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St Finbarr's celebrates its 25th



St Finbarr's Catholic Primary School celebrated its 25th annual Christmas fair on Saturday. Apart from a talent quest, live music and community choir, Amelia, Holly and Jade glammed it up for the camera in the photo booth. Photo Jeff Dawson

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ATO plan to slug GST on home park rentals are 'cruel' says Richmond MP

Luis Feliu

A campaign is picking up steam against a controversial plan by the tax office to apply the Goods and Services Tax (GST) to moveable home estates. It's a move which would affect thousands, mostly pensioners, across the north coast.

National Party MP for Page Kevin Hogan, has now joined Labor MP for Richmond Justine Elliot in lobbying to stop the move. Last week in parliament, Mrs Elliot asked prime minister Tony Abbott about the plan but said she was given an answer which 'insulted' the many people affected by the 'cruel' plan. 'Before the election the prime minister said that there would be no change

to the GST,' she told *The Echo*. 'What the prime minister has now admitted is that he fully intends to slug mobile home residents with the GST on their site rentals. The prime minister has obviously lied to the people given he has now admitted that his Liberal-National Party government will be imposing GST on the site rental for those people who live in a mobile home.'

Mr Hogan said he has asked the ATO not to apply the GST to moveable home estates after many of his constituents contacted him expressing concern.

Public comment on the draft ruling closes on December 20. Visit <http://bit.ly/18vmYk> for more.

The ATO's final ruling, which does not apply to caravan parks, is expected to be released before May next year.

West Byron Project open for comment

Plans for the development of the 108-hectare West Byron Project are now with NSW Planning & Infrastructure at <http://bit.ly/westbyron-plans> and public submissions can be made until January 31, 2014.

The proposal aims to rezone the West Byron site, located opposite the industrial estate, and allow for low/medium density residential, industrial and a neighbourhood centre, as well as environmental zones.

Estimates have put the number of houses upwards of 800. There are also plans to establish planning controls including building heights, minimum lot sizes, flood planning requirements, coastal protection and management of acid sulphate soils.

While the aim to add more housing to west of Byron is contentious, the landowners argue, 'We believe that adding to the supply of residential land and housing will bring prices down and give more people the opportunity to live in Byron Bay rather than commute from out of town.'

So far only 15 public submissions have been received on the proposal – five of them objecting, seven in support and three offering comments only. One objector remarked, 'I am concerned of the impact on the Belongil Estuary and do not think developer "guarantees" of low/nil impact should be regarded as acceptable safeguards.'

Byron Shire Council in November 2011 called on NSW Planning & Infrastructure to not proceed with rezoning the land until transport issues could be adequately addressed. Council's submission also advised that 'the residential density of 17 dwellings per hectare is well in

excess of other subdivisions in the Shire' and called for no flood-labile lands to be filled.

The Echo asked a spokesperson for the West Byron landowners when they expected to have the project up and running, if it is approved. 'We've been in the approvals process for the West Byron Project since late 2008 and although it's difficult to put an exact timeframe on any construction, it probably wouldn't be much less than three to five years,' the spokesperson said. The business/commercial hub is proposed to be about one hectare in size, 'located at the centre of the site for ease of walking access from within the release area.' She added that the business centre would occupy 13ha at the western end of the site, 'conceptually in a style similar to the Arts and Industry Estate.'

Dual carriageway recommended to address traffic

In regards to traffic issues, the West Byron Project website recommends a dual carriageway on Ewingsdale Road and bike paths that would lead into town from the estate.

A detailed traffic study completed two years ago forms part of the material on public exhibition, says the spokesperson. 'RMS agreed on the scope of that study before it was commenced and accepted the findings after it was completed and Council is in receipt of the computer simulation for traffic on Ewingsdale Road.'

So who are the developers?

They are long-term residents of the Byron area, according to the **continued on page 5 ➤**



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Falls fest looks for arty vollies

Falls Music & Arts Festival is looking for volunteers to help create and perform in a festival sideshow as well as people to help create art installations and puppets.

Volunteer performers will work with local director and performer Andy Forbes to develop interactive comedy-based shows that will run during the day at the festival.

Art Camp volunteers will work with local puppeteers Oliver Buckworth and Lara and Paddy from Krinkl theatre. Contact Suzanne Kalk stusuz@westnet.com.au. Volunteers will get a ticket to the festival. Workshop days December 16–20, performances December 30 to January 2. Contact Andy Forbes forbula-tor@gmail.com, 0411 053 942.



The malevolent intentions of this unholy trinity may not be obvious at first, but beware those intending to patronise the Falls Festival at New Years, you could be subverted. While mildly entertaining, the inner torment of Wacko, Mae Wilde and Joel Salom motivate their sinister intent. Photo Jeff 'Ran Away From The Circus' Dawson

Govt under fire over land management services

Sweeping changes which come into effect from January next year will see a combining of NSW government services for landowners.

And part of these changes, if adopted, would eventually see landowners with two hectares or more be liable to pay rates to the newly formed Local Land Services (LLS). Currently in the northeast NSW region, landowners with ten hectares or more pay rates to the Livestock Health and Pest Authorities (LHPA) for land management services.

A LHPA spokesperson told *The Echo* that they have recommended the change to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART), which is yet to determine its findings.

'The reason we recommend including smaller land sizes is that there are horse owners on smaller blocks, for example, and they would benefit from our services.'

But what about landowners who don't have animals?

He says that each LLS region would regulate what rate amount they would apply.

Eleven regions throughout NSW have been named, and sub-regions for the north coast region run from Tweed down to Port Macquarie-Hastings.

And while landowners are encouraged to enrol now to vote ahead of the 2014 LLS board elections, a class action commenced against LHPA last April has been brewing, spearheaded by Trevor Kirk, a landowner located near Yass.

Locally, Goonengerry resident and landowner Howard Ferner has joined the chorus of dissatisfaction and is accusing the LHPA of being bloated, over-bureaucratised and not representing landowners.

'They reap \$34 million a year from 130,000 landowners as well as the state and federal government, but what do we get in return?' he says.

Mr Furner claims that after a serious wild dog problem around his property and area, he asked the LHPA for help.

Mr Furner said of a public meeting held a few years ago, 'We were told by LHPA reps that there was no funding available to address the wild dog problem. They offered 1080 bait – which I would never use – but they wanted us to pay them for a course to be able to use it.'

He says the issue came to a head when debt collectors were recently called into the northern NSW region for unpaid LHPA rates. 'They had 200 statements of claim for the north coast alone,' he says.

And while the LHPA spokesperson conceded that some landowners in the northern region are refusing to pay their rates, he be-

lieves they are getting value for money. 'Biosecurity is a statewide concern, and the reason that we haven't experienced the same problems in the UK is that we manage the land well. For example, there is a response time of within six hours for hendra virus. It's insurance,' he said. 'We also offer advice and assistance.'

As for 1080 baits, he claims that it only targets wild dogs when used correctly, and that there's 'not enough staff to go around' to trap wild dogs.'

But Mr Furner is still unsatisfied with the services LHPA provide. He says that recent LHPA financial statements claim \$3.4 million was spent on consultants. 'For what?' he asks. 'The LHPA makes more money off my property than I do.' For LLS election information and forms, visit www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/locallandservices. And those wanting to know more about the class action against LHPA, visit <http://lhpaaction.com>.

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Local schools share environmental grants

Story & photo Eve Jeffery

Main Arm Upper Public School is one of three local primary schools to receive grants funds for a special garden. Main Arm received money for a food garden, Doroughby Public School for a sensory garden and Dunoon Public School for a butterfly garden.

NSW environment minister Robyn Parker announced the recipients of more than \$1.1 million in Environmental Trust Grants awarded to schools and researchers.

Main Arm School principal Virginia Pavlovich says that garden will support an existing program at the school. 'We are so excited. It's something we've worked hard for', she says. 'We currently do



Main Arm School students April, Jakob, Malachi and Naira spend time in the vegie garden.

have cooking and gardening programs and with this grant we can expand on it.

Virginia says that the new grant will fit hand-in-glove with the Stephanie Alexander

Kitchen Garden Foundation grant the school received at the start of the year.

Mayor breaks Green ranks over Last Drinks

Chris Dobney

A rift has emerged within the Byron Greens, with the local convenor telling a recent Last Drinks at 12 public meeting on Wednesday night that mayor Simon Richardson was 'trying to be all things to all people' rather than stick to Greens policy on the issue.

'I think that puts him in a difficult situation if he's going to be a Greens member,' said Tom Tabart, who is himself a former Byron Shire Greens councillor.

Mr Tabart has repeated his criticisms of Mayor Richardson's performance to *Echonet-daily* but denied he was putting out an ultimatum.

In October, Mr Tabart wrote a strongly worded letter to *The Echo*, throwing the party's weight behind the Last Drinks at 12 campaign.

Last week he told *The Echo*, 'Byron Greens group stands by its original letter of support for Last Drinks at 12.' 'Simon sort of supports it but thinks it could be "Last Drinks Somewhat Later".'

'He thinks the concerns of the liquor industry need to get some consideration.

Violence

'My view and the view of the Greens is that it's a violence issue and that's what needs consideration - and not to give a leg-up to an industry that is powerful enough, thank you.'

The mayor is not the only

councillor appearing to back away from the demands of the Last Drinks group.

Cr Paul Spooner, who earlier this year authored a council motion supporting the group, told the meeting on Wednesday night that he was 'disturbed' by the direction the group was taking.

'Hardline'

ABC radio reported him as saying the group's 'hardline approach' would 'divide the community'.

But the rift in the Greens appears to run deeper than the single issue, with Mr Tabart calling the mayor's plan for New Years Eve a recipe for disaster.

'[Former mayor] Jan [Barham] with help from me and a number of other people managed to get New Years Eve in Byron Bay to a situation of no threat and a family-friendly evening.

'This New Years Eve, with Falls Festival - which I think is going to logistically be a nightmare - is going to be a repeat of last year, where the floodgates will remain open.'

Mr Tabart said the mayor, who rarely consults him, could do with re-examining the Greens position on a range of issues.

'My general view of his activity as mayor is that he's being a little too conciliatory as a member of the Greens in his actions across the shire. I think he should be sticking to Greens principles more closely.'



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Pictured left are Bridget, Phoebe, Seth and Kelly who took part in a tree planting day to help koala repopulation. Photo Eve Jeffery.

Cape Byron Steiner School student Seth Freeman, pictured third from left, received a grant from the Small Change Program run by Byron Shire Council.

His idea was to see more koala corridors in the area, and with the help of Joanne

Green the Koala Connections project officer Byron Shire Council, Seth and Cape Byron Steiner School and Byron Bay High School students had a tree-planting day at a property on Myocum Road. The project hopes to plant between 300 to 600 koala trees.

Feeding the future



Story & photo Eve Jeffery

Organic gardener Joel Orchard says that WWOOFers, (Willing Workers on Organic Farms) now dominate the job market in organic agriculture, resulting in a dearth of employment opportunities for young people keen to move into careers in agriculture.

And the solution? The Future Feeders project. Joel's idea is to create the very important link between education and employment. Joel

says of the project, 'There is an emphasis on local food security, small-scale farm management and sustainable agricultural skills development.'

The Future Feeders project has moved onto a two-acre plot at the Mullumbimby Community Garden and Joel plans to facilitate the program from there.

All are invited to the project information launch on Wednesday December 18. For more information, email futurefeeders@gmail.com.

West Byron Project open for comment

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spokesperson, '...absolutely committed to delivering a quality outcome for the community' over the next 20 years.

The landowners are Tony Smith, Byron Shire local who has owned his holding for 22 years, Alan Heathcote of Suffolk Park, Peter Croke, long-time Byron Bay resident and business owner, Crighton Properties (under receivership and management), David O'Connor, long-term Byron resident who has owned his holding for 25 years, Garry McDonald, long-term Byron Shire resident and business owner, Warren Simmons, long-term Byron Shire resident and business owner, and Kevin Rogers, long-term investor in Byron.

For more information, visit the landowners' site at www.westbyronproject.com.au.

The benefit of a haircut



Pets For Life Animal Shelter volunteer Sarah Westwood hasn't had anything more than a trim for 28 years but all that changed last Friday when she had the clip for cats and dogs at the Ocean Shores Tavern. The funds raised are going to the shelter and the tress of hair donated to the Pantene Beautiful Lengths project supporting women with cancer by making wigs for sufferers. Anyone wishing to add dollars to Sarah's efforts can call the shelter on 0429 319 154. Photo Eve Jeffery

White Ribbon Walk Dec 18

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NSW energy MP quits after ICAC steps in

NSW Resources and Energy Minister Chris Hartcher's resignation has been welcomed by Greens mining spokesperson Jeremy Buckingham, who called on premier Barry O'Farrell to appoint a minister 'who respects the importance of agriculture and water resources, and who will actively promote renewable energy.'

Mr Hartcher stepped down last week after his office was raided by the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC).

Mr Buckingham added that Chris Hartcher is the third resources minister to be investigated by ICAC after Eddie Obeid and Ian Macdonald. *Fairfax* reported last week that Mr Hartcher will face two separate corruption inquiries next year, including an investigation into a water infrastructure company linked to the family of corrupt former Labor MP Eddie Obeid.

Roundhouse works lack footpath: OSCA

The Roundhouse subdivision by Byron Council has come under fire from the Ocean Shores Community Association (OSCA) after claims the road's footpath has been encroached.

OSCA's Jan Mangleson said, 'Concrete block retaining walls for the Roundhouse subdivision have been constructed by Council on the Orana Road public road reserve. The walls extend out four to five metres into the road reserve. They are so close to the existing bitumen that only two metres are available for the footpath. Council had to build a footpath as part of the Roundhouse development consent. However, the footpath has no nature strip, or safety buffer for pedestrians, or kids riding bikes.'

Lucky escape after helicopter crashes



On Sunday, a helicopter crashed at a private property at Coopers Shoot. There were no injuries. Photo Jarrod Clarke

Three men have escaped injury after the helicopter they flew on Sunday afternoon crashed as it landed on a property at Coopers Shoot, near Byron Bay.

The pilot and his two passengers were a little shaken but otherwise unhurt from the accident, which is being investigated by the Australian Transport Safety Bureau.

The five-seater Eurocopter 120 helicopter is understood to be owned by Tom Misner and it is believed to be a write-off.

According to Council, development consent may be required to operate helicopters in the shire. Council's Corporate and Community Services manager Ralph James told *The Echo* that under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation, helicopter facilities that are located within one kilometre of a dwelling not associated with the facilities, or are located within 40 metres of an environmentally sensitive area, are prohibited from operating more than seven times a week (take-off and landing). Helicopter facilities exempt from the legislation are those used exclusively for emergency rescue.

Out back fairies



Through Pozible crowdfunding, Shelley Fairy hopes to purchase a bus, fuel and workshop materials for the first Fairy Dreaming in mid-2013, a project that Shelley intends to continue annually. 'It's a new initiative to build rainbow bridges of love and healing to remote Aboriginal communities,' she said.

'We have raised over \$8,000 so far with 90 supporters. The campaign ends on December 15 and we have until then to raise \$30,000 in an all-or-nothing crowdfunder!' To follow the Fairy Dreaming adventure the fundraising campaign is at pozible.com/fairydreaming. Photo Jeff Dawson

Friends of the Library elect new executive

The annual general meeting of The Friends of the Library on November 20 saw the election of a new executive, comprising president Beryl Main, vice-president Jenny Coman, secretary Mary Nelson, treasurer Geoff Meers, and committee members Barbara Barrett and Janene Jarvis. Outgoing president Bob Levett was thanked for his many years of commitment and dedication to this group, espe-

cially his persistent endeavour to get our new library.

An FOL book sale will be held on Friday December 13, 8.30am-2pm, outside the Byron library. All Byron Shire libraries are collecting Christmas food items for the Salvation Army until December 18.

The Friends welcome new members. Membership forms are available at the Byron library or via byronbayfol@gmail.com.



New Friends of the Library president, Beryl Main

Mullum's history explored

The Brunswick Valley Historical Society Inc is launching a new publication on the history of Mullumbimby on Friday December 13 at the museum at Mullumbimby, cnr Myocum and Stuart Streets from 10am to 12pm.

It's the third book in a series on the Brunswick Valley by Peter Tsicalas. Called *Mullumbimby Gloom & Bloom 1928-1948*, it depicts the highs and lows of the development of Mullumbimby and Brunswick Heads and the people involved in that period.

The book will be available from the museum, the Mullumbimby Bookshop and the Brunswick Heads Visitor Centre at \$30 each.



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Peace pole carved in unity



It's unity time! Master Polynesian wood carver, educator (University of Hawaii) and environmental activist Tonu Shane, right, is pictured with Uplift co-producer Chris Decker and the six-metre Uplift Unity Pole Tonu is carving for this week's Uplift Festival. Photo Jeff Dawson

Hinterland collective welcomes members

A group of business operators across the hinterland have come together to form the Byron Hinterland Collective 'to help support visitor growth in the area in a sustainable way,' says co-ordinator Francesca Esposito-Rose. 'Even though our group name has the word *Byron* in it, that's just for the benefit of visitors so that they know which hinterland we are talking about. Our group has over 50 members from the Ballina, Tweed, Byron and Lismore LGAs and we are steadily growing in membership each week.'

The group's formation was sparked by the recent state government RVEF (Regional Visitor Economy Fund) scheme, which aims to extend the stay of existing visitors, but also to create new markets for regional areas.

Esposito-Rose says, 'We would love all the hinterland businesses to be involved in this exciting cross-district collaboration.'



'Our growing membership believes that hinterland visitors are very different from the coastal visitor and we want to reach that more adventurous traveller.'

'These are the 42 per cent of Australian travellers who want to take the time to explore new places and people and immerse themselves in all that a region and an alternative culture have to offer.'

For more information email ByronHinterlandCollective@gmail.com.

Photo courtesy of Byron Food Tours

Café Philo begins

The first Café Philo discussion will examine 'Consume, Be Silent, Die: is this our destiny?'

It will be held at the Succulent Café, 8 Byron St, 6pm on Friday December 13.

For more visit www.meetup.com/byronbayphilocafe.

Free green home talks continue

Free home sustainability talks continue through December at the Green Building Centre.

Local experienced home owners share their insights into creating more energy efficient, comfortable and sustainable homes over lunch on Wednesdays from 12.15 to 1.15pm.

Nina Bishop's talk takes place at the Green Building Centre this Wednesday December 11. A sustainability educator, auditor and owner/builder, Nina demonstrates how everyone can build a passive solar designed home with some easy-to-learn principles.

Learn about the best deciduous plants and other DIY tricks to keep your house cool.



Nina Bishop's mudbrick passive solar home.

Richard Swinton's talk is at the Green Building Centre on Wednesday December 18.

Learn how Richard and his wife converted a very average brick AV Jennings home (facing in the wrong direction and with no shading and limited air flow) into a sustainable, comfortable dream.

Both houses have been open for Sustainable House days and talks are accompanied by slideshows.

Those wishing to attend can call the Centre on 0427 701 653, emailinfo@greenbuildingcentre.net.au or visit at 1 Brigantine Street in the Arts & Industry Estate, Byron Bay.

Federal unveils new church window

The Federal community is unveiling a tribute glass window in the old church saved for public use. 'Illumination' by artist Helen Fawell will be unveiled in the old church at Jasper Corner, Federal, at 5.30pm on Thursday December 12.

Viewing is from 4.30pm to 6.30pm. Artist Helen Fawell will be present and wine and cheese will be served.

The window marks the effort that individuals, local businesses and the community at large made to acquire the church for future generations. In 2011/2012 residents of Federal and surrounding communities successfully ran the 'Save the Heart of Federal' campaign to purchase the old church building. While the purchase price of \$200,000

was considerable, the acquisition complemented the neighbouring community hall and provided Federal with a guarantee of public space for future generations. The new precinct comprising the old church, the adjoining Federal Hall and the land on which they sit was renamed 'Jasper Corner' to acknowledge the original Parish of Jasper.

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Sacred lands face the frack despite ancestral warnings

Photo & story Iris Ray Nunn

Are we ignoring the teachings of Indigenous ancestors by drilling for gas in the state's largest inland forest?

It's a question that has divided the Gomeroi nation, the original custodians of the Pilliga (Billiga) State Forest in the north-central of NSW.

According to Gomeroi elders, their ancestors warned not to disturb a destructive ancestral being – called Gurra – who lives in isolation in a lagoon in the Billiga State Forest.

But so far, the Narrabri Aboriginal Land Council and the Gomeroi National Aboriginal Corporation are ignoring these teachings and are pushing for a massive Santos mining operation.

Currently Santos mining have the approval to drill 36 exploratory wells in the forest, which includes privately owned land drilling both vertically and horizontally through underground aquifers.

'Exploratory'

Although exploratory drilling does impact the structure of the underground aquifers, the approval to drill went ahead without activating the Water Trigger Bill, which passed this year in federal parliament. That's because Santos activities are only 'exploratory' at this stage.

Of concern to locals however, is the plan by the local council and Santos to name this arm of the Narrabri Gas Project, 'The Pilliga gas fields'.

Predictably the CEO of Santos Mining, David Knox, and NSW premier Barry O'Farrell support the destruction, driven by claims that 'NSW is running out of gas'.

But this disingenuous argument has all but been debunked. It may be true that NSW produces only a small percentage of its gas; however,



Gomeroi elder Paul Spearim points at the Tarrawonga Whitehaven mine where sacred Gomeroi sites once were.

the issue is actually whether the federal government will step in and protect our domestic supply against the planned expansion of the export market.

If they did – like they do in the US – these corporations would be providing cheap domestic prices and this destruction could be averted.

We are not running out of gas; we are running out of politicians with integrity.

Our politicians are too cosy with the corporate agenda. That agenda is to produce shareholder dividends and screw everyone else and the environment in the process.

It's a stark reminder that corporations are largely bereft of ethics and only comply to legislation.

Gomeroi elder Paul Spearim explains the stark divide of his people. 'Some of our own people are signing off on Country,' says Spearim.

'They are doing it under the guise of Native Title. They are using the tribal name Gomeroi disrespectfully, and they are called the Gomeroi Narrabri Aboriginal Corporation.'

'Nine people are official voters, 19 in total. These 19 are traditional descendants of Gomeroi/Gomilaraay who are signing over our sacred

lands for the dollar, not for the culture.

'It's only benefiting a handful of people, yet the majority feel like they have no choice, or simply have no clue about CSG.'

Social impact

'Their actions are having a social impact on the health of our people. Some of these people have sons and daughters that are working in mines in other parts of the country who are coming back sick.'

'Some of them are young, in their forties, and are dropping dead from heart attacks.'

He says his people's stories and teachings warn of death and destruction if traditional laws are not adhered to.

Spearim says that a 'Being' from Gomeroi dreaming stories threatens wide-scale destruction if he is disturbed from under the ground in the Billiga. This dreaming ancestor is called Gurra, the crocodile. 'He is the one to watch out for,' says Spearim.

'Dangerous'

'Right now, Gurra has been trapped by Waraba the Sword Shell Turtle, or Bells Turtle, who created our aquifers and our law. Gurra was greedy and caused trouble.'

'He was stopped and ban-

ished into an underground lagoon which has no tributaries, so he cannot escape. But if they keep digging up the earth and the underground water-ways, they risk releasing this dangerous energy which will cause indiscriminate harm to all.'

It's a similar teaching to the Kokatha people of South Australia, who warned of wide scale destruction if their ancestral being, a massive sleeping lizard, was disturbed.

Uranium that was mined from Kokatha country was dug out of the back of their sleeping lizard.

It fuelled the Fukushima reactors and it is now poisoning the Pacific Ocean, threatening life on the planet.

Kokatha elders tried to warn BHP Billiton, but they did not listen.

Santos Mining is also being officially warned about what will happen to them and their families and the state of the nation if they continue their plans to drill for coal seam in the Billiga.

Even though it appears that sacred law has already been broken, all is not lost.

'Sacred law isn't dying,' says Spearim.

'It is coming back through

the land itself, through reactivation of our cultural connection to the trees; to the land, to the birds, to the water, through the story, songs and dances of our ancestors.

'Waraba laid out the law for us to follow in order to live in harmony with one another and Mother Nature for thousands of years to come. What we are doing here in the Billiga right now is vital for the survival of all people in this country.'

'So all people are invited to come here to learn, listen

and thrive.

Most importantly we must come together now as a matter of urgency, all people from all backgrounds who care about the earth and the future for our kids, and stop Santos from digging up the Billiga and Whitehaven Coal from mining the Leard Forest.'

To join the upcoming actions from December 13 in the Leard and Pilliga State Forest, email irisray@hotmail.com or to donate to this campaign via www.wilderness.org.au/regions/new-south-wales.

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Chance to get affordable housing right: Barham

The establishment of a broad-ranging inquiry into affordable and social housing is an opportunity to address the affordable housing crisis facing NSW, says Greens MP and housing spokesperson, Jan Barham, who proposed the inquiry to the Legislative Council.

'I welcome the cooperation of Labor and the cross-bench parties to establish a Select Committee to inquire into affordable, social and public housing,' Ms Barham said.

'Housing affordability pressures in this state are driving many people further into social and economic disadvantage.'

'The social and public housing systems are unable to meet the needs of people who can't find shelter in the private market.'

The inquiry, to be chaired by Christian Democratic Party MP Paul Green and with representation from the Government, Opposition and the Greens, has been given broad terms of reference that

include supply and demand issues, design approaches and social service integration, and possible recommendations on policy initiatives, planning reforms and other mechanisms to improve the capacity of affordable, social and public housing.

The inquiry will report to Parliament by September 9, 2014.

Find out more about the inquiry at <http://bit.ly/housingnsw> and on Jan Barham's website <http://bit.ly/jbhousing>.



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Aunty threatened

It is reasonable enough that our national broadcaster the ABC should be held to account for its editorial decisions.

Its own program, *Media Watch*, does just that, sometimes in withering fashion.

But it should be allowed to make those decisions without being threatened by third-rate bovver boys. Rather than take responsibility for our spying on our neighbours, PM Tony Abbott found it sorrowful that the ABC should report the news.

The Libs then sent in their attack dog, Senator Cory Bernardi, to suggest the ABC's funding should be cut and its power limited to stop it hurting Fairfax Media and News Corp's bottom line – read the background at <http://bit.ly/abccorey>.

It's unusual that free marketers should abandon the law of the jungle so that Rupert Murdoch might flourish, but Bernardi is notorious for suggesting that homosexuality leads on to bestiality, so how much rationality can you expect?

Why, that's as silly as suggesting being a member of the Liberal Party leads on to fascism.

Naturally there has been a backlash from ABC supporters.

The local branch of Friends of the ABC meets this Saturday December 14 at Bangalow Bowlo at 11am to take up the issue.

You could add your voice to theirs, write to MPs and sign various petitions such as GetUp's.

We are fortunate in Australia that the ABC as a government-funded body is no nationalistic mouthpiece but a fine investigator of important issues and disseminator of inspiring, provocative ideas. Not many countries have the privilege of such a service and its independence deserves protection from politicians who can't handle the truth.

Michael McDonald

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Will Milne's deal lose green votes?

The Abbott government has no shame. This is hardly news but it is good to see it confirmed, yet again, by the deal with the Greens to abolish the debt ceiling in exchange for some largely meaningless and easily avoided undertakings about transparency.

This time last year dealing with the Greens in any form was akin to selling your political soul. Julia Gillard's alliance, first with Bob Brown and then, less comfortably, with his successor Christine Milne, was excoriated, anathematised by Abbott and his colleagues; no sane or decent person could associate with these fanatical destroyers of Australia's wealth and freedom.

Even after Milne formally dissolved the alliance the attacks continued: the Greens had invaded the Gillard government like a malign, alien parasite and were still controlling their hapless and gullible hosts. The Greens were the enemy of all the Australian way of life; it was as simple as that. Any contact, however fleeting and superficial, risked contamination.

And dealing with them was invariably and irrevocably lethal. But only, apparently, for a Labor government. The hardy conservatives are immune. And anyway, it is all about outcomes, the end justifies the means. So our dauntless Treasurer Joe Hockey had no real hesitation in following the Faustian example.

And the pact he made was almost entirely one-sided; it did not even require his signature in blood. The debt ceiling was no more; never again would he have to go begging to parliament for a rise, or endure the taunting and posturing of an understandably cynical opposition which had endured three years of thundering about the horrors of debt and deficit.

The economic crisis was offi-

cially over, and so was the political one which had accompanied it. It was the first real win for the government since its election, and Hockey and Abbott had every right to feel smug about it. Hypocrisy, shmypocrisy. Whatever it takes. There will be no sleepless nights on the government benches.

But for the Greens, and for their leader in particular, it may not be quite so simple. Debt in itself has never been a real issue for them; the concept is fine, even desirable if it is used for long term projects, worthwhile purposes like improving infrastructure – sustainable

Australian Democrats, and he turned to their leader, Meg Lees. The Democrats had campaigned in 1998 under the slogan of No GST on Food, and Lees took this as a licence to negotiate, saying she could make a bad tax better.

In fact exemptions destroyed the whole point of the tax, the efficiency resulting from its universality. However Lees demanded and received a number of concessions on what she called 'the necessities of life', a term which invited ever further widening of its inclusions. Eventually the list was finalised and Lees announced the Democrats

ing four, two did not contest the 2007 election and the other two lost their seats. As a viable force the Democrats were finished.

In hindsight, it was clear that the trigger for their decline was Lees's agreement with Howard. He wooed her with the promise that it would make her party relevant, part of the processes of government. But that was precisely what rank and file Democrats did not want. They gloried in the fact that they were outsiders, unsullied by compromise.

Their role was, in the words of their old slogan, to keep the (other) bastards honest. Lees should have been frustrating Howard, holding him to his 1996 promise that he would never, ever, introduce a GST.

They felt betrayed and although many hoped that Stott-Despoja could restore the party's political virginity, when she failed, they threw in the towel.

Okay, the parallels are not exact: the Greens have a much more solid base than the Democrats and rather more resilience. And they are no longer pristine; by aligning with Gillard in 2010 they well and truly lost their innocence. But Abbott is not Gillard; he is, unequivocally the enemy. If Milne is to offer him and solace at all (and there will be many on the party who think that she should refuse to piss on him if he was on fire) then the price should be a steep one; after all, look at what Brown extracted from Gillard.

At the very least, Milne's deal will be the cause of a certain amount of dissension in the party, and she is not without rivals who will welcome the chance to undermine her.

If she is again to sup with Abbott, she would be wise to take a longer spoon in future.

■ See Mungo's video at Echo.netdaily.net.au

There will be no sleepless nights on the government benches in making a deal with the Greens.

by Mungo MacCallum



infrastructure that is, and the promises of reporting to parliament and justifying government decisions look, at first glance at least, like a decent sort of quid pro quo. And by sitting down with Hockey, they have thrown off the label of being economic fringe dwellers; they have entered the political mainstream. But that may be exactly the problem; there is, after all, a terrible precedent.

In 1999 John Howard was desperate to pass his Goods and Services Tax. His resurrection of the 'never, ever' GST had nearly seen him defeated at the 1998 election and his political credibility now depended on getting it through a hostile senate. Labor and the Greens were implacably opposed and to Howard's dismay the independent Brian Harradine, on whose support Howard had been relying, also opposed it.

His only hope was the

would support the new package.

But many of her supporters were furious; some were opposed to the tax in any form and others felt Lees should have fought harder for items such as books to be exempted.

The parliamentary party split: two of the nine Democrat senators, Natasha Stott-Despoja and Andrew Bartlett, crossed the floor to vote against the GST. Among the rank and file the reaction was wider and more vehement. They called a leadership spill, as the Democrats constitution allowed, and although Lees survived the first attempt, as second in 2001 saw her replaced by Stott-Despoja. A year later she resigned from the party altogether.

The dispute was the beginning of the end. In the 2001 election the Democrats only lost one senator, but in 2004, after more leadership turmoil and grass roots disillusionment, they lost three. Of the remain-

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Caught between a rock and a hard place at the beach

■ Commenting on Cr Duncan Dey's trip to the beach two weeks ago: I can see the rose-tinted glasses are firmly on here but allow me to disturb the nirvana and make a similar point to Mary Gardner's article in last week's paper. The point is that it's actually very hard to find an unspoilt 'swamp' or untouched beach anywhere in Byron Shire and certainly not Tyagarah as you allude to.

The fact is that the beaches along the Bay of Byron are simply not a good example of the pristine. If anything, they were a hive of industrial activity from 1870 onwards until

the mid-1980s when tourism arrived to save the town after the closure of the meatworks. Can I suggest you firstly read your own council's Heritage Study before waxing lyrical hogwash?

The reality is that up until the closure of Walkers Meatworks in 1984, the beaches in Byron Shire were a vital component of the very significant industrial endeavours that made up the Byron Shire. All that intensive industry along all our beaches for over 100 years and not a white shoe in sight; think about that as you sit in front of Council's rocks that protect Wategos or the

rock works that stabilise Main Beach and all that lies beyond.

On your analysis, a beach is not a beach if it has any protection works such as revetment walls or groynes. So how would you classify some of the most iconic beaches in Australia, Bondi Beach, Manly Beach and Wategos, all protected by historic rock works?

On local coastal processes, unlike some minds, Byron's beaches are not part of a closed system. Byron's beaches do not rely on a sand dune behind for their replenishment and existence as you simplistically suggest. Local beach sand has a well-documented,

long northward journey to the Gold Coast, Stradbroke, Morton and finally Fraser, the biggest sand island in the world. Sand long delayed by the Jonson Street rock works arrives later on Belongil Beach, alas often too late to replenish before the next storm. Solutions are there – closed minds won't find them.

John Vaughan
Belongil Beach

■ The only way to restore the beach at Belongil, and save what is left of it at the end of the wall, as well as the shorebird nesting area, is to implement planned retreat

by insisting that the extensive unlawful rock and rubble works be removed. Rather than being caught between a rock and a hard place, the beach system will then be able to move as the seas rise and the coast erodes.

It was always silly to build on an eroding sand spit and that is why Council decided over 25 years ago to not defend the houses and adopted planned retreat. Now that we know that global warming is happening, and the seas are rising at an accelerating rate, it is the height of stupidity for this council to abandon planned retreat and construct

their own rock walls.

I am disgusted that my rates are helping to destroy a beach and an important bird nesting and roosting area for the benefit of a few landowners who bought on the basis of planned retreat. The beach is worth far more to this community, visitors, nesting turtles and shorebirds than a few houses.

Byron Shire councillors who support this should be ashamed that this is contrary to the Local Environment Plan and Development Control Plan and yet they won't let ratepayers have a say in it.

Dailan Pugh
Byron Bay

Seaside peace

I would just like to remind those who drive like there is no tomorrow, those who own a dog that is allowed to roam the streets day and night and those who have a reverse alarm on their vehicle, that one of the reasons for choosing to live in a quiet seaside village is that it is QUIET!

Matt Andrews
South Golden Beach

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That email for car sharing also applies to the ANZ AGM protest in Brisbane on the following Wednesday 18th. Find out more about this protest by searching for the Facebook event.

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Sapoty Brook
Mullumbimby

Showground parking

For the sake of a \$1 (gold coin) donation to the funds of the Mullumbimby Showground Trust more and more people are choosing instead to park on the grass verge in Coral Avenue and walk into the showground. This act not

only creates a nuisance and a traffic hazard, as it has the effect to form a single-car-only lane/funnel, but it also means less of a contribution to showground trust funds to be used for upkeep of the grounds.

Perhaps the trust should make the donation bucket 'unattended' to avoid the conscience issues here for those who feel they cannot contribute for whatever reason. It is after all only meant to be 'voluntary'.

Clive Jeffery
Mullumbimby

Rope up

Oliver Dunne in a letter a couple of weeks ago advised that all of us who are distressed by the new trend of surfing without leg-ropes should do or rather say something about it. Last week Leroy from Federal wrote that he agrees with Oliver but nobody should say anything to him because when he goes in the surf break without a leg-rope he is in control of his board.

Elder surf riders should set an example to everyone else. Not having a leg-rope sends out a message that it is an acceptable practice.

We need to work together as surfers if we want to stop this trend of no leg-ropes in crowded surf. Otherwise it will go back to the bad old days with loose boards floating everywhere and heaps of accidents.

Surfing is my passion and has been for 49 years now. I was surfing in Malibu, California in the 60s before leg-ropes had been invented. It was chaos; when a larger-

than-expected set of waves came through everyone lost their boards. It didn't matter how good you were, the force of an unexpected or powerful wave just tore the board out of your hands.

We all love the surf, we all hate to make the vibe bad by 'having a go' at someone else entering the water without a leg-rope. Maybe just ask them how they would feel if their loose board seriously hurt someone else, or worse.

In our beautiful, crowded point breaks we have people of all ages from eight to 80 enjoying the waves. The younger and older may be more vulnerable, slower or unaware. So I suggest if you don't want to wear a leg-rope go to an uncrowded break.

Surfers and family members of surfers: if you want to change this trend take Oliver's advice and always say something to a surfer entering the water without a leg-rope.

Maggi Luke
Byron Bay

Lyme awareness

It was nice to read that the Byron lighthouse was illuminated red last week to commemorate World AIDS Day. But spare a thought to those in our Shire that have a similar debilitating auto-immune disease that, if undiagnosed, can lead to death. A disease with so much mystery and controversy that it is not even officially acknowledged to exist in Australia, though clearly it does.

I, for one, have Lyme disease, caused by tick bites I got in Main Arm, and know many others who have been diagnosed. Not to mention

many who remain undiagnosed because most doctors aren't Lyme-aware and therefore don't even think it could be the cause of the myriad illnesses their patient is presenting with.

Those of us suffering from this horrific bacterial disease usually receive no help from the government, little help from the medical establishment, unless you're lucky enough to find a doctor who has studied an unacknowledged disease (usually because they have it themselves), and little support, sympathy or help from family and friends as no-one understands just how serious, painful and debilitating this disease is.

I can't put into words how much this sucks!

This year they lit Niagara Falls green for Lyme Awareness week. Perhaps the good people who organise such things might light up the Byron lighthouse to give some support, awareness and rec-

ognition to a disease that is becoming a small epidemic in this region.

Be aware of ticks this summer and if bitten and have a
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NEWS!!!!

Sunrise Cycles Byron Bay have agreed to move the 'Extreme Beach Cruiser' promotion to December! This means you have 4.5 weeks to come in and join the Extreme Byron Bay Family or, if you are already a member, bring in three friends to try a class and you **go into the draw to win!**

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bad reaction, get to the doctor and get on antibiotics and kill it before it kills you!

Magenta Appel-Pye
Mullumbimby

That local paper

In response to Brian War-
rick's letter (*Echo*, December
3), good on you for deciding
not to read *The Echo*. It took
me a long time to realise that
if I didn't like scary show
rides, I didn't have to go on
them, and now I don't. Hav-
ing said that, please don't take
any newspaper too seriously;
'news' is subjective.

I personally thought *The
Echo* had lost its progres-
sive edge for a while but the
'action against extremist
government' headline and
Hans's brilliant analysis of
Toned Abs's cabinet of a few
weeks ago had me back on

side. Mainstream papers have
trivial articles on octuplets
and celebrities, *The Echo* has
some nice local stories, Mun-
go (despite being stuck in the
Whitlam era) and Mandy.
Enjoy – you'd be hard pressed
to find anything else like it.

Bec Talbot
Mullumbimby

■ Tired of the leftist slant of
The Echo and in particular
Mungo's column, Brian War-
rick of Bangalow has resolved
that from now on his only
correspondence with *The
Echo* will be marching it to
the recycling. Presumably
he will now obtain his news
and opinion from more hack-
neyed sources. But it is rather
a shame that Brian will not
read this because I fear that
he misses the point.

Although a doyen like
Mungo hardly needs defence

from a minnow such as my-
self, there are a couple of
points pertaining to context
worth making. Firstly, Mun-
go's column appears on the
page entitled 'Comment'. The
word *comment* refers to an
opinion, explanatory remark
or critical observation. Ideas
professed under the rubric of
'comment' do not profess to
be 'news' or even 'objective'
facts.

If Brian hopes to read
political comment devoid of
opinion... well, good luck.
And if he had not been so
wedded to notions of Abbott's
infallibility then he may well
have remembered Mungo's
evisceration of our recent
(Labor) prime ministers.

The second point is that
The Echo makes its purpose
quite explicit. It hopes to
'comfort the afflicted and af-
flict the comfortable'. When
you bash the left you must re-
member that this is the men-
tality that you are exposing. If
you believe that the comfort-
able need comforting then
your needs are well served by
NewsCorp.

Dave Lisle
Mullumbimby

■ In *The Echo* of Novem-
ber 26 Mandy Nolan boldly
stated, '...if Gina Rinehart fell
down a mineshaft, I'd be de-
lighted'. This is not taken out
of context but directly from
the text, and it is unqualified
in its directness.

I can't imagine anything
more aptly to be described as
a totalitarian (Left or Right
– there is no essential dif-
ference) mindset. It says, 'I
don't like you/your success/
your wealth/your beliefs/
your appearance/your man-
ner, therefore you should die'.

If your columnist's defence
is that she didn't mean it, then
the question arises, 'Why on
Earth did you say it?'

If your columnist's defence
is that she was being light-
hearted and funny then the
question arises, 'Why do you
believe someone's death for
not being to your liking is
light-hearted and funny?'

If your columnist's defence
is that she was just playing
to the gallery, the question
arises, 'What sort of gallery
is it from whom you seek ap-
plause and approval?'

If your columnist's defence
is that it was just a throwaway

line, the question arises, 'Why
didn't you – well – just throw
it away?'

I hear the hint of the ap-
proval of the gulag, the lagers,
the 'disappearances' of Chile,
of the bullet in the back of the
head in the basement.

Surely, there is enough
such violence and disrespect
for the humanity of others
in the rest of the world that
we don't need a comedian
'funnily' proposing however
indirectly the same thing in
Australia.

While you, Sir, will say
that you are opposed to cen-
sorship, the very pertinent
question to you is, 'Do you
approve of the (im)morality
of the above quote?'

This is pertinent because
you are the editor of a paper
that not too reluctantly trum-
pets its eirenic virtues.

J Rose
Mullumbimby

Dating blues


In an interview between
Mandy and Ernst Dams
about dating, he states that
in this shire the (good!) men
versus women is out of bal-
ance. Of course! It should

have read (good!) men ver-
sus (good!) women. It dis-
criminates against men and
is wrong.

There are plenty of not
so 'good' women out there
as well as men. Over the
last three years, looking for
a long-term relationship, I
have dated over 50 women (I
have not had sex with any of
them). I have dated alcohol-
ics, drug addicts (three bongs
before breakfast type), drug
dealers, narcissists (me, me,
me), liars, scammers (after a
few dates ask for money or
help on their property), con-
fess to having current fuck
buddies, desperate, needy,
flaky, damaged, obese, mon-
ey-pinching, only want sex,
not ready for a relationship,
and much more.

Weß 'good' men have to
sift through the bullshit to
find a 'good' woman in this
shire. Just like the women
have to. It's the same. So don't
just have a go at men! And as
for this so called ratio of men
to women in this shire, what
a load of nonsense! But that's
for another letter.

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1928-1948*, at the Mullumbimby Mu-
seum, cnr Myocum & Stuart Sts, Fri-
day December 13, 10am-12noon. All
welcome.

Twilight Market Brunswick

The annual Christmas markets will be
on Wednesday 18 December from 3pm
till late. Santa will be there 6-7pm, the
lights on the Christmas tree will be
turned on at 8pm and the fireworks
display will be at 9pm. For further in-
formation contact 6628 4495.

Breast cancer support

The last Byron Breast Cancer Support
Group meeting for 2013 will be at 12.30
on Wed 18 Dec for lunch at the Byron
Community Table in the Byron Com-
munity Centre followed by the 1.30pm
screening of short documentary film
'Umoja' (entry by donation). For fur-
ther info phone Barb 6680 8893.

OSCA Christmas lunch

The Ocean Shores Community Asso-
ciation last meeting for 2013 will be a
Christmas lunch on Monday 16 De-
cember at 1pm at the Ocean Shores
Tavern. For bookings call 0431 477 445.

Book sale

Friends of the Library are having a
massive book sale and Xmas raffle out-
side the Byron Bay Library on Friday 13
December, 8.30am-2pm. Funds raised
will go towards the library collection.
Enquiries to 6685 3030.

Byron Community College

End-of-year celebration, book launch
and student showcase, Thursday 12 De-
cember 5.30-7.30pm at the Mullum-
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Chem-free landcare

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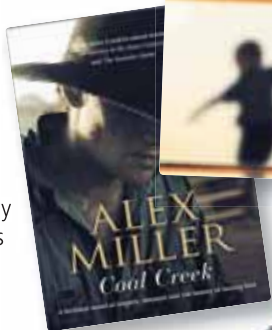
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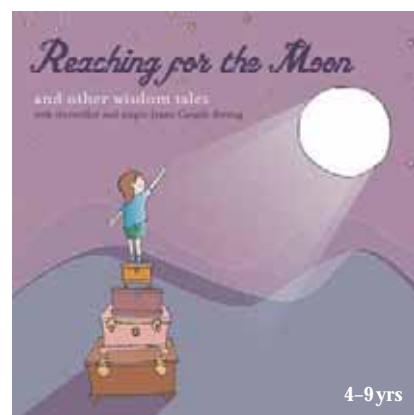
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The Double Robotics Inc team began shipping to customers in May 2013. Since then, the company has seen over \$2 million in sales and has shipped units throughout the US, Canada, Europe, and Australia. Double is designed and hand-assembled in California at the company's headquarters. Double is part of the Apple Made for iPad Program and is compatible with iPad 2, iPad (3rd generation), iPad (4th generation), and soon, iPad Air.



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The Butterfly Collector
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SouLife comes to Byron

This week marks the re-incarnation in Byron Bay of Sydney's iconic metaphysical bookstore SouLife.

It was first established in 1990 in Manly by local Byron resident Esoteric Emissary and Arts Adventurer Clinton Hart, having been previously known as Jewels of Wisdom in its last incarnation.

Living in Byron for the last 12 years, and witnessing the disappearance of local new age outlets, it was an easy decision for Clinton to relocate the store. Byron has been lacking a strong dedicated metaphysical outlet in the shire for some time now.

What makes SouLife different and dynamic where others have declined is Clinton's insistence on the highest quality in crystals, jewellery and book selection. Just in time for Christmas too!

It is new-age without the fluff and fuzz. Clinton describes it as an intelligent collection of objects of beauty and spiritual concepts worth considering.

The new SouLife Byron offers a rare kind of retail shopping experience in a store designed to browse, meet and relax.

Now open for trading every day at the heart of Byron Bay in the Woolworths Plaza between O-Sushi and Late Night Video.



The Butterfly Collector pops up in Byron

Internationally renowned street artist Shannon Crees brings her art to Byron Bay for a pop up exhibition – The Butterfly Collector – for a month from 13 December.

Building on pieces from her successful London solo show, Shannon's unique artworks celebrate and indulge in the eclectic and bohemian, harmonious with the flavour of Byron Bay.

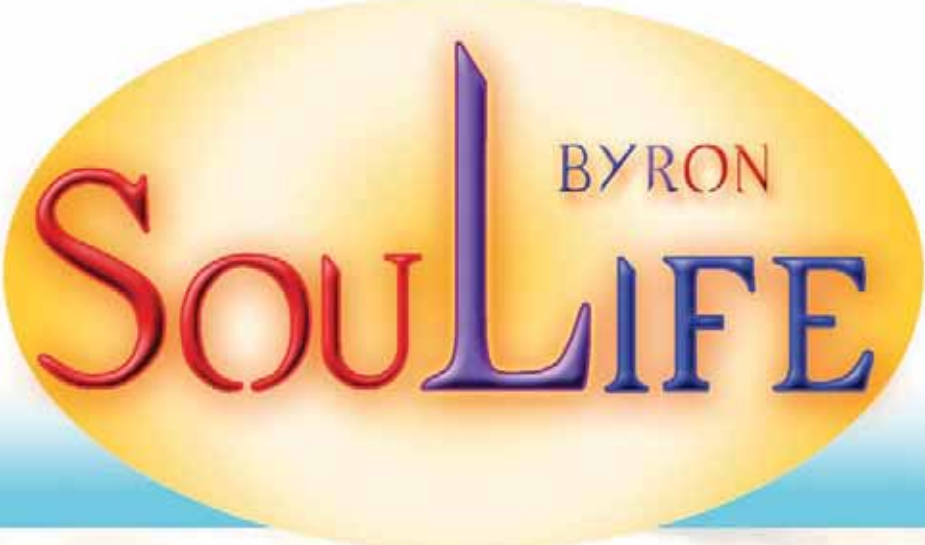
Collaborating with local fashion labels Hoi Polloi and Piratesdreaming, whose combined vision is to bring the local community together at their new creative shop in the centre of Byron Bay.

The show opens on Friday 13 December 6–9pm with drinks sponsored by Byron Bay Brewery.

The Butterfly Collector pops up in Byron at Pier Arcade, Shop 5/7 Lawson Street, Byron Bay.



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Mandy Nolan has a copy of her book *What I would Do If I were You* for your Xmas stocking. Along with that she also has a copy of Brendan Lovechild's *The Perfect Poo*, a children's story written and illustrated by Brendan and co-authored by Nolan. Send us your entry with subject header 'Funny Xmas'.

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The Uplift Evolution Begins

NEXT THURSDAY, SOME OF THE MOST CELEBRATED VISIONARY THINKERS ON THE PLANET COME TOGETHER FOR UPLIFT FESTIVAL A FOUR-DAY EVENT CELEBRATION PEACE, LOVE AND TRANSFORMATION. CO-PRODUCER CHRIS DEKKER HAS BEEN ENGAGED IN THE ORGANISATION OF THIS UNIQUE EVENT, WHICH IS SURE TO BECOME AN INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL PHENOMENON.

'We already have 150 per cent more ticket sales than this time last year. And 90 per cent of those are from outside the shire. We have people flying from America, Germany and Japan.'

The international appeal of the festival is clearly rooted in the program, which boasts evolutionary leaders, scientists, visionary activists, indigenous elders, musicians and the like with international bestselling author Anita Moorjani, neurosurgeon Dr Eben Alexander, environmental activist Vandana Shiva, Dr Patch Adams, peace activist Satish Kumar and musician Xavier Rudd.

Dekker, who has been in events productions for 30 years touring the world as a musician with Medicine Drum and founder of Earthdance (the global dance link-up which is now in its 17th year), is passionate about the festival and what it means to be an event producer.

'Uplift is another octave of where my work has been,' he says. 'I have always seen event culture as another vehicle to present transformational change to people. But it is a labour of love and you have to love the job, you have to love people coming together.'

The event is now in its sophomore year and kicked off last year quite by accident when Bharat Mitra and Bhavani Lev contracted Dekker to organise Bharat's birthday party on 12/12/12.

'He knew Bruce Lipton and a few others so I said why don't we do something public as well - so I rang some of my contacts and Uplift was born. This year we are refining it.

'Last year was an amazing year for us. The festival was a great success energetically. But what was probably key to the great experience was the profound connection between the visionaries who came together before the event in residence for 10 days. They gave their best presentations because they were super charged.

In this, our second year in, we are feeling a lot more ease with the event; the public know about it; it's smooth; the presenters are in session and that is going really well. The



vision this year is to ground Uplift as an annual event. We have expanded the village outside - we have a big tent on the field as the second breakout tent. We have the Gyuto monks coming, and a gompa tent for them while they create a sand mandala, a big 26-foot tipi as the elders' lodge, the grandmother council, and we have a lot more indigenous elders coming this year.'

Other highlights according to Dekker will be the youth initiative Earth Guardians.

'The Australian chapter of the Earth Guardians kicked off last year when local youth were inspired by EG founder Xiuhtezcatl Martinez. Xiuhtezcatl returns this year with youth leaders from different countries - India, Africa - and he's brought a few kids from the US as well. There will be a lot of empowered youth at Uplift this year; we have created a dedicated youth tent where they are in residence and there's lots of programming for the tweens into the twenties.'

Dekker believes that Uplift is very much a 'Byron' event, although there has been some talk about moving to somewhere like Sydney.

'People say why don't you take it to Sydney? You would triple the sales, but I think Byron is a good place as an international home, not just an Australian home. The shire resonates with what we are presenting - Byron holds the energy.'

This year also sees organisers grow Uplift in the same model as TED talks.

'This year we partnered with a company in the states: Fora TV - they are the world leaders of conference online streaming; they provide all the software and streaming and we are doing a live DVD stream and charging a really small fee. People can come onboard and watch it and it's archived, so we can create this online community. That's been a great new environment; it's not just about bums on seats, you can be anywhere in the world, the power of the internet and everyone can connect - it's our vision to make it like a visionary TED celebratory conference.'

There is much to do in the lead-up to Uplift. Woodcarver and colleague Tonu Shane has been preparing a totem pole, carved especially for the event.

'This pole magically appeared from Mt Jerusalem - a 150-year-old Tallowood tree that fell in a storm - but the way the guy described it was amazing: a little cyclonic whirlwind dropped it in the valley! We went up there in old growth and found this amazing tree, and we got it down to where Tonu is carving it. I met with the Arakwal mob here and said we'd like to honour some of the Indigenous totems. There is *kabul* (carpet snake) - it is the most significant totem for the Arakwal and it means the community coming together - imagine this 16-metre pole wrapping around it! At Uplift everyone has the opportunity to put their hand on it and it should represent the diversity of our shire. It has the goanna, the sea eagle, all carved in - it will be lying on the ground. One of the key features is a time capsule: prayers, messages from the Arakwal, message from Byron Shire, the 13-grandmother bundle, poems from children... Tonu reckons in 150 years it will come out, and it should represent our vision for a positive future.'

For Tonu, carving a pole is about being responsive to the spirit.

'It's definitely something that evolves; every tree is different and I believe there are living spirits in the trees.

When they come down you can free them up, you have to feel them - there is a lot of magic in it; it all depends on how you look at it - most people will see differently.'

On its completion Uplift plan on donating the pole to Byron Council so it can be erected in a significant community position.

'Totem poles represent acupuncture needles - once they go up they are very sacred. Drawing the energy from the Earth, the totem represents the human pole and it's a conduit to the spiritual realm - coming from the Earth.'

For tickets and program information go to www.upliftfestival.com.



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IS SUFFERING THE NEW SALVATION?

Trauma makes things taste better. That's what the lady at the markets told me the other day when I asked her the difference between her nuts. The purveyor of \$16 macadamia paste (which turns out to be both delicious and more expensive than the equivalent quantity of cocaine) explained the difference between roasted and raw nuts. 'The roasted nut paste tastes better because it's been traumatised.'

How interesting. Food tastes better with a little trauma. But not too much. I have often thought the very same thing about people. People who have suffered are generally more interesting than those who haven't. Like the macadamias that were unwillingly submitted to the oven, people who've felt the heat turned up in their own lives are forced to develop a more distinctive flavour.

Have you ever met someone who hasn't experienced heartbreak? And I'm not talking about missing out on the unicycle when it breezed through Aldi last week, or jumping on the scales and realising you've acquired another kilo. I'm talking about having your heart smashed in with an emotional mallet. I'm talking about someone doing a drive by and shooting your poor little heart into a thousand ugly pieces. I'm talking about being savaged by grief to the point where you can't get off the floor. The carpet sob.

These are not the pictures of ourselves that we put on Facebook. These are our lowest most brutal

moments but very often these are the experiences that have helped shape who we are, either by our sheer bloody-mindedness, our victimhood or our resilience.

It seems almost unthinkable that there should be someone out there who hasn't suffered. They are rare, but they do exist. These are privileged yet emotionally retarded souls. They haven't developed the flavour of a human that has been roasted on life's rotisserie of misery. Of course no-one lines up for suffering. No-one is eager for life's mallet to fall just so they can hit some emotional milestones.

But have you ever met someone who's never been hurt? Someone who has never suffered? It's like listening to Nicki Minaj. Or Justin Bieber. To be meaningful you have to know how to navigate the landscape of angst, to abseil blindly into the pain abyss. Unbroken-ness would seem like the perfect human condition, but as they say it's only when you break something that you let a little light in.

I have a friend who didn't have her heart broken until well into her forties. Previously she'd thought her complaining, morose, overly dramatic girlfriends who couldn't stop thrashing their stories of emotional degradation and misery were a little over the top. Sure, she'd ended relationships but she'd never suffered.

You only suffer deeply when you love deeply and when that happened I remember her lovely face looking at me aghast 'is this what women talk about?' I nodded and poured her a glass of red. This was going to be a long night.

I'll admit it, we all know a woman who just won't let go of the rejection bone, the one that keeps hauling over the same territory, telling the story of her broken relationship like a miserable mantra. After twelve months of going 'yeah he's a bastard. How could he have done that' or 'you deserve

better,' what an arsehole' you start thinking 'fuck I think I would have dumped her too. She's so bloody intense. Move on, bitch'. But we don't say that to our friends' faces because that would be a betrayal of the sisterhood, and we have all been that stupid bitch yowling about the injustice of our once-perfect life lying smashed on the floor.

Some of the people who have impressed me most in life are those who have suffered terrible loss, and somehow have managed to live life without fear or bitterness. People who have managed to move on in spite of themselves. People with stories to tell. Holocaust survivors, refugees, orphans, widows, people who have lost children, bushfire survivors, the bankrupt, the divorced, alcoholics, gamblers, the anxious and depressed and those who have developed mental health issues, the car accident survivors who end up in wheelchairs, the disabled, the disfigured, the lonely... the list goes on.

These are the people, the anonymous survivors of life's slings and arrows who should be our heroes. Not tuggish football players on six-figure incomes. So next time you suffer, as you draw breath between sobs, remember, as long as you can avoid complete incineration in life's oven, you are on the way to becoming delicious. This is the speech I'll be giving the kids this year when I don't get them any Christmas presents.

'I know it hurts now but in a few years you'll be amazing. That's the best gift of all.'



Read more of Mandy in her book, *What I Would Do If I Were You*, available at all good bookshops

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The Lab, Laura-Doe's *Vaudeville of the Vulva*, The Lollipop Ladies, Miss Belle Benét, Miss Renee Simon, Mr Speaker and the People Party, The mysterious case of Ms Mae Wilde's identity crisis, Porcelain Punch, Rapskallion, Reilly Fitzalan, Safety First, SistaGurl, Shep Huntly, Shiny Shiny, The Slow Show, So You Think You Can Interpretive Dance, Suzy Leigh, Ten-Minute Dance Parties, The Tiniest Circus with the Biggest Heart!, Wacko and Blotto, Willow Beats. Australian folk rock singer/songwriter, and the northern rivers'

song *Your Stars*, released earlier this year and produced by himself and Daniel Pinkerton, has already received more than 16 thousand plays on online music streaming site Soundcloud, not to mention the two Dolphin awards the song picked up in this year's NCEA Dolphin Music awards. Reilly and his band will be the headline act at the **Great Northern**, Byron Bay, on **Friday** with opening acts starting at 9pm. Reilly will also be playing at The **Treehouse** on Belongil on **Saturday** and concludes his local tour with a show at **Falls Fest**.

WAK IN FRIGHT

Greg Doolan and the boys from **Wickety Wak** have recently returned from a very successful performance in Hawaii. The guys were asked to produce a show featuring the incredibly different American music styles

FALLING FOR VOLUNTEERS

Falls Music & Arts Festival is looking for **volunteers** to help create and perform in a festival sideshow, as well as people to help create art installations and puppets. Volunteer performers will work with local director and performer Andy Forbes to develop interactive comedy-based shows that will run during the day at the festival. Contact Andy Forbes forbulator@gmail.com 0411 053 942. Art Camp volunteers will work with local puppeteers Oliver Buckworth and Lara and Paddy from Krinkl theatre. Contact: Suzanne Kalk stusuz@westnet.com.au. Volunteers will get a ticket to the festival. **Workshop days 16-20 Dec. Performances 30 and 31 Dec, 1 and 2 Jan.**

TOTAL ECLIPSE OF THE ART

The Falls Music & Arts Festival gets funky with an eclectic, esoteric, weirded-out Byron feel with The Village area of the festival! With artists and installations from across Australia and the world, The Village is a space packed with an organised kind of chaos, loveable characters, enchanting music and charming surrounds. Mixing local and national artists this year, the Byron program is filled to the brim with performers of many varying genres, including gypsy folk bands, hip-hop beat producers, singer/songwriters, cabaret performers, glitchhop artists, scratch DJs, burlesque danseuse, time-travel artists, Bollywood dancers, theatre productions, yoga, creative workshops, giant puppet weddings and more! Here's the weird, wonderful and whacky characters who are bringing a unique Byron flavour to the arts activities at Falls. Featured are Bollywood Sisters, The Button Collective, CabiWoolfzinger, The Captain Syphilis Experience, The Cassettes, Dangling My Tootsies, Deya Dova, Die RotenPunkte (The Red



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own, Reilly Fitzalan, is heading off on his debut summer east coast tour. The dates will see him head from Melbourne through the east coast to Brisbane and finally finishing at Falls Festival in **Byron Bay** at the end of **December**. Local tickets are still available for Falls.

TALENT THAT FITZ

Reilly Fitzalan is an up-and-coming talent in the Australian music scene and at only 19 has already played at some of the biggest festivals in the country including Splendour in The Grass, Byron Bay Bluesfest and Mullumbimby Music Festival. Currently recording his debut EP, set for release early next year, Reilly has lived in Melbourne for much of 2013, recording with longtime friend and musical ally Daniel Pinkerton. Reilly's



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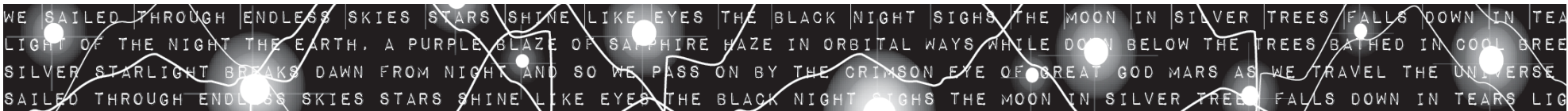
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of the Fifties to the Seventies. Another outstanding Wak show was born. The show was so well received that the boys have been offered a tour of Europe next year.

Come and see what all the fuss is about as Wickety Wak, Greg Doolan, Rob Rosenlund, Tony Jeffrey and Laura Doolan present the next instalment of hilarity from the Masters. **Twin Towns** on **Saturday** at 8pm Q-Time. \$30.

GROOVING THE POINCIANA

Weekends come alive in Mullumbimby with the **Poinciana Café presents Summer Sessions** in the Garden of Groove. **Friday** evenings offer showcases of local talent playing live. **The Poinciana** are currently accepting submissions from local musicians and DJs suitable to a cafe environment. **Fridays** from 6pm and **Sundays** from 2pm. If you think you have what it takes to entertain or know someone that does... send through links to your music, videos or EPKs to benbrennan76@bigpond.com.

DELICIOUS BEATS FOR YOUR BOWL

After three and a half years of being the most amazing, friendly meet-and-greet doorman you could ever ask for, this will be Cath's – aka **Mrs Frou Frou** – last **Delicious** at the **Lismore City Bowlo**. And Craig has decided that after three and a half years of throwing monthly **DELICIOUS** parties, it's time to take a break and have a summer holiday. On the decks this Saturday are DJs **LADY K**, **M_Phonik** and of course Craig Wilson aka **iSAMURAI**.

LADY K is a pocket rocket who packs a mean punch when it comes to delivering the musical goods, and few can deliver a set of tech house and techno like LADY K can. M_Phonik will be bringing the peeps a rare set of house and tech house goodies. And Craig Wilson aka iSAMURAI has a couple of very special sets in the planning for all the groovers. For his first set, from 9pm till 10pm, he will be keeping his trademark Nu Disco flavours flowing. Doors open from 9pm, and goes till 2am.

Entry is \$15.

THE MAGIC BUTTONS

The Button Collective are fast winning hearts around the region with their Mumford and Sons style of foot-stomping folk rock that makes it almost impossible to remain chair bound. The Buttons have had a big year, winning the local National Campus Band Competition, appearing at Splendour In The Grass and Lismore Lantern Parade, and have recently recorded an album. Having been to TUF before, they have graciously agreed to appear again, before an extensive east coast tour and a gig at the Byron Falls festival. The Button Collective borrow elements from traditional folk-dance bands of Ireland and central Europe, spiced with the spirit of the fast-paced bluegrass from America, and all with a very personal and intimate delivery. The Button Collective incorporates accordion, mandolin, fiddle, banjo, harmonica, double bass, drums, and rich, multi-layered vocal harmonies. At **Tintenbar Hall** on **Friday** night with singer/songwriter **James Webb**, singer guitarist **Liora Claff**, **The Acapelicans**, the **Fry Babies** and **Cythara**.

Entry \$10 / \$5. Proceeds to Camp Quality, Northern Rivers.

The Button Collective also appear at Phil Levy's **No Depression** at the **Gollan Hotel** in Lismore on **Thursday** at 7pm.



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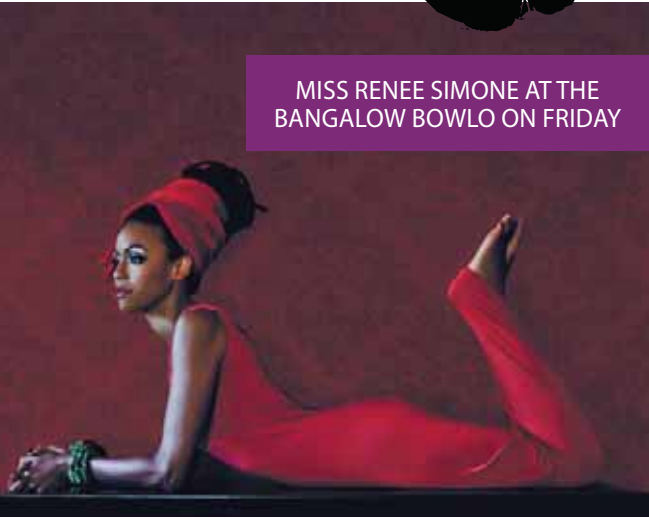
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RELEASING THE SPIRIT; UNLOCKING THE HEART

Chad Wilkins is returning to the **Sphinx Rock Café** out at Mt Burrell on **Sunday**. Originally from the US, now a Byron region local, Chad brings an atmosphere with him. His music is more of an invitation than a performance. Drawing from his own spiritual journey, Chad's songs range from up-beat positive-vibe tunes to peaceful meditations, all showcasing conscious lyrics that draw us higher. Stay tuned for the soon release of Chad's debut album *Show Us The Way Of The Heart*, and come out for a blissful afternoon at the Sphinx from 2pm.



THE BUTTON COLLECTIVE AT THE GOLLAN HOTEL IN LISMORE FOR THE LAST NO DEPRESSION FOR THE YEAR



MISS RENEE SIMONE AT THE BANGALOW BOWLO ON FRIDAY



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CHRISTMAS UKE TUMBULGUM

Stukulele and Miss Amber's Uke Night will be bringing the Christmas cheer nice and early on **Thursday** with all your favourite carols and Christmas songs at **Tumbulgum Tavern**, a great venue for a sing and strum along, drinks and a good feed with chargrill and pizza from 5pm. What a perfect occasion for a Christmas party! Strumming from 7 till 9pm. Entry is still only \$10 (kids free). Download the music at www.ukenight.com.

BEARDED TIGER

Melbourne's **The Tiger and Me** take their theatrical-style folk pop and join prodigious Adelaide gypsy-jazz sensations Bearded Gypsy Band for a series of shows called Music for Lovers, Villains and Fools. Featuring a set from each band, the show delivers a nod and wink to the romantic nostalgia of the early 20th century,

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from a late-night smoky bar in Paris to a New York speakeasy, while remaining firmly rooted in the present day. The bands bring a big-top energy to the stage to put on an event for all those rampant feet out there looking for the ultimate place to whirl and stomp. The dynamic Melbourne folk pop outfit recently scored a major coup with their haunting song *Other Friends Have Flown Before* sound-tracking the evocative trailer for one of this year's most anticipated Australian cinema events, Tim Winton's *The Turning*. The Tiger and Me have carved a reputation as an explosive live experience, following a string of national gigs in support of their sophomore album *The Drifter's Dawn*. Fresh from supporting the recent Cat Empire national tour and recent recipients of Music SA's Award for Best Roots Act of 2013, Bearded Gypsy Band perform their Django Reinhardt-inspired mix of roots, folk and blues with a musical authority and clarity seemingly beyond their years.

Thursday at the **Beach Hotel**.

NEED A CHANCE TO REALLY DANCE?

The Link will be creating another epic sound journey of organic dance music this **Saturday** night. Come along to **Kulchajam** (1 Acacia St, Byron) to be a part of this growing dancefloor phenomenon. Be prepared to seriously boogie while heaven and Earth meet in sonic creation. Come and celebrate the return of summer with the final appearance of The Link for 2013. Kulchajam Saturday. Doors open 8pm. Entry \$15. Salty Sisters Catering.

ELTHAM HUSSYS

NCEIA Album of the Year winners, **Hussy Hicks**, are launching their new concept **Circle of Friends** at the **Eltham hall** this **Saturday**. The evening will feature six highly acclaimed singer/songwriters from varied musical backgrounds, all with the common thread of being part of one big beautiful musical family. This first instalment of Circle of Friends will feature **Marshall Okell** (NCEIA Male Vocalist/Blues Artist of the year), **Felicity Burdett**, **Matt Zarb**, **Sean Ikin** and the Hussy Hicks. Each artist will invite the audience into their musical world to share the stories behind their songs in an intimate 'in the round' environment. Tickets are on sale now through Eltham Village Gallery or online at hussyhicks.iwannaticket.com.au. Doors open 7pm and it's BYO, so grab yourself a six-pack and get ready for a very special evening.

BE EARLY FOR LATE FOR WOODSTOCK

According to the hippies of the new millennium, the 60s and 70s did more than just pass us by – they gave rise to the adolescence of a new world. This legacy of peace, love and world vision was etched in stone by an amazing collection of songs, sounds and artists that captured the essence of mankind's most creative years in music. Sharing a passion for the music from this era that spawned so many iconic rock legends, four inspired musicians formed Late For Woodstock in 1998 to bring these classic sounds and images back to live audiences. After 15 years together, Late For Woodstock has amassed a solid playlist, which includes not only classic hits from the era but album track favourites by the likes of CCR, Led Zeppelin, Lynyrd Skynyrd, Pink Floyd, Rodriguez, Jimi Hendrix, Bob Dylan, The Who, Neil Young, Santana, The Doors, The Rolling Stones, Lou Reed, and too many more to mention. **Byron Brewery** on **Friday** from 6pm and **Lennox Hotel** on **Saturday** from 9.30pm.

BEACHY XMAS PARTY

The Beach Hotel invites the regulars to their '**Beachy Christmas Party**' to say Thank You for the support over the last 12 months! Local brewers Stone & Wood will be there with a pop-up bar and a 'Karma Keg' set up with all proceeds going to the chosen charity 'Adopt A Family At Christmas', supporting young children in the local Byron shire. There will be fun for the whole family, local talents from **Spaghetti Circus** performing on the day, Christmas craft table and face painting to entertain the kids. The party kicks off from 3pm **Sunday**.

MISS RENEE SIMONE IS IN THE HOUSE

After a tremendous year of performing and recording with Bernard Fanning of Powderfinger, the release of her debut album *ROAR* with fantastic reviews, and straight back from her international album launch tour, **Miss Renee Simone** will close the tour with a hometown show at **The Bowlo**, Bangalow, on **Friday**. If you haven't had a chance now is your last opportunity to see and support what Byron Bay has produced before the gang head off again in the new year. The night will open with the gorgeous **Felicity Lawless** on flamenco guitar. Come and have a sophisticated evening of live music for your Christmas gatherings. 'If honey had a sound it would be the voice the voice of Miss Renee Simone' – Bernard Fanning. Pre-sales tix: \$12 (+ \$2.50 booking fee) | Door tix: \$15 or \$25 includes a free brand-new album \$25 | Show: 7.30pm.

A XMAS PARTY TO AFEND

AFENDS & EPØKHE kickstart the summer mayhem with their **Xmas party** at the **Northern**. Bringing fresh-faced holiday cheer to headline the evening will be world-conquering psych-rock warriors, **Pond**. Recently named by NME as the 'hottest new band in the world' and fronted by former Tame Impala member Nick Allbrook, Pond are set to deliver their jaw-droppingly good live show for a not-to-be-missed night. Get ready to be teleported into a mind-blowing vortex of lo-fi psychedelic goodness! The shenanigans will be going down **Sunday** at The Northern from 8pm, with supports gift-wrapped in the shape of garage trio **Doctopus** and local boys **Tsun**. Tickets just \$20 + b/f.

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IIISAMURAI AND DJ LADY K AT LISMORE CITY BOWLO FOR DELICIOUS ON SATURDAY

IT'S A MASSACRE

After their incredibly successful tour of 2012, **The Brian Jonestown Massacre** are returning to Australia to re-engage and amaze their Australian fans once again. The kings of mind-expanding, hypnotic psych rock, BJM have been creating their own musical path since coming together in 1990. Helmed by band leader and visionary Anton Newcombe, The Brian Jonestown Massacre has seen multiple lineup changes, innumerable tours and some 12 albums and five EPs, all the time keeping in synch with Newcombe's singular musical vision. With an extensive back catalogue of incredible music to reference and reinterpret, no two BJM live shows are ever the same, and yet everyone is brilliant. This December BJM will be focusing that brilliance on a run of shows across Australia, as well as what promises to be an unforgettable Meredith Music Festival appearance. With special guests **The KVB** (UK). **Wednesday 18 Dec** at the **Hotel Great Northern**.



Culture

DR STRIPTACULAR

To finish off a spectacular year of art and bohemian hijinx, and as an antidote to the seasonal tsunami of schmaltz, **Dr Sketchy's** presents a cornucopia of burlesque booty with a host of dazzling international and Australian performers! From Berlin's forbidden fleshpots, Dr Sketchy's presents the ravishing and jaw-dropping **La Viola Vixen** in all her voluptuous glory! Viola is accompanied by the sultry and mischievous **Eva Vivacia** and burlesque sweetheart, the gorgeous **Miss Dolly Cakes**. With **MC Mae Wilde** on hand to administer mouth to mouth for anyone caught in a swoon, with smouldering live music and man-candy for the artists provided by Italy's **Alex Maiorano**. Dr Sketchy's is at the **Byron Bay Brewery** on **Tuesday 17 Dec** and entry is a festive \$15. Doors open at 6pm and the show runs from 6.30 to about 9.30pm. Absolutely everyone is welcome whether drawing or not, as long as you're 18 or over and are prepared to have a brilliant time.

GATE LOCKIN' GOOD

Lock the Tweed, a member group of **Lock the Gate Alliance**, has announced that it will host a Tweed premiere of two new films from Lock The Gate Alliance. **Fractured Country** and **Undermining Australia** each run for approximately 30

minutes and focus on the impacts of CSG and coal mining respectively. 'These films bring a personal perspective to the impact of CSG and coal mining in Australia, focusing on the stories of ordinary Australians caught up in extraordinary events,' according to Lock the Tweed spokesperson Michael McNamara. **The Regent Cinema in Murwillumbah** from 6pm on **Wednesday**. \$15.

OCEAN SHORES TAVERN GETS A LAUGH

This **Thursday** the **Ocean Shores Tavern** kicks off its first monthly Open Mic comedy night, **Sh*ts and Giggles**.

The first night will be hosted by local comedian **Paul McMahon** and will feature some of the north coast's and Brisbane's finest new talent. Paul has performed in comedy rooms all over the country alongside Akmal Saleh, Dave O'Neil, Steady Eddie, Tom Gleeson, Austen Tayshus, Chris Franklin, Tommy Dean and more.



VIOLA VIXEN, ONE OF THE SAUCY BURLESQUE QUEENS AT DR SKETCHY'S LIFE DRAWING AT THE BREWERY ON TUESDAY 17 DEC

Pop, Tweets and Sleeping under the desk



BRENDAN MACLEAN IS THE SPARKLING GLITTERING AND TOTALLY FABULOUS SONGWRITER THAT AUSTRALIA HAS BEEN WAITING FOR. WITH A BITING WIT HONED BY SHARP-EDGED TWEETS AND FLAMBOYANT ASIDES, MACLEAN IS UNASHAMEDLY POP. HE SPOKE TO *THE ECHO* FROM A MATTRESS UNDER THE MIXING DESK IN PAUL MAC'S STUDIO. MACLEAN IS A FREE SPIRIT, ON STAGE AND OFF, DEDICATED TO THE PURSUIT OF MAKING MUSIC.

'Before I met Paul I had never worked with a producer before. I had done all my recording into a laptop strumming my uke into a \$50 microphone. Paul and I met through Twitter. I tweeted some snarky thing on Twitter about loving Silverchair since they were Nirvana pyjamas to when they were Paul Mac and friends. He got wind of it and tracked me down. I gave him a CD and he said I think I get what you are trying to do, and I think I can get that close to the sound in your head.'

For Maclean, who worked at Triple J for six years, and who'd perfected his angst-ridden pout, stepping into the blazing spotlight of pop prince is overwhelming.

'Pop is a scary thing to do in Australia. I didn't think it would be so nerve-wracking. Cool is shoe gazing. Cool is angst. Paul Mac has showed me something different and I am learning that I want to make music that makes people happy – and that takes a different approach. You have to be selfless on stage; there is something self-indulgent on stage about being morose. Looking at your feet. I thought that it was harder to do the sad songs but it's not. When I am fist-pumping onstage and bringing the energy up... I like to think of it like this: sad songs are like couture, they don't fit on many people and pop songs are like a sweater that everyone can wear. And I love people wearing my sweater!

'It has been difficult to find honesty in pop music. I come from the Lily Allen world of writing. I am very literal in my lyrics and

have a lot of phrases that you would say that aren't overly poetic. I like that people say that I wouldn't say that. I am a big fan of Twitter.

It's wordplay: you have 140 characters to make people laugh, or make a political point or say something meaningful. I won't lie – tweets have ended up in my songs... like 'if you weren't so stupid I could have loved you'; that was a sub-tweet directed at someone...'

Brendan is fast being heralded as an 'electric' performer. Something he says has grown with his understanding of how responsive a musician needs to be to his or her audience.

'Everything matters when you are up there, even what kind of day it is. David Byrne would definitely say if you ignore the context of where the music is being played or created then the music will be ignored. I won't be doing the same show at midday that I will be at 8pm. I am doing some solo shows in the middle of the day at Woodford where I get the chance to storytell and banter and ask questions – I am really looking forward to that.'

Growing up in the Sutherland shire, Maclean is the only performer in his family.

'They are definitely worried!' he laughs. 'I only just got an address – it's been a lot of couch surfing! I literally sleep under Paul's studio desk when I record with him. I caught dad watching my video clip the other day – I walked in and he said I am checking how many views – he was a footballer player of 28 years and I was a ballet dancer!'

So how did Maclean, who claims *Billy Elliot* was his favourite film as a kid, find his feet as a musician. It was an unlikely zigzag path to his passion.

'I started doing karate and saw some sparkly things across the hall, so I joined ballet. Then they got me to do a scene in a holiday camp and I loved acting so I started acting. And then when I was acting we did some music and I sang for the first time in year ten. I hated the music of musicals! I can't stand musicals so I had to start writing my own songs!

'I love that nonlinear line of my career. It's been hard to let my voice be louder in Australia – I think, being gay, and not knowing if I need to make political commentary on everything – people come to the show knowing what you think about things.

'It used to be scary where I grew up. Singing in key isn't exactly cool; people are into mumbling on stage. Megan Washington and I have this joke that people get onstage and they look surprised! 'Oh! I am a wilting flower!' That's why I adore Kate (Miller Heidke) or Megan because they sing from their heart. It's fashionable to be Angus and Julia Stone about everything. It's funny with boys at the moment; this growly voice is popular. Matt Corby started it with his big broad voice; now I see boys try and do this growly I have been smoking and drinking my whole life! My heroes are Iota, and Paul Capsis, the people who take pop and cabaret to the edge. Cabaret is a dirty word in Australia – but isn't Katy Perry just a million-dollar show that is really a cabaret?'

And as for Brendan.

'I am just Beyonce on a Budget!'

Solo he does the 'Rufus Wainwright thing'. In the band it's the 'Queen thing'.

But basically it's the Brendan thing.

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Fri 13 Dec, 7pm
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The Great Gatsby
Presented by Encore Performance Studio
Sat 14 Dec, 4.30pm & Sun 15 Dec, 4.30pm
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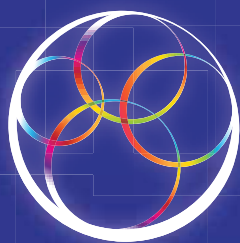
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LUNCH BREAK 1.15 - 2pm		LUNCH BREAK Village Stage: SOULMAN O'GAIA 1 - 2pm
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Tribal Belly Dance with Lakita 5.30 - 7pm	Helena Norberg-Hodge: "The Economics of Happiness" 5.15 - 6.30pm	DINNER BREAK Village Stage: MURRAY KYLE 6 - 7.15pm
		KERRIANNE COX 7.15 - 8.15pm
		change over
		THE NOMADIC BAND with special guests Udi Ben Knaan and Gil Ron Shama 8.45 - 10pm
		change over
		SARITAH 10.30 - 11.30pm



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MCs Amir Paiss & Luka Lesson & special guests		
Morning Chant session with Pujya Swamiji 8 - 9am		
Live Video Link Barbara Marx Hubbard 9 - 9.30am	Yoga with Guru Singh 9 - 10.15am	
Anita Moorjani: "Dying to be Me" 9.30 - 11am	Arne Rubenstein: "Rites of Passage" 10.30 - 11.45am	African Dance 10 - 11.30am
SPONTANEOUS EVOLUTION PANEL: Led by Anita Moorjani 11 - 12.30pm	Dialogue: "Food for Thought" Janelia Purcell, The producers of "Food Matters", Rachel Parent, Jeff Smith 12-1.15pm	Sufi Dance Workshop with Ora & Ihab Balha 12 - 1.30pm
LUNCH BREAK Village Stage: JAALKEAAY 12.30 - 2pm	LUNCH BREAK 1.30 - 2.30pm	LUNCH BREAK 1.30 - 2.30pm
International Council of 13 Indigenous Grandmothers. Featuring: G'Ma Agnes Baker Pilgrim, G'ma Rita Blumenstein and Jyoti Prevatt 2 - 3pm	Eben Alexander and Karen Newell: "Sacred Acoustics" 2.30 - 4.15pm	Turiya Hanover: "Alchemy of Meditation and Transformation" 2.30 - 4pm
Kirk Nugent & Ee'da 3 - 3.30pm		
SPONTANEOUS EVOLUTION PANEL: Personal Wellness, with Sharad Paul, Christy Garner and Marc Cohen (20 min each then open discussion) 3.30 - 5.30pm	Chip Richards: "Becoming the Hero of your own life story" 4.30 - 5.30pm	Yoga with Rachel Zinman 4 - 5.30pm
Closing circle 5.30 - 6pm	Barbara Wiseman: "Sustainable solutions to cleaning ocean oil spills" 5.30 - 6.45pm	DINNER BREAK 5.30-8pm
DINNER BREAK Village Stage: MANTRA RAY 6 - 7pm		
ISA AND JOALEN (heart song intro) 7 - 7.15pm		
DEVA PREMAL & MITEN 7.15 - 8.45pm		Conscious Cinema Sessions: 8 - 11.15pm
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TRIKAYA 9.15 - 10.15pm		OCCUPY LOVE plus Q&A with filmmaker Velcrow Ripper 9.15pm - 11.15pm
change over		
UNIFIED FIELD: w/ Dream Drone, Avishai Barnatan's Soundshower & Healing Hertz Gongs 10.45 - 11.45pm		

TICKET SALES

Tickets are on sale on-line at www.upliftfestival.com and at the following local outlets:

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THURSDAY 12TH DECEMBER

9am: Blessing the Space and Drawing of the Blueprint of the Mandala.
11am: Pouring of the first sands.

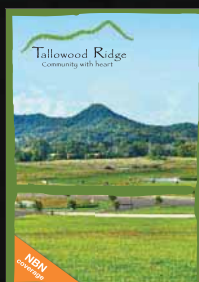
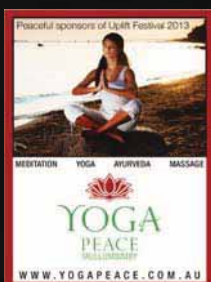
FRIDAY 13TH, SAT 14TH, SUNDAY 15TH DECEMBER

9am - 9.30am: Phowa Uplift Chant: A spiritual technique to lift our consciousness into a higher state of being.
Ongoing Mandala Creation
10am - 8pm: 'Dying to Live' Meditation Series:
Friday: Om-Body
Saturday: Ah-Mind
Sunday: Hum-Spirit
2pm-3pm: Nuclear Wisdom Talk Series:
Friday: Atoms as Thought
Saturday: Taming Competition
Sunday: Transference of Consciousness
4pm-5pm: Ritual Change Ceremonies:
Friday: Karma Burning
Saturday: Jab Khru Healing
Sunday: Jab Khru (By appt. & offering)
6pm-6.30pm: Evening Completion Chant:
7pm - 8pm: Mo Readings: Using ancient texts, dice and chants, Lama Thupten Phuntsok answers individual questions about life.



UPLIFT FAMILY DAY SUNDAY 15TH DEC

As a thank you to our amazing community UPLIFT is offering FAMILY DAY discount tickets for Sunday 15th Dec. Ticket price of \$60 gains all day & night entry for one adult and kids/youth under 16 yrs. Sunday is our youth and family focussed day which will include the launch of GAYA (Global Alliance of Youth in Action) and culminate in "Celebrating the One", a collaborative concert featuring members of Nomadic, Delhi 2 Dublin, Jaaleekaay and other incredible artists from the festival. We hope to see you there!



You are invited to join us in co-creating a new paradigm with evolutionary leaders, scientists, visionary activists, indigenous elders, muscians and poets in a 4 day celebration of conscious evolution.

SATURDAY 14TH DECEMBER		
EVOLUTIONARY ROOM	VISIONARY TENT	UPLIFT STAGE
		MC's Kirk Nugent & Amir Paiss & special guests
		Morning Chant session with Guru Singh 8 - 9am
	Yoga Arts with Louisa Sears 9 - 10.15am	Live Video Link with Dr Joseph Mercola with Q & A 9 - 9.45am
5 Rhythms Dance with Geash Bowler 10.15 - 11.30am	Deva and Miten: Chant workshop 10.30 - 11.45am	Eben Alexander: "Proof of Heaven" 9.45 - 11am
	Dialogue: "Ancient Wisdom with Youthful Action" Elders meet the youth leaders. 12 - 1.30pm	SPONTANEOUS EVOLUTION PANEL: Led by Eben Alexander 11 - 12.30pm
Voice Jam with Julia Williamson 12 - 1.30pm		LUNCH BREAK Village Stage: Laura Targett 12.30 - 2pm
LUNCH BREAK 1.30 - 2.30pm	LUNCH BREAK 1.30 - 2.30pm	SPONTANEOUS EVOLUTION PANEL: EFFECTS OF GMO ON PERSONAL AND PLANETARY WELLNESS with Mira Shiva, Jeffrey Smith and Rachel Parent 2 - 3.30pm
Kundalini Dance with Leyolah Antara 2.30 - 4pm		Pujya Swamiji: "In Service of God & Humanity" 3.30 - 4pm
	Dialogue: "Global transformation through the Arts" -Xavier Rudd, Luka Lesson, Ee'da, Tonu Shane, Kerrienne Cox, Xiuhtezcatl Martinez, Deva and Miten 4 - 5.30pm	SPONTANEOUS EVOLUTION PANEL: ENGAGED SPIRITUALITY - REMOVING THE ILLUSION OF SEPARATION BETWEEN SPIRIT & MATTER with Pujya Swamiji, Guru Singh, Bruce Lipton, Eben Alexander, Ihab Balha, Sadhvi Bhagawati, Lama Thupten Phuntsok 4 - 5.30pm
Synergy Yoga with Simon Borg Olivier 5 - 6.30pm	DINNER BREAK 5.30 - 7.30	Closing circle 5.30 - 6pm
DINNER BREAK 6.30 - 8pm	FUTURE SOUND OF YOGA 7.30 - 9pm	DINNER BREAK - Village Stage: BALINESE GAMELAN ISA & JOEALAN 6 - 7.30pm
Conscious Cinema Sessions: 8 - 11.15pm		JAALEEKAAY 7.30 - 8.30pm
REACTOR plus Q&A with filmmaker Ian Mackenzie 8pm - 9.00pm		EE'DA 8.30 - 9pm
GMO - OMG plus Q&A with filmmaker Jeremy Seifert. 9.15pm - 11.15pm		DELHI 2 DUBLIN 9 - 10.15pm
		EE'DA + LUKA LESSON 10.15 - 10.45pm
		DEYA DOVA 10.45 - 11.30pm
	TEMPLE STEP PROJECT "Sacred Bass Immersion" 11.30-1am	



SUNDAY 15TH DECEMBER		
UPLIFT STAGE	VISIONARY TENT	EVOLUTIONARY ROOM
MC's Chip Richards & Kirk Nugent & special guests		
BALINESE GAMELAN with Dewa Made & Ketut Lanus 8 - 9am		
Live Video Link w/ Joan Borysenko 9 - 9.30am	Yoga with Simon Borg-Olivier 9 - 10.15am	
Live Video Link w/ Foster & Kimberly Gamble 9.30 - 10.30am		Soundshower with Avishai Barnatan 10 - 11.30am
Bruce Lipton & Margaret Horton "The Honeymoon Effect" 10.30 - 12.30pm	Tim Winton: "Generation Next: The Rise of Collaborative Leadership" 10.30 - 12pm	
LUNCH BREAK - Village Stage: "Kidlandia" featuring Curly Cousins, Greg Sheehan, Kerianne Cox & more 12.30 - 1.30pm	Wisdom of the Elders: Members of the 13 Indigenous Grandmother Council meet Australian Indigenous Elders 12.15 - 1.15pm	Future Sound of Yoga: Restorative Yoga Beats 12 - 1.30pm
SPONTANEOUS EVOLUTION PANEL: PLANETARY WELLNESS - With Pujya Swamiji, Barbara Wiseman, Vandana Shiva, Helena Norberg-Hodge, Agnes Baker Pilgrim and Steve Killelea 1.30 - 3.30pm	LUNCH BREAK 1.15 - 2.15pm	LUNCH BREAK 1.30 - 2.30pm
Xiuhtezcatl & Itzcuatl Martinez 3.30 - 4pm	Zenith Virago: "Spiritual Caretaking" 2.15 - 3.15pm	
Rachel Parent 4 - 4.30pm	Tibetan Rinpoche Lama Thupten Phuntsokn - Talk: "Phowa - Transfer of Consciousness" 3.15 - 4.15pm	Belly Dance with Lakita 3 - 4pm
EMPOWERED YOUTH FORUM: LAUNCH OF GAYA featuring Xiuhtezcatl Martinez, Rachel Parent, Niti Majethia, Aviivi Ayiti and Holley from Earth Guardians Australia, Voices Of Youth 4.30 - 6.30pm	Steve Killelea: "The Economics of Peace" 4.15 - 5.30pm	Yoga Arts with Louisa Sears 4 - 5.30pm
DINNER BREAK Village Stage: SHAKSHUKA 6.30 - 8pm		
"CELEBRATING THE ONE" Closing concert featuring members of Nomadic, Delhi 2 Dublin, Jaaleekaay and other artists from the festival. 8 - 10pm		

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THE UNITY POLE

An UPLIFT Community Art Project

One of this year's festival highlights will be the Unity Pole, carved by renowned Polynesian artist Tonu Shane. The 14m reclaimed Tallowood tree will be intricately carved and will include totemic symbols sacred to the local Arakwal and Bundjalung nation, including "Kabul" the carpet snake.

During the festival, people will be invited to place their handprint on the body of "Kabul" which artist Tonu will carve. By the end of the festival the pole will display a mosaic of handprints representing the unique cultural diversity of our Byron Community. A time capsule will be placed inside the pole with messages and prayers from local & international indigenous elders, UPLIFT presenters, children and members of the Byron community. The pole will be gifted to the Byron shire for public display.



UPLIFT KIDS & YOUTH SPACE

INTERNATIONAL LAUNCH OF GAYA The Global Alliance of Youth in Action

UPLIFT 2013 welcomes the launch of GAYA - The Global Alliance of Youth in Action. This Action Portal will connect and empower the global youth movement through an innovative, conscious and collaborative online platform. The Portal will work to mobilise today's youth to stand united and create a sustainable world, encouraging people everywhere to become more aware and educated and facilitate positive action and create solutions for youth, both as individuals and as a unified global movement.

Kids Village: Kids Uplift The Planet

Join us at the Uplift Kids Village, a sacred, magical space for the whole family to be uplifted in. Throughout the weekend children will be guided on an transformational and magical journey with gifted facilitators, Indigenous elders and guest presenters from the Uplift program. This year in the 'Uplift Kids Village' we are going GREEN Healthy ME, Healthy Planet. Highlights include: The Curly Cousins, Singing with Kerrienne Cox, Playing percussion with Greg Sheehan, Marionette Puppet Company, Indigenous dreamtime stories, Recycled Gift making, Face Painting, Discovering the Rainbow Eagle indigenous interactive theatre show and much more.

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Running for over three years now, the market features an eclectic range of local and visiting makers, with an emphasis on eco-friendly, sustainably produced products. Ranging from the practical to uniquely quirky, the market showcases everything from upcycled reinvented clothing, kidswear, toys and homewares to functional ceramics, furniture, art prints, gift cards, jewellery and handmade soap and skincare products.

The festive season market on December 21 will feature a range of local makers and live music from Lismore's Button

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Check out our Facebook page or blog for more info:
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POP-UP EXHIBIT AND SALE

The creative group The Industrialists are having their annual Pop Up Exhibition on Saturday 14th. This is a great opportunity to pick up an artwork from artists James Guppy, Emma Walker, Robyn Sweaney, Christine Willcocks, Sarah Harvey, Rick Shearman, Meredith Crowe and Michael Cusack. Expect to find a diverse range of paintings, prints, drawings and craft items available for one-day-only prices.

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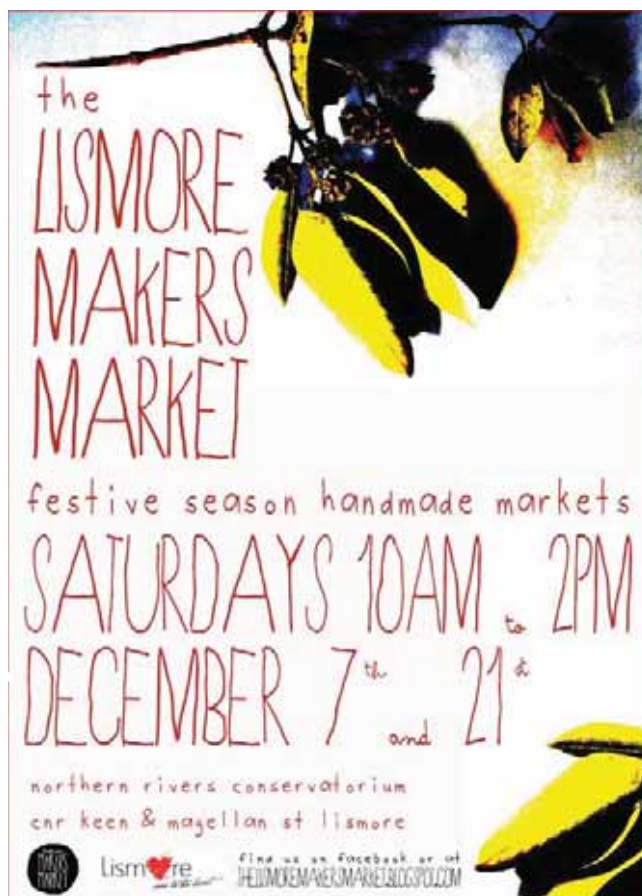
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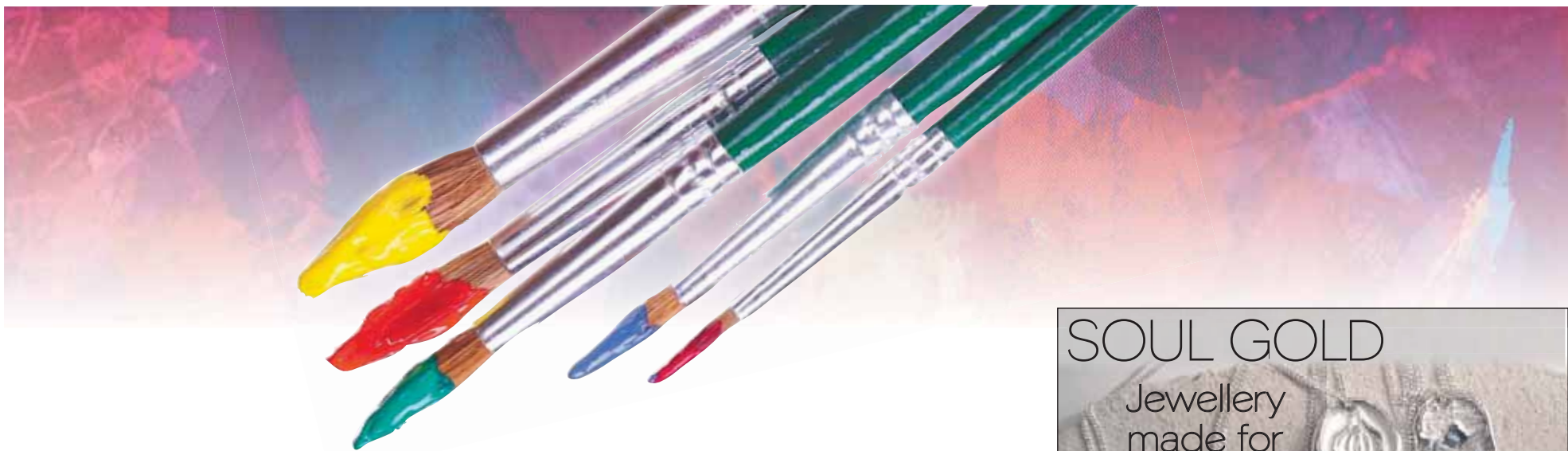
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MORNING TEA WITH TEACOSY Babies, Blood and Bombs: homosexual panic in Lismore in the 1980s: Saturday 18 January 2013, 11–12noon.

Teacosy discusses Lismore's history of fear around

homosexuality and AIDS and how this has progressed to an attitude of inclusion. Join us for a cuppa and a slice of cake. STORY-TIME with Delta Kay and Jenni Cargill-Strong: Thursday 9 January, 10.30–11.30am. Cost: \$10 for 1 adult + 2 children. \$3 / extra child.

Delta Kay (performative educator and Arakwal spokesperson) and Jenni Cargill-Strong (The Story Tree Company) are story-tellers whose interactive approaches to a good yarn engage children to listen, move, think and have fun.

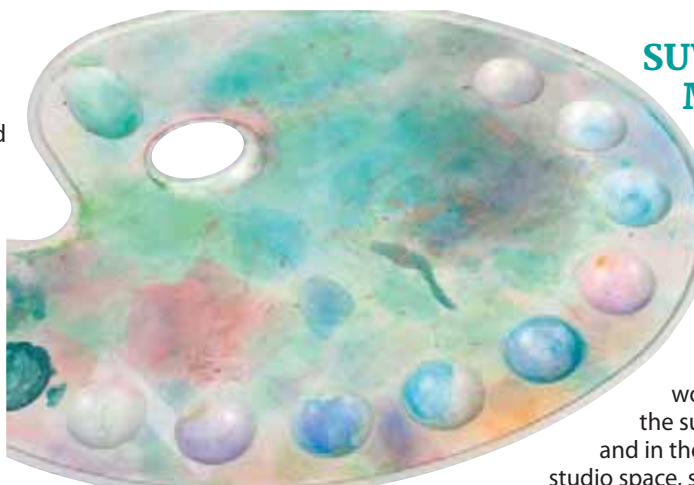
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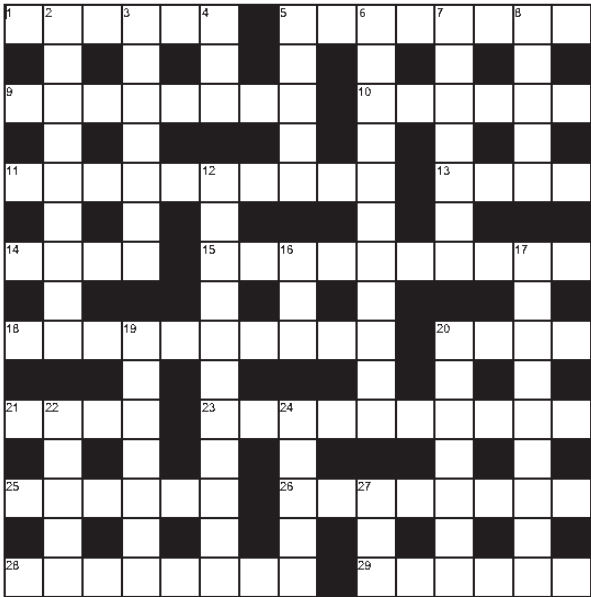
This contrary week has people generous and expansive one minute, impatient and abrasive the next, leveling out around Friday the 13th, which ancient Chinese and Egyptian civilisations both regarded as lucky...

- ♈ **ARIES:** This week's people are inclined be volatile, unreliable and/or righteous. But your ruler Mars in Libra illuminates blind spots, affording the opportunity to pause and reflect on the interplay of cause and effect – a pause which could save you major amounts of damage control.
- ♉ **TAURUS:** Note to self: get Xmas shopping done early so you can cruise relatively unscathed through the season of mirth, merriment and overeating. If finances are tight, consider what makes this time of year meaningful for you and create cost-effective ways to celebrate it affordably and enjoyably.
- ♊ **GEMINI:** Gemini Scott Peck extolled the road less travelled, which is definitely the path least complicated when this week presents you with an onslaught of options. On a deeper personal level you're in fast-track evolution, even if that takes – as Geminian comic Russell Brand advocates – a revolution.
- ♋ **CANCER:** During this week's inevitable festive stress and yuletide strains, allow everyone, including yourself, the space and grace to retreat and cool down. Plus the freedom they want – they're going to take it anyway. And with so much auspiciousness energising your home zone, who needs to go on holidays?

- ♌ **LEO:** Generosity comes naturally to your majesties (less so frugality), but without playing Scrooge it makes sense this season to downsize waste and recycle. Even better, since you're a great organiser, collect funds to buy a goat/well/education for a whole village in need. That's real majesty.
- ♍ **VIRGO:** Wordy Mercury puts a witty spin on your communications this week, while others may display – let's call it – verbal manoeuvrability or oral inconsistency, not to mention flagrant fabrication or outright exaggeration. But is it really worth challenging when you've got so much other worthwhile stuff to do...?
- ♎ **LIBRA:** This week sees assertive, energetic Mars taking charge in your sign, making you surprisingly decisive. But however gung-ho go-ahead you feel, leave space available for the impromptu and unexpected. Don't overload yourself with commitments, so you're free to be spontaneously artistic like a good Libran should.
- ♏ **SCORPIO:** Soul nourishment of whatever variety works best for you is essential right now. With citizens touchy and temperamental, keep knee-jerk reactions in check this week. Be aware of the judgments you make and how others respond to them. Would adjusting your attitude get better, more successful results?

- ♐ **SAGITTARIUS:** This lively week could gallop beyond your personal comfort zone to challenge and dispute your ideas and opinions. Making it time to assess whether wanting to believe something is actually insistence on things being a certain way. Fellow Sagittarian Byron Katie's self-enquiry work may be of assistance...
- ♑ **CAPRICORN:** Don't shoot the messenger, but this could be a week of difficulties and differences, toes trodden on and feathers ruffled. If insisting on being right is all-important to you, by all means refuse to negotiate. If you'd rather be a target of general affection, explore alternative options.
- ♒ **AQUARIUS:** As the cosmic cocktail glass fizzes with tonic froth, this week spritzes your social life with the kind of surprises you like. Shopping sports are also rewarding, so exercise those eccentric Aquirkian skills on injecting the wow factor into your seasonal festivities without it costing a wad.
- ♓ **PISCES:** Present conditions recommend not getting upset with people who can't comprehend the line between assertive and offensive, because heated exchanges are très draining and grumpy isn't becoming. Shimmy instead into the more rewarding slipstream of this week's fascination with creative flair, fresh style and adventurous ideas.

Mungo's Crossword



Quick Clues

- ACROSS
- Loan shark (6)
 - Straddle, cover with a foot on each side (8)
 - Lodge an objection (8)
 - Really, the truth is ... (2,4)
 - Traditional census of large white birds on the river Thames (4,6)
 - NaCl, commonly (4)
 - Male used for breeding (4)
 - Unarmed (10)
 - Style of speech used for effect in debate (10)
 - In addition to (4)
 - Jewel found at Lightning Ridge (4)
 - Ranked high socially; aristocratic (5,5)
 - Painter of the Italian renaissance (6)
 - Organised belief in the supernatural (8)
 - Green gem stones (8)
 - Lodger, renter (6)
- DOWN
- Timer used in competitions (9)
 - Moped, mourned (7)
 - Ribonucleic acid (abbrev) (1,1,1)
 - Steve and Terri Irwin's daughter (5)
 - Cricketer who makes the ball move in the air (5,6)
 - Saying no (7)
 - Transfer (5)
 - Ninox strenua, a large predatory bird (8,3)
 - Curve, part of a circle (3)
 - Implement for consuming gazpacho (4,5)
 - Communications satellite (7)
 - Straight-sided figure (7)
 - King of Troy (5)
 - Capital of France (5)
 - Fate, chance (3)

Last week's solution



Come and check out the newly renovated **Tavern** and have a laugh. Show starts at 8pm and will be on the second **Thursday** of each month.

IT'S ALL IN YOUR MIND! COMEDY HYPNOSIS AT THE CURRUMBIN RSL!

Currumbin RSL's Side Splitting Comedy presents a very different comedy show when hypnotist **Wayne Donnelly** takes comedy to mind-bending places this December. Wayne Donnelly wasn't always a hypnotist. In fact he admits readily, 'I used to be an accountant, until I discovered hypnosis!' It all started for Donnelly back in 1996 at a fire-walking weekend where more than 1,800 people walked effortlessly over burning coals.

'I couldn't believe that one man could change the state of mind of so many people and enable them to walk on fire. You don't even feel it and you certainly don't get burnt. It's not even as warm as the sand on the beach in summer!' That experience told Wayne that there was something in this mind-power thing, and from that moment on he was hooked. Wayne is joined by mother of twins, comedian **Ellen Briggs**, who promises to deliver her unique brand of dark humour with sweetness and light. A runner-up in the national RAW comedy comp finals and winner of Foxtel's *Be a Comedian* competition. According to one of the judges, 'Ellen has the art down on sneaking in really politically incorrect jokes at the end of a nice yarn. You won't see them coming, but you'll know when they hit.'

Thursday at the **Currumbin RSL**. 7.30pm. Tix are \$20 members and \$25 non-members.

SUMMER OF CIRCUS CABARET

School is out for summer and what better way to celebrate than with a fantastic night of affordable circus entertainment for the whole family. **Circus Arts Byron Bay** serves up a big bag of troupe and trainer treats in its **Summer of Circus Cabaret**. After a year of hard work, the Performance Troupe will deliver their 45-minute show, full of the best that the school has to offer with exciting aerial acts, group acrobatics, hula hoops and juggling. Then be entertained by the Circus Arts trainers as they strut their stuff performing diabolo, double trapeze, silks and Capoeira. The night ends on a high with a flying trapeze show from our advanced students sure to thrill and excite. The inimitable **Shorty Brown** (aka Buzz Buzzzz the Clown) will keep the laughs coming with some magic MCing, so hold on to your Santa hats and get ready for one hot summer night! **Friday** at the **Byron Entertainment Centre**. Tickets available on the door. \$5



adults, \$3 kids, under 3 FREE.

Sausage sizzle, \$5 trapeze swing after the show and raffle prizes to be won!

PALACE GETS THE BIG DICK

Richard II was a king of England, a monarch 'ordained by God' to lead his people. But he was also a man of very human weakness. A man whose vanity threatened to divide the great houses of England and drag his people into a dynastic civil war lasting 100 years. A story of power, plotting and conspiracy, *Richard II* is the first of Shakespeare's four plays about the House of Lancaster, and is the first production in a new cycle of Shakespeare's history plays to be presented by the Royal Shakespeare Company and subsequently screened in select cinemas around the globe. The Royal Shakespeare Company production of *Richard II* screens at **Palace Byron Bay Cinema** on **Saturday** at the pm. Tickets \$15-\$24 available at a box office or online at www.palacecinemas.com.au.

BOHEMIAN BAY

Internationally renowned street artist **Shannon Crees** brings her art to Byron Bay for a **pop-up art exhibition**.

Building on pieces from her successful London solo show, Shannon's unique artworks celebrate and indulge in the eclectic and bohemian, harmonious with the flavour of Byron Bay.

Collaborating with local fashion labels **Hoipolloi** and **Piratesdreaming**, whose combined vision is to bring the local community together at their new creative shop in the centre of Byron Bay.

The show opens on Friday 6-9pm with drinks sponsored by **Byron Bay Brewery**.

THE DONKEY OF DISILLUSION

Simon Laity's documentary *Donkeys and Disillusionment* follows five pilgrims on the

'Camino de Santiago de Compostela' interviewed during the walk seven years ago and an interview with them six years after – to see how this 'rite of passage' affected their life in the long run.

Donkeys and Disillusionment visualises the life stories of five pilgrims and a donkey over a six-year period.

A man leaves the city, disillusioned by the lack of community and cooperation in modern society, and begins to walk the 'Camino de Santiago' with a donkey.

As he travels the ancient pilgrimage route, known simply as The Way, he crosses paths with a number of like-minded travellers from the far reaches of the globe.

Each pilgrim is in search of something more, and their similar and contrasting stories are revealed through abstract visuals and interview dialogue.

The film charts the physiological and social changes in these characters as they undertake the physically and mentally gruelling journey through the Pyrenees mountains and on to the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela in Galicia, northwest Spain.

Years later, the same characters are interviewed in their hometowns and we discover whether or not the pilgrimage was a catalyst for change in their lives.

The film is projected onto a screen behind musicians playing a live soundtrack, taking audiences on their own journey through story and sound to a point of revelation and discovery. **Friday** at the **Byron Community Centre**.

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WEDNESDAY 11

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **DAN HANNAFORD**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 8:30PM **GUY KACHEL**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON **AYSHA AND DR BAZ**
- BYRON SPORT & CULTURAL COMPLEX **UPLIFT WE ARE THE ONE**
- BYRON COMMUNITY CENTRE 6.30PM **BAND RECITAL PRESENTED BY BYRON BAY PRIMARY SCHOOL**
- COCOMANGAS, BYRON 9PM **DJ JIMMY D**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON **SURFBOARD GIVEAWAY W DJ JON**
- BYRON BREWERY 6.15PM **BUENA VISTA SALSA W ERIC TURRO 7PM OPEN MIC NIGHT**
- BALLINA HOTEL 5PM **SARAH GRANT**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 8PM **BIRDS OF TOKYO**

THURSDAY 12

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **MARSHALL OKELL**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 9PM **TIGER AND ME + THE BEARDED GYPSY BAND**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON **ANDY JANS BROWN**
- BYRON SPORT & CULTURAL COMPLEX **UPLIFT WE ARE THE ONE**
- BYRON BREWERY 8PM **THE SALVADORS**
- FRANKIE BROWN, BYRON **KYLE LIONHART**
- COCOMANGAS, BYRON 9PM **DJ QC**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 12PM **THE ROYAL DEALERS 7.30PM WARREN EARLE BAND**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON **DJ NAPT**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK HOTEL 7PM **ALEMAN BROS**
- OCEAN SHORES TAVERN 8PM **SH*TS & GIGGLES OPEN MIC COMEDY**
- LIONS PARK, KINGSCLIFF 7PM **KINGSCLIFF CAROLS BY THE COAST**
- WHITE JADE, POTTSVILLE 5PM **SAM FORD FUNDRAISER W OPEN MIC BY GREG HOLL**
- BALLINA HOTEL 4PM **IVETTE MEOW**
- TATTS HOTEL, LISMORE 6PM **COLE COX LOVEJOY**
- GOLLAN HOTEL, LISMORE **NO DEPRESSION W THE**

BUTTON COLLECTIVE

- TUMBULGUM TAVERN 7PM **UKE NIGHT WITH MISS AMBER**
- CURRUMBIN RSL **SIDE SPLITTING COMEDY WITH ELLEN BRIGGS & WAYNE DONNELLY**

FRIDAY 13

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **REILLY FITZALAN, ALEISTER JAMES**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 5PM **FAB CAJUN CATS DUO 9PM SET SAIL W GUINEAFOWL + KAURNA CRONIN**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON **GOODRICH**
- BYRON SPORT & CULTURAL COMPLEX **UPLIFT WE ARE THE ONE**
- MAIN BEACH PARK, BYRON 6.30PM **CAROLS BY THE SEA**
- YACROCKCAFE, BYRON 7PM **ANTI-THESIS, GOODBYE GRAVITY, DECEMBER NINE, HOBO MAGIC**
- BYRON BREWERY 6PM **LATE FOR WOODSTOCK / SHANNON LEES ART EXHIBITION**
- BYRON ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE 7PM **CIRCUS ARTS PRESENTS SUMMER OF CIRCUS OF CABARET**
- BYRON COMMUNITY CENTRE 7PM **DONKEYS AND DISILLUSIONMENT FILM**
- FRANKIE BROWN, BYRON **LIONHEIR**
- COCOMANGAS, BYRON **DJS QC & JIMMY D**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON **HAPPY HOUR W DJ ADRIAN**
- PIZZA PARADISO, SUFFOLK PARK 7PM **EIRIN O'HAGAN**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 7.30PM **THE IMPRINTS**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7.30PM **STEVEN LOVELIGHT**
- BANGALOW BOWLO 7.30PM **MISS RENEE SIMONE**
- BRUNSWICK HOTEL 7PM **SQUEAK LEMAIRE**
- DOMINICS RESTAURANT, BRUNSWICK 6.30PM **DJ SUPERNOVA JADE & GUESTS**
- POINCIANA CAFE, MULLUMBIMBY 6.30PM **ILONA HARKER**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY 8PM **RELOADER**
- COURT HOUSE HOTEL, MULLUMBIMBY 8PM **JASON KAFOA**

SATURDAY 14

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **ELEGANT SHIVA, THE DARK HAWKS, CREO, FEELING DAVE**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 9PM **DJ LONGTIME**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON **THE CHEYNNIE MURPHY BAND**
- BYRON SPORT & CULTURAL COMPLEX **UPLIFT WE ARE THE ONE**
- BYRON COMMUNITY CENTRE 4.30PM **THE GREAT GATSBY**



- ELTHAM HOTEL 7PM **CONSPIRACY OF ONE**
- PIONEER HOTEL, WOLLONGBAR **VIKKI GRANT**
- TATTS HOTEL, LISMORE 5PM **KYLE WATSON**
- UKI HALL 8PM **GLO DANCE END OF YEAR PARTY WITH DJ PULSE**
- TUMBULGUM TAVERN 5PM **UKE NIGHT XMAS PARTY**
- FLUTTERBIES, TYALGUM 9PM **LATE NIGHT CABARET W JAMES WRIGHT**
- CABARITA BEACH SPORTS CLUB 7.30PM **TWO POT SCREAMERS**
- CHINDERAH TAVERN 5PM **DIRTY CHANNEL**
- CONDONG BOWLS CLUB 6.30PM **38 EXPRESS W THE SHEPS**
- WHITE JADE, KINGSCLIFF 7PM **TIM STOKES**
- SOUNDLOUNGE, CURRUMBIN **JUZZIE SMITH + JOEL SALOM**
- CLUB BANORA 7PM **MASON RACK**
- SOUTH TWEED SPORTS 5.30PM **DELISCH**

- BYRON EQUESTRIAN CENTRE, EWINGSDALE 6.30PM **EQUILLIUS PERFORMANCE**
- BYRON BREWERY 7.30PM **POTATO POTATO & PORCELAIN PILL & TORA**
- CAFE OSKA, BYRON 5PM **BILLY JAMES BLUES HARMONICA**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON **HAPPY HOUR W DJ JON**
- KULCHAJAM, BYRON 8PM **THE LINK**
- COCOMANGAS, BYRON **DJS QC & JIMMY D**
- PIZZA PARADISO, SUFFOLK PARK 7PM **DINKUM BOHOS**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 7.30PM **REILLY FITZALAN**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 7PM **MARK HEAZLETT BAND W DJ**
- LULU'S CAFE, MULLUMBIMBY 11AM **SLIM PICKENS**
- LENNOX HOTEL 9.30PM **LATE FOR WOODSTOCK**
- BALLINA RSL 8PM **DAN HANNAFORD**
- BALLINA HOTEL **INSIDE OUTLAW & DJ JEDIDIAH**

- ELTHAM HALL 7PM **HUSSY HICKS PRESENTS CIRCLE OF FRIENDS W MARSHALL O'KELL, MATT ZARB, FELICITY BURDETT & SEAN IKIN**
- LISMORE CITY BOWLO 9PM **DELICIOUS W DJS LADY K, M_PHONIK & 1ISAMURAI**
- MARY GILHOOLEYS, LISMORE 9.30PM **BENDRIX & THE HUSTLERS**
- TATTS HOTEL, LISMORE 7PM **KYLE WATSON**
- SHEOAK SHACK, FINGAL HEAD 7PM **GUERRILLA ZINGARI**
- SALT VILLAGE CENTRAL PARK, KINGSCLIFF 6PM **SALT VILLAGE CAROLS**
- CABARITA BEACH SPORTS CLUB 7PM **MESCALITO BLUES DUO**
- CRABBES CREEK 7PM **COMMUNITY FILM NIGHT PARANORMAN**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS 8PM **WICKETY WAK IN YANK A DOODLE DANDY**
- SOUTH TWEED SPORTS 3PM **SATURDAY JAZZ 7.30PM PINK ZINC**

SUNDAY 15

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **AFENDS XMAS W POND, DOCTORPUS, TSUN**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 3PM **CARAVANA SUN 8PM DJ TAYA**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON **MINNIE MARKS**
- BYRON COMMUNITY MARKET 10AM **GUY KACHEL**
- BYRON SPORT & CULTURAL COMPLEX **UPLIFT WE ARE THE ONE**
- BYRON COMMUNITY CENTRE 4.30PM **THE GREAT GATSBY**
- BYRON GOLF CLUB 1PM **OPEN MIC COMP \$50 PRIZE**
- BYRON EQUESTRIAN CENTRE, EWINGSDALE 6.30PM **EQUILLIUS PERFORMANCE**
- BYRON BREWERY 4PM **SUNDAY SESSION III W RAY MANN THREE, TRISTAN O'MEARA BAND, SELECTA DREADNUT, DJ SCOTTY BRIMSTONE & OREN SELECTA**
- FRANKIE BROWN, BYRON **LUKE MORRIS**
- THE EATERY, BYRON 4PM **DJ KAYCI**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 2.30PM **DJ STENCIL 5.30PM**

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- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 4PM **BOBBY ALU**
- POINCIANA CAFE, MULLUMBIMBY 2PM **SUNDAY SUMMER SESSION IN THE GARDEN OF GROOVE FEAT DAVE DOGG & GUESTS**
- MULLUMBIMBY HOSPITAL GROUNDS 6.30PM **CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT (MULLUM HIGH SCHOOL IF WET)**
- BALLINA HOTEL 5PM **ALLENSWORTH**
- ELTHAM HOTEL 2PM **NEIL MCCANN DUO**
- RIVERVIEW HOTEL, MURWILLUMBAH 2PM **DAVE CAVANAGH**
- KINGSCLIFF BOWLING CLUB **NIGHT SHIFT**
- SPHINX ROCK CAFE, MT BURRELL 2PM **CHAD WILKINS**

MONDAY 16

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **LUKE MORRIS**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 8PM **HIT THAT HIT MUSICAL BINGO**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON **DAN HANNAFORD**
- COCOMANGAS, BYRON **BOOM FAYA REGGAE RAGGA DUB**
- FRANKIE BROWN, BYRON **ZIGGY**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 8PM **HAPPY HOUR W DJ ADRIAN**

TUESDAY 17

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **GARRETT KATO**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 7.30PM **OPEN MIC NIGHT**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON **CANDICE MCLEOD**
- FRANKIE BROWN, BYRON **STEPHANIE ROGERS**
- BYRON BREWERY 6.30PM **DR SKETCHY'S LIFE DRAWING XMAS SHOW**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON **SKYDIVE GIVEAWAY W DJ ADRIAN**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 8PM **BRACKETS OPEN MIC NIGHT**
- REGENT CINEMA, MURWILLUMBAH **'FRACTURED COUNTRY' & 'UNDERMINING AUSTRALIA' LOCK THE GATE ALLIANCE FILM PREMIERE**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS 7.30PM **MICK MCHUGH DUO**

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Cinema Review

ENDER'S GAME

We are into the distant future. As always, an alien force, the Formicas, have been smashed in their attempt to colonise Earth ('formica' is the Italian word for ant and we see the relevance of the name with the appearance of the beautiful, sad creature at the end). But they have only retreated to return in even greater numbers and to have another go. Colonel Graff (Harrison Ford with a neat haircut but one foot in the grave) is the flinty old warrior whose mission it is to organise the defence of the planet. Intriguingly, he opts for

arming and training a handful of children. The Famous Five versus the Universe is not such a reassuring prospect in my book, but this is the movies, so we'll go with it. Ender (Asa Butterfield, the creepy kid from *Hugo*) is the little alpha male in the group, and he is a real nasty piece of work. It's not that he is bad – quite the opposite, we are meant to be on his side – it's just that he is rather too calculating and brutal in his ascent to the top. Into boot camp the tyros go and Ender asserts himself in no uncertain terms – for a runt, the kid sure can fight – at

which point director Gavin Hood's take on Darwin's basic survival of the fittest theme is unclear. For Graff, to whom winning is all that matters (our existence as a species is at stake, remember), Ender is the unfeeling leader he has been searching for. But Ender surely must have some likeable,



'humane' qualities. After the establishment of characters and story, most of the time is given over to CGI and for long periods it is no more than a gamer's wet

dream, with Ben Kingsley, his face a swirly map of Maori kin, animating the argy-bargy as a Kiwi general who will guide Ender on his destructive path.

Effects good, costumes nifty, the end positive – but only after a lot of repetitive, boring, bludgeoning noise. ~ **John Campbell**

DELIVERY MAN

The toughest challenge for any actor is to play against type. Vince Vaughn, in keeping with his imposing physicality, is usually cast in roles that are big, brash and loud. But even while lumbering around like a bull in a china shop, he has always given the impression

that deep down there is a softie wanting to get out (notably in *The Internship* and *The Dilemma*). I like him, and I loved this movie. Another of its contrary aspects is that, apart from Emma (Cobie Smulders), David's love interest, there are no women in principal parts, which is virtually unheard

of in a touchy-feely comedy. David has brothers but no sister, his father (Andrzej Blumenfeld) is widowed and his lawyer Brett (Chris Pratt) appears to be bringing up four kids on his own (the mother is neither seen nor spoken of). Writer/director Ken Scott's film, if unexceptional in execution – the structure is formal, the imagery textbook – is engaging emotionally and intellectually because it strikes at our core human urge to know who we are. It is also original, a trait as rare as hens' teeth. A delivery driver for the family's New York deli and in serious debt to the Russian mob, David

learns that his sperm donations from twenty years earlier have produced 533 offspring, and that 149 of those children whom he has never met are going to court demanding to learn the identity of their biological father. Wishing to protect the anonymity that he signed up for, David is aghast and matters are made more complicated for him when Emma announces that she is pregnant. It's a rare conundrum in cinema that does not allow the viewer to easily determine which side is right, to allocate and share the high moral ground with one character



over another. The script is occasionally contrived, but Paul's journey to self-realisation is everyman's and Scott deserves the highest praise for

having him meet a son who is severely handicapped without pushing the episode into cheap mawkishness. ~ **John Campbell**

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ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY: RICHARD II (No free tix) Sat 14: 1:00

ONE LIFE (PG) (No free tix) Thu 12: 6:00pm Fri 13: 4:45pm

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ENOUGH SAID (M) Tue 10, Wed 11: 12:10, 2:50, 7:35pm Thu 12: 1:35 Fri 13, Sat 14: 1:50pm Sun 15, Mon 16-Wed 18: 3:00pm

DELIVERY MAN (M) (No free tix) Tue 10, Wed 11: 12:15, 4:50, 9:30pm Thu 12: 12:30, 4:50, 9:40 Fri 13: 12:30, 4:50, 9:30 Sat 14: 11:40, 5:05, 9:20pm Sun 15: 1:00, 5:15, 9:30pm Mon 16-Wed 18: 12:30, 4:45, 9:10pm

THE HUNGER GAMES: CATCHING FIRE (M) Tue 10, Wed 11: 12:00, 4:45, 6:20, 9:15 Thu 12: 10:45, 3:35, 6:25, 9:15 Fri 13: 11:00, 3:50, 6:40, 9:10 Sat 14: 11:45, 3:50, 6:30, 9:20 Sun 15, Mon 16-Wed 18: 12:40, 3:35, 6:25, 9:15pm

ONE CHANCE (PG) Tue 10, Wed 11: 10:00, 2:10, 7:00 Thu 12: 10:20, 2:40, 7:40 Fri 13, Mon 16-Wed 18: 10:20, 2:40, 7:00 Sat 17: 9:30am, 7:15pm Sun 18: 10:30am, 3:10, 7:25pm

ADORATION (MA15+) Tue 10, Wed 11: 10:00am, 2:30, 9:10 Thu 12: 9:15am Fri 13: 9:50am Sat 14: 9:30am Sun 15, Mon 16-Wed 18: 10:20am

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The first thing that this unreconstructed Seinfeld fan thought was 'jeez, hasn't Elaine (Julia Louis-Dreyfus) aged'. Well yes, she has (haven't we all), but she's still lovely, which led to a second inescapable observation – that writer/director Nicole Holofcener has provided us with one of the most perceptive and kind-hearted romantic-comedies to come our way since her *Friends With Money* (2006). And she has managed to do it without flooding her characters' dialogue with aggressive, blokey expletives. Eva (Louis-Dreyfus) is a divorcee whose daughter Ellen (Tracey Fairaway) is about to go off to college. Self-employed as a masseuse, she meets poet Marianne (Catherine Keener), who soon after becomes a regular client. Eva is also introduced to Albert (the late James Gandolfini) and, without her knowing that he is Marianne's ex, they start dating. The set-up, if purely functional, has countless possibilities for

humorous episodes while the prospect of everything blowing up in Eva's face is ever present. In accordance with the title, what Holofcener homes in on is how Eva, untrusting of her own instincts, allows her perceptions of Albert to be altered by Marianne's mean-mouthing recollections of their failed marriage. A love story featuring a mature-aged couple who don't look like they have just breezed out of the pages of *Who* magazine is a rare kettle of fish but, notwithstanding her wrinkles and his baldness, body hair and gut, their first kiss, sitting on his porch, is as sweet and shy as any you'll see. Holofcener's restraint, the quietness with which she deals with what are problems of everyday distress, encourages an empathy that grows deeper with every little faux-pas and misunderstanding – when Albert is hurt by the discovery of Eva's closeness to Marianne, you can't help feeling for him, and when Eva sees off Ellen

at the airport her sense of loss is heartbreaking for its naturalness. Toni Colette and Ben Falcone are terrific as Eva's married friends, while Tavi

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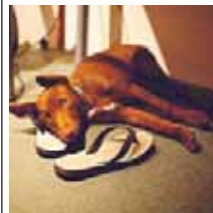
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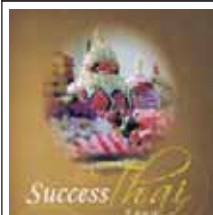
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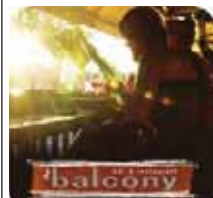
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The result is that while locals wander in off the beach and after their morning surf or lighthouse walk, the Byron Beach Café is also the hub for events, weddings and catering taking place both on and off the premises.

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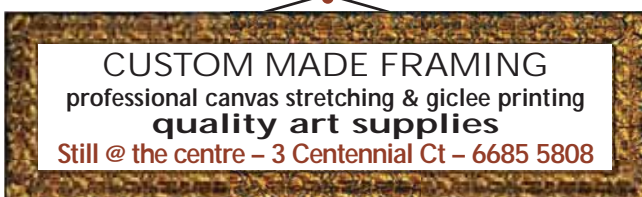
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1	S 0540	1929	0357	1732	0724,1.75; 1950,1.44	0054,0.37; 1356,0.32
2	M 0540	1930	0445	1837	0811,1.86; 2042,1.46	0140,0.33; 1445,0.22
3	T 0540	1931	0540	1941	0859,1.94; 2133,1.47	0227,0.31; 1535,0.15
4	W 0540	1931	0641	2043	0947,1.99; 2227,1.47	0316,0.31; 1627,0.11
5	T 0540	1932	0745	2140	1038,1.99; 2321,1.45	0408,0.33; 1719,0.11
6	F 0540	1933	0852	2231	1130,1.95	0502,0.36; 1813,0.15
7	S 0540	1934	0958	2317	0017,1.43; 1224,1.85	0600,0.42; 1907,0.21
8	S 0540	1934	1102	2400	0115,1.42; 1320,1.73	0700,0.48; 2003,0.28
9	M 0540	1935	1204	0000	0215,1.41; 1419,1.59	0804,0.54; 2059,0.35
10	T 0541	1936	1304	0040	0317,1.43; 1523,1.47	0915,0.58; 2154,0.40
11	W 0541	1936	1402	0118	0418,1.47; 1630,1.37	1028,0.59; 2247,0.44
12	T 0541	1937	1459	0156	0516,1.52; 1734,1.31	1139,0.65; 2337,0.46
13	F 0541	1938	1555	0234	0610,1.58; 1833,1.29	1243,0.52
14	S 0542	1938	1650	0314	0658,1.64; 1925,1.29	0024,0.47; 1336,0.47
15	S 0542	1939	1744	0356	0741,1.69; 2011,1.29	0108,0.48; 1421,0.42
16	M 0542	1940	1836	0441	0821,1.72; 2052,1.30	0148,0.48; 1500,0.38
17	T 0543	1940	1925	0528	0859,1.74; 2131,1.31	0227,0.49; 1537,0.36
18	W 0543	1941	2011	0617	0934,1.75; 2208,1.31	0302,0.49; 1612,0.35
19	T 0543	1941	2054	0707	1010,1.74; 2245,1.31	0340,0.50; 1646,0.36
20	F 0544	1942	2134	0759	1045,1.71; 2323,1.30	0418,0.52; 1721,0.37
21	S 0544	1942	2212	0851	1121,1.67	0457,0.55; 1758,0.39
22	S 0545	1943	2247	0942	0002,1.30; 1159,1.61	0538,0.58; 1835,0.42
23	M 0545	1943	2321	1034	0045,1.29; 1239,1.54	0623,0.62; 1915,0.45
24	T 0546	1944	2355	1127	0131,1.30; 1323,1.46	0714,0.66; 1959,0.48
25	W 0546	1944		1220	0222,1.32; 1414,1.38	0811,0.69; 2046,0.49
26	T 0547	1945	0030	1315	0317,1.36; 1514,1.32	0916,0.69; 2138,0.50
27	F 0548	1945	0107	1412	0415,1.43; 1621,1.29	1029,0.65; 2233,0.48
28	S 0548	1945	0147	1512	0511,1.53; 1729,1.29	1139,0.57; 2329,0.45
29	S 0549	1946	0232	1614	0605,1.64; 1832,1.33	1242,0.45
30	M 0550	1946	0322	1718	0659,1.77; 1931,1.38	0023,0.41; 1338,0.32
31	T 0550	1946	0419	1821	0751,1.89; 2027,1.43	0116,0.36; 1431,0.21

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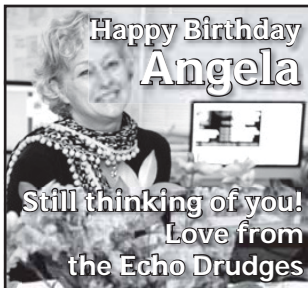
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Byron Shire Council Notices

COUNCIL CONTACT DETAILS

Council administration centre 6626 7000
Opening hours: Front counter 9.00am to 4.00pm
Switchboard: 8.30am to 4.30pm

Email council@byron.nsw.gov.au
Web www.byron.nsw.gov.au
Emergency after hours 6622 7022
Works Depot 6685 9300
Resident parking stickers Fax: 6684 3018
Sportsfield information line 6626 7111
SES Controller 6684 3444
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Myocum Waste & Recycling Centre 6684 1870
BRSCC (Byron Regional Sport and Cultural Complex) 6685 5911

Community Access Points: Documents on exhibition are available
for review at the Council Administration Centre (Mullumbimby),
Bangalow Post Office, Chincogan Real Estate Ocean Shores, Suffolk
Beachfront Holiday Park and Brunswick Heads Library.

COUNCIL'S EARLY CLOSURE

Council advises that its offices will be closed from 12noon and
Myocum Landfill will be closed from 11.30am Friday 20 December
2013 to allow staff to attend their Christmas party.

For emergencies please contact 02 6626 7022.

Council apologises for any inconvenience.

HOLIDAY CLOSING

Council advises that the Administration offices will be closed from
4.00pm Tuesday 24 December 2013 and will reopen at 9.00am
Thursday 2 January 2014.

For emergencies please contact 02 6626 7022.

Byron Shire Council extends Seasons Greetings to all the community.



We'd like to thank...

Byron Shire Council would like to thank the following organisations for their generous sponsorship support in delivering a family friendly New Year's Eve and Safe Summer in the Bay 2013.



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- Byron United
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- Byron Bay English Language School
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BYRON BAY NEW YEAR'S EVE

Byron Bay New Year's Eve Road Closures and Parking Restrictions

Byron Shire Council has resolved to implement various parking
and traffic management changes in Byron Bay during the 2013
Christmas - 2014 New Year period. These include the following.

Road closures in Byron Bay commence from 6.00am 31 December
2013 and conclude by 6.00am 1 January 2014 and will occur on:

- Jonson Street, between Lawson Street and Marvell Street and
- Byron Street, between Jonson Street and Fletcher Street

Signed detours will be available and delays can be expected. Avoid
driving if possible. These closures are required to facilitate the
market stalls and "Soul Street" festivities.

Special Event Parking Area (SEPA) will be signed and apply 26
December 2013 to 6 January 2014 inclusive which applies a 2P
parking time limit to all untimed roads and road related areas that
exist between:

- Ewingsdale Road, from Belongil Creek Bridge;
- Bangalow Road, from the west side of Old Bangalow Road; and
- Broken Head Road, from approximately 220m south of Bangalow Road.

The 2P time limit applies unless other parking laws apply, for
example 1P or another time limit or restriction (eg No Parking)
is signed, or you are a "Permit Holder" which is any vehicle that
displays a valid Byron Shire "Resident Parking Coupon" as affixed to
the vehicle in accordance with the instructions as printed upon the
coupon.

Further detail on the above is available from Council's website at
www.byron.nsw.gov.au/new-years-eve.

Submissions regarding the above should be in writing and
addressed to the General Manager, Byron Shire Council, PO Box
219 Mullumbimby 2482 or sent by email to submissions@byron.nsw.gov.au. Emailed submissions to this address only will be
acknowledged.

Submissions close: 23 December 2013

Enquiries: Traffic Officer 02 6626 7000

*Submissions will be made public in accordance with Schedule 1
Part 3 Clause 1(a)(vi) within Schedule 5 Part 2 of the GIPA 2009
Regulations as applicable including both the substance of the
submission and the identity of the author. For assistance with this
please call Council's Records Coordinator on 02 6626 7113.*

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council meetings are scheduled to be held at Station Street,
Mullumbimby.

Ordinary Meeting - 10.30am Thursday 12 December 2013

The following reports have been removed from the previously
advertised list of reports being presented to Council.

- Road slips and temporary access road update
- Encroachments on road reserve at South Golden Beach

The following reports have now been added to the list of reports
being presented to Council.

- Notice of Motion – In principle support of the Byron Precinct for Global Solutions
- Byron Regional Sport and Cultural Complex (BRSCC) – Draft Plan of Management
- Inaugural Byron Shire Sport Stakeholders Forum

Byron Shire Reserve Trust Committee Meeting – 2.00pm Thursday 12 December 2013

- There has been no change

To see the full list of items that will be discussed at the meeting, please
refer to Council's block advertising in last week's Echo, Echonetdaily
or go to Council's website at www.byron.nsw.gov.au/meetings.

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DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS DETERMINED AND COMPLYING DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATES ISSUED

(Section 101 EP&A Act 1979 and Clause 124 and 137 EP&A Regulations 2000)

The following development consents and complying development certificates issued, together with any conditions imposed may be inspected free of charge at Council's administration centre during ordinary office hours. The validity of these consents cannot be questioned in any legal proceeding except those commenced in the Land and Environment Court by any person within 3 months of this notice.

APPLICATIONS APPROVED

10.2013.574.1 – BYRON BAY

2c Pacific Vista Drive (Lot 7 DP 1027489)

Tree removal – one tree

10.2013.316.2 – OCEAN SHORES

10 Gira Place (Lot 1926 DP 262829)

S96 – to make minor changes to roof pitch, windows and floor plan layout

10.203.435.1 – WILSONS CREEK

45 Blackbean Road (Lot 1 DP 1066610 Lot 1 DP 1155672)

Shed including a composting toilet, rainwater tank and off grid solar, ancillary to a dwelling-house

10.2013.561.1 – BYRON BAY

1 Byron Street (Lot 2 DP 1134124)

Divide shop one into two shops

10.2013.356.1 – FEDERAL

Roses Road (Lot 1 DP 1003205)

Subdivision to create three lots

10.2013.535.1 – BRUNSWICK HEADS

14-16 Teven Street (Lot 11 DP 1016333)

Internal alterations to an existing recreation facility

10.2013.486.1 – BYRON BAY

7 Browning Street (Lot 14 Sec 51 DP 758207)

Use of dwelling as a bed and breakfast establishment and 1.8m front fence

10.2012.270.2 – OCEAN SHORES

4 Qui Court (Lot 1506 DP 245028)

S96 for minor changes to internal floor plan (secondary dwelling (granny flat))

10.2009.390.2 – BYRON BAY

2/8 Julian Rocks Drive (Lot 2 36797)

S96 to correct Section 94 Contributions (alteration/additions to dwelling no.2 to convert the existing single garage to a bedroom with ensuite and subsequent alterations to the existing laundry to create a new laundry/study and construct two tandem car parking spaces)

10.2013.519.1 – MULLUMBIMBY

63 Argyle Street (Lot 8 Sec 1 DP 12528)

Construction of a secondary dwelling

10.2008.602.2 – NEW BRIGHTON

47-49 The Esplanade (Lot 1 DP 804202)

S96 minor internal alterations, changes to decks and roof form (removal of existing dwelling and replacement with a new dwelling)

COMPLYING DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATES ISSUED

16.2013.76.1 – SKINNERS SHOOT

60 Yagers Lane (Lot 5 DP 258640)

New farm shed

ROAD CLOSURE JONSON STREET, BYRON BAY

Subject to Council endorsement on 12 December 2013, the following road closure will occur. Small delays can be expected.

From 6.30pm on Wednesday 18 December 2013, Jonson Street, Byron Bay will be closed to traffic at various times between Railway Park (north of Marvell Street) and Apex Park (at Bay Street). The closure will impact on cross streets of Byron Street and Lawson Street.

The closure is required to enable a street parade being held to raise awareness of the White Ribbon Foundation; a non-profit organisation which campaigns to end men's violence against women (www.whiteribbon.org.au).

Objections can be lodged by 11 December 2013 and addressed to the General Manager, Byron Shire Council, PO Box 219 Mullumbimby 2482 or sent by email to council@byron.nsw.gov.au.

Enquiries: Traffic Officer 02 6626 7080

PUBLIC EXHIBITION OF DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

Environmental Planning & Assessment Act, 1979

The following development applications have been received by Byron Shire Council and may be viewed at the Council administration centre during ordinary office hours.

For further information on making a submission please refer to the factsheet 'Making a submission on a development application' available at council or on line at www.byron.nsw.gov.au/submissions-on-development-applications.

There are also requirements in relation to the disclosure or political gifts and donations. Refer to Council's website to satisfy yourself that you are complying with your disclosure obligations prior to lodging a submission <http://www.byron.nsw.gov.au/political-donations>.

Please quote the development application and property description when making a submission.

EXHIBITION CLOSES 16 DECEMBER 2013

10.2013.548.1 – OCEAN SHORES

6 Narrogal Court (Lot 194 DP 238456)

D P Roberts Planning Solutions: *Subdivision of 6 Narrogal Court, Ocean Shores (Lot 194 DP 238456) into two lots, Lot 1 of 440m2 and Lot 2 DP 750m2*

10.2013.562.1 – BYRON BAY

Bayshore Drive (Lot 1 DP 243218)

North Byron Beach Resort Pty Ltd: *North Byron Beach Resort Central Facilities Buildings*

EXHIBITION CLOSES 23 DECEMBER 2013

10.2013.570.1 – BANGALOW

9 Station Street (Lot 1 DP 123326, Lot B DP 327228, Lot 334 DP 755695)

Gordon Highlands Pty Ltd: *Partial demolition of existing dwelling and garage, consolidation of three lots and construction of a two storey mixed residential and commercial building with basement car park and attic roof spaces*

10.2013.587.1 – BYRON BAY

108-110 Jonson Street (Lot 6 DP 619224, Lot 7 DP 619224, Lot 8 DP 617509, Lot 9 DP 617509)

Global Centres Australia Pty Ltd: *Redevelopment of existing shopping centre and cinema complex to create a ground floor supermarket, first floor retail shops, two levels of basement car parking, new terrace area over the road reserve and associated access and boundary reconfiguration works*

10.2013.564.1 – BYRON BAY

24 Mahogany Drive (Lot 104 DP 855591)

Mr P King: *Subdivision to create six Torrens Title lots*

10.2013.580.1 – SUFFOLK PARK

40 Corkwood Crescent (Lot 268 DP 867786)

Chris Loneragan – Town Planner: *Convert Community Title Subdivision to 2 lot Torrens title subdivision (SEPP No 1 Objection)*

10.2013.575.1 – SOUTH GOLDEN BEACH

46 Helen Street (Lot 7 DP 880563)

Lou Burke: *Three lot subdivision, construction of a six car carport, Strata subdivision of existing residential units*

AMENDMENT TO FEES AND CHARGES 2013/2014

Park and Ride including New Year's Eve parking charges

Council at its Ordinary Meeting held on 19 September 2013, resolved to give public notice of the following amendment to the 2013/2014 Fees and Charges with regard to parking charges:

Parking charge at 'Park and Ride' points on New Year's Eve of \$30.00 per vehicle per day, and

Parking charge at the BRSCC 'Park and Ride' point from 26 December 2013 to 6 January 2014 (inclusive) excepting New Year's Eve of \$5.00 per vehicle per day.

Further information about the plans for New Year's Eve and on the operation of the Park and Ride from BRSCC are available on Council's website at www.byron.nsw.gov.au.

Enquiries: Simon Bennett 02 6626 7080

Submissions will be made public in accordance with Schedule 1 Part 3 Clause 1(a)(vi) within Schedule 5 Part 2 of the GIPA 2009 Regulations as applicable including both the substance of the submission and the identity of the author. For assistance with this please call Council's Records Coordinator on 02 6626 7113.

POSITIONS VACANT

Trainee Administration Officer x 2 positions (re advertised)

35 hpw, Fixed Term, 12 months F/T, \$279.50 - \$568.70/week

See the ad in the Echo Classifieds – page 43

PROPOSED LEASE OF LILLY PILLY COMMUNITY PRE-SCHOOL – COMMUNITY LAND LOT 70 DP 851902

Council proposes to lease the Lilly Pilly Community Pre-school – Lot 70 DP 851902 – 96 Kingsford Drive, Brunswick Heads for Pre-school and associated pre-school activities for a period of five years to Lilly Pilly Community Pre-school Incorporated.

In accordance with Section 47 of the Local Government Act 1993 interested parties are invited to make submissions about this proposal.

The proposed lease is on exhibition for a period of 35 days (an allowance has been made for Christmas/New Year public holidays) and is available at Community Access Points around the Shire and on Council's website www.byron.nsw.gov.au/public-exhibition.

Submissions should be in writing and addressed to the General Manager, Byron Shire Council, PO Box 219 Mullumbimby 2482 or sent by email to submissions@byron.nsw.gov.au Emailed submissions to this address only will be acknowledged.

Submissions close: Tuesday 14 January 2014

Enquiries: Leslie Beardmore 02 6626 7300

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SECTION 356 DONATION GRANTED

Under Section 356 of the Local Government Act 1993 "A council may, in accordance with a resolution of the council, contribute money or otherwise grant financial assistance to persons for the purpose of exercising its functions."

Council wishes to advise that at its Ordinary Meeting held on 21 November 2013, it resolved to grant the following donation.

Name	Purpose	Donation Amount
Byron Bay Film Festival	To assist with funding the Moonlight Cinema Screening at 2014 Byron Bay Film Festival	\$600

Enquiries: Jean Ellis 02 6626 7045

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Newy Crew celebrate new season



Ten-year-old Sebastian Bunge had an awesome season of surfing during the rejuvenated New Brighton Boardriders competition despite

having a broken ankle and missing two of the rounds of the competition.

After quite a few 'lay' years the Newy Crew were reborn

by popular demand, bigger and stronger than ever in June this year.

The New Brighton Boardriders have a long history of talented surfers emerging from the club, some of whom have gone on to compete professionally.

Sebastian promises to be a future champ after his 2013 effort which saw him win third place and Most Improved Surfer in his division at the presentation that was held on the New Brighton sports oval on Sunday afternoon.

Interestingly, the first year back in the surf saw the crew attract a lot of under-12 girls to the comp, a sure sign that women are enjoying the sport more than ever before.

If you're looking for fun or wanting to develop your surfing skills, the Boardriders welcome all levels of surfers. They have Men's and Women's divisions for all ages.

Comps are held on the third Sunday of each month. For more information look for them on Facebook for details about the 2014 season.

Summer wouldn't be the same without Nippers



The Nippers season is well and truly underway with carnivals happening regularly along the far north coast. Recently it was Byron Bay's turn to host a Nippers event. Photo Stuart Amos

Sports clubs urged to apply for water saving grants

Just two weeks remain for schools, sports clubs and community organisations in the northern rivers region to apply for a cash grants scheme designed to suit smaller-scale projects that have the potential to save water and benefit the environment in regional Australia.

The Philmac Project provides cash grants of up to \$5,000 to organisations undertaking water-related projects, such as installing systems to irrigate community gardens or replumbing clubhouses to use rainwater.

The national initiative for rural and regional communities, established by leading Australian poly fitting and valve manufacturer Philmac, is structured in such a way that is easy to apply, without having to fill in lengthy forms or jump through hoops.

'We wanted to create a simple scheme without lots

of red tape, that might help smaller organisations struggling to source funding or kick-start a project that has the potential to benefit their community, and the environment,' says Philmac managing director Mark Nykiel.

'We know it's often difficult to find a bit of money that can make all the difference to whether a project happens or not, so this is our way of thanking people for supporting Philmac and enabling us to keep our manufacturing operations based here in Australia.

'It's an expression of our ongoing commitment to regional Australia and keeping communities connected through water.'

The deadline for applications is December 20. Applications are filled in online, via Facebook. Importantly, applicants then have to generate votes from their mem-

bers and supporters to make the shortlist for each of the five voting regions (SA, WA, QLD/NT, NSW, VIC/TAS).

Recipients will be chosen from the shortlist by a special panel that includes Irrigation Australia chief executive Duane Findley and AgChatOz co-founder Sam Livingstone, with the winners due to be announced in February 2014.

'The panel's focus will be on making sure the money goes to a project that will make a genuine difference to the local community, and has the potential to reduce water use, improve water quality or benefit the environment in some way,' Mr Nykiel said.

For more information and to submit an application for the grants go to www.philmacproject.com.au or facebook.com/PhilmacAustralia. Entries and voting close on Friday, December 20.

Thunders become local heroes

Luke Feldman, along with Michael Clarke, Mike Hussey, Dave Warner and Sydney Thunder teammates, is going back to school this summer as part of the exciting new program launched by Big Bash team, the Sydney Thunder.

The Thunder Local Hero program has 72 schools signed up across New South Wales and the ACT and will see all Sydney Thunder players, including Australian cricket captain Michael Clarke, adopted by schools across Term Four and into the summer holidays. Clunes Public School has been chosen for the Far North Coast and are lucky enough to secure leading wicket taker Luke Feldman.

Throughout the summer, every Local Hero school will receive unprecedented access to their Sydney Thunder player. Over the past couple of weeks, each school has received their Sydney Thunder Local Hero pack, which includes a bio and posters of their player, a schools activity pack, school stickers, and a welcome video from their Local Hero. Throughout the



summer, students will continue to receive regular updates from their player via email and video messaging, and keep up to date with their progress in BBL03 at www.sydneythunder.com.au/localhero.

A select number of schools will also win a chance to have a Sydney Thunder player come to their school for a special clinic, or win tickets to a Sydney Thunder match.

Sydney Thunder player Mike Hussey was excited about the initiative.

'I am looking forward to being involved in the Sydney Thunder Local Hero program and getting closer

to some of our youngest fans,' said Hussey. 'School kids are some of our greatest supporters so it will be great to be able to return some of that support across the summer.'

Nick Cummins, general manager of Sydney Thunder, was looking forward to connecting with schools across Byron Shire area.

'Our local communities, schools and families are the heart of the Sydney Thunder, and we are pleased to be able to connect with them via this new initiative,' he said. 'It is great to have so many schools involved in the first ever Thunder Local Hero, and I'm sure each of the players will do their schools proud.'

To find out more about the Thunder Local Hero program head to www.sydneythunder.com.au/localhero.

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'We wanted to create a simple scheme without lots of red tape,' said Mark Nykiel.

HOUSING MORE AFFORDABLE BUT FIRST HOME BUYERS DISAPPEARING, SAYS REIA

The Real Estate Institute of Australia (REIA) says that in the September quarter of 2013 the ACT remained the most affordable state or territory in which to buy a home, NSW remained the least affordable and first home buyers are disappearing.

REIA president Peter Bushby says, "The latest Adelaide Bank/REIA Housing Affordability Report shows an improvement in housing affordability with the proportion of income required to meet loan repayments decreasing 1.2 percentage points to 29.8 per cent. All states and territories recorded improvements in affordability over the quarter – the largest in Tasmania, where the proportion dropped by 1.6 percentage points to 24.6 per cent."

First home buyers made up just 13.6 per cent of the owner-occupier market compared to 14.6 per cent in the June quarter and this figure is one of the lowest since the Australian Bureau of Statistics started to collect data on the activity of first home buyers.

"As we expected, because of the changes in the First Home Owner Grant introduced by the Victorian government, the number of loans to first home buyers in the state had the biggest quarterly drop across the country," said Mr Bushby.

"The consequences of the availability of the grant to those purchasing only new dwellings are abundantly clear in NSW and Queensland – the number of loans to first home buyers in these states is 46.7 per cent and 34.5 per cent lower than it was a year ago. South Australia and

Western Australia both saw a strong increase in the number of loans (excluding refinancing) over the past year.

"For renters, it became slightly more affordable to rent in Tasmania, but in the Northern Territory rental affordability fell further with renters paying well above the national average.

"For this and future editions of the Adelaide Bank/REIA Housing Affordability Report, REIA commissioned a review into the methodology of estimating the median weekly family income data. New methodology now in use brings that data in line with the Census."

The Adelaide Bank/REIA Housing Affordability Report is online at http://issuu.com/reia/docs/sept_har_2013.



Australian PCI®: construction continues to expand in November

The Australian Industry Group/Housing Industry Association Australian Performance of Construction Index (Australian PCI®) for November expanded for the second consecutive month with an increase of 0.8 points to 55.2 (readings above 50 indicate an expansion in activity).

A boost in new orders (58.5) and deliveries (57.9) as well as continuing strength in overall activity (54.6) was behind the improved November reading. While house building and apartments lost some ground in the month, all of the major sub-sectors remained in growth territory.

Australian industry group director, Public Policy, Peter Burn, said: "The construction sector extended its expansion in November, adding further to the accumulation of momentum evident in recent months. The fact that growth was reported in each of the four sub-sectors is particularly



I don't think they're talking about our neck of the woods

encouraging and adds to the signs that the long-awaited re-balancing of the domestic economy may be getting underway on the back of low interest rates and a lift in business and household confidence.

"However, given the extent of the slump in residential

and commercial construction over more than three years, the expansions recorded in October and November are from a low base and we are still some months from a convincing recovery."

Housing Industry Association chief economist Harley Dale said: "Following the charge

into expansionary territory in October it was important to see a further 50+ result in November – it's great to see that outcome.

"There appears to be little else in the way of upward momentum in private domestic demand at present, but the Australian PCI®

results for house building and apartments signal further short-term growth in the dwelling construction recovery. To sustain that recovery and return new home building to strong levels requires closer attention to policy reform than is currently evident.

"Consistent reference in the Australian PCI® survey to tight credit conditions is one example of an avoidable roadblock to a construction-led recovery in the Australian economy," Dr Dale said.

Australian PCI® Key Findings for November:

- The Australian Industry Group/Housing Industry Association Australian Performance of Construction Index (Australian PCI®) for November recorded expansion for a second consecutive month – up 0.8 points to 55.2 (readings above 50 indicate an expansion in activity).
- The November Australian

PCI® was the highest reading since April 2010.

- A strengthening in new orders (58.5) – which increased at their highest rate in almost eight years – and an upturn in deliveries from suppliers (57.9) boosted the overall reading.
- Construction activity was strong at 54.6.
- Across the sub-sectors: House building (62.0), apartments (57.9), commercial construction (52.9) and engineering construction (52.5) all recorded expansions.
- Input prices remain high at 71.3 while selling prices remained low in November.
- Businesses generally noted that market conditions were strengthening in response to higher levels of demand. This was being reflected in increased tender opportunities with respondents also indicating further success in the securing of contracts.

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Interest Over \$699,000

- Less than 100 metres from Belongil Beach
- Spacious open plan lounge/dining area
- Private north facing courtyard
- Popular holiday destination with excellent income

Open: Saturday, 14 December 2013 12.00-12.30pm
Enquiries: Helen Huntly-Barratt 0412 332 232

Byron Bay, 41 Shelley Drive

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Interest Over \$650,000

- House in town with room for a granny flat
- Split level home features high raked ceiling
- Separate lounge and dining open to back verandah
- Very sought after position, walk to beach and town

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Bottom Of The Market Opportunity

Byron Bay 4/3-4 Cape Court

Fabulously positioned in a quiet & family-friendly complex, this light & bright free-standing villa presents a fantastic opportunity for home buyers and investors looking to purchase in a welcoming neighbourhood.

- Neat & tidy throughout, filtered by natural light
- Three well-proportioned bedrooms complete with BIRs
- Single lockup garage with internal access
- Located a stone's throw away from Sunrise shopping complex
- Great investment or home

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Sale

Guide \$390,000-\$420,000
Inspect Sat 11.30am—12.00pm

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Sale



Golden Holiday Investment

Byron Bay 3/8 Lawson Street

Located in a secure block of three, it's not often you find a holiday investment of this quality in a prime location like this. Popular with those who want a relaxed beach holiday, this split level apartment is ideal for families or couples.

- Open plan living/dining area
- All bedrooms equipped with reverse cycle air-cons
- Master bedroom with ensuite
- Private north facing balcony complete with BBQ & outdoor seating

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Attention Investors And Value-Seekers

Byron Bay 4 Wright Place

Conveniently located on the fringe of the popular Pacific Vista precinct and within close proximity to Tallow Beach and town, this freestanding two bedroom, one bathroom Torrens Title residence provides a great opportunity for the first home buyer, downsizing retiree and investor alike.

- Single level brick and tile home on a 611.6 sqm allotment
- Separate single lock-up garage
- Covered north to rear facing entertaining courtyard
- Established lawn and landscaped gardens, level walk to beach

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Auction

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Sale

For Sale or For Lease

Byron Bay "The Duneroom"

33 Childe Street, Belongil

Located on the stunning Belongil Beach, this wonderful commercial opportunity offers a wide range of uses.

The Duneroom is a high-quality fully-licensed events venue of 388sqm featuring a stunning fit out including a full commercial catering kitchen and al fresco patio. The venue is also available for lease on a permanent basis.

Also included are full Council Approvals for use as Deli, Convenience Store, Conference Venue and 2 cafe areas. Fully licensed with future weddings and conference bookings, 13 car spaces, all plant and equipment.

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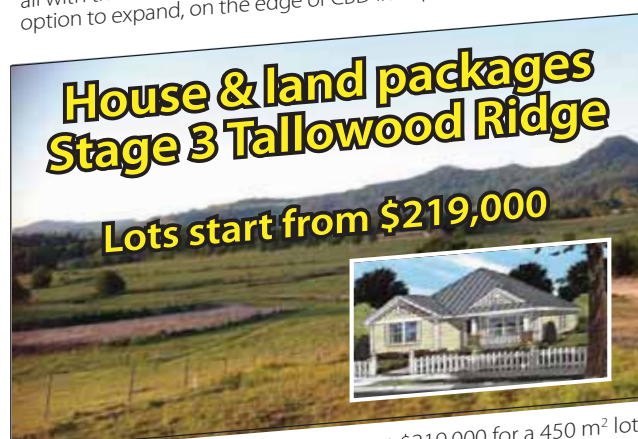
Byron Bay - Expansive 4 bedroom timber home connected by covered walkway to 3 studio cabins all with their own bathroom, deck & courtyard. DA approved to subdivide into 2x600m² blocks provides option to expand, on the edge of CBD in a quiet cul-de-sac. High net returns. A home with an income.



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Mullumbimby - Unique blend of Mediterranean & Oriental style, architect designed solid brick home on a mountain ridge. 1 acre block, 40 mature fruit trees, abundant water, 36,000 gal rain tanks & bore. You won't find another home quite like this. It is a 'one only', must be viewed to be appreciated.



House & land packages
Stage 3 Tallowood Ridge

Lots start from \$219,000



Mullumbimby - Blocks of land start at \$219,000 for a 450 m² lot. An extra-ordinary estate with planning for a sports field complex, community gardens, walking/cycling tracks. Short walk to town.



Byron Central
Holiday apartment

\$260,000

Byron Bay - Self contained serviced studio apartment in the heart of town. 2 blocks from the beach, fully furnished, future bookings in place, progressive on-site management, high occupancy (agents interest).



Elevated position
5 mins walk to town

\$549,000

Mullumbimby - This home is set high on a very private block. A quality brick three bedroom, two bathroom home plus separate and private studio/home office on a lower level.

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2/4 Hazelwood Close, Suffolk Park. Sat 3-3.30pm
7 Arika Avenue, Ocean Shores. Sat 10-10.30am
39 Kingsley Street, Byron Bay. Sat 10-10.30am
Lot 5/1 Orara Court, Byron Bay. Sat 10-10.30am
16 Belongil Crescent, Byron Bay. Sat 11-11.30am
41 Shelley Drive, Byron Bay. Sat 11-11.30am
46a Paterson Street, Byron Bay. Sat 11-11.30am
5/35 Childe Street, Byron Bay. Sat 12-12.30pm
21 Kalemajere Drive, Suffolk Park. Sat 12-12.30pm
14 Citriadora Drive, Ewingsdale. Sat 12-12.30pm
19/24 Scott Street, Byron Bay. Sat 12-12.30pm
18/21-25 Cemetery Road, Byron Bay. Sat 1-1.30pm
19 Ivory Curl Place, Bangalow. Sat 1-1.30pm
3 Paperbark Place, Bangalow. Sat 1-1.30pm
2/1 Kamala Court, Mullumbimby. Sat 4-4.30pm

ELDERS NEW BRIGHTON

13 Orana Road, Ocean Shores. Sat 10-10.45am
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38 Peter Street, South, Golden Beach. Sat 11-11.30am
2 Jumbunna Place, Ocean Shores. Sat 11-11.30am
8 Tongarra Drive, Ocean Shores. Sat 12-12.30pm
14 Kolora Way, Ocean Shores. Sat 1-1.30pm

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4/20 Mackay St, Byron Bay. Sat 11-11.30am
3/34 Kendall St, Byron Bay. Sat 11-11.30am
84 Broken Head Rd, Byron Bay. Sat 11-11.30am
196 Broken Head Rd, Byron Bay. Sat 12-12.30pm
26 Beachcomber Drive Byron Bay. Sat 12-12.30pm

RAINE & HORNE BYRON BAY

43 Beech Drive, Suffolk Park Sat 10-10.30am
4 Hakea Close, Suffolk Park Sat 11-11.30am
153 Coopers Shoot Road, Coopers Shoot Sat 1-2pm

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Lot 14/278 Coopers Shoot Road, Coopers Shoot. Thu 12-12.30pm

1/66 Bangalow Road, Byron Bay. Thu 2-2.30pm & Sat 1-1.30pm

4/3-4 Cape Court, Byron Bay. Sat 11.30am-12pm
9 Red Bean Close, Suffolk Park. Sat 2-2.30pm

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595 Dalwood Road, Rous Mill. Sat 10-10.30am
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Rancher Court, Wollongbar. Sat 12-12.30pm
6 Pandanus Place, Ballina. Sat 1-1.30pm

AUCTIONS

BYRON BAY FIRST NATIONAL

Auction 10.30am onsite December 14

7 Arika Avenue, Ocean Shores

Auction 2pm onsite December 14

21 Bottlebrush Crescent, Suffolk Park

RAINE & HORNE BYRON BAY

Auction 10am onsite Saturday January 11

43 Beech Drive, Suffolk Park

Auction 11.30am onsite Saturday January 11

4 Hakea Crescent, Suffolk Park

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Auction 9am onsite Saturday March 1

14 Brooklet Road, Newrybar

SCOTT HARVEY REAL ESTATE

Auction 11am onsite Saturday December 21

595 Dalwood Road, Rous Mill. Inspect Sat 10.30am

NEW LISTINGS

ELDERS NEW BRIGHTON

• 13 Orana Road, Ocean Shores, \$570,000

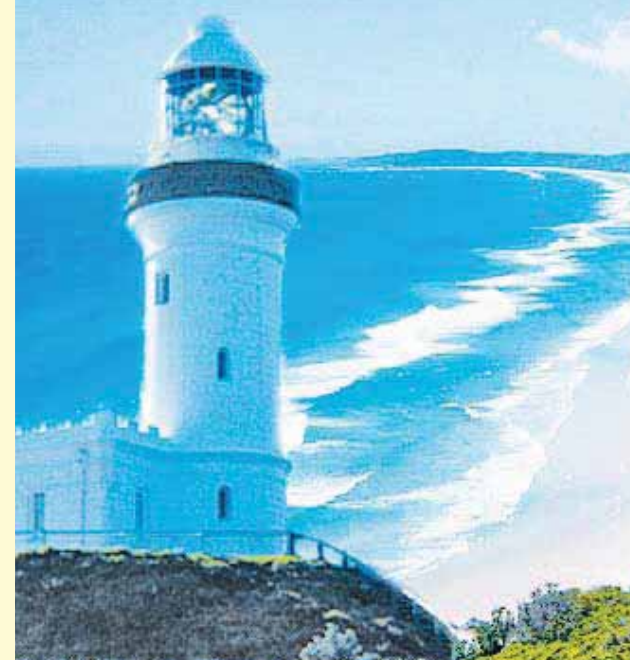
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• 75 New City Road, Mullumbimby. \$1,260,000. 63 acres with house & sheds on fringe of township.
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While community members argue the pros and cons of putting rocks on the coastline they might also like to consider the impact of sea-level rise on coastal properties. See an interesting article on recent studies at the Green Building Elements site <http://bit.ly/ccforshore>.

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Congratulations to Byron Shire Chemical Free Land-care (BSCFL), which has picked up a regional Highly Commended award, under the category of Environment Protection, as part of the Keep Australia Beautiful NSW, Clean Beaches Connecting Our Coast Awards 2013. BSCFL has been working for the past three years on 4.75 hectares of Crown land reserve at Brunswick Heads, removing bitou from the dunes using the crowning method developed by botanist Ellen White.

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Dissent within the ranks is not solely the province of the major political parties. As Chris Dobney reported in *Echo*net-daily, local Greens convenor and former Byron council-



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Says local activist Sapoty Brook: 'We must MOBILISE to demonstrate that the atMOsphere is becoming dangerously unbalanced. It is time to bring awareness of this imbalance into everyday life. Now I mustache you a question: Are you willing to MOBILISE? Stay tuned for MO.'

lor Tom Tabart has taken a shot at Greens mayor Simon Richardson for 'trying to be all things to all people', especially over the alcohol issues in Byron Bay. In relation to Last Drinks at 12's position, Tabart said, 'Simon sort of supports it but thinks it could be "Last Drinks Somewhat Later"'. Of course Tom might be nostalgic for the days of the hardline campaigner mayor and now Greens MP Jan Barham, for whom Tom rode shotgun very effectively.

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Schoolies has pretty much come and gone without too much incident – not that you can separate any bits of bad behaviour from the usual weekend shenanigans in Byron Bay. Thanks go to programs like Cringe The Binge (cringethebinge.com.au) and the Schoolies Hub for educating and entertaining the young. Now we can start preparing for NYE. We suspect a lot of locals will be holidaying elsewhere.

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We suspect a good degree

well-padded behind of former foreign minister Alexander Downer might also be in question since he went on to work for one of the oil explorers, Woodside Petroleum, after helping to set up the oil treaty with Timor-Leste. There is some good background on the issue in ABC's AM broadcast: <http://bit.ly/ambriefing>.

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And poor old Aunty is now in the sights of the neocons after daring to report on Australia's spying activities. The senator for speaking without thinking, Cory Bernardi, is leading the charge, somehow forgetting it's the people's ABC, not his. Getup.org.au is working to protect Aunty, with <http://sumofus.org> also running a petition. See also our comment on page 12. Protect it or lose it.

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