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Cheaper bypass option pushed

Planning confusion and contradictions surround a press release last week by Council that it plans to relocate the Byron markets from Butler Street Reserve in May next year.

The joint announcement by Greens mayor Simon Richardson and Cr Paul Spooner (Labor) claims that the move is necessary for around a year to allow for impending works for the Butler Street bypass and Butler Street reserve transport hub.

Yet there is no clear budget for either project – Cr Spooner told *The Echo* that the transport hub's location is yet to be determined while the mayor confirmed that a cheaper option for the the overblown Butler Street bypass project will now be pursued.

After receiving an update on possible bypass options, the mayor said, 'It looks like we can create a bypass within the budget that would require some extra expenses at a later date, eg the proposed roundabout at Browning Street could come after, rather than waiting for all money [to be] secured first.'

Cr Spooner supported the mayor's claim and told *The Echo*, 'The \$22.5 million price tag would deliver a fully engineered and complete bypass in one step. The \$14.5 million that Council has access to will deliver a scaled-back but functional road to be completed in stages. That is, build it and hope you get some more money to finish off the finer details.'

The decision to move the markets, says Cr Spooner, was owing to the

'uncertainty of Council's planning processes... it was important to provide the markets with certainty.'

'The decision to have a temporary relocation to the beachfront from May 2018 gives that certainty. Any concerns stallholders or the Dunecare group have will be able to be ironed out over the next six months.'

Yet Dunecare management say that they believe a relocated market will adversely affect the dunes, which have undergone a 20-year restoration project.

Dunes will not cope

Green and Clean Dunecare's Veda Turner told *The Echo* they 'have a strong opinion that the dunes will not cope with the pressure of a monthly market close to twice the size of the quarterly craft markets.'

It contradicts the mayor's press release, which claims Council and market managers (the Byron Community Centre), 'have both committed to working closely with the Green and Clean Dunecare group to develop a comprehensive Environmental Management Plan, which will look at things like litter and the impact on the reserve.'

Mr Turner said, 'The very successful 20-year regen program at Main and Clarkes Beaches means that the forest along the dunes is now home to many creatures, so the impact of thousands of market-goers, including litter, incursions into the regen area, and noise will have inescapable consequences.'

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No rain for this parade



Sunday's street parade for the 10th annual Mullum Music Festival was all clear, despite an array of umbrellas which were kept handy. The four day event was a mix of top-notch regulars and brilliant Aussie and overseas acts. Some new names to gain acclaim at this year's festival included John Cleary, The Twoks, Too Many Zooz, William Crighton, Wallis Bird and Ron Artis II. Popular regulars included Tin Pan Orange, Sal Kimber, Hussy Hicks, Greg Sheehan, Susannah Espie, Sara Tindley, Mama Kin, Harry James Angus and the Dustyesky Choir. Photo Jeff 'Always Heads The Parade' Dawson

Council's tree removal sparks koala concerns

Aslan Shand

Council staff have hosed down public concern that tree removals at Tyagarah Airfield will affect the vulnerable koala population.

A petition containing 281 signatures includes a call to cease vegetation works at the Tyagarah Airfield, and will be tabled at the upcoming Byron Shire Council meeting this Thursday. The Tyagarah Airfield borders significant areas of koala habitat. Council removed 217 trees last May and are planning to prune a further 72 trees and shrubs, starting on November 27.

'Before pruning work is undertaken, a qualified wildlife ecologist will check the area for threatened species including koalas and occupied nests and drays,' said Byron Shire Council's manager open spaces and resource recovery, Michael Matthews.


'If koalas or young birds and animals are found work will be delayed in that specific area until they have left on their own accord.'

Mr Matthews argues that clause 22 of the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Infrastructure) 2007* allows 'maintenance work that is ancillary to an airport, such as vegetation management, [and] does not

require consent in that [land] zone.'

But according to local conservationist Dailan Pugh, 'This is core koala habitat as identified in Council's Koala Plan of Management (KPOM), thus by their own rules, Council should be preparing at least a Koala Habitat Assessment Report, if not a site-specific Koala Plan of Management before undertaking any works there. They should be retaining all feed trees greater than 25cm diameter.'

Mr Pugh estimates there are around 240 koalas utilising patches of suitable habitat and they are spread along the coast from Broken Head to the Brunswick River.





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The excerpt below is from a 90p book sent to me by *Echo* reader Sheree Casley. She wrote it with her sister Debbie Thomas, it's called...

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Chapter 10
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Really think about this. How do you treat yourself? Are you kind to yourself? Most of us don't realise that we are so hard on ourselves. Maybe you don't like yourself very much because you've given yourself such a hard time. How can we expect others to like us if we don't like ourselves? Self-judgement consumes so much of our time; we are so critical of ourselves that we convince ourselves that we should be smarter, thinner, more successful, and so forth. The self-judgement we place upon ourselves causes us so much suffering; it stops us from feeling good about ourselves and being happy. We need to let go of the notion that we must obtain perfection in order to be happy, in order to love ourselves.

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Bangalow faces unwanted paid parking

With paid-parking consultants now investigating site locations in Bangalow, the chamber of commerce is still holding firm its opposition, reminding councillors that the paid parking resolution for the town stipulates guidance group involvement in the process before the rollout.

Chamber of Commerce president Jo Millar believes that with no meetings planned before paid parking is introduced on January 1, 2018, Council cannot proceed.

She said the Bangalow community have been 'strongly opposed to these plans since 2011.'

But mayor Simon Richardson, who led the paid parking push in the town – maintains that it will roll out, regardless of public sentiment.



Bangalow Chamber of Commerce president Jo Millar.
Photo Jeff Dawson

The Echo asked the mayor, 'It appears Council are not representing the wishes of the Bangalow community. Is it your intention to continue on this path?' He replied, 'We are scheduled to begin paid parking in Bangalow in January. I have requested a meet-

ing with the guidance group to consider initial priorities for allocating revenues raised.'

He added that 'Council is soon to complete its engagement strategy that has been created alongside community group representatives.'

Cr Michael Lyon also told

The Echo that once a Council project has commenced, councillors cannot rescind the motion, so the project must continue.

Meanwhile Cr Paul Spooner told *The Echo* that he doesn't believe that paid parking will destroy the town, yet said that paid parking in Brunswick Heads is unlikely to go ahead owing to the collective effort of that town.

'The parking meters are paid off in the first year or so. If it doesn't work, then Council can look at it again,' he said.

Ignored report

But Ms Millar maintains – like in the Brunswick Heads case – the studies that underpin traffic management did not recommend paid parking and the surveys were flawed.

Markets relocated to beachfront for a year

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But Cr Spooner, who is also manager of the Byron Community Centre, played down potential environmental impacts and instead claimed that the relocated market would only have 100 stalls more than the current craft market held on the beach.

He said, 'I don't believe the dunes will be greatly affected as this is a temporary move.'

'With the current four beachside markets per year, I have not seen any observable impacts. We are committed to work towards a positive outcome for the markets and the environment. Money raised at the markets can be put towards dunecare and restoration projects. We had a meeting with Dunecare representatives before this announcement was made. They agreed to work with market management and Council to develop a joint Environmental Management Plan to ensure the park is protected and maintained during this temporary use.'

Green and Clean Dunecare's Veda Turner also told *The Echo*, 'We also have concerns regarding the new Byron Bay bus interchange. There does seem to be a headlong rush to determine that Butler Street Reserve is the only option.'

'It seems to us that again the environment and green space are being sacrificed to enhance tourism. We ask that the investigation continue for a better location where community green space is not lost.'

Cr Spooner said he is yet to hear back after asking

Transport for NSW to consider locating the Bus Transit Centre at the Cavanbah Centre on Ewingsdale Road, 'as it's a better location and there are facilities there already.'

Mayor Richardson supported C Spooner's comments and told *The Echo* he has also 'spoken to Ben Franklin MLC (Nationals) to this effect also.'

'Transport NSW, though not formally agreeing to this request, have requested more maps and info on Cavanbah. We await their decision.'

Cr Spooner agreed that he was 'frustrated' and 'not happy with the way the transport hub was rolling out.'

'This was not engineered by councillors – major projects of Council need to be more clearly articulated by staff to the community.'

Highlighting the councillor's concern for clarity is the admission within the Council press release that a parking strategy for a monthly beachside market is 'yet to be worked out.'

Stallholder group left out of process

Meanwhile Rainbow Region Stallholders Association Gyan Moyes told *The Echo* his group felt the committee to negotiate with Council was cherry-picked. 'We have largely been left out of the process,' he said.

Mr Moyes says his group has joined forces with the Save Byron Markets group.

But another stallholder group, North Coast Stallholders Association, are support-

ive of the beachside move.

In Council's press release, Ananda Mcoscar from the association said the temporary relocation to the beachfront was a good outcome for stallholders. Mr Mcoscar said, 'Most of the stallholders have been working for years together and the most important thing for all of us is that we have a viable location for our markets and the beachfront is the perfect short-term option.'

Yet Mr Moyes from the other stallholders' group questioned how many stallholders are represented by the group.

Mr Moyes did not reveal the membership numbers of his own Rainbow Region Stallholders Association when asked by *The Echo*.

Stallholder Ian Brown conducted a recent survey at the previous markets and claimed that 209 signatures were collected from those who were wanting to stay on the reserve. 'We did not have the staff to get to all the stalls,' he said, claiming there are at least 300 stallholders.

'Cr Paul Spooner appears to have been angered by us and says we are threatening the viability of the markets,' Mr Moyes said. 'But we argue the market stallholders have not been given enough prominence or consideration. I think our behaviour has been reasonable; instead we have been goaded and disrespected. There has been marginal scrutiny of this project; there is no DA and it is outside the masterplan process.'

Fellow stallholder Ian Brown told *The Echo* he

agrees that meetings with Council and stallholders were cherry-picked.

Mr Brown said, 'Despite quantifying the fact that most stallholders want to stay on Butler Street Reserve, this crew have spoken for the minority of the stallholders that want to leave.'

'They [Council] are desperate to get rid of the markets to be able to sell off the land to the highest bidder.'

'The excuse that the Butler Street Bypass roadworks will cause disruption is laughable. What about all the residents in the affected area and the Piggery's business? The roadworks will have to accommodate all these people.'

'Please contact Paul Spooner requesting that he fight for the majority of stallholders to stay on the Butler Street Recreational Reserve.'

Not under threat

But Cr Spooner instead maintains the markets are not under threat as there is a five-year certainty for the Butler Street Reserve location.

'All stallholders will be guaranteed continuation of trading during the temporary relocation,' he said.

'I do appreciate that some stallholders would like to be involved in direct discussions with Council but with a mailing list of more than 500 it is impossible to include everyone. A small number of stallholders who attend the regular Byron Markets Committee meetings have attended the recent discussions with both Council and the Dunecare group,' he said.

Watchdog ignored by govt over water

The latest report into government water mismanagement by the state's independent watchdog has highlighted 'strikingly similar' issues to the ones the department found with previous investigations.

The NSW Ombudsman's department said last week it's their fourth investigation since 2007. Remarkably the conclusion reads, 'Reports into the earlier investigations were not made public, as we received assurances from the relevant department responsible for water regulation at the time that our concerns and recommendations would be considered and appropriate action taken.'

The report says the government is undertaking administrative restructuring for water management.

Lily's pooch a hit a Bangalow's show



Radar the pooch took out first in the Best Short Coat category at the Bangalow Show last weekend, and probably could have won the bed hair section, had there been such a category in the pet parade. Radar's young handler Lily said, 'All those hours in hair and makeup really paid off'. Photo Jeff 'Champion Underdog Of The Show' Dawson

Region can become clean-energy superpower: report

The north coast could become one of five renewable-energy superpowers in NSW that could replace the state's five coal-burning power stations by 2030, a new report by the Nature Conservation Council claims.

The NCC report will be launched Friday, November 24 at the Mullumbimby Drill Hall from 6pm till 7.30pm.

Author Dr Brad Smith said the north coast is already the rooftop solar capital of NSW.

'About 30 per cent of the region's households are generating their own power with solar, well ahead of the state average of 18 per cent.'

Dr Smith says that doubling the 62,800 north coast homes that have rooftop solar would contribute to their plan to power NSW with 100 per cent clean energy, which includes pumped-hydro and solar-thermal.

'It's a big job, but making the NSW electricity system 100 per cent renewable is 100

per cent doable. The only thing standing in the way is a lack of leadership from the NSW government.'

Lack of leadership

'Gladys Berejiklian is the only premier in eastern Australia without a plan to clean up our electricity system, which is critical if we are going to slash carbon emissions and protect our climate.'

'If we don't get the right policies in NSW urgently, clean energy jobs and investment will flow to QLD and Victoria instead.'

To reach 100 per cent clean-energy by 2030, Dr Smith says 1.5 GW of wind and solar farms need to be completed each year. All that's missing, says the report, is the political will to implement the following six steps: legislate clean-energy targets, run clean-energy auctions to guarantee that enough wind and solar is built, support dispatchable clean energy by

tendering for new plants to come on line, establish long-term clean-energy certainty, create a funded transition plan and a transition authority for the Hunter Valley and Lithgow, encourage solar for tenants and low-income households

All welcome to the NCC report launch on November 24 at the Mullum Drill Hall.

Leading the state: energy minister

Last week in NSW parliament, locally based MLC Ben Franklin (Nationals) asked the Minister for Energy and Utilities Don Harwin 'how the adoption of solar energy is benefitting regional NSW?'

Mr Harwin replied that, 'NSW is leading the state in solar on both the household and utility scales.'

'In September last year, the Australian Renewable Energy Agency [ARENA] announced funding for five new

large-scale solar farms across regional NSW. Combined, the five ARENA-supported projects will have a capacity of 160 megawatts and will generate enough clean electricity to power around 62,000 homes.

'Activity has picked up and around 238 megawatts of large solar is under construction in NSW this year.'

He says current projects 'will deliver more than \$400 million in new investment and create more than 500 jobs during construction.'

'When completed, they will more than double the state's large-scale solar capacity. In addition, around 4,000 megawatts of proposed solar farms have been approved or are progressing through the planning system in NSW. Those projects should make us optimistic about our energy future. They will support jobs and investment in regional NSW and drive down costs for future solar farms.'

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Main Arm students vie for recycled playground

Main Arm Upper Primary School have entered into a comp to win a recycled playground worth \$45,000.

The school is part of the 2017 TerraCycle Recycled Playground competition, which encourages recycling of hard-to-dispose-of waste by awarding points for the school that collects the most used beauty products – cosmetics, hair care and skin care packaging.

The community can help Main Arm students by bringing used beauty products to a special collection station at Santos Organics, the school, or the Main Arm Shop by December 1. You can also vote online at www.garnier.com.au/playground up to once per day until 8 December.

If successful, the play-

ground will be made out of recycled beauty products, with the waste collected being melted down and reused, avoiding its being sent to landfill.

Heather Pheloung of the P&C says, 'Our school really needs a new playground.'

'While our P&C actively fundraises throughout the year, it would take a number of years to be able to raise enough money for a new playground, as we have so many competing needs for the funds.

'Initially we felt that we couldn't compete with all the larger urban schools, but then we thought if we are determined and work together as a community then we can see this miracle happen for our students.



Upper Main Arm School's recyclers Sophie, Lola, Evie May and Quinn. Photo Jeff 'Cycling Through The Ages' Dawson

'You can help by bringing as many used beauty products to Santos or our school and by voting online as much

as you can, it's a win-win for our school, community and the environment after all,' concluded Heather.

WHAT'S NEW

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Have a beer for Poondi, Nov 24

Aslan Shand

Poondi, aka Andrew Constable, moved to Goonengerry with his family when he was ten and has continued to live in the area for 28 years with only a short eight-year sojourn to Sydney – we all need a chance to spread our wings!

'After marrying my beautiful wife, we moved to Sydney for eight years and had our children, Jackson and Isaac.'

'There came a point when we decided it was time to move back home to raise our children where we grew up,' Poondi said with a quiet smile.

As a former Mullumbimby High School student who played junior league and sen-



Poondi and Roxy. Photo supplied

ior football for the Mullum Giants, as well as working at the Chincogan Tavern (now known as the Court House) and the Footy Club, Poondi is known and loved by many in the area.

Unfortunately health con-

cerns mean that Poondi had to retire recently, and his friends and work colleagues at the Mullumbimby Ex-Services Club are gathering in support to raise money to help him and his family.

They are asking you to

come and join them in their fundraising endeavours this Friday November 24 from 7pm at the Mullumbimby Ex-Services Club.

'The club management and staff have been very supportive,' said Poondi.

'I'm very grateful and humbled at the amount of support, concern and care shown by everyone towards both me and my family.

'It really represents the strong essence of community in this area that we are so lucky to have.'

The 'Have A Beer For Poondi' will feature two local bands, lucky door prizes, lucky dips and raffles so that everyone can have a great time.

LAWS THAT WOULD BE GOOD

Robot Personhood Act

Instead of a flawed law, here's a suggestion for legislation that might save the species: *The Robot Personhood Act*.

Humans have enjoyed an exclusive claim to biological intelligence, but it's estimated that within 50 years artificial intelligence (AI) will become the smarter entity.

Neuroscientist and philosopher Sam Harris warned a TedTalk audience a year ago that the gains we make in AI may destroy us.

Yet given the value of technology, we will continue to create it he argues, and the only thing that will stop AI development would be a mass-scale wipe-out.

Harris argues that the planet needs a Manhattan Project (the research and development undertaking during World War II that produced the first nuclear weapons). The aim would be to avoid furthering the arms race and aligning human interests over AI. 'We have one chance to get the initial conditions right,' he said.

The European Parliament's legal affairs committee recently voted to begin drafting a set of regulations to govern the development and use of artificial intelligence and robotics^[1]. Included in the draft proposal is preliminary guidance on what it calls 'electronic personhood' that would ensure corresponding rights and obligations for the most sophisticated AI.

[1] Christopher Markou from <http://theconversation.com>.

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Calling on all young artistic environmental protectors

Local legendary Australian actor and activist Tony Barry is helping to organise an environmental art competition for local high school students.

Known for both leading and character roles in more than 55 feature films, 45 television series and theatre, Mr Barry is calling on high school students to get creative and express their concerns and hopes for the future of their environment.

Mr Barry said, 'Prizemoney will be \$1,000 for first prize, \$1,000 for second prize and \$1,000 for third prize. It will be distributed to students for personal use, or can be used for an environmental initiative of their choice, which would remain in the school in their name.

The event will be celebrated on December 16 and 17 at the Mullumbimby Civic Memorial Hall with presentations and judging from 10am to 5pm.

Artwork criteria

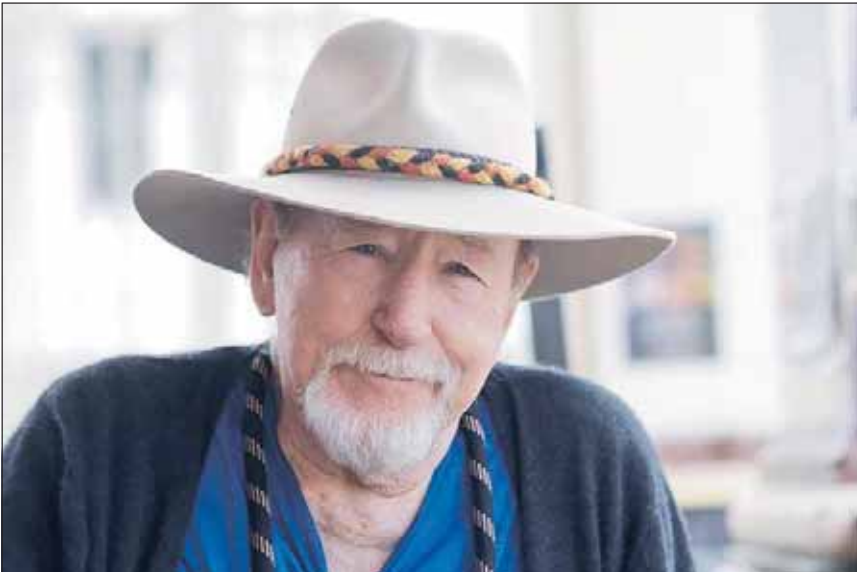
The chosen artform may include writing, poetry, dance, drama, music, or visual arts such as painting, drawing, photography, film, sculpture, etc or any combination of these artforms. The environmental topic for the students' piece will be chosen by the students and must be original artwork.

Judges are Robert Bleakley (founder and CEO of Sotheby's Australia and chairman of Pathways Foundation) and Virginia Reid (local artist and teacher).

Mr Barry says the day will begin with a smoking in ceremony and respect for Country. 'There will be a silent tribute to all those who have passed over on this land,' he says.

'This event is dedicated to Jamby's son Jacob, who passed away some weeks ago during a misadventure at a party.

'Local artist Daniel Hend is on board and we are attempting to obtain a 2x5 metre length of artists' canvas and encourage any young, or young-at-heart



Activist/actor Tony Barry has kicked off a youth environmental art comp, which will be judged on December 17 at the Mullum Civic Hall. Photo Jeff Dawson

artists, to engage with Daniel to create an environmental mural that may then be auctioned off at the end of the event.

'All proceeds will go towards funding the next stage, which we hope will be statewide.

'We will have a soapbox for the general public to express any concerns for their environment or suggested solutions with a maximum of five minutes.'

Mr Barry says he is also on the lookout for anyone who wants to become involved in a local theatre/film/musical troupe of a satirical, political, comedy bent, to be inaugurated under the banner of the Drill Hall Theatre after discussions are concluded. This will be a drug- and alcohol-free zone.

'We are looking to find young tear-aways who might like to use that energy to engage with the Rural Fire Brigade and other outlets for energetic spirits, to go some way towards satisfying the need for adventure.

'We will have a gathering of musicians who will come together to com-

pose and perform an environmental song, fresh from their hearts and minds, prior to the prizegiving.'

'Holley Somerville-Knott, a local girl who is passionate about the world and its environment, is an inspiring patron for this event,' says Mr Barry.


'This is an opportunity for youth to influence environmental policy outcomes, and express a voice which can, and will, change the world we live in for generations to come.'

'There will also be a mandala constructed throughout the day with participation by attendees.


'I am enjoying the generosity and spirit of the Mullum community.

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Politics in the Pub Nov 22 features Greens senator

This month, Politics in the Pub presents Greens senator Lee Rhiannon and retired local GP and activist/author Liz Elliott.

Ms Rhiannon told *The Echo* that she will be launching her new pamphlet *Sold Off, Sold Out* at the event.

It examines the right wing's obsession with the privatisation – or selling off – of public assets.

Ms Rhiannon writes in the introduction that, 'Since it came to office in 2011, the NSW coalition has sold off more than \$62 billion in public assets.'

'Over the past 30 years there has been a massive sell-off of public assets to private corporations right across Australia.

'This privatisation binge has been indulged in by both major political parties. The evidence of opinion polls is that these sales are opposed by a majority of citizens and

very often governments have paid the price at the polls.

'Most recently the fall of the Liberal government in Western Australia has been attributed, at least in part, to its privatisation agenda.'

Examples of government sales of public infrastructure and institutions include the energy sector, housing, NSW Crown lands, NSW Forests, public transport, prisons, hospitals, education and human services.

Yet there are precedents for rolling back privatisation and re-nationalising, claims Greens member Hall Greenland. He says, 'In New Zealand, the railways and ferries, privatised in 1993, were re-nationalised in 2008. Rail infrastructure was renationalised in the UK too after the failure of privatisation.' Politics in the Pub is on November 22 at the Mullum Court House Hotel from 6.30pm.

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Mowerman's efforts raise \$1m

Aslan Shand

Australia's million-dollar mowerman, 71-year-old Claude Harvey, was pushing his customised lawnmower through Mullumbimby on Thursday and Bangalow on Friday as part of a 14-day 'mowerthon' to raise awareness for Bravehearts – Australia's leading child-protection charity.

Claude has just cracked the \$1 million mark after ten years of hard mowing raising both funds and awareness around child sexual assault.

He started his latest mow-down on Thursday, November 14, which will take him 1,200km from Mullumbimby to Toowoomba and will see Claude pushing his trusty customised cutter through 12 towns from northern NSW to the Darling Downs in QLD, visiting places such as Casino and Goondiwindi.

'I'm looking forward to getting back out on the road and raising funds to help Bravehearts prevent child sexual assault,' says Claude.

'My plan is to raise an-



Claude Harvey. Photo Jeff Dawson

other \$1 million to help educate, empower and protect children from this crime and to also raise awareness. My mower and I create a fair bit of attention and I'm grateful for all the support and well-wishes I get from the generous people I get to meet along the way. They encourage and inspire me to keep going.'

Claude's efforts have resulted in his trudging through

86 pairs of his trademark sandals across more than 25,000 km of the Australian landscape – from Hobart to Hamilton, Bundaberg to Biloela and everywhere in between – he's been everywhere, man.

Bravehearts volllie

Born in Kempsey in 1945, Claude became an active and dedicated Bravehearts volunteer after reading news of a

sex offender who was arrested for sexually assaulting a child – a crime that will affect one in five Australian children before they turn 18.

When two family friends disclosed that they had also been sexually assaulted, Claude vowed to do everything possible to make a difference in the lives of victims.

For more info visit www.bravehearts.org.au.

Mookx to hold living wake, Nov 26

Melissa Hargraves

Local legend and trailblazer activist Brendan 'Mookx' Hanley has invited special guests to perform his songs at his living wake at The Picture House, Brunswick Heads, on Sunday November 26 from 2 till 5pm.

It's a chance to celebrate the life and era of a pioneer in music, comedy, activism and film while he is still breathing the air with us.

Mookx has worked with Pete Seeger, John Farnham, Bev Harrell, Slim Dusty, Lucky Starr, Dinah Lee, Jimmy Hannan, Johnny O'Keefe,



Mookx in younger years.

John Williamson, The Bee Gees, Manfred Mann, Graeme Bond, Hans Poulsen, Jack Thompson, Jean Paul Bell and many others.

His songs have been recorded by Frankie Davidson, Doug Owen, Layabouts,

Bushwackers, Gong, Mills Sisters, Troubadors, German Choirs, Sai Baba Ashram Choir and many more.

Trailblazer activist

His soundtrack and movie contributions include *Monkey Mia*, *Waterborn*, *Give Trees a Chance*, *Nearly Normal Nimbin*, *Reef Reborn*, *Earth First* and the multi-award-winning *Blowpipes and Bulldozers*. Mookx also wrote the original soundtrack and characterisations for the animated movie *Fern Gully*.

Mookx pioneered locally by instigating the local

Dolphin Music awards, the Nimbin, Mullumbimby and Byron folk clubs, and was also instrumental in protecting Terania through non-violent peaceful – and musical – action. He is a trailblazer activist who also contributed towards the legalisation of busking in NSW.

Come and celebrate Mookx, a local legend whose own work stands proudly along with his popular collaborations. Keep in mind that the event will be recorded and filmed so please respect the performers and the sound quality of the event.

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Destination Byron networking Dec 7

A free networking event will be hosted by Destination Byron on Thursday December 7 at the Poinciana cafe in Mullumbimby.

Organisers say it will be a great opportunity to mingle with other tourism operators in the Shire.

It will kick off at 5.30pm and run until 7pm. There will be complimentary refreshments and nibbles provided and partners and colleagues are welcome. RSVP: info@destinationbyron.com.au by Tuesday December 5.

Destination Byron is the peak tourism organisation representing the industry. For more info visit www.destinationbyron.com.au.

Japanese festival, Main Beach Nov 26



Byron's first Japanese Festival will be a free event held at Main Beach Byron on November 26. There will be performances from these dancers plus delicious food, workshops and cultural exhibitions highlighting many things Japanese. Photo Jeff 'Matsuri' Dawson

Council and College offer youth training, work experience

Those who are 17 to 24 years of age are invited to join a new vocational training and work experience program being run by Byron Shire Council in partnership with Byron Community College – but you need to apply before December 8.

The new program, which will run from February 1 till June 22, 2018, is part of a pilot funded through the NSW

government's Smart and Skilled Strategy to support vocational training and the skills of local government workers across five regional local government pilot regions.

Around 12 young local people will be selected for the skills-based training at Byron Community College, which will culminate in work experience at Byron Shire Council.

Byron Shire Council's act-

ing general manager Mark Arnold said, 'Council is a big supporter of better training and jobs for our young people and this program is another way we can offer practical assistance and help build the skills of our young people so they're better prepared for the workforce.'

The units will include topics such as problem solving, basic communication skills

and digital literacy. During their work placement at Council, participants will learn about a broad range of local government functions including water operations, records management, childcare, community enforcement and much more.

For more info visit www.byroncollege.org.au/course/BSCPreEmployment or call the college on 6684 3374.

\$20k up for grabs for bike-rack project

Calling all local creatives, artists, designers, architects, builders and bike riders; Stone & Wood have partnered with the Byron Shire Council for a bike-rack design competition.

Offering the winning entrant \$20,000 to bring their ideas to life, the community initiative encourages the locals and visitors of Byron Bay to ride, rather than drive, and aims to create a set of functional, public art installations.

Entries are open for a two-month period, from Tues-

day 22 November 2017 until Monday 22 January 2018.

It's anticipated the racks will be in use by May next year.

Bronte Stephens from Stone & Wood says entrants are required to submit three to seven designs for installation.

'These can be site specific or the same, at selected sites throughout the Byron CBD.

'Designers will progress through two stages, before a winning entrant is chosen.

'The first stage is an on-line submission providing

concept designs and general information about the artwork, and the second stage is for shortlisted applicants who will be required to present a more detailed proposal to both Byron Shire Council and a set of selected judges.'

Bronte says the brewery is 'stoked to be supporting an environmentally progressive and creative initiative for the community.'

More information and entry forms are available at www.stoneandwood.com.au/byron-bike-rack-project.

Mullum Hospital site group hold first meeting

Chris Dobney

The Mullumbimby Hospital Site Project Reference Group (MHSPRG) met last week and chairperson, Greens councillor Jeanette Martin, said that the excitement about the site's potential 'was hard to contain'.

Tuesday's (November 14) meeting was the first of the 21 community groups and individuals who make up the group. Ms Martin said, 'It's important for people to know that the community has felt a strong sense of ownership

of the site since the original hospital opened in 1969.'

'Mullumbimby has always had this culture of self-reliance – and that energy is still there and this is evident by the way people are working together on this project,' she said.

The Mullumbimby Hospital was closed in May 2016 when the new Byron Central Hospital opened. After a hardfought community battle, the NSW government announced earlier this year that it would sell the site to the Byron Shire Council for \$1.

'The site is not without its

challenges, including a well-documented history of asbestos, but nothing is insurmountable and we are up for the challenge,' Cr Martin said.

'The MHSPRG will develop a management plan for the site in 12 months and this first meeting takes us one step closer to realising that goal.'

Gil Lomath has been elected spokesperson for the group and meeting minutes and other relevant information will become available at www.byron.nsw.gov.au/committees/mullumbimby-hospital-site-project-reference-group.

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Nimbin 'lane boy' jailed for pot supply

Rodney Stevens

One of the Nimbin 'lane boys' has been jailed for supplying cannabis after he lost his District Court appeal to serve his time in the community on a suspended sentence.

Ryan Hawken was sentenced to 12 months' jail with a non-parole period of eight months in Lismore Local Court in July. After his sentence was handed down, he lodged an appeal against the severity of the sentence and he was granted conditional bail.

Tuesday morning, Lis-

more District Court Judge Laura Wells refused his appeal to serve a non-custodial sentence, as he had two prior convictions and a warning.

The court heard the 29-year-old was placed on a good behaviour bond in 2007 and he received a suspended sentence after being convicted of reckless grievous bodily harm in company in 2010.

Mr Hawken's solicitor told the court since 2010 he had rehabilitated his behaviour and changed his life, until a back injury prevented him from working.

Local weddings gear up from Yes vote as Council rolls out policy

Paul Bibby

As Australia engaged in a glitter-soaked celebration of marriage equality last week, there was a particularly large chorus of delight from the Byron Shire.

For the hundreds of locals making a living from the Shire's wedding industry, the big 'Yes' result in the same-sex marriage survey wasn't just about rights and recognition.

It means weddings. Lots of weddings.

And it appears the anticipated wedding wave has already begun.

Local wedding businesses say they have had calls from a number of same-sex couples wanting to get married in the Shire in 2018 following the vote, and they're expecting that trickle to become a rainbow-coloured torrent once the marriage act has been amended.

Jane Magnus from Byron Bay Luxury Weddings said she and her staff were gearing up for a big 2018.

'I think it's going to be really big for the local industry,' said Ms Magnus, who is also the president of the Byron Wedding and Event Industry Association.

'We've already had a few [same-sex] couples from interstate and overseas expressing interest and we're definitely expecting an influx once the laws go through.'

Local woman Gopi Lev Dupain, who took part in a love-commitment ceremony



Local couple Gopi and Parker Lev Dupain celebrated their love at a heart commitment ceremony in the Shire earlier this year. They say they are looking forward to making it legal once the marriage act has been amended. Source Byron Bay Luxury Weddings

with her partner earlier in the year, said she expected same-sex couples from all over the country to get married in the Shire once the law was changed.

'This is the perfect place for a wedding and I think a lot of same-sex couples will be looking to tie the knot here,' Ms Lev Dupain said.

'The pink dollar is definitely coming to town.'

Big contributor

The local wedding industry has grown into a major contributor to the Shire's economy in the past decade, generating an estimated \$54 million a year.

Byron Shire Council estimates that there are between 600 and 700 weddings here each year across 35 venues.

They generate \$21.6 million in wages, which support 392 direct full-time and 314 indirect employees.

But the growth in the industry has not been without its issues.

The proliferation of new wedding venues in rural areas, some of them without approval, has been a source of great frustration for those living nearby, and they have not been afraid to express their displeasure to Byron Council.

Crackdown

Council launched a major crackdown on the venues in response to the complaints, imposing fines, restrictions and a number of closures.

'The crackdown was huge,' Ms Magnus says.

'It's been very big and very demanding.'

She said the local industry had seen a slight decline as a result of the crackdown, with some potential customers choosing to get married in other areas north of the Shire such as Tweed Valley, Kingscliff and Casuarina instead of the Shire.

'It was a setback, so I think the change to the marriage laws, once it actually happens, is a great chance for everyone to get back on track,' she said.

New rules

However, it appears wedding venues will be operating under a new, stricter regime in 2018 with Byron Council set to vote on new rules at this week's meeting.

Council staff have recommended a series of restrictions on wedding venues as part of its Draft Rural Land Use Strategy, which will guide

the use, development and protection of rural land over the next 20 years.

The proposed changes have been driven by the need to better protect neighbours from noise and traffic, and a recent Land and Environment Court ruling which stated that a council cannot approve an application for a wedding or event venue in a rural-zoned area if there is if 'any adverse impact' on surrounding residents.

The proposed new rules include requirements that:

- Individual venues have no more than 20 weddings a year and never on consecutive weekends

- Weddings take place at least 500m from the nearest dwelling on an adjoining property

- The majority of guests must arrive and depart via bus

- All amplified music and speeches must take place indoors after 7pm and amplified music must cease at 10pm

- All guests must leave by 10.30pm

- Venues must monitor their noise and provide six-monthly noise reports to Council.

Ms Magnus welcomed the proposed changes.

'I think it's going to help because it makes it clear to the venues what they need to do to comply with the rules,' Ms Magnus said.

The new strategy was due to be considered by Council at its ordinary meeting on November 23.

No matter what the result, the Shire is about to host some very big weddings that have been many years in the making.

WHAT'S NEW**Something truly creative and exciting is happening in Mullumbimby!**

The Depot has just been given an inside facelift and a new lease of life... opening its doors to the public as a co-creating space to rent and share with **Keramika Handmade Ceramics**, Tali Cohen-Flantz's ceramic studio and gallery and **Still @ the Centre**, branching out there Mullum style in the cutest little art store ever!

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Surf Festival returns Feb 22

From February 22 till 25, the Byron Bay Surf Festival will return to the beaches around the most easterly point of Australia.

With an extra day added and a new surf event, organisers also say the opening event at the Byron Bay Community Centre will see

some of the biggest legends and icons in surfing give entertaining talks on surfing, adventure, surfboards, the arts and sustainability.

Market stall applications are also open. For more info visit www.byronbaysurffestival.com.au/vendor-applications.

Highway boss rejects animal carnage claims

Darren Coyne

While NSW Labor and Greens raise serious concerns for koalas affected in the Woolgoolga to Ballina Pacific Highway upgrade, the project's general manager Bob Higgins rejects accusations that there is large-scale and unreported destruction.

Mr Higgins said the strict conditions governing the highway upgrade ensure that environmental impacts are being kept to a minimum.

'We're under scrutiny by a number of government agencies such as the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA), and the federal and state approval bodies,' he told *The Echo*.

'They make suggestions. We take that on board. Generally we are complying with requirements.'

'If we find sick animals, we have a rescue plan in place and we work very closely with Friends of the Koala on how that animal should be treated. There is no suggestion that we're trying to hide dead animals.'

'There's no doubt there are a number of people who don't want the highway built



Clearing at Laws Point. Photo Sue Arnold

and we're trying to work with people to let them know in advance what we are doing.'

Mr Higgins defended the route chosen, which environmentalists claim protects sugar cane growers while creating more habitat destruction than necessary. He said, 'We believe this is the best one.'

'If you look at the route, quite a lot of it goes through cleared farmland.'

'Yes, there are pockets of vegetation, but we looked at the route east of the highway and the issues were soft soil and how you get through Wardell... we came to the conclusion that this route was the best for the highway,' he said.

'There are very tight con-

trols for this section. Much more than many other projects along the highway.'

'As part of those approvals we're being watched very closely by the EPA and we have to produce various reports.'

Condemnation

Despite those assurances, shadow environment minister Penny Sharpe (Labor) presented a motion to the NSW parliament last Thursday condemning the failure of the Berejiklian government to implement proper protections for the koala population affected by the Woolgoolga to Ballina Pacific Highway upgrade project.

Ms Sharpe used the motion to outline serious concerns for

koalas, following a recent severe and extensive wildfire in the area in September, shortly after koala-exclusion fencing was installed in July.

Reports indicate that the fire burned 320 hectares of native vegetation over two days on September 4 and 5, 2017, including up to the south-eastern edge of the fencing. It allegedly resulted in extensive loss of koala habitat, while the fencing may have trapped koalas fleeing the fire.

This situation is compounded by clearing of koala habitat occurring in the Pacific Highway upgrade corridor, with associated human and machinery disturbance to the koala population.

Five-month wait

Sue Arnold from Australians for Animals (AFA) is calling for an urgent pause in construction 'so the status of koalas and potoroos can be evaluated given the level of habitat destruction and new threats.'

She says compliance by state and federal government agencies is appalling, with 'a five-month wait for a proper response by (Liberal) planning minister Anthony Roberts.'

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Solar rebates are set to decrease

Australian households and businesses continue to embrace solar energy at a rapid pace in a bid to avoid rising electricity costs.

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Understanding the federal STC rebate

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Under the government's 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.

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To secure the current STC price, it's worth noting that 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, it's 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 STCs 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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The ethics of euthanasia get a parliamentary workout

A voluntary euthanasia bill has been voted down by one vote after a marathon late night sitting in the NSW upper house last Thursday, but the 'fight isn't over' yet.

Nationals MP Trevor Khan introduced the private member's bill, which would have given patients 25 years or older, whose deaths are imminent and who are in severe pain, a choice to end their lives.

Locally based MLC Ben Franklin (Nationals) voted Yes, while MLC Catherine Cusack (Liberal) voted No.

Safeguards

Franklin told the chamber he would support the bill for two reasons. 'First, I am satisfied that the safeguards in the bill are substantial... people must be in the final stages of a terminal illness; they cannot be under the age of 25; they must be assessed by two medical practitioners and a qualified psychiatrist or clinical psychologist; and their decision must be made freely, voluntarily and after due consideration.'

'Secondly, for me it all comes back to the fundamental issue of personal choice. If this bill passes today it will provide people with a choice, with another option they may consider as they near the end of their lives.'

'I know there are some risks and if this legislation is passed I shall be closely watching its implementation. But allowing those people to make the ultimate choice at the end greatly outweighs those risks.'

Franklin addressed two issues 'that have been consistently raised throughout this process.'



MLC Ben Franklin (Nationals)

'The first is the issue of palliative care. There seems to have been a false dichotomy created in parts of this debate that somehow it is about assisted dying or palliative care, or if we increase funding and support for palliative care, there will be no need for this bill.'

'In response to that, I state that this is not an either/or decision... I want excellent palliative care to be the appropriate course for every person at the end of their life but in the event that it is not, I believe people should be able to consider the other option we are discussing today.'

Slippery slope

'The second is the suggestion that voting in favour of this bill will lead to a slippery slope or mission creep, as others have said; that inevitably the restrictions will be loosened and that today's safeguards will be weakened.'

'I am voting on what is before us today. I do not believe it is an inevitability.'

'It is not the case in Oregon whose laws have not been amended at all since its original inception 20 years ago.'

'But if a new proposal emerges during my time in this place, I shall consider it in a sober and clinical way...'

Meanwhile the 'core con-



MLC Catherine Cusack (Liberal)

cern' for Ms Cusack was that the bill 'seeks to relativise the value of human life.'

She told the chamber, 'It takes the state into forbidden territory, defining and regulating who must live and who may die.'

Anathema

'It is complete anathema to the ethical framework that has quietly underpinned good governance in this country, an ethical and moral framework that has curbed Big Brother and, if maintained, will protect our citizens in perpetuity from the risks and abuses of state-sponsored death.'

'I agree with Paul Keating that it is a threshold we must not cross.'

'For me the bill does not limit the scope of the state; it expands it dramatically into authorising people's deaths.'

'I agree that this bill would increase personal autonomy for a small number of terminally ill citizens, but it would be at vast risk and expense to the wider community in respect of the suicide contagion and exposure of sick and vulnerable people whose rights, dignity and protections would at one stroke be removed, devastated or impacted [on] by the passage of this bill.'

SAE info night Nov 30

Calling all aspiring filmmakers, animators, game developers, audio engineers, designers and web developers... SAE Creative Media Institute in Byron Bay is opening the doors to their state-of-the-art campus and hosting an info night on Thursday November 30 at 4pm-7pm.

High school students, career changers and anyone contemplating a creative career are invited to take a guided tour of the campus and meet the lecturers who are also active industry leaders. There will be student films, games and design work on display.

All who register and attend will be in the draw to win one of a handful of pairs of industry-favourite Sennheiser Momentum 2 headphones.

'Studying in Byron Bay is a dream,' says former student Emma Terrens. 'The SAE campus has such a sense of community and helped me connect with the creative scene in Byron Bay, where I met the mentors who cemented my dream to be a designer.'

After moving from the Gold Coast to study a Bachelor of Design, Emma has since stayed in the northern rivers.

She spends her days at the boutique agen-



Local designer Emma Terrens. Photo supplied

cy Vim + Zest in Mullumbimby, designing outside-the-box campaign material such as origami brochures and e-books for the digital lifestyle brand The Leadership Kitchen.

To register to attend the SAE info night visit www.sae.edu.au/news-and-events/events.

Sharks netted in BBC doco

Paul Bibby

The fight over the north coast shark nets trial is set to feature in a BBC radio documentary exploring the relationship between sharks and people across the globe.

Journalist Ellen Husain was in town last week interviewing local activists, scientists and surfers for an episode of the series *Costing the Earth*, to be aired in January.

'We wanted to come to an area that illustrated both sides of the argument about sharks,' Ms Husain said.

'In parts of Australia, sharks are actually a great benefit for tourism. Visitors to the Great Barrier Reef, for example, often say that diving with sharks was the highlight

of their trip.

'But obviously in and around Byron Bay, it's a different story because of the attacks and the shark-net trials.'

The debate within the Shire will be examined in the context of the global decline in shark numbers.

'These issues are very complex and we have to be very careful when people are being threatened by sharks,' Ms Husain said.

Shark decline

'But it is also the case that, globally, we are killing a lot of sharks and the world's shark populations have massively declined.'

The second north coast shark-net trial is due to commence at five beaches in Bal-

lina, Evans Head and Lennox Head as soon as officers are satisfied that the southward whale migration has concluded.

Nine target sharks were caught in the nets during the five-month trial last summer, while a further 266 non-target animals were also captured.

More than 140 of these animals died.

However, proponents of the trial have pointed out that there were no attacks on the netted beaches during the trial.

They also point out that the number of non-target animals killed during the trial is dwarfed by the number of dolphins, rays and another large ocean animals caught and killed by the commercial fishing industry each year.

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Council reaches peak groundhog

Councillors and staff will meet this Thursday to thrash through another huge agenda, and a casual glance through its 1,362 pages is a reminder of how large an organisation it is and how important it is that it all works effectively.

Nothing is perfect of course; in recent weeks there have been some big public relations communication boo-boos that have a slight whiff about them. It continues this week, with a scramble by mayor Simon Richardson, councillor Paul Spooner and staff to convince the general public via a press release that there is an orderly and cohesive plan around Butler Street and its reserve.

It still appears very ad hoc and this is beginning feel like Groundhog's Day.

Dumping a transport hub on Butler Street may tick boxes for getting traffic out of town, yet comes without public consultation or a planning framework. That alone should be reason to put it on hold until confidence and clarity are restored, yet obviously any delays could see the state government-run project shelved.

So onward and awkwardly we must advance!

To advance, staff will ask councillors this week to amend the *Byron Local Environmental Plan 2014* to allow five separate Byron Railway precinct projects to roll out. At a cost of \$790,800, the precinct projects are the Byron Bay Masterplan – Railway Precinct (\$239,300), Byron Street Connection Upgrade (\$139,000), Railway Park Upgrade (\$237,500), Visitor Centre Refurbishment (\$130,000) and the Visitor Centre Technology Project (\$45,000).

Councillors will also discuss a staff report on Thursday into the internal decision that led to three trees being lopped without warning in Railway Park.

Moving on, the 1,362 page agenda contains the staff report and recommendations for Bruns parking plans.

While staff don't recommend paid parking, they do seem to support it. The report reads, 'There is an overwhelming fear that pay parking would "ruin" Brunswick Heads and reduce business activity by up to 40 per cent. However, these same points were raised when introducing pay parking in Byron Bay. Pay parking in Byron Bay has been a success for Council, residents, property owners and business operators.'

There are also plans to rezone around 22 hectares of Council-owned land just south of Mullum CBD next to the High School oval.

There are hopes this could be the start of an affordable housing project where Council retains the land for passive income.

And lastly but not only, is Byron Bay ready for traffic lights?

Cr Jan Hackett believes so, and is asking for a trial at the upcoming meeting. Access to Ewingsdale Road and Bayshore Drive in Sunrise could be improved, she argues in the agenda, and says that a trial at the Lawson/Jonson Streets roundabout could prove effective in alleviating traffic.

In reply, staff say temporary traffic signal devices could be the interim measure, but need to confirm that it's possible.

The agendas are available at www.byron.nsw.gov.au/ meetings.

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Silent majority revealed as a noisy minority

The best thing about the same-sex marriage survey (apart, of course, from the entirely predictable numbers) is that it finally and conclusively disproves the myth of the silent majority – the conservative fantasy that somehow, somewhere, there is a great mass of Australians who are against all progressive change but have never actually said so.

The dwindling right-wing rump has always assumed that it is and always will be the dominant paradigm, the custodians of the ideals of the real Australia – the reliable base from which campaigns against change can be launched in the certain knowledge that even when they fail they are still supported by the anonymous millions who make up those who may be a touch apathetic, but are still the true believers.

But last Wednesday this fragile illusion was blown away forever. The decisive majority vote for same-sex marriage – an iconic issue if there ever was one – makes it incontrovertibly clear that the country is now firmly anchored in the centre, perhaps a little left of the centre.

The strength of the survey result was not just in its decisive win for the progressives, but in its uniformity – all states and territories came out with comfortable wins, and only 17 of the 150 federal electorates dissented.

And those were far from those normally lauded by the right: 12 of them were in Sydney's western suburbs, swamped (as Pauline Hanson would no doubt say) by Asians of various origins and creeds – recent arrivals who have held to their former beliefs and had not really had time to become part of the culture their many predecessors have embraced.

Two were in similar suburbs around Melbourne and the other three nay-sayers were in the backblocks of Queensland

– perhaps this is where the right should take refuge.

So the mother of all battles in the long-running culture wars has resulted in a devastating defeat for the less than 40 per cent – the benchmark the warrior prince Tony Abbott set as a moral victory – who now claim the right to determine the real outcome in parliament.

It brings back the fatuous remark of the hapless Liberal leader Billy Snedden who lost an election to Gough Whitlam in 1974: 'We didn't win, but we didn't lose.'

Snedden was rightly mocked and derided at the time, but he went a lot closer than Abbott and

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by Mungo MacCallum

his raggle-taggle crusaders managed, despite a campaign which deliberately tried to drag the yes-no question into a debate about the rights of the child, religious privilege, freedom of speech and political correctness.

In Abbott's own electorate the Yes vote was one of the highest in the nation, which does not look good for his prospects as a future proselytiser. And it does not look good for the religious right and its constant demands for special treatment over the rest – the majority – of voters.

Assuming Lyle Shelton and his congregation prayed for victory last week, their prayers were obviously answered, and the answer was resounding: 'Piss off.'

Their chosen deity flipped them the bird, and we're not talking about the Paraclete here.

Apart from the migrant surge, religion – and particularly aggressively evangelical religion – is on the decline: the Australian Bureau of Statistics confirms

the trend in every census, and if there were any doubt the ABS nailed it down last week.

And attempts to salvage something from the ruin, such as the preposterous suggestion from James Paterson, a graduate from the secretive right-wing paid lobby group the Institute of Public Affairs, that the Commonwealth should legislate to override state anti-discrimination laws, is a measure of the their desperation.

As for the idea that the flower arrangers and cake decorators should claim to be conscientious objectors, to save them from eternal damnation if they offer a posy or a lamington to a same-sex wedding, it defies parody.



But there is no doubt that the hardliners will hang on by their carefully filed fingernails to make the process of implementing the popular will as difficult as possible for as long as possible, before voting against it anyway.

This, says one of them, Eric Abetz, is entirely as it should be: democrats must resist the tyranny of the majority. He is deeply concerned to reach out to the 38.4 per cent of No voters; it is a pity he couldn't care less about the 61.6 per cent of Yes voters over recent months, or for that matter the more substantial minority of 49.6 who voted Labor in 2016. Democracy, it appears, is a subjective idea.

But note: even Abetz has finally admitted that there is a majority against him and his fellow zealots – let's face it, he could hardly do anything else.

However it would have been more honest to have accepted the endless opinion polling that

showed for years that around 60 per cent or better favoured same-sex marriage. In fact, the frenetic and divisive couple of years have changed exactly nothing.

The only real vindication for those who criticised the cowardly and dishonest manipulation of the plebiscite saga is that they have been proved right – it was all a monumental waste of time, money, and most importantly emotional energy.

But at least they won, and now they can celebrate. The losers will just have to suck it up, although they would probably prefer not to put it quite that way. Abbott himself appears to have gone quiet: he will not, he declaims virtuously, frustrate the will of the people. But as always there is a caveat: he has a few ideas to redraft the amending legislation as a kind of theocratic bill of rights. There is plenty of sniping, undermining and wrecking still to come.

But fortunately his humiliation – for that's what it is – will probably be short-lived. His new career as an evangelist is proving satisfying and profitable.

His overseas tours to address conventions of English flat-earthers and American homophobes never fail to excite the noisy minority in the media, and isn't that what it's all about?

And the fundamentalist Christians insist they will fight on: Lyle Shelton predicts a war of attrition lasting years – probably centuries if necessary, whatever it takes to drag Australia back to the Middle Ages.

But the numbers tell the story: the hardline conservatives lost. When a somewhat tipsy Christopher Pyne boasted a couple of months ago that the moderates were in the winners' circle there was much angst within the coalition.

But if the sensible centre wasn't in charge then, it certainly should be now. After all, the rest of the country is.

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Festival of joy

On Sunday morning I went along to the street parade that was part of the very fine Mullum Music Festival. The festival was a great event with excellent performances, wonderful street life and good organisation – a shame about the patchy weather but there is not a lot you can do about that.

As the street parade was winding down I was chatting to some 70+-year-olds who're holidaying from Bowral and Scotland and who had accidentally joined the crowd not knowing that the festival was happening. They were

quite impressed with what was going on and, on cue, the Dustyeskys launched into one of their Russian revolutionary songs from the RSL balcony.

The Bowral connection said 'Wow – that is so good'. Then the crowd opened up and the Cassettes flashdance mob did their highly energetic and entertaining routine in the middle of Dalley Street.

My acquaintances were totally blown away and had grins from ear to ear and one said, 'I can really see why you like living here'.

I felt so proud to be a local and to be a part of such fun and creativity that brings

such joy to so many people.

Thank you so much to Glen and the team for organising such a great event – see you next year.

Paul Jameson
Byron Bay

Evidence for WWI memorial pines

Rob Watson and Geoffrey Sutton's recent letters (November 15) regarding their doubts as to the existence of memorial pines in the Terrace Reserve in Brunswick Heads claim, 'there are no newspaper articles referring to the memorial' and the trees 'could not have been planted after WWI'.

This is totally incorrect as historical articles about the memorial are archived in the National Library of Australia.

The Mullumbimby Star on August 15, 1918 stated, 'Brunswick Heads has decided to erect an honour avenue in Park Street in memory of those who have taken part in the war from the Brunswick. A general scheme of tree planting commences next Monday and will proceed as far as funds allow'.

And from The Northern Star, Friday, August 9, 1918: 'From the Brunswick Heads Progress Association, on the matter of tree planting and special rates, stating that about 17 pounds had been collected which it was understood the council would subsidise pound for pound.'

'Cr Thorne explained the position at some length. They wanted to put a roll of honour on the tree guards, the names of those who left Brunswick for the war. It was decided residents would get the timber for the guards with work to be carried out as soon as possible under the Engineer's supervision'.

These historical articles clearly document that local families and the town's Progress Association started planting memorial trees with named timber tree guards off Park Street in August 1918. Aerial photos of Brunswick

from the 1940s show the only place in Park Street the planting could have taken place was in the Terrace Reserve, then known as Brunswick Flora Reserve.

My own 87-year-old father recounts the history of the plantings as told to him by his father, who helped plant these trees in 1918. He in turn was one of many local schoolboys who in the late thirties was

passed the important tradition of watering these living memorials.

Five generations of my family have lived opposite the Terrace Reserve since the 1920s and the rows of trees in the southern end of the Terrace Reserve have always been known to us, and respected, as memorials to soldiers.

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report referred to by Mr Suthon did indeed state some of the oldest trees being 200–400 years old. This has been estimated by trunk girth. However, there are over 250 pines in the south end of the reserve with girths ranging from 40cm to three metres. Therefore ages of these trees probably range from 20 to more than 400 years. An earlier ecological report from 2014 believed the pines in clear rows were planted as they were in exact lines, of similar age and evenly spaced. Regardless of their ages or their history, the bottom line is the trees are an endangered ecological community (EEC) and must legally be protected. I find it extremely disrespectful that this well-documented and significant piece of local history is be-

ing disputed by some, simply because they had hoped to move their mobile homes onto this now protected site.

Sean O'Meara
Brunswick Heads

■ Suthon's letter (November 15) cherry picking Council's Heritage Report omitted, 'Initiatives for memorial WWI tree planting in Brunswick Heads is documented in newspaper reports between 1917 and 1918. A meeting of the Brunswick Heads Progress Association, Town Improvement Committee notably outlined two proposals for an Honour Avenue street tree planting and the planting of up to 300 trees on the reserve. 'These proposals were referred to Byron Shire Council (BSC) of the day for a decision. The minutes of Byron Shire Council from 1917–1918

are no longer available to confirm the decision that was adopted. Later newspaper reports refer to tree planting in Park Street which links to the Reserve'.

Newspaper references from the *Northern Star*, *Mullumbimby Star* and *Tweed Daily*, dated and sourced from 1917 to 1920 are given in the report.

There will be ongoing debate about the age of the coastal cypress pines in the Terrace Reserve. The Trust's environmental consultant to the 2014 POM stated: 'There are numerous Coastal Cypress in the southern precinct, many of which have also been planted evenly spaced in lines... These trees are estimated as being around 50–70 years old.'

BSC's ecologist's report August 2017, depending on

size of the tree, estimates the pines to be between 400 and 200 years old.

Applying the growth ring findings in Bowman, Piror, Tng, Hua and Brodribb's 2011 scientific study 'Continental-scale climatic drivers of growth ring variability in an Australian conifer' would give a different age again.

What we can agree on is that the subject trees form part of the 'Coastal Cypress Pine Forest in the NSW North Coast Bioregion' under the *Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995* administered by the Office of Environment and Heritage.

Until this year it was never BSC's intention to give all of the foreshore reserve lands to paying tourists. In 2012 Minister Page merely requested BSC enter into 'negotiations' with Crown Lands who were

unhappy with BSC's August 9 licence conditions which set the boundaries for the caravan parks' commercial operations, including unfettered public access along the foreshores.

Those subsequently involved in the preparation of the 2014 Plans of Management (POM) then deliberately and wilfully ignored BSC's resolutions. Those 2014 POMs also omitted mandatory and critical cultural heritage reports!

Negotiations continued over 2012–15 without reaching a conclusion acceptable to Crown Lands/NSWCHPT. Yet no-one has ever challenged BSC's legislative power and authority as licence provider under s68 of the LGA to determine the caravan park's operational boundaries and conditions of operations under s68 in a court of law.

Until BSC's recent backflip, starting with mayor Simon Richardson on 25 August 2016, the 'status quo' demanded NSWCHPT vacate the disputed lands it had no legal authority or s68 licence to occupy.

I disagree with Watson's statement about councillor Sarah Ndiaye exploring options. Not supported by staff, or any legal opinion, was her mantra of potential legal action if Council did not capitulate to NSWCHPT. She was also prepared to support the executives of the local RSL sub-branches who were against the Coastal Cypress Pines being recognised as a war memorial and did not want to interfere with the business interests of the Trust.

Leading the Greens, her successful rescission motion of 25 May 2017 will stand as her legacy to Brunswick Heads!

It's a bitter pill to be shafted twice by the Greens.

Patricia Warren
Brunswick Heads

Wildlife care

No living creature on our planet should suffer unnecessarily owing to unconscious and uncaring people who hit animals with their cars and cannot even be bothered to stop and check to see if the animal needs assistance.

More often than not animals go into shock and still themselves to recover. I have witnessed people pass injured animals on our NSW roads without stopping to see if the animal is alive or not.

Yesterday driving out of Byron a car hit a bird and it was very much alive fluttering its wings and gasping for air. I immediately stopped

and by the time I got out of my car a second and third car drove over it and the fourth car killed it.

Stop, check and assist. If you need help call our local Wildlife service WIRES on 02 6628 1898. It is run by caring and committed volunteers and they will advise you what to do and when needed will come to the rescue.

Please put this number in your phone and help save the lives of these sentient beings.

Anthea Packshaw
Mullumbimby

Market destruction

Currently plans are afoot to move the monthly Byron markets to beside the dunes at Main Beach.

The Green & Clean Awareness Team (GCAT) have spent the last 20 years successfully restoring the dunes from the past ravages of sand mining, and as carers and protectors we are opposed to this move. We believe 360 stalls with resulting crowd pressures to be an unsustainable use of the reserve and directly threatening to the dune ecosystem that has been reestablished.

A much smaller version of the market was moved from this location 20 years ago because of its damaging impacts: a proposal to move it back was again rejected in 2014 with stallholders voting against it.

The environmental values of the dune environment these days are vastly improved thanks to the work of volunteers, bush regenerators, green corps teams, grants and business sponsorships. There are already a number of pressures on the dunes that require maintenance. The Green & Clean Team urges that the community discuss this issue and let Council know they value the preservation of the area against misuse and abuse and that this move is not on.

Miles Shorten
GCAT

Serving community

Amidst all the nation's and world's turmoil, we had the privilege (and extreme difficulty) of judging the Rural Youth Ambassador and Mullumbimby Showgirl Awards for the 110th Mullumbimby Show recently.

It was an absolute pleasure to meet 18 young people, tiny tots to young adults, who made us so proud to have them as members of our community.

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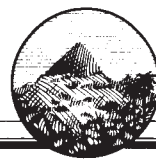
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Expansionist plans! *The Echo* embarks on the Lismore foray: a town too far

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.

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

A major milestone in *The Echo's* history occurred in 1991: we decided to start another weekly newspaper.

The content of the *Lismore Echo* was to have a significant overlap with the Byron Shire edition in the form of contributors: Mungo MacCallum, Lilith's astrology column, television guide, and so on. This would bring down the running costs of the new publication, as would sharing production facilities with its older sister.

We carefully selected the new crew: Jennie Dell as editor, Mac Nicholson (a former Lismore Shire councillor) for advertising sales and Graham Askey as circulation manager and general factotum. Jennie was a journalist who had been around in the area since at least the celebrated 1973 Aquarius Festival in Nimbin. She was also married to the

chief psychiatrist of the area health service, whose official title was 'Master of Lunacy'.

Fair means or foul

As we prepared for the launch of the new paper in June that year, we were aware that Australian Provincial Newspapers, proprietors of the daily *Northern Star*, would resist any intrusion on their turf – by fair means or foul. The foul I was already acquainted with; there had been an earlier attempt to start an independent weekly paper in Lismore, and my wife Wendy and I had been contracted to supply the typesetting. The paper only lasted a few issues, and according to its owner the *Northern Star's* senior advertising bully had gone round the cinemas threatening that any ads placed in the rival publication would mean no editorial reviews or



The two *Echo* editors Nicholas Shand and Jennie Dell interviewing John Howard at Southern Cross University in the early days of the *Lismore Echo*.

support for their films in *The Star*. The 'fair' means came just days before our first edition with the launch of APN's weekly *Lismore Happenings*.

Despite saturation promotion from the *Northern Star*, its new offshoot never took root. In fact *Lismore Happenings* folded after a few months and we were left in clear possession of the weekly market. But we had our own problems. Sharing production facilities was not as simple as I had thought; at any rate the electronic system I had devised was too far ahead of its time. There were no fibre optics or broadband channels in those days, so our modem link had to slowly squeeze all the text from the Lismore office to Mullumbimby, where

I composed the pages on a primitive layout program. It was all much more laborious than expected.

So more money had to be found to equip a production facility in our Lismore office, and as de facto technology manager I had to split myself between the two locations to keep them both running. Nor was it any easier for Nicholas, who similarly had to commute to help Jennie, whose budget did not run to additional journalists, or Jeff Dawson, who oversaw the Lismore sales effort.

Somehow or other the *Lismore Echo* struggled through its first year, losing about \$70,000. The material we imported from the *Byron Echo* did not attract the generally

more conservative Lismore readers – even the satirical television guide provoked merely bewildered complaints.

Echo franchise

It occurred to Nicholas and me that when we hit on the idea of franchising *The Echo* we had thought we had a winning formula for newspaper content. But we didn't; what we had was an audience for that content, and it existed only in the Byron Shire.

Worse still, Lismore in those days was controlled by a few old families with a deep investment, both financial and emotional, in the *Northern Star* – which itself had been an independent local paper until its fairly recent takeover by APN. They did not like interlopers from Byron, and most of the major businesses refused to advertise with us.

There were staff changes too, which did not help. Advertising people came in enthusiastic and went out defeated. Even Jennie left and was replaced by Robin Osborne. Then, ominously, Nicholas totalled his car on the side of a bridge on the way to Lismore and had to spend several days in hospital

having a metal plate inserted in his mangled arm.

Our decision to sell the paper was not taken lightly, but once taken it considerably lightened the load we had taken on ourselves. We refused to offer it to APN, and there were no other buyers available, so it was sold to the staff for a few thousand dollars, less than the value of the furniture and equipment.

The paper, renamed the *Northern Rivers Echo* by the new owners as a gesture of independence from us, had to endure a few further lean years before it became profitable, but under general manager Heather Williams it eventually thrived. In fact it thrived so well that Heather and her fellow shareholders sold out to APN in 2008. The paper – having reverted to its original *Lismore Echo* title – was then purchased by News Corp in 2016 as a minuscule element of its strategy to own everything. There is a sad irony in the sibling of the *Byron Shire Echo* now being controlled by the most deservedly reviled figure in newspaper publishing. However, it is almost certain that Rupert Murdoch is blissfully unaware of his good fortune.

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Paid parking rejected

I have never seen Bangalow as united as it is now in opposition to paid parking – and many residents are angry, with good reason.

I believe we have a right to expect our elected representatives to represent our wishes unless they have some special knowledge we don't – and in this case they didn't, the facts are clear: the original motion put to Council on August 24 was to accept the advice of their consultants and not introduce paid parking until the recommended revised parking times in the town

centre had been tried and the Guidance (Master Planning) Group brought in to the decision-making process.

Then two councillors moved an amendment to introduce paid parking by January 1 next year with the Guidance Group to be consulted on a range of issues – which could not possibly be covered within the time frame and without a known budget or even a scheduled meeting.

The fact that this Group is widely representative of Bangalow and strongly opposed to paid parking was apparently not taken into account.

Four of our councillors had been there for less than a year and I suspect pressure was applied, also that they – and perhaps others – did not realise the depth of community feeling.

But by now I think all must know how deeply unpopular this move to paid parking is in Bangalow and I hope they will take whatever opportunity they can to change/rescind the decision and replace it with one that reflects the community's wishes.

Jenny Coman
Bangalow

■ Over the last few years, I wrote three letters to *The Echo* stating why paid parking

was a net loss to the Shire and unfairly discriminates against Byron retailers.

I have a very dear friend who lost 20 per cent of her turnover the year paid parking was introduced in Byron CBD. That wiped out any profit margin and meant she was working for nothing and losing money in her last two years in business, leaving her with \$140,000 in bank debts!

The only businesses in her street to actually profit from paid parking were the cafés, who benefitted from quicker turnaround.

All other retailers lost, some as much as 40 per cent of their turnover. People had time to eat but not shop – and while Council coffers may have gained a few million dollars in revenue, the net loss to the community has been tens or even hundreds of millions.

People lost their jobs, businesses lost their profit and visitors to the town were pissed-off that they copped a \$180 fine for over-staying a one-hour limit with no provision for putting more coins in the meter – plus a crazy demand to move their vehicle to a different 'zone' with no indication where that zone might be. I think a bunch of disaffected drivers could win a class-action if they took the council to court over this matter. I even suggested alternative ways of raising revenue that are far more creative and much more fun than parking meters.

How about copying Jamestown in South Australia, where they floated solar panels over their sewage treatment ponds. This cooled the solar panels, doubling their efficiency, and gave cost efficient energy to the town, all paid for by the businesses from savings they made in their electricity bills. Or how about a council-owned water park, with great rides and slides. The list goes on...

The other thing that suffers is the Byron 'Brand'. Byron Shire is hardly the destination people expect to cop a parking fine. It seems Council staff either don't know or don't care about this ineffable but fragile quality that is probably the Shire's greatest asset.

I think the sooner these blue robots are removed the better. Any thought of their spreading to other towns in the Shire is crazy.

Mike Balson
Upper Wilsons Creek

Byron Bypass future

Many in the community are still quite unclear about the

fate of the Byron Bay bypass.

Byron Shire Council has approval for only the wetlands link of their proposed Butler Street bypass. The remaining 70 per cent of the project now requires alternative approval as it was stripped under dubious circumstances from the original DA via a pretext of an error by Council.

The portion approved through the protected SEPP14 wetlands has conditions of consent amounting to more than 20 pages, as detailed and onerous as you would expect from the Office of Environment and Heritage currently presiding over a state with runaway loss of biodiversity habitat.

Byron Shire Council has not publicly costed the approved works let alone the entire project. Cost estimates for the approved portion of the works alone are of the order of \$20 million so a feasible total cost for a Butler Street bypass is of the order of \$40 million. Council certainly do not have this sort of money.

The state government is not about to stump up that sort of play money either given their recent letter stating a willingness to consider the rail corridor alternative, which has already been demonstrated to be more cost effective and have far less impact.

So no, we residents of Butler Street are not selling up and getting out. The Butler Street bypass is a dead duck for now. The council's current ploy to establish a bus station on the market grounds and a party space on the rail corridor is part of their alternative strategy to force the agenda of commercial expansion of the CBD into the Butler Street neighbourhood. If this is achieved they will effectively wedge the state government into coughing up the money for a Butler Street bypass and dispose of the Butler Street community, the markets, the heritage precinct, the recreation reserve, the legacy infrastructure corridor to the town and double the size of the town CBD. Please consider this as you sit in your cars this summer holidays wondering what the hell.

Paul Jones
Byron Bay

Crossing ducks

It is interesting to see as you go into Byron's newest roundabout at Sunrise the juxtaposition of a duck crossing sign with a roundabout that could grace the cover of a prison industrial design magazine.

Meanwhile cyclists and pedestrians will be shaking a fist

at the dangerous solutions our prison benefactors use to frog-walk us in directions that are counter-intuitive. Clearly, the inconvenient truth is that not all people drive cars, and those 'anarchists' who walk or cycle need a strong hand to make sure the car gods are happy.

Get ready for the next sad, over-built and tasteless roundabout at Bayshore Drive. Not sure even the ducks will give this one a passing grade. So sad what these bureaucrats are doing to our once-beautiful town.

Mark Oliver
Byron Bay

Act now

Parliamentarians must stop blaming and finger-pointing for the horrors at the Manus Island prison. Such behaviour does not solve anything; it merely entrenches intransigence and destroys whatever faith some still have in our government.

We can afford to settle 600 men in Australia – housing, community/NGO assistance, personal assistance, volunteers, etc. Most likely the boats wouldn't re-start to any significant level. There's no reason not to settle 600 men here... other than parliamentarians' petty self-preservation.

Each one of the 600 is a human being who we've incarcerated far too long. Our 'duty-of-care' morphed into 'dereliction-of-care'. It began years ago with mandatory detention and Temporary Protection Visas; it continues with this government.

Coalition, Labor, Greens, etc... it doesn't matter who-done-it; it matters what-we-done. What-we-still-do!

These 600 men deserve a chance... even though the damage we Australians have caused them may be irredeemable. And the damage to our reputation may be equally irredeemable.

Are these the new Australian values? If not, why does our government continue mistreating these men?

I challenge each voter to contact your member, your senators, and the PM, and tell them unequivocally: enough's enough! Find again your moral compass and bring these 600 men to Australia... Now!

I challenge each parliamentarian to find that spark of humanity that I believe exists somewhere inside you, and – regardless of political affiliation – stand up for what's humane, moral, and just; demand the 600 men on Manus Island are resettled here in Australia.

Judy Bamberger
O'Connor ACT

CHESS by Ian Rogers

When Garry Kasparov lost to the computer Deep Blue 20 years ago, thanks to a pathetic effort in the sixth and final game of the match, the World Champion was anything but magnanimous in defeat. He accused the computer of having human help, a claim vehemently denied by IBM and subsequently admitted by Kasparov to have no foundation.

Yet mystery still surrounds the reason why Kasparov collapsed so badly against a computer that, as Magnus Carlsen has recently pointed out, was then still inferior in playing strength to the world number one.

At the time, many Russian grandmasters were convinced that Kasparov had thrown the final game, and signalled his unwillingness to do so to chess aficionados by falling into a known opening trap. The theory went that Kasparov was forced to lose to avoid threats to his family by Russian betting interests who were taking advantage of the heavy odds in favour of Kasparov.

Like many conspiracy theories, this one persisted despite only circumstantial evidence and

never a hint of confirmation by Kasparov.

Speaking a short time after the match, when his anger and frustration had cooled, Kasparov blamed his poor play in the final game on nerves and explained that he never believed that Deep Blue would have the sophistication to play the piece sacrifice which refuted his opening plan.

Over the past two decades, as grandmasters have used computers to help them become much stronger players, especially in opening play, Kasparov has become one of the biggest spruikers for the benefits of artificial intelligence. Kasparov has argued, in multiple speeches, interviews and his book *Deep Thinking: Where Machine Intelligence Ends and Human Creativity Begins*, that the loss of jobs to robots will allow other avenues to flourish. 'Machines are helping us to quit repetitive tasks and to unleash our creative energy,' Kasparov said recently, 'so let's look for an opportunity to work with the machines and understand how human creativity can still be used. There are two sides to the AI debate and it's time to look at the bright side.'

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New Finkel report finds no need to panic about energy storage

Giles Parkinson

A new report into energy storage commissioned by chief scientist Alan Finkel highlights the enormous opportunities for storage in Australia, but underlines how little is actually needed over the short to medium term, even at relatively high levels of wind and solar.

The report, *The role of Energy Storage in Australia's Future Energy Supply Mix*, funded by Finkel's office and the Australian Council of Learned Academies (ACOLA), says the required investment in energy security and reliability over the next 5-10 years will be minimal, even if wind and solar deployment moves far beyond levels contemplated by the Energy Security Board (ESB).

The contrast with the ESB modelling – and the attempts by coalition parties at state and federal level to dismiss high levels of renewable energy as 'reckless' – could not be more pronounced.

While the ESB, in arguing for a National Energy Guarantee, speaks of the system threats and urgency to act with a level of 'variable' renewables accounting for between 18 and 24 per cent of total generation, this new report says surprising little storage may be needed with 35 per cent to 50 per cent wind and solar.

Even in the 50 per cent variable renewable energy scenario – more than double that contemplated at the high end by the ESB – the new report suggests enough battery storage may be available 'behind the meter' – households and businesses – to meet the storage needs.

'The modelling provides reassurance that both reliability and security requirements may be met with readily available technologies,' it says.

Battery recycling

In one of the most detailed reports into energy storage, the authors point to the huge potential of battery and energy storage in Australia – both in core mineral resources, manufacturing of battery storage, R&D, deployment, and even renewable hydrogen.

At the same time, the report also warns that Australia needs to develop a recycling strategy for battery storage, and also needs to take into account other social aspects, such as the origins of lithium and cobalt.

But the most striking part



Northern Territory Essential Services Minister Gerry McCarthy (left) and Power and Water chief executive Michael Thomson inspect solar batteries in Daly River. AAP Image/Lucy Hughes Jones

of the report is the apparent contrast to the 'doomsday' scenarios about renewable energy peddled by the coalition, and the fossil fuel industry, and reflected in some of the assumptions in the proposed National Energy Guarantee (NEG).

Sensible policies

The report says sensible policies are needed to provide a market signal, but it does not suggest that wind and solar farms should be penalised for not having storage, or should be made to appear or act like coal-fired power stations.

It says the total storage requirement for Australia to meet even a 50 per cent share of variable renewable energy, wind and solar, would be a fraction of the annual spend required of the grid.

The cost of meeting security and reliability needs for 50 per cent wind and solar is just \$10.7 billion if batteries alone. And most of these could be installed behind the meter.

'These numbers are not so huge that we have to go gasp, at least compared to what we are spending anyway on networks,' lead author Professor Bruce Godfrey said.

The newtowrk spend to 2030 is \$71 billion or approximately \$5-6 billion pa.

In fact, spending on storage could actually defray the required spending on poles and wires – possibilities that are beginning to emerge with the creation of micro-grids, and support for new solar investments to help ageing grids cope with rising peak demand.

Pointedly, the study models levels of 'variable' renewable energy – 'wind and solar' that are far higher than that contemplated by the ESB in its argument for an 'urgent' reliability option.

The new study's 'low renewable' share – 35 per cent – is twice the amount of wind

and solar modeled by the ESB for 2030 – at just 18-24 per cent – and yet it sees little need for a lot of added storage.

The study's medium renewables scenario aims at 50 per cent share of variable renewables by 2030, while its 'high' share models 75 per cent wind and solar penetration.

The underlying principle is that for up to 50 per cent renewables share, not that much storage is needed – although this increases rapidly as the share of variable renewables goes beyond that level.

'At an aggregated national level, Australia can reach penetrations of 50 per cent renewable energy without a significant requirement for storage to support energy reliability,' it says.

Energy roadmap

In this sense it fits in with the scenarios painted by the CSIRO and Energy Networks Australia in their energy transformation roadmap last year, but the contrast with the assumptions made by the ESB is stark.

'Energy storage is both a technically feasible and an economically viable approach to responding to Australia's energy security and reliability needs to 2030, even with a high renewables generation scenario,' it says.

It models storage on two services – system security, which is the fast-acting response to network faults – and reliability, which is providing enough energy when it is needed.

It suggests that battery storage provides a cost-competitive option for 'security' needs, and while pumped hydro provides the cheapest option for bulk storage for reliability (despite its long lead-in time), it is not clear that will be the case by 2030, when the cost of other technology falls.

'Pumped hydro energy storage (PHES) is currently

ministers in Hobart.

While the Finkel-commissioned report assumes that its 'low' renewable penetration will reflect business as usual, the ESB is assuming that wind and solar will be stopped in their tracks – the inference being that the NEG will be the mechanism to do that.

Added to that, the ESB's modelling of deliberately high technology costs for wind and solar, and its assumption that emission-reduction efforts will stop in 2030, then there is no surprise that the idea is being treated with great suspicion by many in the industry.

Professor Godfrey says there is a legitimate role for governments to ensure that the right policy settings are

enacted to drive growth in energy storage.

'Hopefully, it will be a well thought through plan,' Godfrey told RenewEconomy, and not using storage to penalise renewables, 'but to recognize we are going to have more and more renewables – so let's get on to thinking more about the future.'

That means framing policies to encourage innovation, investment, and the establishment of new and existing and increased or new energy exports.

'A proactive approach will provide the opportunity for Australia to lead and facilitate re-skilling of workforces and the creation of jobs across all levels of the value chain,' the report says.

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Lismore. Wednesday, 3pm.

I love Lismore.
I don't love it like it's better than everywhere else, because I know it isn't. It's better than some places... many places, in fact. But I have seen towns in the world as good as Lismore.

Twenty-four-hour coffee and conversation in downtown Ha Noi, for instance. That's good. You could live there, easily. Sure, the coffee is made with condensed milk, but once you get the taste for it, organic almond just doesn't do it for you. (Forget tumeric.) And there are people around. Lots of them, even at night.

Lismore is the heart

Lismore after five is dead. The only life forms are security guards, cops and young people trying to avoid security and cops. (Oh, and there's that crazy talking guy with the bare feet...)

In a village in southern France you can eat a lunch of aged wine and an even older cheese, both local and bought fresh from the daily market, in the park. Try that in Lismore and a cop will book you for... having lunch in a park.

Nonetheless, I love Lismore.

Lismore is the heart of the north coast. (Sorry Byronites.)

Half an hour from Lismore (20 minutes by Audi), you're in Byron Bay, the flashy sister. She attracts people



ple from around the world, exposing her aura and a bit of tattooed leg, inviting them to this funky, sexy, spiritual town, where \$100 can buy you anything you want, from ecstasy to colonic irrigation.

Half an hour from Lismore (15 minutes by Holden ute), you're in Casino, beef capital of... the Casino area, where men are guys and chips are fries, and where \$100 can buy you a rubbish bin of gas shares.

Here be found giant men with white Akubras, cream moleskins and blue shirts wanting that job with the Canadian multinational which is going to grow marijuana in Casino in a big way. (Legal, of course.)

Nimbin the hippy orphan

Half an hour from Lismore (hour and a half by Kombi), you're in Nimbin, the hippy orphan, full of weirdos and cops, where non-Canadians already grow pot for health, and where \$100 can buy you a deal, a tattoo, a genital piercing or a post-divorce teepee.

Yes, Lismore is the heart of the north cCoast, the unpolished gem in the centre of that sparkling crown. And it has ample parking.

I love Lismore, but...

But...

But...

The other day, I wanted to abandon Lismore forever and move to Brisbane, or Phnom Penh, or Kempsey. (Yes, Kempsey.) Why? Bad service.

Small business may be a cornerstone of any town, but good service is the cornerstone of any business. I think the floods have leached this understanding from some local businesses. I've had phones answered while I'm mid-sentence at the counter. I've had to ask if they'd mind actually looking in the storeroom for that part. I've had to yell to get attention from staff sharing a joke. (I love jokes. But really, it was a long one.)

Here's \$100

You see, the other day I set off to buy a barbecue – in Lismore, of course, to support local business. I went to a barbecue shop, and – I walked away empty-handed, despite having a bloated credit card just aching to dump hundreds of dollars into a willing bank account.

Talk about strange: I felt I should apologise to the boss for disturbing his afternoon. I don't know what was going on in his office but he sure hated leaving it. Or using full sentences. Or looking at me. Or selling me the barbecue I was pointing to.

Now, I have a barbecue I bought from a friendly helpful bloke in Ballina.

I love Ballina, half an hour from Lismore (two days by mobility scooter), where \$100 won't buy you a barbecue. (But it's a start.)

Rare dolphins and dugongs drown in nets

Netting bans are being called for in high-value dugong, dolphin and turtle habitats following the deaths of two snubfin dolphins drowned in legally set gillnets in the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park this week that also followed the recent deaths of four dugongs.

The Australian Marine Conservation Society (AMCS) expressed deep concern over the deaths of the snubfin dolphins that are incredibly rare, exist only in Australia, and are listed as vulnerable to extinction.

New species

Snubfin dolphins were identified as a new species in 2005 and are Australia's only endemic dolphins, and live in small isolated groups along Australia's northern coastline, from the Kimberley to Gladstone.

They live in riverine, estuarine coastal waters and one of the main threats to snubfin



Snubfin dolphin seen in Roebuck Bay on the coast of Western Australia. AAP Image/Deborah Theile

dolphins is incidental capture from netting, especially gillnets and ghost nets.

Tooni Mahto, AMCS senior marine campaigner, said, 'These recent dolphin and dugong drownings are likely to be the tip of the iceberg. The reality is that gillnet fisheries have been killing Queensland's dolphins, dugongs and turtles for decades.

'Gillnets are invisible walls of death for some of Queensland's precious marine wildlife. We should be moving away from these deadly fish-

ing methods towards more sustainable fishing, particularly within the Reef's World Heritage waters.'

AMCS is calling on all Queensland parties to commit to ending gillnetting in high-conservation-value areas.

'As a priority, gillnets should be removed from the marine park waters north of Cooktown. This would protect Queensland's snubfin dolphins, dugongs and turtles, as well as enhance the World Heritage values of the Great Barrier Reef,' Mahto said.

NSW still a sunburnt state

Adults are being reminded to slip, slop, slap as new figures show 17 per cent of adults aren't protecting themselves from the sun, a decrease of two per cent over the last three years.

'There's been a noticeable increase in the use of sunscreen among adults,' said Abby Wallace from Cancer Council NSW northern region.

'However, we suspect Aussies are slopping on sunscreen while reducing their use of covering clothing. Sunscreen is a great tool to help

protect your skin, but it isn't a suit of armour. The motto remains the same – slip, slop, slap, seek shade and slide on sunglasses. Wearing covering clothing is one of the simplest and most effective ways to protect your skin.'

Dr Andrew Miller, president of the Australasian College of Dermatologists, said that thanks to previous public health campaigns Australians were well educated about the risks of skin cancer, but some parents seemed to be more focused on protecting their kids' skin than using

sun protection themselves.

'Two in three Australians will be diagnosed with skin cancer in their lifetime and it's never too late to protect their skin from further damage.'

'Melanoma rates in Australians aged 40 and under are dropping. However, it's a real concern that sun-protection behaviours overall don't seem to be improving and that more than 881,000 NSW adults are putting themselves at risk of skin cancer by getting sunburnt on summer weekends.'

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Nominations close Friday 24 November, so hurry on in to Bruns to have your say! Nomination forms are available at the Visitor Centre, participating businesses or online at www.brunswickheads.org.au

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Nominees from Bruns Bakery from left to right: Gabi Edwards, Megan Zisti, Jacinta 'Jazz' Hardman.

Stylish revamp underway at Byron at Byron

By: Simon Haslam

Rachel Luchetti from Luchetti Krelle, a Sydney-based interior design firm, has been engaged to transform the restaurant, bar, reception and relaxation deck at the Byron at Byron resort. The well-known firm's past projects include Hotel Centennial, Mode at The Four Seasons, Sake Restaurant and Bar, Banksii and a host of other mainly Sydney and Melbourne restaurants as well as Longrain Tokyo.

Ms Luchetti said that the wonderful feel of the verandahs would be maintained, and that work would focus on the initial courtyard area and the main bar. 'The resort has never really had a walk-up bar of the quality that you'd expect in a place like this. We've put a lot of focus and energy into making the bar a real showstopper. There's going to be a lot of copper in the bar,' she said.

'In terms of the design ethos, we love the whole concept of the verandah, and we are lucky to have inherited this element from the existing architecture; it is part of the Australian vernacular. Too often we try to copy what people are doing overseas; the point is that this is a little treasure that is Australian in Byron.

'The resort will have the feel of the home of well-travelled people; it would be like the home of a person who has lived in a house for 50 years but updated it, and filled it with objects they have sourced from their travels.

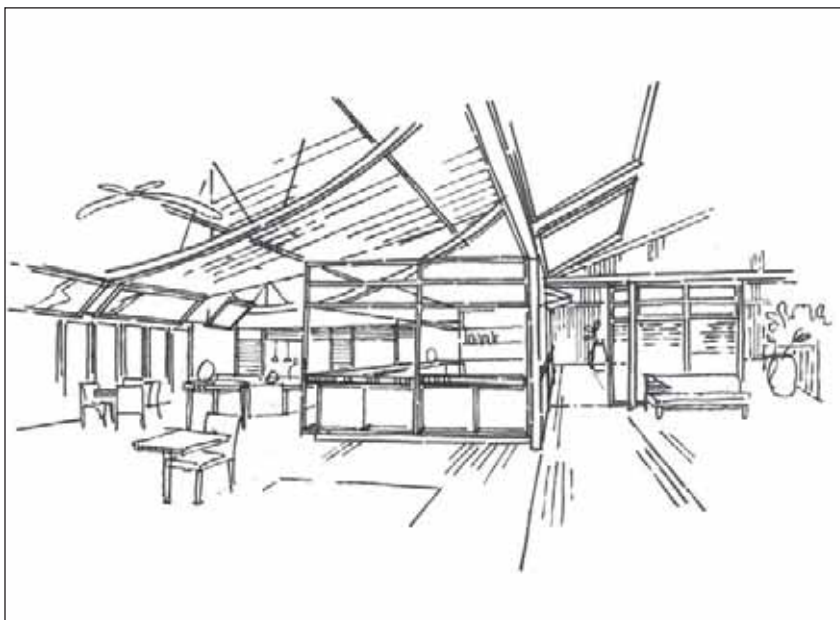
'Their house would be Australian, but we have sourced luxury furniture from all over the world; we have combined that worldly luxury with the uniquely Australian openness of the existing architecture and breezeways.

'We are actively creating a courtyard in the currently underused entry ante-room where the trees grow through the deck. We are giving that a sense of purpose, and are putting down paving in a French pattern to create a real courtyard feel.

'We have commissioned Sydney-based emerging Australian artist Julian Meagher to do a series of specific works of Australian native still life done in a really contemporary way. We also have some Australian landscapes to populate the space, including suspended artworks,' Ms Luchetti said.

The work is taking place in November and December although with minimal disruption to resort guests, and works are expected to be complete by Christmas.

From January, former Sydney chef Matthew Kemp, who now lives in Pottsville, will join the team, working with head chef



Architectural sketch of the new bar at Byron at Byron: to be a 'showstopper'



New executive chef Matthew Kemp

Gavin Hughes at The Byron at Byron's restaurant.

Kemp was originally from the UK where he received his Michelin-starred training and worked at The Square in London, before taking the helm of now-defunct Sydney establishment Banc. After Banc closed he opened his own restaurant, Restaurant Balzac, and Burlington Bar and Dining, and was recently executive chef at Manly's Boilerhouse and a curator at Moore Park Produce Market.

Kemp and Hughes will be keeping the restaurant's focus on local produce, using existing producers, and hope to find a few new ones.

The official launch program will commence from January 2018.



The new bar will be situated above the pool under the sweeping verandahs.

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Handle with care! Chilli Lager

When head brewer Alastair Gillespie was deciding on his next seasonal, one beer stood out in his mind. 'I judged a beer competition in South Africa, where the winner was a chilli lager which was surprisingly refreshing considering the addition of the chilli. The burn at the end of the first sip enticed you to take a second, and a third, and so, and so on.' 'I approached John Boland from the Byron Bay Chilli Company to see whether he was interested in spicing things up and

taking part in a collaboration with the Brewery. John was immediately intrigued and enthusiastically agreed to come in for a beer and chilli tasting.'

A fun afternoon of blending and matching chilli with beer ended with the decision to go with the habanero chilli. 'The habanero gave us the burn and subtle chilli flavour we were after, without overpowering the beer.'

Alastair uses a base style of a Vienna lager, which is a rich, malty European-style lager. With the addition of Beechwood smoked malt, a savoury character is achieved which complements the chilli. The result being an easy-drinking amber lager, with a light chilli note and some bite at the back end!

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Salvos onboard with semi of Coke

By Simon Haslam

The Salvos are helping to bring a truckload of Coke to regional Australia for Christmas, saying that 'big events' like this, which normally happen just in main cities, will help overcome feelings of 'isolation' in smaller communities.

The Salvation Army has partnered with Coke for a tour of New South Wales and Queensland in the Christmas Coke Truck. Overseas in the UK, health experts have objected to the way free sugary drinks are handed out from the truck, saying it should be banned.

Parent advocacy group Parents' Voice is angered by Coca-Cola's decision to bring its Christmas Truck to Australian shores, and has launched an online petition. (<https://www.change.org/p/coca-cola-stop-the-coca-cola-christmas-truck>). They claim the truck is 'essentially a giant mobile billboard marketing unhealthy products to vulnerable communities'. Parents' Voice say they are 'particularly disappointed by Coca-Cola's decision to visit Tamworth as, like much of regional Australia, Tamworth has high levels of overweight and obesity with 73.9 per cent of the adults in the region overweight or obese'.

Campaigns manager Alice Pryor pointed out that the partnership with the Salvation Army is about positioning for Coke:



'It's well known that Coke is a harmful product packed with sugar. With one in four Australian kids overweight or obese, it's hard to comprehend they're deliberately targeting children in this at-risk community. Their decision to partner with The Salvation Army is not out of the goodness of their corporate hearts, it's about disguising their marketing techniques.'

Parents' Voice member Rachel Clemons from Sydney is equally concerned about the impact the truck will have on the communities in question: 'It's outrageous that Coke is trying to make their brand synonymous with Christmas. The last thing children need at this special family-



focused time of year is to be manipulated by in-your-face marketing of sugary drinks.'

Celebrity participation

One healthy-looking Sydney celebrity who presumably doesn't mind a bit of Coke is Samantha Jade. The 30-year-old starlet seemed positively excited when she was pictured holding a Coke, in the cabin of the truck, which is covered in flashing lights, in the news.com.au 13 November coverage of the truck's departure.

Annita Katee on the same day in *Daily Mail Australia* reported that [sic] 'a peak of the stunner's toned midriff was on display. The midi-length skirt also donned a slit which gave the ensemble an added edge'.

The Coke Christmas Truck has built up momentum in the UK, but public health experts there say the marketing strategy is not a new one. 'The path of associating unhealthy products with health, well-being and healthy lifestyles is one that has been well trodden down the years by the tobacco industry,' say UK health experts Robin Ireland and John Acton, writing in the *BMJ*, a British medical journal.

'At Christmas, Coca-Cola's marketing goes into overdrive as newspapers across the country regurgitate press releases for its Christmas Truck tour, with advertorials promoting the truck as a Christmas tradition,' the public health experts wrote.

Indeed, the Salvation Army's NSW and Queensland Communications and Fundraising director Leigh Cleave told News Corp Australia that she hoped the inaugural tour would lead to a 'new tradition of gift giving'. The 13 November article quoted her as saying that 'Having the truck come to



[regional communities] is a way of taking a bit of the sparkle of Christmas to them,' and continued, quoting a 'Coke spokesman' as saying 'it could be the start of something big, just like it is in the Northern Hemisphere'.

Marketing targets

Alice Pryor says the sophisticated marketing effectively targets the vulnerable and children.

'In the UK because of the number of visitors the Christmas Coke Truck gets, the people who attend the truck become unwitting ambassadors for the product. They're not necessarily cognisant of that. From a public health perspective, it's very hard to minimise the impact that seeming endorsement has on vulnerable communities and particularly children. There is a body of research surrounding food marketing on children; children build brand affinity when they associate a product with good feelings.'

'The association of Christmas and good cheer with Coke is a very sophisticated marketing technique and I don't think people are really aware of that. Coke decided that they were bringing the truck, then they've tried to work out how to make their marketing palatable to the public, for example by partnering with the Salvation Army.'

*Parents Voice is funded by the Cancer Council, the YMCA and Diabetes Victoria and VicHealth to improve nutrition and physical activity in kids.

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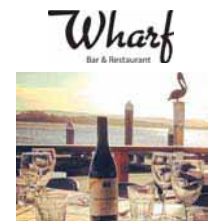


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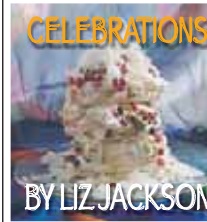
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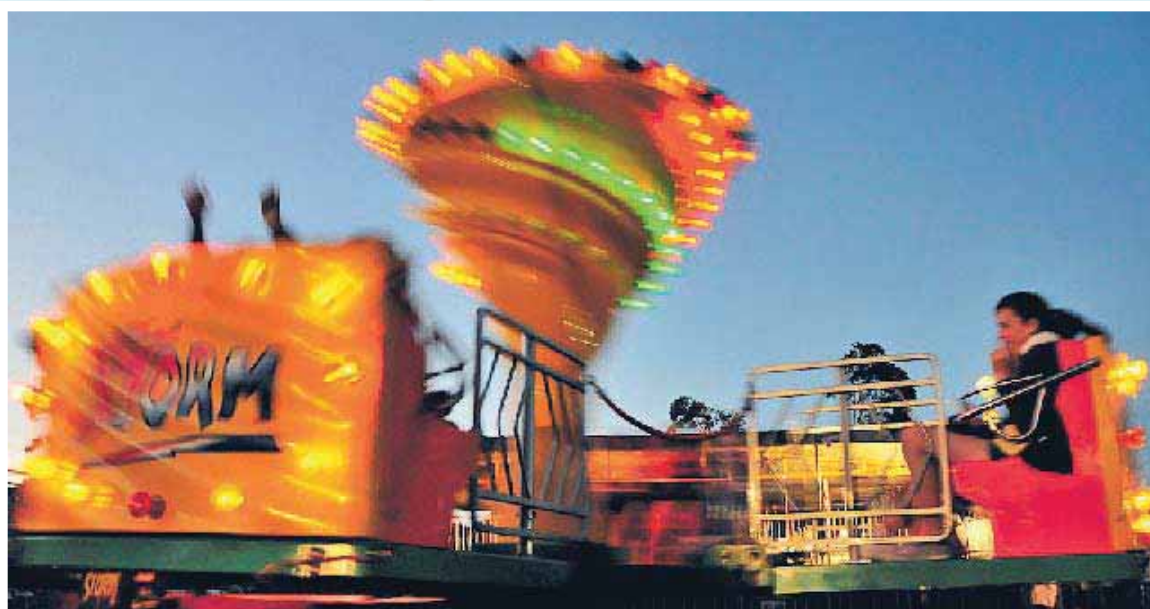
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Lorna Bailey. The new face at Bangalow Real Estate.

Lorna is born and bred northern rivers and has returned to the area after living and working in real estate in Brisbane for the last 15 years.

So, why the move back? 'I would come back a few times each year to catch up with family and friends and I came to ask myself why aren't I living in this beautiful area?' It took me a few years to finally make up my mind but when I landed here after 12 months travelling the world, I knew I had absolutely made the right decision.'

When Property Insider asked Lorna what is different about working in the industry in Brisbane compared to here, she said the diversity of the property offerings was what made working in Bangalow and the northern rivers so enjoyable and interesting. 'It's fantastic,' she said. One day you're talking to an owner about listing their cute cottage and the next you're trekking around a farm. In Brisbane I was working in the inner city, so it was almost exclusively highrise apartment selling but I dipped my toes into selling a few rural properties in the Samford Valley for clients how had requested I work for them as they had enjoyed the experience when I sold their city home and this experience set me in the direction of looking for more diversity.'

With so many agents working in the area Lorna feels her innovative approach to the sale of a property is what sets her apart. 'Rather than fit the property to a preset marketing/sales plan, I look at each property and, in consultation with the owner, work out what it is about that property that is the appeal; who is going to want to the property; how do we let them know that this property that is perfect for them is on the market. This



Lorna Bailey

is how Mary approaches her selling. I felt a great synergy when I came to speak with her about working at Bangalow Real Estate. She has the same passion for people, and when selling knows how to get great prices in short time.'

Mary O'Connor is the principal and owner of **Bangalow Real Estate**. Mary has this to say about Lorna's joining her team. 'Agents are great at talking themselves up. The true test is when people you deal with refer their family and friends back to you; that is the ultimate testimony. Lorna is that type of agent; in her career in Brisbane she enjoyed most of her business as repeat business and personal recommendation. She is looking forward to building a client base in the area she was born and raised in. 'It's what we are about,' says Mary. 'Great experience, great results.'

Interesting Stats

Tara Torkkola from **First National Byron Bay** shared some interesting information with her clients during the week on how our different towns are performing on average visits per property on realestate.com.au. The average visits per property across NSW as a state is 852.

- Mullumbimby – 796 visits per property
- Byron Bay – 805 visits per property
- Bangalow – 1349 visits per property
- Myocum – 2092 visits per property
- Lennox – 685 visits per property
- Ocean Shores – 499 visits per property
- Brunswick Heads – 1038 visits per property
- Ewingsdale – 1298 visits per property

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Sage Advice

Russel Shaw from **Acceptance Finance** has some sage advice in their latest newsletter. 'It's easy to resort to "retail therapy" when you need a bit of a pick-me-up, and it's also easy to overspend on gifts amidst all the excitement of Christmas. But what will really give you a thrill and a sense of satisfaction is reaching your savings goals and using the money to buy an asset that will help you grow your nest egg even further (such as a house).' He has quite a few neat tips to help you on your way so if want to check them out do a web search for Acceptance Finance Emag November 17.



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R&H Ocean Shores /Brunswick Heads 6680 5000
View
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0411 081 118
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0477 222 452

124 Balem Drive, Ocean Shores
Private & Peaceful Waterfront Sanctuary
With uninterrupted views across the lake and National Park, this immaculately-presented, north facing absolute waterfront home, set on an elevated 917m2 block, invites you to embrace the peace, privacy and tranquillity of this never-to-be-built-out location.
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- Quiet, tucked away and peaceful location

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mediterranean gem in the heart of byron!

Open: Saturday, 25 November 1.00 – 1.30pm

Details: Auction If Not Sold Prior

Enquiries: Helen Huntly-Barratt 0412 332 232



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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ultra private location boasts quality home

Open: Saturday, 25 November 11.00 – 11.30am

Price: \$2,579,000 to \$2,835,000

Enquiries: Helen Huntly-Barratt 0412 332 232
Tara Torkkola 0423 519 698

35 Fletcher Street Byron Bay 2481 | call 6685 8466
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79 MASSINGER STREET, BYRON BAY

- Stunningly restored 4 bed, 3 bath home in sought after golden grid
- Spacious separate 2 bedroom, 2 bathroom guest house
- 950m2 of lush tropical gardens and outdoor living spaces
- Separate spa pavilion for yoga & meditation, incl outdoor bathroom
- Central Byron location walk to beach and town
- A home of grand proportion and detail

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one of byron's grand original homes plus studio

Open: Thursday, 23 November 2.00 – 2.30pm
Saturday, 25 November 10.00 – 10.30am
Auction: Saturday, 9 December 11am Onsite
Enquiries: Su Reynolds 0428 888 660,
James Young 0419 856 840



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: By Appointment
Price: Contact Agent
Enquiries: Tara Torkkola 0423 519 698, Luke Elwin 0421 375 635



600 COOLAMON SCENIC DRIVE, COORABELL

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- Prime position on the exclusive Coolamon Scenic ridgeline
- Spectacular ocean, hinterland and mountain views
- 2.25 acre estate set amongst tropical gardens & established trees
- Grand plantation residence renovated to high end standards
- Stunning entertaining spaces overlooking the resort style pool
- Completely private, yet close to all amenities and beaches

Open: Saturday, 25 November 1.00 – 1.30pm
Price: Contact Agent
Enquiries: Paul Prior 0418 324 297, Su Reynolds 0428 888 660

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Sunsets of Bangalow

Lots 2–6 Fowlers Lane, Bangalow
AUCTION Sat 2nd Dec, Onsite 4pm



‘Sunsets of Bangalow’ is a stunning, semi-rural land release, located in the Byron Bay hinterland, on the doorstep of the historic village of Bangalow and minutes to the beach. Carefully designed to allow 11 exclusive lifestyle lots situated harmoniously amongst over 50 acres of natural forest, the property on 88 acres of rich, red, fertile soil, features 3 permanent creeks and numerous water holes. The community land, available for all owners to use, is home to an abundance of wildlife and represents approx. 50% of the entire property. We are pleased to present Stage 1 of this rare land release consisting of five gently sloping lots, all with their own gorgeous rural outlook and 4 lots with creek frontage. Services include underground electricity and telephone and a sealed roadway to all lots. Vacant land is extremely rare in the Byron Bay hinterland and this land release represents the best of both worlds, peaceful rural setting, and only minutes to town.

Inspect: Tue & Thu 4–5.30pm & Sat 2–4pm
Auction: Sat Dec 2, 4pm Onsite
Contact: Janice Maple 0401 026 359
Elders Bangalow



Large Family Home

9 Rosewood Avenue, Bangalow
5 3 2 \$1,125,000 to \$1,225,000



On a generous 1075m2 block in a prime location, this grand home with beautifully landscaped gardens, guest accommodation and pool is bursting with appeal. Set in a very quiet position at the top of a cul-de-sac, the home is just around the corner from the local child care centre and a short walk into Bangalow Village which boasts a fabulous array of shops, cafes and restaurants. Well designed, the home flows with generous spaces and natural light. No ingredient is missing for a happy life or solid investment in this spacious property. There is also plenty of scope to add value. Property features include: huge wraparound veranda with beautiful views, multiple living areas, a great office space or 5th bedroom and an enormous rumpus room under the house with scope to convert to a granny flat. With so much to offer we know an inspection will impress.

Open: Saturday 10.00–10.30am
Contact: Oliver Aldridge 0421 171 499
Luke Elwin 0421 375 635
Byron Bay First National



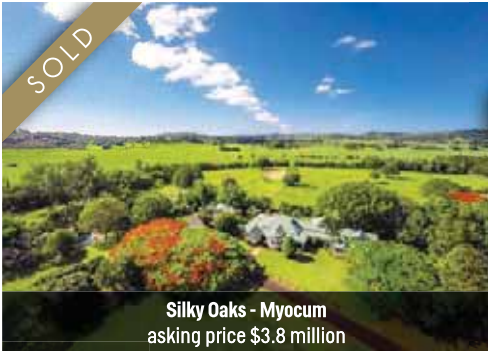
Hidden in the heart of Dunoon

24 James Street, Dunoon
5 3 2 Contact Agent



Hidden in the heart of the Dunoon village is this amazingly private 62 acre property offering the ultimate in rural living. A stunning tree-lined driveway leads to an executive residence boasting 5 generous sized bedrooms and 3 bathrooms including a fully self-contained 1-bedroom granny flat. The contemporary fully integrated kitchen affords European appliances and exclusive features. You can relax, taking in the stunning rural views from your hot tub or enjoy the luxury of the built in TV, while seamless indoor/outdoor entertaining areas can be fully enclosed. Additionally, there is unlimited water supply, large sheds, a workshop with 3 phase power, recent approval for a 300kw solar farm and the property is fully fenced with cattle yards. Enjoy rolling green countryside, meandering creeks, rainforest, wildlife and dams all within an easy 20 minutes’ drive to Lismore for complete convenience.

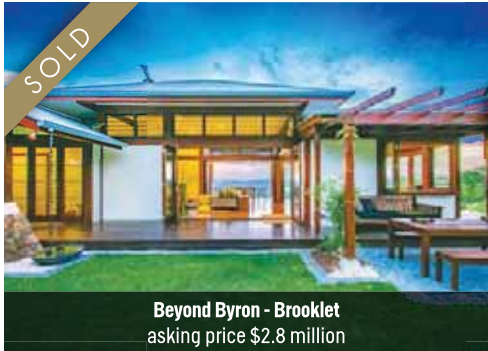
Open: Contact Agent
Contact: Sharon McInnes 0408 659 649
McGrath Byron Bay



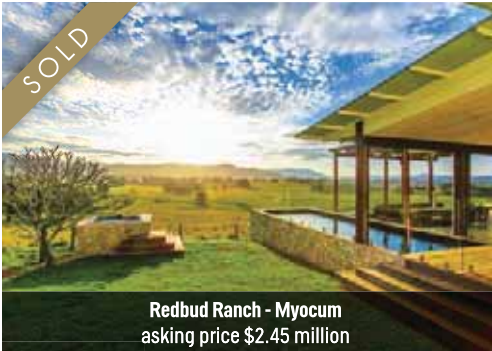
Silky Oaks - Myocum
asking price \$3.8 million



Highgate - Eureka
asking price \$1.85 million



Beyond Byron - Brooklet
asking price \$2.8 million



Redbud Ranch - Myocum
asking price \$2.45 million



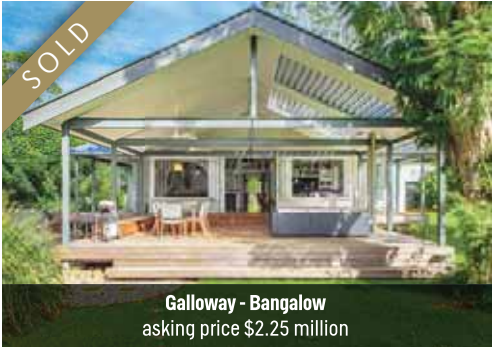
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asking price \$1.6 million



Riverhouse - Coorabell
asking price \$3.7 million



Friday Sabai - Tintenbar
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Galloway - Bangalow
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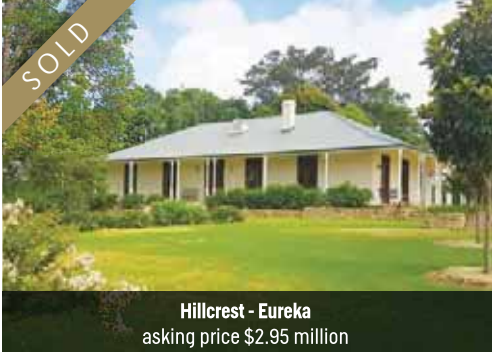
Mont Rouge - Rosebank
asking price \$1.25 million



Coolamon - Coorabell
asking price \$1.495 million



Titjaru - Broken Head
asking price \$4.2 million



Hillcrest - Eureka
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Absolutely Captivating

170 Boogarem Road, Koonyum Range
🏠 4 🛏 2 🚗 2 \$2,495,000



This 29 acre property is located on the edge of Mt Jerusalem National Park overlooking Mullumbimby and Brunswick Heads coastline. Renovated to architect designs it is stylish, spacious & completely private with majestic views. Open plan living areas with high raked ceilings, beautiful timber floors & large doors that open onto the patio. Kitchen, fitted with granite bench tops, European appliances & plenty of cupboard space including a walk in pantry. The house has a lower wing comprising the guest quarters, a second living room & the den/study which may also be used as a wine cellar. The upper wing hosts a huge master bedroom with views of the sunrise over the ocean, a walk in dressing room, ensuite with twin vanities and separate shower and access to the outside, and third bedroom. Outdoors, the in-ground saltwater pool is positioned in a beautifully setting. The house can operate entirely 'off the grid' with a large stand alone solar power system, 135,000 litres of rain water storage.

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



Easy Living - Simple Life

4 Fern Street, Mullumbimby
🏠 2 🛏 1 🚗 1 \$735,000



This neat and tidy brick and tile cottage is located in the heart of Mullumbimby with the shops, cafes and Mullumbimby Market just a short stroll away. A large lounge room flows through to the kitchen/dining room and access to the established rear garden. There are two bedrooms with built in wardrobes, a tidy bathroom with shower and bath and a separate toilet. The property has a good sized back yard.

Hang up the car keys and enjoy the easy life.

Inspect: Inspection by Appointment
Contact: Sally Packshaw 0474 153 535
Professionals & Mark Cochrane Mullumbimby



Spacious Living

18 Blackwood Crescent, Bangalow
🏠 4 🛏 2 🚗 2 \$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 462m2 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 2.00-2.30pm
Contact: Su Reynolds 0428 888 660
Luke Elwin 0421 375 635
Byron Bay First National



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SKINNERS SHOOT
246 Skinners Shoot Road
\$1.75 million - \$1.9 million
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Agent: Katrina Beohm 0467 001 122



beach house in the bush
+ Rustic charm with large northern timber deck where you can relax in peace with nature & wildlife
+ High raked timber lined ceilings, wood heater in living room. Beautiful stained glass throughout
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Private & Peaceful Waterfront

124 Balem Drive, Ocean Shores
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With uninterrupted views across the lake and national park, this immaculately presented, absolute waterfront entertainer's home certainly will not disappoint.

This captivating north-facing property is set on an elevated 917m² block with fully landscaped gardens adjacent to wildlife sanctuary. Embrace the unmistakable peace, privacy and tranquillity of this never-to-be-built-out location and enjoy expansive lake views from the lounge, dining and kitchen windows while every other window in the house has an attractive aspect. There are three bedrooms, including two master bedrooms, each with an ensuite.

The oversized lined and tiled double garage could be converted to large games/cinema room or has potential for additional income, granny flat etc (STCA), plus gated side access and 6x3 powered shed. Entertaining your friends and family will be a pleasure in the huge, covered alfresco living and dining space with its feature barbecue/ fireplace.

The opportunities this home presents to extend are endless, but of course there's no need, just move in, drop your bags and soak up the amazing views.

Open: Saturday 1.30pm–2.30pm
Contact: Julie-Ann Manahan LREA
Licensee/Principal 0411 081 118
Jason Dittmar Area Sales Specialist 0477 222 452
Raine & Horne Ocean Shores / Brunswick Heads

Stunning Rural Views

12 Garden Avenue, Mullumbimby
4 3 Offers from \$785,000



Light and spacious family home
Separate teen retreat with kitchen, bathroom and laundry
Fenced backyard
Close to town and schools
Separate study/bedroom
Close to river for a swim
Established orchard and vege garden
Wood-fire pizza oven and barbecue
Amazing birdlife

Open: by appointment
Contact: 1300 578 504
forsalebyowner.com.au

Modern, industrial in Byron

6/140 Jonson Street Byron Bay
3 2.5 2 \$1,350,000



Backing nature reserve from all 3 levels in this tightly held development – ‘The Butter Factory’ is an opportunity for either a low maintenance home, a holiday home and investment or a long term investment – the choice is yours!

With many generous features seldom offered at this price point including; Main open living includes a large Caesarstone island bench, high end kitchen, gas cooktop, and with laundry & powder room adjacent. Huge Master on its own level with ensuite, dressing room and built in robes plus a loft study. The lower level offering a large cosy living room, a full bathroom and 2 double bedrooms with courtyard. Plus 2 car secured garaging and storage.

Inspect: Saturday 2nd December at 9–10am
Contact: Lorna Bailey 0410 609 789
Bangalow Real Estate & Byron Hinterland Properties
Note: Agent declares interest.

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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 921m²

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

View Thursday 1.00 – 1.30pm
Saturday 11.00 – 11.30am
Contact Peter Browning 0411 801 795
LJ Hooker Brunswick Heads
02 6685 0177

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**183 Coopers Lane West,
Mullumbimby**

- ✓ Elevated 5 acres (2.18H) with spectacular northerly views
- ✓ Amazing cook's dream 'food forest' and boutique orchard
- ✓ Main house with open plan living, 3 bedrooms and big deck
- ✓ Shed/workshop/art studio
- ✓ Top cottage with 3 bedrooms and deck (STCA)

- ✓ 90kL rainwater tanks plus seasonal creek
- ✓ Ten minutes to Mullum – school bus at bottom of the road

Price: \$949,000

Contact: Sally Packshaw 0474 153 535
Office 02 6684 2615

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& Mark Cochrane



Four industrial units for sale

11 Lucky Lane, Billinudgel

- ✓ 4 Unit industrial Strata 122m² to 172m²
- ✓ 5 metre ceilings, 3.6m roller door and office door access
- ✓ From \$230k to \$295k each + GST if applicable.
- ✓ Will negotiate if purchased in a line
- ✓ 15 min to Byron, 20 min to Tweed on freeway
- ✓ Very solid core filled block construction

- ✓ Have been tenanted since new, current tenants over 8 years
- ✓ Commercial/Industrial property very scarce in this area

Contact: Alan Fisher 0418 494 956



Easy entry point into Ocean Shores market

6a Narrogal Court, Ocean Shores

Tucked away in picturesque Ocean Shores this is a fantastic entry into the real estate market for the first home buyer or the astute home investor. This truly is a walk-in; place your furniture and be on the beach later the same day. All necessary renovations completed. The property is priced to sell. We look forward to hearing from you. Contact your listing agent.

Inspect: Thursday 4pm
Saturday 11am

Auction: Saturday November 25, 11am onsite

Contact: Declan O'Sullivan
0402 338 828

Byron Ballina
SPECIALISTS



'Footprints' – The Ultimate Beach House

11/20 Byron Street, Lennox Head

- ✓ Dual level, 3 bed architecturally designed home on 300m² easy care block
- ✓ Coveted northerly aspect + large windows, loads of natural light year round
- ✓ O/sized master suite, bespoke ensuite + built in mirrored robes
- ✓ Expansive open living space flows to elevated, covered deck + direct ocean view

- ✓ Lower level: 2 spacious beds with built in robes, high ceilings, modern bathroom
- ✓ O/sized DLUG (too nice for a car!) can convert to another living space
- ✓ Convenient village location, approx. 550m flat walk to beach

Inspect: 10am this Saturday

Auction: onsite 9 December 11am

Contact: Lois Buckett 0428 877 399

Lois Buckett



Large Vacant Residential Block

14 Angus Kennedy Cl, Lennox Head

- ✓ Only vacant residential block in Lennox Head with a Northerly panoramic view
- ✓ Elevated views of ocean, hinterland, Lennox Village, Seven Mile Beach to Broken Head
- ✓ Serene 1458 m2 block on the high side of a private road, backs on to a nature reserve
- ✓ Coveted NE aspect, enjoys both summer breezes & winter sun – perfect location to build

- ✓ Positioned within an established & quiet part of Lennox Head amongst quality homes
- ✓ 7 min walk to Lennox village, 10 min drive to Ballina shops, 20 min drive to Byron Bay

Tender closes 2pm 15/12/17.

Inspect: By appointment

Price: BY TENDER

Contact: Lois Buckett 0428 877 399

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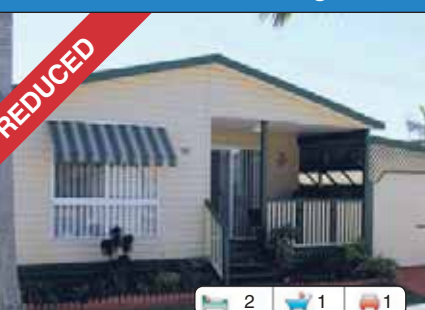
The Palms Village – Tweed Heads South



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\$169,000

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\$315,000

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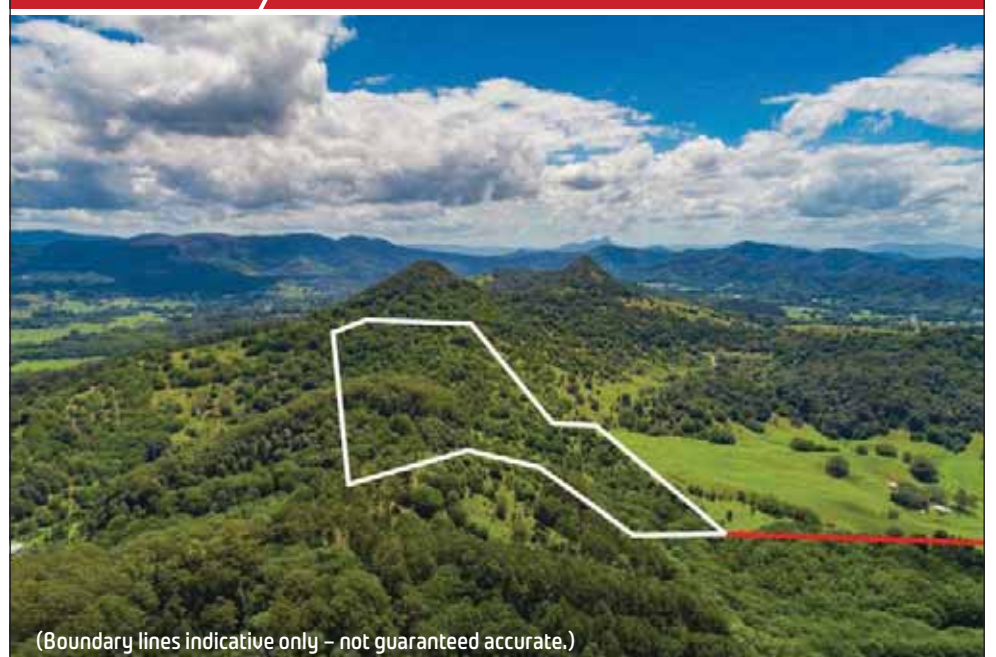
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AUCTION

Lot 1, Midginbel Lane, Mullumbimby



(Boundary lines indicative only – not guaranteed accurate.)

Spectacular Ocean Views & Mountain Life

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 nearly 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

Vacant land

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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- 1 & 2/13 Alcorn Street, Suffolk Park. Sat 9–9.30am
- 1 & 2/13 Alcorn Street, Suffolk Park. Wed 4.30–5.00pm
- 17 Edward Place, Knockrow. Sat 1.30–2.00pm
- 58A Paterson Street, Byron Bay. Sat 11.30 –12pm

ELDERS BANGALOW

- 2 Campbell St, Bangalow. Thu & Sat 11–11.30am
- ‘Sunsets of Bangalow’, Fowlers Lane, Bangalow. Tue & Thu 4–5.30pm & Sat 2–4pm

FIRST NATIONAL BYRON BAY

- 79 Massinger Street, Byron Bay. Thu 2–2.30pm
- 485 Ridgewood Road, Rosebank. Thu 4–4.30pm
- 534 Main Arm Road, Main Arm. Fri 10–10.30am
- 871 Main Arm Road, Main Arm. Fri 11–11.30am
- 1635–1651 Coolamon Scenic Drive, Mullumbimby. Fri 12–12.30pm
- 6/155–159 Broken Head Road, Suffolk Park. Sat 9–9.30am
- 3a Bottlebrush Crescent, Suffolk Park. Sat 9–9.30am
- 1 Taylors Road, Eureka. Sat 9–9.30am
- 9 Rosewood Avenue, Bangalow. Sat 10–10.30am
- 244 Goremans Road, Eureka. Sat 10–10.30am
- 5 Burke Terrace, East Ballina. Sat 10–10.30am
- 39 Ryces Drive, Clunes. Sat 10–10.30am
- 53 Carlyle Street, Byron Bay. Sat 10–10.30am
- 79 Massinger Street, Byron Bay. Sat 10–10.30am
- 10 Rosewood Avenue, Bangalow. Sat 11–11.30am
- 2/33 Scott Street, Byron Bay. Sat 11–11.30am
- 74 Sunrise Boulevard, Byron Bay. Sat 11–11.30am
- 451 Coopers Shoot Road, Coopers Shoot. Sat 11–11.30am
- 1/1 Langi Place, Ocean Shores. Sat 12–12.30pm
- 2 Constellation Close, Byron Bay. Sat 12–12.30pm
- 4 Mayo Court, Skennars Head. Sat 12–12.30pm
- 600 Coolamon Scenic Drive, Coorabell. Sat 1–1.30pm
- 22 Brandon Street, Suffolk Park. Sat 1–1.30pm
- 87 Alcorn Street, Suffolk Park. Sat 1–1.30pm
- 5 Somerset Lane, Byron Bay. Sat 1–1.30pm
- 17 & 19 Byron Street, Wardell. Sat 1–1.30pm
- 11 Byron Street, Wardell. Sat 1–1.30pm
- 485 Ridgewood Road, Rosebank. Sat 2–2.30pm
- 478 Tuntable Creek Road, Tuntable Creek. Sat 3–3.30pm
- 10 Rosewood Avenue, Bangalow. Contact Agent
- 2 Constellation Close, Byron Bay. Contact Agent

LJ HOOKER BRUNSWICK HEADS

- 7 Rajah Road, Ocean Shores. Thur 1–1.30pm
- 37 Elizabeth Avenue, South Golden Beach. Thur 12–12.30pm
- 39 Balemo drive, Ocean Shores. Sat 1–1.30pm
- 37 Elizabeth Avenue, South Golden Beach. Sat 12–12.30pm
- 23 Fawcett Street, Brunswick Heads. Sat 12–12.30pm

LOIS BUCKETT REAL ESTATE

- 11/20 Byron Street, Lennox Head. 10–10.30am
- 22 Figtree Hill, Lennox Head. 11–11.30am
- 101 Burns Point Ferry Road, West Ballina. 1–1.30pm

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- 4 Parakeet Place, Mullumbimby. Sat 1–1.45pm
- 183 Coopers Lane West, Mullumbimby. Sat 11.00am–11.45am

RAINE & HORNE OCEAN SHORES

- 2/24 River Street, New Brighton. Thur 12pm–1pm
- 5 Gibingbell Close, Ocean Shores. Sat 11.30am–12pm
- 15A Weeronga Way, Ocean Shores. Sat 12.30pm–1.00pm
- 124 Balemo Drive, Ocean Shores. Sat 1.30pm–2.30pm

SCOTT HARVEY REAL ESTATE

- 38 Lawson St, Byron Bay. Fri 10–10.30am
- 16 Main St, Clunes. Sat 12–12.30pm

Auction

BYRON BEACH REALTY BYRON BAY

- 1&2/13 Alcorn Street, Suffolk Park. 9 Dec 4pm onsite

ELDERS BANGALOW

- ‘Sunsets of Bangalow’, Fowlers Lane, Bangalow. Sat 2 Nov, 4pm onsite
- 2 Campbell St, Bangalow. Thu 7 Dec, 6pm Heritage House

FIRST NATIONAL BYRON BAY

- 6 Giaour Street, Byron Bay. 18 Nov 11.30am onsite
- 7 Alcorn Street, Suffolk Park. 18 Nov 1.30pm onsite
- 79 Massinger Street, Byron Bay. 9 Dec 11am onsite
- 11 Byron Street, Wardell. 9 Dec 2pm onsite
- 17 & 19 Byron Street, Wardell. 9 Dec 2pm onsite

LOIS BUCKETT REAL ESTATE

- 101 Burns Point Ferry Road, West Ballina. 2 Dec 12 noon onsite
- 11/20 Byron Street, Lennox Head. 9 Dec 11am onsite

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- Lot 1 Midginbel Lane, Mullumbimby. Auction Dec 2

New Listings

ELDERS BANGALOW

- 1545 Bangalow Rd, Clunes
- 2 Campbell St, Bangalow

FIRST NATIONAL BYRON BAY

- 5 Burke Terrace, East Ballina. \$950,000
- 87 Alcorn Street, Suffolk Park. Contact Agent
- 465 Coorabell Road, Coorabell. Contact Agent
- 10 Rosewood Avenue, Bangalow. Contact Agent
- 2 Constellation Close, Byron Bay. Contact Agent

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- 22 Fig Tree Hill, Lennox Head. Guide \$990,000–\$1,080,000
- 101 Burns Point Ferry Road, West Ballina. AUCTION
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Dead Set Live

COMEDIAN AND MUSICIAN ROBERT GRAYSON RETURNS FROM FOUR YEARS IN NEW YORK WITH AN EXCITING NEW PROJECT DEAD SET.

Dead Set is a project that is inspired by the music and the way of making music and the repertoire and the body of music by the Grateful Dead.

For Robert the lasting appeal of The Grateful Dead is the music's non commerciality.

'The music is still revolutionary in that they blended so many different styles of music, they are pan-genre even though their roots were rock n roll and country' says Robert Grayson. 'They listened to the jazz improvisers and Jon Coltrane and incorporated the culture of jamming and improvisation into the music and when you make music that is different every night and has that edge of interaction of listening there is more juice in it. More life energy left in it then something that is played the same every time.'

Stepping into that as a musician Robert says 'it's much more exciting. It pulls something out of you to be responding to human beings without competing or selling. I think when Jesus said when two or more are gathered in my name he meant if you aren't beating each other up or trying to sell each other stuff magic will happen. Music back then (In Grateful Dead time, not Jesus time) was about building a community and setting a tone where people can stretch out

and enjoy and in some cases if people wanted to imbibe substances that enhanced their experience they were in a setting where they were safe.'

The other thing that characterised the Dead was that they were the house band for the LSD Haight Ashbury Acid Tests.

Grayson laughs, 'We are so ready to play the Ayahuasca nights! Just no vomit on the guitar pedals!'

Grayson may not be performing standup comedy at the moment, but comedy is never far from his lips.

His journey back to music came with his return from the northern rivers to New York four years ago.

'I went back to New York caring for my dad, I was wondering what fall down and get down buttons to use. At night I started to strum guitar and sing and it became like a medicine to me, and the tunes that really spoke to me were the Dead tunes. I think they have a repertoire as amazing and fantastic as the Beatles but the Beatles can be translated, the Grateful Dead is about community - when you try to explain it its like trying to explain Burning Man.'



Robert did a couple of recording sessions with Aussie musicians who hadn't heard Grateful Dead and was surprised how easily they put a fresh take on the music.

'I was surprised how many people were responsive to playing the music and embraced it as strong stuff.

'I first connected with Rod Coe, whom I knew from the country music industry, then happenstance took me to Azo Bell and Alan Park. Azo was repairing one of my guitars and I said Azo do you know any good guitarists? And he said: I play guitar. And then I reached out to Vasudha as the female backup vocalist and she sings a couple of leads and we found some other songs that really suit her husky voice.'

So what to expect from the Dead Set set?

'We have worked songs from the Grateful Dead set; a couple of songs we have mashed up and funkyed up. A couple of songs we have pretty well left as they were and a couple of songs

we have stripped back. Within the lyrics of the Grateful Dead there is little co-dependency or blame or bullshit - they are kind of stories and life lessons.'

Robert believes that playing the music of the Dead is the ultimate way to connect and uplift the audience.

'One of my drum teachers said the consciousness you play the music from goes into the music and it can uplift people.'

Dead Set present music of The Grateful Dead at Coorabell Hall on Saturday night with a support set by Robert's comedy song crew The Fun Nuggets.

'Think of as ecstatic dance with a live band doing good songs you have never heard before.'

8pm Saturday at Coorabell Hall.
Tickets \$10/15 online at deadsetband.com
or at the door. Food by Heart & Halo - bring your dancing shoes.

Live Music

BANTON THE BUBBLER

Macky Banton - World MC, began his career as a soundsystem champion bubbler at the age of 14. Guided by his good friend the great Errol Bellot, he became affiliated with the East London-based sound Jah Tubbys World System, who last year celebrated 45 years in the biz. After taking a hiatus Macky reunited with the Jah Tubbys posse in 2007 and in 2010 he made a great partnership with Mark Iration of Leeds-based Iration Steppas, touring as the main mic man. Still on duty with these two

stalwarts of the UK scene, he is known for hyping up dance halls across the globe, performing with the likes of OBF and Stand High Patrol in France, Green Light in Spain and Australia's own Heartical Hi Powa. Macky Banton is one of the world's most travelled and respected soundsystem MCs. He'll be performing alongside Stryka D (Heartical Hi-Powa) and performing on the Champion Sound sound system, returning to the Shire following the awesome unity session held at a Durrumbul session earlier this year.

Chris Jay (Dubwise Productions), soundman for Champion Sound, will be showcasing 20 years of Dubwise Productions - from early jungle through to modern roots.

Performing at Coorabell Hall on Saturday 2 December at 6pm, \$20 pre-sale (www.bit.ly/DCB1217), \$25 on the door. Miss Brown's Caribbean Kitchen will be cooking up the good stuff.

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PUNK ULELE

Miss Amber & Stukulele are proud to present their **PUNK** songbook for the upcoming **UKE NIGHT at Club Mullum** – from **6.30pm, Thursday 30 November**. This theme has sparked off some excitement with lots of good folk offering to come and sing a tune or play a solo. Just announced are special guest vocalists Lady Boho and Jono Hillman – and there will be surprises on the night.

OZ KING OF COUNTRY ROCK

It was the legendary Johnny Cash who stated quite openly that **Jade Hurley OAM** was the BEST act he had EVER worked with and was quoted in the Irish press as saying: 'If I wasn't who I am, I would find it very hard to follow him on any stage anywhere in the world... he's one hell of a showman and entertainer this Aussie... and he can sure play that damn piano.' From the first minute Jade hits the stage, he has a lot of fun with the audience. They clap their hands, stamp their feet, rock and sway from side to side, singing along and laughing at Jade's comic antics.



As well as being a headline act in his own right, Jade Hurley has toured with some of the all-time greats including Johnny Cash and June Carter Cash, Johnny Ray, Woody Herman and Don Williams, as well as Johnny O'Keefe throughout Ireland, America, New Zealand and Australia.

Jade continues to present his high-energy rock'n'roll and country music show Australiawide today to packed audiences and standing ovations.

Friday 1 December at the Ballina RSL. Doors: 7.30pm, Show: 8pm, Ticket Price: \$30



MANDY NOLAN'S SOAPBOX

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SCHOOL TRIP ENVY

This weekend my son Charlie goes to Italy. Not New Italy. Old Italy. The one they keep in Europe. I'm so jealous. My daughter went two years ago. Now it's Charlie's turn. He doesn't even look that excited. It's not a holiday. It's a school trip. It's language immersion. Do these kids have any idea how privileged they are? One month in Italy. That's incredible. We didn't do stuff like that when I was at school. Oh we had school trips. But they were beyond shit. Awful encounters into a world that only served to confirm that growing up was depressing and pointless. One time we were taken on an excursion to the Buderim Ginger Factory. We watched them process ginger. That shit should be on YouTube. It was as fascinating as it sounds. When we finished we all got to eat some ginger lollies. In those days ginger was what nasty old ladies ate to get that mean twist to their mouth when they were appalled by the sight of you. The ginger lollies were disgusting. Everyone spat them out. One kid vomited. We climbed aboard the bus certain that the world of adults was ludicrous and disappointing and that none of them seemed to remember how to have fun. We all secretly hoped we'd die before 21 so that we could escape this interminably boring life of ginger production and consumption. Another school trip we did was to the abattoir. This was one of those days when you wished you'd stayed home. This was a good experience I guess if you had plans to grow up to be a serial killer and wanted to see some impressive knife action. But for most of us, watching someone slice a pig's face from its head and throw it into a room full of faces and curly tails was that special kind of distressing that some might call 'scarring'. Especially for the pig. I watched

creepy dudes in hair nets electrocute an upside-down living creature hanging from its trotter and then slit its throat. They did it while leering at us high school girls in our short little skirts. They were getting off on killing stuff in front of us. Was this a school trip or the set of a weird animal snuff porn film? I don't know why teachers liked taking kids to watch animals be killed. And then serve a platter of ham sandwiches at lunchtime? It's hard to eat ham once you've witnessed the murder. Do the same teachers take kids to have a ciggie in the cancer ward? One time we went to Dicky Beach. I remember thinking at the time that it wasn't a great name for a beach. You're kind of asking for wankers. If someone got their dick out and the ranger came you could point to the sign and say, 'Hey, it's Dicky Beach'. Dicky Beach wouldn't get past the education board these days. You wouldn't have kids staying anywhere with a dick in it. We stayed in cabins at Dicky Beach. Horrible little asbestos huts with four bunk beds apiece sporting urine-soaked mattresses filled in terror by the legions of bedwetters who'd been to Dicky before us. When you opened the door you could smell the wee. Warm and sweetly pungent, it wrapped us like a warm urine-covered blanket. While on that trip we were taken to see some Aussie icons like The Big Shell. It was a big shell. When you got to the big shell you could put your ear to it and hear the ocean. It wasn't that exciting because we were already at the ocean and you could hear it when your ear wasn't on the big shell. Then we went to the house where some bloke had created a mini-museum in the downstairs and was inviting school children in to look. I now realise the guy was probably a paedophile. Normal blokes don't want random kids coming into their garage. He'd built the Spanish Armada out of matchsticks. I bet his wife hated his guts. Imagine how much she wanted to put arsenic in his tea, watching her life eke away one matchstick at a time. Then we went to an even weirder bloke's house. He'd made a house out of bottles. Beer bottles. An alcoholic with Aspergers charging a dollar to get in. Aspergers hadn't been identified then but that was clearly what we were doing. Aspergers showrooms. It wasn't so much a school trip but an exhibition of dysfunction. Charlie will be going to the Vatican, he'll be visiting the leaning tower of Pisa and seeing Colosseum. But that's not the big shell. Or the house of bottles. So in the end, for all his privilege, what will he really learn?

Culture

POTTERING IN THE HILLS

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PERIWINKLE XMAS

The **Periwinkle Christmas Fair** has become something of an institution around these parts.

Each year, Periwinkle Preschool opens its grounds to celebrate Christmas with the community. A truly magical space is created for the Annual Periwinkle Christmas Fair. This year promises to delight children and parents alike with an enchanted land filled with wholesome fun activities, stalls, delicious food and fantastic entertainment including onstage music, circus acts and story and song sessions.

Enjoy fantastic entertainment with local circus legends The Space Cowboy and his miraculous acts and Dr Hubble's amazing bubbles, as well as plenty of live music from our talented Periwinkle Parents. The story and song sessions will be hosted by Periwinkle founder Susan Perrow and Periwinkle teacher Simon McLean.

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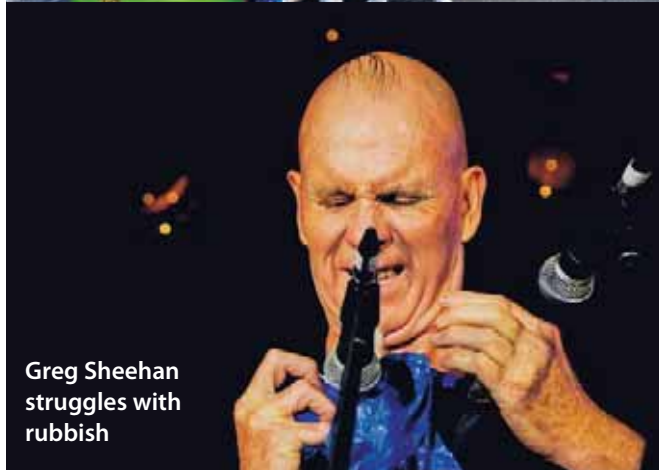
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In the spirit of healthy, organic meals that students enjoy each day at Periwinkle Preschool, organic nachos and mezze plates will be on offer at the fair, lovingly handmade by talented parents and filled with local produce. And don't forget to stop at the snack and dessert table with a range of luscious treats and also locally made Flyin' Fox ice blox. Lots of wholesome home-crafted bespoke fun for the whole family!

Saturday 2 December at Periwinkle Preschool at 5 Sunrise Beach, Byron Bay, 10am-2pm.

BUSH POET LAUNCHES NEW BOOK

Ray Essery is one of the great characters of this region. A dairy farmer turned bush poet, Ray tells it how it is, down to earth, no bullshit and bush poems. Everywhere I travel out west if I tell people I am from Mullumbimby they say, 'Do you know Ray Essery?' Ray gave up milking cows for milking his creativity and he's never stopped filling buckets! He's got a new book launching at the **Brunswick Heads Bowlo** this **Saturday night**. Many artists will be appearing including Garry Fogarty, top Australian poet from Queensland, and local artists including John Hill and Cora James – so come for the comedy, laughter and song! From 7.30pm. Free.



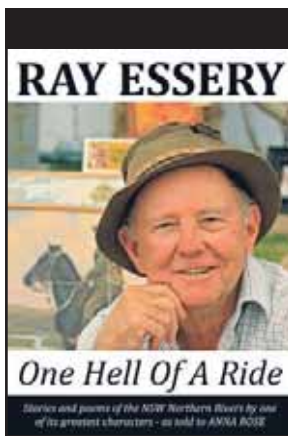
THE ART OF MULLUM

After months of preparation, national media exposure, the collaboration of galleries nationwide sees 335 entries in the inaugural **Art Piece Gallery 30x30 art prize**; 231 of those works have been selected to hang at the gallery. With a first prize of \$6,000 it's clear little works can bring big bucks. Susi Muddiman OAM, director of Tweed Regional Gallery and Margaret Olley Art Centre and Amanda Penrose Hart, recipient of this year's Gallipoli art prize, will be judging. There is also a best still life in show, awarded by Still @ the Centre.

Owner and director of Art Piece Gallery, Nadine Abensur, has been thinking about establishing a prize for some time and the gallery's 10th anniversary seemed like the perfect opportunity to do so. The small format is approachable, intimate, affordable and respects Mullumbimby's reputation as the biggest little (art) town.

Entries have come from as far as Utopia and Tasmania from artists with well-established practices and from talented newcomers.

A notable entry comes from Sha Sarwari, a multidisciplinary visual artist, who came to Australia by boat as a refugee from Afghanistan. In his work Sha aims to explore the contemporary discourse of refugee and asylum seeker. His work is influenced by his personal experience of seeking asylum in Australia and the journey that he went through to becoming a refugee.



Ray Essery's Book Launch
Huge night Brunswick Heads Bowlo
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 Many artists will be appearing including Garry Fogarty, top Australian poet from Queensland.
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Wild Dogs of Theatre

LAST WEEK NORPA LAUNCHED THEIR EXCITING NEW PROGRAM FOR 2018 WITH ARTISTIC DIRECTOR JULIAN LOUIS, NOW IN HIS 11TH YEAR, CALLING THE REGIONAL THEATRE COMPANY THE WILD DOG OF AUSTRALIAN THEATRE.

'I think that regionally there is a sense we have to operate in a different kind of way because we are funded project to project. We have been this hungry dog on the fringes of the mainstream and we like existing there. It allows us to take risks and to make adventurous work.'

We are arguably the best regional performing arts group in Australia.

There's no argument there. Kicked off by Opera Australia's Lyndon Terracini with open-air shows such as *The Cars That Ate Paris*, NORPA has bought edgy contemporary works to the region while at the same time creating site-specific original pieces that speak to stories and place specific to the region.

Making new work is a passion for Julian Louis.

'I think it's vital to be making work. I guess it's about character and telling the human story and also the site-specific works and about going to those locations and how those locations hold nostalgia.'

Works to date have been held at the Lismore Train Station, Dream Land was in Eureka at the hall, Open House was a circus show in a house in North Lismore and the Home Project was staged in and around the Winsome Hotel. The 2018 boasts some exciting new works such as *Wild Skin*, an all-female bush thriller.

'It's our take on a road narrative of a woman who goes into a darker part of the northern rivers to try to find someone who is missing. We are taking the genre of the road story, which often sees the woman as a victim and subverting the whole genre,' says Louis.

Many of these pieces feature movement and dance, reflecting Louis's background in physical theatre. 'My works are often quite emotive and not cerebral,' he says.

Marisa Purcell from Olsen Gallery, Karlee Rawkins from Harvey Galleries, Robert Fenton, whose humour and vivid imagery have won him national plaudits, and local luminaries James Guppy, Emma Walker, Robyn Sweaney, Zom Osborne and Gatya Kelly are just some of the accomplished artists whose work you'll be able to see in the inaugural Art Piece Gallery 30X30 prize.

Opening with awards announced at 3pm on Saturday at Art Piece Gallery.

MURPHY'S POT

Both **Sam and Jacqui Sosnowski** really hate the R word! Retirement is just not their thing. As a matter of fact, now in their 60s they are busier now than probably at any other stage



'I think the northern rivers has grown its appetite for adventurous theatre and for home-grown works. Along with juggling the mix of home-grown projects, and associate artists, I am always looking to source works to speak to our region in direct ways.'

One of the pieces Louis is excited about is *Peepshow* by Brisbane-based company Circa. 'It's their premiere. They are bringing it here before it does its national tour.'

Other pieces for 2018 include Paul Capsis in his award-winning portrayal of Quentin Crisp in *Resident Alien*; and Catherine McClements in *The Events*, a Belvoir, Malthouse Theatre and SA State Theatre Company co-production that will feature a local choir.

For young people and families there's the *78-Storey Treehouse*, the newest, biggest blockbuster in the Treehouse series; *360 ALLSTARS* created by local multi-instrumentalist Gene Peterson featuring world champion BMX riders, breakdancers and freestyle basketballers in a radical urban circus; two inventive and hilarious re-imaginings of classic fairy tales with *Red Racing Hood* and *Big Bad Wolf*.

A new initiative is the studio theatre, where audiences can get up close and personal with shows such as *A Prudent Man* and *Misconceived*.

Go online to check out the new season.

While you are there make sure you check out *Djurra*, NORPA's new dance theatre work inspired by a Bundjalung cartoon story, 29 Nov till 2 Dec at 7.30pm.

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in their lives. Their converted double garage in Murphys Lane in downtown Mullum is pumping out artwork and ceramics like they are going out of style. Sam is a well-know local artist with several successful exhibitions under his belt. His Impressions – Japan and Memories shows at Lone Goat established his talents as a stunning printmaker, while Jacqui has recently resumed her passion for clay and is producing functional tableware and jewellery after completing a Diploma in Ceramics at Lismore TAFE.

They are now having a combined studio sale **this Saturday and Sunday** where you can pick up an artistic bargain at studio prices just in time for xmas. They may have come to Mullum to retire – but certainly not to slow down! Slip down Murphys Lane this weekend!

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You've had such a busy 2017, with the release of your album *Stay A While* and all. Do you feel you've accomplished all you'd planned for this year?

Yeah, it's been fairly busy and most of the tunes on the record didn't exist until the album-writing session in late January, so from then it was a bit of a scramble to get it all together and pressed. We also dropped an EP with Ball Park Music's Sam Cromack in April/May, which was a great experience for us in getting this record done.

Your new album has a new consciousness and a decisive turning point from past work, with a more unhinged, wilder, darker vibe. Was it a conscious and unanimous choice to move in this direction?

This record was kind of a re-beginning of the band in a few ways, we simply just wanted to be open to some changes, stylistically and instrumentally, and just go with where that headed. There wasn't really a conscious choice for it to be or sound a certain way; we thought that by nature of our being open to trying stuff out, and also writing a bunch of tunes in one chunk away together, that it would give us a particular theme/ form of cohesiveness. It will be fun to explore it further; we're still learning!

You've had some pretty rad experiences this year. Tell us about Chet Faker and Sam Cromack?

Nick Murphy/Chet collab was way back in 2015. It was great; we just met up a few times at our rehearsal space at the time (Hudson's shed) and natted out what became *Kill The Doubt* and *Sleeping Alone*. This was our first collab with a vocalist, and a turning point in our writing, which led to our writing and working with Sam Cromack. The creative process for that was really special. As we've been hanging out and making music together for so long, it was really insightful to work intimately with another musician who had a completely different set of cards to bring to



the table. Everyone was really open to Sam's ideas, and he to ours, and I think because of that the collab ended up gelling really well.

It's so refreshing for a band to have such a strong emphasis on their live presence. Was it tough to capture that same, live performance essence on the record?

Not at all, because most of the record was recorded live. We've been doing it that way since day one so it's never been difficult to translate that.

What was the musical concept before The Cactus Channel's current makeup?

We've been playing together since we were 14, so it was and still is just a big hang. In the early days we learnt from The Meters, Booker T and the MGs, Lyn Collins, Marva Whitney, Marvin Gaye, Eddie Bo etc. Our perspective on music exploded a little when we start digging into the soul of the 60s and 70s and how it was being incorporated into the present, ie Menahan Street Band, Sharon Jones, Budos Band, Charles Bradley etc.

How has the reception to the album been?

Pretty great so far! We were a bit nervous in some ways releasing an album that was going to be so different from anything else we've released, but it's a piece of work we're very proud of. Big ups to all the community radio stations around Australia who have been pushing it, and the kind words written about it!

Do you have plans to take it overseas?

Yes definitely. We've been working hard to build relationships overseas and build some sort of audience through radio, PR, etc. Europe and the USA would be super ideal, and I think they'd vibe...

Australia has such a vibrant music scene. Do you find some strong and inspiring relationships between yourselves and other Aussie musicians?

The Australian music scene is so strong and supportive. Tonnes of local bands help inspire and shape all the time, from The Bamboos and The PutBacks earlier on to King Gizzard, Ball Park Music, Krakatau, Braille Face, Eilish Gilligan and so many more. We're lucky to be able to see so many gigs in Melbourne too, which is number one for inspiring you to keep writing, etc.

When you guys write your songs, is it a completely collaborative process? What are the usual steps you guys take?

Depends on the tune... initially we used to be purely collaborative, and we'd make it all up together, but for this record a few of us brought in ideas, which we then workshopped together. Collaborative writing is really important for the sound and vibe of the band, so we never lose that completely.

Who are your favourite artists you're listening to at the moment?

Grizzly Bear, Badbadnotgood, Unknown Mortal Orchestra, Braille Face, Floating Points, Homeshake, Andy Shauf, Bedouine, Kevin Morby, Daniel Cesar, Mild High Club, King Gizzard, Jaala, New Venusians, Mount Kimbie...

Do you have any planned collaborations with artists or producers, or any you'd like to initiate in the future?

We fully produced and engineered this new record, and I think that's something we'd like to keep exploring. But saying that, working with a producer who has a clear idea and aesthetic that we all vibe on would be fun. And we're also still very keen to collaborate with artists we respect and take inspiration from.

Do you guys have any specific tour rituals? Like certain foods you eat or times you need to yourselves or anything? I once spoke to a band who used to collectively go on a juice cleanse when they toured... Can't imagine how hard that would be.

Haaa – juice cleanse would be really smart... but totally won't happen. Umm... we love to play games in the tour van. Tour favourites have been Risk and this dice game called Mia (which was taught to us by The PutBacks). Also enjoy the card game 500.

Do you guys like to party at all while you're on tour?

No we keep it strictly professional and would NEVER consider partying...

What are your plans for 2018?

We're currently touring the new record, and in the middle of this first leg we have a couple days in a studio in Byron Bay to start writing the next record. 2018 will hopefully have another record and hopefully see us playing some shows overseas...

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What does it take to be a standup comedian? Sixteen local comedy students are finding out if they are made of funny stuff as they complete **Mandy Nolan's 6-week standup comedy course**, run through Byron Adult Community Education. This marks the course's 21st year with more than 1,500 people making the jump! The final term sees another diverse group of people come together to share their life experiences. This standup comedy course boasts a few horticulturalists, a skydiver, a teacher, a receptionist, a social worker, a tradie and even an internet famous musician; for the first time ever one of the No Frills Twins has opted to do something without her twin! She's hysterical!

This amazing group bring their everyday lives to the stage as they pop their comedy cherry at the **Virgin Sacrifice on Monday 4 December at the Byron Services Club. 8pm. \$10/15**

Tix at the club or book on 6619 0529.

FUNNY KIDS ON SHOW!

For years comedians have made jokes about how funny kids are. And sure, they are. They say some pretty hysterical stuff. But what do kids actually think about adults? About our hypocrisy? About our rules? About how we run the world?

Find out what the world looks like from a kid's perspective when comedian and mother of five **Mandy Nolan presents Funny Kids** – a 2-hour standup comedy spectacular that features 20 kids, aged 8–12, all performing their first standup comedy routines.

These Funny Kids are the class clowns. They're the nerds. They're the quiet kids who never say boo. Just like adults, kids bring their unique diversity to the stage. Mandy Nolan has been teaching comedy over the last eight weeks.



Comedian Jackie Loeb - out from LA and performing at the Byron Services Club on Monday 11 Dec. Tix \$20/25 on mandynolan.com.au

'It's a wild ride into comedy chaos,' says Nolan, 'but it's always worth it. Kids have this way of just seeing things for what they are. As an adult and as a comedian I am always trying to get back to that perspective.'

This is the first kids' comedy course that Nolan has taught for five years. She does them rarely but every time is reminded of the magic of kids getting their first taste of power on the mic.

'This isn't theatre,' says Nolan. 'I don't pick out a few stars and then a bunch of kids to sit in the background. Every kid is centre stage, every kid has an equal turn. No-one misses out!'

Funny Kids the standup comedy graduation is hosted by Mandy Nolan and is also a fundraiser for two causes hand picked by the kids.

'I wanted the kids to see their hard work used for something good so we are donating proceeds of our show (after costs) to Camp Quality, the camp for kids with cancer, and to CAWI, the Animal Welfare group in Brunswick Heads,' says Nolan.

This will be a riotously funny comedy show for the whole family.

Brunswick Picture House, Sunday 10 December at 3pm. Adults \$15/12, kids \$10 and family of 4 is \$40.

Bookings are recommended ahead of time as this event will definitely sell out! Tickets on brunswickpicturehouse.com with enquiries to 6685 0280.

YOUR LIFE IN MUSIC

Music is often intimately woven into key moments in our lives: our tumultuous teens, our first love songs, our travel songs, our adventures. Sometimes music sustains a person through difficult times. Who hasn't dropped to the carpet and had a deep sob to Carol King or Adele or that whining idiot that sings 'you're beautiful'. What music features in the soundtrack of your life? Join **Cape Byron Playback Theatre** actors for **The Music In Your Life** at the **Drill Hall on Saturday at 7.30pm**. Entry \$10/15. Enquiries to 0408 369 001.

I THINK I'M TURNING JAPANESE

Turn Japanese for the weekend at the inaugural **Japan Festival** at the **Main Beach Surf Club in Byron**. The Byron Japanese Community Association's mission is to be the bridge between Japan and Byron Bay and contribute to the rich international profile of Byron Bay and its diverse cultural communities. Enjoy tea ceremonies, dance, music, markets and stories. **Sunday 9am–4pm. Free.**



TAKE YOUR MEDICINE

Ever wondered what the right story could do for you? Listen to a free talk on **Story Medicine** and how to make it by **Horst Kornberger**, author of **The Power of Stories**. Horst is an expert on stories and myths as well as being an engaging and inspiring speaker. **Thursday 30 Nov 7–8pm at the Verandah Room, Byron Community Centre, 69 Jonson St, Byron.**

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WHAT IS THE STORY OF OUR ALTERNATIVE HEALING CULTURE HERE IN THE MULLUMBIMBY AREA? BRUNSWICK VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY HAVE COMMISSIONED AWARD-WINNING FILMMAKER SHARON SHOSTAK TO MAKE A NEW FILM, *MULLUM MAGIC*, WITH PART ONE ON HEALTH AND WELLBEING. PART ONE IS PREMIERING THIS WEEK! THE ECHO SPOKE WITH SHARON ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED BEHIND THE LENS.

Why have you chosen to focus on health and wellbeing in this film?

Originally the BVHS commissioned a doco on the culture of the 70s–80s as a followup on *Mullumbimby's Madness – the Legacy of the Hippies*, which chronicled the initial early settlement. They wanted to document the origins of things we take for granted in this area today and how they've seeded into the larger society, sometimes even internationally. So I looked at the various expressions of culture and



loosely grouped these into three main areas. After tracking down and interviewing more than 40 practitioners from the 70s–80s, *Health and Wellbeing* was the first topic I began editing and we soon realised that it was a feature in its own right. So now we have a Culture series, with Activism and Politics to follow next year, then the Arts.

How do our choices around food and healing reflect the bigger story of who we are?

The alternatives/hippies brought new awareness to all aspects of living, and the plethora of choices around food and healing still available

today are a direct result of that pioneering time. The urgency of the hippy vision to walk gently on the Earth and become responsible for all aspects of their wellbeing is even more profoundly needed today. It has defined our Shire, though nowadays you'll find little pockets of similar availability in the cities. Whether it's what you put in your body or how you choose to address problems that may arise, the freedom to make those choices is probably the actual defining factor and the bigger story of what makes us who we are.

Whom do you feature in the documentary?

There are five sub-stories contained in part one and each one looks at the 'firsts' and how their legacy continues: how the iconic Santos Organics began as a delivery run in the back hills, the first hippy eatery known as The Sunflower Restaurant and the zany characters who ran it, the first yoga classes, the first home birthing and the local medical team who enabled it, the first acupuncture and homeopathy, and the hippy couple whose backyard herb garden grew into a multi-million dollar oils business.

What were some of the stories you came across that surprised you?

There've been many surprises – though I grew up here with many of the people I've interviewed, I never really knew their stories. So each time I sit down with someone in a formal interview to gain their oral history, it's revelatory. There's a lot of humour to these people's retrospective view, as well as an intimacy and depth that has allowed me to create a compelling and entertaining film.

Have we lived longer healthier lives, do you think? Is that what the documentary shows?

This documentary sets out to chronicle a special time when freedom abounded on many levels that is simply not available today, whether owing to regulation or finances or population pressure. It's also an intimate walk through archival pictures and footage that would simply never be seen by the public if these people had not been interviewed. We are preserving the community's stories; whether their choices worked or not are up to the judgment of the viewer.

What is the spirit of this doco?

Some of those early alternative settlers were culture pioneers. They planted the seeds of many things we take for granted today, that define our area as an alternative mecca in some respects, but also infuse it with an orientation to freedom and choice (which is sadly on the way to becoming a rarer commodity). The BVHS is gifting our ageing alternative elders their own stories, as well as creating a legacy for newcomers to appreciate. As a not-for-profit organisation, every DVD sold or screening attended feeds directly back into their ability to preserve the history of our area.

Mullum Civic Hall on Saturday at 7.30pm. Drinks from 6.30pm. Music after by Broadfoot.

Future screenings: Friday 1 December at the Byron Theatre at 7.30pm and Saturday 2 December at the Drill Hall at 5pm and 7.30pm.

See ad for details or www.mullumbimbymuseum.org.au.

CHEEKY CABARET FOR ARTSTATE

Artstate is a new four-year project by **Regional Arts NSW** to shine a light on excellence in regional arts practice and to explore the exciting possibilities for arts and cultural development across the state. Over the period they will be partnering with regional development arts organisations to bring a stimulating program of regional, national and international speakers to share their experiences and knowledge. They kick off 2017 in partnership with **Arts Northern Rivers in Lismore**. From 30 November till 3 December there will be an exciting two-day program of speakers exploring the themes of creative practice and creative partnerships. Wrapping around this will be a multi-genre arts program featuring the amazing creatives from

the north coast of NSW. Integral to Artstate will be a strong focus on Aboriginal arts and arts leaders as well as the recognition of the contribution of local government to arts and cultural development in regional NSW. Each year we will move to a different regional location, building on the discussions in a new landscape and uncovering the artistic secrets of each region. One of the shows making its way from the coastal town of Brunswick Heads (and world stages) is **Cheeky Cabaret**, performing for the first time in Lismore. Bold and brash, sexy and dangerous, with tongue placed firmly in cheek, this is one party you will not want to miss! Smashing together circus, vaudeville, comedy and everything in between, *Cheeky Cabaret* has rightfully become the talk of the town. After twenty years of causing trouble around the world and working with the best, it's now time for the crème de la crème of these troubadours, miscreants and cabaret queens to storm the cultural capital of the northern rivers. **Star Court Theatre in Lismore, 1 and 2 December at 9pm. \$25/30**

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MOOKX'S CELEBRATION OF LIFE AND SONGS

Local living legend **Brendan 'Mookx' Hanley** has invited special guests to perform his songs at a living wake at the **Brunswick Picture House on Sunday from 2pm till 5pm**. The community is invited to come and celebrate the life and era of a pioneer in music, comedy, activism and film while he is still breathing the air with us.

Mookx has worked with Pete Seeger, John Farnham, Bev Harrell, Slim Dusty, Lucky Starr, Dinah Lee, Jimmy Hannan, Johnny

O'Keefe, John Williamson, Bee Gees, Manfred Mann, Graeme Bond, Hans Poulsen, Jack Thompson, Jean Paul Bell and many others.

GLOVER AND SORRENSSEN AT THE BIG GIG

Alan Glover has been cracking 'em up throughout Australia, from Cairns to Perth, Darwin to Melbourne and countless clubs and pubs in between since 1983. With almost 35 years' experience delivering gags at gigs he's grown standup comedy routines that are at times personal, at others ridiculous, but always engaging and funny. His subject matter can range from the forests of Australia to the jungle of Canberra and into the rocking chair on his expansive veranda in the Hunter Valley of New South Wales.

Internationally, Alan's honest Australian-ness has given foreign audiences a very funny and educational experience. He's performed many times in Singapore, Canada, the USA, Ireland, the Netherlands and New Zealand, and at the beginning of this century he spent a year in London, the busy comedy hub of the UK. These days Alan is a regular on the folk festival circuit where he performs with his comedy buddy S Sorrensen – the two creating a kind of hippy version of the two old blokes in the stalls in the muppet show.

He's smack bang in comedian, poet and writer S Sorrensen's backyard so it seemed only fitting that S should join his mate Alan as support at the Big Gig.

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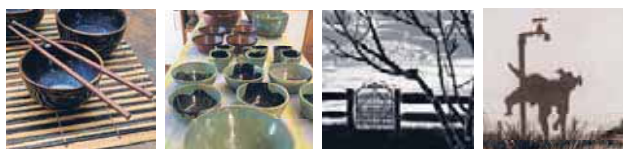
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♈ **ARIES:** As the flaming grand trine of fiery energy quiets this week, its positive benefits become apparent in new levels of behaviour control. As always you'll feel strongly (and probably rightly), but with the increasing ability to respond agreeably to animosity rather than arcing up. Which deserves congratulations, so bravo! Ram family.

♉ **TAURUS:** Taking a Google Earth perspective then adding empathy could be one way to achieve the objective distance required for this week's surprisingly adamant stubbornness. It's also a good idea to focus on the emotional energy of your words and actions, which often carries more weight than their form and content.

♊ **GEMINI:** *Where is the wisdom we have lost in knowledge? Where is the knowledge we have lost in information?* asked poet T.S. Eliot. Chinese philosopher Lao Tzu already had it figured: *To attain knowledge, add things every day. To attain wisdom, remove things every day.* This week suggests ditching your story and speaking from the heart.

♋ **CANCER:** With its explosive potential to rub someone the wrong way over an insignificant niggle, or have a run-in with citizens airing unsolicited opinions, this week calls for your niftiest crab walk around situations likely to trigger bad moods. So stay calm. Let turmoil serve its useful purpose. Important things are happening behind the scenes.

♌ **LEO:** Jupiter and Uranus are in speedy alignment, fast-tracking growth like fireworks going off in your life. But don't rock the home boat, because confrontational encounters aren't likely to end happily. With this potentially feisty, edgy week unsettling everyone's private anxieties, you'll need to put in extra effort at keeping the peace.

♍ **VIRGO:** As life accelerates with plans a, b, c and more, this busy week could send your to-do list off the Richter: on errands of mercy, transforming creative ideas into action, navigating new technology, interesting introductions, public relations and promo. Just don't get irritated if others aren't as industrious, because seriously: are they ever?

♎ **LIBRA:** With this apassionate week delivering intensity on a sliding scale from ecstatic to volcanic, it's time to remember the Libran core mantra: *Make love, not war.* You know the drill: don't stick rigidly to your own point of view, or agree with others too quickly either. Tread carefully, smile often etc, etc.

♏ **SCORPIO:** This week offers your personal portal for launching goals and ambitions into the sea of possibilities, so get that wish list and dream board up and running. The bat is your current animal guide and totem for navigating the way through dark places relying solely on inner radar.

♐ **SAGITTARIUS:** If others lash out this week, absolutely no need to join in. Be the bigger person by making your individual contribution to world peace. Late-week sun joining Mercury and Saturn for your birthday month makes you this week's popular prestige personality, easily attracting a colourful crew to your carnival entourage.

♑ **CAPRICORN:** Just as your social life heads into orbit, the sun enters your stellar house of withdrawal: a push-pull dynamic calling for balance. Pacing yourself. Saying no to non-priorities. Around midweek Capricorn moon a famous yogi's observation may well be relevant: *Before speaking, consider whether it is an improvement on silence.*

♒ **AQUARIUS:** As new moon announces a start-up cycle in your professional sector and/or public life, energetic Jupiter offers a cornucopia of opportunities and openings. Best connections come through friendships, new and enduring. Emotions continue to amplify their intensity, but don't get caught up in cranky treadmill thinking. Let others in.

♓ **PISCES:** As this week's harmonious Neptune/Jupiter alignment heightens your emotional sensitivity and intuition, be alert to dream messages bringing important information and valuable guidance. But remember that a little knowledge is a dangerous thing if you're trying to convince someone. Verify your sources, make sure facts are accurate.

Cinema Review

BY JOHN CAMPBELL

BORG V MCENROE



Because the leitmotif is tennis, you might worry that this comes too soon on the heels of *Battle of the Sexes* to be relevant. Forget about that. The two films are the same but significantly different. The first deals with gender politics and sexuality, whereas Janus Metz's fabulous movie digs deep into the emotional and psychological makeup of his contrasting subjects (though the emphasis is definitely on Björn Borg). In 1980, Sweden's Borg (Sverrir Gudnason), still only 25, was attempting to win his fifth straight Wimbledon title. The brash young challenger was John McEnroe (Shia LaBeouf). To those of us who only watched from afar, Borg was the embodiment of ice-cool, unflappable concentration, whilst the abrasive American was a loud-mouthed brat. I was around at the time and, try as I might, I cannot recall McEnroe ever yelling 'fuck' on court (he would have been sent-off if he did, for sure), so Metz's over-use of the word seems a clanging anachronism, possibly intended to 'speak to' an audience unfamiliar with how it was then (re-writing history to make a point should not be necessary). Be that as it may, public perceptions aren't always right, and the revelation that Borg was himself an enfant terrible allows us to get behind the impenetrable barrier that he presented to the outside world. It helps enormously that Gudnason bears a striking resemblance to Borg. You really do feel that you have got to know him – and are onside with him – by the time the climactic match begins. LaBeouf, if not having McEnroe's facial features, has the aggro and single-mindedness, and also the egocentricity that is now rampant, and sadly lauded as 'showmanship', in professional sport (maybe if you won something, Nick Kyrgios, you could get away with your tantes). Not dissimilar to Ron Howard's *Rush* (2013) in the way that it made real human beings of F1 drivers James Hunt and Niki Lauda, this touches the heart in a way that Billie Jean King v Bobby Riggs never quite did.

It can be more than just a little disconcerting to see Batman with jowls oozing from the sides of his mask. The sight doesn't sit well with the image of super-hero virility, but none of us are getting any younger, including Ben Affleck. Although, given that Batman is not really a super-hero per-se – he is just an extremely rich bloke in a cape – it is probably not entirely inappropriate that we might notice him ageing. Jeremy Irons, the doddery old nerd at super-hero headquarters, gets the gang back together to save the world from yet another threat from a distant galaxy. There is Wonder Woman (Gal Gadot), Aquaman (Jason Momoa), The Flash (Ezra Miller), Cyborg (Ray Fisher) and Superman (Henry Cavill), whom they first must somehow bring back from the dead. The villain is Steppenwolf (voiced by Ciarán Hinds), a hideous piece of work who has a flotilla of winged assassins at his disposal. It is entirely stupid and thunderously boring, of course, but the current trend to lace the super-heroes' dialogue with pithy retorts and self-deprecating jokes does make the journey marginally less arduous – The Flash gets the best lines and Miller delivers them with precision and sharpness. Costumes are good, but tend to the conventional rather than the innovative, the smash-ups and brawls, of which there are countless, are executed with admirable expertise and an unrestrained lust for violence, and the blitzkrieg soundtrack never lets up. The story drifts away from the major crisis at hand when it attempts, but fails miserably, to breathe some life into the Clark Kent/Lois Lane (Amy Adams) romance, but this is a movie strictly for devotees of the genre. Throughout the dreary two hours, I was tormented by trying to think whom it was that Momoa reminded of. It came to me during the final battle, as Steppenwolf was getting hammered. It was the late Marc Hunter. Happy to have solved that nagging problem, I sang *Are You Old Enough* all the way home.

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- BYRON THEATRE 6PM **TOO COOL FOR SCHOOL**
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- TINTENBAR HALL 6PM **NIA CONSCIOUS FREEDANCE**
- CLUB LENNOX 7.30PM **JON J BRADLEY**
- BALLINA RSL BOARDWALK 5PM **DYLAN CURNOW 8.30PM FIENDLY ENEMIES**
- BALLINA PLAYERS THEATRE 2PM **MARY POPPINS**
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- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON 8PM **THE STRIDES, DROP LEGS, 420 SOUND, ANIMAL VENTURA**
- RAILWAY HOTEL 7PM **JAMIE ASHFORTH BAND**

- BEACH HOTEL 8PM **JESSE JAMES**
- BYRON ARTISAN MARKET 4PM **HAYLEY GRACE**
- STICKY WICKET BAR, BYRON 9PM **GUEST DJS 9.30PM JON J BRADLEY**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 9PM **DJ NERY**
- BYRON FRESH 7PM **THE MISHFITS**
- PIZZA PARADISO, SUFFOLK PARK 6.30PM **KATIA DEMEESTER**
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- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY 8PM **SALOON SESSIONS WITH DJ MILES JACKSON**
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- BANGALOW HOTEL 7PM **STU HARCOURT**

- TINTENBAR HALL 7.30PM **GLENN CARDIER & CHRISTIAN MARSH**
- BALLINA RSL BOARDWALK 6PM **LEIGH JAMES 9PM MAL'S BLUES BAR**
- BALLINA RSL BOWLING CLUB 6PM **BOB WALTON**
- BALLINA PLAYERS THEATRE 2PM **MARY POPPINS**
- MARY G'S, LISMORE **THE LITTLE EEGOS**
- BLUE KITCHEN CAFÉ, LISMORE 10.30AM **TIN CAN STRING BAND**
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- SHEOAK SHACK, FINGAL HEAD 2PM **CHRIS FLETCHER 7PM ROSIE MISSCHIEF BAND**
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- CURRUMBIN RSL 4PM **ACOUSTIC SESSIONS**
- TWIN TOWNS TWEED HEADS 8PM **THE AINTS PLAY THE SAINTS**

SUNDAY 26

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **DAN HANNAFORD**
- RAILWAY HOTEL 7PM **BROADFOOT**
- BEACH HOTEL 8PM **JUST MINIMAL**
- BYRON BAY BREWERY 12PM **SUNDAY SAFARI**
- BYRON BAY SURF CLUB & APEX PARK 9AM **JAPAN FESTIVAL**
- BYRON GOLF CLUB 6PM **AFRICAN LEAF DANCE PARTY WITH LISA HUNT**
- BYRON BAY SURF CLUB & PEACE POLE PARK 9AM - 4PM **JAPAN FESTIVAL**
- SUN BISTRO, BYRON 5PM **GREGG PETERSON**
- BALCONY BAR, BYRON **BEN WALSH**

MONDAY 27

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **DAN CLARK**
- RAILWAY HOTEL 7PM **JESSE PUMPHREY**
- BEACH HOTEL 8PM **BRYNNY**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 9PM **REGGAE AFTERPARTY**
- BALLINA RSL 7PM **SOCIAL BALLROOM DANCE**
- B-SPACE, BALLINA 5PM **JAM**

TUESDAY 28

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- RAILWAY HOTEL 7PM **CHRIS ARONSTEN & JAMIE**
- BEACH HOTEL 8PM **TEDDY CREAM**
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Further information can be obtained from Matthew Johnson on behalf of Vodafone, (08) 8237 9682, matthew.d.johnson@vodafone.com.au and www.rfnsa.com.au/2481008.

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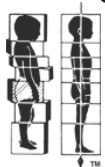
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BOUMAN, Carmel Therese

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Tight golf puts four on top at Teven

Steve Blackmore emerged from a four-way countback to claim last weekend's nine-hole stableford in the Teven Golf Club's men's division.

Steve Blackmore beat runner up Bill Wayte, Geoff Colnan and John Roche who all came in with 21 points.

Next in were: Denis Leard (20 points), David Fowler (20), Graham Mains (20), Frank Jamieson (19) and John Selwood (19).

Nearest the Pin: Greg Phillips (fourth) and Ian Coochiroff (eighth).

Putting: Greg Phillips, Geoff Colnan and Steve



The top four at Teven on Saturday: (L to R) John Roche, Bill Wayte, Steve Blackmore and Geoff Colnan. Photo supplied

Blackmore (12 putts each). Next comp: 6.15am Saturday November 25, Chairman's Day – nine holes and novelty events followed by a barbecue breakfast.

Lennox Head grooms some of NSW's best

Crystal Cylinders

Cronulla Beach saw an action-packed day of surfing as the finals of the Havaianas NSW U/12 Grommet Titles concluded with Lennox Head surfers Ocea Curtis and Harry O'Brien claiming podium finishes.

Curtis was fourth in the U/12 girls and O'Brien third in the U/12 boys.

The competition provides for the youngest age group officially recognised, and all qualifiers for the State Titles were determined by eight individual regional titles, which took place up and down the NSW coastline earlier in the year.



Harry O'Brien comes off the lip at Cronulla during the state titles. Photo Whittaker/SNSW

Stand up winners

Lennox Head's Michael Stokes is an Australian champion following his excellent performances at the 2017 Australian SUP Titles last week.

Stokes was the champion of the Over 50-Men's Technical Racing in conditions that saw variable onshore winds combine with a 1-metre easterly swell to provide competitors with a challenging playing field to navigate the zig-zag-style course.

Stokes was also runner-up in the Over 50-Men's SUP

Surfing final.

The Lennox Longboarder's final club round for 2017 was surfed at Lennox Main Beach and the standout surfer for this round was again Ben Dickens, getting fully tubed on a longboard on the outer bank, the next wave cracking his board in half.

Thanks to a spare longboard donated to the club from the Late Peter Edmonds, Ben surfed the second round and took out the firsts.

Another standout longboarding display came from young Nathan Mackenzie in difficult conditions.

This event was the last round for 2017, and the club

has a recess over Christmas, but will return in 2018 in the 2nd Sunday of February.

Results

Firsts: 1 Ben Dickens, 2 Greg Gover, 3 James Foster, 4 Rob Rye.

Seconds: 1 Andrew Thomas, 2 Nathan Mackenzie, 3 Eleanor Robertso, 4 Nick Mitchell.

Thirds: 1 Aaron Smith, 2 John Eddy, 3 Chris Ashdown.

Fourths: 1 Terry, 2 Peter Briggs.

Fifths: 1 Bob Mills, 2 Roz Brown, 3 Meg Smith, 4 Heather Reynolds.

Sixths: 1 Adele Purbrick, 2 Liz Petterson, 3 Kim Ford.

Classifieds

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Loved wife of the late Harold Estreich.

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NOVEMBER 2017

Astronomical data and tides

Day of month	Sun rise	Sun set	Moon rise	Moon set	High tide, height (m)	Low tide, height (m)
1 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 S	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.

MONTHLY MARKETS

1st SAT	Bruns Heads	6628 4495
1st SUN	Byron Bay	6685 6807
1st SUN	Lismore Car Boot	6628 7333
2nd SAT	Flea, Byron YAC	0490 026 840
2nd SAT	Woodburn	0439 489 631
2nd SUN	The Channon	6688 6433
2nd SUN	Lennox Head	0419 369 609
2nd SUN	Alstonville	6628 1568
2nd SUN	Tabulum Hall	0490 329 159
2nd SUN	Coolangatta	
3rd SAT	Mullumbimby	6684 3370
3rd SAT	Murwillumbah	0413 804 024
3rd SUN	Uki	0487 329 150
3rd SUN	Lismore Car Boot	6628 7333
3rd SUN	Ballina	6687 4328
4th SAT	Evans Head	0439 489 631
4th SUN	Bangalow	6687 1911
4th SUN	Nimbin	0458 506 000
4th SUN	Murwillumbah	0422 565 168
4th SUN	(in a 5 Sunday month) Coolangatta	
5th SUN	Lennox Head	0419 369 609
5th SUN	Nimbin	0458 506 000

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Each SAT 8am-1pm	Uki	6679 5530
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Mullumbimby-Brunswick second grade forfeits again and has two weeks to commit to the season

Another forfeit by the embattled Mullumbimby-Brunswick cricket team has gifted Lennox Head the seven points they need to go to the top of the 2017-18 Coastal League.

The second grade Mullum side hasn't played a game for the last few weeks and is struggling for numbers.

The club has until before the December 2 round to let the governing committee know if it will withdraw or remain in the competition this season.

The forfeit win for Ballina put them on top of the 2017-18 Coastal League table with 40 points.

A move aided by Byron Bay's first loss for the season leaves them in second place on the table with 36 points.

Byron travelled to Kings-

ford Smith South in Ballina to take on Tintenbar-East Ballina and, after losing the toss, were sent in to bat.

A score of 126 of 39 overs wasn't enough to trouble anyone but the openers for Tintenbar.

B Crawford helped scuttle the Byron scorers with 3/21 off six overs, and J Barnwell chimed in with 2/24 off five overs.

In reply Tintenbar reached 130 without loss in 20 overs.

The unbroken opening stand of M Gariel (50no) and M Newstead (78no) was too strong for the Byron bowlers.

Tintenbar-East Ballina are in fourth spot on the ladder behind Terranora.

Both Byron and Tintenbar have a game in hand.

In third grade the in-form

Bangalow side maintained their top spot on the ladder with another strong win, comfortably beating Byron Bay.

Byron batted first at Bangalow and were rolled for 131.

After losing their openers cheaply T Goodhind (60) and G Trevena (39) put on a 78 run stand.

But the team then slumped from 3/90 to all out for 131.

S Singh was the best of the Bangalow bowlers with 3/31 off eight overs.

The Bangalow openers replied in style notching up a 125-run stand before Singh was caught out on 52.

R Jacob carried his bat and had scored 69 when Bangalow reached their target in 17 overs.

Brunswick Heads hosts historic Classic Fours



There was plenty of quality bowls at the Brunswick Heads Classic Fours over the weekend. Photo Ross Kendall

The S Baker team are \$3,000 richer after winning the 37th running of the Tony Carlsberg Holden Classic Fours at the Brunswick Heads Bowling Club over the weekend.

It was a full house for the historic tournament as all 28 team positions were filled with reserves on hand.

Players came from Coffs Harbour up to Bundaberg to be part of the event, Brunswick Heads Bowling Club president John Foster said.

All up \$9,000 in prize-money was shared between the top six placegetters, and each round winner.

There was plenty of good bowls played across the weekend and at no stage was play interrupted by weather.

Winners were determined

by wins and margins across two days of bowling.

The competition is one of the longest, continual contest in the region.

'Tony Carlsberg deserves a special mention for sponsoring this event every year for 37 years,' John said.

Winners:

1. S Baker (team captain)
2. P Hughes
3. E Farnsworth
4. C Bailey
5. B Wilson
6. Latif

Round winners

1. D Shillington
2. F Latta
3. G Rolls
4. E Edwards
5. A Buatava

200 compete in BJJ Australian Open



Chilli Harel puts his shoulder to work at the BJJ Australian Open. Photo Daniel Cordero

More than 200 competitors including up to 40 locals competed in the Brazilian Jiu Jitsu Summer Australian Open held at the Cavanbah Centre on Sunday.

The event is the last of the four main tournaments held throughout the year and determined the finals points for each gymnasium-based team.

The Southside Academy based in Burleigh Heads did enough to take out the annual prize ahead of Byron Bay's Academy gym, organiser Raz Harel said.

Last year the tables were

turned and the Academy was able to get on top of Southside, Raz said.

Infinity Martial Arts in Brisbane took out third place. Competitors came from all over Australia and New Zealand, and the vent has just kept growing, he said.

Before brining the event to Byron it was shared across Australia's major capital cities.

'At first people weren't sure about our decision to base the contest in Byron Bay, but people are really starting to embrace the decision,' he said.

Twilight cricket delivers tied match



Toby sends one down for T&C in their tied game with Kronix. Photo supplied

Syl Reid

Last week saw a rarity in Byron Bay twilight cricket when Town & Country Surfboards and Kronix played out a tied match after 16 overs each way - 93 runs each.

For the boardies Cam hit 24 while Lachy scored 31 for Kronix.

Monday's match resulted in a win to TNR over the West Tower Windies.

Harley got 25 for the Windies and Jas top scored for the accountants with 28.

On Tuesday PMD defeated the Rip Starters with

Tony getting 30 for PMD and Barnsey 36 for the Starters.

Ryan (31) and Adeha (30) helped the Eureka guys beat the Hot Bread Loafers on Thursday afternoon after Zac top scored with 25 for the bakers.

The mighty Bowlo kept their unbeaten run going by defeating the Rugby Club on Friday.

Betty hit 34 and Larso 32 for the footballers while Cameron (31) and Wortho (30) were the Bowlo's best.

Eureka and the Bowlo are on top of the ladder as play continues this week.

Dunoon United named 'Club of the Year'

Dunoon United and the Nimbin Headers football teams have collected Newcastle Permanent Community Awards in conjunction with Football Far North Coast.

Dunoon United won the Club of the Year for a range of initiatives including working with the council to achieve an exercise and playground area adjacent to the club, and joining with Football Far North Coast to coordinate and host the 2017 grandfinals series.

The club boosted player numbers, increased their female participation by 41 per cent, and they have achieved Level 2 accreditation and are proposing to initiate Level 3 accreditation in 2018.

The club also encourages education and invited NNSWF coach coordinator Matt Fox to undertake programs and development of coaches and trainers.

The club has also established a policy to support Silent Saturday every week called 'let the children play'.



Award winner Gary Whisker with Nimbin Headers president Fabien Prevost. Photo supplied.

Volunteer of the Year went to Garry Whisker from the Nimbin Headers Sports Club.

Gary has been treasurer of the Nimbin Headers for 10 years.

He is a football fanatic who, in addition to playing, and coaching a junior team, also does the administration required of club treasurer.

Gary actively participates in helping make most of the important decisions for

the club and is also a valued contact person, Football Far North Coast general manager Steve Mackney said.

'We are glad to have Gary influencing future players and creating a passion for football.

'Gary is highly respected within the Nimbin community for this, his generosity and promoting the Nimbin Headers as a big football family,' he said.

Tight racing as Corsairs take to the Tweed

Bill Fenelon

A 15-knot breeze delivered enjoyable and fast racing for the Tweed Valley Sailing Club's third race of its Summer Series last weekend.

A fast ebbing tide added to the problems the crews faced and local knowledge of the river helped the winners get in front.

Fastest around the course again was Hobie 16 *Sledder* (Dave Chester and Isaac Poulsen).

Dave has the winning habit and hasn't been beaten for more than a year.

The multihulls were also racing in Heat Two of their Summer Championship series, with the bullet going to *Sledder* and second place to *Weta Scored a Tri* (John and Saffron Cook).

A big race of the day was Heat Two of the North Coast Corsair Class Championship, contested by seven boats sailed by 21 crew.

The fleet was very competitive with five boats taking turns at the lead.



Corsair Keenas sets her spinnaker on the way to the weekend's finish line. Photos by Adam Busbridge

Finishing first with a very good performance was *Keenas* (Mark Reynolds, Craig Foley and Taj Krasna) and second was *Minnow* (Bill Fenelon, Jessie Normans and Max Hennessey).

It was very close.

Keenas was in fifth place at the start of the last lap, but won by 24 seconds ahead of *Minnow* at the finish.

Third place one minute behind was *Epic* (Peter Skinner, James Nicholas and Caspian Nicholas).

After nearly two hours' racing the seventh Corsair finished only ten minutes behind the winner.

Eight sailors competed in the single-handers Pointscore series, where experienced master sailor John Heywood, put in his best performance.

He led from start to finish in *Silent Partner*, beating second place by two minutes.

Next week's racing will feature the North Coast NS14 Class Championship.

On The Horizon

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Story Medicine

What can the right story do for you? Free talk by Horst Kornberger, author of The Power of Stories, on Story Medicine. Thursday 30 November 7-8pm at the Verandah Room, Byron Community Centre, 69 Jonson St, Byron Bay. Contact horstkornberger@gmail.com.

Spring Federal Exchange

Federal's quarterly crop swap is on Saturday 25 November at 10am in Federal Park. Swap and share garden produce veges, fruit, seeds, honey, eggs, cuttings, seedlings, manure, worm juice, flowers etc. Join Facebook group The Federal Exchange or email thefederalexchange@gmail.com.

Commedia d'el Arte

A play reading of a new Commedia d'el Arte play will be held at the Drill Hall on Friday 1 December at 7.30pm. This will be a preliminary audition. Rhearsal for the reading at the Drill Hall on Tuesday 28 and Thursday 30 November at 8pm.

End-of-life choices

Dr Philip Nitschke from Exit International will hold a workshop at the Lismore Workers Club on 3 February on end-of-life choices. Info: Elaine on 0421 796 713.

Uncle Project

Uncle Project AGM 5 December at 6pm at Byron Services Club. New members and community welcome to join us.

RTRL Mobile Library

RTRL Library van in Bangalow, Saturday 9 December 9.30-11.30am. The van will be at the back to Ashton Street, Bangalow for fun library, reading, writing and book-related activities. Say hi to local authors and enjoy Bangalow parklands and Heritage House.

BV UA3

U3A Brunswick Valley Tuesday Forum 28 November 10am-12, Uniting Church Hall, Fingal St, Brunswick Heads. A special presentation by Edwin Fabrey. Visitors and potential new members very welcome. Ring 6685 1732.

U3A Ballina/Byron

U3A Ballina/Byron. Diane Hughes will present an art appreciation session on 28 November at 10am in the meeting room of the RSL, Mullumbimby. Visitors welcome. Enquiries 6680 7350.

BB Hospital Aux

The Byron Bay Hospital Auxiliary garage sale Saturday 25 November at 105 Beech Drive, Suffolk Park from 8am. Home-cooked cakes, puddings, pickles, various plants and pre-loved goods. Proceeds to Byron Hospital. Enquiries 6685 3162.

Ballina Camera Club

Ballina Camera Club meeting Thursday, 23 November, 6.30pm at the Kentwell Community Centre on the corner of Moon Street and Bangalow Road. New members welcome. Phone, Jean on 6686 0462.

a broad range of clients throughout the Byron, Ballina and Lismore shires. Donations welcome: Ph 6685 1921, email fundraiser@byronrespite.com.au, website: www.byronrespite.com.au.

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

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 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 grief.loss.bereavement.byron@gmail.com 0401 081 713.

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

Cty Shopping Bus

Seats available on fortnightly Community Transport Shopping Bus from Suffolk Park/Byron Bay to Byron town centre. The door-to-door bus costs \$6 and is available to people who can't access mainstream transport due to age, disability or other reason. Call Amanda 1300 875 895.

Meditation

Buddhist meditation teaching and practice now at the living Yoga Sanga, first floor, 63 Stuart Street, Mullumbimby, 6-7.30pm, Mondays. Contact Mishaela,

Animal Justice

Animal Justice Party Northern Rivers Regional Group meeting on Wednesday 29 November, 5.30-8pm at Byron Bay Golf Club. Find out about the party and what's happening in our region. Enquiries christina_hart1@hotmail.com or 6618 9314.

Soulstreet NYE

Volunteers for Byron Bay's Soulstreet NYE 2017 and First Sun on 1 January. People needed for bump in/out, info, traffic control, decorators etc. Contact Ali: onsite.soulstreet@byroncentre.com.au.

Babies and sleep

ABA mothers' support group meeting at Ocean Shores, Wednesday 29 November at 9.30-11.30am. The Baptist Hub Rajah Road. Conversation point: Babies and sleep. Enquiries 0431 477 445.

Community Printmakers

CPM Community Printmakers invite everybody interested in printmaking to the opening of the new studio at 224 Stokers Siding Rd, Stokers Siding. Saturday 25 November, 11am-3pm. Printmaking demonstrations, exhibition of members' works. Enquires: cpmmurwillumbah@hotmail.com.

Environment Centre

The Byron Environment Centre AGM and general meeting at the Cumbebin Wetland Sanctuary, Wordsworth Street, Byron Bay at 2pm, Friday 24 November. All members are invited to attend. Info call 6687 1538.

Burringbar Xmas fair

Burringbar Hall Christmas fair, Saturday 25 November, 12 till 6pm, a variety of

stalls, food and drinks. Just off Tweed Valley Way, Burringbar.

Suffolk Park AGM

Suffolk Park Progress Association AGM and Xmas party. Tuesday, 28 November 7pm at Suffolk Park Hall.

AGM BB Golf Club

Full playing members of the Byron Bay Golf Club Ltd: the Annual General Meeting of the club is to be held on Tuesday 12 December 2017 at 6pm

Creative Mullum AGM

Creative Mullumbimby AGM. Wednesday 13 December at 6pm, CLIC Business Centre Mullumbimby, 6-8 Burringbar Street. Enter gate at Burringbar Street, first entrance on the left. Meeting room on the 1st floor.

Vinnies on Saturday

Your local Vinnies at Brunswick Heads, Byron Bay and Mullumbimby are open on Saturday mornings 9-12. Come along and grab a bargain!

Mahjong

Interested in playing Mahjong in Byron Bay? Ring Nancy: 6685 3969.

Tumbulgum gathering

Tumbulgum Public School and Catholic School former students and staff, together 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@

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

Family Groups meetings held Fridays 2pm. Uniting Church Bangalow - 1300 252 666 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 Thursday 6pm, Presbyterian Church Hall, 13 Ruskin Street, Byron Bay. Call 0478 061 479 or visit: www.crystalmeth.org.au.

Over 60s Fun Fridays

Fun Fridays 2-5pm at the Hall, 37 Marvel Street East, Byron Bay (Next to the Preschool). Meet, play games and have a cuppa and a chat. Entry \$5.00. Enquiries: Nancy 6685 3969 or 0498 480 373.

Library fun

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

Bruns tennis

Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Sundays 5-7pm. \$6.00, all welcome. Linda 0449 825 108. Coaching available.



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Cryptic Clues
ACROSS
1. Stops for remote settlements (8)
5. Slaver over platter (6)
10. Old Dutch painter extravagantly buys him schooner! (10,5)
11. Ceremony about weakling - return cutting remark (7)
12. Badly tire in a period of inactivity (7)
13. Cheese even means decay ... (8)
15. ...ashes perhaps; conducts evaluations! (5)
18. Knight returns with directions, and gets to his feet (5)
20. Articles about appalling crime; some Aussies would call it septic! (8)
23. Legendary place for crippled, lame in bed (7)
25. Cleaner snaffles a decoration from the bedroom (7)
26. Shock pig catnap horror - product of 10, prudes say (12,3)
27. The first believer (6)
28. Courses in classes making bombs! (8)
DOWN
1. Old books belonging to that woman, and the rest (6)
2. She paints badly; they perform! (9)
3. Animal chant about pureed soups? (7)
4. Herb, your old setter (5)
6. Circulating in morning time around French well (7)
7. Call in as half a dozen pose (5)
8. Practise concerning the death wagon (8)
9. Listeners meet their maker in golden new church (8)
14. Natters nastily about a lady - a slovenly woman (8)
16. Directors in the leading role, right? (9)
17. Two drugs for the insane (8)
19. Bars nutter in the special forces (7)
21. I managed Scottish John from Isfahan (7)
22. Dry, we object to Roman regicide! (6)
24. Extra material about saint? Code, perhaps (5)
25. A spicy frolic? (5)

Quick Clues
ACROSS
1. Remote settlements (8)
5. Plate, tray (6)
10. 15th century Dutch painter, famous for The Garden of Earthly Delights (10,5)
11. Smart rejoinder (7)
12. Tendency to resist change (7)
13. Italian hard cheese (8)
15. Trials, examinations (5)
18. Gets up, ascends (5)
20. Citizen of the USA (8)
23. King Arthur's castle (7)
25. Room (7)
26. Material, usually pictorial, intended to produce sexual stimulus (12,3)
27. One who believes in a god (6)
28. Bombs, usually made for throwing (8)
DOWN
1. Different people, the rest (6)
2. Actors, often travelling (9)
3. American marsupial (7)
4. Common herb (5)
6. Surrounding, circulating (7)
7. Social call (5)
8. Practise, usually for a performance (8)
9. Group of onlookers or listeners (8)
14. Slovenly or untidy woman (8)
16. Nautical term for the right side of ship (9)
17. Eccentric, insane (8)
19. Taverns, barrooms (7)
21. Native of the country that used to be Persia (7)
22. Assassin of Julius Caesar (6)
24. Code of dots and dashes (5)
25. Frolic, dance wildly (5)
Last week's solution N205

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Figures just released by the Australian Bureau of Statistics show that there are now 4,873,987 people who believe that other people's business is theirs to interfere with.

While state government decimates their funding, local libraries are forced to become automated. Already in Mullumbimby, you can stand in front of a large screen and check out your books, just like potatoes in a supermarket. Have no fear, says the introductory leaflet (we précis): self-scanning will lead to higher productivity and better service from staff who will be freed from the menial tasks associated with being, well, librarians. Backlash says the staff have absolutely no reason to fear for their jobs.

A Movember awareness and fundraiser is planned for Friday November 24 at the Byron Bay Surf Club from 6pm. See the Facebook Mo Masters 2017 - Movember Fundraiser Party for more info.

Mullumbimby peeps - you might want to get in early to lobby our decorative councillors for no paid parking before it's too late. A parking strategy for the town will be tabled this Thursday in Council, and staff recommend that in a year, should revised parking limits be put in place, paid parking should be introduced.

Will compliance staff bounce into action against councillor Alan Hunter over his illegal dwelling? Don't hold your breath. The metaphor-rich National Party-aligned councillor has an application for a detached dual-occupancy dwelling on his Myocum



Bangalow puts on a great show, as seen again last weekend at the showground. There was poultry, show jumping, cattle on show, farm produce, cooking, craft, art, music and heaps more. Pictured is Alaria's chook Roxy, who won 'Best Dressed at the Bangalow show'. Photo Jeff 'Champion Chook Since 1986' Dawson.

property, and the staff report on that DA mentioned a studio and wastewater disposal system that 'has no record of approval' or 'record of compliance action.' If elected civic leaders can't be bothered to do the right thing, how should the rest of us view that behaviour?

A new think tank has been launched called the Ramsay Centre for Western Civilisation, which has \$3 billion (!) in capital to play with. Hopefully the institution will endeavour to explain that while democracy, law and competition can deliver unimaginable wealth (mainly for the few), the price of imperialism and invasion is murder, slavery and resource exploitation to the point of climate change. Given Tony Abbott and John Howard launched it, such self-reflection would be unlikely.

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