arts funding bodies in Oz. Contrary to what you might expect, however, the movie is also a buoyant, refreshing and plain-speaking boy-meets-girl love story with a terrific soundtrack and an admirable determination to not fall back (too often) on the 'quirky character' for its laughs.

Rebecca Breeds plays a feisty fiddler/singer in her father's (John Waters) folk-rock band. They are regular performers at 'Westival' (somewhere near Perth), an annual gathering of musos, buskers and punters that is meant to be seen here as a microcosm of Australian society. A handsome Irish theremin player (Robert Sheehan) arrives in the first of the three years covered and, after initially not connecting, he and Breeds are drawn to each other. But it is elsewhere that Elton wants to push his political barrow, and if he is not in the least subtle in his approach, I for one was not put out by it. Australia's hateful, racist treatment of refugees has seen our 'fair go' nation devolve to the point where we are now rightfully looked upon as a pariah state by the civilised world, so if agit-prop is the only way to shake the population from its blind-eyed apathy, then go for it Ben. The scene featuring an Afghani trio that has been released from detention for the day is genuinely moving, as is (and you won't believe it, but it's true), Michael Caton, in suit and tie, doing an indigenous emu dance. The stereotypes are all there – Kelton Pell as the blackfella demanding a treaty, Magda Szubanski as the dipsy announcer who is everyone's friend, an over-zealous security guard, a couple of do-gooders who have adopted an Afghan son... but it is the romance between Breeds and Sheehan that wins the day.

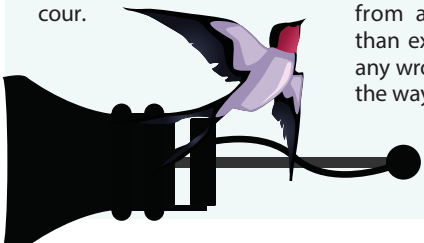
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## THURSDAY 9

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **FRIEND ZONE**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **DAN HANNAFORD**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 8.30PM **THE HIGH ROLLERS**
- FRESH, BYRON 7PM **ELENA B WILLIAMS**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 8PM **CHEF DE PARTY & FRIENDS**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 7.30PM **MATTHEW ARMITAGE**
- BANGALOW A&I HALL 7.30PM **CHICAGO**
- BANGALOW BOWLO 6PM **SALSA**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7PM **RUBY FIELDS**
- CLUB MULLUM 7PM **PETE C & DR BAZ**
- POINCIANA, MULLUMBIMBY 7PM **LIVE GYPSY JAZZ**
- KINGSCLIFF BOWLING CUB 7.30PM **KINGY COMEDY WITH JAY SULLIVAN, MATT FORD, MANDY NOLAN**

## FRIDAY 10

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **CREO, BUCK DEAN & THE GREEN LIPS**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **SOUTHWALL**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 5PM **LEIGH JAMES 9PM CHEAP FAKES**
- BYRON BAY BREWERY 4PM **BYRON BAY GUITAR FESTIVAL PRE-PARTY**
- BYRON THEATRE 7.30PM **LES SYLPHIDES & THE RITE OF SPRING**
- STICKY WICKET, BYRON 9PM **DJ KYLE WALKER 9.30PM LUKE MORRIS**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 9PM **THE VIOLENT MONKS**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 7.30PM **LAUREN LUCILLE BAND**
- STUDIO 93, BYRON A&I 7PM **HUNTER & SMOKE**
- LUSCIOUS FOODS, BYRON A&I 6PM **YOYO TUKI**
- SUN BISTRO, SUNRISE 6PM **ARMITAGE**
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## SUNRISE 5PM TENNYSON KING

- PIZZA PARADISO, SUFFOLK PARK 6.30PM **GARY EDGAR**
- BANGALOW A&I HALL 7.30PM **CHICAGO**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7PM **DAN CLARKE**
- BRUNSWICK HOTEL 7PM **DU'EST**
- BRUNSWICK PICTURE HOUSE 7PM **ARREBATO TRIO**
- DRILL HALL, MULLUMBIMBY 7.30PM **HOT SHORTS**
- EMPIRE CAFE, MULLUMBIMBY 6PM **GRAND OPENING WITH DJ CRUCIAL D**
- ST MARTIN'S HALL, MULLUMBIMBY 12.30PM **ECSTATIC TEMPLE DANCE 7PM HOUSE OF BLISS KIRTAN**
- POINCIANA, MULLUMBIMBY 5PM **LOUNGE SESSIONS WITH RESIDENT DJ**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY 8PM **KRAPPYOKEE**
- OCEAN SHORES COUNTRY CLUB 6PM **KHAN**
- LENNOX ARTS COLLECTIVE 5.30PM **KALEIDOSCOPE OF COLOUR EXHIBITION OPENING**
- LENNOX HOTEL 9PM **PROJECT JURASSIC**
- TINTENBAR HALL 7.30PM **THE SHEILA'S SHOW TINTENBAR UP FRONT**
- BALLINA RSL BOARDWALK 5PM **MICK BUCKLEY 8.30PM JESSE BALFOUR DUO**
- KINGSCLIFF BOWLING CLUB 7.30PM **JASON DELPHIN**
- KINGSCLIFF HOTEL 7PM **THE FERAMONES**
- KINGSCLIFF SLSC 7PM **ADAM BROWN**
- LISMORE CITY HALL 7.30PM **LADY BEATLE**
- CURRUMBIN PUB 8PM **SMOKING MARTHA, TABLEFOX, CHELSEA ROCKWELLS, GNOSIS**
- CURRUMBIN RSL 5PM **ACOUSTIC SESSIONS**
- SOUNDLOUNGE, CURRUMBIN **ACOUSTIC GUITAR SPECTACULAR WITH SOENKE MEINEN, MICHAEL FIX, BRUCE MATHISKE**

## SATURDAY 11

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **MARSHALL O'KELL & THE FRO**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **THE SOUL SHAKERS, THE FERAMONES, EPIC**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 9PM **20 YEARS OF HYDROFUNK RECORDS SHOWCASE**
- BYRON ARTISAN MARKET 4PM **GUY KACHEL**
- BYRON BAY BREWERY 11AM **BYRON BAY GUITAR FESTIVAL FEATURING BENNY WALKER, JEFF LANG**
- BYRON BAY SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH 7PM **SONGS OF ASCENT WITH MELISSA OTTO**
- BYRON THEATRE 2PM & 7.30PM **LES SYLPHIDES & THE RITE OF SPRING**
- STICKY WICKET, BYRON 9PM **BASS PARTY 9.30PM KEL ITONG**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 9PM **DJ NERY**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 7.30PM **BLACK RABBIT GEORGE**
- PIZZA PARADISO, SUFFOLK PARK 6.30PM **RICHIE LANGFORD**
- BANGALOW A&I HALL 7.30PM **CHICAGO**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7PM **ROO**
- FEDERAL HALL 4PM **INSIDE OUT 8PM WHITELEY**
- BRUNSWICK HOTEL 6PM **SAY NO TO PAID PARKING ALL TOWN RALLY FEATURING DUSTYESKY, MANDY NOLAN, PARKER ROSE, MARK SWIVEL**
- BRUNSWICK PICTURE HOUSE 2PM **DOCTOR HUBBLE'S BUBBLE SHOW 7PM BARN DANCE WITH THRILLBILLY STOMP**
- MULLUMBIMBY SHOWGROUNDS **MULLUM SHOW**
- DRILL HALL, MULLUMBIMBY 7.30PM **HOT SHORTS**
- LULU'S, MULLUMBIMBY 11AM **SAM BUCKINGHAM**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY 8PM **SALOON SESSIONS WITH DJ MILES JACKSON**
- POINCIANA, MULLUMBIMBY

## 5PM LOUNGE SESSIONS WITH RESIDENT DJ

- CLUB LENNOX 7.30PM **OOZ**
- LENNOX HOTEL 9.30PM **BLACKRAT & THE BANDITS**
- BALLINA RSL BOARDWALK 6PM **GUY DUTTON 9PM JACK O'LEARY BAND**
- BALLINA RSL BOWLING CUB 6PM **LEIGH JAMES**
- SHEOAK SHACK, FINGAL HEAD 2PM **PAULY P 7PM SEA GYPSIES**
- KINGSCLIFF HOTEL 7PM **OKA**
- LISMORE CITY HALL 7.30PM **LADY BEATLE**
- MARY G'S, LISMORE **ROCHELLE LEES BAND**
- NIMBIN TOWN HALL 9AM **NIMBIN MYSTIC FESTIVAL**
- CURRUMBIN RSL 4PM **ACOUSTIC SESSIONS**

## SUNDAY 12

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **DAN HANNAFORD**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **OOZ**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 4.30PM **THE HOMBRES 8PM DJ TAYA**
- BYRON BAY BREWERY 11AM **BYRON BAY GUITAR FESTIVAL**
- BYRON THEATRE 1PM **RISING STARS PRESENTED BY BYRON MUSIC SOCIETY**
- BYRON GOLF CLUB 4PM **LIVE MUSIC**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 12PM **DJS DANGEROUS COBRA & EVA J**
- SUN BISTRO, SUNRISE 5PM **CHRIS ARONSTEN**
- BANGALOW CATHOLIC HALL 7PM **THE SONGBIRDS**
- JASPER CORNER, FEDERAL 3PM **NAOMI KEYTE, BRIDGET BRANDOLINI**
- BRUNSWICK HOTEL 4PM **LYALL MOLONEY**
- BRUNSWICK PICTURE HOUSE 9AM **HOMEMADE JAM 2PM DOCTOR HUBBLE'S BUBBLE SHOW**
- MULLUMBIMBY SHOWGROUNDS **MULLUM SHOW**
- CLUB MULLUM 4PM **TALES**

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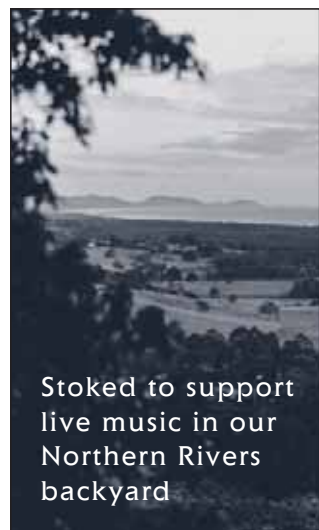
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- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY 3PM **JAM**
- POINCIANA, MULLUMBIMBY 11AM **SUNDAZE WITH RESIDENT DJ**
- ST MARTIN'S, MULLUMBIMBY 5PM **NO KE ALOHA O KA HULA LUAU POLYNESIAN SONG & DANCE**
- BILLINUDGEL HOTEL 2PM **JAM WITH JOHN HILL, MICHAEL HUNT, GRANT ROBERTSON, LYNE DAVIS**
- CLUB LENNOX 4PM **YOLAN**
- LENNOX SESSIONS **WALLIS BIRD**
- WHARF BAR, BALLINA 3PM **SCOTT DAY-VEE**
- KINGSCLIFF BOWLING CLUB 7.30PM **BACK TO THE FUTURE BAND**
- KINGSCLIFF HOTEL 3PM **THE VAUDEVILLE SMASH**
- CHILLINGHAM MARKETS 9AM **MARK GRAY**
- SPHINX ROCK, MT BURRELL 1PM **BART STENHOUSE**
- NIMBIN TOWN HALL 9AM **NIMBIN MYSTIC FESTIVAL**
- CABARITA HOTEL 4PM **ROD MURRAY DUO**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 2PM **GLEN MATLOCK**
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- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **JAMIE ASHFORTH**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 8.30PM **4'20' REGGAE**
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- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **MARSHALL O'KELL**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **JAKE HOSKINS**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 8PM **OPEN MIC**
- BYRON THEATRE 6PM **GRETA BIRD LECTURE**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 9PM **DJS JAMIE, SLHTE, 4 EYES**
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## TUESDAY 14

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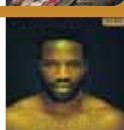
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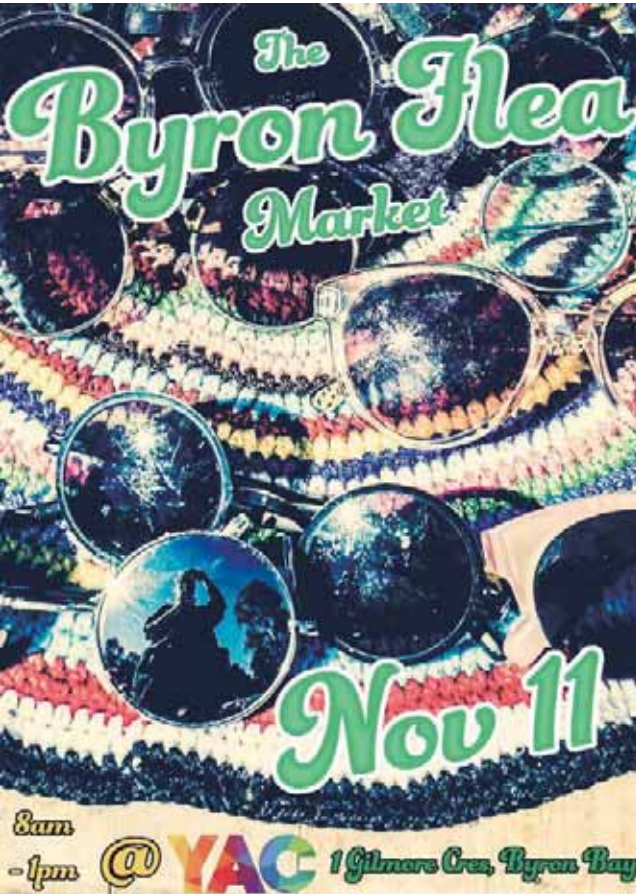
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Relatives and friends are invited to attend a funeral service to be held at St Martins Anglican Church, Mullumbimby on THURSDAY (November 9, 2017) commencing at 11.00am.  
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**NOVEMBER 2017**  
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○ Full moon Nov 4 16:22  
● Third quarter Nov 11 07:36  
● New moon Nov 18 22:42  
○ First quarter Nov 27 04:02

Day of month	Sun rise	Sun set	Moon rise	Moon set	High tide, height (m)	Low tide, height (m)
1 W	0553	1905	1558	0352	0700,1.34; 1911,1.49	0045,0.26; 1247,0.37
2 T	0552	1906	1658	0430	0744,1.48; 1955,1.52	0122,0.17; 1336,0.29
3 F	0551	1907	1801	0510	0827,1.60; 2039,1.52	0159,0.10; 1425,0.22
4 S	0551	1908	1907	0552	0911,1.70; 2122,1.48	0237,0.05; 1514,0.17
5 S	0550	1908	2014	0637	0957,1.78; 2208,1.42	0315,0.04; 1604,0.16
6 M	0549	1909	2120	0727	1043,1.81; 2255,1.33	0357,0.06; 1659,0.18
7 T	0548	1910	2225	0822	1132,1.80; 2345,1.23	0441,0.12; 1757,0.23
8 W	0548	1911	2326	0920	1224,1.76	0529,0.20; 1859,0.29
9 T	0547	1911		1022	0044,1.14; 1320,1.68	0622,0.31; 2006,0.33
10 F	0547	1912	0022	1124	0153,1.07; 1423,1.60	0728,0.40; 2115,0.35
11 S	0546	1913	0111	1226	0315,1.07; 1530,1.53	0844,0.47; 2220,0.35
12 S	0545	1914	0156	1326	0431,1.13; 1637,1.48	1002,0.49; 2318,0.31
13 M	0545	1915	0237	1425	0536,1.23; 1738,1.45	1115,0.47
14 T	0544	1915	0314	1522	0630,1.34; 1831,1.42	0007,0.27; 1217,0.44
15 W	0544	1916	0350	1617	0716,1.44; 1916,1.40	0048,0.24; 1311,0.40
16 T	0543	1917	0425	1712	0758,1.52; 1958,1.36	0124,0.21; 1359,0.36
17 F	0543	1918	0501	1806	0836,1.58; 2034,1.33	0157,0.19; 1442,0.34
18 S	0543	1919	0537	1900	0912,1.62; 2110,1.29	0228,0.18; 1523,0.33
19 S	0542	1919	0616	1953	0946,1.64; 2145,1.24	0258,0.19; 1602,0.33
20 M	0542	1920	0656	2045	1020,1.64; 2218,1.19	0328,0.22; 1641,0.34
21 T	0542	1921	0740	2135	1055,1.62; 2255,1.14	0359,0.25; 1720,0.37
22 W	0541	1922	0826	2223	1130,1.59; 2333,1.09	0431,0.30; 1800,0.40
23 T	0541	1923	0914	2308	1209,1.54	0507,0.37; 1845,0.43
24 F	0541	1923	1005	2351	0016,1.05; 1250,1.49	0548,0.44; 1933,0.46
25 S	0540	1924	1057		0108,1.01; 1337,1.43	0637,0.51; 2029,0.47
26 S	0540	1925	1151	0032	0213,1.01; 1431,1.39	0739,0.57; 2127,0.45
27 M	0540	1926	1246	0110	0328,1.04; 1532,1.37	0853,0.60; 2222,0.41
28 T	0540	1927	1342	0147	0438,1.13; 1635,1.37	1008,0.58; 2313,0.34
29 W	0540	1927	1440	0224	0536,1.26; 1734,1.38	1116,0.53; 2359,0.25
30 T	0540	1928	1540	0302	0628,1.41; 1830,1.40	1219,0.45

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

## All square after tight local derby in women's youth soccer

John McKay

No one turns on a better, or closer, local derby than the Spell and the Gypsy Collective Byron Bay FC Wildcats and the Mullumbimby Brunswick Valley youth teams who drew 3-3 last Friday night.

Early on things looked dodgy for the Wildcats in the home tie of the Summer Youth League as the signature MBV hard-nosed defence, neat first touch game and lightning fast-break surged into action.

Despite some fine play from the girls from Mt Chincogan it was the Wildcats, who demonstrated that (even when under pressure) they can still be a scoring threat when Nambe Rembe bothering the ball across the Mullumbimby line to score the first goal against the run of play for Byron.

Mullum came back quickly from this early shock when their talented midfield released their speedy front-line, time and time again, to cause nightmares for the Wildcats



There was no easy space in tight but well contested local derby on Friday night. Photo supplied.

defence. Exceptional play from the blue and gold saw Mullum going into the half time break leading 2-1.

Despite looking in serious trouble before the break the Wildcats finally found some touch at the recommencement and came alive to turn the tables on their neighbours.

Two quick goals from star Wildcats striker, Lisa Bolt, now had the MBV women in trouble. For much of the half

Byron looked the likely winner... but a missed penalty and several other missed opportunities proved costly for Byron as the gutsy Mullum team worked their way back into the contest.

The final ten minutes was all Mullumbimby as their plucky, talented and young mid-field took control and not only grabbed a goal back but were unlucky to not claim a winner!

Final score 3-3.

## Kids line up for Kingscliff triathlon

An increase in the number of junior athletes is shaping up to be a feature of the 16th staging of the Kingscliff Triathlon set for Sunday, December 3.

An expected field exceeding 1000 athletes competing in Tempta, Sprint and Olympic distances will be joined by 200 junior athletes ranging from 7 to 12 years old.

With a protected swim and a flat cycle and ride, the junior triathlon is a great opportunity for kids to have a go at triathlon, said race director Mike Crawley.

Local Kingscliff village and accommodation houses are already seeing bookings increase, and event organisers are predicting an increase



Children going over the safety rules at the last year's triathlon. Photo supplied

in registration now that the weather is warming up and the rains have stopped.

'The triathlon in Kingscliff is a real celebration of pre-Christmas racing in a wonderful beachside location in the beautiful Cudgen Creek,'

he said.

The triathlons swim in Cudgen Creek is renowned across the region and helps to attract athletes from New South Wales, Queensland, and throughout Australia, Crawley said.

## Mathias claims Medal of Medals at Teven

Greg Phillips won the Monthly Medal in the Teven Golf Club Men's Division after playing an 18-hole Stroke competition.

The match was also the play-off for the 2017 Medal of Medals that was won by John Mathias.

Greg triumphed with a net score of 51, ahead of Mathias on net 53 after a countback.

Ball run down: Rex Nix-North Coast news daily: www.echonetdaily.net.au

on (net 53), David Fowler (net 54), Jeff Smith (net 55), John Harbisher (net 56), Ian Coochiroff (net 56).

NTPs: 4th Ian McDuff; 8th Robert Tillman; 14th John Mathias.

Putting: Greg Phillips (26 putts).

Next comp: Saturday November 11, nine-holes Stableford - 6.15am start for a 6.30am shotgun tee off.



Winners are grinners: Greg Phillips and John Mathias. Photo supplied

## Women's AFL celebrates diversity in Byron Bay

The week-long AFL National Female Diversity Championships were held at Byron's Cavanbah centre last month.

The Championships included over 200 participants from Indigenous and multicultural backgrounds and provided pathways into various development programs.

Currently in its second year, the 2017 Championships will encompass the Rio Tinto AFL National U/15 Kickstart program, which has been running for five years, and the Australia Post AFL National U/15 All Nations Cup.

'With the great response to the national NAB AFL Women's competition, these championships showcase the talent of aspiring young female footballers with Indigenous and multicultural backgrounds from across the country,' AFL development manager Andrew Dillon said.

'Not only does the Championships provide players with the chance to showcase their talent and engage in a number of education sessions, it also provides development opportunities for those in the Diversity Umpiring Academy.'



Girls from across a diverse Australia developed their AFL skills in Byron last month. Photo supplied

Players from 14 teams representing all states and territories across Australia.

The All Nations team finished the week with three wins, while the young Kickstart side performed strongly and never gave in against their more experienced opponents.

The All Nations team took wins over Tasmania, South Australia and the Northern Territory. They arguably saved their best performance until last, defeating

the Northern Territory by 47 points in their final game.

Sarah Heptinstall was named Most Valuable Player of the AFL.

Adol Abuoi was another player who impressed.

Lilli-Mae Brunton was named Most Valuable Player for the NSW/ACT Kickstart side, her best performance coming in her side's narrow defeat to Tasmania.

Kanayla Clayton was another standout across the week.

## New sailors inspired on the Tweed

The Tweed Valley Sailing Club held their rescheduled 'Try Sailing Day' last weekend and were kept busy taking groups of eager new sailors out for their first taste of wind power.

Nervous looking faces stepping onto the boats were transformed into smiles when they returned.

Everyone got to steer the boat and adjust the sails themselves - learning lots of new vocabulary on the way - 'sheets', 'vangs', 'tillers', 'jibs', 'tacking' and most importantly the 'boom'.

TVSC skippers did an excellent job.

The Junior members helped out too. In particular Isaac Poulson from Burringbar took out some of the younger new sailors on the club's X3 and did such a good job of passing on his enthusiasm for the sport that Rigby (9) and Tully (7) came in asking if they could join the club immediately and when can they go out sailing again.

Adults too got to enjoy a new experience and learn that sailing is not just an expensive elite sport, TVSC



Isaac Poulson and new sailor Faith. Photo Alison Blatcher

learn-to-sail co-ordinator Alison Blatcher said.

'Grass roots clubs like TVSC make sure it's not about spending thousands to have the newest boat with the best sails - it's about learning new skills, challenging yourself or just sailing to relax and clear your head.'

'With other people or on your own, learning to sail has the potential to remind us what life is about - doing things we love and for me that's gliding along this beautiful river, the jewel of the Tweed Valley,' she said.

The club is also strongly supporting the *Women and*

*Girls in Sailing* project.

There is already a strong group of women sailing with the club (membership is 38% female) and they will be working on ways to communicate their enthusiasm for the sport to attract even more female members.

Next Try Sailing opportunity - Sunday November 19. Email: tvscmail@gmail.com or call Craig Foley 0413 052 898.

If you would like to become a trained safety boat driver for race days, TVSC Commodore Bill Fenelon would be very happy to hear from you - 0411 123 405.

## Byron BJJ power on at Pan-Pacific event



Raz Hazel, Skylah McCourt, Milli McCourt, Chilli Harel, Indi McCourt, Bryce McCourt and coach Daniel Almeida proudly display their medal haul. Photo supplied.

Six Byron Bay athletes collected another swag of medals at the biggest Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu tournament of the year, the Pan Pacific Championships held in Melbourne last week.

The event attracted 800 high-level competitors from all over the world and is a part of the IBJJF (International Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Federation) roster, the most prestigious event in the southern hemisphere.

All six of the Byron Shire locals brought home medals in the haul of six gold and three silver.

Next stop for these awesome competitors is the BJJ

Summer Australian Open held in Byron Bay at the Canvanbah Sports Centre on November 19.

Entry for spectators is free and organisers hoping to have as much local support as possible.

### Medal Tally

Raz Harel – gold.

Skylah McCourt – silver.

Two-times world champion Milli McCourt – three gold medals and one silver, competing in four different divisions.

National champion Chilli Harel – gold.

Indi McCourt – silver.

Bryce McCourt – gold.

## Another win puts Byron Bay cricket on top of Coastal League

The Byron Bay second grade team has pushed itself to the top of the Coastal League table after another strong win on the weekend.

After winning the toss against Murwillumbah they batted their way to all out for 211.

Adam hit out for a good 61 runs. Matt (43) and Adam put on 78 for the third wicket after a shaky start and the tail wagged with a combination of 91 runs between them as Toby (35), Martie (31) and Brady (25) took the team past the magical 200-run mark.

In reply M'bah were all out for 128 off 26 overs. Paul D was the best of the batting side hitting 41.

Brady starred with the ball taking 3/19, followed by Martie with 3/28. Levi chipped in with two wickets and Matt and Lauchy got one each.

The win leaves the Byron side the only team in the comp with three wins from five games and they sit on 29 points, six ahead of second place Tintenbar-East Ballina.

The Tintenbar side playing at home beat Terranora who won the toss and batted.



Dave Dirou salutes the crowd after his unbeaten century secured a win for Tintenbar-East Ballina. Photo supplied

They posted 181 after losing a wicket on zero, with the majority of the top order getting starts and C Fisher top scoring with 36.

The homeside chased down the runs in the 28th over with the loss of two wickets.

Dave Dirou starred with the bat retiring on 101 not out.

In another game from round five Lennox Head defeated Alstonville after putting them into bat at home on Geoff Watt Oval.

The home side was bun-

dled out for 99 off 24 overs, and were eclipsed by Lennox who got 105 without loss in 13 overs.

The Lennox side are in third place on the table with 22 points, but have a game in hand.

Alstonville also sit on 22 points.

Along side M'Bah, the Mullumbimby Brunswick side are the only team not to have a win this season.

They are scheduled to take on Byron Bay this weekend playing at home.

## 18-year old claims Mullum tennis title

Teva Leibo has become the open men's singles winner at this year's Mullumbimby Tennis Club championships held on Sunday.

In a tight game he defeated Adam Clark 3-6 7-6 (10-8).

Teva started playing tennis when he was eight years old and joined the Mullumbimby club a year after that.

Teva has practised plenty of times against Adam but never played him in a proper match, he said.

'It was a close game, very close. Eight all in the tie breaker,' he said. 'It's a good feeling to get the win.'

In the specials men's singles Amadeus O'Connor defeated Denis Hopking 6-1 6-2.

Amadeus also won the open boys singles.

Special men's doubles winners were Leko De Almeida / Trent Morgan who beat Chris Coffee/Jarel 6-1 6-0.

The mixed doubles were won by Roberta Hall/Jarel defeating Chris Coffee/Diana Rowe 6-4 6-4.

The 12-boys winner was Oliver Fernley who defeated Onyx Cheung 7-6 4-6 6-4.

## Surfers travel to boost ratings

### Crystal Cylinders

Four local surfers travelled to Port Stephens to boost their ratings at the NSW Toyota Pro women's QS 6000 and the NSW Pro Men's QS 1000 events that ran in some great conditions.

Stephanie Single from Lennox Head got off to a great start with a win in the round of 96 and followed that up with a second in the round of 72 before bowing out in the round of 48 with an equal 37th place finish.

In the men's Toyota QS 1000 Kyuss King (Byron Bay) and Lennox Head's Mikey McDonagh and Jack Murray all got off to great starts in the round of 48 with McDonagh and King picking up wins, and a second to Murray.

In the round of 32 Kyuss kept up his winning run while McDonagh and Murray were eliminated in 25th and 17th place respectively.

In the round of 16 King was on the wrong side of a very close decision by the judges and placed third missing out on a quarter final berth by .07 of a point to finish in equal ninth, which



Stephanie Single hits the lip on her way to a top-50 finish in Port Stephens. Photo Smith/WSL

considering his youth and the standard of competition, is an excellent result.

Mikey also finished in equal 17th place at the Phillip Island Pro QS1,000 in Victoria with competitors feasting on clean 1-1.5 metre surf.

McDonagh is using the WSL QS series events as a warm up for the WSL World Junior Championships held in Kiama, NSW in January 2018.

### Olympic gossip

Rumours abound that the 2020 Olympics Surfing event

will be held in a wave pool.

Apparently the WSL has been scouting the Tokyo region with hopes of finding a suitable place for a wave pool.

At this stage organisers have planned to run the event in the ocean but said that will all change if a wave pool is built.

It is known that there will be 20 male and 20 female surfers in total at the Olympics, but the countries included have not yet been decided.

There will be no more than three surfers from any given country (per gender).

## Golden medal glory for Rainbow Region Dragon Boaters

### Monica Wilcox

The Rainbow Warriors have returned victorious with their first ever gold medals from the Australian Masters Games, at beautiful Lake Barrington in Tasmania.

The Warriors are the sport's team of the Rainbow Region Dragon Boat Club and not only won their first gold medal, but made it a total of three from the event.

The Rainbow Warriors is made up of 26 paddlers in eight teams in seven categories. Every team member came home with a medal or more.

From six 10s-team races three gold, one silver and two bronzes were won.

The club's 12-month training program that focused on improving technique and good strategy paid off.

Lake Barrington turned on picturesque glassy conditions on both days, but day two did become wild, woolly and challenging.

Rainbow Warriors was one of a few teams who paddled solely as a club. The majority



The Rainbow Warriors celebrated their Tasmanian tour triumph – first golds at a Masters Games. Photo supplied

of teams were composites of Australia-wide paddlers.

They drew attention to themselves for rowdy warm-ups (which kept them hyped for racing, in quite nippy conditions), and their good-natured competitiveness.

They were also the only team to flip one of their drummers, Gunela Astbrink, into the freezing water.

Rainbow sweeps/steerers, Mary Davis and Cathy Hepworth, won kudos from their peers for the smooth pontoon arrivals whilst nimbly missing the rocks.

Meanwhile back at the

north coast, Rainbow Dragons were also volunteering at Grafton Regatta. Rainbow Dragons Abreast (DA) also joined forces with the Sunshine Coast to form a winning team at the Mount Warning DA 10s regatta.

Rainbow Dragons are all returning to Lake Ainsworth to start preparing for Nationals in early 2018.

### Results

Gold: 60 (years)+ Women's, 50+ Women's and 40+ Mixed. Silver: Cancer Survivors. Bronze: 50+ Open (Men's), 60+ Mixed



## On The Horizon

### DEADLINE NOON FRIDAY

Email copy marked 'On The Horizon' to [editor@echo.net.au](mailto:editor@echo.net.au).

### BEC

The Byron Environment Centre is holding its AGM and general meeting at the Cumbebin Wetland Sanctuary, Wordsworth Street, Byron Bay, 2pm on Friday, November 24. All members invited. Info: 6687 1538.

### Art Expo

REDinc. Mullum is celebrating its first year in town with an art exhibition, wine and nibbles on Friday, November 10. Join the crew for wine and nibbles at 22 Tincogan Street from 6pm.

### Vinnie's Byron

Vinnie's Byron Bay annual linen, lace and collectables sale begins Monday 6 November, Marvell St shop. Enq Jan 5611 0001.

## Regular As Clockwork

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### Neighbourhood Centre

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

### 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.

### Low-cost or free 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. **Free Food Relief Bags** for anyone doing it tough, every Thursday 9–11am at The Hub Ocean Shores, cnr Rajah Rd and Bindaree Way. No ID or Concession Card required. NILS referral service also available. Check Facebook page The Hub Baptist Ocean Shores for details. **C3 Care Byron Bay Food Care** – log on to [www.c3byronbay.com](http://www.c3byronbay.com) to see if you are eligible, or call 6680 8872.

### 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](mailto:fundraiser@byronrespite.com.au), website: [www.byronrespite.com.au](http://www.byronrespite.com.au).

### Alateen Meeting

Alateen Meeting every Thursday at 5–6pm. Do you have a parent, close friend or relative with a drinking problem? Alateen can help. For 8–16-year-olds meet St Cuthbert's Anglican Church Hall, 13 Powell Street, corner of Florence Street Tweed Heads. Al-Anon family groups for older members at the same time and place. 1300 ALANON 1300 252 666 [www.al-anon.org.au](http://www.al-anon.org.au)

### Social sporting groups

**Senior social table tennis** at Bangalow Bowling Club Sundays 2–4pm. All levels welcomed. Call Margot 0412 394 932. **Tuesday Ladies Group of Riverside Tennis Club** welcomes new players 9.30am every Tuesday next to Heritage Park, Mullumbimby, for social tennis, fun and friendship. Info: Barbara 6684 8058.

### Breast Cancer Support

Byron Breast Cancer Support Group meets every 3rd Wednesday 12–2pm at

### BB Garden Club

Byron Bay Garden Club meeting Saturday, November 11, 1.30pm in the ANZAC Room at Byron Services Club. Lunch at 12.30pm. New members welcome. Enquiries Jeni: 0439 344 281.

### OS Garden Club

Next meeting Ocean Shores & District Garden Club Monday, November 20, 1.30pm at The Hub Church next to Target. Speaker Graeme Patterson from Lismore Botanical Gardens on useful native rainforest plants that are edible and used for medicinal purposes. Info: Claire 6680 3707. New members welcome.

### U3A Ballina/Byron

U3A Ballina/Byron. A representative of Amitayus, Home Respite Service, Byron Shire, will be our speaker at the meeting on November 14 at 10am in the RSL, Mullumbimby. All welcome. Enquiries 6680 7350.

### Ballina Camera Club

Ballina Camera Club meeting Thursday, November 9, 6.30pm at the Kentwell Community Centre on the corner of Moon Street and Bangalow Road. New members welcome. Enquiries: Jean 6686 0462.

NSW Cancer Council rooms 8/130 Jonson St, Byron Bay. Anyone experiencing/ed breast and gynaecological cancers are most welcome to attend. Enquiries Linda 0413 668 828.

### Grief loss bereavement

Free support service. Carl Moore, registered psychologist. By appointment [griefloss.bereavement.byron@gmail.com](mailto:griefloss.bereavement.byron@gmail.com) 0401 081 713.

### Toy Library

The Byron Shire Toy Library is open Mondays and Thursdays 9am–12 noon, at the Children's Centre, Coogera Cct, Suffolk Park. Come and see the large range of preschoolers toys available for loan.

### Volunteer hub

Choose from 40 organisations at the volunteer hub at Byron Community Centre. Make a difference in your community, have fun, learn new skills and meet people Ph 6685 6807 email [volunteers@byroncentre.com.au](mailto:volunteers@byroncentre.com.au)

### Drug support groups

Call **Alcoholics Anonymous** 1800 423 431 or 0401 945 671 – 30 meetings a week in the shire – [www.aa.org.au](http://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. **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](http://www.al-anon.alateen.org/australia). **Crystal Meth Anonymous** is a fellowship of people for whom all drugs (but especially crystal meth) had become a problem. Meeting held Wed 7.30am, Byron Bay Surf Club. Call 0478 061 479 to speak to a local member or visit [www.crystalmeth.org.au](http://www.crystalmeth.org.au).

### 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.

### Choirs

Bay Singers meet Wednesdays at Byron Community Centre, 10.30–11.30am. Enquiries 0425 363 589, [kim@kimbanffy.com.au](mailto:kim@kimbanffy.com.au). Singchronicity Choir meets Thursdays at Ocean Shores 6.45pm–8.45pm. Eclectic and catchy repertoire. Ph 042 536 3589. Mullum's Biggest Little Town Choir meets weekly at the Timber Slab factory, Jubilee Ave, Thursdays at 6.30pm. Newcomers welcome.

**Raise the Roof Choir:** Gospel, bluegrass & more. 1–3pm Tuesdays, Suffolk Park Hall. 6–8pm Tuesdays, Bruns Uniting Hall. Weekly Uki & Channon sessions. Info@

### Mahjong

Interested in playing Mahjong in Byron Bay? Ring Nancy: 6685 3969.

### Byron Gem club

The Byron Gem club is going to The Mullumbimby Agricultural Show at the Showgrounds on Sat & Sun 11 & 12 November and will be in the Spaghetti Shed. Lots of fun for all the family with fossicking buckets, handmade jewellery, lucky dips, crystals, rocks and minerals for sale.

### BV U3A

U3A Brunswick Valley Tuesday Forum 14 November 10am–12, Uniting Church Hall, Fingal St, Brunswick Heads. Susan Wright 'Working with Paper'. Visitors and potential new members welcome. Ring 6685 1732.

### Vinnies on Saturday

Your local Vinnies at Brunswick Heads, Byron Bay and Mullumbimby are open on Saturday mornings from 9–12. Come along and grab a bargain!

### Over 60s fun Fridays

Fun Fridays for the Over 60s, 2–5pm in November at The Hall, 37 Marvell Street

[raisetherooofsinging.com](http://raisetherooofsinging.com) 0417 277 211.

### 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.

### Landcare

Bangalow Land and Rivercare working bee every Saturday 8.30–10.30am. See [www.bangalowlandcare.org.au](http://www.bangalowlandcare.org.au) or call Liz 6687 1309.

### Meditation

**Buddhist meditation** teaching and practice now at the living Yoga Sanga, first floor, 63 Stuart Street, Mullumbimby, 6–7.30pm, Mondays. Contact Mishaela, 0438 858 842 or [mishaele@si.org.au](mailto:mishaele@si.org.au). **Dzogchen Meditation and Study Group** 1st and 3rd Saturdays each month at Mullumbimby Civic Hall. Contact Didi 0408 008 769 for more info. **Byron Mindfulness-Insight Meditation** Sangha & Pairoj Brahma 7pm–9pm Tuesdays at The Yurt, Temple Byron [www.templebyron.com](http://www.templebyron.com). No fees. Andrew 0426 119 171, Pairoj 0423 241 916. **Buddhist meditation** and conversation with John Allan, Mondays 6.30–8.30 pm, The Yurt, Temple Byron. No fees. John 0428 991189.

### Bruns tennis

Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Sundays 4–6pm. \$6.00, all welcome. Enquiries Linda 0449 825 108.

### Quota Club

Quota Club of Brunswick Valley meets every 1st Thursday of the month at the

East, Byron Bay, (next to the Preschool). A place to meet, play games and have a cuppa and a chat. Come along and be part of this new venture for seniors. Your suggestions are welcome. \$5 entry. Enquiries: Nancy 6685 3969 or 0498 480 373.

### Author launch

Friends of Libraries Byron Shire, are hosting author, Fiona Macintosh launching her new release Tea Gardens, at Byron Library on Tuesday, November 21 for 6pm. Tickets \$15 at [www.byronbayfol.com](http://www.byronbayfol.com) or Bookworms and Papermites Bangalow ph 6687 1396. Bookings essential.

### Pelvic floor exercises

The Australian Breastfeeding Association (ABA) mothers' support group. Thursday, November 9, 9.30 to 11.30am St. John's Hall Murwillumbah Road, Mullumbimby. Qualified practitioner: post birth pelvic floor exercise, new ways to bend and lift without straining the lower back; recruit core stability from sphincter training. Babies and toddlers welcome. Enquiries 0431 477445.

### Tumbulgum gathering

Tumbulgum Public and Catholic School

Ocean Shores Country Club at 6pm. Ph 0439 733 763 for more info.

### 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.

### 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.

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### Craft group

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

former students and staff, with past and present residents, are invited to a get together on Saturday, 9 December, from 11am at Tumbulgum Tavern. RSVP Brian by December 1 by email tumbulgum.nsw.gettogether@hotmail.com.

### End-of-life choices

Voluntary euthanasia options are discussed at meetings held quarterly on the Gold Coast. The next meeting will be held on 9 November. For more information phone Elaine: 07 5580 8215.

### Music Therapist

Dr Sarah Burns-Sibly, a trained Music Therapist, is the guest speaker at Byron at Byron, Tuesday, November 14 at 10am. Her talk will explain the historical background of music therapy, what music therapy is, and how it works.

### Story club

Tales of Mullumbimby at Stories in the Club. St Martin's Hall, 38 Stuart Street, Mullumbimby. Sunday, November 12. A diverse line-up: Athol Compton and Gurulbu (also known as Uncle Magpie),

Des Bleasdale, Kageni Njeru, Neil Amber, Jack Murray, Lachlan Belleville with storyteller and story curator, Jenni Cargill-Strong as MC. Arrive early as we have limited seating.

### Fifty Acres

Fifty Acres are celebrating their new presence in Byron Bay by hosting a Good Humans of Byron networking event, Wednesday 22 November. Get involved at <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/join-us-to-celebrate-the-good-people-of-byron-tickets-38257502219>.

### Byron Sophia

Byron Sophia Philosophical Group: Decoding the afterlife by Brian Daler. A personal discussion exploring spirituality and beliefs. Brian draws upon his own experience in losing a daughter. Thursday, November 9, 1–3pm, at Uniting Church, Carlyle St. Byron Bay. Info: Celia 6684 3623.

**Please note:** This section is intended for the benefit of not-profit community groups.

## Mungo's Crossword N204

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### Cryptic Clues

#### ACROSS

- Shatter earth axis, smash quick. A good way to start the day! (6,9)
- Stain tartan – sudden inspection (4,5)
- Not in, about what passes the bounds of propriety (5)
- Is a backward king for this nation? (6)
- Fruiterer shelters whatever is inside (8)
- Rant at Priam's son (6)
- Entrappers of formicidae, not snail mutant (3-5)
- Nurse and release the insouciant (8)
- Brief finger covers euphemism for obscenity (6)
- Sweet baked loaf including meat? No, a barbecue New England style (8)
- Three courses – study this country (6)
- Mate covers senior journalist to exert leverage (5)
- Animal swallows an iron at employer's dinner for the workers (4-5)
- Home lectures are required for a proper blow-out! (5,6,4)

#### DOWN

- Dope has his hour (7)
- Morning: our own affair (5)
- Irritated, chastised, corrected and finished with (6,3)
- Worker right for a drink (4)
- The Spanish thousand persecute the dog of Norway (8)
- Tangle around Union – get the whip! (5)
- Worker on charge – I find an Italian director (9)
- Locks Gestapo in the pines, perhaps (7)
- Herb, Carbon or Iodine and the Queen (9)
- Wet fluff – a rough description of this air force (9)
- Leak a book about this children's game (8)
- Bird dump back in the plane? No, at the front (7)
- Ball warm? About time! (7)
- Clinger – English, a beauty! (5)
- Damned roué, Sir Francis! (5)
- Vehicle right for the foreign minister (4)

### Quick Clues

#### ACROSS

- Good meal to start the day (6,9)
- Sudden or unexpected investigation (4,5)
- Beyond the bounds of propriety (5)
- Middle Eastern country (6)
- Hat is inside a container (8)
- Hero of Troy (6)
- Insect larvae who dig a pit to trap their insect prey (3-5)
- Unworried, insouciant (8)
- F...ing (6)
- New England (US) seafood barbecue (8)
- Scandinavian country (6)
- Foot lever, on a bicycle for instance (5)
- Special meal traditionally provided by employer for his worker (4-5)
- Full repast: soup, main and dessert (5,6,4)

#### DOWN

- Marijuana resin (7)
- An affair (French) (5)
- Irritated, annoyed (American) (6,3)
- Ale (4)
- Hunting dog, national animal of Norway (8)
- Old Russian whip (5)
- Italian film director Michaelangelo ... (9)
- Locks of hair (7)
- Herb, also called cilantro (9)
- German air force (9)
- Infant's game involving hiding and then suddenly appearing (8)
- Aircraft pilot's quarters (7)
- Reproductive organ (7)
- Beauty (5)
- Male duck (5)
- Foreign Minister Bob ... (4)

#### Last week's solution N203

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Who runs council – the executive staff or the elected councillors? As the editorial explores on page 12, councillors actually have a lot of power, but they have to be informed and courageous. Can we expect code of conduct complaints against staff anytime soon for interfering with process and misleading the community?

Wildlife care organisation WIRES say they recently received a distressing phone call from two tourists visiting the Byron Bay Lighthouse, who accidentally hit and killed a female swamp wallaby. WIRES's Sharon McGrigor said the pair checked the dead wallaby's pouch and discovered an uninjured joey. WIRES is now looking after the joey, who will be released in about five months. The WIRES 24-hour hotline is 6628 1898.

Independent online news outlet *Crikey* asks if we have become numb to a government that has normalised chaos. One way to arm yourself against unstable and deteriorating governments is the quick and easy read, *On Tyranny: Twenty Lessons from the Twentieth Century* by Timothy D Snyder.

Turnbull's biggest problem of course are a lack of any internal moral compass and judgment, coupled with being trapped in a bubble full of 'yes' advisors. The dual citizenship fiasco, snubbing Aboriginal reconciliation and ignoring the unfolding crisis on Manus Island are but a few 'problems' for the member for Goldman Sachs. And that's just last week.



Are the scariest monsters of all political monsters? Young Luka Silverstone thought so, and was dressed up as Pauline Hanson from One Nation at the Brunswick Heads Primary School's big Halloween event recently. Without irony, the real Hanson popped champagne to kick off her week-long 'battler bus' tour of QLD for the upcoming state election campaign. It's Trump's world currently, and Hanson is just one clown act within it. Photo Jeff Dawson

Federal-based author Susanna Freymark is crowdfunding a new book entitled *Fricken Stop Gossiping*, and she is on the lookout for short stories, fiction and non-fiction as well as poems that could be sold in Federal's only shop. She says the book already contains stories by author Kate Veitch, Kate Ramsay, Lisa Walker and Mike Smee. Anyone with a story about life in the hills, a character or a moment in time can send them to susannafreymark@gmail.com for consideration.

Trays up, seatbelt on and assume the brace position – delightful, considerate and respectful young schoolies will soon flock to Byron to enjoy the triumph of finishing their required state-sanctioned education. To help the roughly 12,000 school leavers celebrate, the Byron schoolies HUB will be visible

on Main Beach from Friday November 17 for 18 days. All community-minded people are welcome to get involved; contact hubvolunteers@yahoo.com to volunteer.

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