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Big traffic and parking plans rolled out

It's big and ambitious, but will it work?

Byron Shire Council's summer strategy for the new year period includes park and ride, one-off parking restrictions in town and free all-day early-bird parking in Butler Street.

Meanwhile, a valid resident parking coupon or a yellow temporary Special Event Parking Permit will be required for town parking and will exempt your vehicle from the two-hour special-event parking restrictions.

Sound complicated yet?

Residents should expect two permits in their letterbox exempting them from the Special Event Parking Area restrictions by December 20.

Byron Bay businesses can apply for Special Event Parking Permits at www.byron.nsw.gov.au. Normal parking laws, time limits, fees and fines will still apply.

Additionally, the number of days the Special Event Parking Area (SEPA) will operate has also been reduced, from 12 to seven days after Council responded to concerns from some businesses.

The two-hour parking zones, which stretch from Red Devil Park to Belongil, will now be in force from December 26 to January 1 inclusive.

But the council-operated park-and-ride scheme will



Mayor Simon Richardson with Sarah Ndiaye, Techa, Amalie, Tim and bus driver. Photo Jeff Dawson

continue throughout the 12-day period until January 6.

Mayor Simon Richardson said the purpose of SEPA was 'to help prompt a change in behaviour.'

'The amount of traffic coming into Byron Bay at the moment makes it harder for everyone. We were looking

for a sustainable way forward, but whenever you have change, especially around car usage, you have trepidation.'

The changes have come too late for the special-event permits that Council is distributing but traffic signage will be changed to reflect the new dates.

How it will work

■ All-day parking and free shuttle buses will be provided for \$5 at the Byron Regional Sport and Cultural Complex from December 26 to January 6, except on New Years Eve when it will be \$30.

■ From Boxing Day to New Years Day inclusive, Special Event Parking restrictions in town will limit parking to a maximum of two hours per day across those parts of the town centre which are not already subject to timed parking restrictions.

■ All Byron Shire residents should have received two permits in their letterbox exempting them from the Special Event Parking Area restrictions by December 20.

■ Byron Bay businesses can apply for Special Event Parking Permits at www.byron.nsw.gov.au.

■ Butler Street Reserve 'earlybird' all-day parking will be available over the 12 days except Thursday January 2 and Sunday January 5. No Permit or Coupon is required. Vehicle access is limited to between 6 and 10am and 3 and 6pm each day.

Light rail at North Byron Beach Resort gets Council nod

While it may be some time off, Byron Shire Council unanimously voted Thursday to support North Byron Beach Resort's light-rail proposal, which is now with the NSW state government for consideration.

From December 2014 the resort wants to run a railmotor shuttle service between Byron Bay railway station and a new station at Bayshore Drive. It will be open for the public at a proposed fee of \$3.

'We'd like to congratulate the resort's owners for having the vision to build a real

transport option,' said Karin Kolbe, president of Trains On Our Tracks (TOOT).

'It confirms the viability of light rail in the northern rivers,' said Ms Kolbe.

Shared use of the Belongil bridge

'Their plan for shared use of the Belongil bridge by both rail and cyclists/walkers demonstrates that the corridor can be shared.'

'Byron Bay's road system is crawling to a halt, and even a bypass will only offer tem-

porary relief if the full West Byron development of 800-plus houses goes ahead.

'Once the initial service is established, it can then be extended further along the Casino-Murwillumbah rail line.

'Light rail will be increasingly important in moving tourists and locals around – not just around Byron Shire but the whole northern rivers, and beyond to southeast Queensland.'

In its submission to Council the resort's managers noted, 'The unique nature of the proposed service

significantly limited rolling stock options... The 660 series railmotor constructed in 1971... was the most appropriate passenger vehicle for the proposed 3km service.

'The 661 number motor car and 726 number trailer car have both been acquired by Lithgow State Mine Railway Limited and are available on a lease arrangement.

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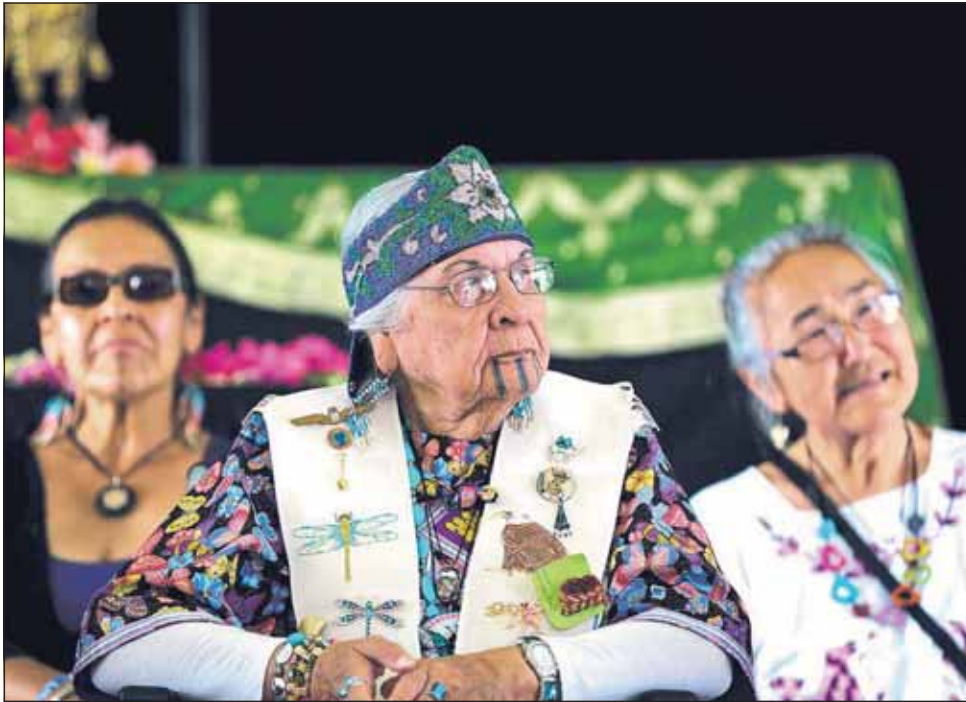
Uplifted by spirit and elders

Over four days and nights, this year's Uplift festival again showcased some of the world's leading inspirational artists and innovative thinkers who shared sustainable and positive ways of living.

One speaker, Xiuhtezcatl Martinez, is a 13-year-old environmental activist from Boulder, Colorado, USA.

He told *The Echo* that ever since he first spoke in public, he has been driven to battle the issues that are affecting our future such as climate change, GMOs, pesticides, tar sands and coal ash. 'We're not getting these things in the education system and we're not learning the things we really have to learn to survive in this climate crisis,' he said.

■ See the video of this story at Echonetdaily.net.au



World-renowned spiritual leader and keeper of the Sacred Salmon Ceremony, Grandmother Agnes Baker Pilgrim, was one of the guest speakers at last weekend's Uplift festival held at the Byron Regional Sport and Cultural Complex. She is the oldest living female elder of the Rogue River Indians from Oregon USA. Photo Jeff Dawson

Hospital waiting times improve – slightly

Chris Dobney

Emergency waiting times at crowded Lismore Base Hospital improved in the quarter to June 30, according to new statistics released by the Bureau of Health Information.

The median time to leaving the emergency department was three hours 36 minutes for the period, compared to four hours seven minutes the previous quarter.

But it still lags behind the state average of three hours five minutes.

All other hospitals in the region had waiting times below the state average, with Ballina Hospital recording a

median leaving time of two hours 17 minutes and Tweed Hospital two hours 27 minutes. Median leaving time for patients at Murwillumbah Hospital was one hour and ten minutes, the shortest time recorded in the Northern NSW Local Health District.

Lismore continues to struggle

Waiting times for Byron and Mullumbimby Hospitals were not separately shown but figures for all small hospitals in the district showed a combined median time to leaving of one hour 33 minutes.

Lismore continued to

struggle with the percentage of emergency patients leaving within four hours, remaining stubbornly low on 54 per cent. This did show a slight improvement, however, on the previous quarter's tally of 49 per cent. The state average is 65 per cent and the state target is 71 per cent. With the exception of Grafton Base Hospital, all other hospitals in the district met or exceeded the state target.

When it came to waiting times for emergency surgery, Lismore did better, with a median time of eight days against a state average of 11.

Ballina, Murwillumbah and Tweed, however, blew

out to 13, 15 and 18 days respectively.

Lismore did less well with semi-urgent surgery, with 58-day waiting time against a state average of 44. Ballina scored 55, Murwillumbah 62 and Tweed 49.

But the picture was grimmer for non-urgent patients, with a 319-day waiting time against a state average of 232.

Murwillumbah and Tweed did little better, with 310 and 270 days respectively, while Ballina Hospital patients could expect to wait 168 days.

The best hospital in the district on this parameter was Maclean, with a median waiting time of just 39 days.

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Connecting the rainforest dots

Mandy Nolan

Stumped about what to get your kids for Christmas?

How about a hectare of rainforest in Borneo for just \$250? Or maybe you'd prefer something more local, like a pledge to Madhima Gulgan Rainforest and Bush Trail project? Rainforest conservation activist Kelvin Davies has just launched Rainforest Connections, a process that brings together organisations and community to achieve shared outcomes in rainforest conservation.

Rainforest conservation has long been Davies's passion, with his key belief being that one person can make a difference.

Social justice

'I came from a family where my father was heavily involved in social justice issues and that demonstrated to me the opportunity to be active in and make a difference in the world,' says Kelvin. 'In the late 80s I became more politically and socially aware and at that time some of the big issues were the hole in the ozone layer and the greenhouse effect. We now know it as climate change.'

'The other big issue was the burning of the Amazon - that's how those issues came into my consciousness.'

'In 1990 I joined the Melbourne Rainforest Action group. I was inspired by the members' commitment to holistic social change through the philosophy of non-violence - and the principles



of deep ecology - that all species have an inherent right to exist.'

Part of Kelvin Davies's early bleeding as an activist involved strategic campaigns to halt the import of rainforest timbers from South East Asia with water-based blockades of timber ships and widespread community education campaigns.

Contributing

'Through that I met thousands of people and asked the same question: do you want to see the world's rainforest conserved?'

'Overwhelmingly that answer was "Yes". That is what led me to focus on the process of organising and providing opportunities for people to contribute and make a difference.'

'My view is that all species have an inherent right to exist - and that any of our actions that cause non-human species to become extinct are wrong.'

Science has identified about 1.7 million species; scientists have undertaken studies in tropical forests and have made an estimate of new species on Earth -

there could be more than 10 million species; we just don't know, but by destroying the rainforest we are causing species to become extinct before we even know what they are.'

Radical shift

When it comes to conservation, Kelvin believes there is a need for a radical shift in our philosophical approach.

'Because they are insects or plants, we as humans are not valuing them and we are allowing them to disappear.'

'Fifty years ago, rainforest covered 14 per cent of the world's land surface, and now less than seven per cent remains. Five million hectares are destroyed annually and if this trend continues, all tropical rainforest will be gone by the middle of the 21st century - we have to save something before it's all gone.'

In 1998, Davies initiated Rainforest Rescue, became CEO and founding director, and was responsible for growing the organisation from a seed to a flourishing not-for-profit enterprise which continues to this day

with a focus on protecting the Daintree Rainforest.

'On completing the work with Rainforest Rescue, I considered the many other established rainforest organisations in Australia and around the world and how they could become more successful.'

'I could see that greater overall success would come with more co-operation and collaboration, so rather than building a new organisation, I have set out to help all the existing organisations achieve their dreams.'

Davies is excited about using new technologies to enhance the work of existing conservation groups and connect them with interested communities.

'You don't have to stand on the street with a bucket anymore, nor do you have to cold-call people.'

Crowdfunding

'There is an explosion in crowdfunding platforms. It's a recent phenomenon and as a fundraising tool it provides opportunities for people to network their projects among their crowd or community.'

Rainforest Connections is currently supporting and engaging with nine conservation projects around the world.

'One in the Amazon,' says Davies, 'three in Indonesia, one in New Zealand, and the rest in Australia. They involve buying land to protect it forever and also ensuring there is scientific research to support conservation outcomes.'

■ To find out more about Rainforest Connections, to nominate a project, or to find out about the organisations and make a contribution, go to rainforestconnections.org.

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Red carpet for community college

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Many people were recognised on the night for their achievements, including outstanding students and tutors, and Byron College staff.

Byron Shire mayor Simon Richardson also officially launched the *Education for Sustainability* book written by Katrina Shields and Lisa Hoggard.



Certificate III in Child Care Services student Jud King won the Teaching Excellence Award while Daniel Hend won the Student Award for 2013. Photo Jeff Dawson

Win for teaching principals in small schools

Simon Haslam

A community campaign supported by *The Echo* has seen the government back down on its proposal to remove principals from small schools; however, the door has been left open for the DEC to combine schools should the current principals leave.

In further good news, Durrumbul Public School has received word that it is not being targeted for closure.

The changes to the government's much-touted new small-schools policy emerged in new deal reached between teachers and the Department of Education and Communities (DEC) earlier this month.

The agreement will allow the most talented classroom teachers to earn a six-figure

salary, and has linked principals' pay to the 'complexity' of their school rather than school size.

Under the terms of settlement agreed at a stop-work meeting of the NSW Teachers Federation on December 3, principals of small schools will be reclassified as Teaching Principals. They will maintain their present allocation of time for administrative tasks.

According to president of the Mullumbimby Teachers Association, Wil Constable, 'no working conditions have been lost and no small school will be forced to close or be made work in with a larger local school.'

'This represents an opportunity for all small-school communities to ensure that

they are working to support and drive their school forward into the future,' he said.

But if the position becomes vacant the department can still step in and force unwanted changes on the school community.

Not far enough

Sharon McGrath, secretary of the Wilsons Creek School P&C, said that while she was pleased the DEC had listened to the strong community opposition to their proposal to remove principals from small schools, 'I don't believe the terms of settlement go far enough to secure their future.'

'Should the position of teaching principal become vacant, the deputy director-general (DD-G) will deter-

mine if that small school will be linked to a larger "hub" school.

'The removal of decision-making power and autonomy poses a grave risk to the viability of small schools and to the communities in which they exist.

'The state Liberal government must be held to account on their promise of Local Schools Local Decisions; small schools need support to not only survive but to thrive.'

The NSW Primary Principals' Association said that they have also raised with the DEC the issue of the number of smaller schools, they believe in excess of 60 schools, where the Principal position has not been substantively filled, in some instances for a considerable length of time.



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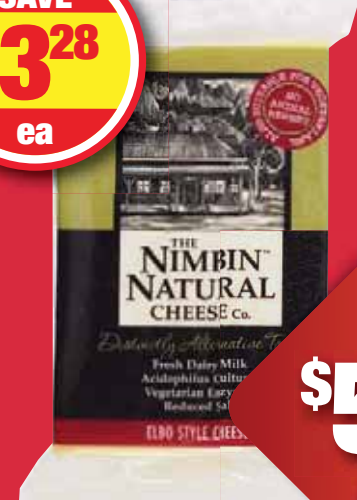
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- 1 (about 8kg) whole leg ham, on the bone
- Whole cloves, to stud

Method

Step 1. Stir the sugar, maple syrup, honey and mustard in a bowl until the sugar dissolves.

Step 2. Preheat oven to 170°C. Line a large baking dish with 2 layers of nonstick baking paper. Place an oven shelf in the lowest position. Remove all other shelves. Use a sharp knife to cut around the shank of the ham, about 10cm from the end. Run a knife under the rind around edge of ham. Gently lift the rind off in 1 piece by running your fingers between the rind and the fat. Score the fat in a diamond pattern, about 5mm deep. Stud the centres of the diamonds with cloves. Transfer to prepared dish.

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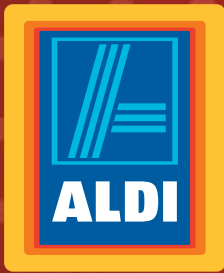
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Byron Youth Service director moves on

After ten years, Di Mahoney is moving from Byron to Brisbane and is leaving her post as director of Byron Youth Service (BYS).

'I'm moving because my teenage son recently got himself into QASMT to finish his schooling doing the International Baccalaureate,' she says, 'and he wants to pursue his dream of becoming a scientist.'

Ms Mahoney says she was drawn to the region from an early age.

'I first arrived in Byron Bay in late 1984 soon after

finishing high school and taking my first road trip up highway number one from Melbourne! I travelled with a couple of girlfriends in my grandad's old VW Superbug and we stopped at lots of amazing places along the way.

'What I love about Byron is the people, and the way they live. The passion and drive about so many aspects of life, the way people connect, the diversity, the desire to learn and grow. The colour.

'My inner punk and my inner hippy always feel at



home here, and I hope to still come down often, shop at the markets, take in some mad music events, attend festivals, and catch up with friends.

'It's been a massive privilege to lead the team at BYS

and I know that, together with heaps of community members, volunteers, young people, parents, educators, business owners, philanthropists and colleagues, we have been able to do some great stuff.'

Cr Hunter under fire over development

Eve Jeffery

The activities of Byron Shire councillor Alan Hunter are becoming increasingly unpopular with his neighbours after he recently submitted another development application for his property on Pinegroves Road, Myocum.

The former Nationals candidate for Richmond wants to transform a farm building into a road transport terminal after previous unsuccessful attempts with Council.

Additionally he wants approval for the construction of an amended storage shed, which would contain 20 shipping containers with a common roof structure measuring a total of 48m in length and 6m in width. He intends to use his property as a drop-off point for bulk deliveries of grain and chick peas and then re-disperse the produce in smaller quantities for local commercial kitchens.

But residents living in properties along the road are concerned that the extra traffic will impact on the road, and say heavy vehicles travelling up an inappropriately small and steep road will be a safety issue.



Cr Hunter's neighbours are concerned that his proposed transport terminal will adversely affect them. Photo Jeff Dawson

Neighbour Graham Mathews says the Hunters 'have something of a squatters' rights attitude to this impasse.'

Heated exchange

'Mr Hunter expressed to me in an earlier heated exchange, "It's my farm and I'll do what I want with it". He has been uncommunicative with the neighbours about his plans and when he has been confronted about work he has carried out without approval, he has been evasive.'

Prior to becoming a councillor, Cr Hunter was prosecuted by Council and fined \$2,000 for illegal construction. At the time, Council's head of compliance Ralph James told *The Echo* the allegations included illegal

earthworks in excess of those permitted by his approval for a farm shed, and placing 18 shipping containers on the site, joined together to form a storage facility.

Mr Mathews feels that the Hunters are costing the Shire money and fail to play by the rules. 'The Hunters persisted in their previous applications right into the Land and Environment Court, at enormous expense to the ratepayers of this Shire (as the matter was settled by consent, each party paid their own costs).'

He says that 14 months ago, the Hunters accepted the restricted development that the council had imposed on them and agreed to rehabilitation of the property to reverse the unauthorised

works. 'But to this day, they have failed to comply. The residents are rightly concerned at these people being granted an open ticket to run a haulage terminal and to store/distribute electrical and household goods.'

But Cr Hunter sees things very differently. He says that rejection of previous DAs is not to do with the what he was asking for, rather the fact there were changes.

'Council didn't accept the variation for the section 96. The only reason I got rejected was because of the variations. There has been no environmental damage. I passed all the safety mechanisms for NSW laws and local laws for safety, so I don't see how they can claim it's unsafe. We've been doing it in a small way for ten years so technically we are just legalising it.' Cr Hunter says that the neighbours have every right to object and he has in the past tried to speak to them but they have not been amenable to that. 'I gave up trying to talk to them and said let Council take care of it, and I have left it at that. This is a farm of 120 acres. They moved next to a farm. They knew before they moved in.'

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Olga Tresz

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We have piles of survey forms after asking 12,441 people, and a huge 12,122 of those people said 'yes' to being gasfield free.

Last June, Byron Council initiated and passed a motion to allow these declaration signs to be put up around the Shire's townships. Each sign has been individually assessed, approved and erected by Council, and each community area has paid for every one of their signs and paid Council to install them.

97.8 per cent yes

So why do this survey, and why is the shire's average such a high 97.8 per cent? Because we in the Byron Shire understand we are all connected –



Mullum residents recently celebrated the town's signs being erected.

that Australiawide our land, food, air and precious water needs to be protected and kept clean in order for all of us to live long healthy lives. We know it is people standing together in unity that will keep our country liveable.

And what exactly are we protecting against? Coal seam gas (CSG), tight sands and shale gas, or unconventional gas. Gas mining usually uses the fracking process that breaks up the rocks deep underground to recover poisonous, odourless, invisible

methane gas for mostly overseas exportation. This fracking process uses megalitres of clean water, sand and a toxic recipe of chemicals. It reduces the pressure of our water table, contaminates aquifers and draws up huge quantities of unusable contaminated and highly saline sludge.

The mining companies' solution for this highly toxic mess is to store it in huge open holding ponds, and when these ponds fail, the resulting spill kills everything it touches – all vegetation, insects and

animals alike. Flooding rains caused the collapse of a pond wall in the sensitive Pilliga forest two years ago and today it still looks like a bombsite with no signs of life.

And finally, where did this community survey process originate? Lock the Gate Alliance. For more information visit www.gasfieldfreebyronshire.org or www.lockthegate.org.au.

■ Olga Tresz is the Lock the Gate co-ordinator for Byron Shire.

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Educational and research precinct supported

An educational and research precinct on Council-owned land in Bayshore Drive has been given in-principle (non-financial) support at Council's Thursday meeting.

Director of Byron Community College, Richard Vinycomb, attended the meeting and told *The Echo*, 'As one of the three co-authors along with Cr Simon Richardson and Jim Beatson, I have been increasingly concerned about the gaps in accessibility to high-quality research and education.'

'The gaps are many in this shire, particularly with our history of no major public infrastructure development by higher education or vocational education institutes and a lack of government vision in training.'

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Mr Vinycomb says the proposed Byron precinct would ideally be funded 'by national and international educational institutions,' and is 'a vision for Byron Bay offering more than surfing, tourism and a party town.'

The proposal is available by emailing director@byron-college.org.au.

Food/garden waste bin collection planned

A third bin collection for food and garden waste is planned for mid-2014, and Council say they are keen to hear from residents on the plans.

Council's resource recovery officer, Kylie Bott, says the move was prompted after a bin composition survey conducted last year revealed

50 per cent of what we throw into our red garbage bins is food and garden organics.

A new online forum has been created at Council's website: www.byron.nsw.gov.au.

But still, the most environmentally friendly way to manage your food scraps is home composting, worm

farming or feeding it to the chooks, says Ms Bott.

The plans are for urban single dwellings.

Additionally, Byron Shire Council offer subsidised compost bins and worm farms for sale at its second-hand shop at the Myocum Waste and Recycling Centre.

Byron bypass shuffles closer

The state government has come to the party to kick-start Byron Bay's planned bypass.

Mayor Simon Richardson told *The Echo* that after a Thursday meeting with NSW minister for roads and ports, Duncan Gay, up to \$250,000 was offered to fund the technical study while additional contributions would be made later for the actual construction.

'Depending on the final figure, we would be looking at the West Byron Project putting in, along with the state and feds.'

However a bypass may fall short of addressing the long traffic queues coming into Byron. Cr Richardson says traffic studies suggest that a bypass would only relieve Byron's CBD of 18 per cent of traffic because '82 per cent of those in vehicles want to go into Byron itself and not around it.'

The current 'long' bypass plans are to extend past the police station, the Butler Street reserve on Butler Street and then turn left onto Browning and Jonson Streets where Mitre Ten is.

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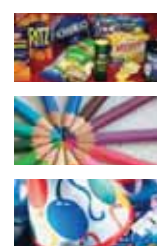


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Every year, Mandy Nolan commissions a family portrait for Christmas. Last year she made her brood dress as bogans and this year it's night of the living dead. For another zombie-related story, Horatio Bitemark is on page 35. Photo Jeff 'Day Of The' Dawson

Highway delayed by Abbott cuts

NSW shadow roads minister Walt Secord is calling on NSW roads minister Duncan Gay to release a public timetable of completion dates for sections of the Pacific Highway after announcements by the O'Farrell government there would be delayed work on the Pacific Highway upgrades at Maclean and Ballina.

Mr Secord says it's a broken election promise and the delay is the second time in less than four months.

'Last weekend, Mr Gay was forced to admit that the Abbott government's decision to rip \$70 million out of NSW would affect projects,' said Mr Secord.

'Safety on these roads is absolutely critical - especially when tens of thousands of families will be using them at Christmas.'

Pilliga mine activates protection camp

Ursula Da Silva

On Saturday November 16 a Welcome to Country and Gomeroi traditional dance was held on the grounds of the Pilliga Protection Camp, located in north-central NSW.

A crowd of around 80 attended, some of whom travelled from Melbourne, the northern rivers and Musgrave Park. All are concerned for the future of our continent and it was a coming together of three distinct voices: the Gomeroi, the farmers and the environmentalists.

'The Pilliga Protection Camp is for everyone and for Mother Earth,' said camp founder Gomeroi man Mat-



thew Draper. In the face of the rapid CSG mining developments in the Pilliga State Forest, the barriers of social and cultural prejudice dissipated. The people gathered in a circle and were smoked in the traditional way as a cleansing and greeting to Gomeroi Country.

Through the power of culture each connected. Concerns were raised regarding the connectivity point for us all - the water.

'The future of Australia's water is being jeopardised by CSG mining in the Pilliga State Forest,' said Knitting

Nanna Pat Schultz.

'This area is crucial as it is the southern recharge zone for the Great Artesian Basin.'

'If this water is contaminated our nation will be poisoned. Water connects everything, we are all connected with water... if you look after water you look after yourself,' said protester Benny Zable.

As the crowd stood among the cypress pines they realised that the differences between them were nothing in the face of a future threatened by mining greed and devastation.

A resolution was found in the acknowledgment of the caretakers, the Aboriginal peoples, and their beliefs on culture, unity and sustainability.



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The end of 2013

Thank you, 2013, it sure was a gas. Much like the all natural, organic, juicy, colourless, odourless gas that lies beneath our vast lands and has corporations and shareholders salivating. And it sure is good to cook with. But I digress. Here are some interesting events throughout the year (in no chronological order):

- Community, business and Council attempted to organise a family-friendly 2013/14 NYE after an unwieldy one in 2012/13
- Byron Shire's Green votes – through preferences – helped Labor's Justine Elliot retain federal seat in September's election.
- New Byron Council general manager appointed. GM Ken Gainger walked into the job and deals with a \$12.7m deficit.
- Grant applications to the state and feds for infrastructure were continually refused or renege upon. On the bright side, the state did cough up \$50k for late night buses in peak holiday periods.
- NSW govt \$2 million rail study into the north coast rightly copped flak as it omitted a light-rail option, among other flaws. The result opens the way for a rail trail study.
- Byron Bay got a new library.
- Two new festivals debuted: the Boomerang and Falls Fest.
- 40th anniversary of the Nimbin Aquarius Festival in May.
- The hinterland was knocked about by storms which caused landslips and long waits for repairs.
- Byron KFC proposal rejected; 4,000 signatures opposed.
- Bangalow fought off what would have been high-density housing adjacent to the A&I Hall, while Mullumbimby residents successfully lobbied to stop five flats being built on Station Street.
- NSW Nationals MP for Ballina Don Page was unsupportive of a 10,000-signature petition calling on the north coast region to be gasfield free.
- Council finally submitted its draft 2012 LEP (local environment plan) to the state.
- Controversial Ocean Shores Roundhouse site stepped closer to sale as land preparation started. Selling off other council-owned land also got underway, including Belongil and industry estate.
- Belongil rockwall works delegated to GM to design interim beach access stabilisation works.
- Byron Shire towns declared themselves gasfield free after volunteers meticulously collected door to door votes.
- Byron Council rejected fluoride; Lismore and Ballina acquiesce. Farewell to those who passed and welcome to those anew. Happy new year and a safe 2014 everyone!

Hans Lovejoy, editor

Facing the awful truth about Holden

As the last plaintive echoes of 'Football, meat pies, kangaroos and Holden cars' fade from the air waves, it is at last time to confront the inconvenient truth: Holden was never Australia's own car.

It may have been produced in Australia, by Australians and for Australians, but the ownership remained solidly anchored in Detroit. The H in GMH was never more than a courtesy suffix. GM was and is an American company, run by and for Americans.

And this inconvenient truth leads to two equally inconvenient corollaries which Australian governments and indeed all Australians have been very reluctant to acknowledge. The first is that reassurances given by GMH's Australian representatives are not, and never have been, worth the paper on which they are not always written.

Only last year managing director Mike Devereux told the then prime minister Julia Gillard that her latest, desperate bid to keep the company in Australia had done the trick; yet another massive injection of taxpayer subsidy meant that cars would continue to be made at the local plants for at least another decade. At the start of last week he was still telling anyone who would still listen that no decision had been made, despite the dogs having been barking news to the contrary for several days.

Gillard, of course, was not the only victim; for years GM executives have been promising prime ministers and premiers that this was the final payment of protection money, the operation was now safe and they would make no further demands in Australia. And the politicians, poor sods, believed them – or at least pretended to, to avoid having to face the awful truth.

And this was the second corollary: that no matter how fervently Australians felt about Holden, the iconic brand, the

very core of manufacturing in the country, it was always a pretty small part of GM's overall operations. Immediately after World War II it suited the American giant to have a subsidiary in a dependable satellite close to Asia; Australia made a convenient hub for GM to consolidate its planned expansion into the region. And for a while, indeed for a surprisingly long while, it worked: not only did Holden dominate the Australian market – until ten years ago it remained the country's top selling brand, with the Commodore number one for a full 15 years – but it also exported cars to 28 other coun-

tries, not a bad effort. But in the meantime GM was opening factories in South Korea, Japan, Thailand, India and Indonesia, where overall costs were considerably lower and workers considerably less fussy about pay and conditions. And in the wake of the Global Financial Crisis, when the motor industry had to go cap in hand to Washington begging for a bailout and the effects of which are still lingering in the United States, the hard-headed directors in Detroit started looking for ways to trim their expendable bits. With a diminishing share of local sales and severely curtailed opportunities for export, GMH Australia was firmly in the crosshairs.

GMH could have responded, as other makers did, by trying to satisfy the newly discriminating buyers with smaller, more fuel-efficient vehicles; but that would have required a capital injection that could not be justified by the small Australian market. So the decision was effectively taken

back in 2013: Australia could be and would be sacrificed. But Detroit did not pull the plug immediately; rather it was eased out, as production was gradually wound back while more and more money was squeezed out of the compliant host in the deluded hope that perhaps, just perhaps, the process was not irreversible. In the end, of course, it was. But, shrilled the optimists, this was still not the end: Australian manufacturing had a great future, just like other countries with a high wage structure: think Germany, Sweden, and um, er, well, at least there were a couple. And there are; but they are countries offer would be such an outdated hodgepodge as to be practically unsaleable. Labor's original NBN would have given almost everybody optical fibre to the home, with a promise of a minimum speed of 50Mbps, capable of being upgraded according to demand. Turnbull's previous version promised fibre to the node for most people, leading on to copper wire: this would have given a possible maximum speed of around 50Mbps, but in most cases far less and anyway would need replacing when the obsolete copper wire ran out. Mark III says that about a third of homes won't even get fibre to the node; they will depend on the old coaxial cable. With a bit of luck they will get around 25Mbps, which by 2019, when it is due to arrive, will be totally inadequate – assuming that the antiquated cables and copper hold out till then.

Serious countries left this system behind many years ago – in fact Germany, like many countries which originally opted for fibre to the node (Broadband Lite), is now replacing it with fibre to the home – the Labor scheme. And note that this means a total replacement, not just a rejig of a few bits and pieces. The case for doing it right the first time is simply incontestable if a country is serious about remaining a competitive player in modern industry. Of course it is expensive – very expensive, although probably not quite as unaffordable as Turnbull claims. But it is all a matter of priorities.

And if Tony Abbott would rather spend the money on building lots of roads around our choking cities and restoring tax rorts for those who get part of their salary in cars to drive on them, so be it.

Perhaps we can pretend that the cars are Holdens. That would make us feel better, wouldn't it?

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by Mungo MacCallum

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which have invested massively in education, research, innovation and new technology. They have kept themselves at the cutting edge. Australia, by contrast, is falling further behind in almost every field, and current policy seems to be to ensure that the process not only continues but accelerates.

The serious school reforms envisaged by Gonski are now in considerable doubt: Tony Abbott and Christopher Pyne may have matched Labor's funding – well, for the next four years or so – but they are not interested in lifting the generally low standard by ensuring that the money goes to those most in need rather than those with the best organised political lobbies.

And in the same week that GM announced its pending shutdown, the communications minister announced that he was downgrading the National Broadband Network from NBN Lite to NBN Ludicrous: the completion date would go out by three years and the product on

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Last fling at fluoridation for 2013

■ I am nonplussed by the debate in northern NSW concerning the fluoridation of water. Four decades ago, at least, this debate took place in Melbourne and the issue was resolved at that time by the eventual fluoridation of the water supply, with no ill-effects whatsoever. And children's teeth benefitted immensely. The many objections to fluoridation were baseless, including some that were clearly within the realms of conspiracy theory. Trust the science.

Trevor Robertson
Upper Crystal Creek

■ Almost all toothpastes (95 per cent) on the market con-

tain fluoride. Can someone please explain to me why fluoride also needs to be added to the water supplies?

Herewith two links regarding the subject which I doubt public officials will bother to take the time to read. (They have already been told whatever the government lobbyists need them to know in order to press the issue.)

From Live Science: <http://bit.ly/1hNxDzz>.

From Dental Health/Fluoride toothpastes: <http://bit.ly/1hNxEDs>.

Peggy Balfour
Mullumbimby

■ Why does Councillor Woods think that Byron gets

'potable' water through its industrialised water supply (Echo, December 3)? Technology cannot pipe pure water to households. The water is poisoned with chlorine and alum. Some shires actually want to treble poison their water supplies by adding fluoride.

The rejection in Byron of adding fluoride to the water supply was common sense. Paracelsus in the 15th century had already determined that combined poisons were more toxic than the sum of their parts.

Meanwhile the water-courses that 'knew' how to purify water free are being increasingly poisoned - now

with CSG mining.

Robert Bly, who wrote *Iron John*, suggests that we are a society of half-grown adults, and because children see that, they do not want to grow up. In effect we are not a society of adults and children so much as a society of squabbling siblings.

Children are immersed in the immediacy of what they can get and cannot consider the long term. The way we consider only what we can get now out of poisoning water for comparative short-term gas is just one more indication that we live in a sibling society.

Geoff Dawe
Uki

Mo carbon

Love the work of Sapoty Brook and fellow campaigners still with the energy to charge, still into the valley of disappointment against king coal. But the half-a-mo, half-a-mo onward idea (*Backlash*, December 10) has me bamboozled. Mos are made of hair, hair of protein and protein contains a lot of carbon. Cut and composting, the missing half of Sapoty's mo is releasing its carbon into the atmosphere.

We need uncut full-feral mos with matching hair to maximise personal carbon capture and storage. Add some wax and imagination and hey presto! you've got something fabulous, foreign and proud, maybe even Daliesque. Uncut finger and toenails can add to your personal carbon capture-and-storage contribution and statement.

Speaking of carbon, diving into the last parking spot in

Mullum, my hatchback found itself the nervous meat in an Urban Assault Vehicle (UAV) sandwich. Enormous black V8 LandBruiser one side and huge black military-style 'Nitro' the other. Entertainingly the gas-guzzling LandBruiser wore a sticker proclaiming opposition to CSG and support for the Greens: ah, sweet irony is not yet gone from the world.

Of course we can have our magic-pudding planet. It might be a bit early for a table in the restaurant at the end of the universe, but many among us should be around for the party at the end of the Earth. So BYO monster UAV, nicely greened with anti-CSG stickers, grow that mo and when it gets too hot just turn up the aircon.

Adrian Gattenhof
Mullumbimby

Save our sharks

We are coastal people. I have lived my life by the ocean and

a good part of it in the ocean. Growing up, my friends and family always approached the beach with respect and an acute awareness that we are sharers of the waves and water with other species. As sharers, we are accountable for sustainable coastal management practices. As sharers, we have a responsibility to advocate against ungrounded persecution of vulnerable marine species.

The Western Australian government has released policies regarding shark control measures including extensive baited drum lines set along the metropolitan coastline. Shark culling is archaic and ineffective. Historically, culling has not reduced the number of attacks and, ironically, data collected in NSW between 1937 and 2008 show the majority of shark attacks occurred at beaches with shark meshing.

Educating communities in risk reduction and further

examining why sharks are approaching shallower coastal waters is crucial to lowering shark attack.

Please support Australia's continuing protection of vulnerable marine species, including the Great White Shark. Petitions to politicians are available online though saveoursharks.com.au and through their corresponding Facebook pages. We must continue to advocate for

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marine species that have no voice of their own.

Angeline Daniels
South Golden Beach

Simon and Tom

Tom Tabart, of all people, should know when a person is elected mayor of a shire, he is there to represent and be accountable to all residents of that shire, not just Tom Tabart.

He must approach every matter before Council with an open mind and remember he is representing all residents of the shire. There are all different colours out there as well as green and he certainly is not there to carry out Tom Tabart's wishes and instructions.

What arrogance expecting the mayor to consult with him on any council matter.

Elaine Robinson
Mullumbimby

■ The article 'Mayor breaks ranks with Greens over Last Drinks' in *Echonetdaily* has attracted a majority of comments supporting his brave 'independence' from the 'party line'.

In fact the matter originated from my address to the Last Drinks meeting where I was pointing out that Greens

councillors are not bound by the decisions of the local group. This has always been the case – there is no 'party line'. My reason for making this clear was that in this instance I felt that the public needed to know that the mayor and the Byron Greens were not in full agreement.

Other comments such as my concern that the mayor, as a Green, was paying far too much attention to the needs of the business community and not enough to environmental and general residents' concerns were my opinion only. As are my comments that I consider the arrangements for NYE ill-considered and poorly planned.

Tom Tabart
Convenor, Byron Greens

Holiday precinct

The opening of land for development in West Byron might provide an opportunity to resolve the holiday letting dilemma. It might be possible to create here a holiday letting precinct.

If purpose-built holiday letting accommodation could be placed here it would guarantee that all building conformed to all the required safety regulations.

Anyone building in this area could also as a condi-

tion be required to subscribe to a 24-hour security service and a shuttle bus. Holiday letting could then be banned in other parts of town.

Of course holiday-letters would whinge and bitch about Council destroying the value of their investments but all investment by its nature is a gamble and Council has no brief to guarantee the investments of a small number of people.

As to rocks at the Belongil, this is only dealing with the symptoms of the problem – nothing will improve or be resolved here till the core of the problem, the groyne at Main Beach, is modified so it no longer impedes the flow of sand northward.

David Gilet
Byron Bay

A case to answer?

The Echo has a case to answer. On November 26 it printed a letter from Michael Burd congratulating Israel for its Philippines humanitarian relief effort but it did not print either of my two letters, nor anyone else's, critical of Burd's failure to temper Israel's action in the light of its crimes in Gaza. Would *The Echo* have let a writer get away with praising the Nazis for their an-

ti-vivisection law, smoking ban and animal conservation without also pointing out their atrocities?

The World Health Organisation is alarmed by the catastrophic situation in Gaza: lack of medical supplies and medicines, 14-hour power cuts which could kill scores of babies in their incubators and compromise operations, the failure of the sewage treat-

ment plants causing 35,000 cubic metres of raw sewage to spew into the streets, lack of gas for heating and cooking. Amnesty International calls on Israel to lift the blockade which prevents essential supplies from getting in but Israel adamantly refuses to comply with international law. Gilad Sharon, son of the former Israeli prime minister, Ariel Sharon, openly advo-

cates mass killing: 'We need to flatten entire neighborhoods in Gaza. Flatten all of Gaza. The Americans didn't stop with Hiroshima – the Japanese weren't surrendering fast enough, so they hit Nagasaki, too. There should be no electricity in Gaza, no gasoline or moving vehicles, nothing. Then they'd really call for a ceasefire.' (*Jerusalem*

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TRAFFIC

A professional traffic management plan has been developed in consultation with state and local regulatory authorities to help minimise the impact of this event on the local community and the immediate surrounding areas to North Byron Parklands. Additionally, traffic planning has been revised for this event, adopting measures to assist in mitigating traffic issues experienced with Splendour in the Grass. Changed traffic conditions include:

- Barrier defined temporary turning lanes along Tweed Valley Way / Brunswick Valley Way and on the Northbound and Southbound off ramps from the Pacific Motorway at the Yelgun interchange and Link Road. **Please follow the directional signage**. Please note traffic infrastructure will be in place from FRI 27 Dec and will be removed by 5pm SAT 04 Jan.
- Reduced speed limits of 40km/h will be in place along Tweed Valley Way / Brunswick Valley Way commencing approx. 200m south of the Yelgun interchange continuing along Tweed Valley Way to north of North Byron Parklands main entry, as well as on the Northbound and Southbound off ramps from the Pacific Motorway at the Yelgun interchange.
- To manage potential illegal camping or parking in the immediate surrounds of North Byron Parklands, Local Resident Only access checkpoints will be in operation for Yelgun Road, Billinudgel Road and Jones Road at the Tweed Valley Way intersections.
- Traffic control personnel will be in place along Tweed Valley Way between the Yelgun Interchange and Jones Road.
- All Traffic Control will be managed by RMS accredited traffic controllers. However, please be prepared for **POSSIBLE SHORT DELAYS**.
- Festival camping patrons will begin to arrive at North Byron Parklands from 8am on SUN 29 Dec 2013 and depart by 5pm FRI 03 Jan 2014.

PARKING

- There is **NO PARKING** along Tweed Valley Way or in the streets surrounding North Byron Parklands. **Special Event Parking restrictions will be in place** and Council Parking Rangers will be on patrol throughout the event. **Fines will apply**.

Please note that camping or sleeping in vehicles within the Byron and Tweed shires is not allowed. Maximum Penalty exceeds \$1,000 in the Byron Shire. Council Rangers will be on patrol throughout the event period enforcing this regulation. Festival patrons should only use official campgrounds and caravan parks.

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Post, A Decisive Conclusion is Necessary, December 12, 2013).

The *Echo* should realise that silence is complicity!

Gareth W R Smith
Byron Bay

■ There were no other letters critical of Mr Burd's. Because we do not publish all of Mr Smith's constant stream of letters does not mean we are complicit in anything. – Ed

Dear Aunty

The ABC, our dear Aunty, has been attacked again by a right-wing government. Yawn. Right on cue!

When will they ever learn that we, the people, love the venerable old girl? She shows excellent signs of keeping up with the times running a rich stream of online activities adding to her accomplishments on radio and TV. We admire her.

The ABC is one of the best things about Australia. We know it and we trust it. It is the best source of information we have. This latest attack by the coalition government could be seen as a diversion from weeks of flat-footed political blunders, which have cost it preferred party status in its first 100 days. Quite an achievement. Nevertheless the attack must not be written off. A party that can ask the lowest paid among us, child-care workers, to forgo their wage rise, may well stoop to elder abuse. Aunty's budget could be cut, and she could be sent out to sell advertising!

A useful piece of research to add to the defence of the ABC has been done by Ian McCauley (*New Matilda*,

9/12/13). I quote: 'Commercial media are funded by what is to all intents and purposes a sales tax. For example, if you buy a new car, around \$500 of what you outlay is on advertising. Last year \$13.1 billion was spent on advertising, of which \$4.9 billion was for commercial TV and radio, and \$4.2 billion was for newspapers.'

'To put these figures into a digestible form, we are paying about \$1,500 a year per household for advertising, of which \$500 is for commercial TV and radio... By contrast we are paying about \$120 a year for the ABC.'

So I pay \$500 for commercial media which I despise, and \$120 for the ABC which I use all the time. Ten, Nine and the rest of the bunch are getting a good deal out of me, that's all I can say.

Jill Keogh
Federal

The Belongil again

Oh, spare me. The Belongil? Again? Could *The Echo* run that article from a few years back that detailed (with photos) the deep sandmining that destroyed the ancient solid dune base right across Byron Bay and Tallow and more?

Is there anyone left alive who knows there's a place called The Sand Hills Estate in Byron Bay, and why? As a reminder, it's where the YAC is, and there were huge sand hills there which were mined out. Does anyone recall there was a freshwater lake there, just like the ones on Fraser Island, that had to be protected from sandmining in the 70s? That Byron's lake was not protected, and it was destroyed by sandmining?

Are there still residents
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Time for a better-motivated Santa

S Sorrensen

The problem with Santa is that he doesn't have superpowers.

Sure, he appears to fly through the air in his sleigh but that isn't a superpower; that's a bunch of well-trained reindeer who don't actually fly but take giant synchronised leaps through the night air. It may appear to the gullible as flying, but it isn't.

Like Batman, Santa has no superpowers but uses available technology (steroidal reindeer) and adapts it to his purpose (gift delivery).

Having no superpowers is okay for Batman who is young, muscular and has a dark angst that women, teenage boys and Hollywood producers find alluring. But Santa is old, overweight and dribbly senile – attributes that appeal to no-one except Jenny Craig and recliner chair salespersons.

If Santa's red face wasn't a customer puller for the annual yuletide buy-up, he'd be washed up, a has-been, a nobody. He'd be a smelly old bloke in a heavy coat, propped against a bar in Mullum, telling tall tales about middle-management elves and arctic sweatshops to anyone who'll buy him a sherry.

As it is, superpowerless Santa is reduced to working the streets and shopping malls, ho ho ho-ing to rude, spoilt kids while his synthetic red suit gives him a genital itch that he definitely mustn't scratch. His dream of a world filled with happy children is dashed. Now he dreams of a



cigarette at lunchtime.

Like that other superhero, Jesus, Santa's mission has been usurped by those who would use his name for their own commercial benefit and have turned his pure vision into a perverted blindness.

Yes, a sad fate for the two men of Christmas. Both wanted the world to be a better place; both were betrayed for a few (quite a few) pieces of silver.

Old Santa is a relic from a bygone age; an age when a gift was a rare and appreciated treat, not just another piece of flotsam bobbing on the tide of consumables that is drowning our children; an age when it was okay for a grown man to sit a child on his lap and give her sweets.

Santa, if he really wants to give to the children he so loves, needs a make-over. Then he can make a come-

back. (Jesus is planning to...)

For a start, no more gifts.

Children are fat, lazy, little bludgers who need leadership, not another simulated war game. Presents may have been a good idea when a piece of cake or a sock was something to get excited about but the only real gift for our children now is a world to live in.

And I'm talking the real world of air, water and resource depletion, not a virtual world with password issues.

Santa should quit the shopping malls, hardware catalogues, internet promotions, television commercials and start blockading the coal seam gas miners. Tell Santos he wants his name back.

He should use his Christmas card distribution network to demand action on climate change so the next generation of children can

dive the Great Barrier Reef and walk the north coast forests.

He should get the sleigh out of hock, round up Rudolph and the team (Dancer, Prancer, Sleepy etc) and leap refugees to safety. (Is there a government policy on sleigh people?)

Love and empathy are what make a superhero. Love is the ultimate superpower. Superman has it. The Phantom has it. Jesus has it.

And Santa has bags of it. Santa has a superpower!

So, tie your hair back, Santa. We need you. Get some anti-itch cream, ditch the red synthetics and wear green hemp.

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We've had an incredible year at the Chamber, swelling our numbers to 80 members. We've had much discussion and made in-roads with a number of our initiatives. We've established a website featuring a business directory and forum, moved closer to having a sculpture walk along our bike ways and foot paths, and we're working to bring more seating and trees to the CBD.

We'd like to congratulate our members who have put on amazing spectacles this year to wow and entertain the community, including the colourful Living Earth Festival, the awe-inspiring Circus Festival and the Mullum Music Festival, which again was a stand-out success, putting the biggest little town in Australia on the map. The Carols by Candlelight also continued to shine. **Continued over ▶**

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If you'd like to join the discussion on the ideas and initiatives that affect business in Mullumbimby, I invite you to join the Mullumbimby Chamber of Commerce. Visit www.mullumbimby.org.au for more information.

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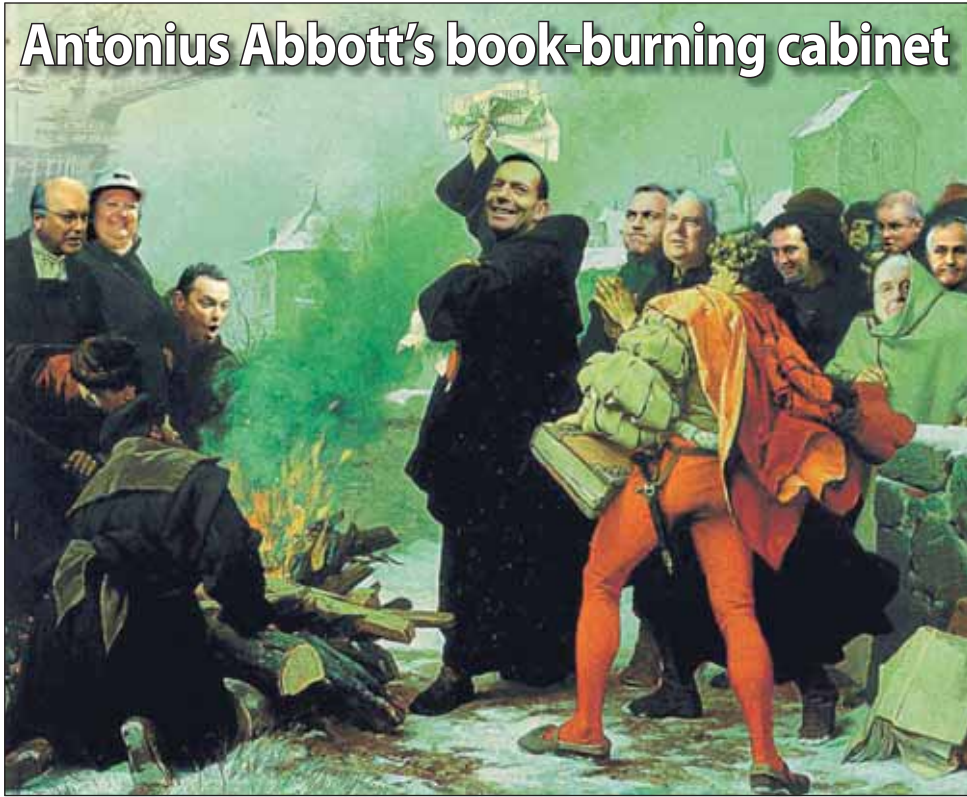
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Antonius Abbott's book-burning cabinet



After ignoring science and knowledge, there's nothing left to do but burn books. Abbott's also burning through social capital – or the public's goodwill – like none before him. Such things could never be achieved without well-oiled media machinery and fossil fuel corporation support. Yes, Abbott is our George W Bush moment, and the only antidote to this wilful ignorance and arrogance is satire. Image manipulation by Hans Lovejoy

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who recall the mining industry and politicians saying the mining was ever so important, for the space program no less, and that the beaches would be fine? Because a magic plant named bitou bush would hold the soft sand together after the

ancient black sand was removed? But it turned out the black sand was used for cheap insulation on power lines, the bitou bush became an ecological nightmare, and the soft sand washed away in the first big storm? Does anyone remember any of this? Or that we even used to have black sand? And that was

when the mining industry/political fixers came up with: it's a natural process and we need a planned retreat? Any of this sound familiar? Does anyone know what the black sand was, how it got there, and how long it takes to accumulate?

And the current cliff edge at Belongil? Anyone actually

bother to look at a survey map? Because that edge just happens to be where the mining stopped, at boundaries of private land. Notice that otherwise the whole thing would have been mined, washed away, and the sea would likely be across Ewingsdale Road?

For goodness sake, anyone remember the radioactive tailings dumped as landfill around town, that was all supposed to be fine? Until some smart bloke wandered about with a geiger counter and a few people woke up?

For pity's sake, what on Earth lets people make statements without any reference to the geological, industrial, or political history of the landscape, and line up as the poster boys for mining industry arse-covering, and yet claim to give a damn about the world?

Listen, John Vaughan may annoy people, he may be obstreperous and confrontational in manner, but he's actually, in this case, right. Do your homework or don't put your hand up.

Matt Hartley
Byron Bay

Money for nothing

I nearly choked on my Weet-Bix the other morning while reading the article on page 2 of *The Echo* regarding the Livestock Health & Pest Authority (LHPA). A spokesperson from the

LHPA is quoted as saying that landholders are 'getting good value for money' and 'bio-security is a statewide concern'.

Many times over the past 33 years I've asked for assistance, in particular with the wild dog problem that threatened our lives. I never received a response back. Hardly value for money.

Bio-security is a nationwide concern, not just for landholders in NSW with ten hectares or more. Diseases and noxious animals have no boundaries.

Two Sumatran fighting fish in an aquarium in someone's lounge room in the city is a threat to bio-security if flushed down the toilet. Why is this financial burden thrust upon some landholders in NSW only?

Another claim by this spokesperson is that 1080 poison baits only target wild dogs if used correctly. I believe there is no safe use of 1080; it is one of the most toxic compounds known to mankind, and is banned in many countries.

1080 occurs naturally in several species of leguminous shrubs (poison bushes) in Western Australia. Native animals in these regions have developed some resistance but the further east in direction the more susceptible native animals are to the deadly effects of 1080.

Goannas, bandicoots and quails are just a few of the native animals in the eastern regions that are by-kill. I have been told that insects that come into contact with baits that are buried can be ingested by birdlife with fatal consequences. Creatures that consume 1080 die a very slow agonising death; it is not discriminatory!

The penalty for killing native wildlife with poison is \$11,000 and/or six months' imprisonment. Who is responsible if other animals besides wild dogs die?

The LHPA had been baiting a property in this shire over a period of four years with no evidence of a dog kill. The dog trapper, initially funded by local residents then by Byron Shire Council, set traps on this property and caught two dogs the first day. He has had great success in trapping a very large number of wild dogs across the shire. The bitches that were trapped and dissected had between seven and nine unborn pups in them. Imagine the consequences if this went unchecked. Hardly 'good value for money'.

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Twilight Market

Twilight Market Brunswick Heads – 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 is at 9pm. For further information 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 Community Centre followed by the 1.30pm screening of short documentary film *Umoja* (entry by donation). For further info phone Barb 6680 8893.

Liberation Larder

Liberation Larder, Byron's food rescue organisation, is holding an orientation meeting for people who are interested in becoming volunteers on Wednesday 22 January 2014 at 11am. For information

see: liberationlarder@gmail.com.

If Christmas is difficult

If Christmas is difficult for you, come and share in our service of promise and hope Thursday 19 Dec 7pm at Mullumbimby Uniting Church, Dalley St, Mullumbimby.

Byron Rotary Club

Rotary is a non-profit organisation that brings together members of the community to do good. Come along and learn about Rotary's community and international projects and meet our members. Each Tuesday 7pm at Byron RSL. Byronbayrotary@gmail.com

AA meetings

Brunswick Heads: 7pm Sunday, Com Ctr, South Beach Rd, opp Surf Club; Mullumbimby: 12.30 Thurs, CWA Hall, Tincogan St; Byron Bay: 12 noon Friday, Uniting Church Hall, Carlyle St.

Chair yoga for seniors

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Mullum Forums

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Howard Furner
Goonengerry

Light rail

There is a desperate need for light rail transport.

People have been calling for safe, decent, enjoyable transport. A basic right has been denied, even though promises were made many times by Labor and the coalition.

Rail Trails Australia vice-president Steven Kaye has said the rail corridor from Casino to Murwillumbah is an unbelievable opportunity. Chairman Pat Grier of Northern Rivers Rail Trail Inc says converting the rail corridor to a walking and cycling track will benefit communities throughout the northern rivers.

How can they say this track will benefit the whole community? The whole community? Definitely not.

How can a bike, horse, walking track give transport to the majority of people? People don't care about the world's rail tracks and how popular they are. That does not help people here to be independent to hop on a train, when they like, where they like, for whatever their need of transport. Can everyone ride bikes to do shopping, travel for a day out to/from Lismore, Murwillumbah, Mullumbimby, Byron Bay, Brunswick Heads, other beaches and all the villages along the way? Of course not!

Why can't we have a rail trail and light rail transport? NRRT know they have to

change legislation to change to a trail. Once the walking track is in, that's it! No trains! What about all the poisons sprayed on it for years too?

Governments have the responsibility to provide safe, enjoyable, convenient transport! Not more buses as stated in the 2013 rail study.

Jillian Spring
Billinudgel

On the road again

Last week I proposed to Council that it engage a contractor to go around with a ute and a wheelbarrow to fill in those dangerous craters in our rural roads that wreck our tyres, wheels, wheel alignments and suspension.

At present there are road crews that do the roads according to some slow timetable that treats small dings with the same 'urgency' as these craters. Evidently Council's engineering department has not yet noticed that the last three years have been unusually wet, and that wet conditions cause more rapid deterioration once the surface tar has been breached. The big holes need priority treatment.

A few months ago I hit a monster crater in Montecolum. I happened to have a trailer load of road-base so I reversed and used the tailgate to shovel out a wheelbarrow load or so, the crater being of a size roughly one metre by half a metre by 200mm deep, with sharp edges. I noticed that it had been patched with tar at least twice before but that the tar had simply been squashed out to the edges, forming a barrier that actually prevented the water from running off.

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Accepting the science that suits us

Mungo MacCallum

One of the bonuses about living in Byron Shire is that most people accept the science.

At least where the big picture is concerned. You will almost never get into one of those silly arguments about whether climate change is real, or a conspiracy cooked up by the United Nations/New World Order/Mad Climatologists Collective aimed at destroying our way of life and sending us back to the caves.

In an area where green politics are the dominant paradigm there is obviously a tendency to accept the research which inevitably leads to sustainability and a cleaner, greener outcome; nonetheless, the defence of the accumulated wisdom of the vast majority of scientists is impressive and welcome. But that's the good news.

One of the more depressing things about living in Byron Shire is that so many people reject the science – at least where their personal lives are concerned. A few weeks ago Byron became the only local government area in the northern rivers to maintain the rage against fluoride. Its neighbours finally accepted the science: the evidence was, after all, overwhelming: huge improvements in children's teeth at a minimal cost with negligible, if not non-existent, side effects.

But the Byron consensus was that even if fluoridation is not a devilish government plot to poison the population, it is compulsory medication,



and therefore unacceptable. And yes, it is compulsory medication – a preventive health measure like wearing a bicycle helmet or a seat belt. These are laws introduced not only to protect the reckless and stupid, but to make the best use of scarce public resources.

Bad teeth, like road accidents, are obviously a cost to productivity, but they also demand medical attention which is urgently needed elsewhere. In the end fluoridation not only saves teeth and the angst of visiting the dentist: it saves taxpayers money.

But the rejection of fluoride pales into insignificance when set against the murderous movement against vaccination, which is also centred in the Byron Shire. For many years Meryl Dorey and her fellow fanatics in what used to be called the Aus-

tralian Vaccination Network (the court has now ordered it to adopt a marginally less dishonest name) have run a campaign of falsehood and fear designed to dissuade the more ignorant and gullible from inoculating their children against potential fatal diseases.

The pseudoscience on which Dorey relies was comprehensively discredited many years ago; in particular the alleged association between vaccination and autism has been disproved by a great many rigorous studies, as have Dorey's other furbphies. But, trusting to the dictum of her fellow American P T Barnum that there is a sucker born every minute, she goes on trotting them out, and worried and fearful parents still fall for them.

Once again, the evidence for the benefits of vaccination to individuals and com-

munities is incontestable; the science is in. But as Friedrich Schiller pointed out, against ignorance, the gods themselves contend in vain.

Indeed, it seems to be a given that science is of little account when it comes to personal medication. I know Byronites who are seriously suspicious of conventional medicine; they would never dream of taking so much as an aspirin tablet. Yet they go to doof parties and gulp down handfuls of anonymous pills purchased from the first passing stranger. No wonder there is a market for colonic irrigation.

So when it comes to science Byron is frankly bipolar. Perhaps after all it is not so different from the rest of the country, or indeed, the rest of the world: we believe what suits us, when it suits us. And when it doesn't, we just say it isn't science.

Dear Man,
You are the active pole on earth and needed like the sun – shining with honest care, in love, on to a woman.

She is like the earth – she receives, she gives, she knows. We are this beautiful life. In this self-made world man learned to show off, it is easy for you but are you brave enough to stand up for love? Be true – be simple and give your honest love and care and make sweetly and rightly love to her. It is a woman's delight and need to grow with you and glow in love. It is your most fulfilling task. For this to be, you will have to give up selfish, restless sex. Be still, drop your demand, enjoy moment to moment life.

Love life.

Do you excite yourself with sex-thought? It overstimulates you. It makes you dishonest in love, so you just take, but you should ask and learn to give right love. We are influenced as a child... take a drug, get used to sex, be sexy, show off, be greedy, give your attention to the newest invention, get excited... nothing will be good enough for long and such greediness supports the sex business. Worldwide he manipulates young women to play sexy for him, to be his sex object and if she makes sex with such a selfish demanding un-giving man it makes her like him. Infected and made discontent, both feel dependent on stimulation, for in truth they have not made love and so they say 'let's have some fun with a drug...' Hey man, give up, you can't just take what you want, you can't just take love! You have to give to a woman. Life's love is her gift to you, if you have earned it.

A woman today can be honest to man. If he is not honest, do not give to him, wait until he demonstrates true love. If you are honest, moment to moment and give to what is good and right, you simply feel well from the inside. With such a woman of love, you will listen to her carefully. Love is easily broken, it has to be made fresh, new, no other body belongs to you. Each of us has to stand up for love. Life felt inside is reflected in beautiful earth, universe – I belong to you.

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Among elephants in recovery

Story & photo
Sharon Shostak

When we booked a week as volunteers at the Elephant Nature Park, my 12-year-old daughter and I knew there would be poo-shovelling, feeding and bathing the elephants. But I had no idea how much it would rock my socks off.

An hour and a half out of Thailand's northern city of Chiang Mai, fifty volunteers arrive and are divided into groups of around a dozen for our daily morning and afternoon chores. Down at the broad river edging the property, we bucket water over the muddy hide of three elephants. The pachyderms chew contentedly, ankle deep in water, their constant companions the mahouts ready to pass another clutch of bananas, hunk of watermelon or raw pumpkin.

Love and bananas

Founded in 1995 by one exceptional Thai woman, 'Lek' Chailert, the traditional way of controlling elephants via a spiked staff is not permitted here. 'I believe we can show that love, trust, and bananas are enough,' she told us, beaming. It was a coup for her to achieve that principle alone with the mahouts; just one of the many obstacles Lek continues to confront in her efforts to change the traditional atrocities practised on these animals.

Splashes go astray and soon we are all wet and laughing, ice broken between strangers. The elephants wander off: the ponderous placement of one foot after the other, the strangeness of the baggy hide and prehensile trunk, the overwhelming size of this creature lulls each observer into a reverie.

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So could I ask those geniuses in the engineering section to bring along some flat rocks next time, not just tar? Duh. In the meantime perhaps Council's legal officer Ms McKelvey could publish some legal advice as to Council's liability; I don't see why I or other ratepayers should have to pay for such.

Fast Bucks
Coorabell

World government

Over the last 40 years or so, during which we have experienced swings from Liberal to Labor governments, I have



Mae Tee, 70, now rescued, was made a speed addict by illegal loggers and has an earring where her old mahout cut into her ear.

The last one to leave the river has severe injuries – one rear leg seems to dangle uselessly then swings forward to take the weight of her body as the other collapses from a strange hip dislocation. Fifty pairs of eyes silently follow her progress. It's a meditation on fragility, on humanity's impact on animals, and on the tenacity of survival.

This place is a haven for around thirty abused and disabled elephants from the tourism and illegal logging industries. It's also shelter to some 400 rescued dogs and over a hundred cats, and it's not uncommon to see a dog jolly about undeterred by loss of limbs.

But what's profoundly affecting is how the visitors' eating areas allow for the everyday activities of those mammoth animals to be observed. Their slow amble past to the river, feeding time, a mud shower nearby, or scratching pole manoeuvres, mesmerise and permeate my

been warning that adherence to the dictatorship of orthodox finance and economic policies would inevitably produce total collapse of the financial structure, with the resulting widespread unemployment.

Invariably, where a reply was received, my beliefs were rejected, sometimes with extensive 'justification' of the existing policies, and often with the brief, 'Your views have been noted...'

Well, now we can see who was correct. Even the proverbial Blind Freddie can see!

The fault lies in the debt system of financing, and the punitive policy of striving

being. Inevitably I find myself slowing down to their regal pace.

The Save Elephant Foundation has completed over 100 affiliated projects at local villages and schools, reaching out into the local community by necessity as well as positive impulse. The elephants consume more than 200kg of food each a day, and the Foundation exchanges building and education programs for supply of bananas and corn stalk, staples of their domesticated diet.

Constant effort

One task is to shovel poo from the night pavilions. Or we cram into a truck and drive deeper into the mountains to cut fields of corn stalks with machetes, or wash and chop copious amounts of watermelons and pumpkin. After the sumptuous vegetarian buffet lunch I help unload a truck of the mini-watermelons destined to be elephant food and marvel at the sheer

amount of effort involved in keeping thirty pachyderms fed on a daily basis.

It's a busy environment with the myriad of projects and groups of vollies, plus day visitors and overnighters. But everything stops when Lek comes to visit two of her charges. The blind 50-year-old has bonded with the toothless 80-year-old, and they eagerly move to her call for some special treats. We learn that the blind one had her eyes stabbed by her mahout when she refused to work after miscarrying her baby during a logging gig.

It's a place in which you could genuinely forget your selfish concerns; I feel I am a small cog in an enormous machine of compassion. Melded to the basic cause that unites all creatures – the simple need for food, safety and love.

Find out more about the Save Elephant Foundation at www.saveelephant.org.

A completely disarmed population has less chance than the proverbial 'snowball in hell' of freeing itself from a heavily armed and vicious world government.

Wake up folks, time is running out!

Jim Inness
Mullumbimby

Cyclists pay

Some weeks ago contributors to these pages suggested that in the interests of equity cyclists ought to be registered and pay for the privilege of using our roads. Any cursory reference to the facts will demonstrate that such a

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Bump and run: sharing stories of the golfing elders

Mandy Nolan

'Golf was intended to be played along the ground with humps and bumps and 'bad luck' an intricate facet of the intrigue and uniqueness of the sport. Over time golf is becoming more and more sterile with manicured golf courses, cloned swings, equipment and technology that seems bent on making the game easier and easier. Golf was meant to be hard, like life... the game a mirror of our internal struggles.'

This is just part of the author statement by Andrew Crockett in his new hardcover tribute to the sensibilities and stories of golfing elders, *Bump and Run*, with a foreword by reigning Australian golfing champ Adam Scott.

So how does a Burringbar boy end up not only getting interviews and contributions from the greats like Jack Nicklaus, Peter Thompson, Kel Nagle, Gary Player and Jack Newton, and the like and then get to launch nationally at the Australian Masters at the Royal Melbourne Golf

Course? Well, it all started rather serendipitously on a flight back in 1999.

'I was fortunate to sit next to a character called Ross Perrett. He was a golf course architect who designed hundreds of golf courses around the world with Peter Thompson, Australia's greatest golfer.'

Thompson now 84, a major contributor to and supporter of Crockett's book, was a five-times British Open winner.

'That definitely helped me to open doors because I became friends with Peter who I met through Ross. I dedicated the last year of my university studies to their golf course architect firm. I was studying business management at the time.

'When I was a teenager I was a very good golfer; I used to play in tournaments with Adam Scott.'

Of course Crockett never went on to the golfing super stardom of Scott, but he retained his passion for the sport, something he wanted to share in *Bump And Run*.

'This book was the same format as the original surf-



ing book I did in 2004 called *Switch Foot*, but applied to golf. In my mind it's the same concept, trying to talk to the oldest most experienced golfers that I could talk to, the oldest being Kel Nagle - he's 93. He's in Sydney and he's a legend - he won the British open in 1960... and finding out about their experiences

and what golf was like then.'

'I am attracted to that era because I guess I feel that is how life should be. Most of the modern golf magazines are mainly focused on technology and equipment. Hearing about what technology they had back then makes for interesting reading. A lot of them still had

jobs: Peter Thompson was always a writer for *The Age* in Melbourne and later on an architect. They lived in an era when sport was something you did on the side of your main career.'

Crockett believes that the colour is being bleached from golf, characters eradicated, bumps smoothed over.

'Professional golfers are robots. They are all the same, they eat the same food, do the same exercises, have the same routines.'

With the scrutiny of cameras, and the internet and the new role of corporate sponsorship, it seems the pressure is on golfers to be as bland as possible.

'I played golf in the World Cup against Swedish golfer number 64 Jonas Blixt. I was partnered with him in a celebrity day beforehand and other people were having a crack and he was getting really pissed off about the Melbourne flies all over him and I said I can take a photo and put it on Facebook so you can joke about the Melbourne flies. And he said, "Oh no, my

sponsors wouldn't like that. It has to be clean."

Bump And Run includes interviews and commentary from some of the world's golfing greats. With archival photographs, stills, contemporary images of the world's best greens, newspaper clippings and cartoons and illustrations, this is a stunning book that would be a wonderful addition to the bookcase of any person in love with the sport and keen to know more about the history of Australian golf. So far the response has been overwhelmingly positive.

'I heard that Richie Benaud (who is in the Australian Golf Writer's Association) had a car accident so I sent him a book. He was thrilled. He loved it. It feels good to know that I have someone like Richie, and Adam Scott, telling their friends that it's a fantastic book.'

■ *Bump And Run* is available through bumpandrunk.com.au, in major bookstores or at Mary Ryan's in Byron Bay or Mullumbimby Bookshop.

Illegal aliens invited home for Christmas – their home

Daniel Sage

New official strategies for UK immigration control are remnants of the bullying and intolerance of yesteryear, except they're going down well with voters of all colours.

Chuck 'em out. Eat them! Chase them back to where they came from. Remember to shake hands on the way out.

Like in Australia, the immigration debate here is reaching new highs and lows. The latest wheeze in multicultural London is the campaign of trucks driving around the roads with giant billboards telling illegal migrants to Go Home, or face arrest. Dismayingly direct. Charming almost. How pleased our thronging communities of settled immigrants are that

the Tory government is finally trialling bold moves to rid the streets of scroungers, bludgers and oiks - interlopers all. Sucking the state's marrow like vampires.

And not only charming, but effective. Mobs of naughty overstayers and stowaways have seen the error of their actions, packed their picnic baskets and formed orderly lines at the Way Out gate at Dover. It's enough to make you weep into your Union Jack.

What? - asks the government, lost at the public outcry - you think it sounds racist, or racist, or racingsnakealist? You wanted us to do this! It's not offensive. Look at the far right, at the National Front, at UKIP, at the polls. Look at the polls! Can't you read English? Where are you from? Where are your papers?



This is the low frequency to-ing and fro-ing, the action and reaction, that politics is increasingly reduced to, with some aspects of credibility forever unredeemable. Many politicians will never reach a sufficiently righteous, never mind plain right, velocity to escape the popular notion that they are slightly mad.

UKIP, the UK Independence Party - our newest party, nationalist to its bare-headed roots - quite likes the Go Home billboards, although in official statements it professes disdain, cleverly letting the Tories take the rap.

But in case of doubt, and lest we think UKIP's going soft, in the same week one of its high-profile talking heads, European member of parliament Godfrey Bloom, caused a media racket by describing aid payments Britain makes

to third world countries as payments to 'Bongo Bongo Land'.

He was generalising of course, he said, whatever that means. And he later tried to educate us that Bongo was a type of antelope - which it is. That is what he must have been referring to: Antelope-AntelopeLand, a place we send aid money that is inappropriately squandered, as he put it, on 'flats in Paris and Ferraris'.

I narrowly avoided an antelope in a Ferrari once that was driving the wrong way round the Arc de Triomphe. Bloody scary. Luckily, I'm British. My stiff upper lip contracted in a millisecond. I swerved to the pavement and the day was saved. Could be it was I going the wrong way - they do drive on the other side - but it was

definitely an antelope.

The Go Home poster campaign is now the subject of a formal investigation by the Advertising Standards Authority. Meanwhile, prime minister David Cameron has jabbed his finger into the eye of the storm by declaring he's thinking of scrapping the Human Rights Act altogether, a lefty piece of legislation he believes makes border control too tough to manage properly in the first place.

Step by step down a slippery slope. Old, discarded us-and-them thinking rises again, worn-out concepts somehow being made to fit a new era. And yet, and yet. Few people are more protective of their turf than the descendants of immigrants who have 'made it', who fought their battles a generation or more ago to live in

and love a new land.

The Office for National Statistics has announced Britain's birth rate is now the highest in Europe. Forty-eight babies per hour are popping out onto the island (nearly as fast as antelopes). As well as hordes of foreigners fancying a go here, we're making more of us too.

By coincidence, in the year to March 2013, 28,000 illegal migrants left Britain voluntarily, which is almost exactly the same number as arrived in Australia. Is something going on?

Was a time people moved by foot and it took decades, and either they were welcome or they weren't. But now everything is motorised and complicated. It's all too much for this Pom. Let's get back to the cricket!

■ One-time resident of the Belongil, writer Daniel Sage misses taking his coffee on the dunes and sharpening his pen under the watchful eye of tree frogs, but now he's back in his home town London where he works on Fleet Street and writes about the comings and goings of that bustling, bursting metropolis. His novel *Fall Curve* was published in 2011.

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Love and loss at the great Paris cinema debacle

Story & image
John Campbell

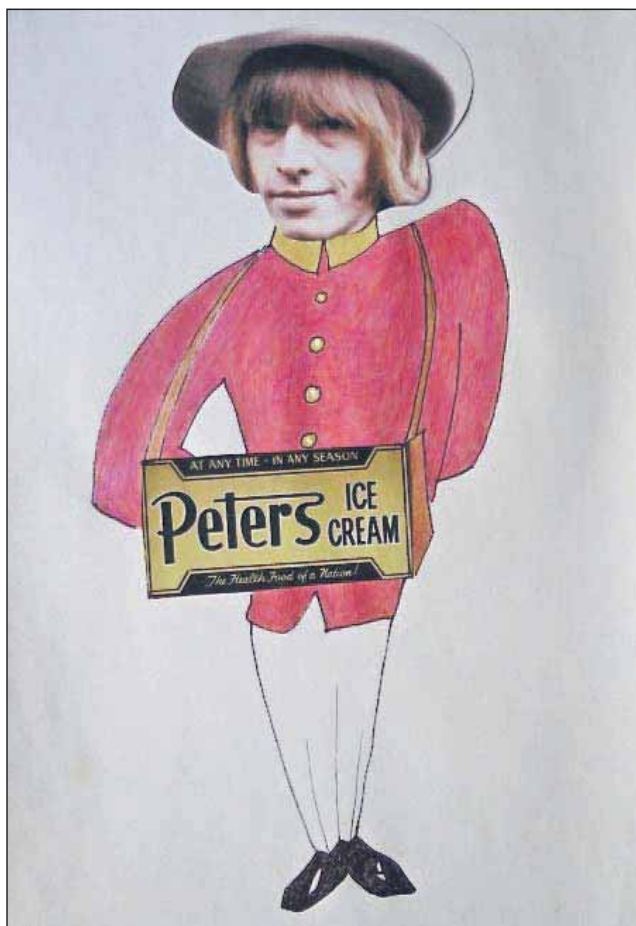
The Paris Theatre stood on the corner of Sydney's Wentworth Avenue and Liverpool Street, opposite Hyde Park. One of a chain of cinemas owned by Hoyts, it was designed by Walter Burley Griffin and fell under the developers' wrecking ball in 1981. My relationship with it was fleeting but unforgettable.

In 1965 I was in my second year at Enmore Boys' High. Self-absorbed and without ambition, I was learning that the best things in life aren't always free. Girls had entered my pimply orbit and, in trying to impress them by dressing like the Rolling Stones' Brian Jones, I'd had my first inkling of what a cashflow problem was. As all of my meagre pocket money went through the pinball machine at the Tempe fish shop, it didn't take much for my mate Creek to convince me that I should join him in the summer hols working for Hoyts.

After the extended family piss-up on Christmas Eve, the blow-out Christmas Day lunch followed by the Box-

ing Day races at Randwick, Dad intended to drive us to Port Macquarie for a couple of weeks of sun and surf and housie. So I had a few weeks of movie sessions to accumulate what would be, to me, a vast sum of money.

It was my first job. To the public we were lolly-boys, but our employer tagged us as 'concessionaires'. We were paid 2/6 in the pound for all of the ice-creams and chips, Fantaes and Minties that we sold. Our uniform was a maroon gabardine jacket with Nehru collar, gold piping and brass buttons. They were sweltering in Sydney's humid summer, but I quite fancied myself in mine, having seen a snap of Brian wearing an identical one in Carnaby Street. Digging into the base of our necks, a thick leather strap held the timber box-tray in which the hungry punters' refreshments were neatly stacked. One side of the tray was filled with small buckets of Peters ice cream, kept cold by blocks of dry ice - I'd never seen the stuff before and to this day I don't understand exactly what it is. Above them was a slid-



ing ledge that served as cash register. Fully loaded, the trays weighed a ton and they banged hard into our hips as we schlepped them from the depot, in a skinny laneway that ran between George and Pitt Streets, to whatever gig

we were assigned. Our gang was fiercely hierarchical. There were about ten of us and it was the senior boys, with their tough talk and cigarettes, who took charge when nominating the day's roster. The rolled-

gold choice was the Paris for Saturday night's interval during *The Sound of Music*. You could work the aisles of the auditorium, but the serious spending happened in the foyers. Word was that a forty-pound take was not out of the question. It was a dizzying figure, but Creek and I could only fantasise about the posting. The Aibar brothers regarded the Paris as their personal fiefdom. Our consolation was to arrive at the Embassy ten minutes before the intermission of a rare European flick to peak through the door and see a bloke getting his hand up a woman's dress (which was another one of our fantasies).

We couldn't believe our luck when, on the last shift before Christmas, both Aibars were sidelined by a family bereavement - the Paris was ours!

I stood in the upstairs foyer, a master of the universe on swirly lurid carpet.

Julie Andrews's voice faded, the lights went up and the hungry mob descended on me. I sold out. Nearly forty-eight pounds, of which I'd pocket six.

A bell ending intermission rang, the Von Trapps resumed their flight from the Nazis and all was right with the world.

I approached the stairs in a state of greedy bliss, only to have my euphoria shattered when the tray snapped free of its leather strap and crashed to the floor. The noise was ear-splitting, my embarrassment morbid.

I caught a glimpse of Christopher Plummer's giant head as an usherette emerged to see what had caused the commotion.

She was much older than I - at least eighteen - with Dusty Springfield hair and slender, tanned thighs wrapped tightly in a tiny beige skirt. We got onto our knees to collect my scattered coins. Her fingernails were painted the same glossy pink as her lippy. Our eyes met. We giggled. It was love at first sight.

I never saw her again, but I can hear her voice, even now, calling to me as I drifted dreamily into the warm neon night ...

'Happy Christmas, lolly boy!'

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claim is not as self-sustaining as its proponents might assume. The Australian road network is an expensive piece of infrastructure with the annual cost to the Australian taxpayer being in the order of \$17 billion - once all revenue such as fuel excises and registration fees are accounted for.

Moreover the recent histrionics surrounding Holden's decision to cease manufacturing in Australia has thrown an interesting fact into the public domain. No motor vehicle anywhere in the world is produced without substantial taxpayer assistance. By international standards the assistance extended to the auto industry in Australia is meagre and this is one factor contributing to the gradual departure

of auto manufacturing from our shores.

The point is that cyclists are already paying for 'your' roads, car lovers. Even worse we are paying for your cars. By bidding good riddance to the auto industry I do not suggest that the role of government is simply to 'get out of the way', but proponents of 'user pays' should have some perspective on who is actually paying.

Dave Lisle
Mullumbimby

Peter, palm reader

Most locals and a lot of visitors know Peter the palm reader from the streets of Byron Bay. They may have experienced one of his readings or seen him sitting out on Jonson Street on his plastic chairs.

It seems Peter got tangled up in the recent bureaucratic regulations of the local coun-

cil. His quirky activity in our streets was deemed to be one that requires a busker's permit. Peter was quick to comply by getting one; however his permit is now under threat of being revoked for violation of extended work hours and his proximity to other businesses offering same services.

Peter is not going down without a fight. He feels the optimum spot for him to operate is just outside the Great Northern Hotel. If Mr Mooney doesn't object, then why should anyone else?

It seems Peter's chosen location falls just short of the 100m restriction zone from other businesses offering the same services. Peter says that definition is subjective as the zone's centre is not necessarily the street address as shown on a street map but instead could be seen as the

entrance to the business site (some 5m away).

He also says distances should be measured as walking distance and not line-of-sight.

My argument is that Peter is not just the only genuine palm reader in town, but he also provides a valuable service to the community and visitors alike by giving them most-needed positive guidance at a rock bottom street price. So just let him be for goodness sake - he's a Byron icon that should not be lost.

As a last resort Peter is preparing a submission to Council and is taking petitions from the community for a show of support. To help him get online I have set up a Facebook page for Peter and I urge you to visit his page and click on 'like' to show support for his continuing good work: www.facebook.com/peter.palm-reader.byronbay.

Minas Kargodorian
Byron Bay

Sexual politics

Brad Green, thank you for your courage to speak out upon the most taboo elephant in the room when it comes to sexual politics, that being 'sexism towards men' (Letters, December 10).

Perhaps it's from years of despair that allows such honest talk from you. Thank you for that, too.

Personally I'm a big fan of Mandy and, unlike J Rose's (feigned?) upset, would never wish her censured or PC-pacified. In my experience people using PC moralism arguments to control others do so most conveniently and/or because they fear a vile nature in themselves.

Brad, your criticism is

indeed one that Mandy and Ernst ought to look at. Especially because the sexism is so casually accepted by otherwise good conscious folk.

My guess for Mandy is that it's years of conditioning from boomeritis feminism.

And for Ernst it's feminism, too, mixed with some murky bathwater that besets the David Deida lineage from which he comes. In this case a John Wayne hangover that women are always 'fair ladies', too meek for criticism from men.

Fair play to Ernst, though. I hear he's trying his best to pluck the gems from the dirt and I'm sure his dating evening will be something special. Perhaps you go, Brad, and can report back to us if you find any 'good' woman there. You deserve to!

David O'Connor
Suffolk Park

Discovering bazinga and more in the summer sea

Mary Gardner

What's the summer holiday without a story about animals? We listen to tales about global reindeer and medieval animals by a manager. But here by the sea, what are the marine animal stories based on our own experiences? We've all know about the fish that got away and the dolphins among the surfers. But have you heard about the Ocean Shores photographer and a new species of jellyfish he found at high tide in the Brunswick River?

Denis Riek specialises in photographing very small marine animals (www.roboastra.com). Some of his work is used by the *National Geographic*. When he collected this golden creature, the size of a berry, he thought it was an unidentified juvenile. But in September, the Queensland Museum pub-

lished a new paper by Lisann Gershwin and Peter Davie. They named it a new species, *Bazinga rieki*. It's a new suborder too. The first name is slang for 'fooled you' or 'stung you' and the second name is mock-Latin honouring Denis as the discoverer.

When I told my friend, she said she wanted to know more.

'I saw a jellyfish this morning and can't make head or tail of it!'

Jellyfish, together with sponges and segmented worms, are the earliest multicellular animals known. Fossil jellyfish imprints go back 600 million years. Today, jellies can be small like *Bazinga* or enormous, like the *Nomura* at 200cm and 200 kilograms.

When I first examined a jellyfish in a zoology class, I was shocked. Its body has a thin sheet of cells above and



Photo Denis Riek

another below the wobbly middle. There is one opening below serving as mouth and anus. I learned the sheets include a nerve net complete with ganglions (small 'brains') and sensors so the animal can keep its balance.

True, no head or tail but clearly a sensitive creature, preferring to keep topside

up. Many species can move at will up and down the water column. All species have ocelli (eye spots) which detect light. Some, like the box jellyfish, have better ones and can see in colour.

The cells below include dangling nematocysts (stinging cells) which kill smaller animals for food. Whether

the jelly is alive or dead, the nematocysts trigger automatically. As invisible broken bits floating around in the sea, they cause some of those mysterious 'sea lice stings'.

(Note: For jelly stings rinse with cold water for 10-20 minutes followed by ice pack. Vinegar is useful but *not* on bluebottle stings. Different animal, different poison. Treat with a 10-20 minute hot shower: www.mydr.com.au/allergy/bluebottle-stings).

The dark parts inside jellies are the gonads (sperm and eggs). Most well-fed adults have sex every day and each species prefers either dawn or dusk. The males release sperm and the females gather the whiskery threads, fertilise their eggs and then release them.

The hatchling floats for a day and then settles on some hard surface. It grows as a stalk and then buds a dozen

miniature jellies. The entire cycle averages from two to six months. So each egg actually results in a dozen or more jellies,

By contrast, each fish egg develops a single fish each. They eat what small jellyfish do. The competition can seem stacked against baby fish. This is where jelly-munching turtles come in.

All that's a story for another day. But first, how about telling *your* own story about marine animals? You and those clams, fish, sea eagles or whales. The internet makes it easy. Like shopping local markets for greens that grow here, local stories are good food for our community imagination.

■ Share your story on the *Echonetdaily* site using the comment section beneath Mary's article at www.echo.net.au/articles.

The disraeli gears of Martin's magic theatre grind to a halt

Michael McDonald

It was inevitable that around now the icons from my youth would start cashing in their chips – apart from early adopters such as Jimi Hendrix, Janis Joplin and Jim Morrison.

Still, it was sad to read of the death of Sydney artist Martin Sharp, aged 71, taken by emphysema courtesy of his heavy smoking. Sharp was the Banksy of his generation, celebrating and inventing pop culture, needling authority, and, like Swiss artist Paul Klee (1879-1940), whimsically taking a line for a walk.

I first encountered Sharp's work in 1967. I was 16 and my musical interests were beginning to expand beyond the pop melodies of the Beatles to something a little 'heavier'. Among the new tastes was Cream, a Brit super trio of

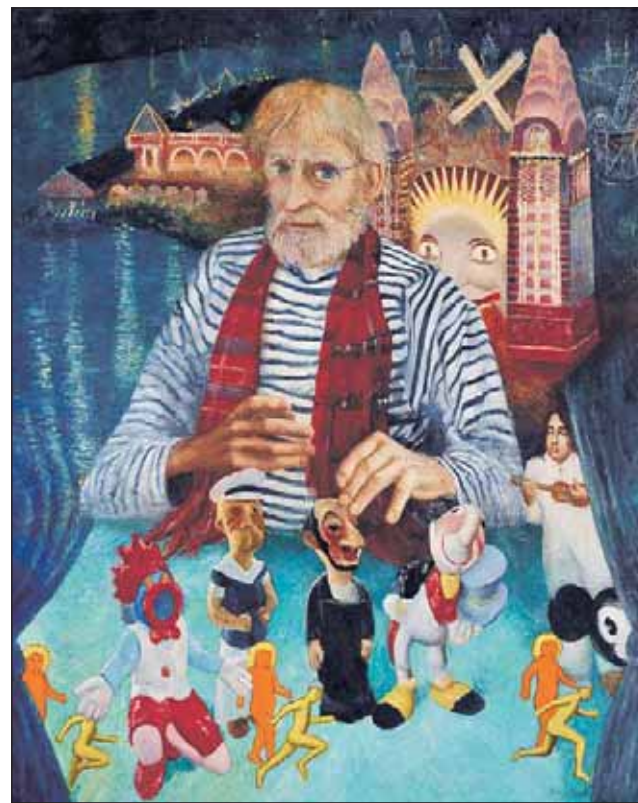


Martin Sharp's cover art for Cream's album *Disraeli Gears*.

Eric Clapton, Jack Bruce and Ginger Baker who rivalled the takeoff volume of a 747 with their blues/rock sound. I bought their second album, *Disraeli Gears*, and became absorbed in Martin Sharp's

cover art long before I got to the mesmerising songs within. It became a cult hit in our scruffy schoolboy coterie, and one friend even took to drawing complex images in Sharp's style with remarkable skill. The lurid pinks and oranges of the album cover, earlier seen in some Renaissance announcements, were straight out of the visions induced by lysergic acid diethylamide, in that same year making its impact upon the turned-on in Sydney.

Sharp's association with Cream went beyond album covers. He wrote the lyrics to *Tales Of Brave Ulysses*, to which Clapton liberally applied the wah-wah pedal. As Sharp tells it, he made the connection with the group



'Martin Sharp and his magic theatre' by Australian artist Garry Shead, on the occasion of the Archibald Prize 2012. Photo EPA/Felicity Jenkins/Art Gallery NSW

by accident in a London nightclub: 'In grand show-business tradition I wrote the lyrics on a paper serviette and gave them to him with my address... I was pleasantly surprised when the musician, who turned out to be Eric Clapton, arrived at the studio with a 45rpm record with *Strange Brew* on the A-side and my song, *Tales of Brave Ulysses*, on the B-side.'

Four years after buying *Disraeli Gears*, I was fortunate to be attempting a freaky lifestyle in Kings

Cross, Sydney, and just down the road in Macleay Street the Yellow House exploded onto the footpath – at least psychedelically speaking. Sharp was instrumental in setting up this artists' collective, which included Brett Whiteley and Peter Weir and which inspired the Mambo clothing empire, and I was taken with Sharp's painting of Mickey Mouse in artist's gear wandering through a van Gogh landscape. That was Sharp's strength – synthesising the images of pop-

ular culture into something new, strange and playful.

Blessed by an inheritance from a kind aunt and a residency at the Sharp family mansion in Bellevue Hill, Sharp settled into a life of playful creativity. He satirised the hidebound in *Oz* magazine, promoted the weird ukemeister Tiny Tim, reinvigorated Luna Park, and commemorated the life of reformed metho drinker Arthur Stace, also known as Mr Eternity because he spent his time chalking 'Eternity' in a lovely copperplate hand on the footpaths of Sydney. That signature was something you would come across after visiting the Yellow House or the Chinese restaurant at the top of William Street.

Back then we all had a sense of eternity, or at least timelessness, soaked into our freaky T-shirts, \$5 blue jeans and hand-painted sandshoes. Sharp was one of the artists who made it seem so.

■ A few interesting links: Martin Sharp in *Time Out Sydney* <http://bit.ly/sharpout> • Martin Sharp in *Miles Ago* www.milesago.com/Misc/martin-sharp.htm • The birth of *Oz* magazine www.milesago.com/press/oz.htm • A brief history of the Yellow House www.milesago.com/features/yellowhouse.htm • The mission of Arthur Stace www.nma.gov.au/exhibitions/eternity/home.



Cheese to the rescue in the streets of the undead

Horatio Bitemark

'No-one can be too sure, sir,' said Sanders the butler while adjusting my orchid boutonniere to the correct rakish angle, 'but it seems to have started in a bad batch of wheatgrass.'

We looked down on the troubled town of Byron Bay from our secure watchtower in the Myocum clubhouse. I hoisted the binoculars passed on to me by the grandson of Richard Burton – the explorer and translator of *One Thousand And One Nights*, not the roguish actor – and took a closer view of the trouble in Jonson Street. A parking inspector, stubbornly clinging to his manifest destiny to put little envelopes on car windows, was slow to escape and fell screaming beneath a knot of backpackers clad in Mambo t-shirts stained with gore – or it might have been a standard Reg Mombassa design; at a distance it was hard to tell.

At first, authorities thought the trouble was the usual Saturday night crowd getting out of hand but a spot of brain-eating gave the game away. These were the genuine



article of the undead, exhibiting a fundamental motivation and intelligence far beyond that of the blind drunk.

'I say,' said Abbotsleigh, reclining rather clumsily on a Napoleon III chaise longue, opiated cheroot in hand, 'shouldn't we leave these chaps at it? They'll rather clean up the town of the riff-raff, don't you think?'

'You fail to understand the nature of the zombie,' replied Tossler Digby, adjusting the

sights on the Remington .308 which so far this year had taken down 23 Pomeranians strayed from careless homeowners too sozzled on mango daiquiris to care. 'Its only interest is in brains, and it will go where more brains may be found, even unto the wilds of Myocum.'

'I doubt that even your trusty rifle would save you from the onrush, Digby,' I said, 'and you are the best shot among us.'

'I have a suggestion, gentlemen,' said Sanders.

All eyes turned as one to this paragon of common sense. The butler continued: 'We take out the zeppelin and load it up with the 1967 camembert.'

The room hushed. It was a daring, clever plan. The 67 camembert, conceived by a drunken sous-chef, was kept under lock and key in one of the clubhouse dungeons owing to its propensity to

ferment and explode. Sanders proposed we keep each cheese in an iron box until the moment of release.

Capital solution established, we had the valets inflate the zeppelin, a gift to the club in 1910 from the eponymous Count Ferdinand. The more resolute among us – Abbotsleigh was left to mind the club's kitten, Boson – embarked into the glowing crepuscular aethers above Myocum and headed towards the

Bay, iron boxes of camembert at the ready.

It proved easier than expected. The zombies, blinded by the constant lust for brains, failed to see death fall from the skies. The cheeses exploded thunderously upon impact, rendering the undead totally deceased. Some of the explosions stickily coated shop windows with an admixture of zombie and camembert and even blew glass fronts in upon the merchandise. There was bound to be some stern letters to the papers about it, not to mention a damning of the council's delay in cleaning the footpaths of zombie detritus.

This was of no moment to us as we returned triumphantly to the clubhouse and toasted our success with the 2008 Float Tank Gewurtztraminer, breathing an expectant air of euphoria overlaid with a note of lemongrass. In that hour it was good to be alive, and we ignored Abbotsleigh's suggestion of calves' brains for supper.

■ A collection of 100 Bitemarks, dating from 2003 to 2010, is now available to read online at <http://bit.ly/hbitem>.

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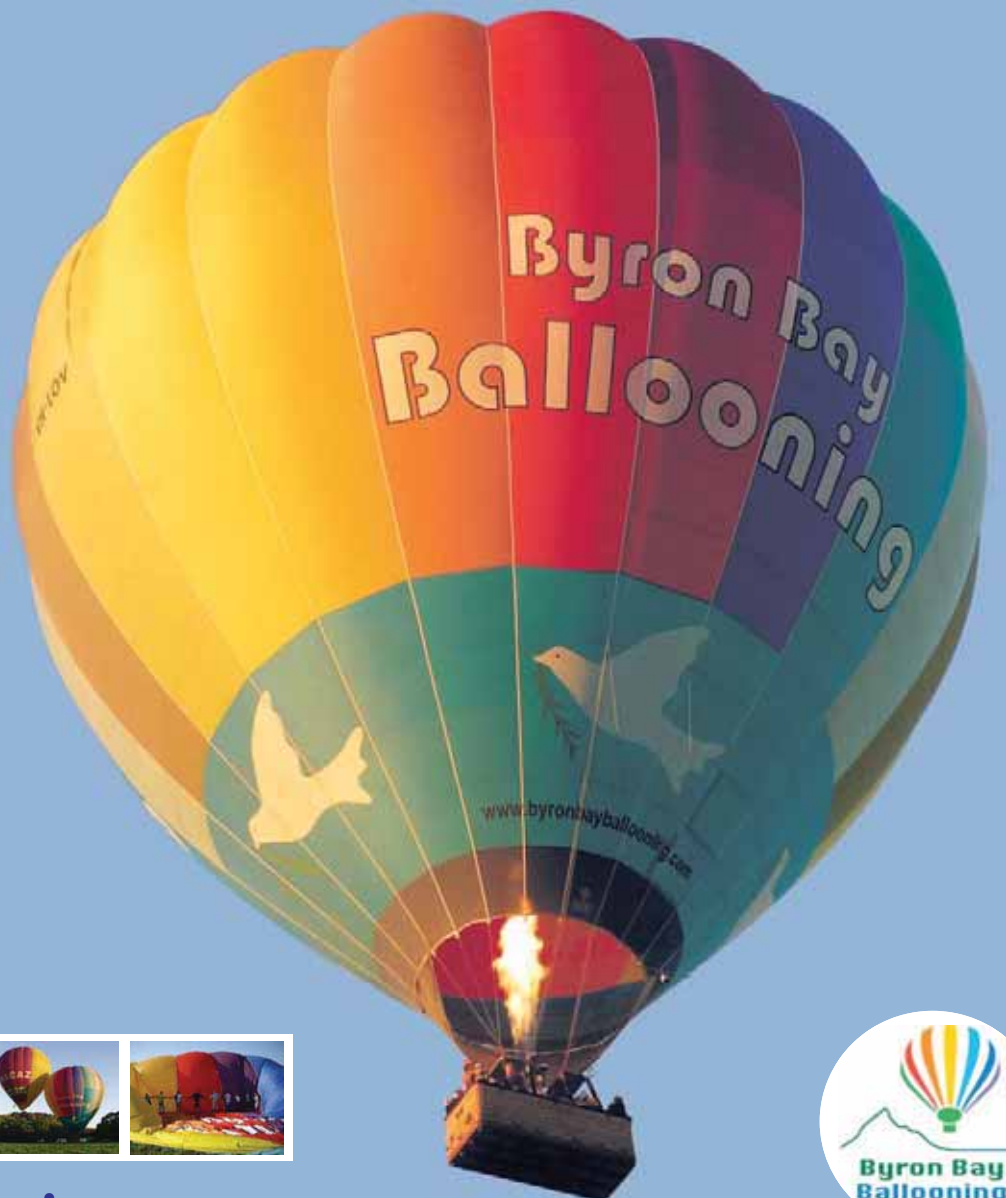


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Red Ginger Byron, 2/111 Jonson St | 6680 9779

Red Ginger Bangalow, 36 Byron St | 6687 2808



St Andrew's Cathedral

Larger crowds at Christmas Services each year mean that St Andrew's Cathedral has again increased the number of Christmas services to fifteen, on top of the usual Sunday services. In addition the great popularity of the ABC broadcast of the cathedral service on Christmas Eve 2011 has prompted the cathedral to live stream this year's Christmas Eve service. People in country and remote areas, those who cannot get out on Christmas Eve, as well as overseas families on holidays can watch the 8pm gathering live at new.livestream.com/audioadvice or download later to watch it at their convenience.

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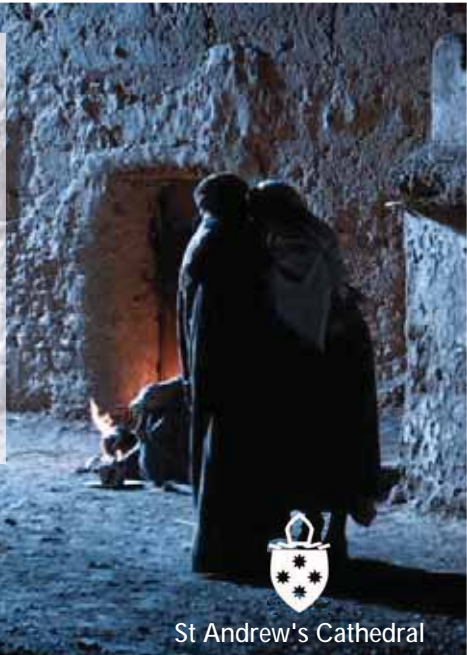
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St Andrew's Cathedral



It's All About You

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Trash Recycled Retro/Vintage & Designer Clothing, 95 Jonson Street, on crossing opposite Woolworths.

Byron Farmers' Market

CHRISTMAS MARKET MONDAY 23 DECEMBER

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With the success of Thursday's market as encouragement, in July 2004 the Byron Farmers' Market Association started a farmer market in the neighbouring town of Bangalow, to be held every Saturday morning from 8 till 11.



This market has 20 stalls with as much variety as the seasons allow; it has a lovely ambience and a growing following of regular customers.

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Sanctum Sustainable Organics, 5-9 Lucky Lane, Billinudgel 6680 4233 | sanctumaustralia.com

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Sop 1, 58 Jonson St, Byron Bay | 6685 8528 patagonia.com.au

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Ocean Shores Shopping Village | 0403 353 036.

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2013 has seen the bookshelves covered with the best selection of gift books we've ever seen at Christmas. Whether it's an intimate memoir, an historical romp, a war book, love story or just a ripping yarn, there is something for everyone this year.



- Alex Miller's *Coal Creek* is still at the top of my list because it is an amazing read.
- Paul Ham, Peter Fitzsimmons and Mike Carlton have all got new books on the shelf.
- *Barracuda* and *Eyrie* are flying out the doors.
- Elizabeth Gilbert has a new one – *The Signature of All Things*



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Have a Choice Christmas!

A heartfelt thank-you and Christmas wishes to all our customers and suppliers from everyone at the Choices



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Choices Flooring closes December 23 and will reopen January 6. Thinking of rejuvenating your flooring in 2014? Then stay tuned for the Affordable Flooring promotion in January with 20 per cent off selected flooring styles.

Choices Flooring are located at 12/70 Centennial Circuit, Byron A+I Estate Phone 6685 5503 or visit online at: wallaces@choicesflooring.com.au.

Colourful Christmas Plants

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And because it's Christmas, we have gorgeous living Christmas trees, as well as red poinsettias, the classic Christmas flower. There's also a great range of edible plants. Fruit trees, chili bushes and herbs are great gifts. You can make an impressive potted herb garden by planting a few together in an attractive pot. Or pick up one of our ready-to-go mixed-herb bowls.

While we just love plants, we also have all sorts of other garden goodies such as wind chimes, bird baths, cute and quirky statues, and of course a huge selection of stylish pots in all colours, shapes and sizes. With hassle-free parking, complimentary gift wrapping and gift vouchers available, there's no better place to do your Christmas shopping.

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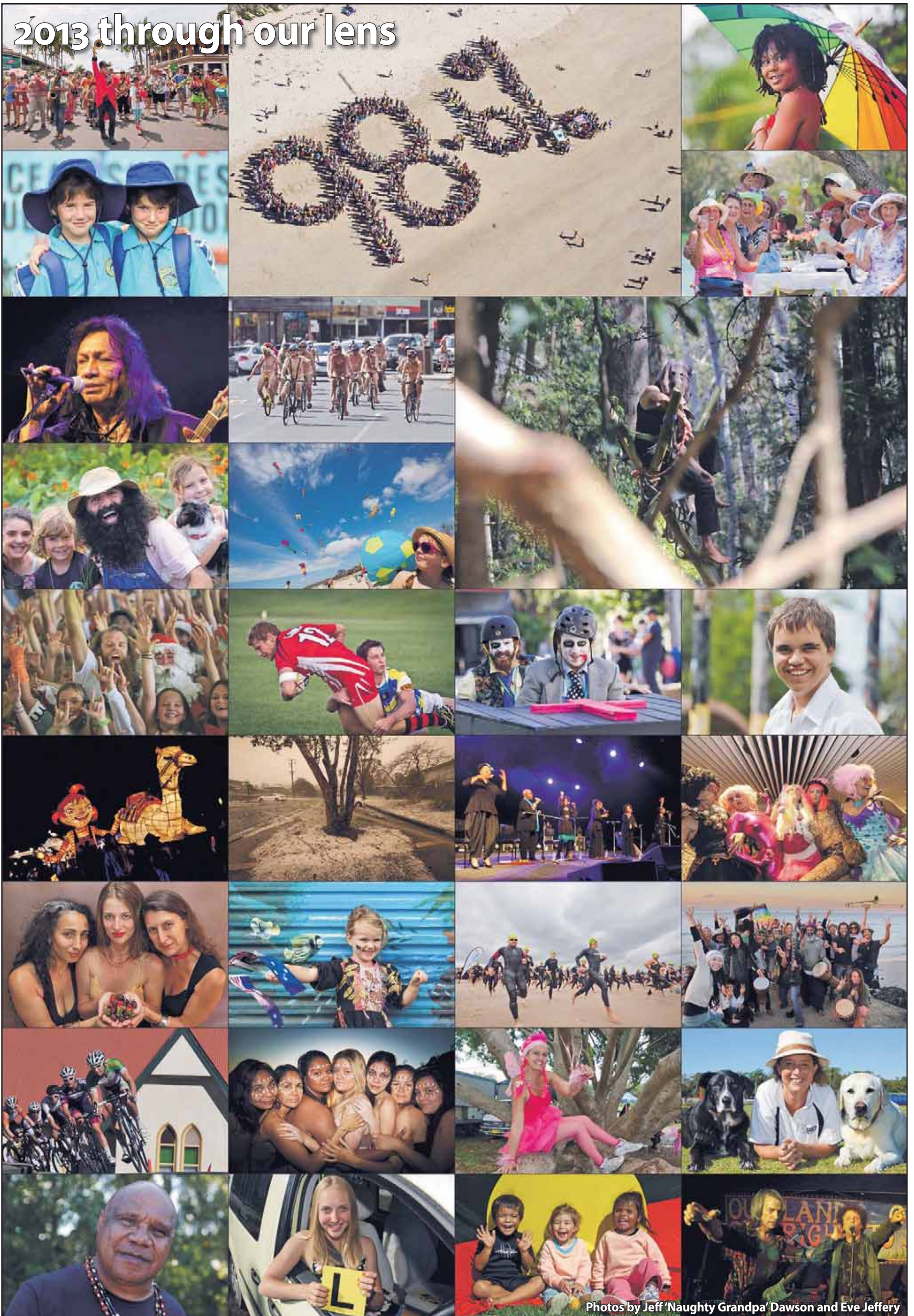
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The office will be open on all other weekdays over the Christmas period as usual.

The Echo's Byron office will be closed from 24 Dec to 1 January inclusive (even though the Mullum office is open on many of those days).

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HIP-HOP SISTAS

NORTHERN RIVERS-BASED FEMALE HIP-HOP CREW SISTAGURL ARE GAINING MOMENTUM AND ARE SET TO TAKE THE AUSSIE HIP-HOP SCENE BY STORM. WITH THEIR FIRST EP JUST OUT, SISTAGURL ARE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE UPCOMING PERFORMANCES AT THE WOODFORD FOLK FESTIVAL AND THE BYRON BAY FALLS FESTIVAL AND AN UPCOMING EP LAUNCH AT KULCHAJAM IN BYRON.

The core crew is seven with occasional guest dancers. Penny Skehan, Nadine Smith (Muana MC), Phaedra Craig (Shorty), Tanina Millis (Pyxidata), Zahra Smith (EllaPink) and Elsie Smith spoke with *The Echo* about what it means to be part of the crew.

Tell me how Sistagurl came into being. PENNY (17, lead singer): Sistagurl started with Zahra and Nadine wanting to empower young women. They recently had a creative activations project that consisted of amazing workshops, opportunities, plays and showcases for young people and their talents. But not only the youth of society; they gave everyone the chance to shine. Sistagurl's real passion was empowering the women of the world to step up and be equal with the men! Spreading our views and beliefs and being able to have a say. The girls of Sistagurl then started to rake in Nadine, Zahra, me (Penny Skehan), Elsie Smith, Phaedra, Tanina etc, and we keep spreading. Our youngest member is Aisha, Nadine's daughter, who has already started to display her opinions and feelings about some of the big issues in life. All in all we started from a dream and have been working our hardest ever since to achieve it.

What is it about hip-hop as a genre that resonates with you all? MUANA MC: To me hip-hop is an ultimate platform for expressing the mixed-up nature of me. Rather than a genre hip-hop is a tapestry woven with threads from anywhere - through hip-hop I can explore musical styles, explore my cultural heritage... I think that it defies simple definition makes it resonate strongly for me and also that for me hip-hop is grounded in sharing messages and using the power of music and performance to invoke thought...

ELSIE (16, from Yamba): Hip-hop brings out who I am and it is why I am this person I am today.

PENNY: Hip-hop is not just about girls in little dresses like on the film clips these days; it's about the rhythm, the beat, the expression of both love and disappointment, the exploring of world issues. It's a way to help underprivileged people to be the best they can be. We all believe in showing what we've got, and working together and nurturing each other's spirit is the best way.

You all seem to have fabulous voices and would stand alone no problem if you wanted to take the singer/songwriter, band type route. SHORTY: Sure, we could all do solo stuff and probably will at some stage, but the vibes and creative visions we share are undeniable and we have lots we want to share as not just a crew but as Sistagurls our aim is to inspire open people's hearts and minds to positive change...

And to be a voice for young women that feel they don't have one, we wanna show them that da lady's got just as much skill as the fellas...

What do you think are the major strengths of your creative collaboration? ELLAPINK: The energy that we bring to the stage is authentic and phenomenal - though we are all females we are a very diverse group (in ages and backgrounds) - and we are also not afraid to incorporate other art forms into our hip-hop sets (eg sampling like a hip-hop DJ), for example aerial circus arts and contemporary



dance. Another strength is that a lot of us are actually related by blood and that makes us be able to be really honest with each other and helps with practicality. Having the young people in the crew can be challenging sometimes re logistics and limitations to places we can perform but I think it is the key to why we are still together and going so strongly - there is no getting caught up in a rock 'n' roll lifestyle when you're on tour with your six-year-old daughter and teenagers in your care. So we are able to stay focused on the artform!

PYXIDATA: I believe we have a united message and share similar views, though we have quite different voices and experiences. I dig the grassroots nature of Sistagurl, how we make it all happen ourselves, with our own resources, money, time, and commitment. We do it 'cause we love it; for me, that's what it's all about.

Do women hip-hop artists face different challenges from men when it comes to getting their work out there? MUANA: Yes, I feel a little, expectations about type of vocals you will do, the sort of image you will project - if you are not coming across feminine then people think you are trying to emulate men... too feminine and they will say you're just getting somewhere on that... also when people think Aussie hip-hop they do not think of women artists so there are fewer avenues opened to share your work - ie Aussie hip-hop festival Sprung in 2012 had NO female artists and in 2013 just one.

What are the topics and the stories or messages that you like to share with



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DEGREES OF BULLSHIT

At some point in all our lives we've had to bullshit. We have all told people we could do stuff that we can't. Shit, I have built my entire career on it. In fact sometimes the only way I've actually learnt to do stuff is by pretending I know how and then hoping like fuck I can work it out.

That's what happened to Thamsanqa Jantjije, the sign-language interpreter at the memorial service for Nelson Mandela. As it turns out poor old Thamsanqa wasn't actually trained in any sort of signing. Hearing-impaired people around South Africa struggled to understand his hand shapes and facial expressions, but as it turns out he was kind of improvising and communicating something that looked like signing. I don't even know how he got himself the gig, but I'd say that's a pretty ballsy attempt at bullshitting your way to success.

And you just don't make it to an international broadcast for the world's most important man without some serious screening. Somehow this fella has managed to get through the intensive screening process with his impressive mime of a sign language interpreter. A big problem with this kind of exposure on a big gig is that you are going to be found out. I guess it really shows up how little the hearing community actually know about signing. I can only imagine the confusion and distress among members of the deaf community who would have been trying

to understand his attempts at signing: 'this bloke's drunk, love. Either that or he's signing in some sort of long-lost Zulu language.'

While he's sure to be condemned, I think it's fair to say we've all had a good stir of the bullshit stick from time to time. Like when I got a job and said I could drive and I couldn't and the main part of the job was driving. That was tricky. I managed to avoid driving for six months and by that time my boss loved me and helped me get my licence. She later told me she kind of worked out my deception when I backed the ute into a tree.

Or the time I wrote my own references and made up names of restaurants to bogey up a résumé when I needed a job in a restaurant. Of course I was a fabulous waitress. I mean, how hard can serving food be? And I knew that if I didn't pretend to have experience I wouldn't have gotten any experience. Or when I told these people in Canberra I'd worked as a youth worker for a year and got a job running a youth program but I'd only watched a documentary on troubled teens on *Four Corners*. That wasn't hard either. Although I did get the sack.

Or the time I pretended to be a pilot. It's amazing how quickly you catch on when your life is on the line too. Okay, so I've never pretended to be a pilot, but I thought bullshitting about what I've bullshitted about was kind of in keeping with my thesis that we've all had a crack at deception.

Although I think you have to draw the line at pretending to be a doctor. Apparently it's not uncommon. And when you think about it, how do you know your doctor is actually a doctor? You know that certificate on the wall could be photoshopped. You could have just had a pap smear from someone with a pretty nifty graphics program.

'I knew something was up when he said this is a new technique where we use our penis to take a swab of the cervix.'

Next time you get in the dental chair consider Dr Vinisha Sharma, who practised as a dentist in the UK for nine years. Yeah, she did have a BDS (or Bachelor of Dental Surgery) but it was on her personalised Mercedes numberplate. Or Dr Ana Sevilla, who pretended to be a plastic surgeon. He was caught out when he injected silicone gel and saline into a woman's buttocks to improve their appearance. Of course it went horribly wrong and the woman needed emergency surgery and almost lost her leg. But she did end up with a great arse.

There's another story of a 'doctor' who spent two weeks in the emergency room before someone noticed he didn't have a badge. Fortunately he hadn't recommended any surgeries or treatments, he just did a lot of the obs. And my favourite, a certain Dr Eric Perteet. Now his wife dropped him at work every morning but later discovered that no-one at the hospital knew him. He later admitted that he'd just impersonated a doctor to meet women, and besides having a wife who was completely fooled, he was having an affair with another woman at the hospital! Now that's a good example of someone with a PhD in BS.

I'm just an undergraduate. What are you?

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



Sistagurl? MUANA: A massive one is self-belief and owning your choices, to wake up and not dwell in apathy; environmental awareness, and to fight against injustice and oppression...

Ellapink: Bring back balance, let's be together again, women and men honouring the divine feminine respecting ourselves, our sisters, our brothers.

PYXIDATA: I've been to some pretty dark places in my life, so through my lyrics I like to share what I've learned and gained from my experiences. I keep it pretty positive; there's enough negative stuff out there without my adding to it. I do speak about serious topics, but always try to offer solutions, not just complain about how bad things are. I rap about things I've learned, what inspires me, how I feel, problems I face, what I see in the world... There're a lot of egocentric raps out there with no message at all, while I think being proud of who you are and celebrating that is an element of hip-hop culture, I get really bored with the bragging, 'look at me, I'm so much better than you' kinda stuff some rappers present.

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transport! They're calling on a lucky ticket-holder to join them onstage and help play an instrument at each of the Falls locations for the song *Your Life Is A Lie!* The instrument in question is a monstrosity huge cowbell that looks like it would be more at home hanging round the neck of Godzilla. The audience member will wield a giant drumstick, punctuating each 4/4 bar with an almighty clonk. So, how do you

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I know that some of you have kids – how does this impact on your getting together, rehearsing, recording, and now going on the road? PENNY: This does not affect the road! The kids are a joy to have around, they keep everyone grounded and focused but also supply fun and enjoyment. Road trips are better with the young ones, and Aisha (7) has the skill and talent and bravery to get up on stage in front of 100s of people and perform. We wouldn't be Sistagurl without her!

Tell me a little about the recording of the new EP – maybe something about the tracks – and some of the production choices? MUANA MC: We have been recording at Studio 9 in Byron Bay with Simon, who has been really supportive in making this possible for us to do as a fully self-funded EP. It's been a great experience bringing many of the crew in for their first-ever studio experience. Many of the songs have continued to grow throughout the recording process as new layers are added or even in the case of some songs like *Holdin' in Down* where whole new verses written by the young girls have been incorporated. Two of the songs we wrote just in the last month or so and it's been really exciting that we can include such new material

win? **Boogie Nights** is the first night of each Falls event and it's a fancy-dress affair; the theme this year is INTERGALACTIC. Falls will be holding a Best Dressed competition on this opening

festival celebration at the below times and locations and the winner will find themselves onstage in the main arena with MGMT! Go crazy and get creative, start working on your intergalactic fashion masterpieces now. Byron: **Dec 31 Amphitheatre stage 6.10pm.**

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What should we expect for your upcoming gigs at Woodford and Falls... are there any other local ones we should know about? MUANA MC: Well we like to defy expectations...

Woodford will be exciting as we are running workshops and Blakjam with a young emcee from Glenn Innes, Duke Box Bailey... there will be lots of live jamming, special guest appearances.

Yes, locally we will be launching our EP at Kulchajam on 20 Dec, 6–11pm. Heaps of other great local acts are joining us on the bill with a mix-up including acoustic singer/songwriters styles, spoken word, great hip-hop emcees, a live music jam and open mic plus phat DJ beats. Tickets at the door are \$10 or \$15 with a copy of the EP.

Alongside Kulchajam launch, Sistagurl are also at Woodford festival, and one of the hand-picked local features at the inaugural Byron Falls Festival.



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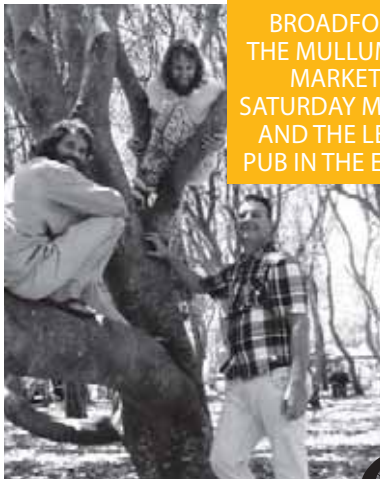
The end of 2013 will be an exciting one as lots of new music is on the way from the Sticky one. **Tuesday 24 December** with **Will Sparks** at the **Sweaty Buddha DJ festival** at **Byron Bay Brewery**, 5pm start, \$30/\$35 www.oztix.com.au.

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New northern rivers resident **Andrew Morris** will play two local

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shows this December. He performs at **The Treehouse** in Byron Bay on **Saturday 21 December**, then hits the **Sheoak Shack** in Fingal on **Saturday 28 December**. Morris has been busy of late travelling the country as guitar-slinger for Australian music legend Bernard Fanning, and in between he has been touring in support of American folk hero Charlie Parr, and with Gomez frontman Ian Ball. Morris is looking forward to spending some time in his newly adopted home region over the summer performing shows and working on his new solo record at his home studio.

BROADFOOT MARKETING

North coast groovesters **Broadfoot** are playing at the **Mullumbimby Market** this **Saturday 21st** from 9am. For a taste of super local listening pleasure with grooves to keep those feet a-dancing through the market stalls, the Summers Park venue on Stewart Street is the place to be this Saturday morning.

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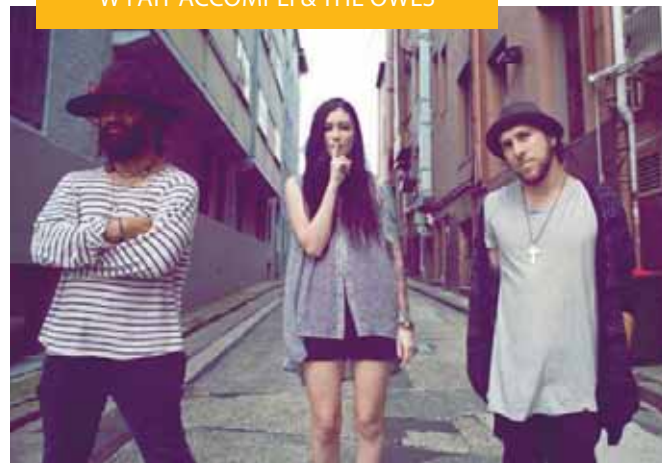
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extraordinaire Grant Gerathy; also off his Facebook on sax and keys Dino Sandford as well as Iva Gretsch on vox and string thang, so for a really fun night come and see these guys do it for ya! 8pm.

THE WOLF AT YOUR DOOR IN BRUNSWICK

Wolfmother are a power-packed hard-rock three-piece formed by frontman Andre Stockdale in 2000, and these days the lineup features Ian Peres on bass and keys and Vin Steele on drums. They have enjoyed critical success with their first self-titled debut album and the band took a Grammy award for the best hard-rock performance in 2007. Influenced by the music of Jimi Hendrix, Uriah Heep, Black Sabbath and fellow Aussies ACDC, the band list their influences to be Pink Floyd, The Beatles, Led Zeppelin and The Who as well as newer acts The Avalanches, Radiohead, The White Stripes and the Kings of Leon. Stockdale also lists The Doors as a major influence, stating they were one of his favourite bands growing up. Stockdale describes the Wolfmother sound as 'a mix of the playfulness of Earth Wind & Fire with the intensity of Black Flag'. They play the **Hotel Brunswick** on **Thursday 19 December** at 8.30pm. And guess what? It's a FREE show!

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The good people of **Kohinur Hall NYE** are excited about this year's offering. With permission to open all night, this is going to

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JACK AND THE GIANT BEACH KILLERS

Formed in 2007 and their first album completed with help from Wolfmother's Dave Atkins, **Jack and The Giant Killers** are ready to fire launching their new EP *Strange Love* at the **Beach Hotel**, Byron Bay on **Sunday 20 December**. Effortlessly combining unique vocals with Marcello Milanis's creative mind, 'phat' bass and the significant talents of Tony McCall, Jack and the Giant Killers

band bring energy, mastery and passion to every gig. From 9.30pm.

GYPSY PARTY FOR DURRUMBUL

After an amazing **Zorba Gypsy Party** about two months ago the crew were inspired, invited and seduced into creating another delicious soul-satisfying event that features music, dance and delicious food!

Six acts in six hours! Featuring well-loved local Gypsy sensation **ShakShuka**, world-class **Nomadic Band**, legendary **DJ Chris Dekker**, Bedouin song circle with **Shai Shriki**, the songs of **Laura Targett**, **Danidoo Butterfly** and friends and **MC Nycky Jeanes**.

Food by Open Table Catering. From soul-stirring Gypsy songs and heart-melting melodies to sublime grooves and quirky beats to shake your hips, this is a night not to be missed!

Dress up Gypsy and come down to celebrate!

Durrumbul Hall Mullumbimby, Friday 20 December.

Doors open 6pm till midnight, \$25, \$20 concession / presale at Santos Mullumbimby. Kids by donation. All ages welcome!

be a party that takes punters right through to 2014.

Doors open at 5.30 and festivities begin at 6pm with **Welcome to Country** and local didgeridoo outside in the gorgeous forest setting.

A complimentary 'welcome drink' is also provided. At 6.30 local resident, musician and peace activist **Pico** will lead all who wish to participate in a short but inspired **Meditation for Peace** (some cushions provided, but feel free to BYO!). With so much going on in the world, outside of our incredible Rainbow Shire, what better way to start a new year than to share some love and healing energy with the rest of the planet!

At 7pm the music begins and features **Pico & Robynn**, **Mikey Nomad**, **KOZI** (Japan), **POB** (including New Year countdown), **ShortCircuit**, **Strawberry Syme**, **BeauFUNK DJ**, **Magu** and **DJ Jules**. Lighting and SFX will be artfully provided by Aleyshia Manning of AMP (Aleyshia Manning Productions) assisted by Min (Myrrah Creations). Together they share well over four decades in the business! All-night catering will be provided by Corrina and crew from Bellylishas from the kitchen and outdoor chai tent. Anyone willing to volunteer or help out on the night please call Min on 6684 5025.

Tickets \$25 at the door/gate.

HEADLAND VINYL & FILM

Murray Paterson (Tex Perkins and the Dark Horses) has created a unique local film-archive/soundtrack project. I have been seeking out Super-8 film of surfing and beach culture from the far north coast of NSW in the 1970s (you'd be surprised what is still in shoe boxes under people's beds). The footage is edited and used as inspiration to compose and perform a soundtrack sympathetic to the images. The film-collage gives an on-the-rocks view of a particular way of surfing and glimpses of a culture specific to a time and place. The music reflects on these fragments of north coast culture.

The resulting album was released on CD earlier this year but just before Christmas the musicians and collaborators are celebrating its release on vinyl (big, black, round things) both in Australia and in the UK, with a performance in Byron Bay. It will be a pretty cool night with the band performing a live soundtrack to projected Super-8 film shot in and around Byron/Broken/Lennox in the 70s.

Performing on the night will be **Murray Paterson**, **Les Dorahy** (Nashuaville), **Brock Fitzgerald** (Wolf & Cub), **Skritch** (Mary Trembles, Woolpit), **Joel Silbersher** (Hoss, Tendrils, Dirty

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Three) with special guests **Lucy Fisher** and **Zee Barnes**. **Saturday, December 21, Byron Bay Community Centre** 7.30-8.30pm.

\$20 plus booking fee. Online ticketing: http://www.byroncentre.com.au/airec_event/headland-soundtrack-vinyl-launch/?instance_id=6741.

TYSON ON THE RAILS

In between Australian and European tours this year with his band Rough Red, Byron local **Steve Tyson** has been quietly working away recording his second solo album. His first, *Temple Dog*, was critically acclaimed, with four-star reviews in the national music press. Steve ventures out of the studio this Wednesday 18 December to play *The Rails*, performing songs both from the first album, and tunes from the new record, which is due for release mid-2014. Promising an eclectic mix of story-based folk songs, with nods to roots and jazz, Steve (guitar, mandolin and dobro) will be joined by Sydney bassist John Barr and Brisbane percussionist/guitarist Dave Parnell.

KELLIE FOR XMAS EVE

Diva **Kellie Knight** will be stripping back acoustic funk style with her trio (**The Daze**), entertaining punters at the **Rails** on **Christmas Eve** for pre-xmas celebrations. Expect a strong and smoky blues/jazz vocal combined with a flare for punchy rhythm and catchy original and cover songs. Kellie is joined by Paul Brewer on bass and Steve Mcleod on guitar.

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NEW YEARS EVE LIFTOUT

new years eve in the shire

The turning of the wheel of time has in living memory been celebrated in cultures across the globe. Though many sections of the world's population celebrate at different times of year, the premise is pretty much always the same: Out with the old and in with the new.

For some people the feeling that the slate has become clean (or at least wiped a little), paves the way for promises to be sworn and resolutions to be made, and like an unwritten notebook, the pages are blank. So, let's get out the texts!

As the wheel of time turns so too does the movement of the planet and technically, even though New South Wales clocks see it differently, Byron and most of its shire is the first place in the county to see the new year in. What better reason to party – and we do.

This year for the first time, the shire will see the inclusion of

the Falls Music and Arts Festival. The festival hatched in 1993 in Lorne, Victoria before unfurling its wings ten years later to encompass Marion Bay, Tasmania and, ten years later, again, spread those wings to include the North Byron Parklands in Yelgun at the northern end of the shire.

From Falls at the top end right down through Billinudgel, Ocean Shores, Brunswick Heads, Mullumbimby, Suffolk Park, Bangalow, all the way to the shire's southern border through all the towns and pubs and halls in-between, there will not be a taste left untouched, a veritable smorgasbord of fun.

Council and its community partners are presenting the Safe Summer in the Bay program which sees Falls as one aspect of the Byron celebrations and Byron Bay Soul Street family-friendly activities hosted by Byron Community Centre, as another.

With many activities directed at entertaining the kids, families will find something to do in the Bay from 2pm till 9pm market stalls, face painters, music galore as well as circus performers, and a whole box and dice of a carnival atmosphere.

But wait! You also get...

To help out with the traditional travelling blues getting in and out of Byron Bay, Byron Shire Council will trial a park and ride scheme which will also run over New Years Eve. Visitors to Byron Bay will be asked to park out of town and catch one of the many buses into town to help keep the streets clear.

All in all New Years Eve in the Shire promises to be fabulous, fun, entertaining, a memorable way to wipe that slate clean before promising to be oh so good – until next time.

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mayor's message

As the holiday season approaches and many around the country prepare to unwind, relax and recharge their batteries, many in Byron Shire are getting ready to welcome our guests during the peak summer season over Christmas and the New Year.

I am looking forward to these holidays for another reason, and that is to see some of the great work our community has done over the last 12 months showcased for all who come to enjoy this beautiful piece of paradise we call home.

We are so lucky to live in such a passionate and diverse community. Over the last year I feel like I've seen more productive debate and positive community involvement than ever before and we're seeing the results of that all around the shire.

Council and its community partners have rallied together to roll out its Safe Summer in the Bay program. The program sees a mixed approach for New Years Eve with the out-of-town festival Falls Arts and Music Festival, and the Byron Bay Soul Street family-friendly activities creatively directed and hosted by Byron Community Centre. For the first time the community will also welcome in the New Year with a First Sun event on the first of January setting the scene for a bright year ahead. It's Park & Ride that's got me most excited; a vision shared by many over the years is finally being realised in a uniquely Byron way.

I'd like to thank you all for giving your time, care and energy to make this community what it is and I wish you a safe and happy year ahead.

Cr Simon Richardson
Mayor, Byron Shire Council
simon.richardson@cr.byron.nsw.gov.au
Byron Shire: Many Communities, One Future

park and ride

Ride the magic and leave your car behind, as Byron Shire Council trials a park-and-ride scheme over 12 days from 26 December to 6 January.



Instead of sitting in your car in the traffic, park all day for only \$5, join the fun and be entertained on one of the 'magic buses' that will be providing free shuttle services from the sports complex on Ewingsdale Rd to Byron Surf Club. The innovative scheme operates from 10am till 10pm with live entertainment on the buses from 10am till 2pm to keep the peak hours lively.

What Is Park and Ride Byron Bay?

Byron Shire Council is trialing an innovative park-and-ride scheme designed to provide user-friendly alternatives to car travel and increase car-parking capacity of town during peak tourist periods. The trial is the first step in a comprehensive plan to re-imagine Byron, making the town more liveable and reducing the congestion and traffic problems.

Cheap (\$5) all-day parking and free shuttle buses will be provided at the Byron Regional Sport and Cultural Complex from 26 December to 6 January (except on New Years Eve when parking will be \$30).

Byron Park and Ride will provide visitors and residents alike with a unique service that includes entertainment, visitor information and a fun journey on a Magic Bus into town. A showcase of local arts, culture and food at the Byron Sport and Cultural Complex includes local food tastings, kids' activities and a selection of arts, crafts and foods produced in the region with highlights including live music and

entertainment from 10am till 2pm at the Centre and on the buses.

Park and Ride will be the best solution for those who want to enjoy the town centre and beaches without worry.

Special Event parking restrictions in town will limit parking to a maximum of two hours per day across those parts of the town centre which are not already subject to timed parking restrictions from 26 December to 1 January. Residents and businesses will be provided with permits exempting them from the 2-hour parking limits to minimise any inconveniences to locals. A Park-and-ride hotline will be operational to resolve any concerns.

The expansion of the project in coming years envisions the creation of a pedestrian precinct in town and the development of more sustainable, alternative transport options into the town including bicycles, rickshaws and other innovations.

Find details on the Council website or at www.parkandridebyronbay.info.

A showcase of Byron arts, culture and food will operate from 10am daily at the Byron Sport and Cultural Complex. For opportunities for businesses to get involved and showcase their product or service contact parkandride@byron.nsw.gov.au.

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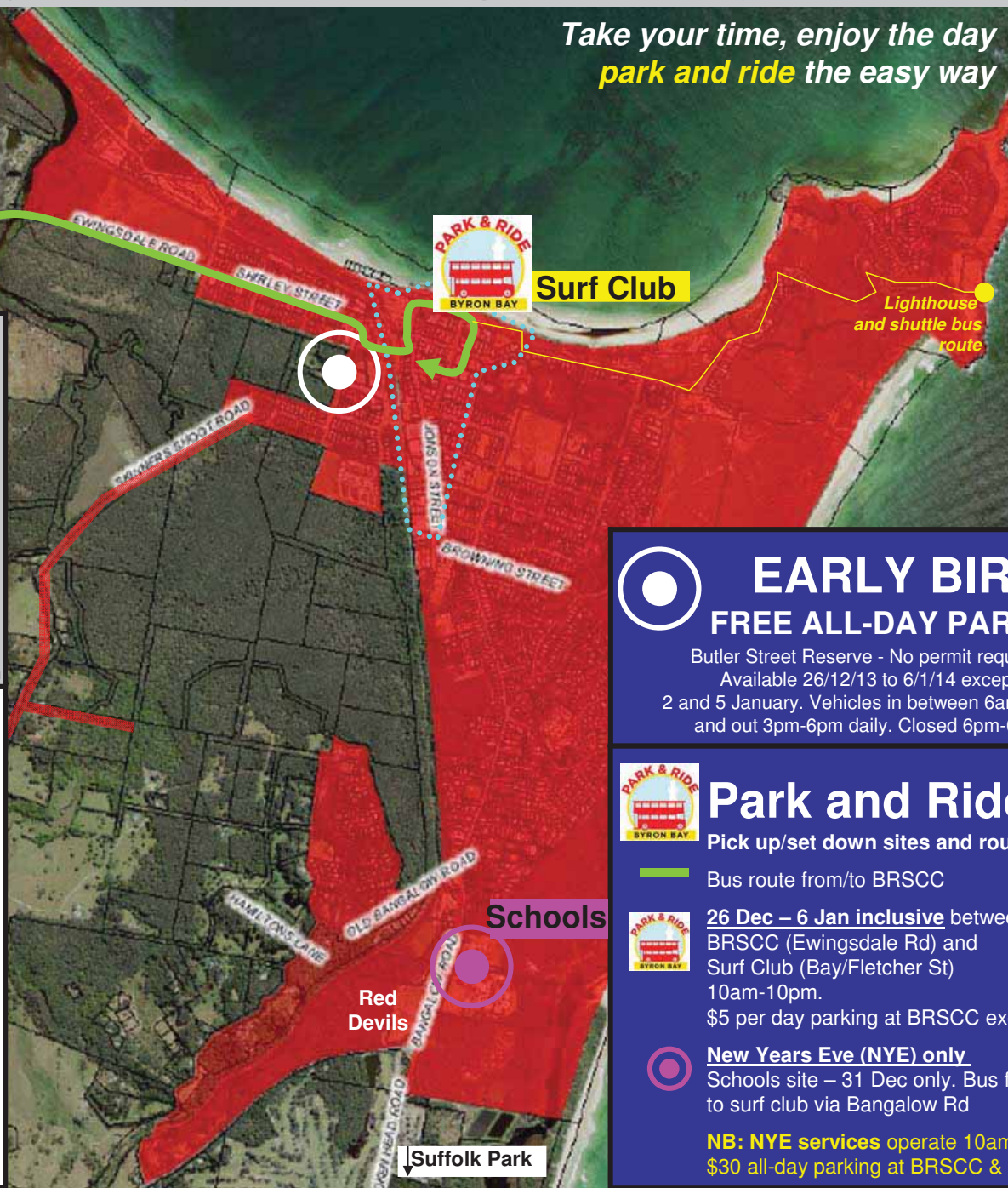
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Falls Music & Arts Festival Byron Dec 31–Jan 2

Held at the North Byron Parklands from Dec 31 to Jan 2, this 3-day festival is the inaugural Falls Music & Arts Festival event for Byron Shire. The festival features a world-class lineup of music, comedy and arts from across Australia and the globe, coming together in a relaxed festival environment. As well as acts such as

The Roots, Vampire Weekend, Neil Finn, Johnny Marr and MGMT, more than 100 local performers and artists are bringing a unique north coast vibe to the festival. Camping is free.

The Falls Festival has been operating in Lorne, Victoria, for over 20 years, and in Tasmania for a decade. Falls is known for its diverse and interactive

arts programming, its pioneering green initiatives and local community engagement.

Tickets

An allocation of 3-day passes is available for locals through www.fallsfestival.com.au but they are going quickly! NB: This is an 18+ event.



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NEW YEARS EVE in JONSON ST + RAILWAY PARK 2pm-10pm



New Years Eve in Byron Bay this year will be a family friendly event! Bring the kids out from 2pm til 10pm and venture through Jonson St and the world of artisan stalls, food stalls, craft activities, face painters, numerous local bands and acts in Railway Park, buskers, circus performers, fire twirlers, drummers and children's activities galore.

Come down to the heart of Byron and celebrate with us the great talent we have in this region as it fills Soul Street.

This will be an alcohol free event to help keep our streets safe, family oriented and in support of Byron's vision of reclaiming the streets on New Years Eve.

- Tommy Franklin Workshops + Street Conga
- Flash Mob Dance
- Waiters Race
- Roving Chalk Art Spaces
- Red Helium Balloon Lady
- Spaghetti Circus Workshops
- Roundabout Theatre's - The Flycycle + Lolka
- Peggy Pop Art Street Tours
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- Bay City Rollers- Roller Derby Ladies
- Playful Public Art Sculptures
- Yarn Bomb Trees
- Jumping Castle & A Misting Rainbow
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- A Wishing Tree Installation
- Circus Arts Workshops
- The Curly Cousins
- Kelly Knight and the Daze Band
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NEW YEARS DAY at MAIN BEACH 5.15am-11am



The early bird catches the first SUN. Come and be part of our early morning, family friendly event at Main Beach. Join our silent Sunrise meditation at 5.15am sharp! Concluding with the wonderful sounds of gongs as the first glimpse of the sun breaks through the skies. This is a way to celebrate the true Spirit of Byron Bay – peaceful, happy, healthy and inclusive. You can partake in free yoga or Qi Gong on the grass.

At 7.30am come and enjoy the Byron Bay Big Breakfast, with the healthy, seasonal, sustainable choices of food and beverages from the Bay. Followed by the fun activity of playing Ukelele with Ilona Harker (BYO Ukeleles). First Sun is designed to capture the essence of Byron Bay – the beauty, healing, bliss, creativity and unique community that the Bay has to offer and to radiate this message for the year ahead. The event aims to deliver a clear intention for all of peace, respect, cohesiveness, inclusiveness and a united community.

PEACE POLE FROM 5.15am

The Peace Pole
Meditation & Yoga

5:15am Meditation -
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for the New Year with Katie
Connolly

Mandala construction with
Rothy Bensen

6:00am Gongs for the First
Sun with Stephen & Anna

6:30am Yoga with Shiva
Shakti & Chi Gong with
Shirsha



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electric forest

SUMMER SOLSTICE

Electric Forest presents the **2013 Summer Solstice celebration** at **Kohinur Hall** on **Saturday 21 December**.

Electric Forest events create a unique festival atmosphere where self-expression, freedom and personal journeys can meld into a positive life-affirming experience through dance within an immersive multimedia environment. After many years of summer solstice parties, festivals and electronic music events in the hills of Byron Bay and surrounds Electric Forest aims to keep the underground sound of Byron Bay well and truly on the map and rekindle the passion for these memorable gathering. Featuring Slinky, who is

currently working on remixing and original production projects, Slinky has become a name synonymously associated with good music and, in particular, breakbeat. Crafting out a nifty career in this genre for the last 15 years, he has toured the globe playing at some of the biggest clubs, best festivals and coolest cities. Then there's DJ Vortex – raised by monks in a monastery on the outer Gulf Islands of BC. Trained by Ninja Breakbeat Monkeys in a secret space station, rumoured to be immortal but only in leap years, the man is aloof. His name has appeared on the same fliers as too many famous people to list here. So underground you will need to dig deep to find any information on him. He's both members of the production duo Crook & Slack.

And of course DJ Soundwave – producer, DJ and label owner of 3rd Eye Productions, from Byron Bay and renowned for his sound of tight, rolling basslines and funky melodies. With state-of-the-art sound, stunning digital projections and lighting from Crystal Grid.

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frankie brown

HARKER & HEART

Zoe Harker and Charlie Heart are the new Heart and Harker of Sydney Soul. Performing live at Frankie Brown on New Years Eve, so expect a night of soul music that is edgy, funky and awesome. Dancing, a three-course meal and kicking off at 6pm. Tickets are \$180 and available through eventbrite.

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brunswick bowlo

NEILY DIAMOND

Over ten years ago after much encouragement from his audiences, multi-award-winning singer Roo Mackerras created the **Neily Diamond Show**. He already had a good reputation for his cover versions of the famous artists, but his fans let him know that they thought he really sounded like Mr Hot August Night. And so began one of the best Neil Diamond tribute shows in the country, managing to hook Entertainer of the Year Awards for clubs in SE Queensland in the Tribute Show of the Year category. Since the age of 10 when Roo's big brother played *Holly Holy* and *Song Sung Blue* the young fella was hooked. In fact when he was older and found himself as a live concert he describes it as 'a profound musical experience'. He's

the only man I ever saw make my grandma cry. Not Roo... Neil! So close your eyes and pretend you've got a date with Mr Diamond! At the **Brunswick Bowlo** on **NEW YEARS EVE** followed by the **Angry Penguins**.

brewery

SPOONBILL, MISTA SAVONA, ELECTRIK LEMONADE..



Celebrate New Years Eve at the Byron Brewery with **Sweaty Buddha DJs**. Spoonbill is a restless sonic author constantly defying genres and experimenting with the potential of the vast sonic canvas.

He has carved a unique niche within contemporary electronic music, building a worldwide reputation for his idiosyncratic sound design and richly textured high production values. Elektrik Lemonade are seven individuals united by the cosmic collective boogie. Playing rump-funkin' live shows that feature a repertoire of original energetic funk tunes and some special covers, infused with blues, soul, hip-hop and electronic elements. Mista Savona is a Melbourne-based producer/engineer/songwriter and keyboardist. A master of reggae, dancehall, hip-hop and dub – from cutting-edge new sounds to heavy vintage roots. Mista Savona has collaborated with high-profile international artists such as Sizzla, Burro Banton, Capleton, Horace Andy, Alton Ellis, Anthony B and many more. His original trademark in music is high-quality production, power, intensity and depth. Mista Savona produces music that is highly regarded by music critics and loved by fans. Performing both as a solo artist and 3-4-piece live soundsystem act, Mista Savona has also brought together a twelve piece band to showcase his powerful musicianship including a horn section, dancers and Melbourne-based



vocalists Vida-Sunshyne (Ghana/Australia), Jornick (French Guiana), Mantra (Australia), as well as regular local and international guests. The shows are by far the toughest and most exciting presentations of authentic, raw roots reggae and dancehall music in Australia. So get your ticket for the **Sweaty Buddha DJ Festival** at the **Byron Brewery**, kicking off at **7pm**. \$49/60

soho lounge

TONY AND THE COLLECTIVE



Byron has a brand new venue in the Soho Lounge – upstairs at 9 Fletcher Street. On Saturday 4 January the owners kick off what is hoped to be a monthly musical soiree with Tony and the Collective and featuring guest artist Lisa Hunt! **8.30pm**. \$20. **Bookings to bookings 0488 091 515.**

vinyl junkie



This holiday season get on down to the **Brunswick Fair** to see what the **Vinyl Junkie**, Matt Bowden, has to offer.

'I am a travelling record dealer who is dedicated to bringing the finest vinyl collections to Australia. After frustrating myself trying to find decent record collections to buy in Australia I have in the last four years done 5 trips to the USA where I have bought close to 60,000

waxing the northern for new years

LOCAL BOYS WAXHEAD ARE MAKING WAVES ON AND OFF THE WATER WITH A BIG NEW YEARS EVE PLANNED AT THE HOTEL GREAT NORTHERN. SEVEN HAD A CHAT WITH MITCH ABOUT THE EXCITING NEW BUNCH OF LOCALS.



Tell me how Waxhead first got together.

Well, we all grew up in Byron, going to Byron High. We all knew each other pretty well, surfing, hanging all in the same circle of friends. We had all been travelling around the globe for years but then it all just aligned at the end of 2012 when randomly we were all back settling into the Byron lifestyle. But it all actually started when Finny moved out to Froggy's property. Froggy turned his bedroom into a jam room/recording studio and they started jamming together. I was just living down the road, so the boys asked me to come around and have jam. Then over a month or two the songs started to come together and the idea of Waxhead came

about. The name made us laugh every time we said it and I guess that's what made it kind of stick. Moffo joined about five months after we played our first show, when we decided to become a four-piece, which was an easy transition. Just another mate hanging out with us, which was happening long before Waxhead.

How would you describe the music you play?

It's pretty hard to put a label on the music or art anyone creates. But from what I've gathered from live show feedback and reviews is that we play pretty grungy rock influenced by our surfing life and background. Froggy's voice is unique so it's another reason why it's kind of hard to

describe. Let's just call it 'surf grunge' for now, but that could easily change.

What are your major influences?

Major influences include legends like Hendrix, Neil Young, Nirvana, Zeppelin, Chili Peppers, Paul Kelly to name a few, right up to some modern-day legends like Wolfmother, Kings of Leon, Foo Fighters. Mother Ocean is a huge influence on our life and music.

Tell me about your debut single. What did you try to capture in the studio?

Our debut single is called *Ball Buster*. It's basically about trying not to bust your balls working for the 'man'.

We just wanted to make it a fun song and to make people laugh, not to take life too seriously. As far as tones and sounds go, we just wanted everything to have real sound and not be over-produced. There's nothing worse than when bands have a great release then you watch them live and they sound completely different and not as good as the recording. So just capturing what we actually sound like is very important. In the studio we tried to capture the sound and direction of where we are at now and where we are heading in the future.

What are your plans for 2014?

2014 is looking like it's going to be a ripper. Got a few things in the works. Releasing our debut EP, which we are all so excited about. More shows, tours, festivals, road trips... who knows. As long as we're all having fun, we're winning.

What should we expect for your upcoming gig?

This Friday 6 Dec at The Northern. We wanted to make this show into more of a party than just a standard gig. Local boys Single Fin will be ripping it up, followed by our Melbourne friends House of Laurence. We just got back from Sydney and Wollongong with these guys and they will blow you away – psychedelic rock as good as it gets. DJ Snake Fist will be taking the night till the party hours. We will be doing our thing, having fun, rocking out and playing some tunes for everybody to get down and dirty to on the dance floor. And all of this is free. Everyone should come, cheap Sailor Jerrys too.

At Froth 'N' Roll, New Years Eve event at the Hotel Great Northern with Pilots, The Lovely Days, The Single Fins and DJ Chris Bradley. 8.30pm. \$25 plus booking fee. Tix at the venue.

LPs and singles. I have a wide variety of genres and styles amongst the tonnes of wax I have bought in including jazz, blues, rock, reggae, soundtracks and latin jazz but there is also large percentage of quality hip-hop, electro, funk, soul, disco, new wave and house music there. It is my goal to revitalise the record fairs in Australia by bringing the highest quality imports to the fairs at the right prices. I travel extensively throughout the year to attend fairs in Melbourne, Sydney, Adelaide and Brisbane. At the Brunswick Heads fair there will be records from \$2 to \$100 but plenty of bargains for all. You may need some time to look through everything but I'll be open for five days and maybe pace yourself, go for a swim in the river, grab a beer at the pub and enjoy the musical delights on offer.

the eltham inn

BARN DANCE

Now this is a real country feel NYE – think hay bales, call dancing, strings of lights, southern fried chicken and wide-brim hats! Featuring **Thrillbilly Stomp** from 7pm with their usual country folk covers and originals, along with some dance calling... you know the type 'take your partner by

the hand'... And then from 10pm **Glen Massey and the Thread**. Their sound is country, classics and rock, and if it's the smooth grooves you are into, this is the way to bring your 2014 in! Entry includes a Farmhouse Feast: two courses (mains and dessert) for \$55 pp from 7pm – bookings essential. Plus, a bar snack menu will be available until late – no bookings required. Courtesy bus available to drop home in the local area.

ocean shores tavern



The surf's up at the new-look **Ocean Shores Tavern** this NYE!

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ocean shores country club

KELLIE KNIGHT & THE DAZE

Kellie Knight and the Daze are a powerful, highly polished and dynamic north coast-based music outfit who through their mutual love of soul, funk and jazz music came together to pay tribute to some of the legendary musicians of these genres. Playing an eclectic and carefully chosen blend of dynamic tunes which range from the sophisticated freeform grooves of Herbie Hancock and Miles Davis, through to the exciting soul workouts of Dee Dee Bridgewater, Stevie Wonder and James Brown, the Daze enjoy delivering a tangible and exciting groove to their audience and most of all just having fun sharing the music they love.

Diva Kellie Knight fronts the band, with her authoritative, powerhouse voice, bringing

soul and raw emotion to their sound. Keith Hammond (drums) and Paul Brewer (bass) make for a fiery and groovacious rhythm collective, while Steve McLeod soars magnificently on electric guitar, all this rounded out by the intriguing multi-instrumental skills of Barry Ferrier adding luscious sounds on keyboards, flute, guitar and accordion... making for a band that makes you want to boogie.

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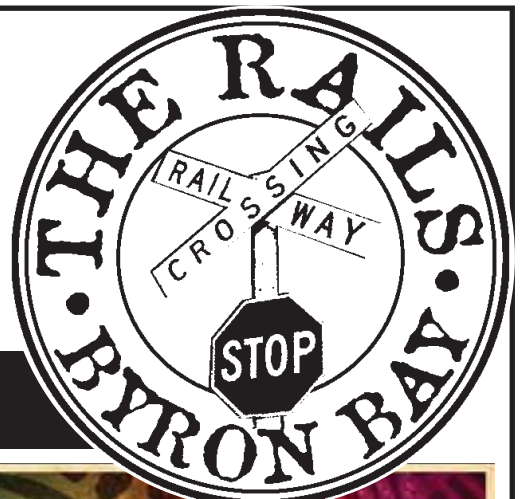
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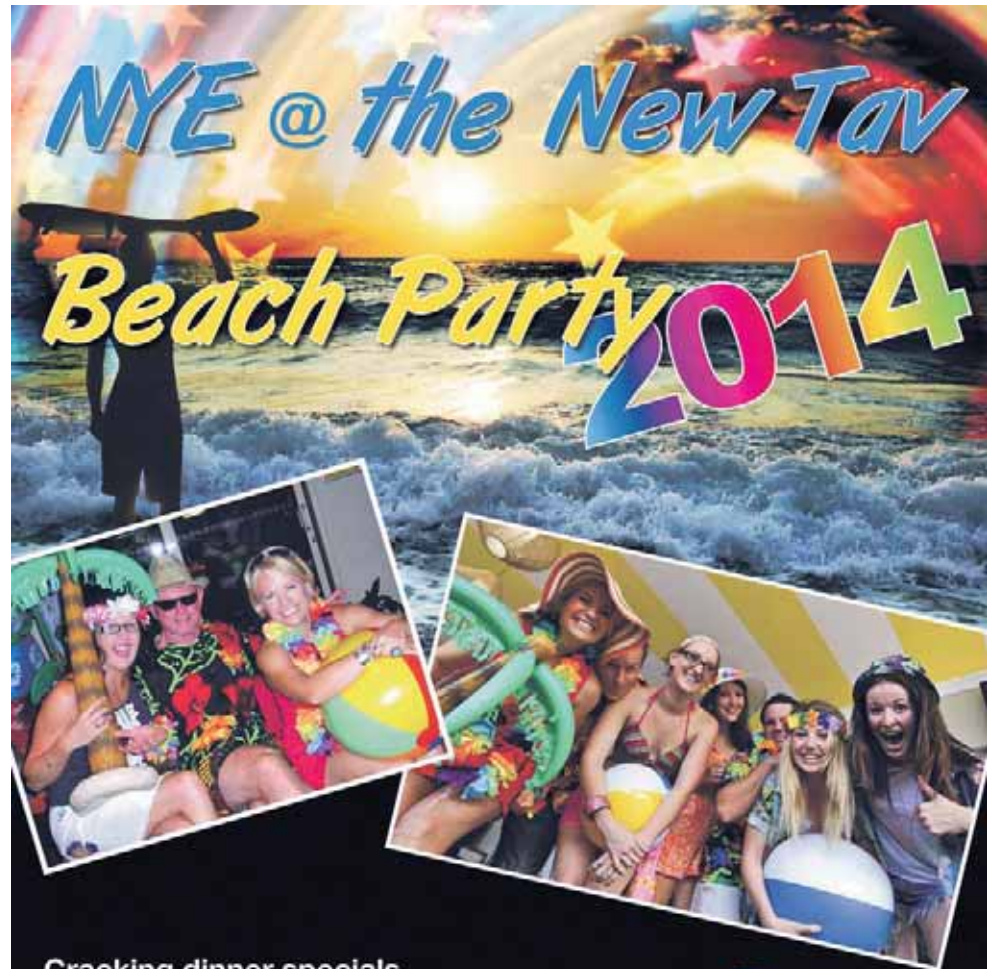
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BACK IN 1984 MARK CALLAGHAN, who'd cut his teeth with The Riptides and Chris Bailey (of the Angels), was commissioned to write songs for the ABC TV program *Sweet and Sour*. The show was a cutting-edge gritty drama about an emerging young rock band, something that's become a bit of a cult classic, and as for the debut album, it was self-titled GANGgajan, with sales in excess of 130,000.

The band has been coming together to play ever since, taking

time off for other projects, but still writing and evolving as a classic Aussie rock band.

'We have never not played,' says Mark Callaghan, 'We do 15 or 20 shows a year over the last 29 years but generally it's off-Broadway stuff - like we'll do the opening day of rugby in Perth and then a few sideshows. We have been in that lucky position where we can; I think having outside interests has helped us keep it fresh.'

Just this year bass player Chris Bailey died with cancer. The band has been a tight unit for nearly three decades.

'Chris got sick with cancer 2002 - he died in April; we did our last show in February and losing him has hit us hard. I was there when he died. We had mixed emotions about playing again without him, but we have a wonderful bass player in Rebecca Jonson; she's played with Ian Moss, and Richard Clapton; she's terrific. I am excited about playing but I don't know how I am going to feel emotionally without him there, but he was insistent we keep playing.'

In the tumultuous world of rock Gangajang have managed to keep themselves a tight unit. Chris laughs, 'Imagine being married to four blokes! Part of the secret is not over-baking it. When we started we picked the word *gang* deliberately because that's the vibe we wanted, like a gang; we have all done that - we play together, we do other things, and it's been an important philosophy for us and the advice for young bands would be, before you can afford it, but have your own rooms when you are touring, being able to close that door does wonders for relationships. And don't take yourself too seriously!'

Callaghan has watched the music industry change and evolve.

'When I was with The Riptides, we played 280 gigs in a year! We were playing four or five nights a week; we would get 100 payers on a Tuesday night. Now if you get that on a Saturday it would be an incredible turnout. It really was a wonderful time.'

'It's very, very different today. It's interesting how the method of making music has changed and the kind of songs being made. These days everyone has a computer at home with a recording program. Back then recording an album was an expensive undertaking; you couldn't just make up grooves and play along. You would sit with a keyboard and play it and you had to make demos!'

Nowadays I sit at the computer, put a groove together and it sounds great, a bit of bass a bit of guitar - and then maybe you make one change and a lot of the songs you hear now don't have a lot of chordal movement, and they might change the vocal melody.'

So apart from taking to the stage to play some new songs, some old songs, and some truly great songs, what is Mark looking forward to at Woodford Festival?

'I love all the ancillary events, the kids' stuff, the speakers, the food, it's really interesting, and the kind of music is diverse; you'll see mainstream, and I am looking to see The Basics, Clare Bowditch... it feels terrific, it's important to have those things, to be in a space where you can see things outside your sphere of understanding.'

Gangajang, like Woodford Festival, standing the test of time - 27 Dec to 1 January. For program info and tickets go to www.woodfordfolkfestival.com.

Culture

BELLYLAUGH FROM BRISBANE

This month a bunch of newbie Brisbane comics descend on the regular **BellyLaugh open mic comedy night** at the **Brewery**. Hosted by **Mandy Nolan**, expect some pretty rollicking times when the big girl wraps up the year with some of her favourite open mic comics, alongside some very impressive Brisbane women. 'Open mic is about pushing the boundaries,' says Nolan. 'It should be exciting. Material should be wild and rough and experimental as it's a place to try things - to fly or die!' **Thursday 19 December** at 8pm, at the Byron Brewery. Free.

FROM DYING TO DYEING!

Twenty years ago **Candy Katsamas** was diagnosed with cardiomyopathy and was told that she only had three months to live. Luckily, in the nick of time she received a heart transplant and, despite a few ups and downs, has thrived ever since.

Immediately after the operation Candy decided that she needed to become an artist. Encouraged and inspired by her longtime friend **Wendy Taylor**, over the next few years Candy went on to learn and practise many art forms from watercolour and acrylic to silk painting and ceramics. She has won awards and sold many paintings. However, after discovering eco-dyeing while on holiday in Tasmania, this became her passion. 'Although painting was very therapeutic, nothing gave me complete satisfaction. I was painting from my heart, but could never find a style that I felt was mine,' said Candy. 'Perhaps I was fulfilling the dreams of another person's heart! But since I discovered eco-dyeing I have

never been happier. I can't wait to get up each morning to start work. I love the fact that each piece is so individual and so unpredictable. Even when you try to do an exact copy of a piece, the results are always different and unique.' Now Wendy and Candy have collaborated to exhibit a



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wonderful collection of their work! Wendy's paintings of Tallow Lake are colourful and unique to this area, while Candy's eco-printing is a process using foliage gathered in the local area.

There is something for everyone in this exhibition, from paintings to silk scarves, cushions, Merino tunics and beautiful handmade journals and cards. Their exhibition will be held at **Lone Goat Gallery** in the Library Complex in Byron from **January 2 to January 16.**

NEW YEARS EVE COMEDY FESTIVAL

New Years Eve at the **Ballina RSL** has fast gained a reputation for being one of the best-value nights on the coast. Comedian **Mandy Nolan** who hosts the regular monthly Big Gig comedy nights puts on the glitz for an all-out hands-down knock-out comedy show that will see audiences laugh their way into 2014. This year she welcomes internationally renowned **Hung Le**, ex-Casino boy **Chris Radburn** and comedy hypnotist **Wayne Donnelly**. 'I am hoping we can get a few people to go off like crackers at midnight!' she laughs. 'This is a great night, and you not only get three amazing acts that take you through until midnight, you also get a two-course meal.' Headlining this year is **Hung Le**, the world's best, first and tallest Vietnamese comic. He promises to spin your mind, dazzle your imagination and awaken your funny zones. On 29 April 1975, the last day of the Vietnam war, a nine-year-old boy jumped onto a leaking prawn trawler on the Saigon River with a box of dried biscuits and some seasick pills. He managed to survive thirst and hunger and to cheat death to become one of the first Vietnamese boat people to land in Australia. He has made a name for himself in the comedy scene, a favourite at Montreal Comedy Festival, Edinburgh Festival and Melbourne International Comedy Festival. He has also made numerous TV appearances - the most notable being in *The Wogboy*, *Fat Pizza*, *True Love and Chaos* and *Sensitive New Age Killer*. Hung is also an author, musician, clown and actor and his first



HUNG LE AT THE BALLINA RSL FOR THE BIG GIG THIS NEW YEARS EVE

Taking Children to the Moon... and back

I DO A LOT OF DRIVING. I DO A LOT OF DRIVING with my four-year-old in the car seat - the hostage to my daily routine. She doesn't want to be in the car. These days she does. In fact, she enjoys the ride because we have a growing collection of storyteller Jenni Cargill Strong's fabulous CDs thus allowing Ivy to enjoy the wonder of story while I concentrate on the road. I also have that lovely warm feeling that my daughter isn't in the back on a DVD; she's ensconced in the creative and wondrous process of listening to story. It's funny because I listen too, I am kind of forced to. And even though they are children's stories, there's a deeper narrative in what Jenni creates herself or the folk stories she chooses and adapts for a new, young and contemporary listener. I was driving the other day and I had this small but slightly profound realisation about story and its importance. I watch my daughter in the car listen to the same story over and over, like a mantra, and I wonder what it is that has her transfixed? It occurred to me that story isn't just amusement; it serves a much more valuable role. Stories tell children about their world, it tells them about human behaviour, about sadness, joy, disappointment, anger. It tells them about consequence. It creates a pathway of understanding, a kind of emotional and intellectual anchor in the overwhelming sea of existence. Story is the way we pass on mythology. It's why it was so important to indigenous peoples. Story teaches us things that can't be told in a scientific factual linear nature. It tells us about spirit, or place, or feeling, and about connectedness. Alongside heroes who triumph in the face of danger, story also shows us the landscape of loss, fear and despair. I wait anxiously for Jenni's next story albums, and I'm thrilled that she seems to be keeping up with my Ivy's passion for story consumption. This Christmas Jenni has released *Reaching for the Moon*, a



double CD of wisdom tales that get kids to think about their connection to the environment and to inspire them to believe that they can make a difference. Environmental issues are one of Jenni's passions and something that she manages to weave effectively into her stories, helping nurture the compassion and consciousness of our younger generations. Filled with song, music, and a lively sense of humour, Jenni's lovely new CD will play for 111 minutes. That's a trip to Brisbane. That's a decent afternoon nap. Compared to popping a DVD in the recorder, Jenni's story tree CDs are the food equivalent to choosing a McDonald's thickshake or a delicious organic mango smoothie. Now what kind of brain food do you want to feed your kids?

Jenni's new CD is available on line at www.storytree.com.au or at the Mullumbimby Bookshop.

book, *The Yellow Peril from Sin City*, was released through Penguin. His second, a children's book, *BarryNoodles & DAKillerBs* is with Random House. Also appearing is former lawyer Chris Radburn - an Aussie comedian who has earned a reputation for clever and cheeky observations that are relatable, original and hilarious. Chris was handpicked to perform with US comedy superstars Weird Al Yankovic and Rob Schneider on their Australian tours in 2011. Internationally, Chris has impressed audiences in America, at the world renowned New York's Gotham Comedy Club, in New Zealand, Malaysia, on P&O Cruises in the South Pacific and as part of Three Forces Entertainment tours to the Solomon Islands, Egypt and Dubai to entertain the Australian troops. Chris was invited to perform on NBC's *Last Comic Standing* in Miami, USA, where he finished as an international finalist in 2008. As a Casinoborn boy, Chris always looks forward to his home gigs! As a bit of a special treat *Big Gig* lovers get a little taste of their subconscious minds with hypnotist Wayne Donnelly. Of course while we all adore sitting back and watching our best friends fall in love with a mop, or dance like a chicken, there is some fear for volunteers that they might embarrass themselves. 'No-one is in control of your mind except you,' says Wayne. 'I am making suggestions. If I suggest anything that goes against your personal values, you won't do it. I can't take over control of people's minds - and as far as embarrassing or humiliating people - why would I do that? People wouldn't come back!' Find yourself laughing your way into a brand-new year at the **Ballina RSL** on **Tuesday 31 December**. Doors 6.45pm. Two-course dinner and show at 7.30pm. Tix \$62.90 and table of 10 \$59.90 p/p. Tix at 6686 2544 or ballinarsl.com.au.

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FLICKERFEST

Flickerfest celebrates 22 years of short-film excellence and to this day remains Australia's leading short-film festival. Flickerfest brings its spectacular short films with soul into the northern rivers from **25 until 27 January** over three jam-packed days at the **A&I Hall, Bangalow**. A record 2,300 entries were received for Flickerfest 2014, and only the top 120 shorts have been selected in official competition, all handpicked to represent the most innovative, creative and cutting-edge short films being produced in the world today. Highlights of Flickerfest 2014 Bangalow include the Australian premieres of the very moving and intimate short *The Phone Call* starring Golden Globe winner Sally Hawkins and Oscar winner Jim Broadbent, and *Vote Yes* starring Miranda Tapsell from The Sapphires, set in May, 1967 and focusing on Australia's referendum on Aboriginal rights, as two women unite and come to terms with the prospect of change. Also returning is the fifth year of Byron All Shorts – the local northern rivers short-film competition featuring a delightful range of local shorts including *Knitting Nanas* set in Lismore featuring a phenomenal bunch of women who found a unique way to protest against CSG. The Flickerfest Bangalow festival will kick off with a glamorous fully catered opening night party and screening. Flickerfest Bangalow is presented by iQ Arts and Eco Centre as a fundraiser for this local community facility Info/prog: www.iq.org.au. Tickets can be pre-purchased from 29 December at Barebones (Bangalow), Mullum Bookstore and Planet Corroboree (Byron).

BLUESFEST 2014

2014 will mark 25 years of **Bluesfest**. According to festival director Peter Noble, 'For all you festival-goers who love to shake, shimmy, bop and groove, this one is for you! This is Bluesfest's biggest dance announcement EVER. These guys just want to get down and make you dance. With such songs as *That's The Way (I Like It)*, *Get Down Tonight*, *Boogie Shoes* and *(Shake, Shake, Shake) Shake Your Booty*, *I'm Your Boogie Man*, *Please Don't Do, Keep It Comin' Love* and so many more. KC & The Sunshine Band, who played a bedrock part in the disco craze of the 70s, are still doing it today!

'Just added to this phenomenal announcement is Nigerian musician Seun Kuti, son of the pioneer of afrobeat music, the one and only Fela Kuti. Seun Kuti and his late father's 16-piece band Egypt 80, who will be joining him at Bluesfest, are the best live band EVER.' For Peter, having War come to Bluesfest is a personal dream come true. 'They are the most important latino funk group, standing just in the shadow of Santana and they blend soul, latin, jazz, blues, and reggae into a natural funky fusion that has inspired thousands of bands that followed them. Originally led by Eric Burdon, WAR has sold more than 50 million albums worldwide. Their hits *The World Is A Ghetto*, *Lowrider*, *Why Can't We Be Friends*, *All Day Music*, *Slippin' Into Darkness*, *Summer* are songs everyone loves and which continue to inspire generation after generation of fans. The greatest rhythm section in music, Jamaica's reggae legends Sly & Robbie and The TAXI Gang, are coming to Bluesfest and will have you dancing and partying to their signature reggae sound. For all our hip-hop fans, rapper Chali 2na will be keeping you on your toes. Straight out the ghetto, LA's favourite hip hop artist has his lyrics locked down big time. I know there are thousands of fans out there who will be excited to see the MAN return to Bluesfest – Jeff Beck. Just imagine the possibilities of jams on stage – with Dave Matthews, Grace Potter, John Mayer, Beth Hart, Gary Clark Jr, Larry Graham, John Butler, Gregg Allman, Allen Stone and so many others – ALL performing at the same event! Not to mention the blues jams likely with Buddy Guy, James Cotton, Charlie Musselwhite, Beth Hart – plus a whole bunch more performing!

Tickets are available on www.bluesfest.com.au or by phoning the friendly Bluesfest team on 6685 8310.

GLENN SHORROCK AND BRIAN CADD

Glenn Shorrock and Brian Cadd have reunited on stage for an Australian tour including an exclusive concert at **Bangalow Bowling Club on Thursday 16 January 2014**. Fans can expect to be taken back in time over the past four decades with a smorgasbord of timeless smash hits from their past supergroups The Twilights, The Groop, The Bootleg Family, Axiom and Little River Band. Such as: Little Ray of Sunshine, Reminiscing, Ginger Man, Arkansas Grass, Cool Change, Help is on its Way, Don't You Know its Magic and many more. Shorrock is best known as part of the internationally acclaimed LITTLE RIVER BAND and mega hits including *Reminiscing*, *Help is on its Way*, *Home on a Monday* and the classic *Cool Change*.

In addition, Shorrock and Cadd are celebrating the launch of their new album – *The Story of Sharky and the Caddman*. Tickets on sale NOW at BANGALOW BOWLING CLUB/ – www.bangalowbowlo.com.au or call 6687 2741.

BYRON INTERNATIONAL FILM FEST

Film-lovers, make sure you get the diary out and mark **28 Feb to 9 March 2014** for **Byron International Film Festival**. After 12 months scouring the globe for eye-opening, invigorating and cutting-edge films, the 8th Byron Bay International Film Festival (BBFF 2014) is once again preparing for thousands of film-lovers, directors, producers, actors and other creative spirits from around the world to descend upon the breathtaking shores of subtropical Byron Bay and expand their worldview through a massive independent 10-day celebration of film. So what can audiences expect in 2014? 'This year we are looking forward to fabulous red-carpet opening and closing night

gala parties, unique events that explore Byron's way of life and an inspirational selection of panels and workshops,' says festival director J'aimee Skippon-Volke. However, we are going to be hosting Byron Bay's most romantic night of the year, as our iconic Full Moon beachside screening will be held on Valentine's Day – Friday 14 February 2014. We will be screening a selection of the best romantic short films from our past seven seasons. Thousands of people will join with picnics in tow for a free night of heart-warming cinema under the stars to the backdrop of the Byron lighthouse.

Famous for its surfing and laidback, bohemian lifestyle, Byron Bay's buzz during the film festival is infectious. A fun, friendly and inclusive vibe sees audiences and industry heavyweights mingling side by side at the BBFF's sunset bar or the many great cafes and restaurants

elephantine renditions of pop classics and their own repertoire of foolish-man anthems.

Spooky Men's Chorale album launch at the **Mullum Civic Centre on Saturday 4 Jan**. Tickets: \$22 (+bf) presale and concession / \$25 door. Available: kupromotions.com.au. Doors: 7:15pm / Show: 8pm. Food By Food For Life.

GORDIE MACKEEMAN & HIS RHYTHM BOYS

Hailing from Prince Edward Island, the award-winning **Gordie MacKee** and his **Rhythm Boys** serve up old-time roots music with an energy level that practically yanks you out of your seat by the collar. Touring their 2013 release *Pickin' 'N Clickin* to Australia this December/January, Gordie and his Boys will bring their unique sound and stage antics to venues across QLD and NSW, with festival appearances at Woodford Folk Festival, Cygnet Folk Festival, Jazz at MONA and Illawarra Folk Festival. If ever someone was

deserving of the nickname Crazy Legs, it just might be Gordie MacKee. His thrilling dance style mixed with great bluegrass vocals, Peter Cann's blistering guitar solos, and the lively multi-instrumental talents of Thomas Webb and Mark Geddes, and Gordie MacKee and his Rhythm Boys are a complete entertainment package. **Saturday 4 January** at the **Byron Theatre**.

RAPSKALLION

Roll up compadres, to the iconic and legendary **Coorabell Hall on Friday 3 January**, for the **Summer Of Love Ball**, featuring the infamous and magnetising **Rapskallion**. The 'Skallions will come hot-hoofing from their

new year performances at Falls Festival, to infuse Coorabell with a delectable feast of 21st century buccaneering blues sonnets, sprinkled with travellers' tales, and gypsy rock 'n' roll. Recently Rapskallion were awarded Best Musical Act at the Adelaide Fringe Festival for their three rabble-raising shows at the 'Idolise Spiegelent' in the Garden of Unearthly Delights. They have performed at many of Australia's top music festivals including The National Folk Festival, Rainbow Serpent, Woodford Folk Festival and Folk Rhythm and Life. They have also completed residencies at the Famous Spiegelent and the

National Gallery of Victoria. They have toured internationally, in the UK and Europe, performing at well-known music festivals including Fusion Festival in Germany, the Secret Garden Party, Glade, Sunrise, Edinburgh Fringe, The Hat Fair UK and Aurillac International Street Theatre Festival in France.

Tix: \$17 (+bf) Pre & Conc / \$20 Door. Available: kupromotions.com.au Doors: 7:30pm / Show: 8pm. Food By Love In A Dish.

AUSTEN TAYSHUS

He's been upsetting people for decades. Genius, or public nuisance – I guess you need to decide.

This is what the big man had to say about hecklers, something he gets more than his fair share of. 'Having been a constant and relentless live-performance comedian for almost 35 years in a culture which is never happy unless it is putting everything down, I think I know something about the heckler. You can have the best intentions in the world as you arrive on the stage, but as soon as you open your mouth, some idiot who needs the attention more than anyone else in the room will try and shout you down. Their intention is to demolish and destroy your act and humiliate YOU. The only way to survive is to counterattack, quickly and decisively, and crush them to death. This might sound harsh, but it is them or you. Once they open their mouths, they have crossed the red line. If you give the heckler an inch you might as well pack up and go home. When I began as an entertainer in 1980, I was a frightened Jewish boy from the comfortable eastern suburbs of Sydney, the son of a Holocaust survivor, who really didn't know what he was going to do with his life. And I still don't. At my first show at Sydney's new Comedy Store, the spacious room was full of aggressive Aussie hecklers. They shouted at me in a vulgar collective voice, 'Say something funny', or 'Make us laugh', intimating that all of them were much funnier than I could ever be. Gradually I learnt to give it back. I adopted an aggressive persona, put on a pair of dark Raybans, so no-one could see the terror in my eyes, and crippled the hecklers with a deep voice and fake fearlessness. Once, at a big venue in Melbourne, the hecklers would just not shut up, so I asked the whole audience of 500 people to come on stage, and remarkably they did, and then I went down to where they were sitting and heckled them for the rest of my show. I didn't get paid, but it was worth it! I became the rock 'n' roll comedian, appearing before the biggest bands in Australia such as INXS, Midnight Oil and Cold Chisel, right throughout the 80s. Everyone feared me and would come to my shows to see how I would deal with the idiots. These days I am weary of the heckler, but they still come to try to shut things down. Usually they end up falling on their swords because I am just too experienced now.'

Austen Tayshus – at the **Byron Services on Monday 6 January** and **Wednesday 22 January** at the **Bangalow Bowlo**. Both shows with **Mandy Nolan**, at 8pm and tix are \$20/25 and can be booked on 6619 0529 or bought at the clubs.

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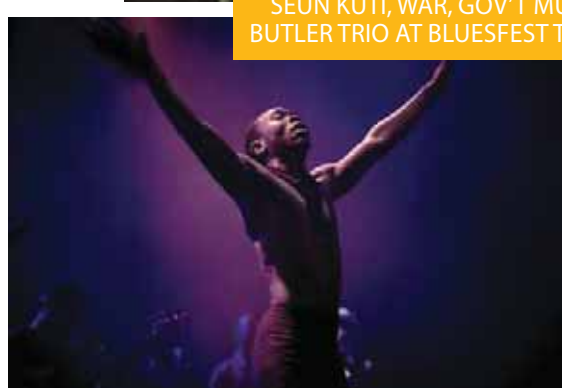
AUSTEN TAYSHUS - AT THE BYRON SERVICES ON MONDAY 6 JANUARY



SEUN KUTI, WAR, GOV'T MULE, JOHN BUTLER TRIO AT BLUESFEST THIS EASTER



RAPSKALLION AT COORABELL HALL ON FRIDAY 3 JANUARY



nearby. The 8th Byron Bay International Film Festival takes place 28 February to 9 March 2014 across five venues in Byron Bay and its surrounding areas.

For tickets, news and information visit www.bbff.com.au or find the festival on Facebook.

THE NECKS

The Necks have been playing together over 25 years and are celebrated worldwide for creating immersive, hypnotic concert experiences over two one-hour sets, with acoustic piano (Chris Abrahams), acoustic bass (Lloyd Swanton) and drums (Tony Buck) slowly conjuring sound mountains out of thin air. From their beginnings as a private jamming project with an adamant intention not to perform publicly, The Necks now travel the world to play. Their recent tour covered 12 countries – 19 shows on 19 consecutive nights – including sell-out shows in Paris, Gdansk, Warsaw, Aalst, and all three London shows. While in the UK they did a BBC studio recording with legendary improvising saxophonist, Evan Parker. 'To get to play music with someone of Evan's stature, and to find common ground with his utterly unique approach to improvisation was a huge honour, and some wonderful music flowed,' said Lloyd Swanton. The Necks, Australia's perennial favourite artists-in-resonance, are at the top of their game. Don't miss them.

Byron Community Centre on Friday 7 February. www.byroncentre.com.au

SPOOKY MEN SING IT UP

All around Australia, excitement is mounting: Society women are slightly breathless, small children and dogs are yapping at nothing, and real estate salesmen are vaguely anxious. Supplies of grandiose hatwear, beard-grooming equipment and pigfat are running low. Fresh from their fifth triumphant tour of the UK and Denmark, where they performed a mammoth 40 dates, **The Spooky Men's Chorale** are returning home to unleash a new album that amusingly, unexpectedly, redefines the very genre they invented. The Spooky Men's Chorale won the Infinite Bee Gees competition at Australia's 2013 National Folk Festival with *Ba'hari Ghibb* ... this brilliant mock-Sufi anthem is just one of a dizzying jewel box of instant new classics to be found on the new album. They send a nod to the Beach Boys (*Surfin*), and an imaginary, irascible medieval gastronome (*The Baron of Beef*), as well as sweet love notes to various parts of their own anatomy (*Foot, Eyebrow, Elbow*). Inspired by the great Georgian male choirs, The Spooky Men were formed in the Blue Mountains in 2001 by Christchurch-born deerstalker-topped impresario Stephen Taberner, and have singlehandedly redefined men's singing in the interim. Unafraid to juxtapose pindrop-perfect ballads with hilarious,

WEDNESDAY 18

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 8:30PM **SQUEAK LEMAIRE**
- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **BRIAN JONESTOWN MASSACRE**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON **STEVE TYSON**
- RAILWAY PARK, BYRON 6PM **GREG SHEEHAN, SOUL MAN O'GAIA**
- BYRON BREWERY 7PM **OPEN MIC NIGHT**
- FRANKIE BROWN CAFE, BYRON **MICK MCHUGH**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON **DJ JON**
- BRUNSWICK HOTEL 7PM **DAN HANNAFORD DUO**
- CLUB BANORA 6PM **LONE WOLF**

THURSDAY 19

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 9PM **JAFFER**
- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **JASON DELPHIN**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON **GUERRILLA ZINGARI**
- BYRON BREWERY 7:30PM **RODRIGO CASSIANO 8PM BELLYLAUGH OPEN MIC COMEDY WITH MANDY NOLAN + BRISBANE COMICS**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON **DJ KILTER**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 7:30PM **WARREN EARLE BAND**
- BRUNSWICK HOTEL 7PM **WOLFMOTHER**
- COURT HOUSE HOTEL, MULLUMBIMBY 6:30PM **UKETACULAR WITH THE TINSEL TONES**
- BILLINUDGEL HOTEL 7PM **OPEN MIC NIGHT**
- SLIPWAY HOTEL, BALLINA 7PM **BILL JACOBI**
- TATTS HOTEL, LISMORE 6PM **ACID BLEED**
- WHITE JADE, POTTSVILLE 7PM **OPEN MIC W GREG HOLL**

FRIDAY 20

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 5PM **2 IN THE GROOVE 9:30PM JACK AND THE GIANT KILLERS**
- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **THE VON VILLAINS**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON **THE NINTH CHAPTER**
- BYRON BREWERY 7PM **BRAZILIAN BANDS**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 8PM **DJ ADRIAN**
- GINGER PIG, BYRON **OPEN PARTY W DJS**
- KULCHAJAM, BYRON **SISTAGURL EP LAUNCH**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 7:30PM **JAKE WHITTAKER**
- PIZZA PARADISO, SUFFOLK PARK 7PM **DINKUM BOHOS**
- BRUNSWICK HOTEL 7PM **POTATO POTATO**
- DOMINIC'S RESTAURANT, BRUNSWICK 6:30PM **DJ SUPERNOVA JADE**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY 8PM **THE CAMEL TONES**
- DURRUMBUL HALL, MULLUMBIMBY 6PM **ZORBA GYPSY PARTY**
- OCEAN SHORES COUNTRY CLUB 6:30PM **JARRAH DAVIDSON**
- OCEAN SHORES TAVERN **SHARNEY RUSSELL**
- BILLINUDGEL HOTEL 8PM **SQUEAK LEMAIRE**
- ST MARYS, BALLINA 7:30PM **LESSONS AND CAROLS**
- AUSSIE HOTEL, BALLINA 8PM **THE DIRTY CHANNEL**
- BALLINA RSL 8PM **KELLIE KNIGHT & THE DAZE**
- ELTHAM HOTEL 7PM **NICOLE BROPHY**
- TATTS HOTEL, LISMORE 5PM **KYLE WATSON**
- EXCHANGE HOTEL, KYOGLE 8:30PM **SHYBABY**
- NIMBIN HOTEL **SABOTAGE**
- COURT HOUSE HOTEL, MURWILLUMBAH **BILLY & THE KID**
- CUDGEN SURF CLUB, KINGSCLIFF 6:30PM **JON J BRADLEY**
- SALTBAR, KINGSCLIFF 8:30PM **CHILLED PRESTON**

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- WHITE JADE, POTTSVILLE 7PM **AARON BISHOP**
- CABARITA BEACH SPORTS CLUB 7:30PM **OFF THE LEASH BAND**

SATURDAY 21

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 9PM **DJ FONZAIUS**
- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **MY XMAS BYRON RIOT WITH FAIT ACCOMPLI, THE RUMOURS, THE OWLS & PIRATES ALIVE**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON **DAWN PATROL**
- BYRON ARTISAN MARKET **THREE LITTLE SISTERS**
- BYRON THEATRE 7:30PM **HEADLAND SOUNDTRACK VINYL LAUNCH W MURRAY PATERSON, LES DORAHY, BROCK FITZGERALD, SKRITCH, JOEL SILBERSHER, LUCY FISHER, ZEE BARNES**
- BYRON BREWERY 8PM **FYAH WALK**
- CAFE OSKA, BYRON 5PM **BILLY JAMES BLUES HARMONICA**
- FRANKIE BROWN CAFE, BYRON **LUKE MORRIS**
- PIZZA PARADISO, SUFFOLK PARK 7PM **VIKKI GRANT**
- SUFFOLK PARK HOTEL 7:30PM **JON J BRADLEY**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL **ANDREW MORRIS**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 8PM **DJ JON**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7:30PM **ADAM BROWN**
- BRUNSWICK HOTEL 7PM **CATH SIMES BAND**
- BRUNSWICK BOWLING CLUB **MICK BUCKLEY**
- MULLUMBIMBY MARKET 8AM **BROADFOOT**
- KOHINUR HALL, MULLUMBIMBY 7PM **MAYA SOLSTICE WITH ELECTRIC FOREST, VORTEX, DJ SLINKY, SOUNDWAVE**
- BILLINUDGEL HOTEL 8PM **THE DEMON DRINK**
- LENNOX HOTEL 9:30PM **BROADFOOT**
- BALLINA RSL 8PM **DAVE MURRAY DUO**
- MARY G'S, LISMORE 9:30PM **SKY DADDY**
- TATTS HOTEL, LISMORE 7PM **KYLE WATSON 8PM MOSSY ROCKS**
- SHEOAK SHACK, FINGAL 7PM **LIONHEIR**
- PIONEER TAVERN, WOLLONGBAR **DUE WAVE**
- GOONELLABAH TAVERN **SABOTAGE**
- CABARITA BEACH SPORTS CLUB 7PM **GREEN SINATRAS**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS **DRAGON THE TRILOGY CONCERT**

SUNDAY 22

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 2PM **DJ 4:30PM LISA HUNT 8PM SUNDAY SAFARI**
- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **THE FIRE TREE**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON **ROMANIACS**
- BYRON BREWERY 7PM **THE ELLIOTTS**
- BYRON GOLF CLUB 1PM **OPEN MIC COMP**
- FRANKIE BROWN CAFE, BYRON **ALOHA OR DIE**
- GINGER PIG, BYRON **RADIO JUPITER**
- THE EATERY, BYRON 4PM **DJ KAYCI**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 2:30PM **DJ FUNKY FUNKY BIZNAZZ & DJ FSU! 5:30PM DJ ALEX DB**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 12:30PM **BLIND WILLIE WAGTAIL**
- BRUNSWICK HOTEL 4PM **ROUND MOUNTAIN GIRLS**
- OCEAN SHORES TAVERN **DAVE CAVANAGH & PIGEON BOY**
- YUM YUM CAFE, NEW BRIGHTON 11AM **ROD & STEVE**
- BILLINUDGEL HOTEL 3PM

- **SUNDAY JAM**
- CHINDERAH TAVERN 3PM **THE DIRTY CHANNEL DUO**
- ELTHAM HOTEL 2PM **YOLAN DUO**
- ST CARTHAGE'S CATHEDRAL, LISMORE 7:30PM **LESSONS AND CAROLS**
- SPHINX ROCK CAFE, MT BURRELL 2PM **LUKE VASSELLA**
- RIVERVIEW HOTEL, MURWILLUMBAH 2PM **BILL JACOBI**
- WADEVILLE BORDER RANGES CENTRE 3PM **DAVE DAVIES & KING BISCUIT TIME TRIBUTE TO JOHN MAYALL AND THE EARLY STONES**
- SEAGULLS, TWEED HEADS **MICHAEL EOVTOS**

MONDAY 23

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 8PM **HIT THAT HIT MUSICAL BINGO**
- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **DAN HANNAFORD**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON **JASON DELPHIN**
- FRANKIE BROWN CAFE, BYRON **ZIGGY**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 8PM **DJ ADRIAN**

TUESDAY 24

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 7:30PM **OPEN MIC NIGHT**
- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **MATT BUGGY**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON **KELLIE KNIGHT & THE DAZE**
- BYRON BREWERY 5PM **DJS WILL SPARKS, STICKYBUDDS, CRAZY DAYLIGHT, G-FUNK, GRIMEZ**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON **DJ JON**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 7:30PM **ALLENSWORTH**
- BANGALOW CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL 8:30PM **THE SAMBA BLISSTAS**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 8PM **BRACKETS OPEN MIC**
- BRUNSWICK HOTEL 7:30PM **PUSH**
- MARY G'S, LISMORE **CATH SIMES BAND**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6:30PM **INNOCENT BYSTANDERS TRIO**
- RIVERVIEW HOTEL, MURWILLUMBAH 7:30PM **CHAOS**
- PIONEER TAVERN, WOLLONGBAR **DUE WAVE**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS 7:30PM **CHRIS COOK BAND**

WEDNESDAY 25

- **CHRISTMAS DAY**

THURSDAY 26

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **DAN HANNAFORD BAND**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON **DJ LONGTIME**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON **ELECTRIK LEMONADE**
- FRANKIE BROWN CAFE, BYRON **ZIGGY**
- BRUNSWICK HOTEL 4PM **KHARNAGE 8PM DJ MASON**
- LENNOX HOTEL 9PM **JAM NIGHT**
- CHINDERAH TAVERN 6PM **DAVE CAVANAGH**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS 7:30PM **VERTIGO**

FRIDAY 27

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **VERNAS KEEP**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON **SCOTT DAY-VEE DUO, DJ CAPTAIN KAINE**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON **BOHEMIAN COWBOYS**
- FRANKIE BROWN CAFE, BYRON **LIONHEIR**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 7:30PM **DALLAS JAMES**
- BRUNSWICK HOTEL 7:30PM **LOOSE ENDS**

- DOMINIC'S RESTAURANT, BRUNSWICK 6:30PM **DJ SUPERNOVA JADE**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY **WILSON COOPER BAND**
- OCEAN SHORES TAVERN **ISAAC FRANKHAM**
- BILLINUDGEL HOTEL 8PM **BILL JACOBI**
- POTTSVILLE BEACH SPORTS CLUB 7:30PM **DAVE CAVANAGH**
- BALLINA RSL 9:30PM **LISA HUNT & BAND**
- ELTHAM HOTEL 7PM **PHIL LEVY DUO**
- PIONEER TAVERN, WOLLONGBAR **NEIGH ANDERSON**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6:30PM **CHRIS COOK**
- CUDGEN SURF CLUB, KINGSCLIFF **JON J BRADLEY**
- CABARITA BEACH SPORTS CLUB 7:30PM **MACKA**
- **WOODFORD FOLK FESTIVAL**

SATURDAY 28

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **STICKY FINGERS**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON **JOHN FOG & FRIENDS, PANDAMONIUM DJS**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON **ALLENSWORTH**
- BYRON ARTISAN MARKET **GUY KACHEL**
- BYRON BREWERY **BYRON VIBES JAM PARTY**
- CAFE OSKA, BYRON 5PM **BILLY JAMES BLUES HARMONICA**
- FRANKIE BROWN CAFE, BYRON **GARRETT KATO**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 7:30PM **CATS ARE BLACK**
- BRUNSWICK HOTEL 7:30PM **SOUL REFERENCE**
- MULLUMBIMBY EX-SERVICES CLUB 8PM **LISA HUNT**
- BILLINUDGEL HOTEL 8PM **BEAU JENKINS**
- BALLINA BEACH VILLAGE **THE BUCKLEYS**
- SHEOAK SHACK, FINGAL 7PM **ANDREW MORRIS**
- CABARITA BEACH SPORTS CLUB 7PM **RICK JAMES**
- MARY G'S, LISMORE **ROCHELLE LEES BAND**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6:30PM **SURF REPORT**
- **WOODFORD FOLK FESTIVAL**

SUNDAY 29

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **BONJAH**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 4:30PM **ALLENSWORTH DUO 9PM DJ DISCROW**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON **DAN HANNAFORD BAND**
- BYRON GOLF CLUB 1PM **OPEN MIC COMP**
- FRANKIE BROWN CAFE, BYRON **LUKE MORRIS**
- THE EATERY, BYRON 4PM **DJ KAYCI**
- BRUNSWICK HOTEL 4PM **OZ HORNZ**
- OCEAN SHORES TAVERN **DEE DEE LAVELL**
- BILLINUDGEL HOTEL 3PM **SUNDAY JAM**
- BALLINA BEACH RESORT 6PM **COWGIRL SOIREE WITH CLELIA ADAMS & KATHRYN JONES**
- ELTHAM HOTEL 2PM **LEIGH JAMES**
- SPHINX ROCK CAFE, MT BURRELL 2PM **CASSIE ROSE & ALEX MCLEOD**

- NIMBIN HOTEL **GUERRILLA ZINGARI**
- **WOODFORD FOLK FESTIVAL**

MONDAY 30

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **AYSHA & DR BAZ**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 5PM **DIRTY CHANNEL DUO 9PM BYRON HOUSE MAFIA**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON **A LITTLE PROVINCE**
- FRANKIE BROWN CAFE, BYRON **MICK MCHUGH**
- BRUNSWICK HOTEL 7:30PM **ARCHIE RYE**
- BYRON PARKLANDS, YELGUN **FALLS FESTIVAL**
- **WOODFORD FOLK FESTIVAL**

TUESDAY 31

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **FROTH & ROLL WITH PILOTS, WAXHEAD, THE LOVELY DAYS, THE SINGLE FINNS**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON **RHYTHM & CUTLOOSE + DJS**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 8PM **SIMON WRIGHT BAND 10:30PM MARSHALL OKELL AND THE PRIDE**
- BYRON AT BYRON 8PM **WELL SWUNG DADDIES**
- BYRON BREWERY **SPONBILL, MISTA SAVONA, ELECTRIK LEMONADE, 2FACE, PROPER RAVE CREW, TAYA, OREN SELECTA, DOUGY**
- FRANKIE BROWN, BYRON 6PM **ZOE HARKER & CHARLIE HEART**
- SOHO LOUNGE, BYRON **TONY MOSLEY & THE COLLECTIVE**
- RAILWAY PARK, BYRON 7:30PM **THE SAMBA-BLISSTAS, THE CURLY COUSINS, KELLY KNIGHT & THE DAZE, MALI KATE, ILONA HARKER, GUY KACHEL**
- LA LA LAND, BYRON **DJ GENERIK, RHYS BYRNON, AND OH!, DISCROW AND SPACIE**
- PARK HOTEL, SUFFOLK PARK **HARRY HEALY**
- COORABELL HALL 8PM **FUNK SOUL DANCE PARTY**
- BRUNSWICK HOTEL 8PM **TIJUANA CARTEL WITH DAN HANNAFORD & DJ TAYA**
- BRUNSWICK HEADS BOWLING CLUB 7PM **NEILY DIAMOND, ANGRY PENGUINS**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY 8PM **THE PROPELLERS**
- MULLUMBIMBY BOWLING CLUB **STRICTLY VINYL FEAT DJ INCHIE, SOUL BOY MICHEL AND MR BEAN**
- KOHINUR HALL, MULLUMBIMBY 5:30PM **DJS PICO, MIKEY NOMAD, KOZI, POB, MAGU, BEAU FUNK, SHORT CIRCUIT, STRAWBERRY SYME, JULES**
- OCEAN SHORES COUNTRY CLUB 6:30PM **ALLENSWORTH 9:30PM KELLIE KNIGHT & THE DAZE**
- OCEAN SHORES TAVERN **DJ FITZWELL**
- BILLINUDGEL HOTEL 8PM **SHY BABY, SHAKE APPEAL**
- BYRON PARKLANDS, YELGUN **FALLS FESTIVAL**
- BALLINA RSL 7PM **COMEDY FESTIVAL WITH MANDY NOLAN, HUNG LE, CHRIS RADBURN, WAYNE DONNELLY**
- ELTHAM HOTEL 7PM **THRILLBILLY STOMP 10PM GLEN MASSEY & THE THREAD**
- LISMORE SHOWGROUNDS **TROPICAL FRUITS**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6:30PM **MANTRA DUO**
- PIONEER TAVERN, WOLLONGBAR **ROCHELLE LEES BAND**
- CURRUMBIN RSL **THE HODADS AND SUPERNATURAL**
- **WOODFORD FOLK FESTIVAL**

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CINEMA: John's Top Ten for 2013



TOP 10

1 BLUE JASMINE



The mercurial Woody Allen (like Martin Scorsese) has never been shy of paying homage to the classics that informed his own art. In Cate Blanchett he could not have found a more convincing latter-day Blanche DuBois. Jasmine's marriage has failed, her glittering New York lifestyle is in tatters and she is on the turps – but worse than that, Jasmine is self-deluded. Seeking sanctuary at her sister's in San Francisco, she will career headlong into a void of her own making. Bobby Cannavale's take on Stanley Kowalski is pretty good, too.

2 SONG FOR MARION



Sometimes it takes the deepest, most heart-breaking loss for a man to discover that there is a better person within waiting to be freed from its emotional straightjacket. As Arthur, the miserable, widowed misanthrope, Terence Stamp is drawn softly softly by Gemma Arterton into a choir of old fogsies, among whom he experiences a catharsis through song. It is as corny as all get-out, with a plot point that appears entirely implausible under the mildest scrutiny, but I fell in love with Gemma and bawled my eyes out.

3 ZERO DARK THIRTY



Free of polemic, pea-brained conspiracy theories and Islamophobic ranting, Kathryn Bigelow was unabashed and clinical in her reconstruction of the ten-year hunt for and execution of Osama bin Laden. The woman who heads the operation is at first conflicted by the CIA's brutal methods of interrogation, but she is committed to getting the job done and her task becomes personal when a close friend is killed in a terrorist explosion. As the title suggests, the end game is darkly enthralling. Bigelow won an Oscar for *The Hurt Locker*, but this is much better.

4 FRANCES HA



The world is full of other people. The trick is to navigate a passage through myriad comings and goings without losing oneself along the way. New York is no place for a gal who is ill-equipped to handle the hassle, but Frances is an idealist without knowing it. Shot in dreamy black and white and illuminated by a beautiful performance from Greta Gerwig as a dancer who will not let go of her dreams, Noah Baumbach's little gem is wrapped in a masterly 86 minutes. Weightless and quiet, but empowering 'for every hung-up person in the whole wide universe'.

5 AMOUR



Winner of the Palme d'Or and Academy Award for best foreign language film, Michael Haneke's study of attachment and devotion is confronting but, in its discomfiting, often claustrophobic way, liberating when it is the last thing you expected. There's hardly any story to speak of – Georges and Anne, a couple who have been married forever, attend a recital of classical music, and the next day Anne suffers a stroke at the kitchen table of their Paris apartment. Her condition worsens and the world closes in on the octogenarian lovers. We'll all go there one day.

6 FLIGHT



To thine own self be true. Owning up to others, especially after you've been found out, is the easy part. Confronting your demons and admitting that they have got the better of you is another kettle of fish altogether. Denzel Washington never fails to find a character's pulse and as the boozing, coke-snorting commercial airline pilot who has been flying high for years without incident, he typically manages to elicit sympathy for the reprobate when a crisis, both personal and professional, arises. A tightly scripted morality play, with a fab appearance by John Goodman as Denzel's flamboyant drug dealer.

7 DRIFT



Easily the best local movie of the year, this low-budget reminiscence of the way we were in the early surfer and hippie days was a much-needed reminder that you don't need to go to the red-dirt Outback to tell a story that speaks to Australians. Simple in ambition and true in its telling, it follows the fortunes of the Kelly brothers – sober Andy and younger wild-boy Jimmy – as they strive to establish their board-shaping business in sleepy WA while having their minds blown by an acid-head in a magic bus. Some terrific waves, too.

8 PROMISED LAND



Gus Van Sant might not win the slavish praise that is showered on some cult directors, but he is always on the money when it comes to making a movie that addresses head-on an issue of the moment. Abandoning the detached minimalism of *Elephant*, his story of how CSG mining impacts on a community is threaded through the activities of Matt Damon who, as a company man, is an advocate who will be turned. Down-home and real.

9 WHAT MAISIE KNEW



Adapting a fiction from the latter part of the nineteenth century and making it fit with the lifestyles of twenty-first century New York City types might so easily have been nobbled by clanging anachronism. But Henry James's novel arrives on the screen as perceptive, poignant and fresh as the day it was written. Rarely does a character so passive dominate, but thanks to an extraordinary contribution from Onata Aprile, self-serving adulthood is seen in sharp focus through the child's eye.

10 THE CONJURING



An honest-to-God, old-fashioned scary movie. Based on 'actual events', whatever that might mean when called upon to validate a ghost story, it's got it all, in spades – the helpless family, the creaky timber house, the cellar, the spooky marshy lake, the effects, the noises, the music. It's also something of an indictment of the boffins who run the Australian film industry and look down on such productions. Director James Wan couldn't get a look-in in Oz, so he took his creative talents to LA, where he has brained it.

THE JOE COCKERS

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CINEMA REVIEWS

AMERICAN HUSTLE

Every now and then you get a movie like this, with great design and direction, and a story that casts a harsh light on our shared shortcomings via a meticulously constructed plot with superb performances across the board. It is just about flawless ... and yet, I was nagged by the feeling that I had seen it all before. Corruption, finding its way from the street (in this case a dry-cleaning business) to the highest public offices, is a favourite theme in contemporary American cinema. Con artists and adulterers, the mob and bent politicians, shonky cops, double-crosses and shifting moral sands – we're possibly too familiar with the drill but are nevertheless thrilled to spend time among the demi-monde. David O Russell's film departs

notably from the standard MO in its almost complete lack of violence, a constant threat though it may be. Russell also employs more humour than is usual, bleak as it is. Irving and Sydney (Christian Bale and Amy Adams) are working a smooth operation as loan sharks when ambitious Detective DiMaso (Bradley Cooper), stepping beyond his brief, ropes them into a scheme that is intended to ensnare Congressmen and big cheeses in the world of crime – Robert De Niro, in a fantastic cameo, plays Taleggio (an Italian cheese). Deceit is every character's default setting, and we are made aware of this from the opening minute as Irving stands before a mirror and painstakingly arranges his rug and comb-over. It's a funny scene, but too much is made



of the hair allegory, especially when DiMaso, sitting at a meal with his mother and fiance, is caught with his head covered in dozens of tiny rollers – I didn't believe it and thought DiMaso, or Cooper's reading of him, overdone in general. The real star, in what occasionally

resembles an Oscar contest, is Jennifer Lawrence, an actress of extraordinary range, as Rosalyn, Irving's erratic wife. It will probably win a load of awards, and deservedly so, but I couldn't quite get past the 'business as usual' factor. ~ **John Campbell**

CLOUDY WITH A CHANCE OF MEATBALLS 2

To be honest, I didn't have the foggiest idea of what was going on in this. A punishing Christmas schedule and an early start meant that I nodded off with heavy eyes in what must have been a crucial part of the narrative's development and when I woke up the main kid was wandering around holding a colander over the top of his head accompanied by a huge Afro/American copper dressed in what looked like a tiny pair of blue hot pants, an image that struck me as inexplicably kinky in a children's flick. Basically, I think that the story is all about science gone wrong, with the not objectionable message that genetically engineered factory food is not worth the plastic

that it's wrapped in and that those who produce it are (like Monsanto etc) megalomaniacal cads. Flint Lockwood, the young protagonist who was responsible for inventing the machine that rained meatballs over his town in Cloudy 1, is back and working with Chester V, the villain creating weird animal/plant mutations. The best of these are the tacodiles – ferocious reptilian things that spray shreds of lettuce and guacamole as they pursue their prey. The drawings are inventive if not altogether convincing, while the colouring is lurid to a degree that even Timothy Leary, in his more elevated moments, might have thought over the top. The pace is cracking – in



fact, I can't remember a movie, cartoon or otherwise, with such a rapid-fire edit. Only those ankle-biters afflicted with the most extreme case of attention deficit disorder will find time for their minds to wander. Mark Mothersbaugh's score is as frenetic as the helter skelter visuals but the comedy provoked only intermittent

squeals of laughter at the session I attended. With the exception of *The Croods*, it has been a disappointing year for animated features and this probably typifies the dross. For me, the highlight was hearing *Yummy yummy yummy I've got love in my tummy* again (it took me days to get it out of my head). ~ **John Campbell**

ENOUGH SAID

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

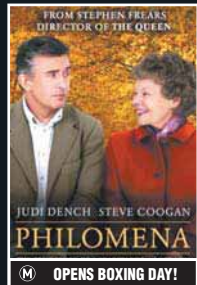
on is how Eva, untrusting of her own instincts, allows her perceptions of Albert to be altered by Marianne's mean-mouthing recollections of their failed marriage. A love story featuring a mature-aged couple who don't look like they have just breezed out of the pages of *Who* magazine is a rare kettle 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 Gevinson enchants as Chloe, the teenager whom Eva would take under her wing. Piquant, funny and smart. ~ **John Campbell**

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Thu 26-Tue 31: 3:40, 8:50pm
Wed 1: 3:15, 8:30pm

2D: THE HOBBIT: THE DESOLATION OF SMAUG (M) (No free tix)
Thu 26-Tue 31: 6:15pm
Wed 1: 12:30pm

2D WALKING WITH DINOSAURS THE MOVIE (CTC) (No free tix)
Wed 1: 9:00, 10:45am

AUGUST: OSAGE COUNTY (CTC) (No free tix)
Wed 1: 12:35, 5:05, 7:25pm

AMERICAN HUSTLE (MA15+) (No free tix)
Tue 17, Wed 18: 12:35, 7:00, 9:25pm
Thu 19, Tue 24: 12:00, 3:15, 6:15, 9:15pm
Fri 20, Sat 21: 3:30, 6:15, 9:15pm
Sun 22: 4:10, 6:50, 9:30pm
Mon 23: 3:10, 5:50, 8:30pm
Thu 26-Tue 31: 10:50, 1:30, 9:15

Opéra National de Paris
Verdi's AIDA (No free tix)
Sun 22: 1:00pm
Mon 23: 11:00am

Bolshoi Ballet:
SLEEPING BEAUTY (No free tix)
Sat 21: 1:00pm

THE HUNGER GAMES: CATCHING FIRE (M)
Tue 17, Wed 18: 12:40, 3:35, 6:25, 9:15
Thu 19, Tue 24: 3:00, 6:00, 9:00pm
Fri 20: 11:15am, 4:30, 9:20pm
Sat 21: 11:10am, 4:20, 9:15pm
Sun 22: 10:00am, 1:20, 6:20pm
Mon 23: 2:20, 5:15, 8:10pm

DELIVERY MAN (M) (No free tix)
Tue 17, Wed 18: 12:30, 4:45, 9:10
Thu 19, Tue 24: 1:00pm
Fri 20: 11:15
Sat 21: 9:00am
Sun 22: 9:10pm
Mon 23: 11:00am, 1:00pm

3D: CLOUDY WITH A CHANCE OF MEATBALLS 2 (G)
Tue 17, Wed 18: 5:00pm
Thu 19, Tue 24: 10:00am
Fri 20: 9:15am
Sat 21: 11:00am
Sun 22: 9:30am
Mon 23: 9:00am

2D: CLOUDY WITH A CHANCE OF MEATBALLS 2 (G)
Tue 17, Wed 18: 10:40am
Thu 19, Tue 24: 2:45pm
Fri 20, Sat 21: 1:30pm
Sun 22: 11:10am
Mon 23: 11:00am
Thu 26-Tue 31: 9:00am
Wed 1: 9:00am

ONE CHANCE (PG)
Tue 17, Wed 18: 10:20am, 2:40, 7:00pm
Thu 19, Tue 24: 10:20am
Fri 20, Sat 21, Mon 23: 9:00am
Sun 22: 4:15pm

ENOUGH SAID (M)
Tue 17, Wed 18: 3:00pm
Thu 19, Tue 24: 11:00am
Mon 23: 9:00am

ADORATION (MA15+) Last Days!
Tue 17, Wed 18: 10:20am

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WITH LILITH

For the coming fortnight four planets in Capricorn advise safe driving, plus aligning thoughts, talk and action towards love, peace and extra kindness during all x-events...

♈ ARIES: In a holding pattern since July, Uranus the planet of shocks and surprises moving forward in Aries activates a whirlwind of sudden, unexpected events – radical changes that redefine your life into more authentic and joyful channels. Trade ferocious socialising for cruise control and enjoy your holidays, Rams...

♉ TAURUS: Overextension's everyone's nemesis right now, so if you're presented with juicy opportunities disguised as challenges – unexpected guests, cancelled plans – consider Tauran Deepak Chopra's advice: *Once you realise all problems contain the seeds of opportunity, every so-called upsetting situation becomes a chance to create something new and beautiful.*

♊ GEMINI: Your planetary sponsor Mercury in Sagittarius wants to have fun, but it's worthwhile weighing what you say against what's better left unsaid. We all get by via help from our friends, so repay their goodwill with gratitude and appreciation for whoever needs it – which is probably everyone you know.

♋ CANCER: Scuttling between conflicting agendas? Then step away from complicated arrangements, because simple is most enjoyable. Don't let aggravations or small annoyances alienate you from others. Like Cancerian author Tom Robbins says: *There is no such thing as a weird human being. Some*

people just require more understanding...

♌ LEO: With finances tight and shopping sports fraught, draw on your resources and inject the wow factor into seasonal festivities without breaking the bank, because if you can't, who can? Astrologer Hunter Reynolds describes our communal task as *the business of love*, and suggests acting during December with *tender authority.*

♍ VIRGO: Don't even consider multi-tasking: finish one thing at a time, ask for assistance, keep commitments achievable and to-do lists fun rather than punishing. This week's emphasis in your love zone offers constant opportunities for choosing compassion over criticism, understanding instead of outrage and humour rather than hurt feelings.

♎ LIBRA: Balance the hectic bustle of festive preparations by making sure you get enough rest and revival time to be the effective party planner everyone expects. Bless unruly attitudes or wayward behaviour with the mantra of Libran spiritual teacher Ram Dass: *We're all just walking each other home...*

♏ SCORPIO: Should the coming fortnight confront you with radical variations to your celebratory expectations, adopt an unflappable attitude and enjoy whatever alternative experiences the seasonal smorgasbord offers. As Scorpio Robert Louis Stevenson observed: *Life is not a matter of holding good cards, but of playing a poor hand well.*

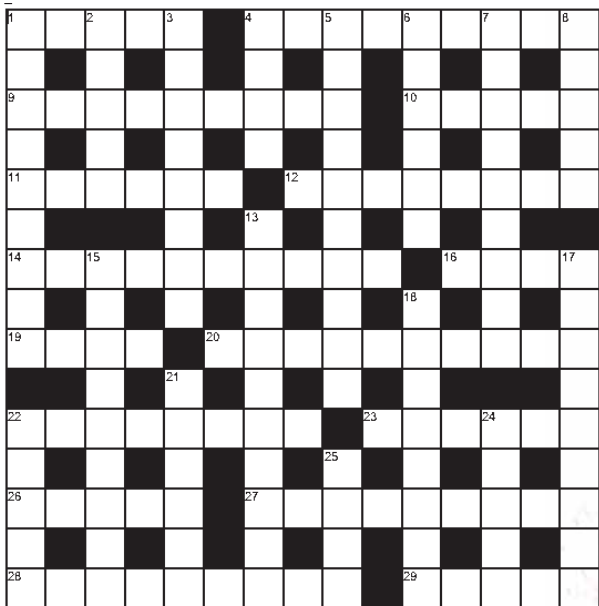
♐ SAGITTARIUS: Everyone has opinions, and like you they're probably on overdrive approaching burnout, so think twice before saying something confrontational. Seek out niches of goodwill and peace on Earth, follow fellow Sagittarian Billy Connolly's fashion advice: *There's no such thing as bad weather, just get yourself a sexy raincoat.*

♑ CAPRICORN: Astrologer Jessica Murray suggests Pluto and Uranus, planets of breakdown and renewal, are currently putting Capricorn's leader archetype through radical lessons concerning dependence, vulnerability and the nature of true support. Plus four planets in Capricorn are heralding your month of self-renewal, so happy birthday Caps and happy celebrations...

♒ AQUARIUS: With your planetary captain Uranus in the sign of new beginnings, unexpected is the signature flavour on this year's festive menu. You're famous for being spontaneous, so zigzagging plans and arrangements won't faze you – just remember that in the way rolling stones gather no moss, closed lips gather no feet.

♓ PISCES: With festive stress taking its seasonal toll, check facts for accuracy, plans for clarity and allow yourself extra time to get things done because everything takes longer than you expect. According to Piscean physicist Albert Einstein: *A clever person solves a problem. A wise person avoids it. Enjoy...*

Mungo's Crossword



Quick Clues

- ACROSS
1. Poetic name for Troy (5)
4. Soft covered book (9)
9. Frank (Spanish) (9)
10. Entrance hall (5)
11. Remember. Summon back (6)
12. Nothing to hide, what you see is what you get (4,4)
14. Fidelity, duty to sovereign (10)
16. Silver metal element (4)
19. Grave, place of burial (4)
20. Midsummer Roman festival (10)
22. Horrible sights (8)
23. Badge, usually of honour (6)
26. Epic poem about the fall of Troy (5)
27. Very thin paper (5,4)
28. Attacker, one who starts the fight (9)
29. Mister (Spanish) (5)

DOWN

1. Whistleblower, one who lays a complaint (9)
2. Son of Abraham (5)
3. Gum, used in glue (8)
4. Over, not present or future (4)
5. Company document inviting investment (10)
6. Replace interior protective coating (6)
7. Like the food of the gods (9)
8. Eskimo canoe (5)
13. Very gaunt, like a corpse (10)
15. Clumsy style of walking, large and ungainly (9)
17. Collier, excavator of fossil fuel (9)
18. Flowers or creatures found in rockpools (8)
21. Strand of pasta (6)
22. Girls name, heath bush (5)
24. Compare, find similarity (5)
25. Dock, jetty (4)

Last week's solution



Cryptic Clues

- ACROSS
1. Ancient city one fifty one, er ... (5)
4. ...The Australian Winger, a cheap read! (9)
9. Frank Italian, a saint in the city (9)
10. Arrive near the foyer (5)
11. Remember the back net in a winter sport (6)
12. Start to Peep, alright? Nothing is hidden (4,4)
14. For instance, one in the partnership shows loyalty (10)
16. Metal unknown in carbon (4)
19. Grave order in consumption (4)
20. Debauched Australian festival? (10)
22. See saws, they say – horrible sights (8)
23. Reassemble meeting around a symbol (6)
26. One, fifty, one ... present! The story of one across (5)
27. Overcharge, hide – that's a very thin cover! (5,4)
28. Attacker exhibits gross rage (9)
29. Superior loses one to Spanish man (5)

DOWN

1. Dog performing very well with worker (9)
2. Newton is a current (5)
3. Gum up copper in imperial distance (8)
4. Step first to what has gone by (4)
5. Company brochure provides spin to turn scouts around over exercise (10)
6. Concerning fishing tackle: again, reinforce it (6)
7. Labor aims hopefully at an outcome fit for the gods! (9)
8. Boat going both ways (5)
13. Deathly rogue to promise nothing to you and me (10)
15. Clumsy while harvesting timber? (9)
17. Reportedly the younger brother of Nat King is an underground worker (9)
18. No seamen disturb these marine creatures (8)
21. The Spanish party on returned pasta (6)
22. Heath from a continent without morning (5)
24. Compare the sound of Thalophyta (5)
25. Dock irrational queen (4)

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and a true expression of yourself. Deepen your connection between singing, listening and stillness. No experience of singing or music required.

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AIDA AT THE PALACE

For the first time in more than half a century, the Paris Opera this year performed one of Giuseppe Verdi's most stunning masterpieces, *Aida*, screening at **Palace Cinema** this week. Directed by Olivier Py and conducted by Philippe Jordan, the cast features Carlo Cigni, Luciana D'intino, Oksana Dyka, Marcelo Alvarez, Giacomo Prestia, Sergey Murzaev and Elodie Hache. *Aida* was originally intended by Verdi to be a celebration of universal concord and harmony between nations, with all the pomp and ceremony appropriate to such solemn themes. In reality it is a story entirely about conflict: the war between Egypt and Ethiopia. It is also a tale of forbidden love, between the Egyptian leader Radames and the beautiful Ethiopian princess Aida. Aida is captured and forced to be a slave to the pharaoh's daughter, who is also in love with Radames. But when the Ethiopian enemies

CHESS by Ian Rogers

Play at Byron Services Club, Mon 7pm

International Master James Morris completed the greatest result of his career in winning the Australian Young Masters tournament in Adelaide last week. Seeded second in an elite field containing six of Australia's best players aged under 23, the 19-year-old from Melbourne blitzed the field, finishing two and a half points above the top seed Moulthun Ly, and the margin could have been even greater had he not lost a dead rubber to fellow Victorian Chris Wallis in the final round.

Morris' winning strategy was precisely the reverse of the safety-first strategy which has brought World Champion Magnus Carlsen such success. Instead Morris gambled on complications in almost every game, frequently outplaying his opponents from objectively dubious positions.

Morris' achievement is all the more remarkable given his involvement in a terrible road accident earlier in the year, one which killed two of his fellow Melbourne players. Morris was

hospitalised for months but now appears fully recovered and his results in Adelaide and in November at the Melbourne Cup of Chess indicate that his chess strength has not suffered at all.

Morris now gives himself a serious chance of challenging for the 2014 Olympiad team, but felt he had spoiled a near-perfect result in Adelaide with his last round loss.

The tournament was effectively decided in the eighth round when Morris beat Ly in the following convincing manner.

Adelaide 2013

White: J Morris

Black: M Ly

Opening: English

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Bb4 3.g3 Bxc3 4.bxc3 d6 5.Bg2 f5 6.d4 e4 6...Nc6 is more solid. 7.f3 Nf6 8.Bg5 exf3 9.Nxf3 0-0 10.0-0 Qe8 11.Nd2! Risky play. 11.Qd3 was more natural. 11...Ng4! 12.e4 Qh5 13.h3! Qxg5 14.hxg4 Qe3+ 15.Kh2 Qh6+ 16.Kg1 fxg4? Trailing Morris near the end of the tournament, Ly could not afford to repeat moves. However, the pawn capture fxg4 would have been more safely made with the queen on e3. 17.Rxf8+ Kxf8 18.Qe2! Be6 A desperate attempt to catch up on development but Morris finds the perfect refutation. 19.Rf1+ Kg8 20.e5! Nd7 21.d5 Nxe5! 22.dxe6 c6 23.e7! Qe6 24.c5!! Qxe7 25.Nc4! The coup de grace; Black is helpless. 25...Qe6 26.Nxd6 Rf8 27.Re1 1-0

BOLSHOI BALLET PRÉSENTS SLEEPING BEAUTY STREAMING LIVE AT THE PALACE BYRON CINEMA ON SATURDAY 21 DEC

headed by Aida's father invade Egypt, Aida is faced with a dilemma – whom should she support, her father or her beloved Radames? Flamboyant, spectacular and intimate, and one of Verdi's most beautiful masterpieces, the Paris Opera production of *Aida* screens at **Palace Byron Bay Cinema** on **Sunday December 22** at 1pm and **Monday December 23** at 11am.



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Steven Strong is a researcher, author and former high school teacher with a background in archaeology. He has co-authored *Aboriginal Australia: A Language and Cultural kit*.

Starlight Wellbeing Expo, January 9-12, A&I Hall, Bangalow

SLEEPING BEAUTY BALLET

Give the ballet lover in your life a special treat this Christmas with a ticket to see the Bolshoi Ballet's *Sleeping Beauty* at **Palace Cinema**. Specifically shot for the big screen, filmed in high definition and 5.1 sound with 10 cameras, the Bolshoi screenings provide a unique opportunity for the audience to experience an unprecedented proximity with the artists and enjoy a unique look behind the scenes of the most renowned ballet company in the world. The screening includes interviews and backstage footage. *Sleeping Beauty* features incredibly sumptuous scenes which mirror the grandeur of the 19th century Russian court, with Tchaikovsky's beautiful melodies and a storyline drawn from Charles Perrault's classic fairy tale about Princess Aurora, cursed at birth by the evil fairy Carabosse, who descends into a deep slumber on the day of her 16th birthday. Only the kiss of a prince will awaken her...

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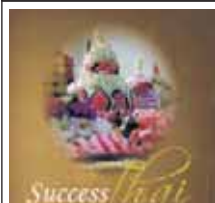
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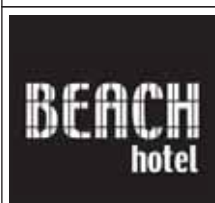
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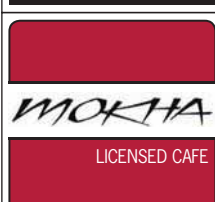
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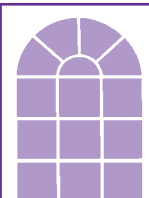
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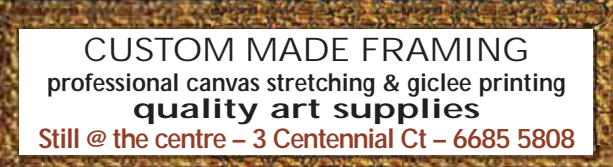
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Astronomical data and tides

● New moon	December 3	10:23
☾ First quarter	December 10	01:12
☽ Full moon	December 17	19:29
☾ Third quarter	December 25	23:48

Day of month	Sun rise	Sun set	Moon rise	Moon set	High tide, height (m)	Low tide, height (m)
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	1139,0.57; 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

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



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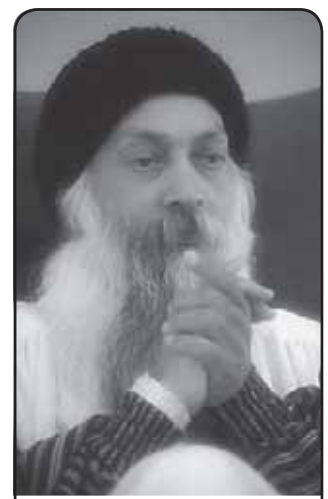
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The office will be open on all other days over the Christmas period as usual. The Echo's Byron office will be closed from 24 Dec to 1 January inclusive (even though the Mullum office is open on many of those days).

'Normal' operations resume 2 January. There will be no paper published on 24 December. The next paper will be published on 31 December 2013.

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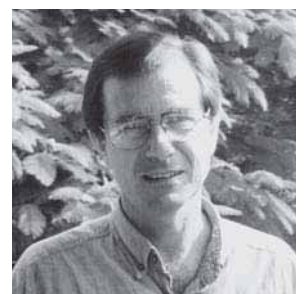


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FUNERAL NOTICES



Friends of **SCOTT RIGGINS** 22/05/1952-13/02/2013 are invited to Byron Bay cemetery, 11am 11 January to inter his ashes and celebrate his life with music and memories. Gather after at Hotel Brunswick for lunch. Contact Billie 0424840833

Find Echo Classifieds on Echonetdaily every day

DAVID ALEXANDER, BAIN

Passed away peacefully at home with his family at his side. Much loved husband of Hiske. Loved father of Madonna, Michelle, Jemima and Chana. Much loved grandfather to his nine grandchildren. Loved brother of Philip, Shannon, Laurel, Michael, Andrew (Dec), Gillian, Paul and Rachel. David will be sadly missed by all family and friends.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend a celebration of David's life to be held in the Wilsons Creek Hall on THURSDAY (December 19, 2013) commencing at 2.00 pm.

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DEATH NOTICES

MARIE PENTREATH died peacefully on 14th December at home in Myocum NSW. Dearly loved wife of Nick (dec) loving mother of Anne & John, Jane & Malcolm, devoted grandmother of Sam, Dominic & Madeline, Sebastian & Chelsea. Great grandmother of Indi, Lila & Atticus. A private service will be held at Myocum on December 17th.

IN MEMORIAM

Verena A uriga



24/06/1984 – 21/12/2012

One year passed by since we had to say goodbye

One year without the joy of being with you!

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Margit, Ture, Silas & Lysann



Mary Patricia Hudson

19 January 1947 – 18 December 2011

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Love and missed by Jeremy, Dave and Moses.

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POLICE Brunswick Heads.....	6685 1277
Mullumbimby	6684 2144
Byron Bay	6685 9499
Bangalow	6687 1404
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- Aesop

*Except on psychopaths

Relief at the eleventh hour saves a sports fan's season

Story & photo John Campbell

When the best is saved until the last, it's even better. Am I right?

My year in the bleachers had rewarded me with no moments of ecstasy, no triumphs of red-hot parochialism.

In March, I made my way to the Delhi test match, only to see Australia put in a spin and humiliated in three days by MS Dhoni's rampant Indians. Admittedly, I can now boast that I saw SR Tendulkar, the demi-god, bat in front of his adoring mob, and was there when SR Watson captained the Australian XI for the first and probably (it is to be hoped) only time. Otherwise, what will stick in my mind is the racket that erupted upon MG Johnson's first ball dismissal and was maintained unabated as PM Siddle dawdled to the crease to face the hat-trick – that and the spew I had behind the grandstand after eating some dodgy bhupuri (nobody batted an eyelid).

In July I was at Sydney's Olympic Stadium with Washington Minor, an old footy pal, for the State of Origin decider. We were pumped and, if not entirely convinced that our boys in blue could



What's there not to love about Jessica Mauboy? For those underwhelmed by a Manly v Easts NRL grandfinal, she lit up the Olympic Stadium.

do it, we talked-up big time the chances of NSW at last ending the seven-year dominance of the odious Canetoads. Queensland won 12-10. It was close, but the score flattered us and the recurring memory will be of a fat idiot who looked like Uncle Fester streaking towards the action as Jonathan Thurston orchestrated yet another raid on our line.

October's grandfinal was an anticlimax even before the kick-off. I was once more accompanied by Minor, but as

our beloved Rabbitohs had been eliminated the week before, our hearts weren't really in it – in fact, with the combatants being Manly and Easts, we took our seats in the nosebleeds wishing a pox on both their houses and lamenting the fact that they couldn't simultaneously be beaten. Jessica Mauboy, at least, in her tight yellow dress, was fab.

And so to the Ashes.

With my little mate Rapid Eye Movement, I drove to the Gabba on November 22 for the second day of the First

Test (playing the Rolling Stones' 12x5 on the car stereo. 'It's a bit like Chuck Berry, id'n it.' He's young, iMoo, but more than just a pretty face). After the towelling Australia took in England, neither of us was bullish.

BJ Haddin would resume on 78, so we crossed our fingers for the Aussie 'keeper's ton. The Vulture Street end was still only half full when he ran himself out for 95 and the Australian innings finished for fewer than 300. Not a great start.

Out strode the tourists' openers. Captain AN Cook, MBE, and the journeyman MA Carberry, with whom we were unfamiliar.

Sedately, untroubled, they progressed to 28... and then, just as we were nodding off, Cook edged one behind off Harris. There was something innocuous about the way he'd departed that ran contrary to all that we expected of him (on his last trip, we couldn't get the bastard out!). Worried that Cook may have remained unbeaten at stumps, iMoo and I looked at each with hope swelling. IJL Trott, privately suffering in a dark place of his own, went soon after and you could feel the mood of the crowd surging – not that DA Warner's subsequent crass comments can in any way be condoned (somebody should tell Davy that nobody likes a bad loser, but that a bad winner is even less attractive).

If ever we needed to be reminded that TV can't hold a candle to the experience of being there as events unfold, the session between lunch and tea provided us with the unarguable proof. It was spine-tingling.

I should add that neither iMoo nor I are above the

petty prejudices that sustain contests such as the Ashes. It peeves me intensely when the Pommie supporters sing *Jerusalem*, it irks me that their outfits are blinding Persil white compared to our cream, and don't get me started on the pukka way that GP Swann buttons his shirt to the top and folds his collar up when he bowls (tosser!) ... which is to say, we were in the thick of it as, hungering for payback after too many recent failures, the crowd went berko.

Six wickets fell in rapid succession as Johnson, with his tats and pimp's 'tache, re-discovered his mojo.

Make no mistake, this was theatre in the raw.

The English were routed, so the Fourex, at \$7.20 for a plastic mug, might have been Veuve Clicquot and the chips pommes frites as we lustily hoed into them after the carnage.

Of course it's silly, juvenile even – but sport can lift your spirits like nothing else.

An editorial deadline means that what has happened at the WACA is still in the future, but, as they say in the classics, cricket was the winner on that glorious arvo in Brizzy.

Banging on again about saving lives



Getting ready for the Brunswick SLSC Nippers' Christmas presentation: Santa's little Elf, patrollers Gus and Tahl, the big red dude himself and Nippers Madison and Bryce.

Story & photo Eve Jeffery

It wouldn't be *The Echo* sport Christmas edition if yours truly didn't bang on about the importance of Surf Life Sav-

ing to the Australian lifestyle. Here in the Byron Shire we are very fortunate to have two spectacular clubs in the Brunswick SLSC and the Byron Bay SLSC. These two fan-

tastic organisations provide a two-pronged service to the public: firstly by keeping our beaches safe, and secondly by providing a fun and educational activity for juniors.

Please support these clubs over summer and all year – say hi to the patrollers on Christmas day and buy raffle tickets and give generously to fundraising events.

Pre Christmas cycle in the Byron criterium

The Byron Bay Cycle Club recently held their first race of the season with a fantastic turnout.

The club is holding their next criterium race on Sunday December 22 in the Byron industrial estate off Bayshore Drive from Ewingsdale Rd. Registration will be at 102 Centennial Circuit car park, Byron Bay, at 6.30am for a 7am start.

Race entry payment can be made at the sign-on desk

\$10. Cycling Australia race licences are to be presented and no day licences are available.

Signing up or renewal can be done online at the Cycling Australia website.

Any queries about the event can be directed to Glen Hannan, who is the handicapper of the Byron Bay Cycling Club 0438 793 022 or info@byronbaycycleclub.org.au.

The next race after this event will be held on January 12.



More sport on page 84 ➤

SPORTS RESULTS ARE POSTED ONLINE EACH WEEK IN ECHONETDAILY

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Council administration centre 6626 7000
Opening hours: Front counter 9.00am to 4.00pm
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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.

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 1 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 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.

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My Journey Kit

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For My Journey Kit promotional posters and pamphlets call 1800 500 258.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

Extraordinary Meeting – 9.00am Thursday 19 December 2013

Reports

- Sub lease for temporary tenure of part Mullumbimby Civic Hall
- Koala Plan of Management
- Upper Coopers Creek - Temporary Road
- Belongil Interim Beach Access Stabilisation Works
- Roundhouse Subdivision - Sale of Lots
- Rous Water Future Water Strategy
- CONFIDENTIAL Tender Assessment Wilsons Creek Road Micropiled Anchored Wall 2013-0036
- CONFIDENTIAL Tender Assessment Federal Drive Landslip Repair Works 2013-0046
- CONFIDENTIAL Tender Assessment - Upper Coopers Creek Landslip Repair Works 2013-0038
- CONFIDENTIAL Tender Assessment Contract Management Land Slips 2013-0052
- CONFIDENTIAL Possible Land Purchase for Community Benefit

Byron Shire Reserve Trust Committee Meeting – 11.00am Thursday 19 December 2013

Reports

- Licence for Temporary Tenure part Mullumbimby Civic Hall

The above listed items may change. Meeting agendas are available prior to the meeting on Council's website at www.byron.nsw.gov.au/meetings, at Council's administration centre in Mullumbimby and at community access points around the Shire.

Requests for public access on an item in an agenda must be lodged with the General Manager or Mayor by 12 midday on the working day prior to the meeting. To register for public access please see contact details below or email public.access@byron.nsw.gov.au. Public Access will be heard at 9.00am on the day of the meeting. Please note that Public Access sessions are recorded as a result of Council Resolution 08-638.

Enquiries: Joylene 02 6626 7317

TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE

BYRON STREET, BANGALOW 2013 CHRISTMAS EVE CARNIVAL

Under the provisions of the Roads Act 1993, Council has approved (13-423) the temporary closure of Byron Street, Bangalow between Granuaille Road and Market Street for the holding of the annual Bangalow Christmas Eve Carnival.

The closure, with detour available via Deacon Street, will be in effect Tuesday 24 December 2013 between the hours of 5.30pm and 10.00pm.

Objections can be lodged by 20 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

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:

1. Parking charge at 'Park and Ride' points on New Year's Eve of \$30.00 per vehicle per day, and
2. 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

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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

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 objection and the identity of the objector. For assistance with this please call Council's Records Coordinator on 02 6626 7113.

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.



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- Beach Hotel
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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 www.byron.nsw.gov.au/political-donations.

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

EXHIBITION CLOSES 23 DECEMBER 2013

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 Lonergan – Town Planner: *Convert community title subdivision to two 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*

EXHIBITION CLOSES 6 JANUARY 2014

10.2013.584.1 – MYOCUM

60B Kingsvale Road (Lot 3 DP 1094599)

Chris Lonergan – Town Planner: *Conversion and expansion of existing dwelling to create a transitional group home including new carpark and disabled access provisions*

10.2013.597.1 – MYOCUM

45 Myocum Ridge Road (Lot 1 DP 1168642)

Michael Wilson: *Two lot subdivision (for agricultural purposes)*

10.2013.600.1 – BROKEN HEAD

951 Broken Head Road (Lot 1 DP 1031848)

Planners North: *Reconfiguration of private education accommodation by deletion of ten camp sites and replacement with six accommodation units*

EXHIBITION CLOSES 17 JANUARY 2014

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*

MYOCUM LANDFILL OPERATING HOURS AND WASTE AND RECYCLING KERBSIDE COLLECTION SERVICE FOR THE CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR PERIOD

Please note the Myocum Landfill facilities will be closed to the public on:

- Friday 20 December 2013 from 11.30am
- Wednesday 25 December 2013
- Thursday 26 December 2013
- Wednesday 1 January 2014

There will be no change to the Waste & Recycling kerbside collection service over the Christmas New Year period and bins will be emptied as normal. If residents experience any issue regarding missed services or damaged bins, please contact Solo Resource Recovery 6687 0455.

POSITIONS VACANT

Trainee Administration Officer x 2 positions (re advertised)

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DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS DETERMINED (SECTION 101 EP&A ACT 1979 AND CLAUSE 124 EP&A REGULATIONS 2000)

The following development consents, 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 & Environment Court by any person within 3 months of this notice.

APPLICATIONS APPROVED

10.2013.544.1 – EWINGSDALE

12 Magnolia Place (Lot 1 DP 1028278)

Alterations and additions to a dwelling

10.2013.513.1 – BYRON BAY

114 Old Bangalow Road (Lot 200 DP 836483)

Construction of a freestanding carport

10.2013.382.1 – BROKEN HEAD

3/66 Natural Lane (Lot 3 DP 286240)

Two storey dwelling-house, swimming pool and tree removal

5.1987.208.3 – BYRON BAY

Bayshore Drive (Lot 1 DP 780243 and Lots 7 to 11 DP 243218)

S96 (2) modification incorporating design modernisation and reconstruction of 75 cabins including slight modification to their location and footprints (tourist facility)

10.2000.368.4 – BYRON BAY

11 Marvell Street (Lot 7 Sec 26 DP 758207)

S96 – to rectify conditions of consent (tourist facility – mixed commercial/tourist)

10.2009.220.3 – MAIN ARM

11 Blindmouth Road (Lot 21 DP 866871, Lot 23 DP 1122962 and Lots 24 & 25 DP 1159865)

S96 – to delete condition 5 (d) which requires the upgrading of an existing causeway (subdivision to create 12 residential lots, 1 commercial lot, 1 open space lot and a community title subdivision creating 13 rural residential lots and 1 community lot)

10.2013.582.1 – BYRON BAY

69 Lilli Pilli Drive (Lot 2 DP 879888)

Tree removal – two trees, Tree Pruning – three trees

10.2013.338.1 – BILLINUDGEL

7 Wilfred Street (Lot 21 DP 5665)

Change of use from butcher to wholesale kitchen with retail component

10.2010.323.2 – BYRON BAY

249 Ewingsdale Road (Lot 3 DP 706286)

S96 – to alter hours of operation and erect an A.F.L. sign (Multi purpose stadium - Byron Regional Sport and Cultural Complex)

10.2013.516.1 – EUREKA

450 Eureka Road (Lot 129 DP 755697)

Erection of sports field lighting (four poles)

10.2008.241.3 – SUFFOLK PARK

113-115 Broken Head Road (Lot D DP 406325)

S96 – to amend the lot sizes (medium density development comprising 6 x 2 storey dwellings and strata subdivision)

10.2013.543.1 – BYRON BAY

Ewingsdale Road (Lot 3 DP 706286)

Erection of temporary structures for the annual Uplift Festival event to be held over a four day period between 10 to 18 December from 2013 to 2018

10.25013.576.1 – SUFFOLK PARK

1/11 Korau Place (Lot 1 SP 60239)

Tree removal – 13 trees

10.2013.505.1 – SHIRE WIDE

Shire wide

Installation of outdoor advertising signage panels on all existing bus shelters on all public roads within Byron Shire excluding the Pacific Highway

10.2013.522.1 – BYRON BAY

11 Keats Street (Lot 1 DP 807163)

Tree removal – four trees

10.2013.586.1 – OCEAN SHORES

39 Bulgoon Crescent (Lot 272 DP 238455)

Tree removal – six trees

10.2013.590.1 – MULLUMBIMBY

170 Left Bank Road (Lot 2 DP 78875)

Tree removal – 68 Bangalow Palms

10.2013.416.1 – TALOFA

816-820 Bangalow Road (Lot 2 DP 1155012 and Lot 4 DP 259624)

Boundary adjustment between two lots

APPLICATIONS WITHDRAWN

10.2013.445.1 – BANGALOW

9/231 Fowlers Lane (Lot 9 DP 285736)

Alterations to dwelling including carport

10.2010.639.3 – BYRON BAY

98-114 Jonson Street (Lots 8 & 9 DP 617509 and Lots 6 & 7 DP 619224)

S96 – to modify building layout, partitioning, staging and conditions of consent (alteration to tenancies T11 to T20 and use as a bottle shop)

ROADS ACT 1993, SECTION 162 NAMING OF PUBLIC ROAD

Notice is hereby given that Byron Shire Council, in accordance with section 162 of the Roads Act 1993, has approved the following name for a road to be dedicated in a plan of subdivision of Lot 2 DP 1074823 and Lot 2 DP 614621, 825 and 895 Main Arm Road, Main Arm:

- Moran Close

Ken Gainger, General Manager, Byron Shire Council, 70-90 Station Street Mullumbimby NSW 2482.

Enquiries: Jeff Begovic 02 6626 7043

FREE HIRE SUNSMART MARQUEE TO COMMUNITY GROUPS

Byron Shire Council is working with Cancer Council in NSW to foster a SunSmart community and has a large marquee for use at community events.

The 4.5 x 3 metre SunSmart Marquee is a generous gift from Cancer Council in recognition of Byron Shire Council's efforts to raise community awareness about the importance of sun protection.

The SunSmart Marquee will meet a strong need in the community for shade shelters and in the long run could help to prevent skin cancer. Providing both sun and rain protection, the marquee will be available all year round for local sport and community groups to borrow free from the Council. For the Marquee Procedure and Use Form go to Council's website

www.byron.nsw.gov.au and look under publications/forms and applications.

For more SunSmart information visit www.cancercouncil.com.au/sunsmart or call the Cancer Council Helpline on 13 11 20.

Information and bookings: Kerry Cameron 02 6626 7000

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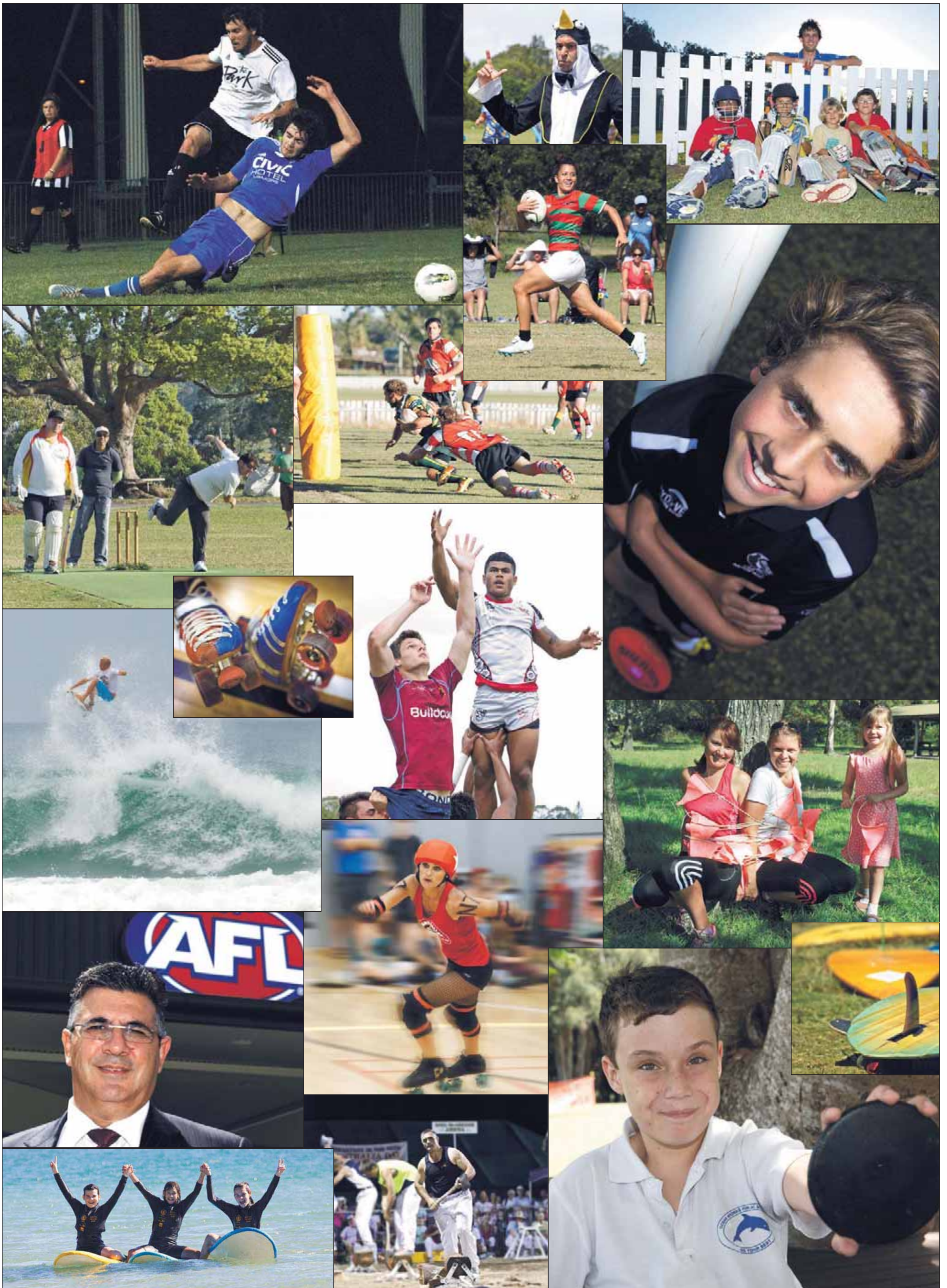
That's why FOGO is coming!

Council is in the planning stages of introducing an urban three bin collection service.

This will include a green bin for Food Organics and Garden Organics (your kitchen food scraps and garden waste).

Have Your Say

We want to make it easy for you to use the new service correctly next year. Join our on-line forum today and find out more. It's easy, simply go to www.byron.nsw.gov.au and click on three bin image. Your feedback will be highly valued.



AUSTRALIAN HOUSING IN A GROWTH PHASE: REIA

The Real Estate Institute of Australia says the figures according to the latest Bendigo Bank/REIA Real Estate Market Facts publication indicate that Australia is in a growth phase when it comes to housing.

Real Estate Institute of Australia (REIA) president Peter Bushby said, 'The weighted average, capital city, median price increased three per cent for houses and 2.2 per cent for other dwellings during the September quarter.'

'The weighted average, median house price for eight capital cities is now \$562,503. Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Hobart contributed to the increase, while Perth recorded the biggest drop, down by 3.8 per cent.'

'At \$722,718, the Sydney median house price is the highest across the capital cities. Hobart remains the lowest at \$352,000, 37.4 per cent lower than the national

weighted average.

'Compared to the same time last year, the weighted average median house price rose 9.5 per cent.'

'The weighted average median price for other dwellings for the eight capital cities was \$460,315 over the quarter with Sydney, Melbourne and Darwin recording rises, while Adelaide had the biggest quarterly fall, down by 3.2 per cent.'

'For the next year we expect interest rates to stay relatively low and continue to assist the market. We expect continued steady improvement in activity in most markets and generally a more positive year ahead provided there are no left-field global issues that emerge.'

The Bendigo Bank/REIA Real Estate Market Facts can be read at <http://bit.ly/bitfenax>.



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Window into Housing 2013

Facts about the housing and construction industry in Australia

AT A GLANCE

Number of homes built in Australia in 2012	151,508	Number of people in new homes each year	389,376
Total value of housing construction (\$ billion)	68.3	People employed in housing & construction	1,000,949

Size of Australian Housing Industry (a)	2009	2010	2011	2012
Number of detached houses built	102,018	111,202	94,672	90,117
Number of units built	39,467	65,652	60,740	61,391
Total number of dwellings built	141,485	176,854	155,412	151,508
Value of detached houses built	\$ million (f) 27,578	29,758	27,303	25,541
Value of units built	\$ million (f) 11,398	13,447	13,884	14,287
Value of renovations	\$ million (f) 29,459	30,648	31,092	28,469
Total value of residential construction	\$ million (f) 68,435	73,853	72,279	68,297
Gross Domestic Product	\$ billion (f) 1,354	1,389	1,423	1,475
Value of construction as a percentage of GDP	5.1%	5.3%	5.1%	4.6%

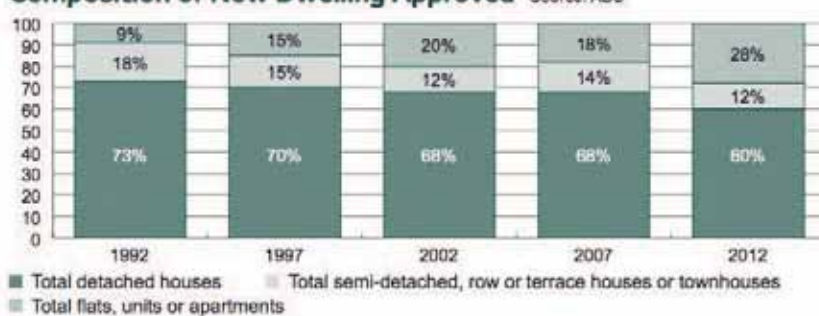
Employment in Australian Housing Industry (a)	2009	2010	2011	2012
Number of people employed in housing & construction (000)	996	1,017	1,033	1,001
Number of apprenticeships in housing & construction (000)	77	82	77	76

Population and demand for housing	2009	2010	2011	2012
Net overseas migration (a) (000)	247	172	202	236
Australian population (a) (000)	21,866	22,172	22,512	22,908
Population growth versus previous year (c)	2.0%	1.4%	1.5%	1.8%
Net undersupply of housing (b)	38,515	3,146	24,588	28,492
Number of people in a new home each year (c)	363,616	454,515	399,409	389,376

Other housing indicators	2009	2010	2011	2012	
Building approvals (a)	Detached houses	108,515	111,991	95,731	90,337
	Units	41,480	70,035	58,109	63,398
Total building approvals (a)	149,995	182,026	153,840	153,735	
Home loans (a)	Construction of home (for owner-occupiers)	79,730	63,721	56,957	60,079
	New home	27,717	24,463	22,914	26,568
Total home loans (c)	Existing homes	550,592	424,422	442,797	460,238
		658,039	512,606	522,668	546,885

The family home	2002	2007	2012	change over 10 years
Average size of a new family house (a) sqm	236	239	245	3.8%
Median home price - all detached dwelling (d) \$	204,329	360,167	419,000	105.1%
Average cost of building a new house (excluding land) (a) \$	149,624	232,677	268,275	79.3%
Median lot price (d) \$	93,735	170,076	192,770	105.7%
Median lot size (d) sqm	618	559	492	-20.4%
Estimated dwelling stock (000)	7,821	8,564	9,254	18.3%
Average size of household (a) persons	2.53	2.56	2.57	1.6%

Composition of New Dwelling Approved Source: ABS



Capital city vacancy rate * (e) 2013

Sydney	1.8%
Melbourne	2.8%
Brisbane	2.0%
Adelaide	1.6%
Perth	1.4%
Hobart	2.6%
Canberra	1.6%
Darwin	1.0%

* Vacancy rates represent the average for rental market accommodation across capital cities, three months to June 2013



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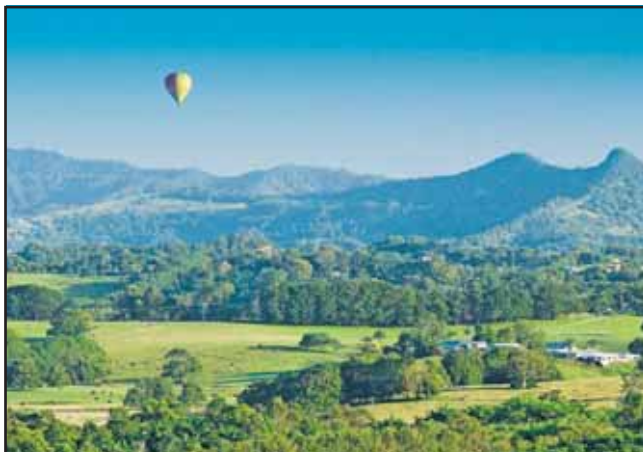


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of the garden are great for storage or as a work space. This property is an ideal investment in this dress circle location, do up the original home or rebuild your dream home. The property must be sold at auction or prior and all offers will be considered.

Address: 874 Coolamon Scenic Drive, Coorabell

Auction: Saturday 11th January, 2014 11am ON SITE

Inspect: Every Wednesday and Saturday prior to auction

Views, Views And More Views

Situated on the Ewingsdale escarpment of Byron Bay Hinterland, only 6km from the town centre, this 5 bedroom, 5 bathroom country estate is nestled within 5 acres of pristine rolling hills.

This extremely private residence offers magnificent 270 degree views from Suffolk Park to Brunswick Heads

from the large outdoor deck-area overlooking a 90,000 litre swimming pool.

The home boasts a Master Chef style kitchen together with a wine cellar and is complete with a home theatre and dual back-to-base



alarm systems coupled with remote video surveillance.

Address: 204 Balraith Lane, Ewingsdale
For Sale: \$3,500,000

Spectacular Coopers Shoot

High on the hill of Coopers Shoot this beautiful property is set in landscaped gardens overlooking the oceans and mountains. The home is extremely private and hosts several outdoor entertaining areas to relax and enjoy the north coast lifestyle. Large open plan living areas abound as you walk through the front door. Summer breezes flow throughout the home to keep it cool in the summer months. An open fireplace is situated at one end to cuddle down and stay warm. The main bedroom with views to the ocean and mountains is large and open and features a walk-in robe and spacious bathroom.

A further 2 double rooms also have views. At one end of the house a rumpus room has been built with another additional room ideal for guests. The grounds host an array of fruit trees and pockets of rainforest. A sparkling 16 metre lap pool protected by hedges is perfect for entertaining guests and relaxing in the sun. Fully



fenced and paddocks for cattle or horses are already set up.

A spring fed dam for the stock is located at the bottom of the paddock. 2 x 10,000 gallon tanks provide fresh drinking water. With a short drive into Byron Bay and the beaches this is an ideal retreat to relax and still be part of the Byron lifestyle. Easy access from Ballina airport.

Address: 187 Coopers Shoot Rd, Coopers Shoot
For Sale: \$2,200,000

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year



Auction

Historic Church Circa 1911

Newrybar 14 Brooklet Road

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Sale

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LAND SIZE: 438 m²
LOCATION: BYRON BAY
PRICE: \$3.5 million



VILLA WATEGOS - BYRON BAY

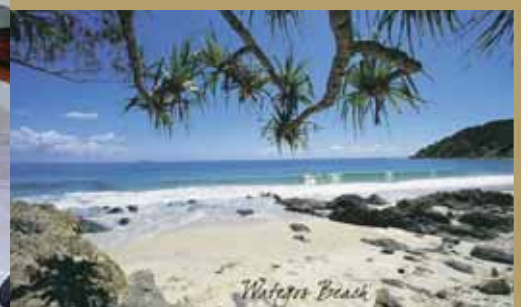


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- Breathtaking mountain & ocean views
- Magnificent hilltop home
- Extensive indoor & outdoor entertaining areas
- Stunning gardens, pool & bar area
- 4 bed home + 2 bed studio
- 5 minutes from Mullumbimby
- 20 minutes from Byron Bay

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LAND SIZE: 22.54 ha
 55.698 acres
LOCATION: MONTECOLLUM
Price: Offers over \$4.5m



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'The Plateau'



293 MYOCUM ROAD, MYOCUM



5 bed | 3 bath | 9 car

\$6.7M

- One of the most stunning and spectacular houses in the Byron Shire, "The Plateau" is nestled on a natural plateau amidst 55 acres of privacy and seclusion
- The north facing property is blessed with panoramic views from the famed Byron Lighthouse to the far north coast of New South Wales, with the home positioned to take full advantage of this magical, sweeping vista
- Unparalleled country living, just under 8km to Byron, with easy access to the Pacific Highway and stunning North Coast NSW beaches

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Absolute Beachfront



45 LAWSON STREET, BYRON BAY



Unequaled Beachfront Living

\$3.15M to \$6.25M

- Fortyfive Lawson is a stunning new beachside development that offers nine luxurious, self-contained apartments in an enviable position
- The two, three and four bedroom apartments deliver unsurpassed quality and the onsite concierge raises the experience to a whole new level
- One of the most exclusive new properties in Australia and the only approved development of its kind in Byron Bay this close to the beach in recent years
- Construction commencing March 2014

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'Linnaeus' Estate



951 BROKEN HEAD ROAD, BROKEN HEAD



3 bed | 2 bath

\$2.75M

- One of 23 private beach homes on 275 acres, with 1.5km of absolute beachfront, bounded by nature reserve & marine national park
- Architecturally designed with spectacular ocean views, no expense has been spared to make living in this gated community a truly incredible experience
- 25m lap pool, tennis court, gym, cellar and private function centre

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'Vantage Over Byron'



57 RUSKIN STREET, BYRON BAY



5 bed | 3 bath | 3 car

\$4.1M

- There can be only one top of the town, and 'Vantage over Byron' can finally be yours
- Designed to maximise the 270 degree views from the lighthouse, across the bay to the Mt Warning hinterland, this MBA award winning home is as good as it gets
- Dual access to Massinger St – you're metres away from the famed 'Top Shop' and minutes' walk to Main Beach and town

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'Beachbreak'



183 – 203 BROKEN HEAD ROAD, SUFFOLK PARK



1,2 or 3 bed | 1 or 2 bath | 1 car

from \$456,500

- Only eight of the original two bedroom units remain on the market, with the development's second stage, a mix of 1, 2 and 3 bedroom apartments scheduled to be completed by late 2014
- Combining an open plan layout with vaulted high ceilings and the strategic use of skylights, the apartments are spacious and filled with natural light
- The current units attract rents of around \$600/wk (furnished) and provide generous depreciation benefits, making them a great investment

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Elegance, Peace & Seclusion



278 COOPERS SHOOT ROAD, COOPERS SHOOT



4 bed | 4 bath | 2 car

\$2.2M

- Only 5 minutes to Byron Bay's CBD and beaches, this architecturally designed hideaway has the best of both worlds, with unrivalled attention to detail
- Set amidst immaculately landscaped gardens and water features, with a spectacular array of Australian plants and animals, this luxurious family home is divided into four interconnecting pavilions and is currently being run as a successful Bed & Breakfast
- The central living area overlooks the coastline with spectacular panoramic views of the Cape Byron Lighthouse and Lennox Head

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Great Home Or Investment



3 bed | 1 bath | 1 car

\$499,000

1/14 Beech Drive, Suffolk Park

- Freestanding duplex, close to Suffolk Park shops, hotel and beaches, ducted air-conditioning, ready to move in or rent out
- Open plan design, roomy kitchen opening to the dining & living areas & overlooking the neat backyard
- An easy stroll to the beach in the mornings or coffee at the bakery

Luxury Apartment



4 bed | 2 bath | 2 car

\$1.35M

7/22 Mahogany Drive, Byron Bay

- Architect designed with modern style and open plan, timber floors, stone bench tops, fire place and air-conditioning
- In a secure facility of 7 luxury apartments
- Ocean views and a tranquil bush setting are perfect for a quiet home or ideal as an investment

Luxury Beachside Villa In Secure Gated Complex



3 bed | 2 bath | 2 car

\$1.495M

11/7 Cavanbah Street, Byron Bay

- Luxury, north facing, sunlit villa, situated in a secure, gated estate
- Master built over two levels, with solid timber floors, high ceilings and floor to ceiling glass windows and doors
- A large lap pool is shared by the complex and a private track takes you to the beach in front



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UPPER COOPERS CREEK

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Seclusion

Your secluded resort is ready and waiting for new custodians. This beautiful 12.04 hectare property is nestled in the sub tropical rainforest of the Byron Bay Hinterland. Plenty of room for the whole family to spread out in this spacious, architecturally designed home. You'll be immersed in the peace and tranquility of nature while being part of a close knit, caring community. This premium property is one of a kind and inspections strictly by appointment.

Address: 22 Snow Creek Rd,
Upper Coopers Creek

Price: \$950,000

Contact: Fiona Crandell
0400 418 886
fiona@promullum.com.au



MAIN ARM

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AUCTION

Magical estate minutes to Mullum must be sold. Realistic Executor open to offers prior to auction. Enjoy private sunset swims in the pool with a view and relax in the beautiful Balinese inspired Cabana with hot outdoor shower and Sauna room.

- 6 hectares, 5 minute drive to Mullumbimby
- New kitchen, timber floors, timber decks
- Rainwater tanks, bore water for garden and pool
- Well established gardens and lush pastures

Address: 464 Main Arm Rd, Main Arm
Auction: 10am Saturday 25 January
Inspect: 11.15am Saturday
21st & 28th December

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Byron Bay, 18/21-25 Cemetery Road

4 2 2

AUCTION

- Freestanding home
- Central position close to town
- Exceptional presentation and condition
- Freestanding property on 375m² block

Open: By Appointment
Enquiries: Helen Huntly-Barratt 0412 332 232



Byron Bay, 5/1 Orara Court

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Interest Over \$995,000

- Elevated north east aspect with stunning bush outlook
- Floor plan to suit shared or separate living
- 1634m² lot in exclusive and very quiet cul de sac
- Peace and privacy yet only approx 3km to Byron Bay CBD

Open: By Appointment
Enquiries: Su Reynolds 0428 888 660



Byron Bay, 18/6-8 Browning Street

3 2 2

\$725,000

- Townhouse – central town with peace and privacy
- Low maintenance yard on 2 sides plus covered patio
- 2 separate living rooms, quality finishes and appliances
- A few minutes' walk to shops, restaurants and Main Beach

Open: Saturday 21st December 11.00-11.30 am
Enquiries: Su Reynolds 0428 888 660



Byron Bay, 41 Shelley Drive

3 2 2

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

Open: By Appointment
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Byron Bay, 19/24 Scott Street

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Auction Interest Over \$475,000

- Top floor 2 bedroom, 2 bathroom apartment
- Open plan dining and living area with stylish kitchen
- Enjoy ocean glimpses and views across treetops of the National Park
- Full resort facilities available

Open: Saturday, 21 December 2013 12.00–12.30pm
 Enquiries: Sharon McInnes 0408 659 649



Byron Bay, 21/11-19 Cooper Street

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\$380,000

- Over 55 and looking for a sea change to Byron Bay?
- Immaculate, elevated single level villa with lock up garage
- Open plan kitchen and living with air-conditioning
- Close to beaches, shopping, restaurants, cafes and medical facilities

Open: By Appointment
 Enquiries: Tara Torkkola 0423 519 698



Byron Bay, 39 Kingsley Street

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Interest Over \$1,200,000

- Fully renovated single level home in Byron Bay's Golden Grid
- Contemporary style and design with high quality finishes
- Sitting on a 500m² block in the established 'old part' of town
- A short walk to Top Shop and minutes to Clarkes Beach

Open: Saturday, 21 December 2013 10.00–10.30am
 Enquiries: Tara Torkkola 0423 519 698,
 James Young 0419 856 840



Suffolk Park, 21 Kalemajere Drive

4 2 2

Interest Over \$795,000

- Modern 4 bedroom home with remote controlled double garage
- Stunning swimming pool and heated spa
- Immaculate outdoor living with two separate entertaining areas
- Walkway to beach (beach about 200–250 metres to walk)

Open: Saturday, 21 December 2013 11.00–11.30am
 Enquiries: Paul Banister 0438 856 552

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Ewingsdale, 120 Kennedys Lane

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\$1,190,000

- 5 acres in Ewingsdale with grand family home and swimming pool
- North aspect and level paddocks perfect for horse lovers
- Large 18m x 9m shed plus a double garage all on town water
- Hobby farm on school bus route to Mullumbimby and Byron Bay

Open: By Appointment

Enquiries: Tara Torkkola 0423 519 698, Paul Banister 0438 856 552



Tyagarah, Lot 52 Foxs Lane

4 2 2

Interest Over \$1,300,000

- Easterly views to coast and Cape Byron with rural views to the south
- 43.16 hectares 5 mins from Mullumbimby and 15 mins to Byron Bay
- Two large steel framed colour bond sheds on concrete slabs
- Town water and an irrigation licence with potential for horticulture

Open: By Appointment

Enquiries: James Young 0419 856 840

Tara Torkkola 0423 519 698



Myocum, 3/296A Tyagarah Road

4 2 4

Interest Over \$1,200,000

- Modern home on 10 acres with views of ocean and Mt Warning
- Set off a private road offering complete privacy
- 12 metre ionised swimming pool enjoying impressive views
- Central location just 12km to Byron Bay and Mullumbimby

Open: By Appointment

Enquiries: Tara Torkkola 0423 519 698

James Young 0419 856 840



Ewingsdale, 14 Citriadora Drive

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AUCTION INTEREST OVER \$1,100,000

- Quality family home offering privacy and prestige
- Warm Mediterranean influences and elegant details
- 13m lagoon style swimming pool
- 5kms to Byron a million miles from care

Open: Saturday, 11 January 2014 1.00–1.30pm

Enquiries: James Young 0419 856 840

Angela Cornell 0421 375 635

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Bangalow, 19 Ivory Curl Place

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Auction Interest Over \$599,000

- Contemporary designed home
- Spacious open-plan lounge, kitchen and dining with timber floors
- Offering 4 large bedrooms and 2 bathrooms
- Secluded with established gardens and hedges

Open: Saturday, 21 December 2013 1.00–1.30pm
Enquiries: Sharon McInnes 0408 659 649



Bangalow, 3 Paperbark Place

4 3 2

Auction Interest Over \$569,000

- Quality spacious home, 5 minute walk to town
- High ceilings, great sense of space and light
- Award winning gardens
- 4 bedrooms (all with built ins) plus study

Open: By Appointment
Enquiries: Helen Huntly-Barratt 0412 332 232
Angela Cornell 0421 375 635



Bangalow, 6 Bangalay Court

3 2 2

Interest Over \$595,000

- Private sanctuary with Asian influences
- Generous sized bedrooms plus study
- Quiet cul-de-sac
- Beautiful yet low maintenance

Open: By Appointment
Enquiries: Angela Cornell 0421 375 635



Coorabell, 15 Newes Road

3 2 2

FORTHCOMING AUCTION

- Elevated and private along sought after Coorabell Ridge
- 5 fertile hobby farm acres with large shed, stables, plenty of water
- Architecturally designed home with ocean views
- 10 minutes to Bangalow and 15 minutes to Byron Bay

Open: By Appointment
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Price Offers over \$995,000
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153 Coopers Shoot Road, Coopers Shoot
QUALITY SITUATED IN A CHOICE LOCALE

- Sensational property on approx 2,400m².
- Ocean and hinterland views.
- Boasting 2 unique built dwellings and outdoor spa.
- Live in, rent out, or both! Wide decks with grandstand view.
- Mixed hardwood flooring & cathedral ceilings.
- 2nd dwelling council approved & fully self-contained.
- Separate 'manshed' 6mx9m with power, water & views.
- Covered carport with power.

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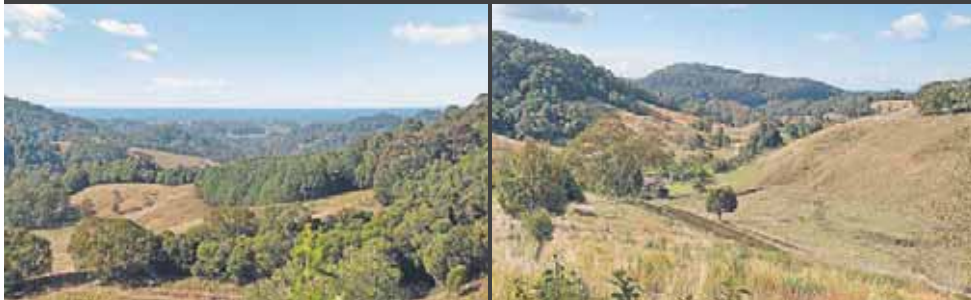
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Price Price on application
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133 Coopers Shoot Road, Coopers Shoot
MILLIONAIRE'S ROW

- Immaculate home on 1.5 acres with breathtaking ocean & valley views.
- Two separate living areas with large decks overlooking the saltwater pool.
- Relax in the rotunda beside the full size tennis court.
- Main bedroom with walk in robe and ensuite.
- Lush tropical gardens with array of fruit trees.
- Perfect blend of Byron Bay living and country lifestyle.

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Price \$985,000 – all serious offers considered
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226 Crabbes Creek Road, Crabbes Creek
PERFECTLY PLACED FOR COUNTRY LIVING

- Approx 130 lush green undulating acres.
- Valley, mountain & ocean views.
- Build your dream home.
- Meandering creek & 4 spring fed water holes.
- Fenced paddocks could accommodate cattle or horses.
- Perfect lifestyle property with Primary Producers Licence.
- Approx 10 mins to Wooyung beach & 35 mins to GC Airport.

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View By Appointment
Price \$900,000
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35 (Lot 1) Prior Drive, Coopers Shoot
DRESS CIRCLE LOCATION

- LAST LOT REMAINING – RARE VACANT ELEVATED LAND.
- Approx 2.5ha parcel of land with sweeping views.
- Ocean views to Cape Byron.
- Perfect north easterly aspect.
- Fully fenced, approved building envelope.
- Underground power & telephone.
- Approx 10 mins drive to Byron CBD & beaches.

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19/5-7 Byron Street, Byron Bay
THIS UNIT IS SIMPLY IMMACULATE

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Price \$340,000
Agent Stuart Aitken
0419 242 432
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- Refurbished holiday unit in Byron Central Apartments.
- Fantastic earning opportunity at a great price.
- Set over 2 levels with bedroom in upper loft.
- On site pool & manager to take care of guest bookings.
- Take advantage of upward trending property prices.
- Inspections invited.

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43 Beech Drive, Suffolk Park
GREAT HOME AT THE PRICE OF A UNIT

Auction Saturday 11th January
10.00am on site
View Saturday 10.00 – 10.30am
Agent Stuart Aitken
0419 242 432
stuart.aitken@rh.com.au

- Open plan with high ceilings.
- North facing fenced outdoor entertaining area.
- Close to shops, beach and kids amenities.
- Offers prior to Auction are encouraged.
- Inspections invited.

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4/37 Childe Street, Byron Bay
WE'RE ALL GOING ON A SUMMER HOLIDAY

View By Appointment
Price \$745,000
Agent Janis Perkins
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- Fabulous townhouse 100m to Belongil Beach.
- 3 bedrooms upstairs, main with ensuite.
- Open plan, spacious downstairs living area opening onto private terrace, ideal for entertaining.
- Overlooks saltwater pool, spa and lush gardens.
- Small quiet complex.
- Ideal to live in or rent out.

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2/21 Fletcher Street, Byron Bay
BEACHFRONT HOMEWARES BYRON BAY

View By Appointment
Price \$50,000 plus SAV
Drastically reduced!
Agent Janis Perkins
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- GENUINE URGENT SALE.
- Iconic home & lifestyle store perfectly positioned in CBD.
- Successful for over 16 years, with plenty of scope for growth.
- Double shop street frontage plus storeroom and kitchen.
- Good lease in place & all fixtures, fittings & computer included.
- 2 air-conditioned shops of approx 62m2 each + 4 car spaces.
- Incredible opportunity at bargain basement price.

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1/89 Jonson Street, Byron Bay
SURF CENTRAL BYRON BAY

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Price \$250,000 plus SAV
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- Unique & popular surf shop with sensational fit out.
- Premium main street position with large display window.
- 101sqm + storage and wide 8m street frontage.
- Well established retail business. 15 years trading experience.
- Servicing locals, tourists and backpackers alike.
- Surf boards, surf accessories, surfboard & body board hire.
- Stocking brands including Billabong, Von Zipper, Etnies, etc.
- State of the art POS and security features.

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54A Byron Street, Bangalow
DON'T TELL MAMA

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Price \$75,000 plus SAV
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- Be your own boss in the heart of Bangalow main street.
- Well established retail business with 15 year trading history.
- Diverse and eclectic range of eco-friendly products.
- Hemp, bamboo, raw silk & organic cotton clothing.
- Beautifully crafted gifts, jewellery & cosmetics
- Unique surfboards.
- 120sqm floor space plus storeroom.
- New 3 x 3 lease available.

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AUCTION – 52 FIG TREE LANE MYOCUM NSW 2481



Heaven on Earth – Private, yet close to Byron Bay

- 360 views to the Cape Byron lighthouse, ocean & mountains
- 10 mins to Byron Bay and fabulous beaches
- New Balinese-style master-built luxury residence on approx 6 acres
- Central courtyard overlooking pool and mountains
- Huge state of the art gourmet kitchen with island cooktop
- Master bed has 2 verandahs, his & hers en-suites, walk-in closets

- Expansive indoor/outdoor entertaining areas, 2 BBQs, 3 outdoor dining areas
- Elevated top-of-line spa
- Guest pavilion with outdoor shower
- Plus DA approval for 2 room studio with en-suite

Auction: Saturday 25th January 2014, on-site
View: Saturday 21 December 2-3pm & Sunday 5 January 2014, 2-3pm.
Or by appointment

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Property in Focus

First home or investment. Don't miss out!



This spacious 3 bedroom duplex is the perfect entry into the property market or would offer the investor a solid return. It is located close to the reserve in a family friendly street. It is only a few minutes drive into Mullumbimby's vibrant town centre and even closer to the

showground which hosts one of the Shire's best farmers' markets.

The property offers generous sized open plan lounge/dining. There is a large undercover patio plus a generous sized yard (215sqm) which make the property a cut above the rest. The three bedrooms all have built in robes. The internal laundry and single garage with internal access and solar panels complete the package.

Price Guide: Interest over \$349,000

Inspection: By appointment

Agent: Angela Cornell at First National Real Estate 0421 375 635



Ocean Shores
2 Jumbunna Place

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AUCTION - ELDERLY OWNERS MUST SELL!

Ridgetop home, North aspect with lake and bush views
4 Living areas, large galley kitchen, 10x3.5 outdoor entertaining
Solar power, solar hot water, ample storage
1100m2 property, remote garage + secure carport

Auction 1.30pm on site 21 December

View Thursday 12.00 – 12.30pm
Saturday 12.00 – 1.00pm

Contact David Mutkins
0421 906 460

LJ Hooker Brunswick Heads
02 6685 0177

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24/2 Langi Place, Ocean Shores. Sat 10-10.45am

BANGALOW REAL ESTATE & BYRON HINTERLAND PROPERTIES

732 Koonorigan Road, Koonorigan. Sat 10-11am

412 Whian Whian Road, Whian Whian.

Sat 11.30am-12.30pm

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39 Kingsley Street, Byron Bay. Sat 10-10.30am

18/6-8 Browning Street, Byron Bay. Sat 11-11.30am

21 Kalemajere Drive, Suffolk Park. Sat 11-11.30am

46a Paterson Street, Byron Bay. Sat 11-11.30am

16 Lilli Pilli Drive, Byron Bay. Sat 11-11.30am

19/24 Scott Street, Byron Bay. Sat 12-12.30pm

19 Ivory Curl Place, Bangalow. Sat 1-1.30pm

LJ HOOKER BRUNSWICK HEADS

38 Peter Street, South Golden Beach. Sat 11-11.30am

2 Jumbunna Place, Ocean Shores. Sat 12-1pm

RAINE AND HORNE BYRON BAY

43 Beech Drive, Suffolk Park. Sat 10-10.30am

4 Hakea Close, Suffolk Park. Sat 11-11.30am

52 Fig Tree Lane, Myocum. Sat 2-3.00pm

RAY WHITE BYRON BAY

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

3/55 Centennial Cct, Byron Bay. 10.30am-11am

5/9 Sunrise Boulevard, Byron Bay. 11.30am-12pm

AUCTIONS

LJ HOOKER BRUNSWICK HEADS

Auction 1pm onsite this Saturday

2 Jumbunna Place, Ocean Shores

PROFESSIONALS BYRON BAY

Auction 10am onsite Saturday February 15

43 Lilli Pilli Drive, Byron Bay

PROFESSIONALS BYRON BAY

Auction 10am onsite Saturday February 15

43 Lilli Pilli Drive, Byron Bay

RAINE AND 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

RAY WHITE BYRON BAY

Auction onsite Saturday February 1

3/55 Centennial Cct, Byron Bay.

Inspect Sat 10.30am-11am

Auction 11am onsite Saturday February 8

813 Myocum Road, Myocum.

Auction 9am onsite Saturday March 1

14 Brooklet Road, Newrybar

NEW LISTINGS

ELDERS NEW BRIGHTON

• 38 Robin Street, South Golden Beach, \$538,000.

PROFESSIONALS BYRON BAY

• Ocean Shores – Land \$370,000. Absolute waterfront 970sqm block adjacent the Billinudgel Nature Reserve in North Ocean Shores.

• Byron Bay – Townhouse \$490,000. 3 bedroom 2 bathroom townhouse with courtyard, situated in 'Sunrise' with walking to shops/beaches and currently tenanted or can be sold vacant possession.

• Byron Bay – House and Land \$1.95 million. 1.6 acres within an 18 acre parcel with 3/4 bedroom home with separate couples retreat and fully furnished and fully equipped.

• Byron Bay – House \$1.6 million. 3 bed 3 bath home with DA approval for 2nd Dwelling 5 bed 5 bath home. Sold with forward bookings and fully furnished.

RAY WHITE BYRON BAY

• 813 Myocum Road, Myocum. Auction.

Renovated 3 bed home on 4 acres with separate 1 bed converted dairy bails.

• 3/55 Centennial Circuit, Byron Bay. Auction. 160sqm 2 storey industrial unit with spa bath.

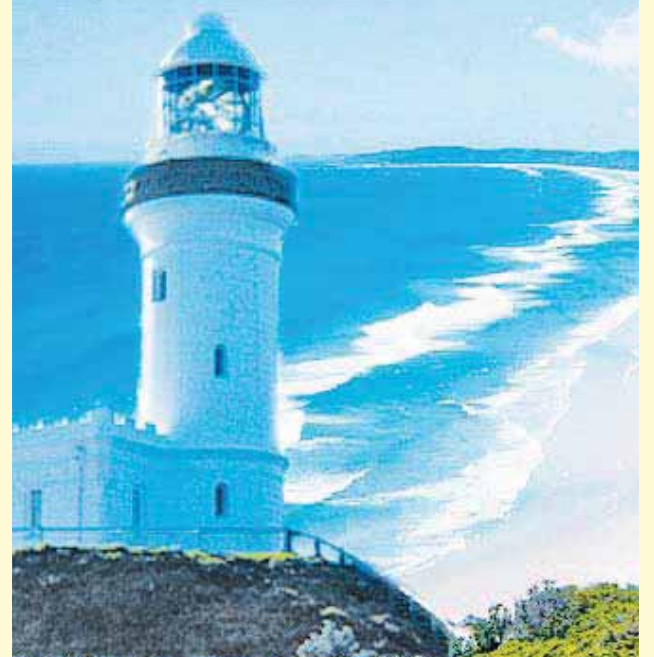
• 5/9 Sunrise Boulevard, Byron Bay.

3 bed, 1 bath townhouse. Great investment or home.

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MAGNIFICAT
Danielle de Valera

Danielle de Valera, a long-time north coast resident, has in her novel *Magnificat* created a town called Tuckaburra 'which occupies, for the purposes of fiction, the space where Mullumbimby is to be found on maps of the so-called real world'. And despite all the characters being animals, there seems to be some sort of correlation with the so-called real world – you may even be in it. The e-version of *Magnificat* is available for \$2.99 from Kindle, iBooks, Kobo and so on. The print version is at Amazon. You can also read an interview with Danielle at <http://bit.ly/tigerbk>. The magnificent book cover is by Marty Norman.

Where else would the bamboo iPhone cover (<http://ibarkcases.com.au>) come from but Byron Bay? In a recent interview, *SMH* journal Larissa Ham caught up with the iBark creator Tony Weber, too busy surfing the actual surf to bother surfing the net: <http://bit.ly/ibark2>.

Writes a local activist: 'Dear 350.org taggers, oh how we love your elegant tags, the

new one in front of the Brunswick bridge is a work of art. We of the divestment campaign urging bank customers and superfund members to transfer their custom to ethical banks and super funds – check our website <http://gofossilfree.org/australia> – wonder if you could switch your tag 350.org to gofossilfree.org.'

Two idiot points in one to the driver of the dark blue 4WD who drove through a Mullum pedestrian crossing without looking *and* while talking on his mobile phone. Your numberplate details have been kept for future reference.

Science reporter Bernie Hobbs has created a game for kids (and the young at heart) which aims to get them involved in science. The space ship *Polaris* has come under attack and your mission is to use the futuristic tool you'll find on the ship to zoom down to the microscopic and atomic levels, reviving the captain: <http://splash.abc.net.au/web/zoom>.

While Western Australia reacts in panic to shark attacks and orders up a shark cull, South Korea does something more imaginative. According to the Yonhap News Agency, 'South Korea has developed a new shark-repelling device that provides safety to both humans and sharks... The device uses solar panels set on top of floating buoys to create a curtain of magnetic fields that is only irritating to sharks... Each solar panel creates a magnetic current of less than five volts, which is virtually undetectable to humans or other fish.'

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