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West Byron in gridlock

Hans Lovejoy

Will Byron Bay's traffic gridlock be addressed before the first sod is turned on the yet-to-be-determined West Byron Project?

Yes, according to NSW minister for the north coast and Byron resident Don Page MP (Nationals).

It comes as public submissions close this Friday for the proposed estate, located 2.5 kilometres west of the CBD. If approved, it would be the town's largest suburb in decades.

Mr Page told *The Echo*, 'I have told the consultant for the West Byron landowners that I will not support the project unless the Byron bypass has been constructed.'

'We have serious traffic congestion in Byron already and it should not be exacerbated. There are other issues which also need to be considered with their proposal and this is currently happening through the public exhibition and consultation process. I will treat those issues on their merits.'

But are the issues being addressed?

Not according to Council's planning staff, who say issues remain, which they raised with NSW Planning and Infrastructure in 2011.

Director of Council's environment and planning, Ray Darney, told *The Echo* that, 'staff have recommended within the draft submission that the bypass needs to be completed prior to any residential subdivision proceeding at the site.'

As for residential density, he says, 'The current proposed allotment size is too small and the overall density of development is not compatible with the general urban form and character of Byron Bay.'

And similarly, the concerns of flood mitigation raised in 2011 also remain. Mr Darney said staff have recommended within the submission that they are not satisfied with the flood planning levels as proposed by the developer.

'The flood levels and flood planning levels for the development must be consistent with Council's adopted flood study and flood management plan, which follows the process in the NSW flood plain development manual.'

However on its website's FAQ, the West Byron Project claims, 'The department commissioned WMA Water to undertake an independent review, which supported the modelling and flood planning levels.'

'There are no developable lots in high flood hazard risk areas. There will be a negligible impact on offsite peak flood levels.'

Council pressure

But it's just not roads, density or flooding issues; Mr Darney says there would be a significant amount of infrastructure required to service up to 1,000 allotments.

'Staff will be recommending to

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As part of Australia Day, Survival Day celebrations recognise the indigenous people of this large island we all call home. To celebrate the survival of Aboriginal people and their culture on Sunday, a relaxed gathering of Indigenous and non-Indigenous people joined together at Apex Park on Cavvanbah's Main Beach. Descendant of the first people, James Kay Wearne, enjoyed the sun and the crowds and the chance to wave Harold Thomas's flag along with the green and blue flag for the people of the Torres Strait. Photo Eve Jeffery

La Playa locked out but still operating

The operator of Byron Bay's La Playa restaurant/lounge bar (now called Soho) is refusing to leave the premises after he was given an eviction notice for unpaid rent.

In a bizarre twist of events, the bar's owner John Cooper was in the building when locksmiths arrived to change the locks, and now he won't leave.

He told *The Echo* that he has no intention of closing the door to lock himself out. 'My rent is now paid up and was only 16 days late', he says. 'Due to the fact that I have invested \$350,000 [in renovations] and have ongoing business and bookings

there, I have remained in the building to continue to trade.'

The venue at 9 Fletcher St made news late last year when it was sold to strip club operators who opened there briefly but were denied a liquor licence.

Plans were subsequently scuttled by the Office of Gaming and Liquor (OGLR) after the mayor and community expressed outrage.

Meanwhile, a court case between Cooper and landlord Bill Bailey will be heard in a week, according to Mr Cooper. Mr Cooper has complaints about common area improvements, the lease change-over and delays to

renovations required so he could re-open and trade.

Court case looming

He claims when he took over the lease three years ago, the building, 'had been gutted and was in a severe state of disrepair.'

'[After renovations] We began to wonder why we were being treated this way, especially after we had spent well in excess of \$250,000 on renovating to a high standard. Mr Bailey was so pleased with the [renovation] work, that on several occasions he asked to parade mem-

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Correction from last week's story

Last week *The Echo* published a story on the public meeting held by the state-run North Coast Holiday Parks (NCHP) and their 800-page plan of management (POM) for caravan parks and public reserves in Brunswick Heads.

The story indicated that public access for caravan

parks would be taken away, when in fact under the POM, access would be partially taken away for Terrace Reserve Holiday Park. NCHP general manager Jim Bolger said, 'Public access through the park will be retained, however may be suspended from time to time as necessary to

ensure the safety, welfare and security of guests and members of the community.'

Buccaneer lifted by public support

In related news, the operator of the Brunswick Buccaneer boat hire business that is under threat of eviction from Mr Bolger's corporation told *The Echo* he has received tremendous public support. 'I have over 1,500 signatures,' Ilan Schnitzler said. To add your support to the cause, drop down to the boat opposite the pub to sign the petition.



Thanks for Elsbeth! It was a big celebration Saturday as the community and co-workers thanked Elsbeth Williams for her 34 years with Santos health foods. Photo Jeff Dawson

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West Byron gridlocked over traffic jams

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Council that the development should be provided with dual reticulation to recycle water and that the bypass and roundabouts on Ewingsdale road need to be provided by the developer.

'In addition the trunk drainage system needs to be comprehensively designed and provided by the developer to ensure the quality of stormwater runoff does not impact negatively on the sensitive Belongil Creek.'

Bypass voluntary contribution: developers

The Echo understands that one of the priorities for the current councillors in their first term is to complete a Byron bypass. Given the issue has plagued successive councils for 25 years, it would be quite an achievement.

And with a total cost for the Byron bypass being estimated at around \$8.2 million, the developers have said they will make voluntary contributions, 'specifically earmarked for the bypass.'

They say it's in addition to regular contributions to infrastructure that developers pay Council for projects.

If the rezoning is approved, they say, \$7,000 per residential lot will be contributed under a planning agreement between them and the NSW planning minister.

If approved, it would almost cover the bypass cost if 1,000 homes were built, and would need to be paid upfront.

As for state assistance, MP Page said, 'Even though it's a Council responsibility, I have arranged through the minister for roads to pay 80 per cent of the geotechnical study (an important first step in helping to get the project started),

estimated at \$270,000.

'The minister has also agreed to assist Council with additional funding for the construction of the Byron bypass once we know what the full cost will be.'

'The geotechnical study will help determine this.'

Road costings

While the bypass is just one part of the solution, width improvements to Ewingsdale Road, which leads into Byron, could also alleviate the traffic gridlocks.

Figures were sourced from Civil Team Engineering in Murwillumbah (www.civilteam.com.au) and Sydney-based Leighton Contractors (www.leightoncontractors.com.au). They told *The Echo* estimates for such a road would be in the ballpark of \$15-\$20 million for eight kilometres. Leighton's Loren Hickey said, 'A four-lane flat undivided road (two lanes in each direction) with asphalt on a rock underbase totalling 15 metres wide would be approximately \$25 million with a simple asphalt spray from the road edge

outwards. If it required a pavement footpath add another \$5 million. For shorter or longer road, divide or multiply.'

Meanwhile, mayor Simon Richardson told *The Echo* he is unsupportive of West Byron, 'certainly not at the scale being proposed, but that is no matter within Council's power.'

Unsupportive

'The monies we have do not go remotely towards addressing the long-term traffic and road infrastructure needs in Byron Bay. One roundabout alone is around the \$1 million mark. In regard to traffic, there would not be a stupider place to plonk a development five times the size of Sunrise [than the site] proposed on Ewingsdale Road. So if the proponents want it, they need to ensure the rest of the community don't have increased gridlock because of it.'

Plans for the West Byron Project are at <http://bit.ly/westbyronplans> and public submissions close January 31.

A Q&A with the developers and *The Echo* is online at www.echo.net.au.

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Azi and Kim scoop Oz Day awards

The rain at 7.30am didn't dampen breakfast in Bruns, the combined services annual event was packed to capacity – and so began Australia Day.

The official ceremony was celebrated at the Suffolk Park Hotel and hosted by Gregg Miller of the Rural Fire Brigade.

Australia Day award winners were Byron Bay Winter Whales Ocean Swim – Community Event of the Year; Byron Bird Buddies – Environmental Volunteer Project; Marlie Campton – Byron Shire's Junior Sports Person of the Year; Greg Daniels – Senior Sports Person; Lyle Le Sueur – Volunteer of the Year; Azlan (Azi) Currie – Young Citizen of the Year; and Citizen of the Year – Kim Rosen.



Azlan (Azi) Currie was named Young Citizen of the Year while Citizen of the Year is Brunswick Heads resident Kim Rosen. Photo Jeff Dawson

La Playa locked out but still trading

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bers of his family and others through our premises commenting on what a fantastic job we had done.'

Lap-dancing saga

Mr Cooper also claims he only discovered much later after negotiations that the new tenants were planning to open a lap-dancing bar.

'Even though this was not illegal, the town went crazy.'

He says it brought OLGR up from Sydney, who refused to transfer the liquor licence to the prospective couple, 'as the town didn't want it'.

'OLGR insisted that we reopen as La Playa, and in return – providing I did a few alterations, ie extra sound-



La Playa restaurant/lounge bar (now called Soho) operator John Cooper says he is taking legal action against his landlord. Photo Jeff 'Was Locked Up Years Ago' Dawson

proofing, and installed a noise limiter installation – we would be given a 3am music licence.'

Mr Bailey was asked for

comment but was unavailable as he is currently overseas.

It is understood he wanted to evict Mr Cooper after three months of unpaid rent had ac-

cumulated, something which Mr Cooper denies. 'I have improved the building and increased its internal floor area by 30 square metres, and the premises are now worth double the rent,' said Mr Cooper.

Eviction notice 'for \$3,265'

He added that he invested such a large amount because he had signed a five by five by five (15) year lease. 'I was served an eviction notice for the amount of \$3,265.'

'It's outrageous this landlord, who has watched his tenant put vast sums of money into his property, can get rid of them for such a small amount.'

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The young mullet men of Ocean Shores

Angus, Joseph, Oscar and Spike (pictured front) were all contestants in the Ocean Shores mullet throwing competition, which was part of the 45th anniversary celebration of Ocean Shores on Sunday. Other activities included marbles championships, a junior tennis competition, a concert plus an Aussie singalong, free sausage sizzle, giant lamington and flags. Photo Jeff 'Mulletted Since 1986' Dawson

Calls for Byron Residents' Association to foster vision

Cate Coorey is calling on Byron residents to help form an action group to stop what she and her group see as the 'imminent spoiling of Byron'. She says, 'The idea for a Byron Residents' Association was born out of a group of local people alarmed and frustrated that decisions are being made that take away our ability to have a say in how the town develops. We are asking community members to join us in creating a force of people that will work to have our say heard. 'We still believe that Byron is unique among NSW's coastal towns and that its character is what brings people here. If that essential small-town relaxed community feel goes and is replaced by yet another Gold Coast-style over-developed crowd-

ed mess then everyone loses - visitors, business operators and residents.' She says of immediate and urgent concern to the community is the West Byron urban land release. 'This project will overwhelm Byron. It is a housing estate that will increase the current population of our town of 9,000 by 25-30 per cent. Byron already has traffic problems. 'It's an area of low employment because jobs are few and there is no infrastructure in place to support this kind of growth. 'We want people to visit Byron and not get stuck in traffic jams all year round. 'The area is also key koala habitat that if destroyed will mean the decimation of our beloved and shrinking koala

population. There is no plan of management for koala habitat protection as required by State Environment Planning Policy. 'Added to that is the problem that three-quarters of the site has acid sulphate soils, which become toxic when drained. The Department of Planning and Infrastructure has already ignored its consultant who recommended against draining the acid sulphate soil on the site. 'We are not just about NIMBYism and saying "no" to any kind of change.' To get involved contact byronresidentsassoc@gmail.com or Cate on 0402 315 345. Meanwhile, an online Get-Up! petition calling on MP Don Page to 'Stop the West Byron mega development' is now underway at http://chn.ge/1mNRHmj.

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Political hot potatoes come to Byron Bay

Media hype and political chess aside, what do Australians really think about asylum seekers? It's dubbed the biggest 'hot potato' in Australian politics, and filmmakers Ben Akers and Ben Peacock embarked on a nationwide mission to find out before the 2013 federal election. The result is *Hot Potato - The Road to Transformation*, a documentary officially selected for the Byron Bay Film Festival, February 28 to March 9. Featuring ambassadors Gt-ye, Imogen Bailey and Julian Burnside, it follows a food van around the country, as over ten days it gives away a staggering 10,000 hot potatoes in exchange for opinions, with the aim to start ten million conversations addressing ten myths about the asylum-seeker debate. The film provides a rare and entertaining insight into the Australian character. *Hot Potato* will feature at BBFF 2014 and tickets go on sale Monday February 17. For more info visit www.bbff.com.au.

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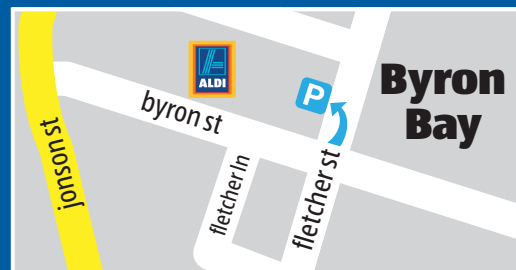
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Masterplan in the works for Byron town centre

Simon Haslam

Have you wondered why cars have the best view of the beach in the Byron CBD? Or whether misguided development incentives inadvertently cause the high commercial rents, forcing out small business and attracting franchises that export profits out of the area?

If so, you are not alone.

Last November, Byron Council voted to allocate \$250,000 to develop a town centre and foreshore strategy to guide decision making.

The aim is to transform what it termed Byron's 'run-down, incoherent' town centre into a 'more liveable town for its residents' that would also 'hold on to its reputation as an attractive and vibrant destination' for visitors.

Noting that 'lack of adequate planning has resulted in the night-time economy being dominated by licensed entertainment venues,' and resultant 'antisocial behaviour,' Council's aim is to produce a strategy that 'promotes the town's natural environment,

relaxed atmosphere, spiritual and cultural diversity, health and well-being experiences,' leading to extended 'length of stay' and hence visitor 'dispersal' to other towns in the Shire.

Identifiable 'town heart'

An identifiable town heart, which may include a pedestrian mall, revitalised back lanes and enhancement of Railway Park are changes being considered, along with cultural and youth hubs, a focal point between Main Beach and Clarkes, more pedestrian and bicycle access, public art, small-scale commercial development of the foreshore and an integrated transport hub that replaces the current bus stop.

One external factor affect-

ing planning for a liveable town centre is the Ewingsdale Road congestion, which is now becoming the norm.

At Byron United's (chamber of commerce) AGM last November, Council general manager Ken Gainger expressed confidence that any Byron town centre strategy would attract the significant external funding required for the associated physical works, augmenting Council contributions from s94 funds.

And in a newsletter to members last week, Byron United president Michael O'Grady encouraged 'business and all locals' to be involved in the masterplan.

A forum some time in February is planned as part of the extensive business and community consultation process on the strategy.

Banks 'facilitating CSG mining'



Around 40 Tweed locals opposed to coal seam gas (CSG) mining held a peaceful protest and public-awareness action outside Murwillumbah's ANZ Bank branch on Tuesday last week.

Lock the Tweed spokesman Michael McNamara said the 'name and shame' action aimed to raise awareness among customers and the general public about ANZ's support for coal and CSG developments, and was well received by the locals.

Mr McNamara said a bank manager accepted a letter from the group giving reasons for the public event and there were 'no problems' about it.

'It is important that ANZ customers, and the public

generally, understand the critical role that ANZ is playing in facilitating the coal and CSG industries ripping the heart out of Australia,' Mr McNamara said.

'We can't stand idly by while our national icons such as the Great Barrier Reef are put at risk and while places like Leard State Forest are destroyed. ANZ has lent over \$2.3 billion to companies developing coal ports and CSG processing plants along the Queensland coast.

'What the ANZ and other banks fail to realise is that the money they are using to support these dirty, invasive and destructive industries does not belong to them; they are holding it in trust for their customers.'

Flickerfest at capacity



Pictured are Flickerfest organisers Bronwyn Kidd and Shane Rennie with Knitting Nannas Anne Thompson and Louise Sommerville, and the director who made a film about their CSG protests, Rani Brown. Photo Jeff Dawson

Spate of fatal car crashes

A 20-year-old woman died in a car accident on Ross Lane, near Sanctuary Village, Lennox Head, last week, the third road death in the region in a week. Police reported the woman lost control of her Holden Astra on a bend in

the road and collided with a Subaru coming the other way.

On Saturday January 18, a man was killed when his car ran off a bridge at Upper Main Arm. Earlier on that day another man died when his car ran off the road at Casino.

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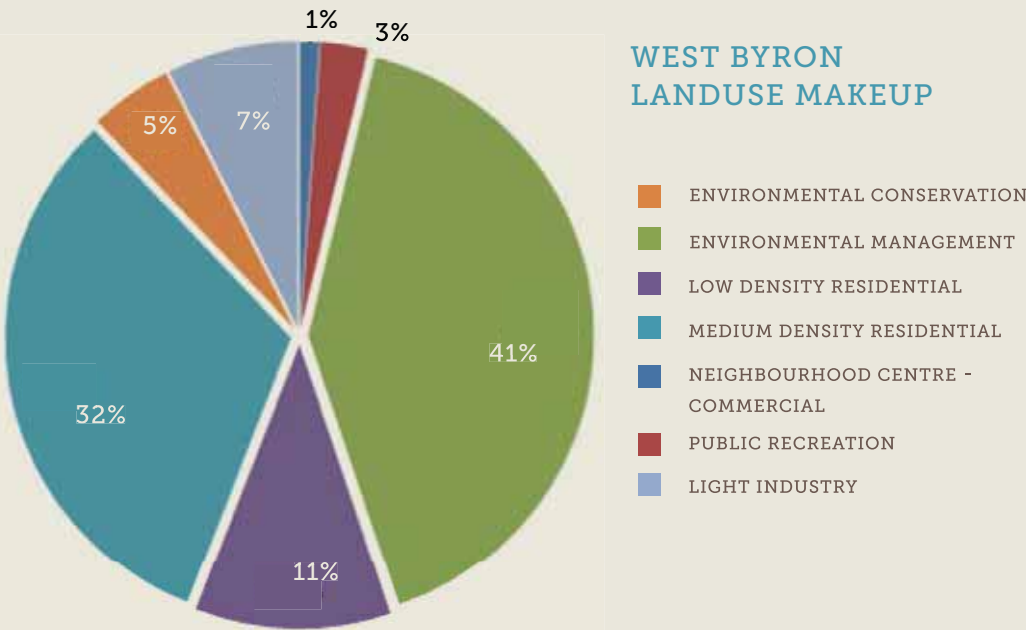
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Toughened drink laws 'don't go far enough'

For violent crimes in which drugs and/or alcohol are aggravating factors the government will increase maximum penalties by two years. The laws will impose a 1.30am lockout on all venues in Kings Cross, Darling Harbour, The Rocks, Hay-

Tweed MP Geoff Provest said they '... build on our targeted approach to tackling drug- and alcohol-fuelled violence since we came to

'What I would hope is that communities are able to look at their own situations and have a real say into decisions that affect their own community,' he told ABC.

A \$160 million investment into the state's mining communities by the state government is now closer, with nineteen infrastructure projects being identified throughout regional NSW. 'Resources for Regions' is the first program of its kind

It aims to boost economic growth and productivity, ease infrastructure constraints, 'and support NSW commu-

The announcement comes despite a recent transport study by the government that identified the northern rivers as being the fastest growing region in the state.



Ewingsdale speed camera: the state's \$1.4m cash cow

Luis Feliu

The speed camera on the Pacific Highway at St Helena, Ewingsdale, is the third most lucrative site for government coffers in the entire state, raking in almost \$1.5 million in fines just last year.

Statistics revealed by the NSW opposition show that in 2013, the coalition government collected more than \$79.1 million in fines from speed and red-light cameras in NSW, an all-time record in revenue for the government.

NSW Labor has accused the government of using mobile speed cameras to collect revenue, with safety an 'after-thought'.

Despite the Ewingsdale camera being in the thick of massive reconstruction of the highway for the most part of 2013, it ranked 17th and 18th on the Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) list.

But Labor MLC Walt Secord says the figure for the Ewingsdale camera has been split in both directions ('southbound' and

'northbound') to 'reduce' the amount for that camera alone. The 'southbound' part of the camera collected \$694,490 (2,994 fines issued) and ranked 17th, while the 'northbound' part collected \$776,228 (2,977 fines) and ranked 18th.

'But if you combine the total of the two cameras on the one site, it is \$1,470,718 for the entire year,' Mr Secord told *The Echo*.

Revenue increase

Mr Secord, Labor's shadow minister for roads, said the income around the state from the cameras had increased sharply by more than 32 per cent over the previous year.

'Data from the Office of State Revenue have revealed that from January 1 to December 31, 2013, the O'Farrell government collected \$79,108,374 in fines from a total of 232,151 notices,' Mr Secord said.

'And each month, the amount collected was greater than the previous one, start-

ing in January with \$4.6 million and growing to \$10.006 million by December.'

According to the data, revenue from speed and red-light cameras was: \$79.1 million in 2013, \$60.13 million in 2012, \$42.84 million in 2011 and \$5.84 million in 2010.

'While I recognise the need for red-light and speed cameras in fixed locations for safety reasons, especially in school zones, I do not support them for blatant revenue raising.

'Unfortunately, the evidence is mounting: the O'Farrell government is using mobile speed cameras to collect revenue, and safety seems to be an after-thought. In opposition, Barry O'Farrell promised to reduce the number of speed cameras, but in government, they are seen as cash cows,' Mr Secord said.

The figures show the No 1 revenue earner was the fixed camera on Sydney's Eastern Distributor at Darlinghurst, which detected 10,047 motorists speeding, with a total revenue of \$2,275,724.

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Best practice please

It was a surprise to learn the West Byron Project developers have yet to address Council staff concerns from 2011 over traffic, housing density and flooding.

One has to wonder what type of development this will become.

A positive so far, however, is the developer's offer to pay \$7,000 per residential lot which would go a long way towards an estimated \$8.2 million bypass. But offering the community infrastructure such as roads to get your way – even in good faith – typifies what is wrong with ignoring due process. Why bother with councils at all? When you leapfrog Council to get to the state for large-scale approvals – like Splendour's Yelgun site or Mullum Woolies – it means developers are instead wearing the boots that popularly elected representatives should be wearing.

It means the community's voice comes second to the state government and the developer is doing what they want on their own terms.

Ultimately it's a risk-reward ratio exercise. Almost all developments are for financial gain, so social capital (the public's goodwill) is weighed up against perceived financial outcomes.

Losing a little social capital here or there is okay if the final outcome means a good cash return. It's similar to political gains.

But it doesn't work that way here: many who have ignored the wishes of this engaged and savvy community have failed before. It's a community with a proven history of repelling inappropriate development.

And that's where local NSW Nationals MP Don Page comes in.

As with the Brunswick Heads residents currently dealing with an 800-page 'grand design' document for their town, the West Byron decision rests with Don, we are told. Still, there is an opportunity for the West Byron Project landowners to make that suburb the envy of all.

One example is just up the road: the Currumbin Eco Village. It's a community that is based around sustainable housing principles.

Retaining Byron's unique character should be at the forefront of this development. Let's hope the developers work with all of us so we can avoid the dull visionless consumeristic urban sprawls that are unfortunately part of the mainstream Australian urban landscape.

Public submissions close this Friday at <http://bit.ly/westbyronplans>.

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Govt paranoia aggravates the burns incident

For once I have to agree with Tony Abbott. I do not believe that Australian navy personnel ordered asylum seekers to hold on to hot metal pipes, thereby inflicting serious burns to their hands.

Our sailors are not perfect: various inquiries over the years have shown that they, or at least some of them, can be insensitive, undisciplined and at times downright ugly. But this is not to say that they would indulge in pointless sadism. There has to be another explanation.

We start from the premise that the burns are real: the pictorial evidence appears conclusive. And there is absolutely no reason to believe that the Indonesian police are somehow colluding in a monumental fraud to embarrass the Australian government. Thus either the burns came about through accident, or they were deliberately inflicted.

Abbott has said that the asylum seekers obviously had a motive to try to discredit Australian policy; he seems to be implying that they may have burned themselves in order to do so. This seems almost as improbable as the accusation that they were the results of torture and carries disturbing echoes of the 2001 'children overboard' incident in which the Howard government gave credence to rumours later proved false with the intent of demonising asylum seekers in general. So, as Sherlock Holmes would say, having eliminated the impossible, whatever remains, however improbable, must be the truth.

Let us consider the circumstances. The asylum seekers are stopped and boarded by the Australian navy, in what can

only be seen as a hostile act.

At first they hope, and indeed may even have been told, that they are to be escorted to Christmas Island, the first step to reaching Australia.

But then they find that they have in fact being turned around and are being pushed, towed or otherwise forced back whence they came. Quite possibly some or all try to resist and the Australians defend themselves; a certain amount

told a group of them to pay attention to the engine, to stop it overheating – check the temperature. And this may have been misinterpreted as an order to hold the hot pipes.

Or they could have been given a more general instruction to look after the engine and, not having been trained to do so, they accidentally burned themselves.

But in either case they would naturally blame the Australian

diculous policy of secrecy has become.

The story has by now gone around the world; the Indonesian police have referred the case to United Nations High Commission on Refugees for investigation and it will be an ongoing issue for days, possibly even weeks, to come.

Readers, listeners and viewers, denied the facts by a paranoid government, will make up their own narratives, almost all of which will be far more damaging than any conceivable reality.

Few Australians will believe the asylum seeker version, but overseas there will be many who find it depressingly plausible: the idea of maltreatment by victorious forces is hardly an unlikely outcome to those who have been involved in real wars.

And of course in Indonesia itself, where a large chunk of the population has never been happy with what it sees as the crude, bully-boy attitudes of the overbearing neighbour to its south, there will be a ready acceptance of yet another Australian atrocity.

Just when you thought relations between the two countries could not get any worse, they are about to. And of course Abbott's belligerent and uncompromising rejection of all Jakarta's protests about the way his government has handled the problem since day one can only heighten the tension.

Immediately after the election, our prime minister promised that his government would be more about Jakarta than Geneva, and by golly has he delivered on that pledge. Lucky old Swiss.

Readers, listeners and viewers, denied the facts by a paranoid government, will make up their own narratives.

by Mungo MacCallum



of push and shove ensues, and in the confined space, some of the asylum seekers end up battered and bruised.

This later leads to accusations that they were punched and beaten by the sailors.

And the result is that they no longer have any doubt that the Australian navy is their enemy, and a ruthless one at that, prepared to do whatever it takes to compel them to return to Indonesia. Their logic is faultless; after all, these are precisely the orders Abbott and Morrison have given the navy.

So this is war.

The asylum seekers now accept that they have lost the battle and effectively surrender; they must do whatever they are told to by the victors.

And this is where it gets tricky, because we have absolutely no way of knowing what the victors told them or how well they understood it, or even if they understood it at all.

It may be that one of sailors

sailors; after all, they were the ones in charge, they were the ones who had to be obeyed.

In any case, some of the asylum seekers ended up with burns. And of course, just as we don't know how the burns occurred, we don't know what happened next. Did the asylum seekers approach the sailors asking for medical treatment? If so, was it forthcoming? Did the sailors even know about the burns, or did the asylum seekers keep quiet about them, fearing that they might be punished further if they complained?

Well, we shall probably never be told, because after all these incidents happened on the water, and that makes them operational matters, and that makes them subject to national security, never to be revealed in case the people smugglers ever find out and use the information to their advantage.

Which just shows how stupid, how mindlessly counterproductive the whole ri-

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

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Last say approaching on West Byron development

■ Mr Murray accuses me of misrepresenting the proposed West Byron development and urges people to rely on the developers' claims (Letters, January 21).

Rather than the West Byron suburb being for the claimed 850 dwellings, housing 1,000 people, the Department of Planning and Infrastructure now admits it is for up to 1,100 houses. At current occupancy rates of 2.55 people per dwelling this represents an increase of 2,800 people to the 10,000 currently residing in Byron Bay and Suffolk Park.

This represents a major impact on Byron Bay's already stressed infrastructure.

The West Byron traffic study is based on a maximum of 856 houses rather than the 1,100 now proposed, and does not account for customers or deliveries to the numerous shops and businesses proposed. Rather than the claimed eight per cent increase in traffic using Ewing-

sdale Road to enter town on a weekday, the increase in vehicles using Ewingsdale Road is likely to be over 20 per cent.

The increased congestion due to increased traffic will be worsened by reduced speed limits, two additional roundabouts, pedestrian crossings, and incoming traffic having to give way to traffic from West Byron. The traffic study maintains, 'If nothing is changed then an intolerable, and unsafe, traffic environment will develop in the near future – even without the West Byron Development proceeding.' How much worse will it be with West Byron?

The assessment of the impact of the West Byron proposal is predicated upon a town centre bypass being in place. It does not assess the consequences of the development without this bypass, yet this is what is being proposed.

Any benefit of the proposed bypass in alleviating traffic congestion in the town centre will be effectively neu-

tralised by the increased traffic from West Byron.

As has been repeatedly stated in report after report since the mid 1990s, no development of west Byron should be allowed until after a solution to the traffic congestion has been implemented.

Remember you only have until the end of this month to have your say on the West Byron suburb.

Dailan Pugh
Byron Bay

■ In Dailan Pugh's excellent summary of the horrendous plans currently on exhibition for the development of the West Byron Bay Urban Release Area DCP (Letters, January 7), he urges us to contact minister Don Page. Don, in turn, recommends we send our submissions in to the Director of Planning and Infrastructure – information@planning.nsw.gov.au – and, as we have only until the end of the month and the proposed development is such a terrify-

ing prospect, I would urge all residents to get on with it; the actual planner is apparently Fera Taschner.

Jenny Coman
Bangalow

■ Since Byron residents don't appear inclined to reduce their output of children to a sustainable level, then West Byron as a home for their grown-up children and newcomers appears inevitable, if not logical.

But why should ratepayers have to subsidise this expansion? Over its development West Byron will add two to three thousand extra cars plus the in and outflow of traffic to its planned 70 industrial sites and 40 shops. Stuart Murray, West Byron project manager, boasts his landowners will contribute more than \$6 million to a bypass project.

Well there is no planned bypass; it's just a notion. So whether a bypass or turning Ewingsdale Road into four lanes plus two new round-

abouts, and a new four-lane bridge over Belongil Creek, either solution is likely to leave little change from \$30 million. The current going rate for just a basic unkerbed four-lane road on a flat surface is \$22 million for eight kilometres.

The Bay's last remaining koala colony stretches from Cemetery Road (one koala resides in a tree perhaps 25 houses from NSW state MP Don Page) through West Byron to Tyagarah. Koala colonies move when required by fire and flood. But cut off by West Byron they'll eventually die, gone forever. What's your koala plan, Stuart Murray? Contribute money to taxidermists?

But the biggest culprit is Don Page, our once environmentally minded opposition member. Now local resident and local government minister, Don can be relied upon to say nothing about these problems and drains on residents' rates. As the state government dumps more responsibilities on Byron Council, like gifting roads without money for maintenance, slashes spending on public housing and gives planning minister Brad Hazzard the go-ahead on West Byron, it's time for us all to ask Don, 'When are you going to represent us, your electorate, and not your party?'

Jim Beatson
Byron Bay

Radioactivity

In response to your article 'Radioactivity concerns over carpark plan' (Echo, January 14), while there is no question that appropriate management of the issue is required, it is not correct to imply that dust in this situation is the major exposure pathway. Closer reading of the referenced article (earthsci.org), and the associated source documents from ARPANSA and the like, reveals that the dust control issue being discussed is in regard to 'designated employees in dry separation plants'.

The principal concern is the concentration of the min-

eral monazite, which contains radioactive thorium. Depending on the composition, the specific gravity of monazite is between 4.6 and 5.7, compared to sand at -1.7. So, windblown dust of heavy minerals is not the significant exposure pathway, and to imply such could lead to unwarranted concerns. Particularly given the emotive nature of the word *radiation*, and the proximity to sensitive receptors such as the primary school.

For those interested in the management of contaminated land, detailed information is available from the NSW

EPA (www.epa.nsw.gov.au/clm/management.htm).

Also of interest in the current discussion is the photograph of the zircon-rutile plant in Jonson Street, from Brett Stubbs's 2006 Byron Shire thematic history (www.byron.nsw.gov.au/publications/community-based-heritage-study).

Marc Salmon
Byron Bay

Planes are okay

In reply to Susana Gardavsky's comments regarding aircraft noise in Myocum (letters, January 21):

I have had the pleasure of

living in Myocum for the last 14 years and love the sounds of magpies waking me in the morning, the occasional black crow squawking, dog barking, cows mooing and black cockatoos screeching as they fly into the sunset.

There is no place better, I believe, to live on this planet.

Yes, there are a few planes that fly into the air to deliver the crazy buggers who want to jump out at 14,000 feet, or gliders trying to catch thermals or other individuals just joy-flying around the

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The Greens and the delicate subject of money

■ They say the best form of defence is attack but the Di Woods' version (Letters, January 21) is more puzzling than effective.

She has employed unfounded and incorrect assertions (mayor supports liquor industry on drinking hours) and strange conspiracy theories (office rentals = capitulation to the pub lobby) to avoid answering questions on the source of her election funding.

Di and her crew on Council, with Cr Ibrahim whose backers are similarly obscure, have voted solidly in the interests of the Belongil lobby since being elected. It is not too much to ask if their funding came mainly from this source.

As someone who told me she was not going to run due to lack of money, Di was the beneficiary of by far the most expensively endowed campaign – difficult to put this down to her sparkling personality and brilliant oratory.

It seems clear that Cr Woods is not at liberty to reveal her backers.

Tom Tabart
Bangalow

NOTE: Cr Woods sent in a correction to her letter, placing the Greens pop-up shop in Jonson Street, not Byron Street. *The Echo* neglected to make the correction and regrets the error. – Ed

■ Cr Ibrahim is reported on page 2 of last week's *Echo* as saying he's not beholden to any of his election backers but that some of we Greens councillors are 'of course'. It's not the first time he's claimed this. He seems to believe The Greens are the product of a conspiracy. What does 'of course' mean?

The Greens run campaigns on the smell of an oily rag (of course, it's renewable oil). We aren't beholden to contributors and I trust that Greens contributors support The Greens' four principles (ecological sustainability; social justice; grassroots democracy; and peace and non-violence).

It'd be great if Sol could clarify his thought. Does he think that we Greens have a rich psychopathic backer hell bent on the destruction of life as we know it? Hang on, isn't that what the BAU parties

stand for (Business As Usual = Liberal, Nats and Labor)?

Cr Duncan Dey
Main Arm

■ I would like to respond to Cr Diane Woods's very unpleasant letter in your last edition. As secretary of the Byron Greens at the time of the council elections and a long-term fundraiser, I find her hostility and accusations offensive.

I can assure her that no glass is shattering anywhere. Assertions about 'brigades of environmental and lobby groups' shovelling buckets of money our way is a total fantasy. As noted also in the last edition of *The Echo* our modest campaign funds and our expenses were far fewer than hers.

The point she is trying to make about Tom and Cath Mooney and the mayor's opposition to further alcohol outlets in town is beyond me. If Diane brings the same sort of logic and prejudice to our council deliberations then maybe the community has cause for concern.

Becky Jagtenberg
Mullumbimby

■ Instead of dreaming up baseless conspiracy theories about other candidates, perhaps Cr Diane Woods should explain to the community a few murky facts about her own Council campaign.

For a start, it's now clear that Woods's team had a budget nearly triple that of any other group. Her campaign included professional consultants, a marketing team, electronic signage and a front-page advertorial in *The Australian* newspaper, yet Cr Woods doesn't think the community should know where her campaign war-chest originated.

Secondly, why are Queenslanders throwing big money into Wood's campaign? What connection does Queensland donor, Tory Smith have to Byron Shire and why did she give \$4,000 to Woods's campaign? To say she is a 'really nice lady' simply doesn't cut it.

Finally, it's about time the Woods 'True Independents' team admitted they're not independent, but aligned with the pro-CSG National Party. This is evidenced by Woods's

support for federal National Party candidate Matthew Fraser, and her teammate Cr Alan Hunter being a local National Party chairman and former National Party candidate. To claim Woods's team is 'Independent' probably misled many voters.

It's about time Cr Woods put into practice the 'absolute transparency' she expects of all candidates.

Graeme Williams
Mullumbimby

■ If the Byron Greens continue along this path of pragmatism, if its councillors remain divided, the rich and powerful developers will win. The electorate will lose.

The political differentiation will diminish and the ideological foundations of the green movement of the northern rivers will succumb to mass ignorance.

For almost 226 years this continent has been beaten and bruised and poisoned with unsustainable farming, manufacturing and mining. In all these years the Greens have been the only political voice successfully protecting and regenerating the very

land that Australians apparently take pride in. The influential Byron Greens are at the fore of this movement, located in one of the most naturally beautiful regions in the country. The Byron Greens are also a vulnerable mob.

With only one long-standing member (Duncan Dey) aside from Simon Richardson standing for the last council preselection, we were eager to fill the positions vacated by Jan Barham, Tom Tabart and Richard Staples – perhaps too eager. We need a continuous stream of committed and serious Greens bubbling up from our great voter base looking for political experience and careers. We need authentic champions of green ideology.

Without real support we will be left in limbo. This council's term is a watershed episode for local environmental concerns, integrity concerns and for the future of green politics in the region.

Kris Budden
Assistant Treasurer,
Byron Greens

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countryside. Believe me, the noise they make is no more than the rolling surf that is a pleasure to hear some days. It is no louder than the traffic rolling down the Pacific Highway or the occasional motorbike roaring down Myocum Road.

What about the helicopters flying around or the commercial jets that regularly pass overhead? These surely make more impact than the people genuinely enjoying the view of our little piece of paradise from the best vantage point they can reach.

For you to write to the om-

budsman complaining about the noise coming from the Tyagarah airfield I find quite disturbing and concerning. I find the whole thing is a complete waste of bureaucratic time. Trust me, unless you are very, very old, the airfield has been here a lot longer than you and I have lived. May I suggest that if you don't appreciate the beauty of Myocum and the noises that are associated with living here, then Australia is

a big country and you should move on and let someone else appreciate the beauty that we experience every day. If you choose to stay, stop your whinging and be happy that people are having fun.

Why do I bother writing this? I believe I am the silent majority in this case and you are very much in the minority and making a big noise.

Bill Nicholls
Myocum

Browbeaten

'Calamitous criminals commonly wear ties, not tattoos' (the *Echo* strap, January 21). Oh really? This smacks of the narrowness above which *The Echo* might otherwise wish to present itself. Please, stop brow-beating us.

Gil Crespy
Goonengerry

Bruns power plays

Re Brunswick Heads Holiday Parks and foreshores latest plan of management: it is great that some of the less progressive councillors and the Brunswick Heads business community are finally recognising the nature of the ongoing battle to be consulted, in the true sense of the word, by the state government via their private enterprise buddies.

The well-meaning suggestion of 'mediation' or compromise, however, is not going to change the existing power dynamic, or give more say to the local community.

For successful mediation, leading to a 'win-win' situation, both parties have to have something to lose. Common needs and values have to be established, before there is any motivation to 'give way' to the other party. In this new situation, the public/private enterprises have all the legal

power, and the community has very little. All we can do is keep annoying them, like the story about the tiny mosquitoes overcoming the huge elephant.

The 'compromise' approach was tried with Council, who do have some power, in that they have to approve the caravan park licences. And what was the final outcome? The new plans show that the planners have re-neged on their commitments/compromises, despite Council upholding their own.

We can only hope that a majority of councillors, whatever their orientation, can see their own power being siphoned off and stand strong to insist on appropriate development before approving licences.

Eleanor Sharman
Brunswick Heads

Comrades at fault

Your issue of January 14 notes that 'Herr Morrison' is reluctant to discuss 'operational matters'. Perhaps Comrades Hans and Mungo could persuade 'micro manager' Comrade Kevin to discuss some of the following 'operational matters':

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Pacific Highway Upgrade – Tintenbar to Ewingsdale (Modifications 6 and 7)

Application No	MP07_0051 MOD 6 and MP07_0051 MOD 7
Modification	MOD 6: Construction and operation of a tunnel control centre at St Helena Road, McLeods Shoot MOD 7: Extension of construction hours
Location	Starting at the northern end of the Ballina bypass at Ross Lane, Tintenbar and extending to the Ewingsdale interchange
Proponent	Roads and Maritime Services
Council Area	Byron and Ballina
Determination	Approved
Determination Date	MOD 6 – 24 April 2013 MOD 7 – 23 December 2013
Determining Authority	MOD 6 – A/Director, Infrastructure Projects as delegate of the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure under Part 3A of the <i>Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979</i> MOD 7 – Director, Infrastructure Projects as delegate of the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure under Part 3A of the <i>Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979</i>

The modifying instrument and the Director-General's report are available on the Department's website (<http://www.majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au>).

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► of the associated manufacturing and installation industries, the fires in over 100 insulated homes and, of course, the tragic deaths of four young Australians and serious injury to many others.

2. Comrade Kevin's authorisation of phone taps to the personal phones of the Indonesian president and his wife. Comrade Kevin's resignation from parliament after an 'early warning' from the ABC when they blew his cover and attempted to shift the blame to Abbott.

3. Comrade Kevin's continued undermining of his successor for the three years following his sacking by the unelected faceless union bosses, leading to almost the destruction of the ALP and its un-electability at the recent federal election.

4. The utter financial mess that Comrade Kevin, and his bungling associates, Comrades Gillard, Swan, Wong, Brown & Co, left, resulting in budget turmoil over his six year tenure and a potential for built-in shortfalls for decades to come.

5. The substantial loss of lives, which resulted from Comrade Kevin's re-ignition of people-smuggling rackets and the multi-billions spent to satisfy the greedy smugglers and their ilk.

6. Perhaps Comrade Kevin's only act of kindness was to remove Gough Whitlam's name from the top of the 'Honour Board' of Australia's Worst Prime Ministers. Not even Julia Gillard was able to erase Comrade Kevin's name. Gough now lingers in third place.

Tim Harrington
Lennox Head

Burden of proof

John Purssey's recent letter, accusing me of self-promotion, baffles me. I have nothing to gain by taking an unpopular stand. I listed my credentials in medicine and public health for credibility since few academics have the courage to speak out against the corporate interests in disposing toxic waste products at public expense (sodium fluorosilicate, a waste product of fertiliser manufacturing).

Moreover, while calling for 'independent confirmation' (he reveals that he can indeed access the internet), he fails to refute any of the evidence I cited, from NSW Health's admission that no controlled studies exist, to the Harvard meta-analysis showing a significant lowering of children's IQs who are exposed to fluoride.

He also fails to address

the key fact that the burden of proof is on those promoting fluoride, which has never been scientifically shown to be effective or non-toxic. Instead he suggests I used deceptive arguments and cites *The Merchants of Doubt*, which describes the same kind of voodoo science that got us fluoridated water in the first place!

And yes, Mungo did err in some other areas, particularly on vaccinations (erroneously called 'immunisations', implying an outcome that is often not achieved). Unbelievably, like fluoridated water, there's virtually no hard science to back the effectiveness and safety of most vaccinations – especially the effect of multiple vaccinations on the very young whose immune systems are immature. I chose not to address that issue, since fluoride was the current topic and I didn't have space to develop the case against vaccines.

Instead of name-calling, let's look at the facts!

John W Travis
Byron Bay

Brutal policies

The individual *cannot* absolve themselves of responsibility by claiming they are following out orders. So it is that

Abbott's asylum-seeker policies have put Customs and armed forces personnel who are to execute these policies in a very difficult situation.

Are they meant to carry out orders that clearly violate the human rights of those seeking asylum?

It is now up to Australians of all persuasions who are most concerned about the damage these policies are causing to urge the personnel to follow their conscience and refuse to implement these brutal, inhuman, and dangerous policies.

Denis O'Brien
North Ocean Shores

Railway pledges

What an excellent letter from Louise Doran (*Echo*, January 14). Such intelligent observations and suggestions. Unfortunately, Louise, 'Intelligence looks like insanity to dribbling imbeciles' (quote Roseanne Barr).

Laurie Ferguson, Jenny Macklin and Justine Elliot promised that when they were elected the pledged \$150 million to reopen the Casino-Murwillumbah rail line would go ahead and also promised to stop the blame game between federal and state governments during their 2004 electioneering campaign.

Excerpt from Ms Elliot's first speech in parliament: 'and safe, affordable public transport – in particular, a long-term commitment must be made to the restoration of our XPT train. Many locals are very positive about federal Labor's long-term commitment to restoring the train'. See <http://bit.ly/parltrain>.

About six months after the ALP was elected I enquired as to what progress had been made on the reopening of the Casino-Murwillumbah line only to be told nothing could be done as it was a state matter. However, according to the Commonwealth Of Australia Constitution Act – Sect 51 (xxxiii), the acquisition, with the consent of a state, of any railways of the state on terms arranged between the Commonwealth and the State; (xxxiv) railway construction and extension in any state with the consent of that state; is possible. Do politicians ever read the Constitution?

And our present state government doesn't believe anything exists outside of the

Sydney metropolitan area.
Peggy Balfour
Mullumbimby

Ode to Ozigo

I went to fuel up this morning and was dismayed to find the Ozigo I fondly knew was gone and replaced with the modern corporate face of BP Australia. Goodbye to the fresh fruit sold out the front; the staff that I recognised and liked for their casual and friendly ways; the local products sold at the counter; the outdated (and so slow!) fuel pumps; the whole vaguely shambolic feel of the place.

Weird to think I feel reminiscent about a petrol station, but it's another small slice of the past being peeled from the core. I weirdly liked the challenge of rushing to get to Ozigo before closing time, but now its impending 24hr-ness will relegate that to the past too. And so, a toast to Ozigo and its presumably now unemployed former staff – you will be missed.

Ian Colvin
Rosebank

Fallout from the Falls Festival

A debate between Tina Petroff of Ocean Shores and Cathy Norley of South Golden Beach over the value of the Falls Festival to the north of the Shire is being carried out in the *echo.net.au* letters. As the claims and counter-claims are overlapping online, we will not repeat the correspondence here. – Ed

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Coffee chat

'Guess Who's Coming for Coffee?', Tuesday 4 February, 10–11.45am, guest speaker Gregg Miller, captain Byron Rural Fire Service, St Paul's Anglican Church, 14 Kingsley St, Byron Bay. More info 6685 6431.

Mullum Potters

If you are interested in joining the Mullum Potters in 2014, membership forms can be collected from the Pottery studio in the Drill Hall

complex on 30 January between 10am and 4pm. Enq Ellen 6680 4810 or go to www.mcag.com.au.

Orchid news

Byron District Orchid Society will meet on Monday 10 February at Ewingsdale Hall. Members will be setting up our orchid displays from 7pm. All welcome to attend. Enquiries Penny on 6680 1600.

Ecolnspired

Workshops for parents and families: creating sacred spaces, having fun with natural materials, etc. Four Thursdays starting 11 February, 9.30–11.30am at Mullumbimby Community Garden. Bookings Jane 0437 991 331 or jane@ecoparenting.net.

Ewingsdale meet

The Ewingsdale Community Association will meet on Monday 3 February at 7pm at the Ewingsdale Hall to discuss hall improvements and the council easement.

Basket weaving

Learn how to identify, harvest, prepare and use banana bark, flax, lomandra grass, red hot poker, reeds and vines in weaving projects – six Wednesdays from 26 Feb, 10–1pm. Bookings: kimjtait@gmail.com or 0413 318 829.

U3A Ballina/Byron

Our first meeting this year will be at a new venue – Brunswick Heads Bowling Club – at 10am on 4/2/14,

where we will enjoy poetry with Don Brown. All welcome. Enquiries 6680 7350.

BHPA meeting

The next meeting of the Brunswick Heads Progress Association will be held on 3 February in the Memorial Hall, Fingal Street, Brunswick Heads commencing 7pm. The draft plans of management for the caravan parks and foreshore parklands will be addressed.

BBFC training

Byron Bay Football Club senior training starts this week. Premiers and Reserves training is Tuesdays and Thursdays and general men's and women's is on Wednesdays. All training starts at 6.30 pm at the

rec grounds. For more information visit byronbayfc.com.au.

Mullum Forums

Thursday, Jan 30 – Mullum Forums meets weekly on Thursdays at 6pm for discussion, a shared meal and creative action on global issues with local impact. This week's topic is Fukushima radiation dangers. Uniting Church Hall, Dalley St, Mullumbimby.

Byron Market

The Byron Market is on Sunday 2 February at the Butler St Reserve, 8am–3pm. The Romaniacs are playing. Please leave dogs at home.

Toddler Time

Come with your toddler 18 months

to three years for free singing and dancing fun. Mondays 9.30–11am from 3 Feb at Mullumbimby Neighbourhood Centre. Inica 6684 3680.

Probus meets

The Brunswick Valley Probus Club will be holding their first meeting for 2014 on Tuesday 4 February at 10am at the Ocean Shores Country Club. Guest speaker Mary Campbell from the Organ Tissue Donation Assn. Enquiries Veronica 0466 613 456.

Community Centre

The Byron Community Singers weekly singalong at the Byron Community Centre returns Monday 3 February at 10.30am. Contact BCC 6685 6807. The Byron Elder Beats is back on Tuesday 4 February at 10.30am. Contact BCC 6685 6807. Free computer lessons for seniors recommence Wednesday 12 February. Bookings are essential – Carolyn 0413 223 462.

Family blessing

Sunday 2 February, 9am at St Paul's Anglican Church, Kingsley St, Byron Bay. We invite you to a service of blessing for all families, students and teachers returning to or starting school. Contact 6685 6431.

Bay Insight

Bay Insight Meditation will recommence on 4 Feb at The Temple Byron, 46 Melaleuca Dr, Byron Bay. See dharma.org.au.

Exit

If you wish to know more about your end-of-life choices then join Exit and attend the meetings and workshops that are held quarterly. For more info Elaine 0421 796 713.

Byron Rotary

Rotary Club of Byron Bay 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. Visitors welcome. byronbayrotary@gmail.com

Toastmasters

Byron Cavanbah Toastmasters' Club meets the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month from 6.30 to 8.30 at St Finbarr's School. Go to www.byronbaytoastmasters.org for more info or just drop in. MullumMagic Toastmasters are warm, friendly people who meet to improve our communication skills every 2nd, 4th and 5th Mondays at 7–9pm at the Presbyterian Church Hall, 106 Stuart Street, Mullumbimby. Phone 6684 8024 or visit www.674916.toastmastersclubs.org for more information.

Buddhist meditation

Buddhist meditation at Fawcett St, Brunswick Heads, will recommence on 5 February. Info 6685 8842, mishaelamairie@gmail.com.

Op shop

The Uniting Church Op Shop in Dalley Street, Mullumbimby, is having a huge clearance of all clothing, \$2 each, lots more to see and free morning tea. This Saturday 1 February from 8am till noon.

Please note: This section is intended for the benefit of non-profit community groups, not for invitations to free events to be followed up by paid workshops.

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Temporary outages affecting all channels may occur on or around the retune.

To find out if this is your retune date and to sign up for an SMS or email alert, visit the website.

How to retune

- 1 For most systems press the **MENU/SETUP** button on your remote, or refer to your manufacturer's handbook.
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Byron Regional Sport and Cultural Complex

- Social Volleyball
Monday 7:30pm-9:30pm, from Feb 3
- Social Badminton
Friday 6pm-8pm, from Jan 24
- Morning Muscles -get fit every
Monday, Wednesday and Friday
6:30am-7:30am, starting Feb 3
- Lifeball -
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GIDDY-UP!

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It's all happening at the Byron Regional Sport and Cultural Complex in 2014!

At the BRSCC this year there will be lots of sports action, such as Monday night Social Volleyball Comp, 7:30pm-9:30pm starting February 3.

Social Badminton Comp on Friday nights, 6pm-8pm, starting January 24.

Morning Muscles will get you fit every Monday, Wednesday and Friday 6:30am-7:30am, starting February 3.

For more information on these and other activities, call the BRSCC on 6685 5911 or email mpf.brscc@byron.nsw.gov.au.

Pegasus Park centre

At Pegasus Park Equestrian Centre we specialise in



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Byron Bay FC Kicks Off!

After a hugely successful 2013 season, Byron's biggest sporting club, Byron Bay FC hits the ground running for 2014 with sign-ons and pre-season training beginning in early February.

BBFC is a family oriented club with teams for players of all ages, beginners to guns — girls, boys, men and women. The whole family can play!

For our rising stars in the 5-11 age groups, there's our popular skills programs with school holiday coaching clinics and a new 'kick-off' program starting in March.

Our Premiership winning Prem's look to continue their run into 2014 and the club is working to develop all our senior men's, women's and junior competitive teams.

Prem's and Reserves tryouts/training begin 6.30 Tuesday, January 28 and continue every Tuesday and Thursday up to the season kickoff.

General men's and women's pre-season training will begin 6.30 Wednesday February.

So, get your boots on!

Lennox Dolphins Junior Rugby

2013 was a big season for the Lennox Head Dolphins with three teams fighting hard as Grand Final runners-up.

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Email lennoxdolphins@gmail.com

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Welcome to the 2014 Football Season

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Zone sign on day
Saturday 8th February

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For Club Contacts
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2014

up and our club provides a safe environment whereby our kids can learn lifelong skills such as teamwork and discipline while also giving kids a sense of belonging, responsibility and success. We encourage players of all ages, genders and abilities and we take pride in our Indigenous players.

If you have a child 5-16 who has not played with the Dolphins before, don't miss our sign-on days

Saturday 8 and 15 February between 1pm and 3pm at Williams Reserve, Lennox Head.

Existing players simply sign on via our website www.lennoxdolphins.sportingpulse.net or Facebook page 'Lennox Head Junior Rugby League' Expressions of interest for coaching close 20 February.

All enquiries please contact Andrew Weir 0407 652 117 or Leigh Asser on 0423 643 221.

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Football Far North Coast

February 1 signalled the start of registrations for the 2014 Football Far North Coast season and players are urged to contact one of the seven clubs in the Byron Shire to find a team that suits their age and skill level.

Most junior competitions will commence on 3 May but it is important that players sign up as soon as possible.

Parents are asked to go to myfootballclub.com.au to register their child; however, contact with your preferred club to get details about the season is encouraged.

the World Cup in Brazil, interest in football should be enormous. Children aged from five years of age (or turning five in 2014) can play. Football is non-competitive up the age 11 and parents are urged to support children in a positive manner.

As we go into a new



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Web: www.footballfarnorthcoast.com.au

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Eureka FC

In 2014 we're launching three senior men's teams, a new women's team and juniors from 6 to 16.

We're a fast growing grass-roots community club that plays with style and values skill.

And our home is in the dress circle of Paradise. Forza Eureka!

Info: James 0417 258 038.


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Shores United Soccer Club

Juniors & Seniors

Calling past, present and new players to come and be a part of our exciting club. Last year was a real success and a lot of fun. Our Under 13 Junior 2nd Division side became undefeated grand final champions.

Shores United look to field three senior teams in 2014. The club has gone to great lengths to secure the services of Brian Hedge, who will manage our top level first division men's team.

This year please go to our online registration for both junior and senior players. This allows players to register and pay online at www.myfootballclub.com.au.

All welcome to come to an information morning on Saturday 8th February 2014 10am–12pm. Please note all registration for 2014 is online only. If you require more information please email Kim at shoresunitedfc@ffnc.net.au.

ONLINE REGISTRATION OPENS 1ST JANUARY 2014



2014 SIGN ON



CLUB SIGN ON DETAILS

BANGALOW: Wed 19th & 26th Feb 4-6pm at the Bangalow Hotel. Contact Trudy 6687 2848

BYRON BAY: Wed 19th Feb 3.30-5pm & Sat 22nd Feb 9-11am at Byron Rec Grounds. Contact Nikki 0438 853 932

MAIN ARM: Contact Noreen 0438 181 219 ah by 24th Feb

MULLUMBIMBY: 15th Feb 9-11am at clubhouse. Contact Narelle 6684 3870

OCEAN SHORES: 15th Feb 9-11am at Ocean Shopping Village. Contact Joanne 6680 1857ah

Bangalow Netball Club SIGN ONS 2014

THE POOL ROOM at THE BANGALOW HOTEL

Wednesday February 19th and
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All games throughout the season are played on
Saturdays at the Mullumbimby Netball Courts

Net-Set-Go 6-7 years

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Netball 10-17yrs, Seniors 18+

**For more information please
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Byron Bay Rugby Union ready for 2013

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Please join us on
Wednesdays 6pm for
training and sundays 6pm for
kickaround at Suffolk Field.

**SuffolkParkFC@gmail.com
Ph 0411 546 544.**

Bangalow Netball Club News

After an incredibly successful
year in 2013, we are getting
ready for another successful
year in 2014.

We will be holding Sign-
ons in the Pool Room Bar
at The Bangalow Hotel on
Wednesday 19 February and
Wednesday 26 February
4-6pm.

Please come along
and join in the fun.
All games throughout
the season are
played on Saturdays
at the Mullumbimby
Netball Courts
Net-Set-Go 6-7 yrs
Netta 7-11yrs
Netball 10-17yrs,
Seniors 18+

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Mullumbimby Hockey Club is taking registration throughout February for the 2014 season, which begins Sat March 29.

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Katherine 0417 427 963
Julie 0414 841 816

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2014 will be another exciting year for Bangalow Rugby.

In 2013 the Club made a successful entry to first grade and had the strongest growth of any senior rugby club in the far north coast



zone. Bangalow also continued its growth path of recent years at the junior level, adding another junior team to the ranks.

In 2014 the Club has already launched its new Rugby Academy for talented players aged 16 to 19, and the Bangalow to Brumbies pathway that will see two Bangalow juniors trialling for the ACT Brumbies. A top-flight senior coaching team is in place, and a full program of pre-season training is ready to go.

This success reflects a lot of hard work on and off the field to create a friendly, professional Club culture that is great for junior players and their families and is attracting some of the best

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For more info contact Paul De Fina 0400 572 028.

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Brunswick Valley Junior Rugby Union

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NECKS TICKETS

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Bourbon BACK ON TAP

IN NEW ORLEANS BOURBON STREET MAY BE THE MOST FAMOUS STREET IN THE FRENCH QUARTER, BUT ROUND HERE BOURBON STREET HAS NOSTALGIC RESONANCE FOR VERY DIFFERENT REASONS. MUCH-LOVED 80S ROCKERS WHO PROBABLY PLAYED MORE LIVE GIGS THAN ANYONE IN AUSTRALIA. SEVEN SPOKE WITH HORACE BEVAN ABOUT GETTING THE BAND BACK TOGETHER.



Tell me, what the impetus was for Bourbon Street to get back together?

We got offered to do the Airlie Beach Music Festival last November, and that got the band talking again. The lineup was awesome (Hoodoo Gurus, Ian Moss, Dragon, Johnny Diesel, Glenn Shorrock, Brian Cadd, Russell Morris and many, many, more great Oz acts) and it was an honour to be asked to do it. It was truly a great festival, kind of part Bluesfest with a big top tent and main stage, and part Blues on Broadbeach with cool acts playing everywhere in every possible venue. The organisers involved the whole town and it was a bloody hoot to do a gig on the main stage.

Why did you guys stop playing in the first place? Things in life always run their course and after we made our last album in 2007, *Banned For Life* at Airlock Studios Brisbane and Old Dog Studios in Corndale, with Ian Haug from Powderfinger co-producing, we thought it was a good record and we did well in the studio, but we looked around when it was finished and there was nothing else to see and at that point there was nowhere else to go but apart. It was an emotionally, mentally, spiritually and financially draining experience for everyone involved.

What's it like getting the band back

together? It is new, it is great, it is fun and it is music! All the right elements seemed to have come into play again. To be honest it is like being a kid again, only with a little more responsibility. It has been really well supported and we have been humbled and overwhelmed.

What has changed and what has stayed the same? What's got better? Or worse? Everything changes and everything seems to stay the same! As technology advances, people are people and stay the same. What is happening now among the four musicians that play together in Bourbon Street is a very direct, honest, dynamic energy to be together playing their music and sharing that energy with other people.

What is the essence of a great gig? When you have performed to the best of your ability, given all of yourself that is possible, and have somehow moved, touched or inspired someone in the audience.

How has the music industry changed since you started out? Fewer gigs for sure, and fewer venues with abundant crowds craving for live music. I think opportunities still exist and you need to look in new different portholes to find them.

If you were to give some advice to younger players, what would it be? Believe in yourself no matter what! Not in

your ego, but in your spirit! Believe what you're doing is a good thing to share with others. If your intention is pure, your audience will naturally and organically find you.

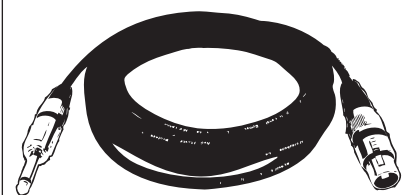
Who are the people who have most influenced you? Me personally – Bob Dylan, Stevie Ray Vaughan, Angus Young and Roy Buchanan... you'd have to ask the other guys their influences but I know Col digs Mick Jagger and Robert Plant, Simon digs Paul McCartney and Lenny digs Phil Rudd... No doubt Bourbon Street has been influenced by the entire 60/70s music and also put our toe into the very source from the blackest pool of blues music from the 1920s and 30s. We are a northern rivers of NSW rock Australian band and we are pretty proud about that.

Why do you think Bourbon Street fans have endured even when the band has stopped? The band and the fans shared an important part and period of our lives together in the 80s and 90s. That time is gone and so are some of those people but the song remains the same.

What should we expect for your Lennox gig? Four 50-year-old dudes rockin' out hard with AC/DC underpants and Rolling Stones socks on!

Bourbon Street play at the Lennox Hotel on Saturday at 9.30pm.

LIVE music



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Dinkum Bohos come from a freewheeling bohemian tradition that's rooted in Australia's rustic heart. Weaned on travels through the country's deep and dangerous hinterland and the golden beaches of the east coast, **Vasudha Harte** and **Jem Edwards** present an Australian take on music for runaway romantics. **Friday 7pm, Pizza Paradiso** Suffolk Park.

HEIR TODAY

A true all-round performer, **Lionheir** is more than an intriguing songwriter – he's a masterful guitarist and accomplished singer who always entertains. With a hunger for setting live stages alight, Lionheir is a fiend for foot-stomping breakdowns and solos. Sit back and enjoy an entertaining performance from one of Australia's best up-and-coming artists. Lionheir plays the **Beach Hotel** in Byron on **Thursday** and the **Ballina RSL** this **Friday** night with his band from 8.30pm.

UKE MULLUM'S AUSTRALIA DAY BOOK

Uke Mullum will be paying respect to the original Australians for Uke Night at **The Court House Hotel** in Mullumbimby this **Thursday**. For the second year in a row, the great Sara Tindley is back to lead *My Island Home*, Archie Roach's *Took The Children Away* and more. Plus traditional Australiana... a tribute to Chrissy Amphlett, even Kylie. There is a crack band with Dave Sanders on drums, Rod Coe on bass, Evan Sun on mandolin, plus new friends Terza on BVs and Dan on button accordion. Don't forget to check out Amber and Stu's new crowdfunding campaign as well!

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IN GOOD FORM

Every day I need to allocate at least three hours to filling in forms. I don't know if previous generations suffered from this constant barrage of bureaucratic enquiry – applications, assessments, acceptances, complaints, enquiries, enrolments, bookings, insurance policies, requests – all these things require tedious attention and box checking. It freaks me out. In fact I think I've become completely form-o-phobic. I see a form and I break out in a sweat. My hands go clammy. I start to feel a mounting anxiety about the bits of information that will be required that I don't have, or can't locate, or can't be fucked finding. The dead hours spent trying to track down my tax file number before it finally occurs to me two months later to ring my accountant.

I'm okay at the first bit that requires name, address and date of birth, but anything after that sends me into a spin. 'Previous injuries?' I don't know. I don't remember. Does stubbing my toe on the bed this morning count? What about when my feelings got hurt when that woman rubbed my stomach the other day because she thought I was pregnant? Does that count as an injury?

And now everyone wants online forms. Just click through, they say. Like it's easy. Bullshit. I click through, fill in the relevant bits and the cyber-form god sends

me back angry red text saying it's incomplete and I have to start again. I want to book a flight and I have to submit an online form. It's so controlling it starts auto-selecting my options. I don't want insurance. I don't want baggage allowance. I don't want to give to the bloody star kids. I've got my own star kids at home and I'm giving them a lot more than \$2 a day.

I end up in a payment vortex and either I pay the extra \$56 of costs I don't want, including some nasty credit-card fee or I go back the beginning. I can't hack it. I pay the \$56 just so I don't have to do it again. I hate online forms. They're worse than paper ones. They're judgmental and require immediate attention. I can't stuff them away in the cupboard with a neon post-it note to remind me it's urgent.

In fact I have urgent forms in that cupboard from three years ago. They don't seem so urgent now. Like the one for my wisdom-teeth surgery. Sure, my teeth are growing sideways into my gums. I just drop a few Nurofen and make a plan to keep my mouth shut once my teeth start to bunch up.

There are forms mounting up that I have to deal with. A tax return that needs filing. Jury duty. A passport renewal, plus a new application for Ivy. A long detailed form for quitting an old super account and a new form to roll it into a new account. Then there's the form for tracking down all my missing super accounts.

Nothing ever seems to make sense. I am always the idiot that has to ring the 1800 number to get a customer service operator to help me through. I bet they call that the idiot line. I can just see them at head office: 'Idiot phone's ringing again, who wants to talk to the

retard?' Once you've called and admitted your failure to complete without assistance I am sure they check your name off on the national 'loser' network so that every time you are sent a form to fill in you are flagged as a serial non-completer. And I not only speak English as a first language, I studied it at university. If I have form freak-outs what happens to someone whose English is poor? Or who has memory loss. Or isn't very bright?

In the old days the only form you filled in was your dole form and it was just a series of boxes that asked boring stuff like 'Did you look for work?' and you ticked YES. And then it asked you to list three places. My friend Wally used to write stuff like 'applied for job as astronaut at NASA'. No-one at Centrelink picked him up on it until he thought he'd tell the truth and answer YES to the question about looking for work. Wally was cut off his benefit the next week. Which was funny because at least he was telling the truth. But forms don't do nuance, and they certainly don't do irony.

Forms are oppressive, man. They don't recognise the enormity of human spirit – they are reductionist tools of the fat controller trying to squeeze us into our appropriate boxes. I'm going to form a new religion. And the main belief of the religion is that we don't fill in forms. We will be called the NONconFORMists. The only problem is – to register a new religion I have to fill in a fucking form.

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

BURNING SUGARCANE

With fire, skill, passion and commitment, **Sugarcane Collins** plays his acoustic guitars with a driving rhythmic swing and sings powerfully with the big heart of a bluesman. Inspired by the slashing delta blues of Charley Patton and Son House, the joyous ragtime guitar of Blind Blake and the powerful songster traditions of Leadbelly, his songs are filled with deep emotional content and, like the best of the early bluesmen, Collins is an exceptional storyteller.

Saturday at Ballina RSL and **Sunday** at Nimbin Hotel.

A VERY LONG AND LOVELY NECK

The Necks have been playing together for more than 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. Before stepping onstage for a Necks concert, nothing is planned or discussed



between the trio. They walk on and they start playing. The trust that has developed over quarter of a century of playing together creates a unique musical symbiosis. Audience members often remark that they heard additional instruments or electronic samples during a performance, but

nothing of the sort is ever used live. *What happens in the room stays in the room.* **Friday 7 February** at the **Byron Community Centre**.

Tix at www.byroncentre.com.au.

TOM BRINGS THE SHIP IN AT THE RAILS

Tom Richardson is an artist with a difference. An adventurous yet humble nomad, in the past 18 months alone Tom has performed in 14 different countries across the globe. In an age where it's all too easy for young musicians to be caught in the tide of ever-changing trends, online overkill and pressures to be the 'next big thing', Tom has stepped into the sidestream, appreciating the freedom of travel, exploration and the privilege of forging relationships with listeners and cultures around the world. While still in his early twenties, having already shared the stage with the likes of Joe Bonamassa, Cold Chisel, The Waifs and You Am I, there are very few Australian festival stages on which Tom hasn't performed. He plays the **Rails** on **Wednesday**, launching his new album *Guide Your Ship*. He also plays at the **Treehouse** on **Friday**.

BILLI JAM

Billinudgel Hotel presents the **Sunday special jam**. Following the success of the January Sunday special jam, which featured African musician Kobya, Aussie virtuosic guitarist Geoff Wright, and Aussie drumming legend Loui Burdett as well as many others, set the crowd on fire.

This Sunday, bunking in to Billi directly from the Tamworth Music Festival is singing sensation **Leslie Averil**. Accompanying her is Mr **Rod Coe** on bass, and Australian guitar legend Mr **Geoff Wright** on the gee-tar. Geoff has played with many greats including Max Merrit, Tina Arena and JJ Cale. On drums will be Grant Robertson, well-known local musician. Also featuring local lovely **Lou Bradley**, who wows them out at the Tamworth festival and

anywhere else she plays. Lou has something extra up her sleeve: husband Phil on suitar, banjo and mandolin. **Weatherless** will be making their debut appearance, featuring the sterling talents of a bunch of local boys. **Billinudgel Pub** from 3pm.

LIONHEIR AND BAND AT THE BEACH HOTEL ON THURSDAY AND THE BALLINA RSL ON FRIDAY



SATURDAY NIGHTS AT THE MIDDLE

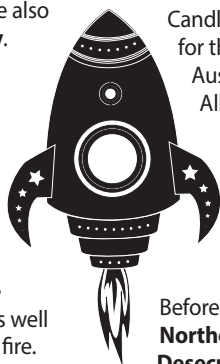
'Twas the night before Sunday, and through Mullumbimby not a creature was stirring, not even a nimby... Well, folks, all that's about to change. The **Middle Pub** is on a mission to get the town pumping as they bring live music back to Saturday nights, starting this week with the irrepressible **Camel Tones** from 8pm. These guys are local rock royalty, led by guitar master Geoff Wright, and their explosion of swampy rock blues will definitely set the tone for the coming Saturdays. So come on down and help breathe life into Saturday nights in the biggest little town – a man's not a camel after all...

KING PARROT FLIES AT THE NORTHERN

Without a thought of slowing down, **King Parrot** launch straight into 2014 with a whole swag of shows, focusing on regional areas and hitting the road with US thrashers **Havok** in February. With a US tour and SXSW appearances in Texas penned in for March, the band is getting their road dog on and burning bitumen all over the countryside this summer.

King Parrot's debut album *Bite Your Head Off* is now out worldwide through legendary extreme metal label Candlelight Records, and the band is getting primed for their first major touring experience outside Australia. After taking out the crown of Best Heavy Album at *The Age* /Music Victoria Awards and winning Act of the Year at the AC/DC Lane – Jagermeister – Cherry Bar awards, the band has gone from strength to strength in the last 12 months and is excited to be taking their entertainingly brutal and energetic show to foreign shores.

Before that happens you can catch them at **The Great Northern Hotel** Byron Bay on Sunday with Havok, **Desecrator**, **My First Kill** and **Hammers**.



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Why have you decided to go with a crowdfunding campaign? I had a number of my friends on Facebook suggest it one too many times and I thought I would put myself out there and see what happens. I have always pre-sold all my CDs so it felt like a fairly natural thing to do.

Tell me about your plans for the gospel album? I have booked the studio in Samford (Brisbane) called Airlock. It's owned by Ian Haug from Powderfinger and, having recently recorded a children's album there, I was convinced it was the place to record an album. I like to record live, first or second take at the most. It's a snapshot of a musical moment. I've booked the finest musicians I know and have been playing music with quite a bit so it'll be a joy to go into the studio and put these tracks down.

What's the secret to the Li'l Fi touch? Live and lively but always from the heart. People can hear it when you're faking it. My heart and soul has been blessed with the music of all the gospel singers I've loved and it's time to pay some homage and make one for Jesus.

Who will you be recording with? Steve Russell (all keyboarded things) Thierry Fossemalle (basses and tuba) Pete Wilkins (drums), Martha Baartz (saxophone) and Mal Wood (trumpet). Scrubby Pete, Billy Williams and Grant Bedford get a showcase and so will AM Summerfield and my dear friend Fiona Boyes on the guitar tracks on the Sister Rosetta Tharpe numbers. So there's an airfare and a few people to pay.

What is your attraction to gospel? The album is going to be called *People Get Ready*. It's a bit of a handbook for the afterlife really. As I had a near-death experience and went back to Heaven I've got some inside information that I'd like to share with anyone who's not feeling very sure about what happens.

And finally: How do people go about contributing? Go to the *Pozible Link People Get Ready* or type in your browser <http://www.pozible.com/project/176609>.

CULTURE

NUTCRACKER

Palace Cinemas' opera and ballet season begins this week with two screenings of the much-loved *Nutcracker*, presented by the Royal Ballet. This production was filmed live at Covent Garden on 12 December for presentation in cinemas around the world via state-of-the-art digital projection with digitally recorded surround sound. The full company of the Royal Ballet fills the stage with colour and energy while the set designs, beautiful costumes and impressive staging create a magical atmosphere. Screening at the Palace in Byron **Sunday** at 1pm and **Wednesday 5 February** at 11am. Tickets \$21–\$24.

WEBB OF COMEDY AT BALLINA'S BIG GIG

There are some comedians that have this uncanny ability of talking to you as if they've known you forever. **Lindsay Webb** is one of them. He is unforgettable. Other comedians all acknowledge that no-one talks to an audience and improvises material as well as Webb. He is the master of small talk. In fact he's so good at shooting the breeze that in 2009 he set a Guinness World Record, for the longest show by an individual when he performed nonstop – a massive 38hrs 6min.



LINDSAY WEBB AT THE BIG GIG COMEDY NIGHT AT THE BALLINA RSL ON THURSDAY

Prior to his solo show efforts, Lindsay's career was forged across several media. He was 'the funny bloke' on the Sea FM Morning Crew on the Sunshine Coast Queensland for four years, and has been working the Australian comedy circuit since he won the Queensland finals of the Melbourne International Comedy Festival JJJ Raw Comedy Competition in 1998. Lindsay is piss-funny. You'll pop an eye. Lindsay is joined by **Paul McMahon** as support and **Mandy Nolan** as MC at the **Ballina RSL** on **Thursday** at 8pm. Free!

CRACK OUT THE CRAYONS

Byron Bay's most popular and longstanding drawing class **Dynamic Drawing** swings back into action this week.

The class welcomes all newcomers and anyone who simply wants to develop and discover their identity through drawing. It is a progressive forum in which each individual is fully valued and given total opportunity to find their natural direction. Ron Curran's positive energy and the group itself wholly support each person's drawing journey and aims to fully encourage the development of each person's unique drawing style.



AMANDA SAGE PRESENTS PAINTING WITH LIGHT WORKSHOP AND RETREAT ON WEDNESDAY AT THE PARADISE ONE RETREAT CENTRE IN COORABELL

our 'domestication' has programmed us with.

During this three-hour lecture, Don Miguel and Don Jose will assist you in understanding that the agreements we make are ultimately about seeing our whole reality through the eyes of truth. The result of practising these agreements helps you to move into complete acceptance of yourselves just the way you are, and the complete acceptance of everybody else just the way they are. The reward for doing that is your eternal happiness. **Byron Community Centre Wednesday 5 Feb.** \$70 + booking fee.

PAINTING WITH LIGHT WORKSHOP & RETREAT

Amanda Sage in collaboration with **Mosaic Vision** is offering a retreat focused on the exploration of traditional methods in visual art and using these skill sets to cultivate personal style and voice.

Exploring techniques based on the early Renaissance methods of under-painting and glazing, this workshop will focus on observing fundamental principles of light, colour and form in the natural and 'visionary' worlds.

Developing an eye to see nature through rendering our perception by working in pastel on toned paper, while also following the fundamentals of painting with acrylic and oil. **Paradise One Retreat Centre**, Coorabell. Bookings essential: <http://inticketing.greentix.com.au/evinfo.php?eventid=370296>.

WOMEN SEEING RED ON VIOLENCE

Friday 14 February sees the women of the world gather in streets, on beaches, in parks... dressed in red for **V Day** – an international day asking people to say NO to violence against women and children. Organisers are asking women to bring a placard relating to justice for women and if possible to learn the dance for the flashmob – www.youtube.com/watch?v=jQpttPZqOlw. If you can't do that, come anyway, and do wear red! **Dance rehearsals** are also happening each **Monday** and **Wednesday** at **Lisa Burnie's Zumba class**, 7.30am!

BYRON ON FILM

Famous for its surfing and laidback, bohemian lifestyle, Byron Bay's buzz during the **Byron Bay International Film Festival** is infectious. From a jazz fusion that tap dances its way through the pulsating streets of India to a power play sizzles between Italian actors conquering each other in love. This summer the hottest beachside action will be happening inside the cinema when the 8th Byron Bay International Film Festival presents a more inspiring dose of screen culture from **28 February to 9 March 2014**.

HUGHESY IN THE BAY

You've got to love the laidback laconic humour of **Dave Hughes**. A dad of three now, the boy next door who became the boy on NOVA 100 breakfast radio has said goodbye to his pre-dawn starts and walked back into the spotlight as a standup. Catch his pre-comedyfest show at the **Byron Theatre** on **Thursday 6 Feb.** 7pm, \$30.

Classes are \$20, no need to book in. **Wednesdays – Mullumbimby Drill Hall / Fridays – Byron Bay Scout Hall** – both 9.30am–12 noon. Enquiries Ron 0421 101 220 or www.dynamicdrawing.com.au.

BECOMING UNDOMESTIC

Come join this special event with **Don Miguel Ruiz** and his son, **Don Jose Ruiz**, for an evening of inspiration where the best-selling authors talk about how we can empower ourselves to live in truth and move beyond doubt and the limiting belief systems



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8–11 Girls: Thurs 4:30pm, Sat 10.45am **NEW CLASS**

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Holy Trinity!



ONE OF THE GREATEST THRILLS OF BLUESFEST IS THE UNLIKELY COLLABORATIONS BETWEEN ARTISTS IN THE ONSTAGE PERFORMANCES. AUSTRALIAN SINGER/SONGWRITERS JEN CLOHER, LIZ STRINGER AND MIA DYSON HAVE TEAMED UP TO PRESENT A VERY SPECIAL THREE-WOMAN SHOW – SOMETHING THEY'VE BEEN TOURING FOR A FEW MONTHS NOW. **SEVEN SPOKE WITH JEN CLOHER.**

What was the inspiration for the collaboration? I've always been a huge fan of Mia and Liz as songwriters and musicians. One morning I woke up with the idea of 40 shows in 40 nights – a slightly biblical number, I realise. Over the day I thought about who I'd most like

to play 40 shows with in 40 nights and Mia and Liz were at the top of my list. I emailed them that day and by the following morning they had confirmed they were in. Then came the next two years of planning, organising funding, co-ordinating individual schedules etcetera until we finally hit the road in August last year. We did 35 dates over about two months – a bit more realistic and manageable than my original idea.

What are the strengths that you all individually bring to the table? The main thing is having three different perspectives; you can bounce ideas around rather than having to rely solely on yourself. Individually though I would say that Mia brings the number-crunching skills to the table; Liz is great at co-ordinating our band and locking in tour logistics; and I'm good at keeping the social media side of things rolling along. Musically – Liz is the queen of harmonies and can work out three-part harmonies on the spot; Mia is great at working out guitar parts and arrangements; and I'm great at playing tambourine.

Years ago I read a book called *Anything She Can Do, I Can Do Better* – by feminist author Rachel Oakes-Nash – it investigated female competition and how it undermines women's self-worth. In your experience, do you feel that the mainstream music industry sets women up against each other as competitors rather than collaborators? Perhaps. I think more than anything the media have a tendency to heap women songwriters together as a 'genre', which I find lazy. Who cares about the media anyhow (present company excluded)? All three of us have built careers through playing live and releasing the best music we can make. Our connection to our fans, the people who continue to make it possible for us to have a career, is the relationship we nurture. My experience of the independent music community has been supportive. We all know how hard it is to have a sustainable career when you're self-funding and releasing, so we respect and support each other. Coming together as Dyson, Stringer and Cloher is another example of that community spirit.

What is it that you love best about the songwriting of Mia Dyson? It's powerful, robust and full of heart.

What about Liz Stringer? Liz is an incredible storyteller and a natural musician.

How do you complement each other? We are all very different as songwriters and performers but for all of us the song is the most important thing. The strength of our songwriting makes for a powerful hour of music.

I imagine touring can be a very solitary and often isolating experience. What is it like having Mia and Liz along? What do you get up to off stage? Do you eat toast? Write songs? Stay up drinking wine? Do yoga? We cook meals together whenever we can; we all love good food. We also get excited when an old Meryl Streep movie is on the telly in our hotel room. And Mia lives for chocolate, which rubs off on Liz and me.

How do you craft a song with three songwriters on board? Essentially one of us will write a song and take it to the others. It's at that point that the collaboration begins – we'll suggest arrangements, play with different tempos, try harmony parts – things usually find their way pretty quickly, which I think has a lot to do with having known each other for more than ten years now.

What should we expect for your Bluesfest show? It's a rock 'n' roll show. People seem to think we'll be there with our acoustic guitars singing pretty harmonies but once we're onstage together we tear it up. I think people walk away surprised by how much we like to play rock 'n' roll.

(Jen Cloher's new album *In Blood Memory* just made the final shortlist for the Australian Music Prize.) Cloher, Dyson and Stringer at Bluesfest this Easter. Visit bluesfest.com.au for tickets and info.

2014
BLUESFEST

California Reggae Legends on the Ground



ROOTS REGGAE FAVOURITES ARE MAKING THEIR WAY AROUND THE COUNTRY WITH A STOP-OFF PLANNED FOR THE BYRON BREWERY ON WEDNESDAY 5 FEB. FOUNDING MEMBER HARRISON STAFFORD CHATTED WITH **SEVEN** ABOUT THIS LEGENDARY OUTFIT.

What was it that started your love affair with reggae music? I first heard reggae music through my older brother, who was listening to Bob Marley, Black Uhuru, Culture, Don Carlos, etc. I was maybe 6–7 years old (1982–1983) and hearing the sounds coming from my brother's room struck a chord in me. Also at the time I was attending Hebrew school and studying the Torah so the songs about Moses and Aaron and the children of Israel seemed to be made for me. As one of only a few Jewish kids in the area reggae music was like my personal music.

As a reggae academic, what would you say have been defining moments in reggae? I would say the most defining moments in reggae would have to include the winter of 1951–1952 when Federal Studios, the first-ever recording studio in Jamaica, first began recording music; 1962 when the country gained its independence from Britain; 1966 when His Majesty Haile Selassie visited Jamaica; and 1972 when owner of Island records, Chris Blackwell, gave £5,000 to Bob

Marley, Bunny Wailer, and Peter Tosh to record their first album *Catch A Fire*.

Why do you think as music it is also so closely aligned with a 'spirituality'? Jamaicans tend to be very religious and spiritual people of Christian background, and for these black African people looking for the second coming of the messiah. On 2 November 1930 when Haile Selassie was crowned as 'King of King and Lord of Lords, the Conquering Lion of Judah', as recorded by John in the holy Bible's 'Revelation', this was the answer. Also as very poor people you must look for ways and means of keeping positive and that is the backbone of Rasta spirituality.

How did this evolve? It all first developed when African slaves were forced to adhere to Christianity and learn the holy Bible. The birth of Rasta culture came from Jamaican and African leader Marcus Garvey, who said, 'look to Africa for the crowning of a Black King; he shall be our redeemer'. Then another Jamaican by the name of Leonard Howell saw Haile Selassie's 2 November 1930 coronation as this redeemer and began to spread the message and the seed grew from there. Rasta is about love and a close connection to the planet and a commitment to social justice.

Where does Groundation posit itself in the story of reggae? The Groundation story is a continuation of reggae and Rasta story that came from Jamaica and reached worldwide. It's a

reaffirmation of the message of true oneness and togetherness. It's also about pushing boundaries and breaking down barriers, both socially within the lyrics, and also musically. Our story is about bringing people together and to put forth the message that times are changing and good people are going to push this through to see a positive future for our coming generations.

You are named after Haile Selassie's visit to Jamaica – Groundation Day. What was so significant about this day? Kingston, Jamaica, on 21 April 1966 was the scene of a miracle, a living god coming forth to bless his people. It caused a huge awakening among many Jamaicans, who that day began to grow their locks, stepping out of the world of Babylon, and calling themselves Rasta. However, most Jamaicans where very much against this 'cult' as they called it and wanted nothing to do with what they saw as a false messiah. It really was a day of judgment for the people on the island; some for Rasta and some against. However most Jamaicans would say, 'yes, Rasta philosophy of loving each other and the planet, and doing no harm to no-one it the right way'.

How do you keep a band like Groundation together? There have been many players to pass through the doors. It is very challenging. In fact most people are not really able to handle the pressures of touring. You have to be kind and very positive towards life to keep a band of so many musicians together. It's true we have had many different people along for the ride; however, the foundation remains the same as of those who started the group: me on vocals and guitars, Ryan Newman on bass, Marcus Urani on keys, David Chachere on trumpet, and Jason Robinson on sax. Of course Kim Pommell on vocals from Kingston, Jamaica, has been a part of the group now for many years, as has our Maori drummer Te Kanawa Haereiti.

Tell me a little about the current lineup. We have a new trombone man, Daniel Włodarczyk, who is brilliant and carries songs like *Weeping Pirates* and *Music is the Most High* to even greater heights, and singer Sherida Sharpe, also from Kingston is like an older sister to Kim Pommell. In fact she was the first Jamaican female vocalist who began rehearsing

the Groundation works back in 2005 so everything has come full circle.

What should we expect for your Byron Bay show? Byron bay is gonna be on fire this night of the Groundation performance. Each one of our shows is unlike the previous: new songs, new solos, new collective improvisation. Expect to hear

a reggae band that sounds different from anything you've known to be reggae and yet it will be welcoming. I expect the show to be full of positive energy that will stay with the people for many days and weeks to follow.

Wed 5 Feb at The Byron Bay Brewery. Supported by Tom Frager (France) and special guests. byronbaybrewery.com.au



Stars

WITH LILITH

As Venus's six-week retreat draws to a close some relationships reach their use-by date and others forge stronger bonds via surprising compromises...

- ♈ **ARIES:** Uranus in Aries is jack-hammering entrenched habit patterns – a radical process which can't be stopped, ignored or restored to how it was before. Add Pluto's uncontrollable emotional surges and you could detonate everything you've worked to build up. This week's land-mined, so breathe deeply and tread warily.
- ♉ **TAURUS:** Psychiatrist James Greenblatt reckons the gut is our secondary intelligence centre because it contains more neurons than anywhere else except the brain. This week try relying on gut instinct if your mind starts playing tricks. And get reality checks from the empathetic sector of your friend spectrum.
- ♊ **GEMINI:** Whether you think you're entirely right or even totally wrong, this week asks you to consider the flip side of situations as well as your own. Then gives you plenty of exercise bridging the existential gap between your needs and other people's, your ideas and conflicting opinions...
- ♋ **CANCER:** As your maturing evolution away from old self-images progresses incrementally but inevitably, yes, leaving the past behind really is necessary before these internal changes can emerge and merge with the larger world Jupiter in Cancer opens up for you to share this year.
- ♌ **LEO:** This week's ask is how to behave in hurtful or disturbing interpersonal situations, how to handle emotional histrionics with dignity and diplomacy. By not giving yourself a hard time over minor mistakes – because we're all experimenting with new paradigms right now, you and everyone you know.
- ♍ **VIRGO:** Be prepared for business as unusual this week with four planets in the zodiac's cardinal signs of self, relationships, family support and worldly contribution all at odds with each other – an extremely volatile vortex. Habitual responses aren't likely to work – new ones are called for.
- ♎ **LIBRA:** Mars in your sign pulling you in different directions makes decisions even more exquisitely excruciating this week. Take care of numero uno or attempt a win/win solution? Make a move or let destiny do its thing? No easy answers right now, but objective feedback could be enlightening.
- ♏ **SCORPIO:** This week's work on planet Earth is revising critical judgments which could result from misunderstandings or stresses you're unaware of. Don't let disappointments close your heart, because late week's moon of paradox and contradiction could bring radically different information from what you were operating on.
- ♐ **SAGITTARIUS:** Respect communication protocols this week by asking people what they think or

- how they feel before telling them what you know. With polarisation peaking, try to find common bonds or shared interests and broker creative compromises where everyone gets at least some of what they want.
- ♑ **CAPRICORN:** This week's questions: Are you able to bend without resentment, be firm though not so stern it turns others off, find a workable balance between discipline and nurture? In the present transit's power plays, control issues or tugs of war with authority, you'll make your point more successfully through cooperation and collaboration than insistence and criticism.
- ♒ **AQUARIUS:** According to this week's birthday Aquirian, poet and trauma specialist Clarissa Pinkola Estes, rejecting what's non-beautiful separates us from the life force. Can you drop thoughts and stories about being special and different and better than? Let go who you think you are to be so much bigger...?
- ♓ **PISCES:** This week's primal energy's both destructive and creative with Mars, Uranus and Pluto shattering past patterns. Creation isn't always beneficial or destruction bad, as in proliferating cancer cells and the medicines employed for destroying them. What do you need to prune to make way for new growth?

Mungo's Crossword

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Quick Clues

- ACROSS
- Best seats in lower level of a theatre (9,6)
 - Moral decay, usually associated with the passing of time (9)
 - Celestial body traditionally presaging disaster (5)
 - Perfectionist, nit-picker (6)
 - Expands, puffs up (8)
 - Holy, sacrosanct (6)
 - Embroidered wall hanging (8)
 - Golf stroke, a shortish lob (4,4)
 - Nut grown underground (6)
 - Day of the week (8)
 - Fruit (6)
 - Last letter of the Greek alphabet (5)
 - Judge the merit of (9)
 - Direction at right angles to all three of length, breadth and height (6,9)

DOWN

- Tragic ancient Greek king of Thebes (7)
- Ancient plant, for instance cabbage tree palm (5)
- Places in peril (9)
- Sharp taste (4)
- Citizen of the USA (8)
- Unspoken, understood (5)
- Traditional Australian cake. (9)
- Fulfil, supply the needs of (7)
- Liqueur based on orange (9)
- Height, altitude (9)
- Made love to, swept away (8)
- Thrown away, discarded (4-3)
- Secondhand item used as part payment on a new one (5-2)
- Respond, oppose (5)
- Legal excuse (5)
- Steady, unyielding (4)

Last week's solution

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Cryptic Clues

- ACROSS
- Rhyming slang surprisingly startles scholars – nuts! (9,6)
 - Ten years with new church leads to moral decay (9)
 - Setter in bed with celestial body (5)
 - Puff about journalist, an intellectual show-off (6)
 - Princess to take care on board, but blows up (8)
 - Bag about 500 – must be dedicated (6)
 - Back traitor over nuisance for unknown hanging (8)
 - Golfer's stroke indicates how he likes his fries (4, 4)
 - Insignificant person has Christine enfolded in a caress (6)
 - Choose the Sabbath to speak about a lump of excrement (8)
 - Cavendish to bleat about grandmother (6)
 - Round, huge and last (5)
 - Find fault as 100 ruined cities embrace religious instruction. (9)
 - Obscure note for Hinduism: relatively speaking, Einstein says it's time. (6,9)

DOWN

- Die is cast in work for king, a complex subject (7)
- Ancient vegetation: just two notes about an unknown nowadays (5)
- Upshot raises ire, even puts at risk (9)
- Flavour no good? Give thanks first (4)
- Confused man embraces Heath, or maybe Bush (8)
- 4 down has back spam leaving New Guinea, understood? (5)
- Professor Marcia takes note of cake (9)
- Talk about clenched fist will do the job (7)
- A neurotic mixed up some liqueur (9)
- Promotion brings joy about the middle of tavern (9)
- Chap surrounded by retro style was swept away by love! (8)
- Reject Confederation of Australian Sport dandy (4-3)
- Part payment of French in public transport (5-2)
- Respond and do it again (5)
- Excuse Mohammed: goes both ways! (5)
- Steady company (4)

Kreating Kasho

THIS SATURDAY SEES AN INNOVATIVE FASHION CABARET HIT THE STAGE AT THE BYRON BREWERY. SEVEN SPOKE WITH PREM KASHO OF KALI'S KREATIONS ABOUT HER IDEA TO TAKE A SIMPLE CLOTHING LINE LAUNCH AND MAKE IT A SPECTACULAR.

Describe the concept of what you are presenting at your fashion show.

My initial concept was to showcase my spring/summer line and create notoriety for my recently opened clothing, home and giftware boutique located in Brunswick Heads, but that has organically evolved into also wanting to present a show where women are acknowledged for their talents and come together as a united front to showcase them, promote themselves and, most importantly, reclaim their sisterhood.

What was the inspiration for you to put this together? My clothing was obviously my first inspiration, and wanting to share my pride in my pieces with others.

The generosity of everyone I approached to support my fashion showcase was a massive inspiration. I was filled with so much love and humility from that that I decided it couldn't just be about me anymore; I wanted to share that stage with everyone involved.

How did you get everyone together? Prior to the event's coming together, I had only personally met two of the women involved. Through the power of Facebook, and of course universal manifestation, the performers and creatives slowly banded together. I asked the universe to 'bring them to me'... She did! I would be working in my shop, and customers would end up revealing they had one talent or another, and I would add them to the lineup!

What are the most important things for you in realising your creative vision? This experience has made me realise how vital it is to me to manifest my inner dream world and see it take form in the physical plane. We are conditioned as women to feel wholly satisfied by birthing children and maintaining the home, but we need to be supported and encouraged to have strength to 'birth' our longings as artists, as individuals and as entrepreneurs.



How did you become a designer? I have been travelling to Bali for more than nine years now, buying and reselling a wide range of items. I had always wanted to do my own line of clothes. I believe I have a very good eye for what is in, and many times will have imagined something to be popular ahead of time. After numerous travels, and being inspired and influenced by so many of the European designers based in Bali, I started to format my collection... and here we are.

What are the challenges of being a designer or small-business operator in the Byron Shire? I think the hardest thing for me is to *not* compare myself with what others are doing, and hold them on a pedestal because they can present themselves to the public in a way that I am unable to because of lack of funds.

I have often had great ideas a year or even two before I would see it in boutiques in Bali, but as I didn't have the cash to produce, I would miss the boat, and the next thing I would see similar ideas making strides in the market. I hate to just bring it all down to money but with business it

really is relying on being able to promote yourself. Money makes that happen and this is why this event means so much to me, as generosity of heart, not money, has enabled its growth.

The event is themed around Women's Business – do you think we as women face different challenges? I think *being* a woman is one of the most challenging experiences a soul can take on! We are such complex creatures with such a deep potential of giving and wisdom, and have been conditioned to ignore our intuition and strength. We are not appreciated nearly enough for the magnitude of things we deal with or the amount of energy we share with our families and partners, or in the workplace. This event is in honour of women. Having said that, it isn't a 'feminist' night, where we shun our male counterparts... we want men to attend, and appreciate the multifaceted being that is *woman*.

Tell me what to expect for the Byron Brewery showcase? The show will be a combination of fashion processions and fantastic variety acts... you can expect lots of colour, laughs, maybe a tear or two, and to dance your arse off to the wicked DJ set that will finish the night.

Featuring burlesque chanteuse Belle Benet, Pole Catz, Saphira von Wilde, Debbie Davies, Luana, Hoopla Circus, me as MC, and much more! \$30 earlybird/\$35 door. Online tix at byronbaybrewery.com.au. Saturday at the Brewery. Complimentary champagne on arrival at 5.30pm.

CHESS by Ian Rogers

Play at Byron Services Club, Mon 7pm

In a week when a 12-year-old – Sydney's Anton Smirnov – won the Australian Junior Championship and Levon Aronian confirmed his status as Magnus Carlsen's most likely world title challenger, conversation among chess fans was fixed on another issue: whether Viswanathan Anand was wise in seeking World Championship glory one more time.

Having been comprehensively dismantled by Carlsen in their world title contest in November, many expected Anand to opt out of the next World Championship cycle; the Indian's multiple World Championship successes ensuring that his place in history was secure.

Instead, Anand has agreed to compete in the Candidates tournament in Khanty Mansiysk, Siberia, in March.

Apart from his world title contests, Anand has won only one tournament in the past five years and his record against some of the rising stars is poor. He will find out very soon whether his

decision was sensible when he begins play this week in an elite tournament in Zurich with a lineup featuring Carlsen, Aronian, Nakamura and Caruana.

At the just completed tournament in Wijk aan Zee, the Netherlands, Aronian won many games, some in crushing fashion, as this effort against Filipino teenager Wesley So shows.

Wijk aan Zee 2014
White: L Aronian
Black: W So
Opening: Grunfeld Defence
1.c4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3 6.bxc3 Bg7 7.Be2 7.d4 would transpose to a standard Grunfeld opening but Aronian tries an original set-up. 7...c5 8.0-0 Nc6 9.Qa4! Bd7 10.Qa3 Qa5 11.Rd1 0-0 12.Rb1 b6 13.d4 Qxa3 14.Bxa3 Bg4! Exchanging pawns on d4 would give White everything he wants. 15.dxc5 Bxc3 16.Ba6! Rab8 17.Rdc1 Bxf3?! Not yet necessary. After 17...bxc5 18.Bxc5 Bb2! 19.Rc2 Bxf3 20.gxf3 Bd4, Black would be fine. 18.gxf3 Bd2 19.Rd1 Bc3? 19...Bf4 was necessary. 20.Kg2 bxc5 21.Bxc5 Bb4 22.Be3 Bd6 23.Rbc1 Nb4 24.Bc4 Rf8 25.f4! Preparing to push Black backwards. 25...Kf8 26.a3! Nc6 27.Ba6 Bxa3 28.Rc4! Rd8 29.Ra1 Bb2 30.Raa4! Now the knight has no squares and Black must tie himself in knots defending it. 30...Rd6 31.e5 Re6 32.Rc2 Nd8 33.Bxa7 Ra8 34.Bb5 Bxe5 35.fxe5 Rxe5 36.Be3 1-0 The threats of 37.Rc8 and 37.Bh6+ make further resistance futile.

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HANDBOOK FOR DRAGON SLAYERS

by Merrie Haskell, HarperCollins, pb RRP \$13.99

Myth, marriage, magic and fantasy are all rolled up into one in this fantastic story of Princess Matilda, the one they say is cursed, Judith, the princess's faithful maid and Parz the mighty warrior.

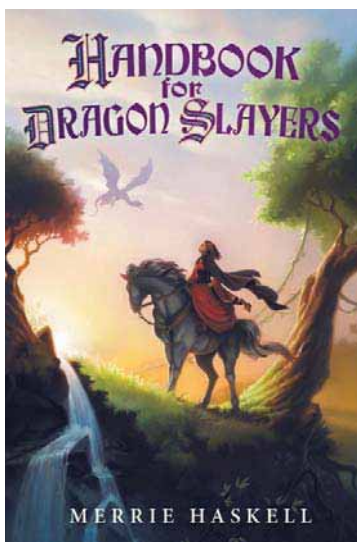
So a runaway princess, a faithful maid and a mighty warrior make up a group of would-be dragon slayers. These strange characters are all searching for different things but are all in the same fantastic story and all wrapped up in the same adventurous plot. One searching to redeem himself, one searching to show her strength and one searching for a place to write.

Although they all sound different, the ultimate purpose of this author's work is redemption, revealed as you follow Parz's character from the one known for his mistakes to the one known for his successes. The emotions this author brings out really intertwine with yours, making you cry when they cry, feel afraid when they feel afraid and be full of joy when they are full of joy. The author also uses her descriptive words to her advantage by really showing you the scene or room they are in at the time.

This book is truly intriguing and the author Merrie Haskell artfully and creatively weaves suspense and humour into the same sentence. You could never put down one of her books. *Handbook For Dragon Slayers* demonstrates her skill with writing and always leaves you wanting more. Her plot is edgy and imaginative and it is truly a unique book. Any reader with exquisite taste is absolutely bound to read this wonder of a book. This is truly wonderful, though its language was slightly repetitive in some scenes.

Overall this fantastic book is worth the read and is a read you will never regret. After reading this wonderfully creative story you will never turn back. Although this book was fantastic it was not my favourite book but my recommendation is that this book would be great for children ten to 16 years old. Will all the characters find what they were looking for, or was it not what they expected?

~ Jade Rushwood, Byron Bay Public School



SCATTERED: THE INSIDE STORY OF ICE IN AUSTRALIA

by Malcolm Knox, Allen & Unwin, pb \$32.99

Australian journalist and author Malcolm Knox has written a comprehensive, entertaining and eye-opening account of the rise and rise of methamphetamine use in Australia. He surveys its earlier history in Asia and how it came to take over from amphetamine ('speed') as a major illegal stimulant.

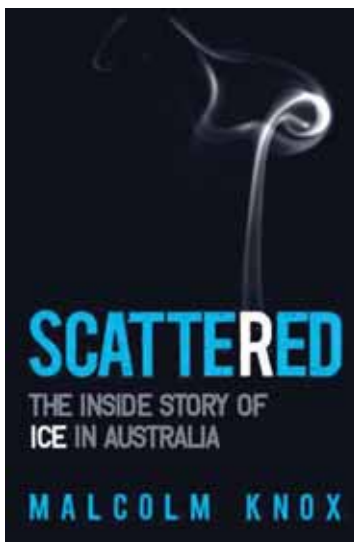
According to Knox, meth, crystal, shabu, now generally known as ice, has some pretty exciting effects for the user, at least until the psychosis, paranoia and rage set in. Its high – reputedly a much stronger rush than sex – lasts much longer than speed, and makes the user feel invincible and effective. You can knock over banks or alphabetise your record collection all day long without losing concentration. It is significantly cheaper than heroin or cocaine and, for the dealer, it can be made in a backyard lab (do not try this at home – you might blow yourself up or stain the curtains).

But – and it's a very big but – it fucks with your brain big time. Ice sets loose the brain's popular pleasure neurotransmitters such as dopamine in great floods. 'But in the aftermath of neurotransmitter release,' writes Knox, 'the methamphetamine is involved in other chemical reactions that damage the body's capacity to make new neurotransmitters'. Some research also indicates that long-term ice use can ravage nerve cells in many regions of the brain, resulting in slowed motor skills and memory loss, with symptoms similar to those of Alzheimer's or Parkinson's. It can also lead to antisocial behaviour of the most violent kind and a lifetime of depression.

Knox is no 'literary gentleman with a seat in the grandstand' (Tom Wolfe, 1973) in his observations. He talks to users, cops and experts and presents a wealth of case histories, many of them not for the squeamish. Petty crims and upmarket lawyers, both cliques ice users, get to have their say.

Most of the dangers of ice are made obvious. Among the most disturbing is the peddling of ice as a party drug among youth, especially young males who are already under the delusion they are bulletproof. It is often passed off as ecstasy, which is another kettle of euphoria altogether.

Knox also points to the islands of sanity in the sea of law-and-order rhetoric that drowns the sensible drug debate we need to have: these are the National Drug & Alcohol Research Centre (<http://ndarc.med.unsw.edu.au>) and the work of Dr Alex Wodak, director of the Alcohol and Drug Service at St Vincent's Hospital in Sydney. President of the Australian Drug Law Reform Foundation (<http://adlrf.org.au/>), Wodak helped introduce the first needle



ECHO DRUDGES RECOMMEND

In Siberia by Colin Thubron

'Siberia seems an appropriately bleak destination for these political times and Colin Thubron makes a superb guide. Fearless traveller, brilliant observer, diligent researcher and elegant stylist – for my money his only rival among contemporary travel writers is Jonathan Raban, wonderful on today's America. But for the vast Siberian wastes and their desperate peoples, Thubron's involved but impersonal approach could not be bettered. He makes Abbott's Australia positively inviting.' – Mungo

Oh, the Places You'll Go by Dr Seuss

'What a lovely little book about the natural, expected and unexpected mountaintops and pitfalls of life. I can definitely recommend sitting in a bunch of cushions on the floor with some kids with this book.' – Eve

The Men Who Stare At Goats by Jon Ronson

The Men Who Stare At Goats made a moderately entertaining film, but Jon Ronson's original book of that name is much better: a factual documentary about the US Army's sinister First Earth Brigade and the many crimes and idiocies committed by the CIA and FBI over the last fifty years. Genuine history that is both horrifying and hilarious.' – David

My Family and Other Animals by Gerald Durrell

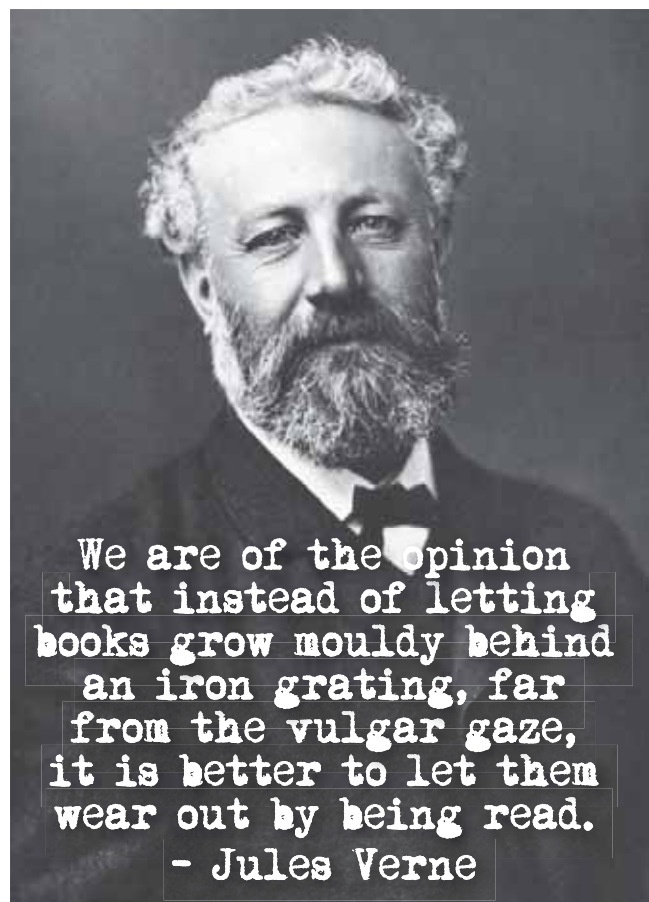
This charming and comical autobiographical novel was first published in 1956, and has a decidedly youthful and frank charm reminiscent of *The Catcher in the Rye* (Salinger) – minus the cynicism and profanities. Penned by Gerald Durrell, a naturalist, it follows the innocent and playful antics of a 10-year-old boy, who has moved to Corfu from England with his bohemian widowed mother and his much older siblings. Durrell is completely absorbed with animals and the natural world... it is hard to not get a tad nostalgic for an era of great simplicity and joy... sans iPhones, Facebook, and all that jazz. Lovely! ~ Melanie

exchange program to Australia and has been pushing shit uphill for decades in his bid to change the entrenched and mistaken view that the War On Drugs is working.

If you want to know more about the drugs you or your children are ingesting, then NDARC is a good place to start. Its fact sheet on 'Methamphetamine use and health' is a relevant wake-up call. In addition, the Australian Institute of Criminology's DUMA project (aic.gov.au) offers plenty of data on drug trends for those who want to drill a little deeper, and the ADLRF has an impressive list of recommended reading.

(By the way, Knox's brilliant career is enough to make any newspaper hack envious. As well as writing a slew of novels and impressive non-fiction works, Knox has been chief cricket correspondent, assistant sport editor and literary editor at the *Sydney Morning Herald*. In that last position he won a Walkley award, along with Caroline Overington, for breaking the story of the fake Jordanian memoirist, Norma Khouri. Jammy bastard.)

~ Michael McDonald



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- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **SCOTT DAY-VEE**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON **TOM RICHARDSON**
- BYRON BREWERY 7PM **OPEN MIC NIGHT**
- GINGER PIG, BYRON 9PM **RODRIGO CASSIANO**
- FRANKIE BROWN, BYRON **JASON DELPHIN**
- TWEED HEADS BOWLING CLUB 6.30PM **NOEL PARLENE**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS 7.30PM **BUDDY LOVE & THE TREMORS**

THURSDAY 30

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 9PM **LIONHEIR**
- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **MATT BUGGY**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON **MESCALITO BLUES**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON **CLUB RAIDERS PRESENTS DOORLY, W SAMMY K, DISCROW, LEO DIAZ, RHYS BYNOWN, TAYA MILLS, SHIVVER AND MOLTEK**
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- BALLINA RSL 8PM **BIG GIG COMEDY W LINDSAY WEBB, PAUL MCMAHON & ELLEN BRIGGS**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS 7.30PM **MADE IN AUSTRALIA**

FRIDAY 31

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 5PM **2 IN A GROOVE** 9PM **THE FERAMONES**
- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **WANDERING EYES, ANDY DUB, PAOLO**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON **GOODRICH**
- BYRON BREWERY 7PM **ZION TRAIN SOUNDSYSTEM (UK),**

- **MC BAPTIST (FR), MR SAVONA / MARZ / ZIV**
- GINGER PIG, BYRON 8PM **IAN & ANTHONY DJ SET**
- FRANKIE BROWN, BYRON **LUKE MORRIS**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 8PM **DJ ADRIAN**

- **BROPHY**
- RIVERVIEW HOTEL, MURWILLUMBAH 7.30PM **BO JENKINS**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 6.30PM **TRACY LEIGH**
- SALTBAR, KINGSCLIFF 8.30PM **MYKEL**

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- GINGER PIG, BYRON 8.30PM **MEOW JAZZY TIMES**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 8PM **DJ JON**
- PIZZA PARADISO, SUFFOLK PARK 7PM **SEEDS OF ENTROPY**

- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL **MICK MCHUGH**
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- BILLINUDGEL HOTEL 7PM **THE DIRTY CHANNEL**
- LENNOX HOTEL 9.30PM **BOURBON STREET**
- BALLINA RSL 8PM **ANDY SUGARCANE COLLINS**
- GOONELLABAH TAVERN 9PM **MONSTER GUITARS W ADAM HOLE AND MARK EASTON**
- LISMORE WORKERS CLUB 7.30PM **CHRIS COOK BAND**
- SHEOAK SHACK, FINGAL HEAD 7PM **JACK O'LEARY**

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- CHINDERAH TAVERN 2PM **MATT BUGGY**
- SEAGULLS, TWEED HEADS **JOE PHILLIPS**

MONDAY 3

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 8PM **HIT THAT HIT MUSICAL BINGO**
- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **KYLE LIONHART**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON **GUY KACHEL**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 8PM **DJ ADRIAN**
- SOUTHPORT BOWLS CLUB 7PM **GOLD COAST CITY JAZZ CLUB W DAVE FENNELL & FRIENDS**

TUESDAY 4

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 7:30PM **OPEN MIC NIGHT**
- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **LUKE & SEBASTIAN**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON **CHRIS ARONSTEN**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 8PM **DJ JON**
- GINGER PIG, BYRON 8PM **DJ ROB BANGO**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 8PM **BRACKETS OPEN MIC**
- TWEED HEADS BOWLS CLUB 6.30PM **LONE WOLF**

- SALTBAR, KINGSCLIFF 8.30PM **DJ REQUEST NIGHT W DJ JOSH**
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SUNDAY 2

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 4:30PM **LISA HUNT** 8PM **CAPTAIN KAINE**
- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **KING PARROT, HAVOC, DESECRATOR, MY FIRST KILL, HAMMERS**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON **HUNTER AND SMOKE**
- BYRON MARKETS **ROMANIACS**
- GINGER PIG, BYRON 5PM **IN STEEREO PRESENTS KEEP IT TROPICAL**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 2.30PM **DJS TILL LATE**

SATURDAY 1

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 8:30PM **DJ DISCROW**
- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **CHASE CITY, PRO VITA, LUNATICS ON POGO STICKS**
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- PIZZA PARADISO, SUFFOLK PARK 7PM **DINKUM BOHOS**
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JACK RYAN: SHADOW RECRUIT

Having established himself as modern cinema's most acclaimed Shakespearean actor – a sort of Olivier with moles – Kenneth Branagh has carried on with his unexpected career swerve as director in the lucrative but trashy milieu of the CGI action flick. This 'CIA saves the world' adventure has Russia as the enemy, like in the good old days when John Le Carre was writing such stories, only with brains. Jack (Chris Pine), after surviving a helicopter crash in Afghanistan when he was serving as a

dedicated young marine in 2003, is sent to Moscow ten years later, undercover, to... I'm not exactly sure what the mission is, for it is very byzantine, but it involves breaking into the office of Victor Cherevin (Branagh), a conspiring Ruskie financier and high-up Kremlin kneecapper, in order to steal from his computer the details of files that will, after a long-planned terrorist attack on New York, send global stock exchanges into Armageddon. It's okay, and, to be honest, I'm a wee bit embarrassed to

admit that I enjoyed it after having to take serious note of all the heavyweight contenders in the awards-giving season. There is no penny-pinching when it comes to the chases etc. Moscow looks nice at night; Kevin Costner, getting jowly, earns a stack of money for rope as Jack's phlegmatic boss; and Keira 'the Fang' Knightley is provided with heaps of close-ups to do her face-pulling thing. It is a clinically written-by-numbers movie, with an extended climax that wears out a friendship as Jack survives

one near-death crisis after another. What I, and probably a lot of other punters, still want to know is: how does anybody walk past another person, make the briefest contact with them – I mean less than half a second – and yet manage to continue on with that person's wallet, containing *everything*? It's been happening forever and it works fine in a comedy, but in a contemporary spy thriller of serious intent it looks preposterous. Give it a miss unless you're desperate.

~ John Campbell



THE WOLF OF WALL STREET

The stockbroker genre has become a staple of contemporary American cinema in the way that the Wild West, with its Indian wars, gunslingers and rustlers was when the venerable director Martin Scorsese was cutting his chops in the world of the movies. A

consummate filmmaker who is as much curator as creator, he has turned the autobiography of Jordan Belfort, a larger-than-life Wall Street dealer, into a ripping yarn in which aspiration in overdrive (or avarice, if you prefer) is the great American leitmotif. Belfort (Leonardo

DiCaprio), before being undone by the consequences of his shonky practices, attains unimaginable wealth as a latter-day Gordon Gekko with a tendency to shout a lot and a taste for all manner of drugs that is only surpassed by his addiction to money. It's not a pretty characterisation, but Jordan's Darwinian amorality and his frenzied commitment to the chase sweeps you along with him. The heavily emphasised coke-snorting, binge-drinking, orgiastic lifestyle of Jordan and his cronies – Jonah Hill is brilliant as equally whacked-out Donnie Azoff – includes plenty of naked chicks but, in all that unfettered, spontaneous rooting, there are no penises to offend the eye (Scorsese, notwithstanding his out-there bravura, remains unwilling to contravene Hollywood's unspoken edict re the male member). And it's funny, too – I haven't laughed so much in yonks as I did when Jordan collapsed legless at



a country club after sharing a bottle of quaaludes with Donnie. Through all of the tumult there is the regular narration of Jordan himself, as he reflects on his career, and if Scorsese is to be faulted

it should be for paying no attention to the voices of those affected by his crimes. After an at times exhilarating and always engaging three hours, the question lingers; are we meant to like Jordan? To admire him?

The last shot of the FBI agent who had pursued him hints at where Scorsese's sympathies lay, but I could do neither so left feeling that he had received soft treatment.

~ John Campbell

THE BOOK THIEF

We are ushered from the clouds into a provincial town in pre-War Germany by the confidential, oddly comforting narration of omniscient Death. It is heard a few more times as events unfold and, as a narrative device, the effect somehow lightens the difficult circumstances in which the characters find themselves. This storybook unreality, this detached retrospection and sense that everything is just another page in an unending tale, is accompanied by art direction and design that is almost too stylised for its

own good. The daughter of a communist refugee, Liesel (Sophie Nélisse), is delivered, for a fee, into the adoptive arms of Hans and Rosa (Geoffrey Rush and Emily Watson). It is 1938 and Hitler's Third Reich is about to drag Germany into its hateful abyss – interestingly, English, albeit with a Teutonic inflection, is spoken throughout and it is only in the scene where the stormtroopers come to burn the books that a spiteful, guttural German is unleashed, with subtitles, thus distancing the folksy burghers from the prevailing

Nazism. Hans, appreciating the hitherto illiterate young girl's potential, teaches her to read and introduces her to the joys of literature. A signwriter, he paints the alphabet on his basement walls and encourages Liesel to write new words as she learns to decipher them – our eye is caught by *truth, judgment, gravedigger* et al. When Max (Ben Schnetzer), a Jew, takes refuge in the household there is the possibility that director Brian Percival will return us to the claustrophobic, psychologically draining world

of Anne Frank, but the mood never becomes so dark. As a diversion from the grimness of the situation, Liesel is courted, in a childhood, first-love way, by her neighbour, flaxen-haired Rudy (Nico Liersch). The kids are cute, but I thought neither was up to carrying the weight entrusted to them – in fact, Nélisse is at times gormless. It's a good movie, thoughtful and engaging, but it is only at the last, with Death narrating once more, that it makes tentative tugs at the heart.

~ John Campbell

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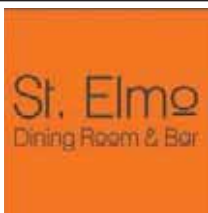
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It certainly has the vibe going on, with customers liking the groovy bar-like atmosphere, good service, the fact that you can sit out near the street (in good weather the roof rolls back), and the fact that you can just turn up and be welcomed without necessarily having a booking (it's a small venue, so it's better to book if you want to guarantee a table).

The modern, tapas-style menu aims for quality and seems to satisfy those familiar with the more upmarket tapas bars of Barcelona. Tapas is a great way to share food around the table, a great way to sample a range of food while drinking and a very warm way to be together around the table.

When we visited for Sunday lunch alt-folk artist Paul Appelkamp (Lionheir) was playing some soulful tunes to an appreciative audience of romantic couples lingering over their meals, young groups just drinking cocktails, family groups and a few people who'd just popped in for a glass of wine and to listen to the music.

With around a dozen wines available by the glass (the blackboard list changes regularly) propping up the bar seemed quite an appealing idea, and we started to wish that we hadn't brought so many children with us.

The service was excellent, with the staff somehow managing to be young, groovy, knowledgeable about wine and very considerate of the children, who enjoyed trying different food from the tapas menu.

In deference to my vegetarian sensibilities we ordered a range of vego items such as Catalan Tomato Bread (\$4) and marinated olives with cornichons and guindillas (\$9) together with Empanadilla de Calabaza – pastries filled with butternut pumpkin, manchego, goat curd and almonds served with smoked chilli chumi churri (\$14 for six of these really delicious pastries). We teamed that with Escalivada con queso de cabra; caramelised goat cheese

with roast baby beetroot, green beans, roast peppers, roast onions and hazelnuts (\$22.50), patatas bravas; fried kipfler potatoes tossed in a spicy tomato sauce with aioli (\$10).

One standout dish was the Setas Con Manchego: pan-fried portobello and button mushrooms with Jerez vinegar, peas, manchego and enoki (\$17). As it was a Sunday we also ordered the regular Sunday special – a very tasty seafood paella, designed to be shared between two. My wife, who eats gluten-free, was very satisfied with the range on offer.

The paella went very well with a beautiful restrained Sancerre; a French sauvignon blanc from the Loire Valley. Unlike sauvignon blanc that we are used to from New Zealand and Australia, this wine has greater emphasis on minerals and citrus and makes a perfect accompaniment for shellfish.

The wine list is extensive, with a number of quality wines on offer from France, Spain, Portugal, and Argentina as well as from all over Australia.

There were a lot of dishes on the menu such as the slow-cooked beef cheek in caramelised red wine with cauliflower puree, fried breadcrumbs and thyme or the seared scallops with piquillo peppers stuffed with potato and prawn salad that sounded worth coming back for. Combined with the interesting wine list, the great range of cocktails and sherries and the range of untried desserts (the almond pudding with orange, citrus curd, Turrón semifredo and candied almonds seemed particularly good), we were already

making plans to return for some more quality 'adult' time in this upmarket but relaxed Byron venue.

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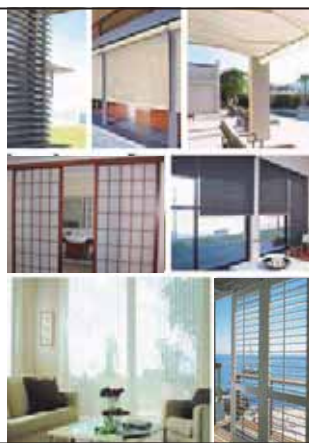
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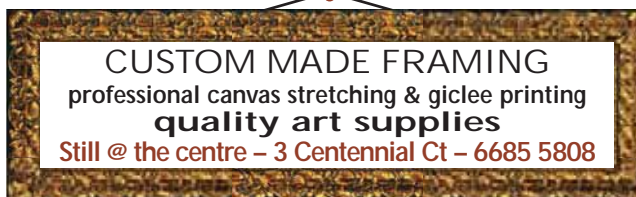
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○ Full moon	February 16	15:53				
☾ Third quarter	February 24	16:19				
Day of month	Sun rise	Sun set	Moon rise	Moon set	High tide, height (m)	Low tide, height (m)
1	S 0616	1942	0728	2028	1011,2.00; 2245,1.62	0345,0.23; 1641,0.08
2	S 0617	1941	0834	2111	1100,1.92; 2334,1.63	0439,0.24; 1727,0.13
3	M 0618	1941	0938	2152	1149,1.79	0532,0.30; 1811,0.22
4	T 0619	1940	1040	2232	0023,1.61; 1238,1.63	0627,0.38; 1856,0.33
5	W 0619	1939	1140	2313	0114,1.57; 1328,1.46	0724,0.48; 1940,0.44
6	T 0620	1939	1238	2354	0205,1.53; 1421,1.31	0825,0.57; 2029,0.54
7	F 0621	1938	1333		0301,1.49; 1523,1.19	0933,0.63; 2123,0.61
8	S 0622	1937	1427	0038	0402,1.47; 1635,1.14	1046,0.65; 2224,0.65
9	S 0623	1937	1518	0123	0505,1.47; 1747,1.14	1157,0.63; 2325,0.64
10	M 0623	1936	1606	0210	0604,1.51; 1846,1.19	1254,0.58
11	T 0624	1935	1651	0259	0655,1.55; 1933,1.25	0021,0.61; 1338,0.51
12	W 0625	1934	1733	0350	0738,1.61; 2013,1.31	0109,0.57; 1416,0.45
13	T 0626	1934	1812	0441	0816,1.65; 2047,1.36	0151,0.52; 1450,0.40
14	F 0626	1933	1849	0533	0853,1.68; 2121,1.41	0230,0.48; 1522,0.37
15	S 0627	1932	1925	0625	0927,1.70; 2154,1.44	0306,0.45; 1552,0.35
16	S 0628	1931	2000	0717	1001,1.69; 2228,1.48	0343,0.43; 1623,0.34
17	M 0629	1930	2034	0810	1036,1.43; 2301,1.50	0420,0.43; 1654,0.35
18	T 0629	1929	2109	0903	1112,1.61; 2339,1.52	0500,0.44; 1726,0.37
19	W 0630	1928	2146	0958	1149,1.54	0542,0.47; 1800,0.40
20	T 0631	1927	2225	1054	0018,1.52; 1230,1.45	0627,0.50; 1837,0.45
21	F 0632	1927	2308	1151	0103,1.52; 1317,1.36	0718,0.54; 1921,0.50
22	S 0632	1926	2356	1249	0154,1.51; 1415,1.28	0820,0.57; 2015,0.55
23	S 0633	1925		1349	0255,1.52; 1527,1.23	0933,0.57; 2121,0.58
24	M 0634	1924	0049	1447	0405,1.56; 1648,1.23	1052,0.52; 2237,0.56
25	T 0634	1923	0148	1544	0516,1.64; 1802,1.30	1202,0.43; 2347,0.49
26	W 0635	1922	0251	1638	0621,1.74; 1904,1.40	1303,0.32
27	T 0636	1921	0356	1729	0719,1.84; 1958,1.51	0050,0.40; 1356,0.21
28	F 0636	1920	0503	1815	0813,1.91; 2047,1.61	0147,0.31; 1445,0.15

Times are Eastern Daylight Saving Time.
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BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY SIMON...

FROM YOUR ECHO DRUDGES

DEATH NOTICES

I would like to inform our community that our dear friend, **Krishna Sundar Prabhu** (Gavin Panaino), left his body. He was the most generous & loving soul I have ever had the privilege to meet & I am thankful for every moment we shared. He will be surely missed by all the Sri Govinda Dham Hare Krishna community, his sons, family, friends & me deeply. A Shradha ceremony for the departed soul will be held in his honour at the Sri Govinda Dham Ashram in Uki on Wed 29th from 1pm. For details of the Funeral please call Oceane on 66191121 or the Ashram on 66795541

Don Ingeman Larsen

4 February 1926
– 18 January 2014

Brother to Esther,
very dear and loyal
friend to many.

*Don we will all miss you
and treasure our
memories indeed.*

Hazel Victoria Sorrell

(nee Beattie)

25.3.1928 – 22.1.2014

Passed away peacefully.
Beloved Wife to Maurie. Dearly loved Mother of Judy, Anne, Will and Wendy. Mother-in-law to Bob, Sheena, Graeme & Adrian. Grandmother to 10 and Great-grandmother to 17.

*You will be missed every day
and we all love you dearly.*

Hazel's funeral will be held Friday 31st January at Robinawoods Golf Club, Ron Penhaligon Way, Robina 10am (Qld time).

VALLANCE, PATRICIA FAY 'PAT'

5.10.1940 ~ 26.01.2014

Passed away after a short illness at John Flynn Hospital. Much loved wife of Bob. Loved mother and mother-in-law of Mark and Dianne and Greg. Adored grandmother of Jessica, Lorena and Jed. Loved sister of Laurie and Len Brown.

Family and friends are invited to attend a Graveside Service for Pat to be held at the Mullumbimby Lawn Cemetery, Mullumbimby on Friday (January 31, 2014) commencing at 10am.

Krsna Sundar Das (Gavin Panaino)

3/6/77 – 18/1/14



Beloved son of Cathy and Ronnie, father of Rohini, brother to Michael, Linda, Victor, Tracy and Godbrother to Mita.

Forever in our hearts.

Service to be held
Wednesday 29th January 2014,
11am at Tweed Valley Lawn Cemetery, Eviron Rd, NSW.

Love you always from family in Australia and South Africa.

FUNERAL NOTICES

CHARLIE LEWIS 'CHICA'

Passed away peacefully on Saturday 25 January, 2014. Much loved father of Katie and Simon. Loved brother of Alan, Terry, Neil, Ray and Noel. Charlie will be sadly missed by his many nieces and nephews, extended family and friends.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend a celebration of Charlie's life to be held at Heritage Park (end of Gordon St), Mullumbimby on Thursday January 30, 2014 commencing at 2pm.

MICHAEL CURRIE FUNERALS

IN MEMORIAM

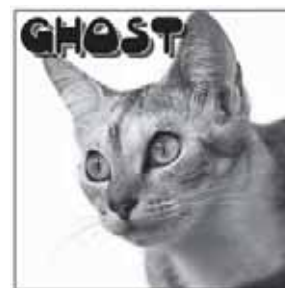
KERRI SULLIVAN 30/6/69 - 29/1/13



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Caught in the post-glacial rebound

Daniel Sage

The Elizabethans could skate on the River Thames. Nowadays, exotic fish swim up it. Where will it end?

Every city has a mantra, a ready phrase locals feel in their blood. In London, it's 'Out of my way!' But being a generally polite people, this is rarely said aloud. It's a flash of the eyes, a willingness to obey rules, to queue, to stand on the right. If spoken, it comes out as 'Sorry!'

be taught to walk faster in school. And to watch out. For everything.

One way or another, it's getting harder to move around. More cars barge their way down the supposedly shared roads, and the tube system is stuffed to capacity. Like any molecules trying to find a new way to flow, London planning commissioners have come up with some interesting schemes for us. Soon, swimmers will be able to use



Envisioning a soggy future. Source: GMJ

na found herself there one balmy spring evening... No! She's the quintessence of Britishness. She would have thought it up in her shed, with a strong cup of tea.

They had better build it high because all the while the river underneath is rising.

Being a small island girt by sea, the UK is sensitive to any climb in sea levels. The coastline is changing already. And flooding, which has long been a feature, is more frequent and more destructive than ever. The average sea rise predicted for the coming eight decades is 70cm, with a high estimate of one metre.

Front line

London lies on an estuary on the front line of trouble. Much of the city sits at sea level. For the past six months we've had consistently heavy rainfall with water levels this week at a ten-year peak, and it's still chucking it down.

All this is not helped by the fact the whole island is tilting – up in the north and west, down in the south and east – by about five centimetres a century, caused by 'post-glacial rebound'. You can't get more southeast than London. So one way or another, hillside real estate will boom.

The Meteorological Office is playing a close hand – hotter summers and wetter winters is all it will say, and, contrarily, more droughts. Since hot summers happen about once a generation no-one's complaining about that one.

Our main line of defence for now is the magnificent Thames flood barrier – a

beautiful string of shapes across the river just below Greenwich that looks not unlike bits of the Sydney Opera House, or perhaps its plumber cousin.

Of course, here as everywhere, a fair share of people claim nothing is amiss, climate change is a myth.

Perhaps a canny real estate agent should get in early and form an exchange where house-hunters who deny climate change can find homes on the cheap.

Denier specials

If you believe in global warming and that the sea is going to rise significantly you can sell your at-risk property for a discount to people who don't believe. Less of a discount than when it all comes to pass and everyone panics. And if you're a denier, and a speculator to boot, you can pick up a riverfront pad at a hefty cut to the market now. 'Don't hedge your bets, sandbag them!', the estate agent could cry.

And for the rest of the city, we'll adopt a new mantra, perhaps borrowing from the Hawaiian proverb: 'You can't stop the waves, but you can learn to surf!'

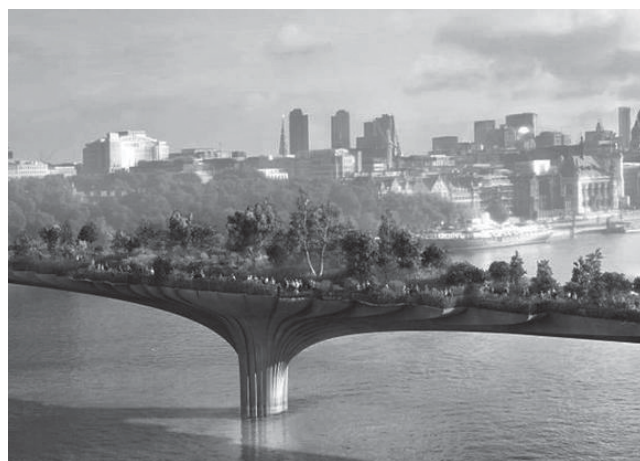
■ One-time resident of the Belongil, writer Daniel Sage misses taking his coffee on the dunes and sharpening his pen under the watchful eye of tree frogs, but now he's back in his home town London where he works on Fleet Street and writes about the comings and goings of that bustling, bursting metropolis.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

Spaghetti Circus is looking for two people to join our team.

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The new Garden Bridge. Source: Garden Bridge Trust

or 'Excuse me, please', but the meaning is clear. We are busy. Mind the gap. Out of my way!

Well, the chase is on. Transport for London, the body that organises how we move around the city, this week reduced pedestrian crossing time at nearly 600 central London points to less than six seconds. A mere six billion nanoseconds. To cross some of the busiest junctions in town. New York has 'WALK' on its crossing signs; we are going to need 'RUN'.

Meanwhile, in the last three years the number of pedestrians killed or seriously injured on the capital's roads has risen 23 per cent. Maybe kids need to

the 14km Regents Canal, once a route for industrial goods, now being cleaned to squeaky clearness. And for walkers there will be the promenade over the river in development at Southbank. Nicknamed the Garden Bridge, it's basically a long, lush garden suspended over the river. Joanna Lumley came up with the idea, she of *Ab Fab* fame and many heartfelt missions.

Across the channel our inspiration the French have of course already built such a marvel. A 4.7km botanical garden snakes through the west of Paris to the Bastille above an obsolete railway line. It's a wonder. I walked it last summer. Maybe Joan-



The Thames Barrier. Source: Daniel Sage

Shores United they stand



Story & photo Eve Jeffery

A lone figure kicking around a football in the rain.

Shoot for goal – hit. Shoot for goal – hit. Shoot for goal – miss. Run and get the ball which has sailed metres past the net. Shoot for goal – hit.

This is how I found 13-year-old Bailey Phillips, the captain of last year's premiership-winning team, the Shores United Grade 13 Second Division North who won their Grand Final against Ballina and with a tally of 119 goals

for the year. This team scored more goals than any other team in the association.

It had been a long hard road for the United boys. Some of them, including Bailey, have been playing together on the team since they all signed on together when they were six. Bailey has been playing with the club for seven years and he really loves his football and is ready and raring for the 2014 season.

Any activity that children can do as a group, including team sports, is the glue that forms friendships that can last for-

ever. Learning to rely on your buddy on the footy field, a study group, the netball court, a band in the garage, when times get tough, when life goes sour and when you celebrate your joy, is a great part of the human condition and should be explored by everyone.

Kids love to be a part of something. If sport is their thing, sign them up. We have a massive four pages of wonderful sports for kids to choose from in this year's sign-on feature. See page 16 and don't miss out!

KP retires from competition

Story & photo Eve Jeffery

Word around the traps is that local surfer, 2011 Master of the Pipe and one of Byron's favourite sons, Kieren Perrow, is hanging up his competitive leg rope for the last time.

According to his ASP profile, Perrow is 5 foot 9, stands on the board with a natural foot, loves the waves at Lennox Point and is inspired by triple Pipeline king predecessor Tom Carroll as well as Tom Curren, Kelly, Andy, Margo and Parko.

The Echo caught up with KP last week to see if the gossip is true.

Rumour has it you are retiring from competitive surfing – was that a hard decision to make? It was difficult knowing that I would be retiring but I was offered a great opportunity. At the end of the year I didn't have a decision to make as I was not qualified anyway!

Was it a long time coming – was there a strategy for winding down? Not a

long time coming but every year I knew that if I failed to qualify and stay on the WCT I would retire, not go back to the qualifying series. I was involved for a long time as Surfer Rep so thought I would take that further once it happened.

How many years have you been competing? Since I was 13, so 23 years – at the top level only since 2002.

What has been a recent highlight in your career? Inning the Pipe Masters in 2011.

What has been an overall highlight? The same! And all of the opportunities I have had to travel the world. The experiences with my family and friends along the way.

What will you miss the most? Competing.

What will you miss the least? Losing... and excess baggage.

Do you think you will actually spend less or more time in the water now? Right now much less as I am out because of my shoulder injury. Overall hopefully more time.

What's next? My role as commissioner for the ASP is really exciting and I am enjoying the challenge. I will still be travelling to most events, just not paddling out in heats.

Anything else you want to add? Thanks to everyone in the Byron area for the support over the years; it's been really cool. Thanks to my wife and kids and my family for being there for me through all of the ups and downs of competing.

As with any retirement, there's a party going on. Hosted by the Byron Bay Boardriders in conjunction with the Great Northern Hotel, KP is having a 'work' send-off this Thursday at the Northern from 6pm.

With a door of just \$10, the event will be emceed by Bruce McKenzie, Tommy Franklin will perform along with DJs, Chris Bradley and more. There will be door prizes and an auction to raise funds for local Mitch Bamping who was recently in an accident, that left him in a wheelchair.



Let the player profiles begin

Who would you nominate from your team for a Player Profile? Email: sport@echo.net.au.

The Bay Rollers

Name Jamaica Me Crazy

Number 7

Age 31

Height 6 foot in roller skates!

Birthday Leo

Position Blocker and occasional Jammer

Years in the sport I'm starting my fourth year with The Bay Rollers. Before that I did freshmeat with Adelaide Roller Derby and also helped start the Darwin Rollergirls

Favourite food Really? Just one? It has to be when someone else cooks...

Favourite colour The sea on a crystal clear day

Career Highlight I've certainly had a few memorable moments with The Bay Rollers. I think resoundingly beating Toowoomba at Tropicarnage (a SE QLD & Northern NSW Roller Derby tournament) after they had beaten us a year before. It was pretty sweet. And our roll-out for our home game as the Twisted Sisters was all my roll-out dreams coming true at once!

Motto If you're not having fun, it's not worth doing.





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- Canteen
- Membership forms available

Tennis Centre located Stuart St end of Recreation Ground (entry from Byron St, Mullumbimby)

Contact Steve 0421 953 814 or Jeanie 0439 733 763



COUNCIL CONTACT DETAILS

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

Email council@byron.nsw.gov.au
Web www.byron.nsw.gov.au
Emergency after hours 6622 7022
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Resident parking stickers Fax: 6684 3018
Sportsfield information line 6626 7111
SES Controller 6684 3444
Rural Fire Service 6684 3662
Myocum Waste & Recycling Centre 6684 1870
BRSCC (Byron Regional Sport and Cultural Complex) 6685 5911

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

POLICY EXHIBITION

At the Ordinary Meeting held on 12 December 2013, Council resolved to place the following Policies on public exhibition for a minimum period of 28 days to allow for the making of public submissions:

- Draft Amended Section 356 Donations – Assistance for Festivals and Community Functions Policy
- Draft Policy – Waste Disposal following a Natural Disaster or Significant Storm Event

These Draft Policies are available for viewing at Council's Administration Office, community access points around the Shire and on Council's website at 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: Friday 21 February 2014

Enquiries: Jean Ellis 02 6626 7045

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 MEETINGS

Thursday 6 February 2014

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

9.00am – Ordinary Meeting

Mayoral Minute

- Bangalow Pool

Notices of Motion

- Re-establish the Review Committee for General Manager's Performance
- Request for a public meeting to consider the North Coast Holiday parks Draft Plans of Management

Petitions

- In Support of Respectful Campers Staying in Motorhomes and Vehicles Without Harassment
- Reconsider the Beach Vehicle Policy regarding 4 wheel drive vehicles

Reports

- New Years Eve
- Investments December 2013
- Year to Date Financial Report – December 2013
- PLANNING – West Byron Urban Release Area State Significant Site Report – Submission to NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure
- Funding Allocation for Solar Power Generation – West Byron Sewage Treatment Plant
- Virtual Net Metering
- PLANNING – 10.2013.549.1 – Subdivision to create thirty-one (31) residential allotments – Stage 3 of Tallowood Ridge Estate
- Results of Park and Ride Trial 2013/14
- Internal Audit Advisory Committee Meeting held on 5 December 2013
- Community Infrastructure Advisory Committee Meeting held on 5 December 2013

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 **two** working days 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

BRUNSWICK HEADS MEMORIAL HALL BRUNSWICK VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE

More Committee members required

Would you like to contribute to the betterment of our Shire by assisting with the management operations of a community facility? Council is currently calling for nominations for additional volunteer members to assist the Section 355 Committees managing either the:

- Brunswick Heads Memorial Hall, Fingal Street, Brunswick Heads or
- Brunswick Valley Community Centre, South Beach Road, Brunswick Heads

Further information on these facilities, Guide to Operation of Section 355 Committees and recent meeting minutes can be found on Council's website at www.byron.nsw.gov.au/section-355-committees.

To be part of either of these Committees, an application for nomination must be submitted on an approved nomination form. Nomination forms and guidelines can be obtained at the Council Administration Centre, community access points and are also available on Council's website at www.byron.nsw.gov.au/expressions-of-interest.

Nominations close: Friday 7 February 2014

Enquiries: Jean Ellis 02 6626 7045

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS DETERMINED AND COMPLYING DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATES ISSUED (SECTION 101 EP&A ACT 1979 AND CLAUSE 124 AND 137 EP&A REGULATIONS 2000)

The following development consents and complying development certificates, 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

10.2013.418.1 – BANGALOW

Station Street (Part 1 DP359227)

Renovation of a two storey ancillary, class 10 building and change of use to a class 9B building

10.2013.558.1 – COORABELL

35 Neues Road (Lot 4 DP 248897)

Use of dwelling additions (deck, roof over deck and storage loft) constructed without approval

10.2013.601.1 – BROKEN HEAD

13/159 Broken Head Road (Lot 13 DP 286118)

Single storey dwelling and swimming pool

COMPLYING DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATES ISSUED

16.2000.4030.2 – BRUNSWICK HEADS

2 Bayside Way (Lot 341 DP 739063)

Amendment to original approval – delete bedroom two and bedroom three

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 of 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 3 FEBRUARY 2014

10.2013.555.1 – OCEAN SHORES

20 Palmer Avenue (Lot 106 DP 1071573)

Frank Stewart Architect: *Two storey expanded dwelling*

10.2013.545.1 – OCEAN SHORES

1 Nandroya Avenue (Lot 757 DP 240399)

Mr I R Landy: *Strata Title Subdivision creating a vacant open space lot and construction of a dwelling-house on the open space lot*

EXHIBITION CLOSES 10 FEBRUARY 2014

10.2013.629.1 – BYRON BAY

12 Marvel Street (Lot 50 DP 864250)

Mr A Mitchell: *Demolition and construction of a dwelling, front fence swimming pool and use as a Bed and Breakfast*

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST TO SELL ABANDONED VEHICLES

Abandoned Motor Vehicles Impounding Act 1993 No.1 - March 2014 (Closes 4 March 2014)

Notice is hereby given to the owners of the vehicles listed below, having been found abandoned within the Byron Shire Council area, that unless these vehicles are claimed before **Tuesday 25 February 2014** the vehicles will be sold to recover Council's costs.

77.2013.63.001	CO63	Holden Apollo Sedan Blue
77.2013.62.001	CO62	Honda Accord Sedan Silver
77.2013.61.001	CO61	Subaru Station Wagon Blue
77.2013.60.001	CO60	BMW Sedan Black
77.2013.59.001	CO59	Nissan Sedan Red
77.2013.58.001	CO58	Hyundai Sedan Black
77.2013.57.001	CO57	Toyota Sedan Red
77.2013.56.001	CO56	Holden Commodore Sedan White
77.2013.55.001	CO55	Mitsubishi Magna Sedan Red
77.2013.54.001	CO54	Mercedes Sedan Gold
77.2013.52.001	CO52	Holden Sedan Red
77.2013.51.001	CO51	Boat on Trailer White/Blue Rotted
77.2013.50.001	CO50	Ford Falcon Sedan Silver
77.2013.49.001	CO49	Ford Station Wagon White
77.2013.48.001	CO48	Mitsubishi Sedan Green
77.2013.47.001	CO47	Holden Barina Hatch Back White Stripped
77.2013.46.001	CO46	Toyota Lencen Sedan Red
77.2013.44.001	CO44	Trailer (blue paint on back)
77.2013.43.001	CO43	Mitsubishi Triton Ute T/Cab Blue
77.2013.42.001	CO42	Trailer (old dilapidated no base)
77.2013.38.001	CO38	Toyota Station Wagon White
77.2013.28.001	CO28	Mitsubishi Sedan Red
77.2014.06.001	CO06	Mitsubishi Pajero Wagon Green
77.2014.05.001	CO05	Ford Laser Sedan Blue
77.2014.04.001	CO04	Mitsubishi Station Wagon White
77.2014.03.001	CO03	Toyota Station Wagon White
77.2014.01.001	CO01	Ford Falcon Station Wagon Red

These cars may be **inspected on Thursday 27 February 2014** between 3.30pm and 4.30pm at Warren Simmons Yard, Banksia Drive, Byron Bay.

The above vehicles may be sold to interested persons, if unclaimed by the owner, after Tuesday 4 March 2014.

Written "expressions of interest" must be submitted on the specified form (Expressions of Interest to Purchase Abandoned Vehicle - # E2013/9672) - (NOTE: each submission on a separate form), available on Council's website at www.byron.nsw.gov.au/forms or by contacting Council on 02 6626 7107, Monday to Friday between 9.00am and 4.00pm.

All prospective purchasers must familiarise themselves with the General Conditions of 'Expressions of Interest' (printed on page 2 of form) prior to inspecting the vehicles or submitting an offer to purchase.

Submissions close: 2.00pm Tuesday 4 March 2014

Enquiries: Gerry Burnage 02 6626 7146

REQUEST FOR TENDER NO: 2013-0049

Organics Waste Collection Service

Description: Byron Shire Council proposes introducing an organics waste collection service to its urban single dwelling premises and invites tenders from suitably qualified contractors for the provision of a weekly collection of combined food and garden waste and transportation of this waste to a Council nominated processing facility. The service is a precursor to the Council's planned procurement of its entire waste and recycling collection services expected to occur in 2015.

Details of the proposed contract and the assessment criteria requirements are set out in the Request for Tender documentation referred to below.

Obtaining Documentation: Request for Tender documents may be obtained by contacting Tenderlink at www.tenderlink.com/byron. If you experience difficulties accessing the website, please call the Tenderlink helpdesk on 1800 233 533.

Deadline: Tenders close at 2.00 pm 10 March 2014

Invitation: Council invites any person willing to fulfil the requirements of the proposed contract to submit a tender to Council by the deadline specified in this advertisement and in accordance with the Tender Documents referred to above.

Please note: *The canvassing of Councillors or Council staff in relation to this tender will disqualify tenders from the tender process.*

The unregulated business of property investment advice

In TheConversation.com, Peter Koulizos examines the current state of 'expert' advice. Record low interest rates are stoking Australia's property market, with some expressing concern that property spruikers are targeting self managed superannuation funds investing in the sector.

Providing property investment advice can be a very lucrative business. Anecdotal, a property investment adviser can earn anywhere between \$20,000 to \$40,000 commission on one property

deal, selling a \$500,000 new apartment or house-and-land package. Considering the money you can make, some of you reading this might now be thinking that working as a property investment adviser is a smart career move.

But before you do, answer the following questions.

To become a property investment adviser, what educational qualifications are required?

– Diploma in Financial Services?

– Diploma in Real Estate? Bachelor of Business?

Answer: none of the above.

That's right, you can advise someone on buying a million dollar property and make tens of thousands of dollars in commission in this one transaction, yet you are not obliged to have any educational qualifications; not even completed Year 12.

The compulsory continuing professional development requirements for a property

investment adviser are:

- Attendance at the national conference (15 hours)?
- Equivalent of 20 hours which can include attendance at seminars, conferences, guest speaking?
- Equivalent of 30 hours which must include attendance at the national conference?

Answer: none of the above.

It makes sense, doesn't it? Why would you have to do any ongoing training or development to keep up your skills if there was no minimum training or education requirements when you first started in the job?

The licensing requirements to become a property investment adviser include:

- Police check?
- Minimum entry educational qualifications?
- Endorsement from two current property investment advisers?
- All of the above?

Answer: none of the above.

A life insurance salesperson needs to be licensed. A real estate agent needs to be licensed. You would think that someone who is advising you on making one of the biggest decisions in your life is also licensed. Well, you thought wrong.

The regulatory body that oversees the property investment advice industry is:

- Real Estate Institute of Australia?
- The Financial Advisers Commission?
- Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC)?

Answer: none of the above.

You would hope that a large and powerful organisation such as Australian Securities and

Investment Commission (ASIC) would be keeping an eye on investment advisers



who are involved in some of the most important and expensive life decisions people will make.

Unfortunately this is not the case. 'Why?' I hear you ask.

The simple answer is real property is not considered a 'financial product' under the Corporations Act. Anyone can give advice on real property and is not obliged to abide by the Corporations Act nor do they come under the scrutiny of ASIC.

This is despite well-known cases such as the collapse of the high-profile property spruiker Henry Kaye's empire, which was prosecuted by ASIC in 2003 for providing false and misleading investment advice to property investors. In 2010, Kaye was disqualified by ASIC from managing corporations for five years.

The Property Investment Professionals of Australia (PIPA) are lobbying for the regulation and licensing of property investment advice. They are trying to clean up the industry and have instigated entry-level educational qualifications, ongoing professional development, a code of conduct and advisers can study to become a Qualified Property Investment Adviser (QPIA).

Unfortunately it is not compulsory for advisers to join this organisation but their member base is slowly increasing. They are building awareness of the lack of regulation in property investment advice but at this stage they have been unable to convince federal government that changes need to be made in this area. However, they are hopeful that with the recent change in government, some progress will be made.

In the meantime, if you attend a property seminar (which in many cases is a front for a property developer's cleverly disguised hard-sell session), ask the so-called 'adviser' the following questions:

- Are you a QPIA?
- What qualifications do you have in property or investment?
- Can you disclose the arrangement you have with the developer of the properties that you are trying to sell?

If they can't provide you with satisfactory answers to these questions, keep your wallet in your pocket and your hands on your purse.

Peter Koulizos is Tutor in Property at University of South Australia and member of the Property Investment Professionals of Australia (PIPA).

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Absolute Beachfront Byron

- ✓ On Tallow Beach this 2 bedroom beach cottage is the most affordable beachfront property in the area. Fully furnished and in good condition.
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Byron Style

43 Lilli Pilli Drive, Byron Bay.

- ✓ Innovatively designed architectural three bedroom home
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Auction 10am onsite Saturday February 15.

Michele Jackson 0407 906 301.

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Byron Bay



615 Cowlong Road, McLeans Ridges/ Eltham

- ✓ 42 hectares / 105 acres
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Lismore Heights 3 2 2 2 Studios Price guide \$340K-\$380K

DEVELOP OR BUILD YOUR DREAMS 1 Millar Street

Nestled high atop Lismore Heights, you will find this wonderful opportunity. This land allotment is over 2 acres and takes in majestic north facing views to the Nightcap Ranges and beyond.

The real upside is that there are approvals in place for a 6 lot subdivision and more than half the civil works have already been carried out. This unique package is going to suit a multitude of buyers, from the astute investor looking to develop, to the family looking to build their dream home.

Don't delay, we have a vendor committed to meeting this market and moving on!



To be auctioned on site Saturday 8th February, 2014 - if not sold prior!

Sam Tancred
0410 746 956

sam@scottharveyrealestate.com.au



McLeans Ridges 6 2 2 2 Price guide \$585-635K

PERFECT FAMILY HOME ON 2.6 ACRES 107 Cowlong Road

Discover this superb six bedroom, two full bathrooms, timber home with country space, minimum management and close to everywhere. You will enjoy the north facing elevated valley views and living areas capturing the light breezes and winter sun.

This very functional home features two large lounge areas, a separate dining area, good size open modern kitchen and expansive undercover outdoor deck overlooking the delightful in ground pool, making life easy for a large family. With easy access via a sealed driveway, the property offers a good shed, double carport and covered walkway into the home, taking bad weather out of play.

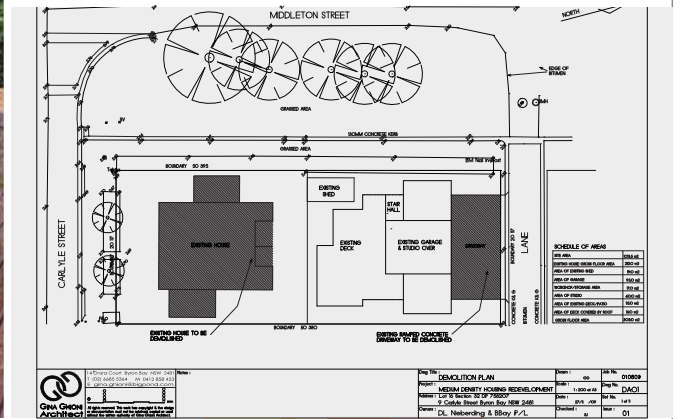


**Auction Saturday 8 February
Open Saturday 11-11.30am**

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sales@scottharveyrealestate.com.au





Byron Bay 9 Carlyle Street

Idyllic Retreat in Central Byron

A unique opportunity to get your hands on one of the last quarter-acre blocks in town.

Currently the property consists of three dwellings, one house and two x 2br flats.

Dwelling one – A timber cottage with two x two bedroom self-contained flats that brings in \$1040 per week.

Dwelling two – Unique architect designed home for inner CBD living and low maintenance. Lush gardens and large timber deck set the scene for the Byron Bay hideaway you are looking for. Downstairs is a very large open plan living/dining room, one bedroom, ensuite and amazing chef's kitchen. Upstairs is an enormous studio with high ceilings and spacious bathroom and timber floors, providing light, space and sea breezes.

Development approval has been granted to demolish the old house and build two modern 3 bedroom town houses in a two stage strata plan.

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Auction

22nd February at 12.30pm onsite

View

Saturday 12.00pm to 12.30pm

Contact

Liam Annesley 0417 780 795

LJ Hooker Byron Bay

02 6685 7300



Byron Bay 53-59 Broken Head Road

Byron Bay Bed & Breakfast – Must Sell!

Create a remarkable lifestyle with this approved Bed & Breakfast next door to award winning Byron At Byron and opposite the Byron Bay Golf Course. Major changes to the building have occurred but now the owner has to sell.

- 5 bedrooms with ensuite and built ins
- 6 bathrooms
- 3 bedroom Bed & Breakfast on 5 acres
- Refreshment room 30sqm to be open to the public
- Double carport with attached shed
- Fantastic exposure in Byron Bay
- Partly renovated

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Auction

15th February, 2014. 1pm on site

View

Saturday 1.00pm to 1.30pm

Contact

Liam Annesley 0417 780 795

Glen Irwin 0418 604 080

LJ Hooker Byron Bay

02 6685 7300

Suffolk Park 8 Caniaba Crescent

Impressive Suffolk Park Home

Quality designed with a functional floor plan, providing multiple living and entertaining areas.

Upon entering the home you will be impressed with the abundance of space and light, high ceilings and striking timber floors, gourmet kitchen with huge pantry and ample storage and bench space and a cool room for the chef or wine connoisseur.

The accommodation features oversized master bedroom with ensuite and walk in robe and courtyard. Adjacent are two generous sized bedrooms with built ins and a fourth bedroom located at the entrance making it a perfect guest room or home office. A sunny rear yard with vegetable patch, lush gardens and undercover verandahs are a perfect place to have friends over for the summer barbecue.

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Auction

22 February 2014. 11.00am on site

View

Thursday 11.00am to 11.30am

Saturday 11.00am to 11.30am

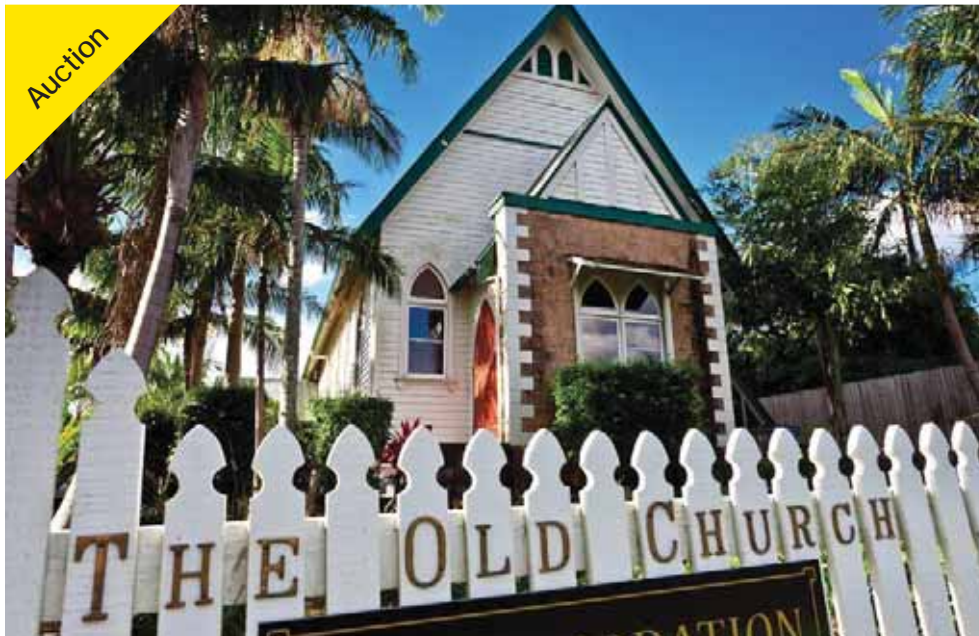
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Historic Church Circa 1911

Newrybar 14 Brooklet Road

Only the second time to market in 30 years, this grand old church located in the quaint village of Newrybar has incredible potential. The home features original timbers, pressed metal ceilings and beautiful crafted windows and a very large commercial style kitchen.

- 1,012sqm in the historic village of Newrybar
- 10 minutes to Broken Head Beach, 5 minutes to Bangalow
- Council approved as Rural Tourist FacilityGreat investment or home
- Additional two storey one bedroom studio apartment

Ray White Byron Bay

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Auction

Sat 1st March 9.00am On Site
Inspect Sat 11.00am—11.30am

Kaye Wilkie 0412 856 208
kaye.wilkie@raywhite.com

rwbyronbay.com
property ID 1068064
02 6685 6222



Rural Haven at Entry Price

Myocum 813 Myocum Road

Nestled in a picturesque rural setting, lies this exciting and rare opportunity to purchase a tastefully renovated country style farmhouse, embraced by four acres of well manicured farm land and rolling hills.

- Renovated 80 year old Dairy Bails full of character and charm
- Spacious light & bright design, polished timber floors throughout
- Gourmet kitchen and beautiful outdoor entertaining deck
- 3 fenced paddocks suitable for hobby farming or horses

Ray White Byron Bay

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Auction

Sat 8th Feb 11.00am On Site
Interest over \$795,000
Inspect Thu 6.15pm—7.15pm
Sat 10.00am—10.45am

Brett Connable 0408 155 931
brett.connable@raywhite.com

rwbyronbay.com
property ID 1077764
02 6685 6222



Absolute No-Brainer Investment

Byron Bay 93 Bangalow Road

A mere 1.5km from town, this practical 2 storey residence is currently configured as 2 separate self-contained rentals. Perfectly positioned for continued use as a rental cash cow or use as a single home.

- 2nd storey, 3BR dwelling with 1 bathroom
- Ground floor, 2BR dwelling with 1 bathroom
- Dual access driveway to large lock-up garage and utility
- Covered wrap-around verandah and deck

Ray White Byron Bay

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Sale \$775,000

Inspect Sat 11.00am—11.30am

Ben Ross 0403 411 788
ben.ross@raywhite.com

rwbyronbay.com
property ID 1075569
02 6685 6222



Owners Recent Purchase Dictates Quick Sale

Byron Bay 3/55 Centennial Circuit

A unique industrial suite situated in the popular Byron Bay Arts & Industry Estate. This spacious, double level property is only 4km from Byron Bay's town centre, is well-appointed and ready for immediate use.

- Floor space 170sqm (approx): 110sqm downstairs & 60sqm upstairs
- Full bathroom, kitchenette and laundry occupying the lower level
- Spa bath & walk-in-robe a bonus to mezzanine level
- Multiple storage spaces throughout plus hidden workshop
- Ready for own use or perfect investment

Ray White Byron Bay

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Auction

Sat 15th Feb 11.00am On Site
Guide \$340,000—\$390,000
Inspect Sat 11.30am—12.00pm

Brett Connable 0408 155 931
brett.connable@raywhite.com

rwbyronbay.com
property ID 1078997
02 6685 6222



Sensational Views

Byron Bay Lot 6 Wollumbin Street

This block has wonderful views of the bay and the hinterland. Enjoy the process of creating a new home in a quality street close to town..

- Ocean views
- Elevated and flood free
- Generous 860sqm vacant block
- Flat walk into town—put away the car
- Quiet cul de sac in a quality area

Ray White Byron Bay

860sqm

Sale

Expressions of Interest

Michael Gudgeon 0419 495 494
michael.gudgeon@raywhite.com

rwbyronbay.com
property ID 1019819
02 6685 6222



Straight-forward Proposition: Live-in or Rent it Out

Suffolk Park 4/26 Beech Drive

Represents a fantastic opportunity to buy into a family-friendly, tightly held complex of only 7. Well-suited to astute property investors and owner occupiers alike. Close proximity to Suffolk Park shops and Tallow Beach.

- Central kitchen servicing individual living/lounge and dining rooms
- 3 upper bedrooms with BIRs, balcony off main bedroom
- Main bathroom plus 2 separate toilet suites
- Single garage with alternate use potential
- Additional off-street parking space

Ray White Byron Bay

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Sale \$450,000

Inspect Sat 12.00pm—12.30pm

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- Character home, fully renovated
- Breathtaking views
- Horizon pool and tennis court
- Easy care block with established gardens
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- One of the most beautiful complexes in Byron Bay
- Large bedrooms, north aspect adjacent to golf course
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Interest Over \$550,000

- Enjoy a lifestyle of privacy and tranquility
- A rare parcel of land nestled only minutes from Byron Bay township
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- Build your dream home to complement this beautiful bush setting

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3 Paperbark Place, Bangalow. Sat 11-11.45am
732 Koonorigan Road, Koonorigan. Sat 12-1pm
112 Bangalow Road, Nashua. Sat 1-2pm
112 Bangalow Road, Nashua. Thu 1-2pm

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1/14 Helen St, South Golden Beach. Sat 11-11.45am

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16 Lilli Pilli Drive, Byron Bay. Sat 10-10.30am
16 Shelley Drive, Byron Bay. Sat 10-10.30am
19 Ivory Curl Place, Bangalow. Sat 11-11.30am
39 Kingsley Street, Byron Bay. Sat 11-11.30am
57 James Gibson Drive, Clunes. Sat 11-11.30am
162 Alcorn Street, Suffolk Park. Sat 12-12.30pm
2/81 Stewart Street, Lennox Head. Sat 12-12.30pm
3/37 Childe Street, Byron Bay. Sat 12-12.30pm
4/146 Old Bangalow Road, Byron Bay. Sat 12-12.30pm
8/2 Duroon Court, Ocean Shores. Sat 12.30-1pm
53 Kingsvale Road, Myocum. Sat 1-1.30pm
17/64 Broken Head Road, Byron Bay. Sat 1-1.30pm
30/24 Scott Street, Byron Bay. Sat 1-1.30pm
103 Federal Drive, Federal. Sat 3-3.30pm
90 McGettigans Lane, Ewingsdale. Sat 3-3.30pm

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8 Caniaba Crescent, Suffolk Park, Thur 11-11.30am
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9 Carlyle Street, Byron Bay, Sat 12-12.30pm
53-59 Broken Head Road, Suffolk Park, Sat 1-1.30pm
196 Broken Head Road, Newrybar, Sat 2-2.30pm
Figtree Fields, Ewingsdale, Sat 10-12.00pm
5/9 Sunrise Boulevard, Byron Bay, Sat 12-12.30pm

PROFESSIONALS BYRON BAY

43 Lilli Pilli Drive, Byron Bay. Thu & Sat 10-11am

RAY WHITE BYRON BAY

16 Beech Drive, Suffolk Park. Thu 2-2.30pm
813 Myocum Road, Myocum. Thu 6.15-7.15pm & Sat 10-10.45am
14 Brooklet Road, Newrybar. Sat 11-11.30am
93 Bangalow Road, Byron Bay. Sat 11-11.30am
3/55 Centennial Cct, Byron Bay. Sat 11.30am-12pm
4/26 Beech Drive, Suffolk Park. Sat 12-12.30pm
16 Beech Drive, Suffolk Park. Sat 2-2.30pm

AUCTIONS

BANGALOW REAL ESTATE & BYRON HINTERLAND PROPERTIES

Auction 2pm onsite February 22

112 Bangalow Road, Nashua. Inspect Sat & Thu 1-2pm

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Auction 10.45am February 8

63 Helen Street, South Golden Beach

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Auction 10am onsite Saturday February 15

43 Lilli Pilli Drive, Byron Bay

RAY WHITE BYRON BAY

Auction 11am onsite Saturday February 8

813 Myocum Road, Myocum. Inspect Thu 6.15-7.15pm & Sat 10am-10.45am

Auction 11am onsite Saturday February 15

3/55 Centennial Cct, Byron Bay. Inspect Sat 11.30am-12pm

Auction 12pm onsite Saturday February 22

16 Beech Dr, Suffolk Park. Inspect Thu & Sat 2-2.30pm

Auction 9am onsite Saturday March 1

14 Brooklet Road, Newrybar. Inspect Sat 11-11.30am

NEW LISTINGS

BANGALOW REAL ESTATE & BYRON HINTERLAND PROPERTIES

- 23 Byron Street, Bangalow (Rear). Strata Unit Site, DA & BA approved \$520,000

- 3 Paperbark Place, Bangalow. 4 bedroom, 3 bathroom \$629,000

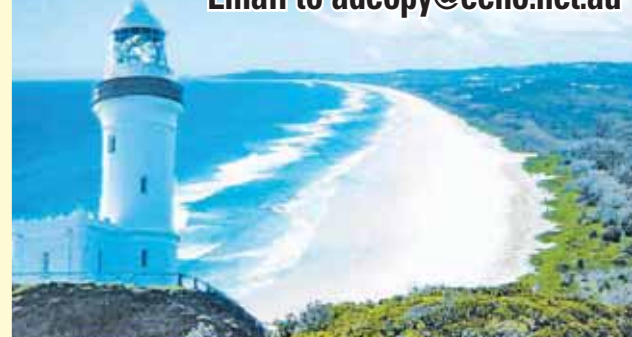
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- Coopers Shoot – House and Land \$2.2 million. 3-5 bedroom, 2 bathroom, guest retreat residence all on 16.7 acres. Vistas from Byron to Lennox Head.
- Broken Head – Land \$900,000. One acre site with cleared building entitlement. Walk to secluded surfing beach. 1/6 share of 45 acres (MO – STCA)
- Byron Bay – Townhouse \$490,000. 3 bedroom 2 bathroom townhouse with courtyard, in Sunrise. Walk to shops/beaches and currently tenanted.
- Byron Bay – House and Land \$1.95 million. 1.6 acres, 3/4 bedroom home with separate couples retreat and fully furnished and fully equipped.
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Nothing like the mention of electoral funding sources to get a few knickers (and Y-fronts) in a knot. The Greens respond en masse to their detractors in the letters pages this week. Some Byron Shire candidates seem to have an almost Edwardian reserve to the matter of money, as if revealing who funded them was a most indecent act. It's in the public interest for residents to know who puts up the loot and for what motives, so don't expect *The Echo* to shut up about it.

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Ian Oelrichs, president of the local Design Advisory Panel (<http://dap.org.au>), has had a go at the ad-hoc development of Byron Bay, fearing its 'character' may be ruined. It's a hobby-horse local architects have wheeled out from time to time over the decades. What one considers the 'character' of Byron Bay to be is a very subjective thing, as is 'good design', though most of the buildings in the Bay would be regarded as of the school of Late Australian Berserk. The natural environment of the Bay wins out hands down over the 'built environment'. Harmony, beauty and consistent design are unlikely to take centre stage in the built environment until the ghost of Oscar Niemeyer is given planning control – which is sure to happen when there isn't a buck to be made in property development.

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Magistrate and former north coast standup poet David Heilpern continues to give the police the irritations. As *Echonetdaily* reported, the magistrate dismissed a charge against a Mt Isa man who pleaded guilty to hold-



Paint was thrown over the windscreen, a couple of holes punched through the tanks and charming graffiti sprayed over pilot John D Williams's plane last week at the Tyagarah airstrip. The work of a common idiot or an unhappy resident without the brains to use the regular channels of complaint? Either way, it's not a pretty look for Byron Shire.

ing five blue ecstasy tablets outside the Splendour festival at Yelgun. Despite the guilty plea, the case had been adjourned five times in seven months, which Mr Heilpern rightly described as a waste of taxpayers' money. Heilpern is an odd man out in the usually conservative magistracy, admiring poetry later in origin than Tennyson's and writing in 1998 a book, *Rough Deal: Your guide to drug laws* (Redfern Legal Centre Publishing), with Steven Bolt, advising folks of their legal rights and obligations. Mr Heilpern was also a judge of the 2011 Nimbin Performance Poetry World Cup, a gig he thought was tougher than judging criminal offences. You can see him announce the winner in proceedings less formal than a court setting at <http://bit.ly/heilpme>.

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