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Mullum locals hold vigil for refugees

A snap candlelight vigil for refugees on Sunday night drew more than one hundred Mullumbimby locals, and they were just some of the thousands who assembled in Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth and Hobart.

Co-organisers Nicolette Jackson and Rita Youssef-Price explained, 'We organised it to remember Reza Berati, an Iranian asylum seeker who died after a horrific, violent attack this week on Manus Island, which also left 77 other asylum seekers injured.'

Inhumane policy

'We heard about this nationwide initiative and felt strongly compelled to organise something in our town.'

'We lit candles and took a few moments to honour Reza and all the other asylum seekers who have suffered and died as a consequence – either directly or indirectly – of our government's inhumane immigration policies.'

'We are appalled by what is occurring, and we feel let down by

political leaders on both sides for turning this issue into a means to win votes by a race to the bottom.'

'These cruel asylum policies do not speak for Australia.'

Censorship at an unprecedented level

GetUp's national director Sam Mclean added, 'Across the country, people lit candles on Sunday night for those who've lost their lives and suffered in our care.'

'The truth is we just don't know what's happening in these detention centres. The government's effectively shut off the lights, taking censorship to an unprecedented level,' he said.

'We need a truly independent inquiry into this tragedy and proper public scrutiny of these places,' said Mr Mclean. GetUp co-ordinated the vigils with groups including Amnesty International, the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre, the Refugee Action Coalition and others.



Not in our name: residents from Mullum came together Sunday to pay respect to those suffering at the hands of the current government.

Non-toxic weed steaming trials begin



Keep your toxic sprays away from our kids, Monsanto! It's Paul to the rescue. Photo Jeff 'Weeded Out' Dawson

Hans Lovejoy

Chemical-free weed control has come to Byron and soon you may be seeing this chap steaming roadside weeds, carparks, playgrounds and estates around the Shire.

It's all thanks to an Aussie patent, which gives just the right heat to a spray nozzle to kill weeds. And remarkably the weeds are mostly eradicated after a second application.

Local property maintenance business operator Paul Sommers, from Garden Warriors, is the north coast licensee for Australian company WeedTechnics, and has partnered with Byron Shire Council to trial it on open spaces.

The new venture is called Steam Weeders, and his rounds will include Mullum's new Tallwood Estate and various parks and playgrounds.

Sommers said he was compelled to look for alternatives to herbicide use after public concern about their widespread use.

While the proliferation of herbicide use is a concern that mainstream media has largely ignored, it was the subject of a 2012 University of Leipzig study which found 100 per cent contamination of Monsanto's glyphosate in all urine samples tested. Additionally glyphosate exposure in rats resulted in decreased testosterone levels, according to a 2011 paper published by the US National Center for Biotechnology Information (www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov).

Redundant chemicals

'It makes chemical use – especially around public places – almost redundant,' says Sommers.

'There's no risk of litigation due to toxic spray drift, and it can be used in all weather conditions.'

'It also gives native plants a chance to grow after the weeds have been eradicated. It's perfect for rehabilitating weed-infested waterways and organic farms as well.'

Council's parks and gardens su-

perintendent, Andy Erskine, is supportive of initial trials, saying applications last month at the Suffolk Park sports field carpark appeared to work well.

'From initial observations, certain weed types such as flat and broadleaf, fit best under the applicator hood and are immediately burnt back.'

The robust invention all sits on a trailer – a diesel engine heats up a water boiler to 120°C; that is attached to a specially designed 'Steamwand'. The WeedTechnics website claims that, 'for hydro-thermal weeding to be commercially viable, temperatures need to be greater than 98°C, and must have rapid transfer into the plant cells.'

Sommers enthuses, 'Hybrid and fully electric vehicles incorporating the invention are being developed and some were on display at a recent trade show.'

And it's also not the first time Byron has had the WeedTechnics

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Chemical-free weed steaming trials begin

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technology available: in 2011 a local steam weeding business launched; however, the owner relocated to WA soon after.

But it is a first for Byron Council – the trial supports an ambitious resolution back in late November 2013 to be chemical free within five years.

Byron has now joined other councils in trialling chemical-free weed control, including Victorian councils of Maroondah, Yarra and

Greater Dandenong.


Fremantle (WA) and Leichhardt (NSW) have such programs in place already.

To be included on the Register of Chemical Sensitive Residents and Organic Growers, visit www.byron.nsw.gov.au/register-of-chemical-sensitive-residents-and-organic-growers.

For FAQ on steam weeding, visit www.weedtechnics.com and to get your greens steamed, call Paul on 0431 331 810.



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Time to clean up your 'hood

Residents of, and visitors to Byron Bay are invited to help clean up the environment on Sunday March 2, Clean Up Australia Day.

National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) will continue its involvement with the 'Clean Up' campaign, and will be organising a cleanup of the Cumbebin Swamp Nature Reserve. NPWS ranger Nigel Stewart said volunteers are urged to come out and help clean up plastic debris, bottles and cigarette butts that accumulate on the reserve.

Local reserves

'In 2013 an estimated 550,300 volunteers removed a staggering 16,150 tonnes of rubbish from 7341 Clean-Up sites across Australia. This year we would like to improve on our efforts and focus on cleaning up one of our local important nature reserves.

'Rubbish and in particular plastics can make their way to the ocean from here via the wind or water runoff and are a significant hazard to wildlife, particularly marine species such as the threatened Green Turtle that occupies the Cape Byron Marine Park.

'If you want to join in and



Juud and Susan Gourley noticed that, when you have a good look around, there is a whole lot of litter scattered in our streets, drains and waterways. So they grabbed some recycled bags and picked up this pile.

They say, 'It was actually a whole lot of fun and very rewarding to see how quickly it looked respectful and pretty again. Council kindly picked up 16 big bags, plus a fair amount of old timber, and even a few tyres. Topping the list found in Belongil Creek: plastic bottle tops, bits of polystyrene foam, small disposable tomato sauce containers, bottles (plastic and glass), thongs and lighters.

Our message: if we can do it, so can you. Team up with a friend, or a neighbour, and transform your 'hood in a matter of hours. It put smiles on our faces!' Photo Caroline Fisher

volunteer a few hours to cleaning up Cumbebin just turn up on the day with gloves, a hat, sturdy shoes, sunglasses and sunscreen and register as a volunteer.'

NPWS Joint Management Committee chairperson Delta Kay said Cumbebin Swamp Nature Reserve is a new addition created through the

Indigenous Land Use Agreement: 'We are appreciative of the efforts from the local community in looking after our reserves.'

Volunteers can meet the site coordinator Lee Middleton at the Woolworths service station, corner of Shirley and Kendall Streets, on Sunday March 2 at 8.45am. Rubbish

bags are supplied. The clean-up will run from 9am to 12 noon. For further information contact Ranger Lee Middleton on 6620 9300 or email cape.byron@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Keep an eye on Byron Council's website byron.nsw.gov.au for further cleanup activities.

March in March slugged with Byron Council fees

Hans Lovejoy

A much-anticipated protest against the current Abbott government and its draconian policies have hit a local bureaucratic snag.

The Byron Bay organisers of the planned March in March say they are the victim of stalling tactics from Byron Council that are aimed to extract money.

The weekend of marches is planned from March 15 to 17 across the nation.

But Byron Shire Council's director of infrastructure services, Phil Holloway, told *The Echo* Council's road closure process for events and marches 'includes a fee for road closures which is set each year as part of the Council's fees and charges.'

'The fee was paid at the time the road application was lodged and the application was considered by the Local Traffic Committee (LTC) on February 5, which recommended approval subject to conditions.'

The ultimate decision, according to Mr Holloway,

comes down to councillors, not staff, and the issue will be voted on at Thursday's meeting. 'The Council administration cannot waive fees. The matter has been brought to the attention of Council and they will consider approval for the road closure permit and fees associated with the march at the meeting this week.'

But organiser Kim Wright told *The Echo*, 'We are not an event. This sounds pedantic, but it has legal implications.

'We are a public assembly – a public protest, which is totally different. About 60,000 people protested Sunday night in all capital cities over the death of the young man in Manus... did they have to pay insurance, fees, application costs? I think not.

'Our biggest mistake was trying to do the right thing and involve Council.'

If all is resolved, the march will commence Sunday March 16, starting at 11am on Bay Street and will head to Railway Park. MC Mandy Nolan and other locals will speak. For more visit marchinmarch.com.au.

Happy 100th Jean!



Story & photo Eve Jeffery

The hundredth birthday celebration for long-time Brunswick Heads resident Jean Godden (nee Mortimer) was held at Brunswick Heads Bowling Club last Saturday, a joyous occasion with loved ones from near and far.

Jean was born on February 16, 1914 to Rose and Victor Mortimer. Jean went to school at both Brunswick Heads Public School and Mullumbimby High School and has many fond memories of the way Brunswick was in those times.

During her many years in Brunswick, Jean was involved with the CWA, Garden Club, RSL Ladies Auxiliary and View Club. She and her late husband Stuart built and

operated for many years the Palm Court Holiday Accommodation in Fingal St and the building remains today.

Jean also enjoyed tennis and bowls in her younger years and was an excellent craftswoman donating many items to charity.

Technology was one of the major changes in her life, household appliances in particular. The hardest periods for her were the Great Depression years and the period of WWII. Jean says the best of times was the early 60s when she returned to Brunswick Heads from Newcastle to build and operate Palm Court accommodation, which was very successful for many years.

On Jean's bucket list is to live to 101.

SNAP! offers prizes for young photographers

Now in its sixth year, SNAP! is a photography competition open to young photographers aged from 12 to 24, who live, work or study in the northern rivers.

The Byron Youth Service (BYS) is currently accepting entries into this free competition, which will culminate in a public exhibition at the Youth Activity Centre on Thursday April 3, the beginning of Youth Week.

This year's SNAP! theme is 'Beauty & The Beast', which reflects images of the wonderful world we live in, be it good or bad. Over \$2,000 will be available across nine categories, including a People's Choice Award worth \$1,000.

Young people will also have the opportunity to sell their work through the exhibition. SNAP! has prize sections donated by local businesses for winners and highly commended in four



Deb Pearce models for girls at the Widows Cottage, Mullumbimby, who are looking for interesting photos for this year's SNAP with the theme 'Beauty & The Beast'. Photo Eve Jeffery

age groups: 12-14, 15-17, 18-20 and 21-24, in colour or black & white. The photos will also be printed and mounted for the exhibition

(at no cost to the entrant). Young people who are interested in entering the competition need to lodge their details with BYS by March 25.

Registration information on www.bys.org.au. To enquire about SNAP! call Stephanie on 6685 7777 ext 1 or email stephanie@bys.org.au.

Highway accident puts three in hospital

Police are appealing for public assistance following a serious crash near Byron Bay that has left three people in hospital.

About 1.30pm on Wednesday, a Volvo car carrying semi-trailer was travelling south on the Pacific Highway at Ewingsdale when it crossed to the wrong side of the road.

The Volvo hit a Kenworth semi-trailer, before colliding with a Mitsubishi ASX and a Holden Astra.

The 42-year-old male Volvo car carrier driver was taken to Gold Coast Hospital with suspected leg and hip



fractures, and Police Rescue and Brunswick Valley VRA had to free the driver.

The 70-year-old male driver of the Mitsubishi and his 64-year-old female passenger were taken to Tweed Heads Hospital.

The woman is in a critical condition and the man has

fractured ribs.

Northbound traffic was initially diverted via Myocum Road but was turned back when a road roller fell off the back of a truck. The truck had taken the diversion despite an RMS warning that it was for light vehicles only.

Vehicles travelling north

were then required to use the southbound lanes of the highway north of Ewingsdale Road, while southbound traffic was diverted onto the Old Pacific Highway, rejoining the main highway at the Ewingsdale Road roundabout.

At 5.30pm, Ewingsdale Road was in a virtual state of gridlock both in and out of Byron Bay. Southbound highway traffic was banked up to Gulgan Road and northbound traffic to the top of St Helena. It was only around midnight that the highway flow returned to normal.

Petition aims to lower speed limit

In the wake of the tragic death of local man Michael Pinkerton, a petition has been established to lower the speed limit on Ewingsdale Road to 60km/h. Mr Pinkerton died on his bicycle after being hit by a vehicle while crossing the road last week. The petition is at www.communityrun.org/petitions/safe-speed-for-byron.



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Search for swimmer at IQ

The search for a missing swimmer continued Monday at The Island Quarry (IQ) swimming hole on Ewingsdale Road.

The 20-year-old Victorian man disappeared while swimming with friends on Sunday and the search was called off when night fell.

Police from Tweed/Byron Local Area Command have secured the area and will continue to search for the man in the quarry and surrounding areas, with the assistance of police divers attached to the Marine Area Command.

Maurie's shed defaced



Maurie Maher's shed on the road near the Mullum Golf Course had a spot of free-range art recently. But considering the quality, perhaps some art classes might help? Maurice says the shed was also recently broken into and equipment stolen. He's offering a reward, so anyone with info please call him on 0419 668 422. Photo Jeff 'Taste Is The Enemy Of Art' Dawson

Enviro cred under attack by staff: Morrissey

A former Byron councillor is warning that Council's 'environmental credibility' is under threat after staff suggested utilising \$155,000 from Council's environmental levy to cover the budget shortfall for Manfred Street rockworks.

The issue will be debated at this Thursday's meeting.

Dr Patrick Morrissey, now based in Sydney, told *The Echo*, 'The hard fought for and critically important environmental levy, which funds valuable initiatives right across the whole shire such as the Koala Plan of

Management, is proposed to be raided to fund placing rocks on Belongil Beach.'

The contentious decision to build rock walls along Belongil Beach will no doubt benefit residents who are under the threat of erosion as well as public lands and roads under Council management. Construction company Baulderstone, who are building the Tintenbar to Ewingsdale Pacific Highway upgrade, have offered the rocks.

Cr Di Woods told *The Echo*, 'I would support the

work on the rock wall and we have to find funds from wherever we can to get it done.'

'However, I would look to repay the funds from the sale and/or lease of property as we raise funds from our excess land in the Byron Area. There is a proposal currently on the Bayshore Drive land, and if we are not successful with that venture, we could look to sell that land which would bring in substantial funds.'

Mayor Simon Richardson simply told *The Echo* he won't support the recommendation.

Goodman takes on Tweed MP Provest

Hans Lovejoy & Luis Feliu

The newly anointed NSW Labor candidate for Tweed, Ron Goodman, wasted no time in trying to wedge incumbent MP Geoff Provest (Nationals) over a paid parking proposal for Tweed Hospital.

Goodman is demanding that details be released and wants an explanation to why there has been no public consultation.

Mr Goodman said, 'It is an arrogant money grabbing exercise by the Nationals and shows how out of touch they have become. Patients – many of them elderly – and their families have to drive and they will now have to pay for parking. They will have no choice.'

Until recently Goodman, 41, was the editor of *www.mydailynews.com.au* (APN) and before that worked at Quest newspapers (NewsCorp) in Brisbane for ten years. When asked what he thought were Labor's weaknesses, Goodman laughed said he 'wouldn't buy into that,' but said that he wanted to contribute to the party to make it better and believed strongly in



Tweed Labor candidate Ron Goodman. Photo Jeff Dawson

their core values. Goodman will contest Provest's seat of Tweed in the upcoming 2015 NSW election.

Provest ignored by A Stoner

It comes as a Tweed residents' group were recently snubbed by NSW Nationals leader Andrew Stoner despite a request by Provest for them to meet. Dubbed Save Lot 490, the group has amassed more than 10,000 signatures and is petitioning the government to save a 40-hectare block between Kingscliff and Salt from development. It's one of the last remaining

blocks of coastal land on the Tweed and has been the subject of a public campaign for years. Save Lot 490 group's Jerry Cornford told *The Echo* that despite Provest trying to arrange a meeting with the group and Nationals leader Andrew Stoner when he was in Tweed recently, the minister's staff said he was 'too busy.'

The Echo reported at the time that no details of Mr Stoner's visit were made available.

Last year the embattled Leightons Property group pulled the pin on a proposed resort project earmarked for the site, handing it back to the state government. But in a controversial move, the state government changed the block's status from Crown land to 'government property', which the site's defenders saw as preparing it for sale. Lot 490 was also the site of a rare species of orchid, *Geodorum Densiflorum*, destroyed by a fire police believe was deliberately lit in July last year, only two weeks after staff had collected seeds and sent them to the Millennium Seed Project at Royal Kew Gardens in the UK.

Planning for future water security

Have your say

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SAE's Indie 101 workshops
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Independent musicians, promoters, producers, publicists and artists are all invited to Indie 101 at the SAE College on Ewingsdale Rd this Wednesday from 7pm.

It's the fourth in a series of forum discussions and workshops and is aimed at creating sustainable careers within the local independent industry.

This month's panelists include musician Susanna Carman, producer James Lyall, designer Lawrence Eastland and guest band is local electronic duo Ara Biota.

Spaces are limited, so email info@draggingcanorecords.com.au to secure your spot.

Bentley's night against the frack



Byron-based musician Ilona Harker performed in Bentley on Saturday. Photo David Lowe

Aussies Against Fracking held a gig at Bentley Hall near Lismore on Saturday night to highlight their opposition to an impending exploratory

drill by Metgasco at a private property. Featured artists and polities included Andrea Soler, Black Boi, Jimmy Willing, Githabul elders, Lismore

councillor Simon Clough and Amanda Shoebridge.

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

Byron, OS, Suffolk Park to get improved internet, but no joy for Skennars Head

Infrastructure to improve internet connections has been upgraded for residents and businesses in Ocean Shores, Suffolk Park and Byron Bay, and Telstra claims this will result in higher internet speeds for ADSL services.

The boost will give access to services that were previously unavailable, says Telstra Country Wide area general manager for north coast NSW, Sue Passmore. That includes digital TV through Telstra's T-Box and Telstra's new Digital Office Technology (DOT).

'The existing infrastructure in the local exchange was struggling to meet the demand in Ocean Shores, Suffolk Park and Byron Bay for fast internet at certain times. We're very excited that this upgrade will allow many of our customers to have a more consistent speed experience when using their ADSL service, either at home or at work,' Ms Passmore said.

'There may be some individual reasons customers still do not get the internet speeds they expect from their service.

These include a customer's distance from the exchange, their own equipment and whether or not they are served by the specific parts of the exchange that have received an upgrade.'

Skennars ignored

Meanwhile, there is still no broadband coverage in Skennars Head nor any promises from Telstra to deliver to all of these 300 homes, says resident John Bortolin. 'Telstra contact us at least once a year promising we can now get ADSL,' said John. 'Every time we tell them that we can't.

'I went through the entire process of signing up with them for ADSL only to be let down because nothing had changed. That ridiculous process included a plan change, hardware sent in the post to be set up, the connection failing as the service has never been available, packing up all the hardware and sending the equipment back again. And then having to go through the process of fixing the phone plans back to the way they were before!'

Local businessman Gavin Payne says it's poor form that the copper providers can't get it right in an area with sufficient houses close enough together to warrant an exchange upgrade.

Gavin Payne, managing director of NewSprout, a national business based in Lennox Head said, 'Data, when using the 3G mobile broadband network, is still a great revenue earner when people use lots of it. It's no wonder the big providers don't want to erode that revenue only to replace it with a much cheaper ADSL Broadband option.'

NewSprout wants to be able to offer their ADSL services to Skennars Head, and unfortunately this is a battle they have already fought and lost many times with the copper providers. 'It is near impossible to get any exchange upgrade information from them,' said Payne. 'NewSprout is support driven - we are trying to bring sanity into the internet service world. We service customers nationally and yet in our own backyard we can't help our neighbours - it's embarrassing.'

NewSprout is lobbying the copper provider (Telstra in this case) to do their part in upgrading the necessary infrastructure that only they have control over, so that NewSprout can offer its ADSL Broadband to Skennars and improved services to Lennox.

If you're a Skennars Head resident, NewSprout asks that you register your interest by

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Joining the panel will be Samantha Gowing, Australia's leading spa chef and founder of Food Health Wealth, food author and media personality Belinda Jeffrey, romance

writer Jennifer St George, motivational speaker Trish Springsteen and moderator Candida Baker, former editor of *The Weekend Australian Magazine*.

The lunch will be held on March 6 at the Byron at Byron with proceeds going to the NSW Cancer Council. Bookings info@byronunited.org.au or call 0401 592 114.

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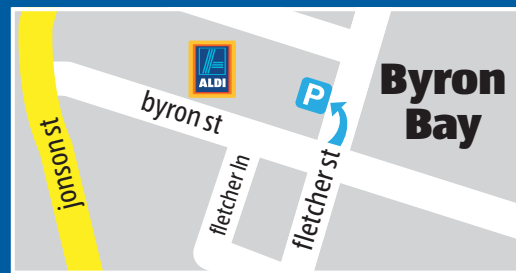
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Steve Bisley: a man of letters

Mandy Nolan

The most complex and far reaching relationships we have can be with our parents.

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Australian actor and writer, and now Byron Shire resident, Steve Bisley, knows how to plumb the emotional depths to



tell a 'real' story.

And that is exactly what he is doing with a unique show simply entitled *Hi Dad Hi Mum*, featuring six local men and six local women reading letters they have written to their parents.

'It was an idea that came out of a number of

letters I received after releasing *Stillways*,' says Bisley. 'People came up at book signings and they wanted to talk about their parents. Moving here [Byron Shire], I was reminded that I come from a small community and I live in a small community

and it's a great chance to give people a chance to tell their story in letter form.'

Bisley is quick to point out that although this is a show curated by a performer, the letter writers themselves are not performers. He believes this is what will make the show more powerful – these are real sentiments being shared in the public domain. 'These are personal stories,' says Bisley. 'I've told the writers that it could get very emotional and not to be surprised when they are writing as well. I think it's a very empowering process – for the writer/readers and for the audience.' See it Sunday at the Bangalow Bowlo from 3pm. Tickets are at the door or online through www.bangalowbowlo.com.au.

State govt keeps mute on NBP noise report

Noise monitoring of events at North Byron Parklands (NBP) in Yelgun will be put to the vote on at this Thursday's Council meeting after the state government refused to hand over its own internal report to Council.

In his motion, mayor Simon Richardson says, 'In four years time, Council will be the determining body when considering the long-term use of this site and the appropriateness of holding festivals

and events. It is therefore beneficial to Council to have its own set of data, over a few years, from which to judge the noise issue and with which to compare other noise monitoring testing.'

While no funds have been identified for the project, Council staff say they have been quoted \$6,900 plus GST per event.

In a letter to Council on November 8 last year, the Department of Planning and Infrastructure's Chris Ritchie

wrote, 'I note you have requested to be provided with a copy of the department's site visit report from the 2013 [Splendour In The Grass] SITG event. The report prepared by the departmental officer attending the event was prepared for internal information only, therefore I am unable to make this available to Council.'

When *The Echo* questioned the secrecy, the department's media spokesperson said the officer who attended the 2013 Splendour in the Grass Festival did not prepare a formal 'site visit report'.

'The "report" referred to in the letter to Byron Shire Council refers to informal, internal notes that are not appropriate to release publicly.'

Noxious weed identification workshop

A free weed identification workshop will be held on March 5 from 9am–12.30 pm at Mullumbimby's Cook Pioneer Hall. Property owners are welcome to bring along

samples of pasture plants which they would like identified. Bookings essential, please contact Wendy Gibney 6626 7028 or wendy.gibney@byron.nsw.gov.au.

Venezuela struggles in post-socialist chaos

Protests against the social democratic government in Venezuela have intensified in recent weeks with the deaths of seven students and the jailing of the opposition leader in the capital Caracas.

Venezuelan-born Fransisco, now a Byron Bay resident, told *The Echo*, 'the crackdown has seen all media being bought by the government and the public are largely unaware of the chaos.'

He says the government started shutting down all the TV channels around 2006 and later bought out the remaining two channels. 'We only know what's going on through social media,' he said.

He said he has been involved with

student movements since he was 17 and is still in touch with those students back in Venezuela.

'One hundred and fifty are missing and they could be in jail or dead,' he said. 'The government have shut down internet and water in parts of the country, and it's hard to get sugar, milk, bread, rice and toilet paper.'

Chavez legacy

He says under previous president and social democrat, Hugo Chavez, the country began sliding backwards economically and socially.

'His socialist ideals are aligned with

Cuba and against the US. He was against the freedom of speech and our economy went down and crime went up when he came in.'

And Chavez's successor, Nicolas Maduro, has implemented similar policies, which include retaining the nationalised oil industry. The BBC reported that after a short-lived coup that saw him removed from office for a couple of days in 2002, Chavez accused the US of being behind the move. *The Washington Times* reported just last week that president Maduro has revoked the press credentials of US media organisation CNN over what he says is 'war propaganda'.

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No water, no life

It was good to hear rain on the roof, albeit not much, on Monday morning. When your water supply comes from rainwater tanks, you keep a keen eye on the level.

Likewise the regional water supply authority, Rous Water, keeps its eye on the levels and on possible future needs. As of last Monday Rocky Creek Dam was 73 per cent full, which is pretty good considering the recent dry weeks and the impact of visitors on the supply over the summer months.

But according to Rous Water's predictions – based on climate change, reduced rainfall patterns and population growth – 'by around 2024, demand for water will match what current sources can reliably supply'. So the authority has embarked on a Future Water Strategy, which proposes more emphasis on demand management, investigating water re-use as a further source, and, most controversially, investigating increased use of groundwater. (Emotions run high on possible impacts on our groundwater, as can be seen this week in Sharon Shostak's video report on fracking on Echonetdaily.net.au.)

According to a report associated with the strategy, average water savings as a result of rainwater tank installation in the Rous Water supply area are calculated at 50 kilolitres per house a year.

That figure could be upped, I reckon, but it won't take care of all the demand.

Public feedback on the draft strategy closes April 11. You can read the document at www.rouswater.nsw.gov.au and comment to water@rouswater.nsw.gov.au. You could also comment to Byron councillors on the Rous Water board – its deputy chair Cr Diane Woods (0418 654 388/diane.woods@cr.byron.nsw.gov.au) and hydrologist Cr Duncan Dey (6684 5440/duncan.dey@cr.byron.nsw.gov.au), so they understand that their constituents also care about this important issue.

Michael McDonald

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Brutal and careless? It's a vote-winner

So now the Chinese have joined the international chorus of condemnation of Australia's policy on asylum seekers.

It would be easy to brush this aside with talk of pots and kettles, to point to Beijing's ruthless repatriation of desperate escapees from North Korea.

But while doing so is entirely legitimate, it ducks the real issue: the criticisms undoubtedly have substance.

It is no longer seriously denied that the policies of successive governments have breached Australia's obligations under the United Nations Convention on Refugees, or that human rights of the asylum seekers in detention, especially in the offshore gulags of Nauru and Manus Island, are being abused.

And, as the tragic events of the last week have made abundantly clear, the debate is no longer just about legality or even politics; it has become a question of basic morality.

In a sense it always has been; since Paul Keating first implemented the policy of mandatory detention, opponents of the increasingly draconian measures used to deter the boat people have argued that they cruel and inhumane. But by and large the objections have been dismissed as impractical idealism and the protesters derided as do-gooders and bleeding hearts.

Morality seldom intrudes on realpolitik, except when the onanists of the fundamentalist religious lobby get hot and sweaty over matters such as abortion and gay marriage.

When it comes to dealing with the more immediate concerns of the voters, toughness is seen as a positive virtue, and mercy and compassion as weakness to be avoided at all costs.

The current supreme commander of our borders, Scott

Morrison, insists that his religious faith has taught him the value of kindness, justice and righteousness, but he adds immediately: 'The bible is not a policy handbook' The sermon on the mount may be all very uplifting in its place, but government has to deal with harsh reality.

One of the few politicians who does accord morality a wider role in everyday life is Kevin Rudd, and he designed the Papua-New Guinea solution in the full knowledge of the ethical dilemma it involved.

Human rights in the offshore gulags of Nauru and Manus Island are being abused.

by Mungo MacCallum

As he tells it, the imperative was to end the drownings at sea, and to achieve this end, any means could be justified.

If asylum seekers were so desperate that they were prepared to risk the leaky boats in the hope of salvation, then that hope had to be removed: it had to be made clear that the end of their voyage, if they achieved it, would be as bad as, if not worse than, the beginning. Manus would be a hell on Earth; even the camps of Indonesia would be preferable.

And of course the Jesuitical Tony Abbott has embraced the principle with enthusiasm, although in public his reasoning has been rather less complex than Rudd's: Abbott's slogan has always been Stop The Boats, not End The Drownings.

And the public, uninterested in splitting moral hairs, has generally been happy to endorse any measures taken by either side, as long as they work.

At least it has up till now. But the death of one man and the injuries to scores of others

in the melee of last week has meant that the unintended consequences of the policies can no longer be ignored.

If the Manus Island solution ever was sustainable, it is not so any longer. The antipathy between the locals and the inmates has passed the point of no return.

The asylum seekers, having been informed that they have no chance of asylum in Australia and therefore nothing left to lose, will continue to rebel and the islanders, resentful of the

to adapt the policy until he can.

Abbott can bluster all he likes about not succumbing to pressure and moral blackmail but we are no longer talking theoretical abstracts and hypothetical outcomes, but actual events. One man is dead, and as things stand, more deaths, injuries and general mayhem are inevitable.

Confronted with another death recently, an Indian student who hanged himself in a detention centre as he faced deportation for overstaying a visa, Morrison shrugged it off: asked by the ABC's Barrie Cassidy if anything could have been done to prevent the suicide, he quipped: 'Could he have avoided overstaying his visa?' Very droll, minister, but the situation has gone a little beyond that point.

If Morrison does not recognise it, there are signs that some of the military, who have been conscripted to his command, are starting to feel a little uncomfortable; after all, they did not don the uniform to round up the helpless and innocent for incarceration in life-threatening concentration camps.

The defence forces chief General David Hurley, the head of the navy Admiral Ray Griggs and of course Morrison's personal C-in-C, Lieutenant General Angus Campbell, have all been forced to make personal appearances in the last couple of weeks to defend the actions of those under their command.

And they have not looked happy. Perhaps they even thought of another interrogation, a more formal one; one in which the response 'I was only obeying orders' was dismissed as totally inadequate.

When the full history of these troubled times is written, its verdict may be a harsh one.

■ See Mungo's video at Echonetdaily.net.au



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Have input on local koalas' future

The Department of Planning and Infrastructure (DPI) must go back to the drawing board with their extravagant West Byron development to make it consistent with Byron Council's draft Byron Coast Comprehensive Koala Plan of Management (PoM).

The koala PoM requires the protection of core koala habitat, whereas the DPI is proposing to clear 4.6ha of the 12.8ha of core koala habitat identified on West Byron.

The koala PoM requires the establishment of 50m buffers around core koala habitat within which minimal devel-

opment is allowed, whereas the DPI is proposing intensive development in 21ha (70 per cent) of the required koala buffers on West Byron.

The koala PoM requires that the key koala link that passes through the east of the site be protected and enhanced; the DPI is proposing intense development in parts of it.

The koala PoM requires that development control plans in koala areas include measures to limit car speeds, exclude dogs, and adopt koala-friendly fencing and swimming pool guidelines;

the DPI's plan does nothing for koalas.

While Byron Shire Council would be legally required to abide by the koala PoM if they were rezoning the site, the minister for planning is exempt from such laws and can ignore them.

This is where our local member Don Page comes in. Over two years ago he promised the people of Byron Shire that he would ensure that a koala PoM would be prepared before West Byron was developed. Now that Council has almost finalised a koala PoM the question is whether Don

will make the DPI revise its grandiose plans to ensure the koala PoM is implemented at West Byron and that Byron's koalas are given a chance to survive. Given that our federal member Justine Elliot also has legal obligations for koalas, I urge her to bring federal pressure to bear.

Council's koala PoM is open for submissions until the March 21. If you care for the future of your koalas, now is the time to show your support for them: www.byron.nsw.gov.au/koalas-in-byron-shire.

Dailan Pugh
Byron Bay

No need for speed

Less than a week before Michael Pinkerton was struck and killed by a ute crossing Ewingsdale Road at Sunrise Boulevard, I lamented that someone would have to die at that crossing before the speed limit would be changed.

I've watched the speed limit on Ewingsdale Road gain at least a semblance of sanity over the last decade. From 100 to a more sensible 80, then to 60 in a couple of places. But why we need a 60 zone opposite OziGo and not at the bicycle crossing/Sunrise Boulevard intersection used by almost all Sunrise

residents and caravan park guests is completely baffling.

Eighty is a dangerously high speed limit for a bicycle crossing and residential intersection and I fear more people will be needlessly injured or killed until it is changed.

I have no way of knowing if a more sensible speed limit could have prevented Michael's death. But perhaps a change will prevent future tragedies.

P Gray
Sunrise

■ Irena Tennant, you are not a silly old fool (Letters, February 18). I too live on that road and cannot believe the stupidity of drivers and how fast they go. I have been overtaken on bends, almost run off the road and basically made to feel like I am in the wrong for going the speed limit.

I feel that the 'open speed limit' sign at the beginning of the road has a lot to do with the problem. It implies that the driver has the intelligence

and thorough knowledge of the road to be able to determine the correct speed to use to travel upon it.

I suggest we start to lobby Council before we have a fatality on our hands. It worked for the residents of Rosebank who, like us, felt 100kmh on their roads was far too fast for a country road and now have 80kmh speed limits.

Lois Vickery-Hall
Coorabell

TPP privateers

Mungo wonders what is Abbott's plan for Australia! Well, actually it's Abbott's puppeteers' plan, and that plan is to sign the TPP. The TPP, Trans Pacific Partnership Treaty, is to be signed this week in Singapore. And after that, Tony won't need a plan: it'll all be as dictated to by corporate demands.

The TPP allows corporations to sue councils, states and nations for loss of expected profits, should the democratic bodies wish to regulate

corporations in favour of the environment or workers' conditions. Corporations can then adjust their behaviour to the lowest standard, eg, to workers' rights in Peru, or to fracking rules like the United States'. The TPP is binding for 100 years of unsustainable cruel practices that end in 99 per cent of people being impoverished.

Please check out the TPP on the internet, on WikiLeaks, and see for yourself. Tony's plan is to be planned by short-sighted, not Australian, privateers.

Dr Liz Elliott
Billinudgel

Bruns under threat

I read Gaye's obituary (*Echo*, February 18) for her mother Norma Keir with affection and interest. When I saw the for-sale notice on the cinema building recently I wondered what had become of the indomitable owner of the Brunswick picture house because

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it was said that while she was alive there was no way she was letting anyone else get their hands on her precious theatre.

I am sorry to hear of her passing and many of my old friends remember with affection the Brunswick cinema experience. But I had a chuckle at her daughter's description of her mother's generous disposition, welcoming people to the show. It is true she did like to see things run smoothly but it was very much on her terms.

Now, for the 'Ides of March' note in Gaye's article. Norma left the Gold Coast because of 'the all-consuming property development'. Are greed and opportunism finally spreading their nasty tentacles around the delicate beauty of Bruns? Thanks to the Foreshore Protection Group and *The Echo* for keeping readers up to date on this potential disaster.

Memories are both good and bad. The closure of a family-run cinema was maybe inevitable. Small towns like Brunswick Heads change but this NCHP intervention is scary.

Jane Flower
South Golden Beach

Imaginary theft

Readers are now aware that a district court judge has overturned a conviction for 'disposing of stolen goods' found against community activist Michele Grant.

This result was always a good bet considering the sheer incongruity of the charge but the process itself has proved both expensive and stressful and you don't get your money back for being innocent. One is left to ponder the who and why of the prosecutorial process.

The original action was initiated by local police three months after the actual event but the origin of any complaint remains obscure. Ms Grant's counter-request that police pursue an action against the caravan park operators for blocking a public road was ignored.

Considering that the charge was 'disposing', the question has always been who actually 'stole' the barriers to make them available for 'disposal' – presumably none of the dozen or so activists of which Ms Grant was the only one to enjoy police attention.

The matter of ownership of the goods was an issue as they needed to belong to the park to sustain the charge. With most including the council staff thinking they

belonged to Council, there was a problem. Rather fortuitously the caravan park manager recalled a driver who he said had delivered them to the park from a northern company destination – the magistrate adopted this version despite the driver not being called to testify.

Months later Judge Wells of the District Court took three minutes to say 'wrong charge, conviction overturned'.

Tom Tabart
Bangalow

Refugee shame

We would all have seen the news that a refugee has been killed while in detention and that the Department of Immigration has released personal details of thousands of refugees, thereby exposing them and their families back home to torture, imprisonment and murder.

In spite of the government's attempts at secrecy, news is leaking out about a department in dysfunctional lockdown. Nothing is being processed properly. Department policy has led to hunger strikes, self-harm, and imprisonment of over 1,000 children, which has caused the AMA to seek child protection charges against Minister Morrison. Over 20,000 poor souls are now in limbo with no hope of settlement or chance to go home.

Australia completely dishonours its responsibilities under the refugee treaties it signed and has become a sad joke among other democracies. Australia has the most vicious and draconian policies of all. This is while having the most capacity to accommodate unfortunate refugees.

Recent arrivals are given no assistance, legal aid, chance of work, hope of family reunion, and face forced repatriation. This is in spite of over 90 per cent of arrivals being shown to be genuine refugees. Medical care has to come from the Red Cross.

Liberal policy is largely supported by Labor so it is the responsibility of the Greens and independent press, such as *The Echo*, to keep us informed. Or are we to try, like postwar Germans, to pretend we didn't know and hypocritically keep trying to believe in the Australian national anthem: 'For those who've come across the seas/ We've boundless plains to share.'

Ron Priestley
Darwin

Hinterland radiation

Many readers may have noticed that representatives of NBNCo and Visionstream

Environmental levy under threat

■ Byron Shire's cherished Environmental Levy is under threat.

The rush to build a rock wall at Belongil has already seen \$300,000 diverted to this ill-considered project. Now Environmental Levy funds of \$300,000 or more are proposed to be raided.

Environmental Levy funds are raised as a special rate variation with ministerial approval specifically for environmental works. As such,

Telecommunications have been doing the rounds of the Shire's hinterland recently.

They are here to promote the National Broadband Network and the government's plan to build towers to spread fixed wireless broadband networks instead of underground fibre optic cable to our homes, or 'to the node'.

These towers will emit radio frequency electromagnetic energy (RF EME). There is a plan to build one on Red Hill in The Pocket on private land. Many people have grave fears about the effects of RF EME on our bodies as we have seen recently with the opposition to wi-fi within the Mullum CBD.

I don't know if this is common knowledge to folk living in The Pocket, Billinudgel and Main Arm, but we already have a fibre optic cable underground. It goes up Main Arm Road to Main Arm Upper School and down the Pocket Rd to Billinudgel. It was installed years ago, long before Kevin and Julia came up with NBNCo.

So why can't the fibre be extended up the Main Arm valley, including Palmwoods, and connected to the nodes of our Telstra phone lines? The same could be done in The Pocket all the way to Billinudgel.

Other areas may have fibre optic cables to their local schools as well. Check it out.

Peter Leishman
Upper Main Arm

■ Not advertised by Byron Council in last week's *Echo* is the 40m NBN 4G broadband tower at Main Arm. This they said is due to its 'low impact'.

With growing awareness of the negative effects of exposure to microwave radiation, this development should have been brought by Council to the attention of all those in the receiving environment. Additionally, NBN makes no mention of the radiation that recipients

any use of these funds for other types of works would be a major breach of faith with ratepayers and outside the terms of the original approval.

The community is already being shortchanged by this project in many ways by preempting the outcome of the Coastal Zone Management Plan due for completion mid-year.

Not only will this prejudice community consultation over all possible options for

will get from the receiving antennae. This is a service only for those in line-of-sight, which will exclude many due to the uneven terrain and vegetation.

Residents of Main Arm should be asking why the \$250,000 this is costing is not being used to expand the existing fibre network which runs from the Main Arm to The Pocket schools. This would be far more effective, equitable and safer than polluting the whole environment with radiation so those few in it who want the service can download things a few megabits faster. One has to ask, will the increased download speed be equal to the time one's life is shortened by radiation exposure?

Anton Vanderbyl
Palmwoods

coastline management, it will also greatly increase Council's potential liability by being completed outside the process prescribed by law.

Council is to consider the question at its next meeting on Thursday.

Cr Basil Cameron
Goonengerry

■ The important, hard-fought-for and extremely valuable Environmental Levy

is under threat of being raided by some councillors to go towards building a rock wall at Belongil.

This is a specially approved shirewide levy and to have it used in one small part of the shire would be extremely unwise and divisive for urban and rural residents. Maintain the integrity of this levy, councillors, and unite the shire.

Patrick Morrissey
Goonengerry




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Shriver feels the weight of the body image aesthetic

Mandy Nolan interviews the author of a controversial novel about obesity and our relationship to our bodies

US author Lionel Shriver came to public attention with her controversial novel *We Need to Talk about Kevin*, an exploration of a failed relationship between mother and child that later became an international feature film starring Tilda Swinton.

Shriver's latest release *Big Brother* continues her penchant for provocative and uncomfortable themes, this time addressing our first-world relationship with food and weight, telling the story of a morbidly obese man who moves in with his sister and her family.

With an impressive 12 published novels under her belt, Shriver is a writer who likes to push the boundaries. At just 15 she changed her name from Margaret Ann to Lionel, something she felt was more appropriate to her tomboy nature.

Known for her social activism, she challenged the US healthcare system with *So Much For That*, and now, with *Big Brother*, she addresses weight, a sensitive subject considering her own brother died of obesity-related health issues.

'I try to pick subjects that have more than one facet,' says Shriver, 'something which I am conflicted about. I am torn on the weight issue, because I don't want anyone to be sad if they don't want

to, to feel they have to strive to achieve a weight, but if you remain within a certain high weight range it can kill you.'

Shriver believes that the narcissistic obsession with image is not only making us miserable, it's making us fat.

'This whole obsession is out of control and it's making lots of people miserable and making them miserable just makes them fatter. I am becoming extremely impatient with these magazines and mainstream newspapers that track celebrity – and they talk about weight, but they are not digging into the issue. They deal with it as a medical problem, but it's a very complex issue. It's psychologically complex, emotionally complex.'

Obsession

And it's not as simplistic as fat. Shriver's thesis is that *fat* and *thin* form part of the same obsession with control and our battle with our physical form.

'Being thin gets confused with virtue,' says Shriver, who believes that people now approach the body like a work of art. 'It's how they expect to actualise themselves, refine themselves.'

'But to refine your body is only to refine your body. It's boring. I think the fitness thing goes too far as well. We put this huge burden on men and women, like you have to be super slim or have a six-



American author Lionel Shriver. Photo Suki Dhandha

pack, and it takes hours and hours and to get that kind of muscle definition; you can't do anything else.

'We tend to confuse more economic and moral arguments about the stress on health systems with an aesthetic sense of repulsion. The representation of the thin aesthetic is also contaminated with fear, and I think there is a parallel with the classic homophobia. Appearance is more important than ever; we judge ourselves on this, we seem to have lost the distinction between body and soul.'

Overweight people are very often characterised as 'lazy' or 'slobs' or even 'corrupt' in comparison to the thin aesthete.

'There is so much hostility towards overweight people. I guess they can sense it, and I think they are often subject to a lot of spatial resentment. Especially on airlines.'

Losing her brother was definitely an impetus for writing the book, although *Big Brother* is not just a tribute to Shriver's brother but also an autopsy on our relationship with food, each other and self.

'I suppose it served a mild therapeutic function,' Shriver says of writing her latest novel, 'although I am sometimes amazed how little difference it actually makes! There is this conceit that you can write or heal yourself well, but it's not as simple as that – you can't raise people from the dead with a paragraph.'

A tribute

'It's one of the things that I find humbling about writing – the limitations. I don't know how much it helped resolve losing my brother. I did hope that in some ways it would be a tribute to him without being some slightly weird, fictionalised hegemony. I needed the story to be a book in its own right. We don't need to afflict the readership with a series of journal entries! First and foremost, *Big Brother* had to be a novel that works as a novel. When I was writing I set out to tell a good story first.'

Although it was the intense emotionality of the sibling relationship and the recognition of the close existence of love and repulsion that gave Shriver the impetus to follow a story, that may have been upsetting for the rest of her family.

'My parents especially were very worried about this book, so I showed them before I published to allay their fears, and I think they were upset there was nothing to be of-

fended by – they weren't in the book!'

'Having that level of obesity in my family meant I had an access to what it feels like. When I saw my brother in the latter part of my life, I didn't think, "Oh you overweight slob, why don't you do something?" – it was heartbreaking, what I felt was absolute sorrow and I couldn't stop thinking of what he went through on a daily basis, because really heavy people get treated like shit.'

Shriver's book is being met with robust conversation, and in the US one of the usual criticisms is her use of the word *fat*.

'I have had my head taken off for using the word *fat* on radio. But for me it's a descriptive word, because when you eat too much you develop fat. It's not muscle or bone. I also love the word; it's short and punchy and it's a little onomatopoeic. And I don't think you change the world with euphemism. I am writing about fat.'

■ Presented by Northern Rivers Writers' Centre, Lionel Shriver is joined in conversation by Australian writer Matthew Condon at St Finbarr's Hall in Byron Bay on Saturday March 1 from 5pm. Tickets through the NRW website at www.nrw.org.au. For more information call 6685 5115.

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Community Singing Group every Monday 10.30am and Seniors' Drumming Circle every Tuesday 10.30am. More info 6685 6807 or www.lifeofbyron.com. Free basic computer lessons for seniors at Byron Community Centre every Wednesday. Bookings essential – contact Carolyn 0413 223 462. Note: singing, drumming and computer lessons cancelled during Byron Bay Film Festival Feb 28 to March 9.

Chem Free Regen

Chem Free Regen training and work morning at Mullumbimby Community Garden, Wed March 5, any time from 9am to 1pm. Please bring gloves and a small knife. For more info contact Dave 0410 019 997 or daverawlins75@gmail.com.

Oneness blessing

Every Thursday 7pm, Red Tent Yoga, 10/21–23 Tasman Way, Byron industrial estate. Info Nura 0427 847 210.

Buddhist meditation

Teaching and practice Wednesdays 6–7.30pm, SIA Centre, 1/22 Fawcett St, Brunswick Heads. Info 6685 8842, mishaela@si.org.au.

Byron Sophia

Byron Sophia Philosophical Group: DNA in the Sands of Time – A Journey from Atlantis to Egypt to the present time, Thursday, 27 February 1–3pm, at Masonic Centre, 6 Byron St, Byron Bay. Info: Celia 6684 3623.

Library friends

Friends Of The Library are hosting author Dr Anita Heiss at the Byron Library on Friday March 14, celebrating her new book *Tiddas* at 5.30pm with refreshments for a 6pm start. Gold coin donation. RSVP 6685 8540 or byronbayfol@gmail.com.

Swap party

Friday 7 March, 3pm SWAP, 5pm pizzas at Mullum Community Garden. Contact Efrat 0455 236 575.

Byron Market

The Byron Market is on Sunday March 2 at the Butler St Reserve from 8am to 3pm. Fabulous live music with a huge lineup. Please leave dogs at home.

Ewingsdale meet

The Ewingsdale Community Association will meet at 7pm on Monday 3 March in the Ewingsdale Hall to discuss the council easement and the West Byron development.

Free movie night

From the Heart of the World – The Elder Brother's Warning – the environmental message of the Kogi Indians of the Sierra Nevada, Columbia, and its

deeper esoteric content. Sunday 2 March, 6.30pm, at Kulchajam, 1 Acacia St, Byron Arts & Industry Estate. Presented by The Gnostic Society Byron 0412 020 234.

U3A Ballina/Byron

Enjoy poetry with Don Brown at 10am on 4/3/14 in the Brunswick Heads Bowling Club. Enquiries 6680 7350.

Seed Savers

Seed-saving event at Jude and Michael Fanton's, 13 Old Bangalow Road, Byron Bay. Saturday 1 March 3.30pm garden tour. Bring plate to share, plants, seeds cuttings to share and \$10 donation for Byron Bay Seed Savers world seed solidarity tours.

Community planting day

Brunswick Valley Landcare invites community participation in a native-tree planting day on the banks of Mullumbimby Creek at River Terrace (Whian Street end), Sunday 2 March 9.30–11.30am. Enq Bela Allen 6684 7113.

Probus Club

The Brunswick Valley Probus Club will be holding their annual meeting on Tuesday 4 March at 10am at the Ocean Shores Country Club, followed by guest speaker Doug Stinson from the Cancer Council. Enquiries Veronica 0466 802 025.

Harmony Day

Calling local musicians, artists and multicultural groups to join in planning, performing and activities for Byron

Harmony Day 2014. To volunteer or for more info please call 0405 463 663.

End-of-life care

To learn how to make the right decisions about your end-of-life care, come to the meetings held quarterly. Phone Elaine for more details on 0421 796 713.

Dune care

Suffolk Park Dune Care is on again at 8.30am at the beach end of Macgregor St on Saturday 1 March. Phone Helen 6685 4964.

Sports AGM

Brunswick Valley Combined Sports & Rec Association Inc inaugural AGM is to be held on Monday 10 March at 6pm at the Brunswick Heads sports-fields clubrooms. Enq: 6685 1676.

Volunteers needed

Would you like to participate in Byron Shire's Lone Goat Gallery as a volunteer? Contact Karla Akehurst, email lonegoatgallery@gmail.com.

Autism meet

The Far North Coast Centre for Autism will hold a meeting for parents and carers on Friday 28 Feb at the Far North Coast Centre for Autism, 23 Commercial Rd, Alstonville, 10am–12. Enq 6628 3660.

Autumn gardening

Learn about the growing needs and varieties of crops to give you abundance during the cooler months. Sat 8

March, 1–3pm at Mullum Community Garden. Bookings: judymac@aapt.net.au or 0428 870 540.

PAN at Lennox

14–28 February, 9am–4.30pm daily, at 4/64 Ballina Rd, Lennox Head, mixed-media exhibition by members of PAN (Practising Artists Network). Work for sale.

Art comp

Artists get your paint brushes out and get painting for the 9th Annual Ocean Shores Country Club Art Competition/Exhibition. Entry forms are available at www.oceanshorescc.com.au.

Bush poets show

Sunday 9 March 2pm, Mullumbimby Ex-Services Club: Great afternoon's entertainment: Top artists. Tickets at the Club – ph 6684 2533. All welcome. Presented by Quota International of Brunswick Valley.

Byron Rotary

Rotary Club of Byron Bay is a non-profit organisation that brings together members of the community to do good. Meets each Tuesday 7pm at Byron RSL. Visitors welcome. Enq 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 information or just drop in. Mullum-

Magic Toastmasters are warm, friendly people who meet to improve our communication skills every 2nd, 4th and 5th Monday at 7–9pm at the Presbyterian Church Hall, 106 Stuart Street, Mullumbimby. Phone 6684 8024 or visit www.674916.toastmastersclubs.org for more information.

AA meetings

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

Art talk in the pub

Artists Christine Willcocks and Travis Paterson have been invited by C.A.S.E. Inc to talk about their experiences with international artist residencies at the Court House Hotel, Mullumbimby on Tuesday 11 March 6pm – all welcome.

Mullum Forums

Thursday Feb 27 from 6pm, Mullum Forums has a presentation by Katharine Dawn on Earth Holocracy, real global democracy built by local community action, and a video screening about the Banksters Global Casino. Mullum Forums offers a shared meal with discussion of global/local issues at the Mullumbimby Uniting Church Hall every Thursday.

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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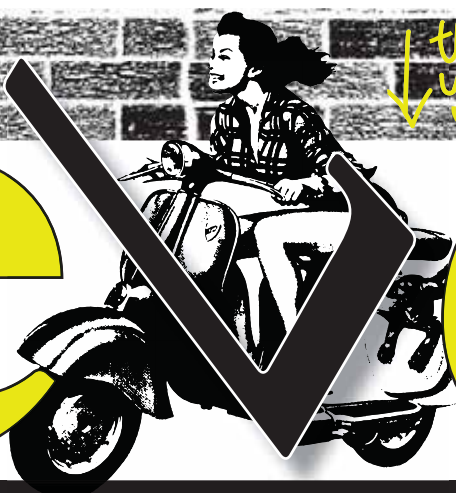
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ALL YOUR COASTAL ENTERTAINMENT

Brutal Women Win Your Heart

AUSTRALIA'S LARGEST REGIONAL FILM FESTIVAL, BYRON INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL, KICKS OFF THIS FRIDAY WITH A DAZZLING OPENING NIGHT, WITH A LINEUP THAT FEATURES 226 FILMS FROM 36 COUNTRIES. This is the world trip you thought you couldn't afford. One film of particular interest is *Pretty Brutal*, by filmmaker Monica De Alwis, that features the inside story of New Zealand's first roller derby league. Their challenge: run a democracy and train together as sisters then savage each other come match day. Monica spoke with *The Echo* about a sport that is taking the world by storm!

Monica, why did you choose roller derby as a subject? I started to see DIY-style advertisements for all-female, full-contact roller derby posted around town. I hadn't seen this kind of image used to represent a female sport before. I was surprised at the general comments and media reactions around me, which were quick to sexualise or stigmatise the idea of women's being aggressive. I was attracted by derby's collision of sport and subculture and excited by the questions it raised about gender and identity. I was also intrigued by the dichotomies that the sport seemed to marry. Members were encouraged to develop bad-arse alter egos yet surrender themselves to the collective. The new phenomenon struck me as a wonderful experiment that was creating a stir and had met some need. I was curious to see how the story would unfold.

Is the appeal of roller derby somehow linked in with our obsession with violence? I do not believe roller derby is violent. It is physically and athletically aggressive. There is a distinction. As the league navigated its early journey, I think these language distinctions emerged through painful trial and error. I also feel that attitudes towards athletic aggression being a traditionally masculine domain are responsible for the way female derby is sometimes framed as a 'violent' spectacle as opposed to a legitimate sport.

What kind of girls take up roller derby? Do you think it's a reaction to the incredible amount of messaging around girls' body image? A spectrum of people play derby and their reasons for getting involved vary. It is a challenging yet community-oriented sport that encourages women of different sizes, ages, experience levels and backgrounds to get involved on or off skates. I think this has contributed to the sport's rapid growth. Players possess strength, agency and unapologetic athletic aggression, while shamelessly marrying those qualities with glitter, humour and permission to play up or down their femininity. The fact that your body is capable, important and celebrated on the rink is a positive and attractive message.

What were the stories that were unfolding when you started shooting? When I arrived on the scene three

intersecting elements drew me in. From an outsider's perspective, The Pirate City Rollers appeared to have a strong sense of identity. For me that image was constructed from media coverage as well as league-generated propaganda. However, I realised there was a tension between this surface image and an unfolding inside story. The Pirates were a fledgling league, the first established outside North America. I observed an assemblage of strong personalities with diverging ideals about what they should be. Pieces of Hate, a divisive yet magnetic central character, made her presence known straightaway. What drove her on a personal level to invest heavily in a potentially volatile sport was bound to have an impact on the evolution of the league's story.

How did you see relationships grow or change during the film? The early league I filmed subscribed to ideals of democracy and equality. People were often drawn in for friendship and the chance to be included in the creation of something new. As league members tested their own personalities, motives, and commitment levels against these concepts I saw leaders, followers and power structures emerge. As the competitive season kicked in, relationships between friends and teams, coaches and new recruits became fraught with unspoken tensions. When asked to be aggressive with each other against the backdrop of sisterhood, I felt some players had much to wade through before recognising aggression in a sporting context is 'nothing personal'. When this separation doesn't happen, the situation can become threatening and everyone reacts differently in the face of conflict. On the other hand, I saw relationships between some women transform into something very honest and healthy through roller derby.

What decisions did you make in the edit room when it came to how the film was going to look and just what story it was going to tell? It became clear that this film was not going to be a topic-based film introducing roller derby, neither a sweeping look at the sport's evolution. I could see the trajectory of a debut competitive season being the narrative spine of the film; however, what was unfolding before me was a one-off scenario that could not have been scripted. So, the story we decided to tell was the most organic and intimate one. *Pretty Brutal* became a film about a human experience within the context of a fledgling roller derby league. I often shot handheld, and being short, I shoot from an angle that enhances the feeling that you are within a scene or are a participant in a discussion. Initially this was a pragmatic



decision but became a relevant way to tell this kind of candid, behind-the-scenes story.

How has the reaction to *Pretty Brutal* been? There has been a lot of positivity. *Pretty Brutal* was awarded Best New Zealand Feature, Best New Zealand Editing and Best New Zealand Director at Australasia's premier documentary film festival, Doc Edge 2013. It has been invited to screen in Los Angeles, New York and Texas. I've been happy to see a whole variety of viewers, derby and non-derby alike, turn out to screenings and communicate with me about the universal touchstones they've found in the story. For those who appeared in the film, it was clear to see that *Pretty Brutal* captured a time of difficult growth; emotions and old rivalries surfaced on premiere night and we had a very rowdy cinema experience! Newer members of the Pirate City Rollers were proud to have an historical document recording some of the experiences that helped form a framework for their current organisation. I look forward to engaging with leagues around Australia and hearing about their own startup stories.

Screening at the International Women's Day event on 8 March. For screenings and program info go to www.bbff.com.au.



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The Soul Stone

AT JUST 24, US SOUL SENSATION ALLEN STONE IS MAKING HIS MARK. THIS SEATTLE SONGWRITER TALKS ABOUT MOBILE PHONES AND SOCIAL NETWORKS; HE SINGS ABOUT THE CLOUT OF THE CHRISTIAN RIGHT AND A CULTURE OF GREED. His music reaches back four decades to the late 1960s and early 70s, when songwriters such as Stevie Wonder, Marvin Gaye, Donny Hathaway and Bill Withers brought introspection and social commentary to soul music. Soul has been in Stone's soul since this preacher's son was small.

'I wasn't raised with any technical music knowledge,' says Stone. 'I didn't have any singing lessons or music lessons growing up. It was the feeling of music that got me, the rhythm and the pace and even to this day, I think what I enjoy most about the music industry is playing because it's a congregational atmosphere – we are gathering together for one purpose!'

Unlike his peers, Stone left the pop rock unturned.

'I want to bring people an experience that they remember. For me it's good to incorporate as many emotions as I can during the set – whether it's joy or curiosity or sadness. Making up a set it is

about giving people enough canvas to experience something that is individual and particular to that night, and I love it! I make a living throwing parties for people every night! The main goal is that they have fun!'

Stone takes his role as a musician seriously.

'I feel it is a higher call being a musician. You need to be able to play your instrument; you need to be able to do it live without processors. People are getting away with pressing a button. To me my greatest accomplishment is that when I leave the stage people have had a good time and they experience something that was live and real and unique to that particular audience.

'We are all narcissistic; songwriters are built on narcissism! But for me my favourite record of all time is *What's Going On* by Marvin Gaye. I love the topics he chose to sing about – cultural indifferences and injustices; he chose to sing about things that had a little more weight to them than *Let's Get it On*.

'I remember Marvin for *Mercy Mercy Mercy* rather than *Sexual Healing*.'

Stone is a little scathing of the emotional immuring of his home country.

'America has such a weird culture; it's such an adolescent country – in a lot of regards the US is like a 12-year-old boy – look at the way we conduct ourselves overseas, the way we exude our sexuality. It's like the 12- to 13-year-old kid!'



Bluesfest will be Stone's third trip to Australia. Catch the man that *USA Today* called 'pitch perfect powerhouse', the hippie with soul...
For more about Bluesfest lineup and tixgo to bluesfest.com.au.



FROM WORLD STAGES TO BACK HOME

From a well-received performance at last year's Isle of Wight's Festival alongside headliners Elton John, Snoop Dogg and MIA, and a UK tour last September, **Garrett Kato** has been working from his home studio in Byron Bay on his upcoming release. Garrett Kato has been compared to the likes of Ray

Lamontagne, Ryan Adams and David Grey

for his ability to capture an audience. Raised on music from the 60s, Kato found his own blend of folk with a mixture of electronic samples and beautiful country melodies. The amazingly talented locals **Luke Morris** and **Hailey Marie** are to support the show. Kato will hit the stage at the **Hotel Great Northern** on **Friday**.

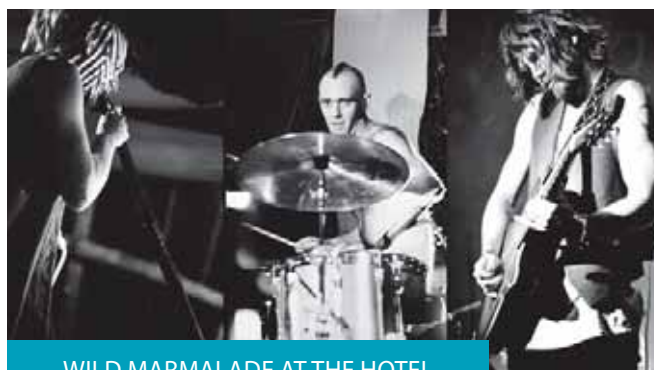
BRUNSWICK MARMALADE

After thrilling crowds at Woodford, Byron Falls and Earth Frequency festivals, **Wild Marmalade** have flown to new heights with their unique didgeridoo-driven dance grooves. **Hotel Brunswick Sunday Session** is set to be a cracker, featuring flamenco guitar virtuoso **Paul George**, producer and keyboard player **Jake Savona** and the legendary percussionist **Greg Sheehan**.

The extended afternoon of groove kicks in at 4pm and runs through to 8 o'clock. Free entry. Come ready to move.

JACK AND JILL

Kiara Jack and The Jills creates a sound where world meets contemporary with the eclectic-edged voice of Kiara Jack smack



WILD MARMALADE AT THE HOTEL BRUNSWICK ON SUNDAY

bang in the centre of their sound. After receiving an RADF grant from the Gold Coast City Council, the band went straight into the studio and released their EP last year, *Shards of Glass*. They play the **Rails** on **Thursday** and the **Bangalow Hotel** on **Friday**.

MUSICIANS DEFEND ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENDERS

This **Saturday** musicians take up their instruments to defend the important work of the Environmental Defender's Office, one of the organisations de-funded under the Abbott regime. The community is not about to let this one go, especially with CSG debate raging and state government doing some pretty shady deals on the quiet with gas companies of late. Comedian **S Sorrenson** is the compere, with performances from **Jimmy Willing** and **The Real Gone Hick-Ups**, **Sara Tindley**, **Luke Vassella**, **The No Frills Twins**, **Bossy Big Heart**, **Bassix**, **Ruthie-ma Toothie**, **Davey Bob Ramsey** and his band, and much more. Show starts at 6pm, \$20 gets you in – \$10 concession and under-16 kids are free.

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Adults \$10, kids free! Join the mailing list at ukemullum.com for the songbook download link.

BY THE STRANDS

The Strands are about well-crafted songs, a tight sound and a

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'BRUNS-ED' BROADFOOT

North coast rocking funk rhythm and blues outfit **Broadfoot** take to the **Hotel Brunswick** stage this **Saturday**. Think the flavour of Hendrix, Steve Miller and the Stones with 70s funk bass undercurrents and one starts to smell the aroma of the Broadfoot sound. There'll be plenty of Broadfoot's homegrown on display and lashings of groove to keep the dancers moving. For a unique perspective into the Broadfoot experience visit the Brunswick market from 9am on Saturday the 1st to catch Broadfoot in a stripped-back duo format where electric piano will come out to accompany the wailing **John Moodie** on guitar. From 7.30pm.

CONFIDENT SHYBABY

Shybaby are set to make a triumphant return when they let fly at the **Billinudgel Hotel** this **Saturday**. New drummer Killer Karl Perske brings a vast array of chops to the band, breathing new life into the show and complementing the all-out rock attack of Mick and Gregg on the strings. Get on down



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THE RISING TIE

As far as I can tell, men pretty well belong to two tribes: men who wear ties and men who don't. Living in the northern rivers we tend to see a lot of the men who don't wear ties. Some probably would wear a tie if they could, but they don't even wear shirts. Hell, some blokes don't even wear pants. We are a tie-less lot; I think perhaps that is the point of living in a regional community that prides itself on being a thriving hub of counterculture.

The men here are here because they are the tribe who have rejected the tie. Although in saying that it's pretty clear they don't mind the odd spot of tie-dye. A bloke with a tie on the streets of Mullumbimby or Byron Bay is a bit of an anomaly. We think 'poor bastard must be on his way to court for DUI'. Or 'must be going to a funeral'. Or worse, 'a lawyer'. Actually that's not true; most of the lawyers don't wear ties around here either.

I have to admit I find a man in a tie a little bit sexy. I think it's because it implies that he's got a job. Or that he's a bit of a prick. I find him even sexier if that's all that he's wearing! That being said, I have always found the tie a rather strange piece of fashion equipment – apart from allowing us to visually distinguish white collar from no collar, I really can't see what possible

function this long triangle of fabric actually serves. Is it a reminder that 'hey look I'm in a suit, but I have a dick'? You know, it's like an arrow pointing to the phallus. Is it some sort of power pointer? 'Don't fuck with me, buddy – see down there? That's where I keep the negotiator.' When this suit comes off I may be all white and pasty like a strange anaemic spider, but down there is a fierce and terrible beast. Well, maybe an angry lizard. Okay, a blind skink!

Or maybe it's to hide the unsightly buttons. Like a valance for the body. Or maybe, because the culture of suit wearing is so constrictive and the opportunities to express one's individuality are so limited, the tie offers a man a chance to make a small colour statement. I mean, how many times have you seen a guy in a hot-pink tie and thought 'wow, mate, you are really pushing the boundaries!'

Apparently the tie was invented by the Victorians to protect the shirt from the detritus of every day. Wow, so men are big babies wearing bibs? Maybe they should learn to eat without spilling shit. Blokes in blue singlets seem to manage it. Historically only two groups of people have ever had anything around their necks: slaves and the hanged. I have always thought the tie would be very convenient if you were needing to strangle someone. I mean you don't even need to bring a stocking; you could kill a man with his own neckpiece. Makes being a serial killer of public servants so much more efficient.

I think perhaps ties are part of a pathetic hope that the wearing of such will instil in the viewers of the tie wearer the message that the man in the tie has power. 'You will listen to me. I have authority, because I have a tie.' Greenies are a group generally characterised by

a lack of ties. They are usually going head-to-head with groups of men in 'ties' who will use their ties to assume some sort of tie-based credibility. Maybe environmentalists would find themselves doing much better on the global stage if they started wearing ties. Imagine the shock of the tie-wearing multinationals when they discovered that it was not shirtless hippies, but in fact tie wearers who were causing the fracking blockades!

People with ties generally exploit people without ties. Men in ties generally don't have CSG wells dug next to their infinity pools. Although it would solve the Sunday arvo problem of having to duck down to the servo for a gas bottle. You could run that barbie 24/7! No, men in ties prefer to poison the waterholes of people who live without ties.

Farmers don't wear ties. People without ties don't have as much power as people with ties. Or money. So are ties some sort of secret masonic symbol of power? Ties are usually worn to meetings. Now this is either for one man to tell the other men that they have power, or perhaps it's not the men having a meeting at all; what if it's much more sinister than that... what if it's just a gathering of ties who've brought along their men hosts? Perhaps this planet hasn't been fucked up by men after all. Maybe it's the work of the tie! Only women can save us, because we are tie-deficient.

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



Feeling Lucky

IT'S HARD TO PIN DOWN JUST WHAT IS SO INTOXICATING (AND I USE THAT WORD CAREFULLY) ABOUT COMEDIAN FIONA O'LOUGHLIN, BUT AS AN AUDIENCE MEMBER IT IS POSSIBLE TO THINK 'I COULD LISTEN TO THIS WOMAN FOREVER'.

Growing up in an Irish-Australian family, it seems to me that storytelling became second nature. It was what they did every night around the dinner table, and there's really no storyteller on the comedy circuit quite as enthralling as O'Loughlin.

Starting out as the comedian mum of five who hailed from Alice Springs, a lot has changed in the decade or more that has seen O'Loughlin go from Central Australian obscurity to the darling of the Melbourne comedy scene.

Her marriage is over, her children mostly grown, she's living in Melbourne, and in the past five years she has waged a very public battle with alcoholism. Now sober and enjoying recovery, Fiona's latest show, *My Brilliant Career*, shows O'Loughlin at her most incisive. She has this rare ability to navigate the human condition with humility and humour.

'I do get heaps of quiet time, and I have this amazingly simple fucking life that I didn't know existed. I had to leave a husband and give up drinking to get it, living with just Mary and me.

'I've upped the ante of autobiographical standup – I talk about being single because now I am ready to tell all about it. There's so much I couldn't talk about before! There is this delicious story that takes up half the show; it's about my 'nearly' affair. Of course I was accused of it, but it never happened!

'I have never had a show so full,' says O'Loughlin. 'It was over-written by an hour. I couldn't believe it – two hours came out of me!

'It's tongue in cheek and the poster image is me looking

as pleased as punch, and meanwhile there is a holocaust behind me!'

O'Loughlin talks about her marriage, admitting that the two have become friends. 'I have no fire in my belly to fight. I feel so happy when he stays with me in Melbourne. I remember seeing him on Christmas Day and there he was with all his brothers and I got this... Oh I love you like a brother feeling.'

Reflecting on her childhood, O'Loughlin laughs, 'I was a melancholic kid. I didn't like the way the world worked. I used to think that it's not fair that adults are in charge and I am in trouble and I don't have a voice and I married into that – men of my generation are handed down this belief that life is just drudge, and now I'm single and I'm free and I'm not in trouble and I can do as I please. I am not trouble – I love being 50!'

It's a refreshing take on most women's dread of the middle years, with many seeing it as the beginning of their 'invisibility'.

'Being a standup female comedian is one card that is precious – we are not invisible and we won't be. I don't feel that and I don't act that – I get a real kick out of ageing. I love my old hands; I have vanity about my face but not my hands – it would be lovely to look at our whole bodies like that!'

When talking about her recovery from alcoholism Fiona expresses relief.

'It was a roundabout that took me five years to see the light – I kept relapsing because I would carry around the sack of shame and that was so heavy, like a massive bag of potatoes; every day you take a potato out but it is still a bag of potatoes. I think one of my sisters just wants me publicly flogged in the town square! I have guilt and shame about how many people have turned up to see me and there's a drunken waste of space on stage! I am very accountable for that, and every single day I think of that, and if I could, I'd do the making-amends tour!'

So what was the turning point for O'Loughlin?

'It was getting caught with my hand in the cookie jar and breaking my agent's heart, who was a good friend. I lived like Lance Armstrong. I thought if I didn't have two little tiny vodkas, that I would be letting my audience down – then I got caught red handed. Nine times out of 10 nothing would happen, but you are putting



dynamite next to a lit flame every time, and one in 10 times there would be another consequence. I got caught red handed, so I said, tomorrow night I am going to do it without my two vodkas, and then I did it, and I was funnier, and clearer!

'I couldn't put alcohol in me before a show now if I were paid a million dollars – the smallest price to pay for sobriety is that you are little bit boring...'

O'Loughlin believes her life as standup comic offers something that many other recovering addicts don't have.

'I was so lucky – I had to relearn to be a standup, and my standup life has never known me without alcohol, and every day I have a gig I have a shot of adrenaline like no other. It used to be something I had to get through; now I can't wait! I am such a lucky duck.'

Fiona O'Loughlin performs at the Byron Brewery on Friday with MC Mandy Nolan and support Damian Power. Tix are \$20 booked or bought online; \$25 at the door. Bookings – 6619 0529.

good time. Their songs reflect on contemporary and perennial issues related to love, lies and politics, with Jon musing that sometimes there is not a lot of difference between the latter two, and musically reflecting rock, blues, soul, funk and pop influences. The Strands are at **The Rails on Saturday**.

ALL HAIL THE GENIUS OF PAUL KELLY

Over thirty-five years, **Paul Kelly** has released 18 albums, five film scores, co-written with Nick Cave, Kev Carmody and Yothu Yindi, and written for Jenny Morris and Renee Geyer. He has never stood still musically, performing and recording with



STU AND AMBER AT UKE NIGHT AT COURT HOUSE ON THURSDAY

bands such as The Dots, The Messengers, The Coloured Girls, Professor Ratbaggy, the Stormwater Boys and his acoustic A-Z shows with his nephew Dan Kelly. Catch the **Paul Kelly tribute show** that has sold out everywhere it's played, performed by a group

of six seasoned professional musicians, conscious of the huge task set for them and respectful of the value of

Kelly's music. Audiences hear all the hits and recreate all those characters and places that Paul Kelly's audiences and loyal fans have come to know and love.

Saturday Bangalow Bowlo 7.30pm. Doors: 7.30pm, Door Tix: \$18, Presale Tix: \$15 (+bf)

UNLOCKING THE HEART'S ALBUM

Chad Wilkins launches his first album *Show Us The Way Of The Heart* this **Saturday** at Byron's **Kulchajam**. Chad's songs vary from upbeat, positive-vibe celebration tunes to deep, devotional, guided meditations, all showcasing conscious lyrics – challenging, provoking, inspiring, drawing, awakening. This will be an inspiring evening of heart-opening music, including an opening set by the magnificent **Murray Kyle**, followed by Chad Wilkins who will be joined by 10 special guest musicians to help facilitate the journey!

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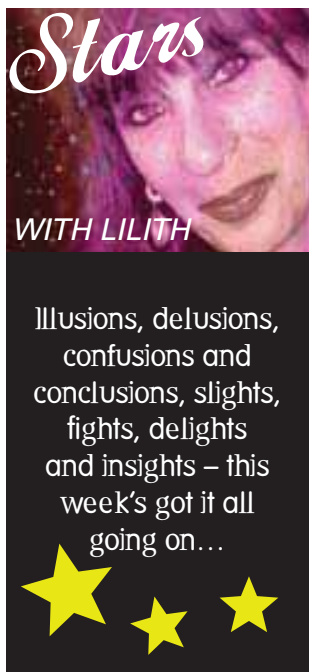
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CANCER: Some things are way easier to achieve this week than you expected, others the total reverse. So try considering the idea that communication confusions, mixed messages, travel hassles and mechanical glitches are all divinely designed for you to find the love behind what's not going right.

♐ **SAGITTARIUS:** This week anything could

✧ **PISCES:** Mistakes are easily made as this week's minds change like traffic lights and goalposts shift. Avoid multitasking and instead focus on putting things in writing, backing up files, checking and confirming. Your constitutional urge is to merge but other people have boundaries, so don't take rebuffs personally.

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DOWN

1. Length of wood (5)
2. Famous Australian song, lyrics by Banjo Paterson (8,7)
3. Intense style of speaking, often exaggerated (8)
4. In a deadly manner (8)
5. Primary colour (6)
6. Metrical measure: long short short (6)
7. Patriotic song once a candidate for national anthem (4,2,9)
8. Short breed of dog (9)
13. Member of a religion (9)
15. Aristocratic heads of the Royal Navy (3,5)
16. Town famous for incident involving a dog (8)
19. Wood nymphs (6)
20. Cry out, usually in terror (6)
23. Rub out (5)

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1. Soft and lean, but proverbially short and thick (5)
2. Laid mat, but lost vote for new anthem (8,7)
3. Following blood test, Bana took to fine words (8)
4. Allow hard mate to act in a deadly manner (8)
5. Scream a cry of pain – coward (6)
6. A foot? Well, a finger actually (6)
7. Lyric, spoken about an opera; top up but rejected with 2 across (4,2,9)
8. Badger dad's hunch, and badger hunter (9)
9. Kevin Rudd's first name? No, Kim Beazley's middle one (9)
10. Naval supremos secure shares (3,5)
11. Town five miles from an Australian icon (8)
12. Dull notices for old forest-dwellers (6)
13. Trick includes note – hysterical (6)
14. Wipe out cardinal, after ages (5)

the local jazz scene that was created by The Blue Birdy, which was a weekly club brought to us by singer Natalie Carey and the late (great and mega-talented) David Ades. Unfortunately the club stopped running a year or so later and we no longer had a venue where we could get together with like-minded lovers of jazz and appreciate the sophisticated style of this genre. I then asked David more than a year ago whether he would like to revive the club, and then, unfortunately, he was diagnosed with cancer so it was not meant to be. So, this year I decided, as a 41-year-old woman who rarely goes out in town, to bring back a weekly club where I would like to go and listen to jazz and blues music that I and so many others love and appreciate.

If you are interested in performing at The Blue Kat, contact Amanda at www.facebook.com/TheBlueKatByron.

The Blue Kat opens this Wednesday. Doors open at 7pm for \$8 sunset cocktails; show runs from 8pm till 10.30pm. Entry fee: \$12 on the door.

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The Great Northern restaurant will be playing host to a night of hilarity emceed by the dashing **Loz Vieux** and featuring 10 comics from Brisbane, Gold Coast and Byron Shire. Also featuring a set by local favourite **Paul McMahon**. 8pm on **Thursday**, free entry.

Writers at the Rails returns to Byron Bay for their first show of the year with two popular feature poets: Lillian Rock poet/novelist **Christine Strelan** and Byron's own eccentric wordsmith **Frank Khouri**. New and visiting poets always welcome, and the afternoon show will also feature invited readings and the cashed-up Poetry Slam. **Sunday** from 2pm.

Democracy began in ancient Athens but its critics thought it would lead to mob rule, and this is the issue: do 'the leaders' of a democracy just follow what the majority wants or are there other roles? Are certain leadership styles more effective than others? Or are politicians irrelevant these days? Come and rip into the topic at the next meeting of the **Byron Philo Café, Friday 7 March** at 6pm at **Succulent Café**. \$15 entry gets you tea or coffee and a plate of Patrick's gourmet canapés. But pre-booking at the café would be appreciated.

The charismatic **Kawika Foster** of **Mana O Kahiko** (Spirit Power of the Ancestors) returns to the shire on his 2014 Oz tour to teach a weekend hula intensive at **Kulchajam** this **Friday and**



Saturday, 10am–2pm, and a **Farewell Hula Class** on **Monday** 5–7pm at **Coorabell Hall**. Hula information: www.facebook.com/ByronBayHula. Bookings or information on Kawika's traditional Hawaiian teachings **Thursday 27 Feb** and **Sunday 2 March** 6–9pm at **Byron Kinesiology Centre**: Kathryn Roberts 0407 877 309 krobertsau@yahoo.com.au.

Peter Berner is without doubt one of Australia's most popular and respected media entertainers and standup comics. Peter started his career as a standup comedian in 1988. Since this time he has performed locally and internationally, as well as written and performed solo comedy shows at festivals in Australia and the UK. His intelligent humour has always set him apart as one performer who can comfortably straddle comedy styles as disparate as satire, observational comedy and reactive comedy with ease, leaving audiences in hysterics. His comedy has also proven to translate into the electronic media, with Peter constantly employed

Peter's major TV hosting roles have been *BackBerner* and *Einstein Factor*, both on ABC-TV (all up he has presented more than 300 hours of national television program content!), and he's been a valued, successful and integral member of Triple M's talent base nationally since 2000.

Peter Berner headlines at the **Ballina RSL's Big Gig Comedy** night on **Thursday** with **Mandy Nolan** as MC and **Ellen Briggs** as support. Show starts at 8pm and entry is free!

Giselle, with its tale of human passions and supernatural forces, is one of the most enchanting ballets of all time, examining the transcendent power of self-sacrificing love. The UK's Royal Ballet recently premiered a brand-new production by Sir Peter Wright that perfectly captures the atmosphere of this great romantic ballet, especially in the incomparable White Act, with ghostly maidens drifting through the forest in spectacular patterns – one of the most famous of any scenes for the corps de ballet.

The Royal Ballet's *Giselle* screens at **Palace Byron Bay Cinema** on **Sunday** at 1pm and **Wednesday March 5** at 11am. Tickets \$21-\$24 available now at the Palace box office or online at www.palacecinemas.com.au.

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book reviews



TARAB: TRAVELS WITH MY GUITAR

by Carl Cleves, Transit Lounge, RRP \$26.00

It would be a gross understatement to say that local musician Carl Cleves has led an interesting life. He has had enough adventures to fill at least ten 'ordinary' lives and has been very fortunate to survive several life-threatening events.

Remarkable too is Cleves's talent to recount them in a highly entertaining memoir/travelogue.

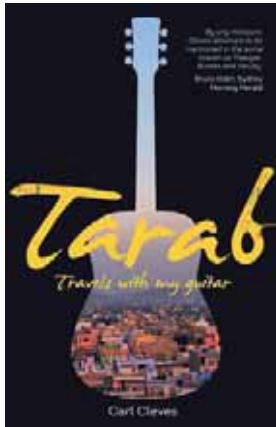
For a travel book to be memorable the writer must be able to produce, as if out of a magic hat, amusing anecdotes, psychological insights into the natives and customs of each place visited, vivid descriptions of scenery and authentic moments of self-discovery in response to the adventures. Cleves succeeds admirably in all these areas.

Cleves's impulse for travel is not only adventure-seeking but also the study and playing of all sorts of music. The Arabic word *tarab* can be defined loosely as the ecstasy experienced when hearing or performing uplifting music. For Carl the ecstasy also extends to meditation and drugs, and I found his descriptions of ecstasy while on a variety of psychoactives – hashish, LSD, MDMA, San Pedro – the most compelling, despite his personal and professional devotion to music.

The book begins with a staid upbringing in Belgium and then on to South Africa in the late 1960s to study music at a university and with black musicians, an illegal act under the despicable Apartheid regime. From there it just gets crazier. With his wife Beatrice, Cleves finds himself playing cards with a general in the middle of a Sudanese uprising, getting into trouble for adopting chaotic bush-babies (which end up in Antwerp along with various African exiles Cleves takes under his wing), and experiencing other moments of fear and loving on the Nile, in Rwanda, Uganda, Kenya.

The second stage of adventure begins in 1970 when he and Beatrice take the 'hippie trail' by truck through Iran and Afghanistan into India, help out building a village, finding in the process that 'music is the great communicator' across language barriers, and get caught up in the impact of the India-Pakistan war. Throughout all these travails, several useful angels in the guise of officials or compassionate individuals keep them from disaster – just.

From India it's on to Australia in 1972, from Darwin to Sydney, the first encounters with western communes, a cataclysmic suicide attempt when Beatrice leaves Carl, and a renewed sense of 'the good life' following on from the first Aquarius Festival at Nimbin.



Cleves takes on the daunting task of building a home in the bush, finds a new partner in Shanti and gains a son in Tashi, who becomes pivotal – a three-year-old passport into other people's homes – in Carl's later travels in South America. *Tarab* gradually moves on to the 1990s in Sydney, where Carl meets Parissa Bouas, his current wife and partner in the musical enterprise known as The Hottentots and Hottentot Party, the up-tempo world music appreciated fondly by many north coast residents.

Another recurring theme in *Tarab* is Cleves's life-threatening illnesses – particularly hepatitis and Crohn's disease – and his capacity for nearly getting killed in the water. He nearly dies of Crohn's and nearly drowns in Brazil, and succeeds in breaking his neck in the sea after the 1994 Maleny Festival. Phew! His journey back to health (and being able to play his beloved guitar again) concludes the book.

The book could do with a better range of photos and more information about Cleves's life on the north coast, and a closer eye to typos, but these are minor quibbles compared to the vast amount of enjoyment, and a valuable education, the reader derives from the guitarist's perilous, sometimes hare-brained, journeys.

Unusually, *Tarab* has a companion disc of the author's music, which can be downloaded from cdbaby.com/cd/carlclevs or through iTunes. Read Carl's latest updates at facebook.com/CarlCleves and visit his publisher, Transit Lounge transitlounge.com.au, to find other memorable travel stories.

– Michael McDonald

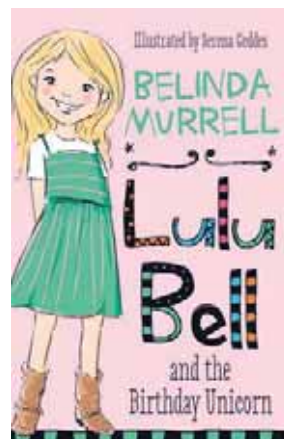
LULU BELL AND THE BIRTHDAY UNICORN

By Belinda Murrell, Random House, RRP \$9.99

Lulu Bell and The Birthday Unicorn is a book of adventure and fun. It is about a young girl named Lulu. Lulu and her friend Molly are organising Lulu's little sister's birthday party when suddenly a phone call comes through from Lulu's father, who works at the animal hospital – a pony is loose!

Lulu *has* to help her dad, but can they find the pony and what trouble might it cause if they do?

Although the story did not grab my attention in the first paragraph it did seem to get more exciting and mysterious as I read further into the book. In this adventure the pictures were of great help, although I did feel at times it should have shown pictures of more things. Also at the start of the book it did show a picture of the whole family, naming them, but even though the pets were in the picture and are mentioned quite a lot in the story it did not name them and I thought it should have.



ECHO DRUDGES RECOMMEND

Trauma & Recovery by Judith Herman

'Simultaneously a psychological text and powerful layman's read about the detrimental impact that trauma and abuse have on the human mind, body and soul; and that recovery is a long and painful battle, that isn't always realised.' – Angela M



Russia: Which Way Paradise? by Monica Attard

'Just occasionally you run across a book that makes you proud of journalism, and one such is Monica Attard's *Russia: Which Way Paradise?* Attard was the ABC's Moscow correspondent from 1990 until 1994, and paid many private visits after that to keep up with the immense changes sweeping through the country. And she spent most of her time not with politicians and their spin doctors but with ordinary citizens struggling, like her, to make sense of the way the dogma that had ruled their lives was being torn down, and what was to replace it. Brilliant reporting and piercing insights. After reading it you still won't understand Russia, but you will have a much clearer idea of why you don't.' – Mungo

Steampunk, an Illustrated History of Fantastical Fiction, Fanciful Film and other Victorian Visions by Brian J Robb

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One of my favourite parts of the book was when they were trying to catch the pony. It was nail biting, which surprised me because, as I said earlier, I was not that interested at the start of the book.

This particular part of the story was exciting, mysterious and had me on the edge of my seat because the pony is startled and not co-operating. Another feature of the writing is that it goes back and forth from Lulu then to the pony, showing both points of view, which I really enjoyed.

My favourite character in the story was the pony. I liked the pony because it was a mischievous character and got into all sorts of trouble.

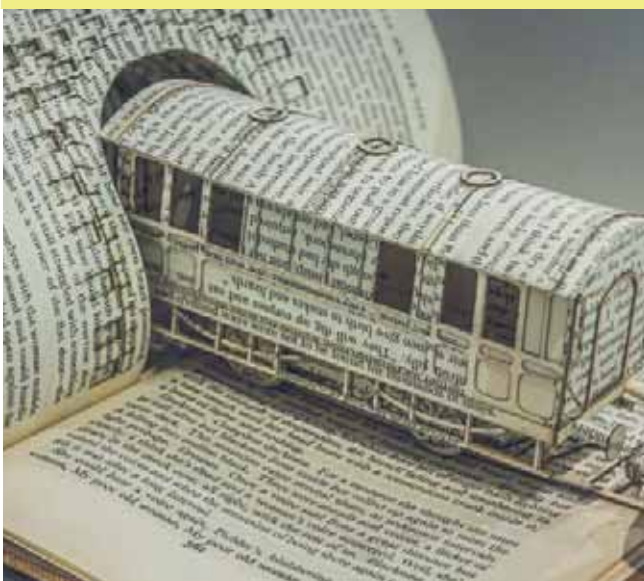
In conclusion I would recommend this book for ages five and up and rate it seven sugar cubes out of 10.


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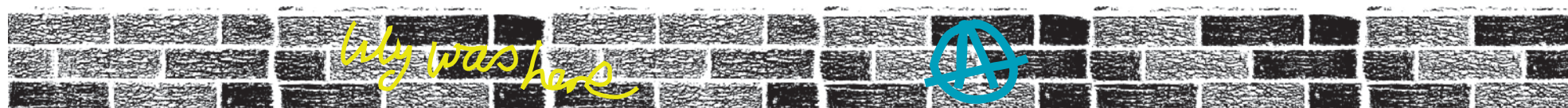


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- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON **STRINGS FOR AMMO**
- BYRON BREWERY 7PM **OPEN MIC**
- SOHO LOUNGE, BYRON 7PM **THE BLUE KAT JAZZ & BLUES CLUB**
- GINGER PIG, BYRON **RODRIGO**
- BYRON COMMUNITY CENTRE 6PM **PALESTINE FILMS: 5 BROKEN CAMERAS AND THE GATEKEEPERS**

THURSDAY 27

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 9PM **TIGER AND ME**
- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **MATT BUGGY 8PM NORTHERN LAUGHS OPEN MIC COMEDY W MC LOZ VIEUX**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON **KIARA JACK & THE JILLS**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 7.30PM **TOMMY SHEEHAN AND KATE COSTELLO**
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- BYRON BREWERY 7.30PM **AUSTRALIANA NIGHT W COCKATOO PAUL**
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FRIDAY 28

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 5PM **JON J BRADLEY 9PM CARAVANA SUN**
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- YACKROCKCAFE, BYRON 6PM **CHRONOLYTH, FATEM, SIV, KNUCKLE CHILDREN**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL **PAT TIERNEY**
- COCOMANGAS, BYRON **DJ QC & DJ OSHIONE**
- GINGER PIG, BYRON **FROTHING ON FRIDAYS**
- SOHO LOUNGE, BYRON **DEEP N DELICIOUS W CHOPSUEY**
- PIZZA PARADISO, SUFFOLK PARK 7PM **OOZ**
- KULCHAJAM, BYRON 7PM **DJ CRYSTAL EYES & KIRTRONICA MANTRA DANCE**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON **DJ ADRIAN**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7.30PM **SKY DADDY**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 7PM **ZIGGY ALBERTS**
- DOMINIC'S 6.30PM **DJ SUPERNOVA & GUESTS**
- OCEAN SHORES TAVERN 8PM **ISAAC FRANKHAM**
- LENNOX HOTEL 9.30PM **LISA HUNT**
- SHAW'S BAY HOTEL, BALLINA 7.30PM **THE DIRTY CHANNEL**
- BALLINA RSL 8.30PM **CABOOSE**
- SLIPWAY HOTEL, BALLINA 8PM **NITESTAR**
- TATTS, LISMORE 5PM **KYLE WATSON 8PM THE KEEPAWAYS, DEAD WOLVES & AHIRU**
- ELTHAM HOTEL 7PM **GLEN MASSEY**
- UKI HALL 8PM **GLO DANCE WITH KOOL, GREG SHEEHAN & DJ PULSE**
- CHINDERAH TAVERN 6PM **JASON DELPHIN**
- RIVERVIEW HOTEL, MURWILLUMBAH 7.30PM **JAYNE HENRY**
- CONDONG BOWLS CLUB 6.30PM **THE TWEED VALLEY JAZZ CLUB OSCAR AND FRIENDS & THE MURWILLUMBAHARIANS**
- KINGSCLIFF BEACH SLSC 6.30PM **LEIGH JAMES**
- SALTBAR, KINGSCLIFF 8.30PM **THE ZONE**
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- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 8:30PM **DJ DISCROW**
- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **TIJUANA CARTEL**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON **THE STRANDS**
- BYRON ARTISAN MARKET 5PM **CHRIS MALLORY**
- BYRON COMMUNITY CENTRE & PIGHOUSE FLICKS **BYRON BAY INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL**
- COCOMANGAS, BYRON **DJ QC & DJ OSHIONE**
- BYRON BREWERY 2PM **BYRON VIBES JAM FESTIVAL**
- SOHO LOUNGE, BYRON **SARA & FINGAL OF RAPSKALLION**
- ST FINBARR'S HALL, BYRON 5PM **BYRON WRITERS' CENTRE PRESENTS LIONEL SHRIVER IN CONVERSATION W MATTHEW CONDON**
- GINGER PIG, BYRON **MEOW**
- RED TENT YOGA, BYRON 7PM **JAYA LAKSHMI & ANANDA'S KIRAN & HEALING MANTRA CONCERT**
- KULCHA JAM, BYRON 7PM **CHAD WILKINS ALBUM LAUNCH**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON **DJ JON**
- PIZZA PARADISO, SUFFOLK PARK 7PM **PASANDO**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL **JIMMY DOWLING**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7PM **BILL JACOBI**
- BANGALOW BOWLO 7.30PM **A CELEBRATION OF THE MUSIC OF PAUL KELLY**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 7.30PM **BROADFOOT**
- LULU'S, MULLUMBIMBY 11AM **GABY BOGART**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY 7PM **SABOTAGE**
- BILLINUDGEL HOTEL 7PM **SHYBABY**

- LENNOX HOTEL 9.30PM **BRIAN WATT BAND**
- BALLINA RSL 6.30PM **ANDREW REDFORD**
- LISMORE CITY BOWLING CLUB 6PM **ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENDERS OFFICE FEAT. JIMMY WILLING & THE REAL GONE HICK-UPS, SARA TINDLEY, LUKE VASSELLA & MORE**
- MARY G'S, LISMORE 9.30PM **PINK ZINC**
- TATTS HOTEL, LISMORE 8PM **CHRONOLYTH, SIV, FATEM, KNUCKLE CHILDREN**
- SALTBAR, KINGSCLIFF 8.30PM **DJ REQUEST NIGHT W DJ JOSH**
- SHEOAK SHACK, FINGAL HEAD 7PM **ANDY JANS-BROWN**
- EVANS HEAD KIOSK 4PM **SATURDAY ACOUSTIC SESSIONS**
- CABARITA SPORTS CLUB 7.30PM **KIKU DUO**
- SOUTH TWEED SPORTS CLUB 3PM **LES WILSON'S SWING FORCE BIG BAND, ABBY SKYE & MISSION X**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 8PM **STICKY FINGERS + BOOTLEG RASCAL**

SUNDAY 2

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 4:30PM **OKA 8PM DJS FONZAIUS AND LONGTIME**
- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **CHRIS MALLORY**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 2PM **WRITERS AT THE RAILS W FRANK KHOURI AND CHRISTINE STRELAN 6.30PM BYPASS**
- BYRON COMMUNITY MARKET 10AM **TJ QUINTON AND AHLIYA KITE, GUY KACHEL, ANDREW MORRIS AND MOONDOGS GYPSY BLUES BAND**
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- SOHO LOUNGE, BYRON **SUNSET COCKTAILS W ROXY**
- ST ELMOS, BYRON **ROD MURRAY DUO**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 4PM **WILD MARMALADE**
- POINCIANA CAFE, MULLUMBIMBY 2PM **SUNDAY SUMMER SESSIONS IN THE GARDEN OF GROOVE FEAT DJS DAVE DOGG & GUESTS**
- BILLINUDGEL HOTEL 3PM **JAM**

- SESSION FEAT JERRY & THE ROLLERS, WEATHERLESS**
- LENNOX HOTEL 4PM **SARAH GRANT**
- BALLINA BOWLING CLUB, CHERRY ST 12PM **COUNTRY MUSIC DAY**
- ELTHAM HOTEL 2PM **LEIGH JAMES**
- SPHINX ROCK CAFE, MT BURRELL 2PM **BREE BULLOCK**
- CHINDERAH TAVERN 2PM **MATT BUGGY**
- PACIFIC HOTEL, YAMBA 3PM **ADAM BROWN**

MONDAY 3

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 8PM **HIT THAT HIT MUSICAL BINGO**
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- SOUTHPORT BOWLS 7PM **TUHI TIMOTI AND FRIENDS**

TUESDAY 4

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 7:30PM **OPEN MIC NIGHT**
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- COCOMANGAS, BYRON **DJ BRETT T**
- BYRON BREWERY 8PM **MOJO DISCO T ECHO W DJ 1 EYE SAMURA1**
- KULCHAJAM, BYRON 7PM **MOVEMENT MEDICINE ECSTATIC DANCE**
- GINGER PIG, BYRON **ROB BANGO**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON **DJ JON**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 8PM **BRACKETS OPEN MIC**
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Cinema Review

NEBRASKA

IMDb, the film reference site, tells me that if I liked this I'll like *Inside Llewyn Davis*, to which I say, 'give me a break!' Alexander Payne's sad but funny, quiet but emotionally rowdy movie is streets ahead – and it's also fortified by kindness, a trait in which the Coen brothers can hardly ever be accused of over-indulging. Bruce Dern, who has aged like a fine wine, is Woody Grant, a wiry-haired, forgetful piss-artist who, upon receiving a scam 'you have won' leaflet actually believes that he has a million bucks coming his way.

He sets out on foot to make the journey from Montana to Nebraska to collect his money. He will not be dissuaded, so his son David (Will Forte) takes time off his deadbeat job in an electrical goods shop to drive him to his destination. After a minor accident that sees Woody hospitalised, his feisty wife Kate (June Squibb) and older brother Ross (Bob Odenkirk) complete the entourage as the Grants, stopping over in their hometown, are exposed to the stark reality of their family history and

the opportunism of one-time friends and distant relatives who all demand a slice of the windfall. When you see a lot of flicks, you can't help arriving at the conclusion that most humour these days is try-hard, foolishly contrived or over-reliant on vulgarity for a laugh – sometimes all three at once – but the episode in which the brothers steal a compressor had me chortling uncontrollably in recognition of the blokes' all too common silliness and ineptitude. Other scenes tend occasionally to drift into Coen-esque

untruthfulness in observation – the roomful of flannel-shirted hayseeds sitting silently like Easter Island idols watching the gridiron is kitsch and cruel. Shot in a rustic B&W that highlights the vast, dry landscape from which his characters have evolved, and tempered by a recurring melody of the sweetest melancholy, Payne's teasing out of the minutiae that determine the flow of our lives is a tonic for anybody seeking reconciliation with the foggy past.

~ John Campbell



LE WEEK-END

Nuance, subtlety and insight have, by and large, fallen by the wayside in mainstream cinema's addiction to stuffing its coffers. Because it is the only art form happy to take

us back to the bog rather than elevate us above it, you really mustn't let a movie like this (and *Nebraska*) come and go without taking in its intelligence and humanity.

As the years pass, 'like smoke through a keyhole', it is a popular recourse to try to revive the present with an injection of *les temps perdu*. Nick (Jim Broadbent) is an unfulfilled lecturer who has just been sacked from his post at a Birmingham polytechnic. He and his wife Meg (Lindsay Duncan), a beautiful but discouraged woman of a certain age, return to Paris to try to recapture the magic they experienced there in the dim and distant. Meg is distraught when the hotel where they stayed is not quite how they remembered it – it's poky and 'the walls are beige!' she moans. They check into posh accommodation and in a desperately definitive scene, we get a close-up of Nick listening to music through

his MP3 player. He's had a few vins and is mumbling the words of Dylan's majestic *Like A Rolling Stone*. The camera draws back slowly and, as it does, the song bursts into full volume, with Nick standing in singlet and undies, while Meg is lying in bed watching him... they are alone together. Owning up to one's shortcomings and delusions is a confrontation that is more often than not kept in the too-hard file. The City of Light will illuminate harshly, but forgivingly, Nick and Meg's long, slow descent into self-oblivion. Broadbent, who is always good, is perfectly in tune with a radiant performance from Duncan, and what a treat it is to be re-acquainted with Jeff Goldblum in neurotic,



self-parodying overdrive as Morgan, the celebrity academic whose publishing triumphs and Rue de Rivoli

address represent all that Nick might have been but isn't. A lovely film, piquant and passionate. ~ John Campbell

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Tue 25: 9:20am

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LABOR DAY

Not many actresses can look quite so alluring as Kate Winslet with no makeup, disheveled hair and corseted in a dowdy brown sleeveless dress. Frank (Josh Brolin) obviously thinks so too, when he arrives at her doorstep, along with her young son Henry (Gattlin Griffith), after abducting them from the local supermarket. Frank, bleeding from an appendix scar, is on the lam, a convicted murderer who has just escaped from prison. Adele (Winslet) is a single mum battling to cope with social alienation and depression.

Every work of fiction demands a suspension of disbelief and Jason Reitman's compassionate film of how our need to love and be loved, above all else, goes perilously close to failing this mandatory test. Told by Henry at different stages of his life (the last brief narration, by Toby Maguire, poses the question, 'why the earlier voice?'), the events unfold over the Labor Day long-weekend – five days that Reitman manages to make seem like weeks. Apart from Adele's phlegmatic acceptance of Frank's presence, I found it verging

on the implausible that a hunted killer could be holed-up in a suburban house, playing baseball in the yard and working outside on the family car, without somebody noticing. But I was prepared to go with it because of the brooding sexuality that grows between Adele and Frank – even if Reitman, averting explicit carnality, tends to overdo the juicy erotica of a peach-pie-making scene. Meanwhile the pair's backstories are dealt out in short, sharp flashbacks. Adele's state of mind is explained by an unbearable loss and

Frank's crime is revealed as a cruel blow of fate. Winslet's sensibilities are unerring and Brolin, if a little too stoic, is good as a man wronged. Reitman might have thought twice about his cheesy coda, but all of the pieces of his cryptic jigsaw puzzle eventually come together to complete the unpredictable but satisfying big picture. What is apparent to the outside world is only ever the tip of the iceberg – which is how it is for all of us, isn't it?

~ John Campbell

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Philomena 4:15pm
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The Railway Man 1:15pm
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Labor Day 8:30pm
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The Railway Man 6:00pm
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From a dramatic sequin-clad Theremin performer to a wild dirt bike riding street gang of Baltimore, from Norwegians surfing nine wintery months on a remote arctic island to a real-life fantastical village for thousands of Chinese dwarves, this year's 8th Byron Bay International Film Festival promises a showcase of gripping global and local stories.

The Byron Bay International Film Festival has fast risen up the ranks of Australian film festivals to become the nation's largest regional film festival.

Through a mix of documentaries, dramatic features, and short films including animations and the experimental, BBFF 2014 will be a platform for both renowned and undiscovered filmmakers to highlight issues, weave incredible human stories and display haunting visual beauty.

Festival director J'aimee Skippon-Volke states, 'This year's official selection is without doubt our most exciting yet. With more films and premieres than ever before, it's an exceptional array of 226 films from around Australia and 36 countries around the world.'

'Every year a theme naturally emerges in the programming and 2014's is all about being comfortable with who you are and your place in the world. Telling it how it is.'

Telling it how it is could not be more important than in Josh Fox's anti-fracking doco *Gasland Part II*, a searing indictment on the coal seam gas industry, which comes to BBFF for its Australian premiere as Best Film nominee.

Oscar-nominated director Josh Fox chose BBFF for the premiere in honour of the community's leadership in and commitment to campaigning against CSG. Also because BBFF chooses to remain an independently funded festival that will not accept easy money from mining industries.

Fox was excited to be sharing his new work exclusively with the Byron community, saying 'I met some incredible people when we toured in 2010. There's such an outcry there against this.'

The fracking saga is close to the collective heart of Byron Bay, as are the issues explored in *Out in The Line Up* – a game-changing Australian gay surf film. Local former state champion surfer David Wakefield is one of the film's key characters featured along with many familiar faces.

Added to the great line-up are the spectacular opening and closing night films with powerful stories to tell. Closing Night film director Cathy Henkel, says of her world premiere of *Rise Of The Eco Warriors*, 'Byron Bay is a fresh festival and we are a maverick film, because we are outside of a normal documentary. It's more of a drama and we offer an epic scale cinematic event.'

A fresh festival, maverick films and an epic scale – that sounds like a recipe for the best BBFF we've seen yet.



Make sure you pick up your copy of the Byron Bay Film Festival Programme – inserted in last week's *Echo* or go view it online at www.bbff.com.au/programme.

A Closing Night to Inspire

The highlight of the evening will no doubt be the world premiere of returning acclaimed director Cathy Henkel's thought-provoking film *Rise of the Eco Warriors*. In this moving documentary we follow a group of passionate and adventurous young people who leave their known worlds behind for the jungles of Borneo to confront one of the great global challenges of our time, saving rainforests and endangered orangutans. A story about what it takes to be an eco-warrior: discover why every individual matters, and every action counts.

Then raise your glasses to a festival experience like no other at BBFF's Red Carpet Closing Night Gala. It's your opportunity to chat to that lauded director of your most loved festival film and sample delectable canapés by hatted chef Andy Wheeler of Ellenix while sipping on hand-selected wines and then hitting the dancefloor.

Please note that the screening of *Rise Of The Eco Warriors* will be held at Palace Cinemas with the session starting at 6.45pm sharp – we'll then stroll the short distance back to the After Party at the Community Centre together.

L.A. star to shine at Gala Opening Night



Slip into your glad rags and strut the red carpet as we begin with a celebration of ten days of screen magic at BBFF's 8th Gala Opening Night. Byron's most glamorous party is teamed with BBFF's most captivating film, Best Film nominee, *When*



My Sorrow Died: The Legend of Armen Ra & The Theremin with Armen Ra and high-profile producer, Matt Huffman, attending from Los Angeles.

Captivatingly enigmatic, the film captures the highs, lows and magic of Armen Ra's upbringing



in Iran before emigrating to an unwelcoming USA and becoming a performer and drag queen in New York amid a gritty backdrop of clubbing and alcohol abuse before transcending to a master Theremin player touring with the likes of Nick Cave.

Told with the sharpest of wit, deep sincerity and a timeless wisdom, this film also reveals music that alchemises ancient sorrow into timeless beauty with such grace that it must be seen and heard to be believed.

Opening Night tickets also include great music, beverages and a fantastic after party catered by Lennox Head's gourmet restaurant, Ellenix, from whom we can expect nothing but mouthwatering deliciousness.

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Fascinating filmmakers converge on Byron Bay

As well as rubbing shoulders with the star of Opening Night's *When My Sorrow Died: The Legend of Armen Ra* & *The Theremin* and producer, Matt Huffman, who worked with director Clint Eastwood on *Flags Of Our Fathers*, attending from Los Angeles, you'll meet a truly wonderful array of VIP guests at BBFF 2014.

Best Short film and Best Cinematography nominee, *God's Got His Head In The Clouds*, brings award-winning filmmaker Gianluca Sodaro from Italy.

The gob-smacking world premiere of *Dwarves Kingdom* about the fantastical village for little people draws Werner Herzog protégé, Matthew Salton, from New York.

American director Alessandra Giordano attends the Australian premiere of her *Coney Island: Dreams For Sale* about the iconic holiday destination's battle against unscrupulous developers.

From across the Tasman, producer Alex Cole-Baker represents Best Dramatic Feature Film nominee, *The Most Fun You Can Have Before Dying* with Steven Gunnaway, director of the New Zealand Writers' Guild on whose novel the film is based.

From Egypt, Mohamed Farouk Manjounh joins for the world premiere of his insightful short film, *Gowwa El Lea'Ba (Inside The Game)* about the powerful impact of video games.

Australia's got talent

Closer to home, ground-breaking Australian gay surf documentary, *Out In The Line Up*, brings producer Ian W Thompson, director Thomas Castets and his partner producer and screenwriter Ross Grayson Bell (*Fight Club*, *Under Suspicion*).

Award-winning Brisbane filmmaker Cathy Henkel returns to BBFF again for the world premiere of Best Environmental Film nominee, *Rise Of The Eco Warriors* along with some of the eco warriors.

Brisbane actor turned filmmaker, Sally McKenzie, who studied at NIDA with Mel Gibson, joins for the world premiere of highly anticipated docu-drama, *A Woman's Deeper Journey Into Sex*, featuring infamous madam Heidi Fleiss.

Terranora filmmaker, Juliet Carrington, along with seven-times women's world surf champion, Layne Beachley, will attend the world premiere of Best Surf Film nominee, *Burra Jurra*, about the local Indigenous surf charity.

Rising star, Courtney Dawson, sees in the world premiere of *Advance Australian Film* exploring the future of independent filmmaking, before it jets off to South By South West in Texas.

Lesley Brangan flies in for *A Life Exposed*, capturing the extraordinary life of avant garde 80s photographer, Robyn

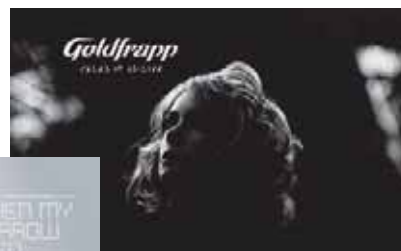
Beeche, who worked with Vivienne Westwood, only to enter a life of devotion documenting Indian culture.

For the world premiere of the wonderful Indigenous Australian documentary about two men united in spirit and culture, *Two Brothers Walking*, David Salomon joins BBFF.

And of course it wouldn't be the same without wonderful patrons, Aussie actor Jack Thompson (*The Great Gatsby*) and his brother Peter Thompson, renowned former film critic. Meet these wonderful and fascinating people, plus so many more at BBFF 2014.

Goldfrapp's Tales Of Us, An Exclusive Cinematic Experience

Fans of the eclectic English music duo Goldfrapp won't want to miss this exclusive event. As part of the Grammy Award-nominated artists' album launch rippling across cinemas and continents, BBFF is thrilled to bring to Australia and Byron Bay a unique film experience.



In this screening discover never-before-seen music film, *Goldfrapp: Tales of Us*, inspired by the new album, which is followed by an intimate theatrical performance featuring new songs and Goldfrapp classics.

The film follows the stories of five people featured on the album, whose lives interconnect through themes such as love, loss, madness and identity.

This is a chance to get closer than ever before and explore Goldfrapp's new sound along with fans across the globe for this one-off event.

Friday March 7, at 10pm, Byron Community Centre.

Do The Oscars In Style

Forget sitting through the endless ads: join BBFF's Oscars Party as we shamelessly indulge in the glamour, people watching and suspense. Screening only the highlights of the ceremony, enjoy a fun, relaxing night

out with friends new and old at the sunset bar.

Besides the anticipation of the Oscars awards ceremony – be there among the filmmakers when BBFF makes a number of awards announcements of its own.

Plus during the party, BBFF will launch the Best Actor Award, recognising excellence in an acting performance – lead or otherwise. Festival director J'aimee Skippon-Volke says, 'We believe that awards should be based on merit, not gender – and that's why we are proud to launch this award, regardless of gender, for the 2015 festival.'

Join J'aimee and our filmmakers at what promises to be entertaining night on **Monday March 3 at the Byron Community Centre.**

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Workshops and Panels: Some Highlights

Beyond immersing yourself in this plethora of inspiring and thought-provoking films, there's a brilliant opportunity to take part in other activities with industry leaders that will not only be nourishing for the intellect, they'll be entertaining and a heap of fun too.

BBFF 2014 is offering a diverse slate of events that are bringing together some of the most interesting people you might meet in years. These engaging characters delight both on and off screen. Between the parties – with their opportunity to get social and meet new people and the filmmakers – and the workshops and panels, enjoy colourful discussions and inspiring new learning experiences for community members, serious and curious filmmakers alike.

For more details on the industry workshops below, visit www.bbff.com.au.

Weekend 1: March 1-2

Screenworks and Screen Australia present: Screen Industry Opportunities in Asia

Byron Community Centre,
Saturday March 1, 11am,
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Indiegogo – Crowdfunding Film: The Future. Now.

This workshop will be presented by Indiegogo's marketing and community manager, Tony Been and will provide great insights for anyone wishing to create a successful crowdfunding campaign.

Byron Community Centre,
Filmmakers Lounge, Saturday
March 1, 1pm, \$15

Indiegogo Presents:
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An opportunity to learn more about the struggles and triumphs that some of BBFF 2014's key filmmakers encountered turning their dreams into reality. Go behind the scenes and hear their stories as you discover what



it's really like to produce an independent feature-length film in this day and age. Join Matt Huffman, Alex Cole-Baker, Nicholas Wrathall and BAFTA winner Hattie Dalton,

Byron Community Centre,
Filmmakers Lounge, Sunday
March 2, 11am, \$15

In The Chair with Ed
Gibbs & Armen Ra

Sure to be a packed session, get up close and personal with Opening Night's star of the show Armen Ra, as the master theremin player shares insights from his extraordinary life history that needs to be heard to be believed. Armen will be interviewed by none other than internationally renowned globetrotting music and film critic, columnist and broadcaster Ed Gibbs. Ed covers the world's biggest film festivals – including Sundance, Cannes, Venice and Toronto – for a variety of titles including *Rolling Stone*, *Empire*, *NME*, *ABC News*, *SBS Film*, *The Financial Review*, *The Guardian* and *The Sydney Morning Herald*.

Byron Community Centre,
Filmmakers Lounge, Sunday
March 2, 2pm \$15

The Meeting Place

Byron Bay's original name is Cavvanbah, meaning 'meeting place'. Returning to BBFF is our signature speed-dating event where we offer filmmakers and writers the exclusive opportunity to meet, network and make creative connections with BBFF's judges, VIPs and film talent. This is an opportunity for open exchange and to develop your great idea. The Meeting Place: an hour of pure potential.

Byron Community Centre,
Filmmakers Lounge, Sunday
2nd, March 5.30pm, \$15.
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Weekend 2: March 8-9

Death Proof: the Life and
Times of a Stunt Performer

The stunt world is one of the most exciting, adrenaline-filled places to be in the film industry, but how do you get into it? Dive into the thrills and spills of stunt work with Philippe Deseck, veteran stuntman, whose credits include: *Street Fighter*, *The Great Raid*, *At World's End*, *Narnia: Voyage of the Dawn Treader*, *Iron Sky* and *The Killer Elite* – where he worked with Jason Statham and Robert De Niro – will be giving insight into the physical and mental requirements needed to succeed in the industry. Sure to be an eye opener, this workshop will also include some inspiring physical demonstrations from Philippe and guests.

Byron Community Centre,
Filmmakers Lounge, Saturday
March 8, 11am, \$10

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Filmmakers Lounge, Saturday
March 8, 2pm, Free

Making the Impossible
Possible: the real story of
Rise of the Eco-Warriors

What does it take to make a high-concept, high-risk, wildly ambitious, genre-breaking cinema documentary in an unfriendly financial climate and shot in the remote jungles of Borneo? Join director/producer Cathy Henkel and producers Richard Hearman and Mark White as they take you down the turbulent waters of conceiving, financing and producing a film of this scale and their journey of navigating the many obstacles and logjams along the way. Eco-Warriors will be in attendance.

Byron Community Centre,
Filmmakers Lounge, Sunday
March 9, 11am, Free

Masculinity in film

With producer Ross Grayson Bell (*Fight Club*, *Under Suspicion*), director Ian W Thomson (*Out In The Line Up*) and feminist writer Amy Gray this much-anticipated workshop will consider shifting popular representations of masculinity in film and the media at large. Does film have an impact on social constructs of masculinity? How have the politics of gender and sexuality transformed the terrain of 'manhood' in film in recent years? What is the relationship between representations of masculinity and violence – and is this also in a state of transition?

A regular speaker at ACMI's pop culture panels, Amy Gray is a writer and broadcaster who writes on popular culture and feminist issues for *The Age*, *Sydney Morning Herald*, *BBC*, *ABC* and *The Guardian*. Join her as she peers through the lens of this fascinating panel

and seeks to discover what we learn through men's appraisal and portrayal of each other.

Byron Community Centre,
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Sunday March 9, 2pm, Free

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BYRON COMMUNITY CENTRE SESSIONS

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 28

GALA OPENING NIGHT

6.45pm Red Carpet Arrival for
7.30pm start \$65

When My Sorrow Died: The Legend of Armen Ra & the Theremin



USA | Documentary ★😊🏠🎧
Graphically stunning this is the
incredibly moving, entertaining, and
revealing story of Theremin master
Armen Ra's extraordinary origins. A truly remarkable being, Armen
tells his life stories, which read like
mythology, yet are painfully true,
with the sharpest of wit, a cutting
sense of humour, and deep sincerity.

SATURDAY MARCH 1

SESSION 2 FAMILY-FRIENDLY SHORTS

10.30am, \$8 Family Pass available
Family Friendly Shorts includes:

I am Tom Moody

United Kingdom | Short ★😊
This BAFTA nominated animation
is a surreal trip through the
subconscious of a stifled musician
as he struggles to sing – voiced by
Makenzie Crook.

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Film highlights

Shave It

Argentina | Animation ★😊
In a jungle where giant bulldozers
shave the vegetation, a monkey
finds a razor and decides to use it.

SESSION 3 ADULTS ONLY SHORTS

12 noon \$8 includes:

Keep A Modest Head

Canada | Short Doc 🎧
Artist Jean Benoit gets the surreal
treatment in a film as mischievous,
raunchy and fearless as the
Surrealist himself.

Worst Date Ever

Aus | Young Australian Filmmaker 🎧
Norah appears to be shy, polite and
very very quiet. But what's really
stirring underneath that exterior?

SESSION 4

2pm \$12 includes:

Vera – People Who Can Fly

Byron Bay | Documentary ★😊🏠
Vera is a spirited elder of the Byron
Bay community.

Advance Australia Film

Australia | Documentary ★
An exploratory journey that
chronicles the development and
inner workings of Australian
cinema in this thought-provoking
documentary.

SESSION 5

5pm, \$12 includes:

Na Pogled (On Sight)

Slovenia | Short 🎧
Leon is planning a secret solo
ascent in the Julian Alps that no one
has done before.

Nordfor Sola (North Of The Sun)



Norway | Doc ★😊🌊🌱😊🎧
A cold, Norwegian winter in the
isolated and uninhabited bay of a
remote, arctic island. In cabin built
out of driftwood Inge and Jorn
spend a season in a remote bay
which holds a well-kept secret;
some of the world's finest surfing
waves.

SESSION 6

7.30pm, \$15

Habana (Havana)

France | Short ★😊🎧
Havana is occupied by foreign
forces and on the edge of civil war.

Gasland Part II



USA | Documentary ★😊🌱🏠
Director Josh Fox alerted the world
to the issue of fracking, inspiring
communities worldwide to take
action with his film *Gasland*.
Unnerving interviews and shocking
data underscore this scathing
indictment of unregulated industry
in Fox's powerful, not-to-be-missed
follow-up.

SUNDAY MARCH 2

SESSION 7

11am, \$8, includes:

No Strangers

USA | Short Doc ★😊🏠
No Strangers encourages us to
consider all traditions, languages
and people in a new, enlightened
context.

Two Brothers Walking

Australia | Documentary 🏠
In the heart of Australia the old
people live their ancestral values,
beliefs and practices as handed
down from the beginning. But
this way of life hangs precariously
in the balance. Two men come
together as brothers to embrace
story, ceremony and song, and call
on all Australians to embrace the
continuance of the world's oldest
culture.

SESSION 8

1.30pm, \$12 includes:

Endtrip

Netherlands | Animation 🎧
An animated 3D psychedelic death
experience.

The Most Fun You Can Have Dying



New Zealand | Feature ★😊
Michael's life comes crashing down
when he finds out he has just a few
months to live. Stealing the money
raised for his treatment, he flees to
London on a one-way ticket.

SESSION 9

4pm, \$12 includes:

God's Got his Head in the Clouds

Italy | Short ★😊🎧
11-year-old Angelina has an
inquisitive look in her eyes. Who is
this little girl? Why is she there?

Gore Vidal: The United States of Amnesia



USA | Documentary ★😊🏠
Gore Vidal was at the centre of
20th century culture and politics
in the US. Through new interviews
and historical footage, Gore draws
dramatic conclusions on the fate
of the nation in the modern age.
This is an unashamedly candid and
opinionated film.

SESSION 10

7pm, \$15 includes:

Condom

Australia | Animation ★😊
When Spike finds a used condom,
his Dadda attempts to explain...

A Woman's Deeper Journey Into Sex



Australia | Documentary ★😊🎧
Do women need emotional
connection for good sex? This
colourful film investigates women
paying for sex, rent-a-dreads,
women's uptake of porn and
romance dependency. This fast-
paced film blends documentary,
heightened abstractions, animation
and graphics to peep into the world
of female sexuality. | DP | FG | VF

MONDAY MARCH 3

SESSION 11

12.30pm, \$8 includes:

David Bradbury, Keep the Cameras Rolling

Australia | Documentary 🎧
David Bradbury candidly shares his
three decades of experience and his
constant struggle to carry on.

The Assange Agenda



Australia | Documentary 🎧🏠
Assange claims that online
surveillance is causing a crisis of
democracy and a serious threat to
civil rights and, as a result, we need
greater control of agencies that spy
on us. How real is this?

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SESSION 12

4pm, \$12 includes:

Happy Birthday

Australia | Short

After 20 years, she will celebrate the most memorable birthday of her life.

Si-o-se Pol: The Last Days of Parvis Karimpour

Germany | Feature

Parvis wants to reconcile with his only child Nasrin. Finding shelter in a city which is battered by the economic crisis, Parvis meets two other struggling migrants and regains hope as the search for Nasrin becomes their common quest.

SESSION 13

7.30pm, \$15

This Dewdrop World

USA | Environmental Film

Shocked by her mother's ALS diagnosis, Elizabeth senses a larger story that mirrors her private one.

2 Degrees

Clunes | Documentary

2 Degrees is about nothing less than the fight for the health of the planet we call home. The abstract idea of climate change is explored through the weaving of real and emotional. While *An Inconvenient Truth* alerted us to the problems facing the earth, 2 Degrees is the gripping and vital fight for a solution.

OSCARS PARTY

In the BBFF Filmmakers Lounge
7.30pm, \$25, Bookings Essential.

TUESDAY MARCH 4

SESSION 14

12:30pm, \$8 includes:

Gyre: Creating Art from a Plastic Ocean

USA | Documentary

An international team of renowned artists and scientists journey to Alaska to change the way we view the number one problem threatening life in our oceans.

Butterfly Stories

Germany | Documentary

A magical trip to the world of butterfly people all over the world.

SESSION 15

4pm, \$12

A Grand Canal

Canada/China | Short Doc

A Greek tragedy told in Chinese pop music.

18 (Eighteen Noir)

South Korea | Feature

A coming-of-age film noir. Movie crazy Dongdo lives with his loving mother. At high school he becomes friends with a bully and his gang who lead a very different life.

SESSION 16

7.30pm, \$15 includes:

The Ringer

France/UK | Animation/Short

A son is reunited with his long-lost father.

12 O'Clock Boys



USA | Documentary

Pug, a wisecracking 13-year-old living on a dangerous Westside block, has one goal in mind: to join The 12 O'Clock Boys; the notorious urban dirt-bike gang of Baltimore. He narrates their world as if explaining a dreamscape, complemented with unprecedented, action-packed coverage of the riders in their element.

WEDNESDAY MARCH 5

SESSION 17

12:30pm, \$8 includes:

Love Is – The Life Of Byron – Conversations With The Elders

Byron Bay | Short Doc

Byron Bay Elders tell us what love means to them.

A Guerra Da Beatriz (Beatriz's War)

Timor-Leste | Feature

East Timor's historic first feature film is the haunting, passionate story of one woman's conviction to remain true to the man she loves and the country for which she fought. It is a bold reworking of the 16th century French 'Martin Guerre' story.

SESSION 18

4pm, \$12 includes:

The No Name Painting Association

China/USA | Short Doc

In 2011, a group of Chinese artists gathered in New York City for an exhibition of works they made in the early seventies, during the dark days of the Cultural Revolution.

Chimeras



Finland | Documentary

Through the lives of two contemporary artists, *Chimeras* freeze-frames China at the moment when its aspirations are at war with its sense of identity.

SESSION 19

7.30pm, \$15 includes:

The Master's Voice

France/USA | Animation

Every night at 3:33 all clocks stop and time is frozen for a fraction of second.

Upaj: Improvise

USA/India | Documentary

The journey of 68-year-old Kathak (North Indian Classical dance master), Pandit Chitresh Das with 32-year-old tap star Jason Samuels Smith, is an explosive East-meets-West collaboration.

THURSDAY MARCH 6

SESSION 20

12:30pm, \$8 includes:

Ghost Train

Australia | Short Doc

A documentary about the many forms of love and finding life in unexpected places.

Io Sono Li (Shun Li And The Poet)



France | Feature

The story of the romantic and difficult friendship between a young immigrant Chinese woman and a fisherman of Slavic origin, on an island in the Venetian lagoon.

SESSION 21

4pm, \$12 includes:

Not Anymore: A Story Of Revolution

USA | Short Doc

Two young Syrians, a male rebel fighter and a female journalist, fight an oppressive regime for the freedom of their people.

Without Shepherds



Pakistan/USA | Doc

Six bold Pakistanis try to build a different tomorrow: Imran Khan, a female journalist working behind Taliban lines, an ex-mujahidin seeking redemption, a trucker crossing dangerous territory to feed his family, a supermodel pushing feminism through fashion, and a subversive Sufi rocker using music to heal.

SESSION 22

7.30pm, \$15 includes:

Liquid Night

Byron Bay | Music Video

Animated concepts and a curly haired dead pan kiwi.

De Ontmaagding van Eva van End (The Deflowering of Eva van End)



Netherlands | Feature

A perfect blend of satire and sincerity. A dysfunctional family gets turned on its head when the 'perfect' exchange student moves in. Every member of the van End family is preoccupied with his or her own peculiar fixation and now they must confront his or her own doubts, insecurities, fears and desires. All five family members begin to reinvent themselves, led by former wallflower Eva, who begins a dramatic transformation.

FRIDAY MARCH 7

SESSION 23

4pm, \$12 includes:

Рыбалка (Rybalka) (Fishing)

Russian Federation/Sweeden | Short Doc

It's not easy to earn the love of a child who has experienced the rough side of life.

Covelong Point



India/United Kingdom

The first surfing village in India, and the story of one man, Murthy, a fisherman. With nothing more than a few old boards, a deep passion for surfing and teaching others to surf Murthy strives alone to nurture the awakening of a new surfing culture against the backdrop of an ancient, simple culture.

SESSION 24

4pm, \$12 includes:

We Love You

Byron Bay | Experimental

The most beautiful thing we can experience is the mysterious.

Audrey Of The Alps

Australia | Documentary

Twenty-something Audrey isn't entirely sure what she wants to do with her life. Other young women in her position would most likely backpack or volunteer, but Audrey decides to sign on as a shepherd for the season.

SESSION 25

7.30pm, \$15 includes:

Into the Streets

Australia | Short Doc

It was 1978 and Craig, through a fragmented recollection, revisits the chaotic events of the first Sydney Gay Mardi Gras.

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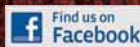
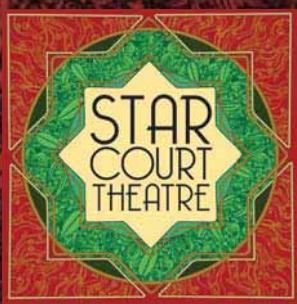
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Out in the Lineup



Australia | Documentary

There's an aspect of surf culture that has until now remained hidden. A culture of fear, secrecy and exclusion but this film seeks to affect change by connecting people, provoking discussion and looking to the sport's grass-roots value of freedom of spirit.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

10pm, \$15

Tales of Us



United Kingdom

BBFF is part of a unique worldwide cinema event as we screen Goldfrapp's *Tales Of Us* film followed by an exclusive 50-minute performance from London.

SATURDAY MARCH 8

SESSION 26

10.30am, \$8 includes:

Minerita



Spain | Short Doc

The story of three women who work in the Potosi mines in Bolivia; a lawless territory.

Pretty Brutal

New Zealand | Doc

Off the rink, all skaters are equal, but when the game of Roller Derby begins for Australasia's first all-girl league, they discover some are more equal than others.

SESSION 27

1pm, \$12 includes:

King of Caravans

New Zealand | Short Doc

A place where people only go as a last resort; a limbo of emotional and physical subsistence but these residents retain their hope and humour.

Coney Island: Dreams for Sale

USA | Documentary

Like Byron Bay this once magnificent playground has survived many battles, but now faces its greatest enemy: corporate greed. The passionate struggle to protect the amusement park from an unscrupulous developer and a group of misguided politicians.

SESSION 28
YOUNG AUSTRALIAN FILMMAKERS

3.30pm, \$12 includes:

Sophie's Wish



Byron Bay

After being diagnosed with cancer over two years ago Sophie had only one wish.

Curiosity

Australia

A deeply personal journey about fear, culture and the human desire to learn.

The Interviewer

Australia

Thomas Howell gets more than he's bargained for in a job interview at a prestigious law firm.

SESSION 29

6:30pm \$15 includes:

Women Who Run With The Tides

Byron Bay | Documentary

This film focuses on Lennox Head surfers: Marg, 64, Sally, 58 and Carol, 50.

Burra Jurra

Byron Bay | Documentary

The ocean offers spiritual and physical significance for the original custodians of Byron Bay. Burra Jurra is a surfing charity that seeks to promote positive social change in local Indigenous communities, by reconnecting Indigenous children with the ocean through surfing.

GALA CLOSING NIGHT PARTY

Screening at PALACE CINEMAS

6.30pm arrival for a 6.45pm sharp start, \$60

Rise of the Eco-Warriors



Australia | Documentary | Best

Environmental Film Nominee

BBFF presents at Byron's Palace Cinema for the very first time. Join us first at Palace for a very special World Premiere with BBFF2014 Closing Gala Party held after the film at the Byron Community Centre.

A group of passionate and adventurous young people leave their known worlds behind to spend 100 days in the jungles of Borneo. Their mission is to confront one of the great global challenges of our time, saving rainforests and giving hope to endangered orangutans. Their task is enormous and the odds are against them.

Filmmakers in attendance

SUNDAY 9 MARCH

SESSION 30

11.30am, \$12 includes:

Dr. Salt

Byron Bay | Short Doc

Robbie joins a group to learn how to swim in the ocean and learns about himself.

A Life Outside



USA | Documentary

A story of passion and obsession. Six New Jersey surfers who got on a surfboard 50 years ago and haven't stopped to this day. Surfing freezing waters before wetsuits existed, they found themselves inside the grip of a passion, an obsession so deep, only those who ride waves would understand. A privilege earned, a territory protected, and friendships complicated by fierce competition. | DP | S | FG

SESSION 31

2pm, \$12

A Political Story

Spain | Short Doc

Unlike her fellow classmates who choose pure entertainment, Lauren decides to make a politically committed film.

The Activist

France | Feature

A political thriller during the Wounded Knee insurrection in the USA in 1973. During the insurrection, Marvin and Bud, two Native American activists, are arrested and thrown in jail. Why does a Nixon representative visit them in jail? And a Senator? And a Hollywood star? What is Nixon's role?

SESSION 32

4.30pm \$12

Mt Warning 'Midnight Dawn'

Byron Bay | Music Video

A call to arms to persevere through the day, to carve your own party, the beginning of the journey to the end.

The Crossing



Australia | Documentary

Two young Australians set off on the adventure of a lifetime. They battle freezing temperatures, knee-deep mud, razor-sharp rocks, get chased by wolves and hide from polar bears. An antidote to a world of instant gratification, showing that you can achieve anything – but sometimes there ain't no easy way.

SESSION 33
SPOTLIGHT ON BYRON TALENT

7pm, \$15 includes

The Banker

USA | Short

A story about unrequited love, focused on a lonely scientist who toils away in a sperm bank.

Third Star



USA | Feature

James and his three closest lifelong friends go on an ill-advised trip. A touching and comical adventure dealing with friendship, heroism and love.

Filmmaker Hattie Dalton in attendance

PIGHOUSE FLICKS SESSIONS

SATURDAY MARCH 1

PIGHOUSE 1

8.30pm, \$15 includes:

Sobota

Germany | Short Doc

A man without morals or remorse Sobata was known as the most notorious pimp and merciless thug in Vienna. His memoirs topped Austrian best-seller lists. Where does the fascination for the dark side of life come from? And what is left of him today?

Dwarves Kingdom



USA | Documentary

Little people from all over China have travelled to dress in medieval costumes and perform pop songs for curious tourists in a theme park filled with mushroom cottages and castles. This fascinating film colourfully tells the sometimes sad, sometimes amusing but ultimately life-affirming stories of these little people who live and perform in this unique and controversial community.

SUNDAY MARCH 2

PIGHOUSE 2

3.45pm, \$15 includes:

Leviathan Ages

United Kingdom | Animation

Bound in ancient celestial ballet, nine long dead kings arise to claim a fallen emperor.

The Landing

Australia | Short

One fateful night Edward and his father witnessed a UFO crash-land, irrevocably changing their lives forever.

Satellite Beach

USA | Short

As the *Endeavour* space shuttle makes its final journey through the streets of Los Angeles to the California Science Center to the Kennedy Space Center a devoted and unlikely shuttle manager (Luke Wilson) steadfastly navigates the path of the mission.

FRIDAY MARCH 7

PIGHOUSE 3

6pm, \$15 includes:

Dotty



New Zealand | Short

A stubborn old lady struggles with technology to send a text message to her daughter.

The Life And Crimes Of Doris Payne

USA | Documentary

An emotionally engaging, entertaining and suspenseful film about one of the world's most notorious international jewel thieves. Combining vérité scenes, re-creations, a rich archive and revealing interviews, a portrait of a most unusual woman.

SATURDAY MARCH 8

PIGHOUSE 4

4pm, \$15 includes:

Vultures

Byron Bay | Music Video

A music video which examines the effect of 'scene' culture upon non-conforming individuals.

Crossroads: Labor Pains of a New World View

USA

Insights and findings from biology, psychology, network science, systems science, business, culture and media weave together to reveal the inner workings of the human experience in the 21st century.

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PIGHOUSE 5

8.30pm, \$15

Culantro (Coriander)



Argentina/Main Arm | Short

Tobias is a teenage boy who is becoming aware of his erupting adolescence has an unusual encounter with his neighbour, Claudia.

A Woman's Deeper Journey Into Sex

Australia | Documentary

Do women need emotional connection for good sex? Meet Heidi Fleiss, Jesse Jane, Miss Cougar International and a range of ordinary dames. This fast-paced film blends documentary, heightened abstractions, animation and graphics to peep into the world of female sexuality.

SUNDAY MARCH 9

PIGHOUSE 6

6pm, \$15 includes:

Blind Faith

Byron Bay | Short Doc

Being blind can limit a person's options, but not for Jim. He has a passion for life.

Code of the West



USA | Documentary

The world is rethinking its drug policies large and small. Once a pioneer in legalising medical marijuana, the state of Montana is poised to become the first in the US to repeal its medical marijuana law. Set against the sweeping vistas of the Rockies, the steamy lamplight of marijuana grow houses, and the bustling halls of the State Capitol, this film follows the political process of marijuana policy reform.

MURWILLUMBAH REGENT CINEMA SESSIONS

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FRIDAY MARCH 7

REGENT 1

7.30pm

Maiden

Australia | Short

In 1978, in Brisbane, Mick decides to take a risk and bet all his family's money on one single race...

De Ontmaagding van Eva van End (The Deflowering of Eva van End)

Netherlands | Feature

A colourful and quirky tragicomedy about a perfectly normal dysfunctional family. When the incarnation of perfection enters their lives, embodied by Veit, a German exchange student, doubt, insecurity, fear and desire invade the van End family.

SATURDAY MARCH 8

REGENT 2

4pm includes

The Hot Potato – The Road to Transformation



Australia | Documentary

To cool the heat on the asylum debate – the filmmakers took a food van around the country in the lead-up to the 2013 federal election. The mission? To see what Australia really thinks about asylum seekers.

Depuis Que Je Suis Ne (Since I Was Born)

France | Documentary

Like all children in the Deheisheh refugee camp on the West Bank, Tamer dreams to free his country. His father tries to protect him from the dangers bound by the Israeli occupation, but he also tries to fulfil his son's dream: to see the big sea.

REGENT 3

6pm includes

Tau Seru (Small Yellow Field)

India/Australia | Short Doc

In the Indian Himalayas the son of a nomadic sheep herder is curious about the world outside his own.

Dalai Lama's Road to Peace; Ancient Wisdom of the 14th Dalai Lama of Tibet



UK | Documentary

Unprecedented behind-the-scenes access to the Dalai Lama. This unique portrait captures the inspiring, human and humorous nature of the Dalai Lama and reveals his personal and powerful legacy for this and future generations.

SUNDAY MARCH 9

REGENT 4

2pm

The Wisdom to Survive: Climate Change, Capitalism & Community

USA | Documentary

Climate change is taking place. Will we have the wisdom to survive?

Crossroads: Labor Pains of a New Worldview

USA | Documentary

Insights and findings from biology, psychology, network science, systems science, business, culture and media are weaved together to reveal the inner workings of the human experience in the 21st century.

REGENT 5

4pm

A Life Exposed



Australia | Documentary

In a time rich with experimentation and creativity, Robin was celebrated for her ground-breaking photographs of painted bodies, and collaborations with counter-culture personalities. At the height of her success, she was transformed when she first experienced the Indian colour festival and dedicated herself to documenting the rituals of her region as a form of spiritual service.

Upaj: Improvise

USA | Documentary

This is the story of an unlikely friendship. 68-year-old Kathak Master Pandit Das (North Indian classical dance) and 32-year-old tap star Jason Samuels Smith come together in a unique East-meets-West dance collaboration that tours through India.

LISMORE STAR COURT THEATRE SESSIONS

All sessions \$14/\$12/\$10

THURSDAY MARCH 6

STAR COURT 1 OPENING NIGHT

7.30pm

When My Sorrow Died: The Legend of Armen Ra & the Theremin



USA | Documentary

An incredibly moving, entertaining, and revealing story of Theremin master Armen Ra's extraordinary origins.

SATURDAY MARCH 8

STAR COURT 2

5pm

The Anzac Spirit – One Hundred Years On



Lennox Head | Short Doc

100 years after the World War 1 Anzacs fought to save our country, there is a new battle ground of warriors.

Gasland Part II

USA | Documentary

In his Oscar®-nominated exposé *Gasland*, director Josh Fox alerted the world to the issue of fracking, inspiring communities world-wide to take action. Unnerving interviews and shocking data underscore this scathing indictment of unregulated industry in Fox's powerful, not-to-be-missed follow-up. | DP | En | SJ

STAR COURT 3

7.30pm

De Ontmaagding van Eva van End (The Deflowering of Eva van End)

Netherlands | Feature

A colourful and quirky tragicomedy about a perfectly normal dysfunctional family.

SUNDAY MARCH 9

STAR COURT 4

2.00pm

The Man from Coxs River



Australia | Documentary

Can a near impossible mission to save a mob of doomed brumbies in an inaccessible wilderness bring fiercely independent horseman and feral control National Parks Ranger to see the world through each other's eyes?

STAR COURT 5 FAMILY-FRIENDLY FILMS

5.30pm includes:

The Lismore Lantern Parade

Rock Valley | Short Doc

Celebrate the festival's beginnings, growth and the people who work tirelessly behind the scenes.

Felix



South Africa | Feature

13-year-old Felix dreams of becoming a saxophonist like his late father of the famous Bozza Boys Band. Felix's world is turned upside down when he wins a scholarship to a prestigious school.

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MULLUMBIMBY IS A RELAXED TOWN and yet is blessed with a number of quality eateries. Perhaps its greatest lack in the past has been a quality restaurant open regularly at night. The arrival of French chef Bruno Pouget and his Australian partner Louise five years ago initiated an evolution in the Mullumbimby cafe scene, raising the bar particularly in regard to the evening fare.

The twin cafe and restaurant of La Table stand side by side on Mullumbimby's main street and both combine 'nature-grooviness' with relaxed, modern style and offer interior dining, as well as alfresco seating extending from a large pergola to an expansive courtyard garden with plenty of shade.

The *Sydney Morning Herald Good Food Guide* has recommended and reviewed La Table every year since 2009, and it was the first in the Byron region to be recognised in their Top 10 Sustainable Restaurants in NSW.

If you've noticed the similarity between the cake offerings around the region, you'll be pleased to know that the restaurant's kitchen is in operation six days a week and all the cakes and pastries are made in house. A quick scan of just the gluten-free options: Italian torte, mixed berry friand, almond fruit cake and chocolate mousse cake, and for the dairy-lovers apparently the house-made Barambah organic vanilla bean icecream is very popular.

La Table takes their coffee seriously – it's one of the best coffees in Mullumbimby and they pride themselves as being pioneers in the region: they were the first to serve organic coffee with organic milk; and since mid last year are now coffee merchants, offering different blends of Espresso Botero fresh coffee that customers can take home packaged, whole bean or ground to order.

Anyone in the restaurant industry knows the long hours required to make a success of one establishment, let alone two at once. To create a more desirable work/family balance, Bruno and Louise changed the restaurant concept in June 2013. Now, in addition to offering private catering for intimate gatherings and special groups, the La Table 'Resto' hosts a special event dinner in the style of what the French call 'table d'hôtes' – a set menu at a fixed price with a certain number of dishes.

This unique set menu, three-course dining experience is

on the first Saturday of each month. The menu is based on this model, Louise explains, 'serving the food we love, using fine ingredients cooked beautifully. The whole experience is wrapped in enthusiasm, love, fun and with a great deal of soul. It's about eating with friends and enjoying what has been cooked for you... adapted to our Australian version of hospitality.'

Guests are normally informed of the event by private newsletter; the next monthly dinner is this Saturday 1 March and the menu includes a surprise appetiser followed by entrée of goats cheese and pecan tartlet, caramelised fig and baby greens; a main course of braised wild barramundi, tomato and tarragon risotto, saffron buerre blanc, wilted greens and dessert of poached Bosc pear, coconut macaroon and chocolate sauce. \$59 per person. Reservations are essential as seating will be limited for these 'table d'hôte' events and special dietary requests need to be discussed at the time of reservation.

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According to Bruno and Louise, from the beginning the aim of La Table has been integrity and quality; to 'not want to settle for less'. Chef Bruno says the aim is to serve, 'French Mediterranean-style cuisine from quality, seasonal, local produce'.

Visiting the cafe at 10.30 on a Monday morning, there were about 50 people sitting in couples eating and talking. Given that there are a lot of cafes and not very many tourists in Mullumbimby, what's going on? Cafes can become a de-facto office; La Table with its large covered private tables also seems to double as a meeting room for groups of 20 or so from around the shire.

As a regular vegetarian diner, it's possible to cycle through the options without getting sick of them – favourites are the omelette Provencale with ratatouille, goat cheese, basil and sourdough (\$16); zucchini and haloumi fritters (\$15) and the lentil and veggie burger with beetroot relish, caramelised onions, cheese and aioli on Turkish bread (\$16). If you're feeling extravagant try the pan-fried potato and goat cheese gnocchi with Napoli sauce, courgette, pesto and olives (\$21) which can be washed down with a bottle of wine, or if you're feeling ascetic you can enjoy the daily changing salad.



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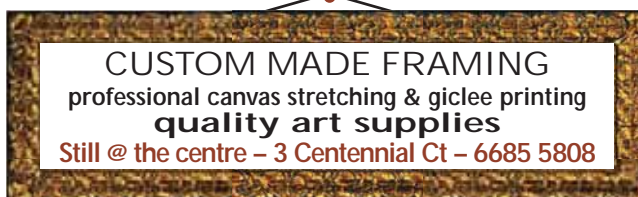
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● New moon	March 1	19:00				
☾ First quarter	March 9	00:27				
○ Full moon	March 17	04:09				
☾ Third quarter	March 24	12:46				
● New moon	March 31	05:45				
Day of month	Sun rise	Sun set	Moon rise	Moon set	High tide, height (m)	Low tide, height (m)
1 S	0637	1919	0610	1900	0903,1.93; 2135,1.68	0242,0.25; 1530,0.13
2 S	0638	1918	0716	1942	0953,1.89; 2221,1.72	0334,0.22; 1614,0.15
3 M	0638	1916	0820	2024	1041,1.80; 2307,1.73	0426,0.23; 1656,0.21
4 T	0639	1915	0923	2106	1129,1.67; 2352,1.70	0517,0.28; 1737,0.31
5 W	0640	1914	1023	2148	1215,1.52	0608,0.36; 1817,0.41
6 T	0640	1913	1122	2232	0038,1.65; 1301,1.38	0701,0.46; 1858,0.52
7 F	0641	1912	1217	2318	0125,1.58; 1352,1.26	0757,0.55; 1943,0.62
8 S	0642	1911	1310		0216,1.51; 1449,1.17	0858,0.62; 2036,0.69
9 S	0642	1910	1400	0005	0315,1.45; 1600,1.13	1005,0.66; 2142,0.73
10 M	0643	1909	1447	0054	0420,1.43; 1715,1.15	1113,0.65; 2251,0.72
11 T	0643	1908	1530	0144	0524,1.45; 1816,1.21	1212,0.60; 2354,0.68
12 W	0644	1907	1610	0235	0619,1.49; 1904,1.29	1300,0.54
13 T	0645	1905	1648	0327	0706,1.55; 1944,1.36	0046,0.62; 1339,0.49
14 F	0645	1904	1724	0419	0746,1.59; 2018,1.43	0130,0.55; 1414,0.43
15 S	0646	1903	1800	0511	0824,1.63; 2052,1.50	0210,0.49; 1445,0.40
16 S	0646	1902	1834	0604	0900,1.64; 2124,1.56	0247,0.45; 1516,0.37
17 M	0647	1901	1910	0657	0935,1.64; 2158,1.61	0325,0.41; 1546,0.36
18 T	0648	1900	1947	0752	1012,1.61; 2232,1.65	0403,0.39; 1618,0.37
19 W	0648	1859	2026	0848	1050,1.57; 2311,1.67	0445,0.39; 1652,0.39
20 T	0649	1857	2108	0946	1132,1.50; 2352,1.67	0528,0.40; 1729,0.43
21 F	0649	1856	2154	1044	1217,1.43	0615,0.44; 1810,0.49
22 S	0650	1855	2246	1143	0037,1.65; 1309,1.35	0709,0.48; 1858,0.55
23 S	0650	1854	2341	1241	0130,1.62; 1409,1.28	0811,0.51; 1955,0.61
24 M	0651	1853		1337	0232,1.59; 1522,1.25	0923,0.52; 2107,0.64
25 T	0651	1852	0041	1431	0345,1.60; 1641,1.29	1035,0.48; 2225,0.61
26 W	0652	1850	0143	1520	0458,1.64; 1750,1.37	1142,0.41; 2337,0.54
27 T	0653	1849	0247	1607	0603,1.71; 1848,1.49	1239,0.33
28 F	0653	1848	0352	1651	0701,1.77; 1939,1.61	0041,0.44; 1330,0.27
29 S	0654	1847	0456	1734	0755,1.80; 2027,1.71	0138,0.35; 1416,0.24
30 S	0654	1846	0600	1815	0845,1.78; 2112,1.78	0231,0.29; 1500,0.24
31 M	0655	1845	0703	1857	0933,1.73; 2156,1.81	0323,0.26; 1542,0.27

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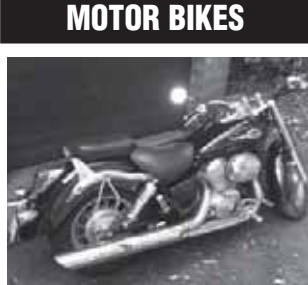
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Support grows for 'Stop West Byron' petition

The change.org petition Stop the West Byron mega-development now exceeds 2,000 signatures and it continues to grow. The petition calls on local MP Don Page to intervene and stop the NSW planning and infrastructure minister Brad Hazzard from rezoning the West Byron site for development.

'The number of people who have signed the petition reflects a groundswell of people who are not happy about this proposed development,' says Cate Coorey, president of the Byron Residents' Group. 'Close to 1,200 of the signatures are from people in the 2481 postcode (Byron Bay) and neighbouring postcodes. Given the population of Byron Bay is less than 10,000 that represents a significant number of people expressing their dissatisfaction.'

'There are also many posts from people who have visited

Byron Bay - both Australians and foreign visitors - people who don't want to see our beautiful town lose its charm to greater traffic problems and environmental degradation.

'The Byron Residents' Group was formed to advocate for the residents of Byron who want to see Byron develop in a sustainable way that is in keeping with community attitudes. What this petition is telling us is that community attitudes are not behind the proposed West Byron development.'

Discontent

'You only need to look at the comments that people have made in their messages to Don Page to see the level of discontent about this development.'

'Many people are telling us they are really frustrated by the approval process. Despite having a democratically

elected council that has three times rejected this development on multiple grounds, the developers have ignored local wishes and taken project approval out of the hands of local government by going to the NSW government.'

'Many of the people who have written comments have conveyed with great passion and clarity the very good reasons why this development is bad for Byron. They cite the loss of character of Byron, the already impossible traffic, the koala habitat and the potential damage to Belongil Estuary as fundamental reasons to not allow this land for development.'

The Byron Residents' Group is meeting this Thursday February 27 at Suffolk Park Community Hall at 6.45pm. The group also hopes to meet with Don Page, present the petition and discuss their concerns.

Australia faces fuel crisis by 2030: NRMA

A new report released by NRMA Motoring & Services has shown Australia's reliance on imported transport fuel has risen from 60 per cent in 2000 to 91 per cent in 2013, putting immense pressure on Australia's liquid fuel security reserves.

The report notes that Australia is the only International Energy Association member that does not meet its 90-day fuel stock obligation and that by 2030 Australia's remaining five refineries could be closed, leaving the country almost 100 per cent reliant on imported oil and facing a potential liquid fuel security crisis.

The report also notes that if tankers stopped entering Australian ports tomorrow, the nation would lose its capacity to transport food and medicine supplies very quickly. NRMA director Graham Blight said the report also contained possible solutions to those prob-



lems. 'The government's National Energy Security Assessment will be reviewed again this year and it's the ideal time for new policies to be implemented that would ensure Australia's sustainability in the unlikely event of a disruption to our liquid fuel supply.'

Dependency

'We do not want to scare people with our report, but facts are

facts. Australia's dependency on imported fuel and oil for transport has grown by more than 30 per cent from 60 per cent in 2000 to 91 per cent in 2013 and we are approaching 100 per cent dependency on imported transport fuels.'

Mr Blight said we could get thousands of trucks off the road and ease the wear and tear on our regional road network by getting more freight on rail, also improving road safety. The technology being developed for electric vehicles has advanced considerably in the past five years with the emergence of longer battery life, more charging stations and fleet trials by businesses and governments.

'There are answers right in front of us to help secure our transport energy future that complement larger-scale solutions, such as stopping the closure of refineries and increasing our stock of oil within our borders.'

'Other countries have addressed their transport fuel security future - there's no reason why we can't address ours.'

The NRMA's *Australia's Liquid Fuel Security: Part 2* report was prepared by air vice-marshal John Blackburn AO (Ret'd) and can be downloaded at www.mynrma.com.au/about/reports-and-submissions.htm.

DEATH NOTICES



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Cricket might be just cricket but rugby isn't just rugby



Nathan on the left, in his Byron Union jersey, has been playing both union and league for years, as has Nathan on the right in his Red Devils league kit. Nathan has represented both the Mullum Shiners and the Byron teams in union and the Byron Bay Red Devils in the league. Photo and digital shennanigans Eve Jeffery.

Eve Jeffery

When I moved up from Victoria almost 20 years ago I went to the pub to watch 'the rugby'.

I know, I know, I got it wrong.

My 20/20 hindsight tells me that not only was it the league, it was a State of Origin

– but back then, my southern AFL-infused sensibility registered just a 'rugby' game with men who had legs more like tree trunks than the lanky fellows I was used to.

Fortunately when I took over as sports editor at *The Echo* about six years ago, sales rep and mad Manly man Pete

Couldwell, aka Video Pete was on hand to set me straight.

Between Pete and our awesome league commentator John Campbell, I have been given a fairly decent education in the rules of how to get it right.

Though the codes of rugby split over 100 years ago, it was

still a source of animosity until recent times when humans realised that now they get two sports to enjoy.

I spoke to a league-unionist over the weekend.

Nathan Nicholls has been playing football for many years. 'I have played league all my life,' says Nathan. 'But union I have only played for eight years. Personally, I do enjoy league more.'

Nathan says that in union he plays as a fly half, scam half or wing and in league he plays as hooker or centre.

People's attitudes have changed and Nathan now slips seamlessly between codes and says players at all of his clubs have no qualms with his switching from one to the other. Fortunately, the local comps usually see union on a Saturday and league on a Sunday which in the past meant he could play both.

Nathan says he sees the main difference as the tackling and the 10-metre rule. 'With league, once you make a tackle, if there are more than three people, one has to go back the ten metres to

be back on side,' he says. 'You also only get six tackles.'

'With union you can tackle the ball player and you don't have to come back the ten meters and you can get as many tackles as you want.'

Nathan has in the past played both codes over the space of one season but this winter will stick to league, his preferred code. 'I reckon union is harder. But league is

more fun.'

Getting rugby terminology right is important if you don't want to upset the humans.

Newbies (mostly Victorians like moi) still have trouble getting it right and to be honest it did take me a while, so last week I asked Video Pete to put pen to paper to write it in English as if we were all 9-years-olds. And he has.

Union versus league

Pete Couldwell

There appears to be some confusion around football terminology, particularly in relation to the codes of rugby league and rugby union.

Granted, these two codes as well as Australian Rules and soccer are all 'football', but some sports fans and new arrivals from the southern states are confused as to the differences inherent in the naming of the two rugby codes.

If the word *rugby* is used on its own, this ALWAYS refers to rugby union. If the word *union* is used on its own

it means the same – rugby union.

Rugby league is *rugby league* or sometimes just plain *league*: end of story. Rugby league is NEVER called rugby without the totally definitive addition of 'league'. Simple as that.

Okay, rugby league is also the 'footie as is rugby union'. So too is Aussie Rules.

QUESTION: Do Soccer fans ever refer to their game as *footie*? *Football* yes, *footie* perhaps not.

Anyway the beat goes on and bring on March 7!

■ *Ed – I hope we are all clear now. Any questions?*

Bodyboarders fly like ducks



A little out of our range, I couldn't resist adding this notice to our sport section this week, just so I had an excuse to publish this awesome photo of Jarrah Hamlin taken by Shane Griffiths.

Queensland's longest running bodyboarding club – the Gold Coast Bodyboard Club (GCBC) – has a rich competition history that has helped launch the successful professional careers of some of the sport's biggest names, including Dave Winchester, Joe Clarke, Tom Rigby and Matt Lackey. GCBC also lays claim as one of Australia's most successful clubs in 2013 producing three Australian champions.

But it's not just competition that makes the club attractive to so many bodyboarders, young and old. GCBC hosts a range of social activities throughout the year including weekend surf camps, which are a club speciality, and movie nights.

The club will host its 2014 sign-on day from 1–4pm (Qld time) on March 1 at the Bodyboarders Surf Co, Coolangatta store.

Coaching and development sessions are on offer for all ages of guys and girls that cover all aspects of bodyboarding from the very basic to aerial moves, fitness and wellbeing, to competition strategy and self-promotion

to take you and your riding to the next level in state, national and international bodyboarding.

The club is run by passionate volunteers, riders and parents, and is open to guys and girls of all ages and abilities. You don't need to be a pro to join the club; just go and enjoy the excitement that bodyboarding has to offer and the long-lasting friendships that can form by being part of Queensland's premier bodyboarding club.

Annual competitor membership is \$125, while social membership is just \$30.

For further details call new club president Luke Jackson on 0411 796 131.

Speaking of league...



A Giants clash with the Murwillumbah Mustangs in 2013. Photo Eve Jeffery.

There are changes aplenty out at Les Donnelly Field as the Mullumbimby Giants get set for the 2014 season.

The club has a new president in Mitch Lambert and a new board of young enthusiastic players and supporters as well as some longtime members of the club supporting the vision.

New coaching and training staff includes Shane Diehm for the firsts and Brian Woods for the reggies. Young Tom McQueen, who is not so young any more (when did that happen?), will be taking care of the under-18s. The lads have had a few great years

of results in the U18s and it should be an exciting year watching them come into the top grade as well as the few new players joining the club.

Other training staff include Troy Johnston (last years first grade coach), Glen Godbee (former Giants and NRL player), and Steve Carter (former Penrith Panther and NSW rep).

A new major sponsor, the Middle Pub, joins the club's other major sponsors: the Brunswick Hotel, the Billinudgel Hotel, Hazel Brothers, McGuinness Funerals, Eagle Insurance and A D & K S Smith Excavating.

The club's first trial is against Byron Bay on March 8 at Mullumbimby.

The Giants have also started a new social membership opportunity for supporters, costing \$110 or \$100 for leagues club members. Social membership includes entry to all home games, supporter polo shirt and a stubby cooler.

On March 23 the club will have a major fundraiser at the Ocean Shores Country Club as a 4-man Ambrose from 1pm with \$1,000s in prizes.

For more information about any of the activities at the club, visit: www.mullumbimbygiants.com.

Stephen Gort: not a long way from there to here



Margaret Gort told *The Echo* in October 2007 that she was the biggest fan of son Stephen was going to give all she could to get him to Texas – Photo Eve Jeffery

We first saw Stephen Gort on the pages of *The Echo* as a junior player off to Texas in 2007 – 'Eighteen year old

Mullum-ite Stephen Gort has been impelled to play tennis ever since he experienced it first hand as a seven year old.'

Stephen's grandmother had signed him up for a tennis coaching camp and the rest, as they say, is history.

All those years ago, Stephen was a member of the Mullumbimby Tennis Club and felt he had been supported wonderfully over his short career. He had special thanks for the president of the club Greg Southern.

Stephen made the trip overseas and has now come full circle in his tennis career.

A tour player and now a Mullumbimby coach, Steve has been elected president of the Mullum Tennis Club, in a move outgoing president Steve Johnstone welcomed as a 'rejuvenation' of the club.

'Steve Gort is a young local player who made it well into the top 100 in Australia, and is an experienced coach whose abilities will complement those of resident coach Justin De Candia,' said the outgoing Steve.

Incoming Steve said that he was, 'pleased to be leading the club where I started play-

ing as a boy.' 'I want to help people to lift the standard of their tennis if they want, but I also want people to enjoy their tennis as much as possible, as tennis is a great social game,' he said.

The club runs ladies', men's and mixed competitions at

night, as well as hosting social tennis on the weekends and offering junior and adult tennis coaching.

To encourage new players, Steve will be holding an adult tennis clinic 11am-1pm this Saturday March 1 at the courts (next to the netball

courts at the end of Byron St Mullumbimby) for men and women, all levels welcome \$10 for 2 hours. Ph Steve 0412 731 814 or email gort@west-net.com.au.

Who knows, someone reading this may be the next 'Stephen Gort'.



Things have gone full circle as Stephen, pictured recently with Louis Clark, is now the guiding light for other players young and old. Photo Eve Jeffery

NRL makes a record investment in rugby league

The NRL will invest more than \$200 million in the development of rugby league over four years after securing the broadcast rights deal plus delivering increases in sponsorship, major game revenue and merchandise sales.

After funding and expenses, the NRL delivered a record \$49.6 million in the 2013 financial year, including significant revenue growth in both broadcast and central operations.

ARLC chairman, Mr John Grant, and NRL chief executive, Mr Dave Smith, today presented the NRL 2013 financial results, which represented a \$60 million turnaround from 2012.

'We have significantly increased our investment in the game following the new broadcast rights deal, with 100 per cent of all revenue generated by the media rights deal invested in the game,' said Mr Smith. 'Our non-broadcast revenue through sponsorship, major game revenue and merchandise covers all central operating expenses – and still generates a surplus, which is reinvested in the game.'

'Our results show that Rugby League is investing more in the game than ever before and is now truly positioned to enter a period of

growth that will make it the strongest and healthiest it has ever been.'

Mr Smith said the NRL would invest in areas that generated strong commercial returns.

The NRL is forecasting that more than \$200 million will be available for strategic investment in the future of the game, of which \$80 million is forecast to be set aside for a 'sustainability fund' that is invested to generate a commercial return over the next four years.

Like private sector companies, the NRL is creating a reserve to ensure it has financial security to withstand any unforeseen events. The NRL's goal is for non-broadcast revenue to double over the next four years.

In addition, at least \$120 million will be put into a 'growth fund' over four years to be used to invest directly in the strategic priorities of the game from grassroots to NRL clubs, fans and members, stadiums and infrastructure, and commercial operations that generate more returns for investment.

The \$120 million will be spent on football and participation, fans and members and financial sustainability and governance.

ARLC chairman, Mr John



Grant, said 2013 had delivered a solid injection to the growth fund and, as this was invested over time, it would ensure Rugby League has a sustainable foundation from which it can continue to evolve as the most dynamic and exciting sport in Australia.

'We set out as a commission to create a financial base that, if invested wisely, could make a real and long-term difference to Rugby League,' he said.

'In 2014 and beyond, we will work with our clubs, state leagues and affiliates to apply the funds in ways that meet the game's strategic priorities.'

Mr Smith said strategic investments were already being made in the game.

More than \$4 million has already been spent on a membership drive and player education and welfare in the three months since the end of the 2013 financial year (October 31).

And a further \$30 million has been identified to invest in key programs including activities to create a stronger

fan and membership culture; support for clubs playing in the state leagues, grass roots infrastructure and touch football participation.

'The \$1.2 billion broadcast rights deal, negotiated in 2012, provided the opportunity to fundamentally change the way we operate,' said Mr Smith.

'We are using this opportunity to embed a new funding model where all revenue generated by the media rights deal is wholly invested back into the game, and central business expenses are self-funded by non-broadcast revenue. At the same time, we are being disciplined with our costs, especially in relation to staffing and administration.'

'This will continue with the aim of keeping operating cost increases in line with inflation or lower if possible over the next four years.'

Highlights from the 2013 financial results include:

- Central revenues of \$314 million with increases across both broadcast (up 118%) and central operations (up 16%). Led by 25% increase in sponsorship and 14% in major game revenue.

- A higher yield from major events and sponsorship to give the NRL a better

quality income stream.

- More than \$241 million invested into the game.

- \$2.2 million investment in new governance measures, including the Integrity Unit, to deliver a state-of-the-art drug testing regimen, policing the NRL rules, and managing the salary cap.

- Increase in club funding from \$76 million to almost \$120 million (up 57%), ensuring that for the first time NRL club funding was greater than the agreed salary cap.

- Increase in funding for state leagues and affiliates to about \$17 million (up 18%).

- More than \$22 million allocated to support grassroots competitions and Rugby League school-based activities.

- Stable operating costs achieved despite revenue growth with a two per cent increase in administration costs to \$15.7 million plus an extra \$2 million in competition, player education and welfare and community costs.

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SES Controller 6684 3444
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Myocum Waste & Recycling Centre 6684 1870
BRSCC (Byron Regional Sport and Cultural Complex) 6685 5911

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

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Thursday 27 February 2014

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

9.00am – Ordinary Meeting

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

- Mayoral Minute: In principle support for “Future Feeders”
- Notice of Motion: South Beach Road, Brunswick Heads

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

SENIORS WEEK POSITIVE AGEING AWARD

Following the success of last year's Positive Ageing Award, Byron Shire Council is again calling for nominations for the second Positive Ageing Award in the Shire.

The Positive Ageing Award was initiated to recognise the importance of a positive philosophy focus towards assisting others in the community and a positive attitude towards ageing. It is important to recognise the work, the passion and the commitment of older people in Byron Shire. Ordinary people sometimes do extraordinary things but they are often unseen and unheard and we miss the opportunity to thank them.

If you know someone aged 65 or over who is actively involved in our community, provides a role model to inspire and encourage older people, challenges traditional assumptions about older people, and is making a difference to one person or to a number of people, Council invites you to nominate them for recognition. The Award will be presented at the Mayor's Morning Tea as just one of the activities being held across the Shire during Seniors Week (15-23 March 2014).

The Seniors Week Program and nomination forms for the Seniors Week Positive Ageing Award are available on Council's website www.byron.nsw.gov.au, community access points and local libraries.

Nominations close: Thursday 27 February 2014

Enquiries: Karen Ingleman on 02 6626 7224 or email karen.ingleman@byron.nsw.gov.au

REQUEST FOR QUOTES

Interim Cleaning Arrangements at Sandhills Early Childhood Centre

Council is requesting quotes for cleaning services at Sandhills Early Childhood Centre, 6 Gilmore Crescent, Byron Bay.

Documentation and specifications can be obtained from Council's website at www.byron.nsw.gov.au/requests-for-quotation

We are looking for dedicated and reliable cleaners who can undertake work at Sandhills between the hours of 6.00pm and 6.00am to ensure the cleanliness of the Centre for weekday operations. The Centre uses only environmentally sustainable products in the interest of the children's health and wellbeing.

Submissions close: Monday 3 March 2014

Enquiries: Fasha Steen 02 6685 8118

Please note: The canvassing of Council staff or Sandhills staff in relation to this request for quote will automatically result in disqualification of offending quoters.

PUBLIC EXHIBITION

Byron Regional Sport and Cultural Complex Draft Plan of Management

The Byron Regional Sport and Cultural Complex (BRSCC) Draft Plan of Management is on exhibition for a period of 28 days and is available at community access points around the Shire or 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: Monday 4.00pm 10 March 2014

Enquiries: Greg Ironfield, Manager Sustainable Communities on 02 6626 7000 or greg.ironfield@byron.nsw.gov.au

Please note: The canvassing of Councillors or Council staff in relation to this tender will automatically result in disqualification of offending tenderers.

Draft Byron Coast Comprehensive Koala Plan of Management

The Draft Byron Coast Comprehensive Koala Plan of Management is on exhibition from 11 February 2014 to 21 March 2014 and is available at community access points around the Shire or on Council's website at www.byron.nsw.gov.au/public-exhibition.

The Draft Byron Coast Comprehensive Koala Plan of Management has been prepared in accordance with State Environmental Planning Policy 44 (Koala Habitat) and aims to enable a long term sustainable future for koala populations in the Byron coastal area.

Public information sessions will occur on:

- Thursday 20 February 5.30pm at the Council Chambers, Mullumbimby
- Wednesday 26 February 5.30pm at the Byron Bay Community Centre

Council staff will also have an information tent at:

- New Brighton farmers markets on Tuesday 4 March
- Mullumbimby farmers markets on Friday 7 March

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 March 2014

Enquiries: Angus Underwood 02 6626 7000

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

WEED CONTROL

Weed control spraying will be conducted on Council's road and footpath network commencing Monday 10 March 2014 to Wednesday 19 March 2014 on the following roads:

- Brunswick Valley Way
- Tweed Valley Way
- Coolamon Scenic Drive
- Mullumbimby Road
- Ewingsdale Road

Selected weed control will be undertaken on Jubilee Avenue Mullumbimby on the Bamboo stand in the Council reserve, opposite the public swimming pool on Thursday 20 March 2014.

Enquiries: Karen Mackay 02 6685 9319

POSITIONS VACANT

Traineeship – Childcare Assistant (12 months) 3 positions available

\$279.50 - \$568.70 per week

(depending on age and level of schooling attained)

See the ad in the Echo Classifieds – page 40

PUBLIC EXHIBITION OF DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979

Currently there are no Development Applications on Exhibition.

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS DETERMINED

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

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

APPLICATIONS APPROVED

10.2012.397.2 – BANGALOW

15B Rifle Range Road (Lot 4 DP 1183811)

S96 – use of minor amendments to the dwelling including changing the shed to a bedroom (expanded dwelling)

10.2013.370.1 – BYRON BAY

8 Jonson Street (Lot 1 DP 609483)

Change of use of shop to food shop

10.2004.236.3 – BYRON BAY

112 Bangalow Road (Lot 1 DP 505064)

S96 – to alter bushfire protection requirements

10.2007.84.3 – BYRON BAY

112 Bangalow Road (Lot 1 DP 505064)

S96 – to alter bushfire protection requirements

10.2013.619.1 – SKINNERS SHOOT

303 Skinners Shoot Road (Lot 3 DP 252867)

Additions to an existing dwelling-house including construction of two expanded house habitable outbuildings and removal of 11 trees

10.2013.549.1 – MULLUMBIMBY

Tuckeroo Avenue (Lot 13 DP 1182245)

Subdivision and associated works to create a total of thirty-one (31) residential allotments, a residual allotment, roads, stormwater detention basin, landscaping and related civil infrastructure as Stage 3 of the Tallowood Ridge Estate.

10.2012.613.2 – BYRON BAY

39 Fletcher Street (Lot B DP 302467)

Internal and external design modifications (alterations and additions to existing shops and residence)

10.2014.36.1 – MULLUMBIMBY

36 Pine Avenue (Lot 4 DP 247773)

Tree removal – six trees

10.2013.630.1 – OCEAN SHORES

107 Orana Road (Lot 364 DP 238451)

Proposed deck, swimming pool and 1.8 m high front fence

10.2014.26.1 – MULLUMBIMBY

8 Parakeet Place (Lot 42 DP 1190345)

Single storey dwelling

10.2013.612.1 – BANGALOW

10 Ferguson Court (Lot 95 DP 1011009)

Two storey dwelling-house, attached garage and swimming pool

10.2013.581.1 – WILSONS CREEK

90 Robinsons Road (Lot 23 DP 862544)

Secondary dwelling and carport

10.2014.46.1 – BYRON BAY

19 Banksia Drive (Lot 105 DP 842475)

Tree removal – five trees

10.2014.48.1 – BRUNSWICK HEADS

68 Mullumbimbi Street (Lot C DP 354499)

Tree removal – one tree

10.2014.47.1 – BRUNSWICK HEADS

25 Mullumbimbi Street (Lot 285 DP 755692)

Tree removal – two trees

10.2013.430.2 – NASHUA

604 Lismore Road (Lot 1 DP 857038)

S96 – to amend conditions regarding traffic management (Subdivision under SEPP (rural lands) 2008 to create one additional lot)

10.2013.572.1 – MULLUMBIMBY CREEK

77 Frasers Road (Lot 15 DP 828349)

Use of and alterations and additions to an existing dwelling-house, use of an existing swimming pool and tree removal (one tree) (including SEPP 1 objections to floor height)

10.2013.432.1 – EWINGSDALE

12 Figtree Court (Lot 10 DP 738059)

Secondary dwelling, studio and tree removal (36 trees)

10.2014.5.1 – NASHUA

467 Booyong Road (Lot 2 DP 1066194)

Alterations and additions to existing dwelling and construction of a swimming pool

10.2013.556.1 – BYRON BAY

5/1 Border Street (Lot 5 SP 83141)

Two storey dwelling

APPLICATIONS REFUSED

10.2013.622.1 – FEDERAL

168 Kings Road (Lot 1 DP 262201)

Tree removal – 22 trees

NSW love for medium density housing hits record high

Demand for medium density* housing hits record high as NSW overtakes Victoria as the state with the largest proportion of medium density housing approvals in Australia,

according to research from Bankwest. The Bankwest Housing Density Report, the latest addition to the Bankwest Financial Indicator Series, revealed that over the past year

NSW accounted for 34 per cent of all approvals nationally for medium density dwellings, while Victoria's proportion fell to 30.1 per cent. Close to one in three (31 per

cent) dwellings in NSW are now units, townhouses or semi-detached properties. This is the highest proportion in Australia and well above the national average (24.7 per cent).

'There is a long-term trend of increasing housing density in NSW which over the past 20 years has risen steadily to this year's record high,' said Bankwest executive general manager, retail, Mark Reid.

'The trend is pronounced in Sydney with the capital contributing an incredible 90.7 per cent of NSW's total medium density housing



approvals for units, townhouses and similar dwellings in the last 12 months.'

Capital cities account for 87.1 per cent of the total medium density approvals in the past 12 months, with regional areas making up the remaining 12.9 per cent.

*Medium density in this context refers to units, townhouses and semi-detached houses.

More detailed analysis, data and tables are contained within the Bankwest Housing Density Report February 2014, which is available at www.bankwest.com.au.

Chinese touch to new development

Most of the recent news is about Chinese investors dominating new home sales but Chinese Australians are also a prominent force in real estate, having an influence on development design. One such example is the Chinese symbol for good luck and opportunity showcased in gold on the façade of a new property development in Doncaster East in Victoria.

Ray White Manningham's Samantha Marsh said the developers, Adepto Corporation, designed the digital mosaic in consultation with Manningham City Council to reflect the growing multicultural diversity in Doncaster East.



'The Australian Bureau of Statistics found 36.5 per cent of Manningham residents were born overseas with 7.9 per cent of households speaking Cantonese at home and 6.2 per cent Mandarin,' says Samantha.

According to Australian-based Chinese language real estate website ACproperty.com.au, Doncaster is identified as the second most searched suburb in Victoria behind Melbourne CBD.

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loisbuckett.com.au



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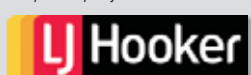


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Auction Interest Over \$799,000

- Interstate owner must sell on or before auction!
- In a small complex of only 5 apartments across from Clarkes Beach
- 104m² internally plus 47m² covered outdoor areas and 16m² car space
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 James Young 0419 856 840



4/34 Kendall Street, Byron Bay

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Interest Over \$679,000

- Ground floor unit situated only moments to Main Beach
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Open: Saturday, 8 March 2014 1.00–1:30pm
Enquiries: Helen Huntly-Barratt 0412 332 232



2/51 Julian Rocks Drive, Byron Bay

2 1 1

Interest Over \$425,000

- Freestanding Strata Titled home – no strata fees
- Private and quiet backing onto leafy reserve with gate access
- Recently renovated including new kitchen, new bathroom, paint, carpet
- First home buyers and investors, close to town, beach and IGA

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18/6-8 Browning Street, Byron Bay

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Interest Over \$689,000

- Townhouse - central town with peace and privacy
- Low maintenance yard on two sides plus covered patio
- Two separate living rooms, quality finishes and appliances
- A few minutes' walk to shops, restaurants and Main Beach

Open: Saturday, 1 March 2014 1.00–1.30pm
Enquiries: Su Reynolds 0428 888 660



18 Caniaba Crescent, Suffolk Park

4 2 2

Interest Over \$699,000

- Spacious and stylish 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom home on 748sqm block
- Located in a quiet and elevated street of Baywood Chase
- Open plan lounge/dining area and large modern kitchen
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92 Broken Head Road, Newrybar

4+ 4 5

Interest Over \$1,100,000

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- Walk to Harvest Cafe

Open: Saturday, 1 March 2014 10.00–10.30am
Auction: Saturday, 5 April 2014 10:00am Onsite
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 Tara Torkkola 0423 519 698



3 Fern Place, Suffolk Park

5 2 4

Interest Over \$795,000

- Generous, spacious and light
- Perfect for families and entertaining
- Renovated kitchen and bathroom
- Internal access from two large lock up garages

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LOT 1, 2, 3 AND 4 ROUNDHOUSE PLACE, OCEAN SHORES

AUCTION THIS SATURDAY

at the Ocean Shores Country Club 2pm 1st March, 2014

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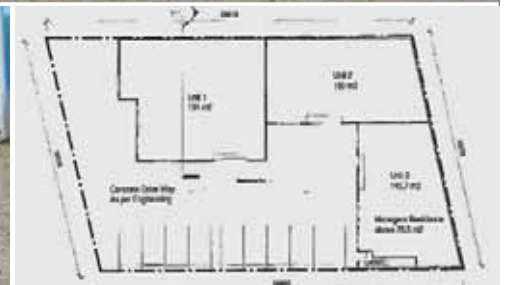
You will never find another group of exclusive building sites like this in the centre of Ocean Shores, whose magnificent vistas will inspire your imagination. This site is a blank canvas, so the sky is the limit, and so will be the potential to build your dream home with confidence and style.

Professionals Brunswick Heads, Ocean Shores and Mullumbimby are proud to be the marketing agents for the prestigious Roundhouse site development.

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Approved three units and manager's residence

Level 1000sqm, ready to build on in a prime business precinct and access to the Pacific Highway. This site is one of the last remaining lots this close to Byron Bay.

DA approved for three industrial units and manager's residence, this unique offering offers endless opportunity and incomes.

Make no mistake, the vendors have committed themselves to sell and this property will be sold.

Land 1000sqm: DA unit 1 – 191sqm, DA unit 2 – 150sqm, DA unit 3 – 145.7sqm including manager's residence.

- Fully fenced • Flood free • 9 carparks.
- Access to Pacific Highway & Gold Coast/ Brisbane Airport.

Auction 10.30am on site 1 March

Contact Liam Annesley 0417 780 795
Neil Cameron 0419 274 798

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Auction this Saturday



South Golden Beach 16 Peter Street

AUCTION - Beachside Town Houses

Rare 2 x 2 bedroom town house with balconies
Stroll to the beach
Ideal investment strong capital growth area
Permanent, holiday let or live in and rent one
Owner has purchased in Sydney and needs a sale.

Auction 11.30am March 1, 2014 at the Brunswick Heads RSL Auxiliary Hall
View Thursday 11.00 – 11.30am
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Bungalow Spacious Family Home

- ✓ 807sqm block
- ✓ 4 bed, 2 bath, 2 car garage
- ✓ Elevated position
- ✓ Polished timber floors in living areas
- ✓ Walk to Bungalow town centre, schools and parkland

AUCTION
29th March
11am onsite
Bidding guide
from \$620,000

Byron Coastal Real Estate – 02 6680 8111

Agent: Gail Fuller
M: 0418 441 675



Agent: Scot Fuller
M: 0401 911 557





Auction



Right In Town & Affordable

Byron Bay Unit 7/5—9 Somerset Street

Peacefully positioned only 330 metres from Byron Bay's town centre, this airy first level apartment offers a relaxed low maintenance lifestyle, presenting fantastic possibilities for home buyers and investors alike.

- Single lock up garage, providing extra storage space
- Positioned in a quiet and peaceful neighbourhood
- Your own private north facing balcony with a leafy outlook
- Byron's vibrant culture & popular beaches are all within a short stroll
- Multiple uses: investment, holiday apartment or home

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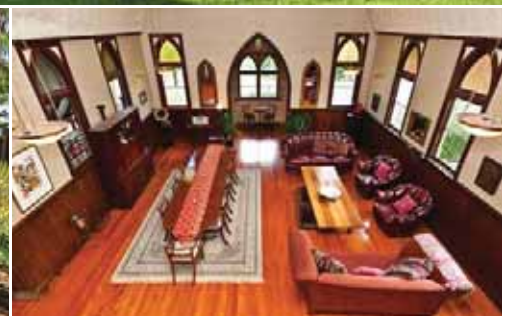
Auction

Price Guide \$429,000 plus
Sat 8th March 10.00am On Site
Inspect Thu & Sat 1.30pm—2.00pm

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

rwbyronbay.com
property ID 1092071
02 6685 6222

Auction
this Saturday



Must be Sold: 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

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Auction

Sat 1st March 9.00am On Site
Open from 8.30am

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property ID 1068064
02 6685 6222

Auction



Owner Must Sell: Bank's Instructions!

Myocum 21 Fig Tree Lane

This 3.91Ha (10 acre) property captures magnificent mountain views from the Nightcap Ranges, including Mount Warning through to Cape Byron Lighthouse. Located high on the ridge in a Blue Ribbon estate, this master-built home offers privacy, seclusion and total serenity.

- 2 street frontage with possible approval for 2 dwellings (STCA)
- 110,000lt wet edge pool with decks and spa bath
- Mini 3 hole golf course
- Includes original old dairy bales

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Auction

Sat 15th March 3.00pm On Site
Inspect Thu 5.00pm—5.30pm

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kaye.wilkie@raywhite.com

Liam Annesley 0417 780 795
lannesley.byronbay@ljh.com.au



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property ID 1071716
02 6685 6222

Auction



Value, Lifestyle & Stunning Views

Wilsons Creek 429 Wilsons Creek Road

Located in an elevated and picturesque position, this charming multi-level character home is set on 2 acres of well manicured land, capturing stunning panoramic views of Mt Chincogan and the Pacific Ocean. The home features spacious proportions with a light & bright design complemented by polished timber floors & high ceilings throughout.

- Cool sea breezes in summer & sheltered northern sun in winter
- Entertain in style; open plan design, large decks & amazing views
- Abundant non-chlorinated water plus heaps of fruit & nut trees
- Convenient flood free location only 10 min from Mullumbimby

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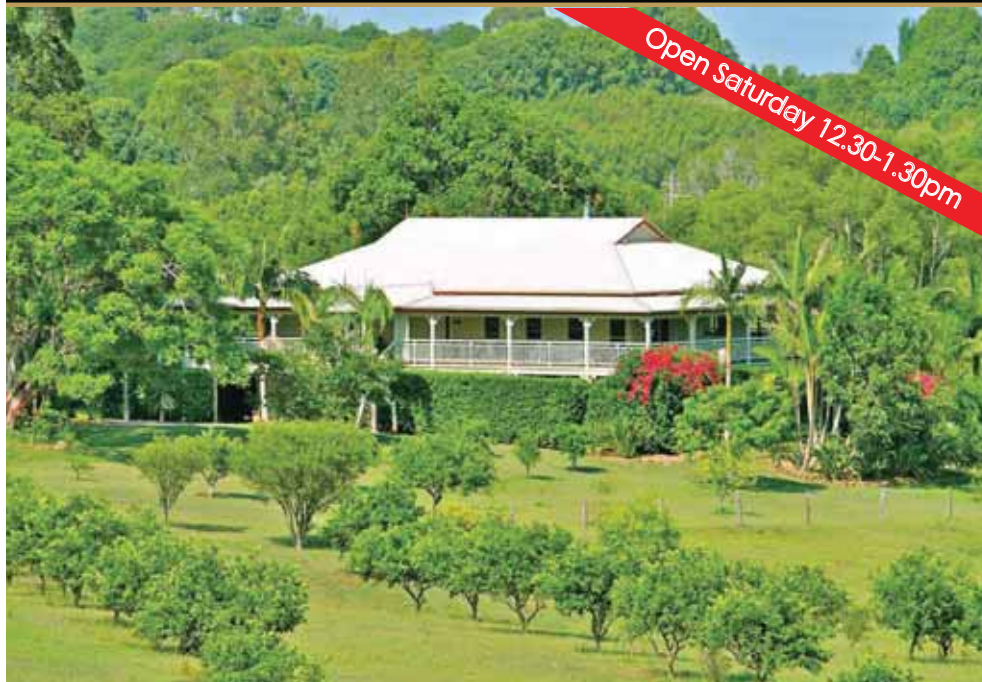
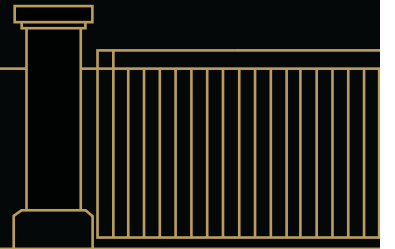
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Sat 22nd March 3.00pm On Site
Inspect Sat 3.00pm—3.30pm

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Rosebank 5 3 2 Auction Price Guide \$1,235,000 – \$1,295,000

GONE WITH THE WIND 397 Rosebank Road

Enjoy luxury rural living with this beautifully presented, 8 year old classic Queenslander-designed homestead on 25 acres, featuring wide, wrap around verandahs and stunning countryside views. You will love the large living areas with high ceilings, modern kitchen and dining, separate sitting and TV area, the blackbutt timber floors and 5 spacious bedrooms, with the master enjoying ensuite bathroom and generous walk-in robe.

French doors lead to a large deck from every room and downstairs offers a huge rumpus/games room, with self-contained area, perfect for family or visitors opening directly onto the easy care established garden. A separate, original 3 bed, 1 bath, gatehouse cottage offers a second income. 200 established lime trees create a small business opportunity.



**Auction onsite Saturday
March 29, 2014**

Scott Harvey
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Fernleigh 4 2 3 Price Guide \$985,000 – \$1,065,000

PRIVATE 25 ACRE ESTATE 399 Fernleigh Road

A drive along the delightful tree-lined driveway, leads you to this very private, spacious, recently renovated, tasteful 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom home with separate study/office awaits you.

You will love the all white, light filled, modern chef's kitchen, the very smart bathrooms, the 4 large bedrooms and the 2 separate living areas both with fireplaces, in ground pool and luscious garden surrounds.

A separate two-storey, self-contained studio, permanent creek frontage, well-fenced level paddocks, fruit orchard and large shed, further enhance the property. This stunning family homestead is close to a school, 13 min to the beach and 10 min to Bangalow.

Don't miss the opportunity to inspect this gem!



**Auction 12pm Saturday
April 5, 2014**

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Richmond Hill 4 2 3 \$449,000

SMALL ACREAGE, AMAZING VIEWS 247 Richmond Hill Road

This huge, solid, family home on 4760 square metres of useable land with stunning views of the Night Cap ranges and the Byron hinterland, has been drastically reduced to meet the market.

Boasting an as-new kitchen with granite bench top, modern stainless appliances, polished timber floors and a large downstairs rumpus makes this property very attractive.

The third garage with side access allows huge potential for a shed or work from home, buyer!



**Open Saturday February 22
10am – 11.00am**

Gary Walsh
0412 880 744

gary@scottharveyrealestate.com.au



Bangalow 3 2 2 Price guide \$745,000 – \$785,000

RURAL MEETS TOWN 8 Palm Lily Crescent

Level 2446m2 block with this delightful 3 bed, 2 bath, large study home. So private, yet so close to the main street of Bangalow.

High ceilings with wide timber floorboards and generous living throughout. The bedrooms enjoy built-in robes, ceiling fans and an abundance of light with a walk-in robe and ensuite for the main. Open plan living with superb gas kitchen.

Wonderful northern views, a veggie garden, the creek as your boundary, plus there is room for a pool. Other features include wide verandahs, gazebo, large double garage with auto doors, big workbench, under house storage, separate shed, mature well kept, easy care gardens, solar heating and insulation throughout.



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March 22, 2014**

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Rosebank 3 1 3 \$545,000

PRIVACY & VALUE! 'EARTH SONG' 192 Emerson Road

Immersed in the lush hills of Rosebank, discover this delightful 3 bedroom, timber home in superb repair on 12 acres. You will love the tranquility, abundance of wildlife and stunning rural views from almost every room of the home.

Enjoy the oversized verandas providing a wonderful outdoor living opportunity, together with internal high raked ceilings, large functional kitchen with granite benches, spaciousness and good cross ventilation, creating a warm and inviting style of living.

Other features include, a large spring dam, enormous variety of rainforest trees, a combination of lush and useable open paddocks and easy access.

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3.30pm – 4pm**

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Inspect: Saturday 12.00pm – 1.00pm
Address: 9 Botanic Court, Mullumbimby
Price: \$595,000
Contact: Paul Eatwell
0414 466 111
paul@promullum.com.au

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OPEN HOME
Saturday 1-2pm

AUCTION



HUONBROOK

Disregard any and all former pricing – Auction day is sale day!!

If you have been searching for the right property at the right price then add this to your "must see" list! With an exciting interstate job opportunity on offer this delightful property is to be sold. If you thought an acreage lifestyle property was out of your reach, think again. This delightful modern home sits on 1.1ha (approx 2.5 acres). The current owners are ready to make the selling decision on auction day. This will be the hottest auction that we have seen in a long long time.

Inspect: Saturday 1.00pm – 2.00pm
Address: 130 Mill Road, Huonbrook
Auction: Saturday 1pm March 22nd
Contact: Fiona Crandell
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90 McGettigans Lane, Ewingsdale. Sat 10.30-11am

77 Massinger Street, Byron Bay. Sat 11-11.30am

1/52 Lawson Street, Byron Bay. Sat 11-11.30am

House 5/1 Orara Court, Byron Bay. Sat 11-11.30am

3 Fern Place, Suffolk Park. Sat 12-12.30pm

15 Tamarind Court, Suffolk Park. Sat 12-12.30pm

16 Lilli Pilli Drive, Byron Bay. Sat 12-12.30pm

18/6-8 Browning Street, Byron Bay. Sat 1-1.30pm

3/37 Childe Street, Byron Bay. Sat 1-1.30pm

5/35 Childe Street, Byron Bay. Sat 1-1.30pm

162 Alcorn Street, Suffolk Park. Sat 1-1.30pm

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1 Tristania Place, Byron Bay. Wed & Sat 11-11.30am

7/5-9 Somerset Street, Byron Bay. Thu & Sat 1.30-2pm

13/5-9 Somerset St, Byron Bay. Thu & Sat 1.30-2pm

21 Fig Tree Lane, Myocum. Thu 5-5.30pm

14 Brooklet Road, Newrybar. 8.30am-9am

93 Bangalow Road, Byron Bay. 11am-11.30am

4/26 Beech Drive, Suffolk Park. 12pm-12.30pm

429 Wilsons Creek Road, Wilsons Creek. 3pm-3.30pm

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247 Richmond Hill Road, Richmond Hill. Sat 10-11am

399 Fernleigh Road, Fernleigh. Sat 11-11.30am

397 Rosebank Road, Rosebank. Sat 12.30-1.30pm

143 Arthur Road, Corndale. Sat 2-2.30pm

192 Emerson Road, Rosebank. Sat 3.30-4pm

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429 Wilsons Creek Road, Wilsons Creek

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Auction 12pm onsite Saturday March 29

397 Rosebank Road, Rosebank

Auction 12pm onsite Saturday April 5

399 Fernleigh Road, Fernleigh

NEW LISTINGS

RAY WHITE BYRON BAY

• 429 Wilsons Creek Road, Wilsons Creek. Auction. 3

bed home on 2 acres with stunning views.

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• 247 Richmond Hill Road, Richmond Hill. \$499,000.

4 bed, 2 bath, stunning views, drastically reduced.

• 399 Fernleigh Road, Fernleigh. \$985K – \$1,065K.

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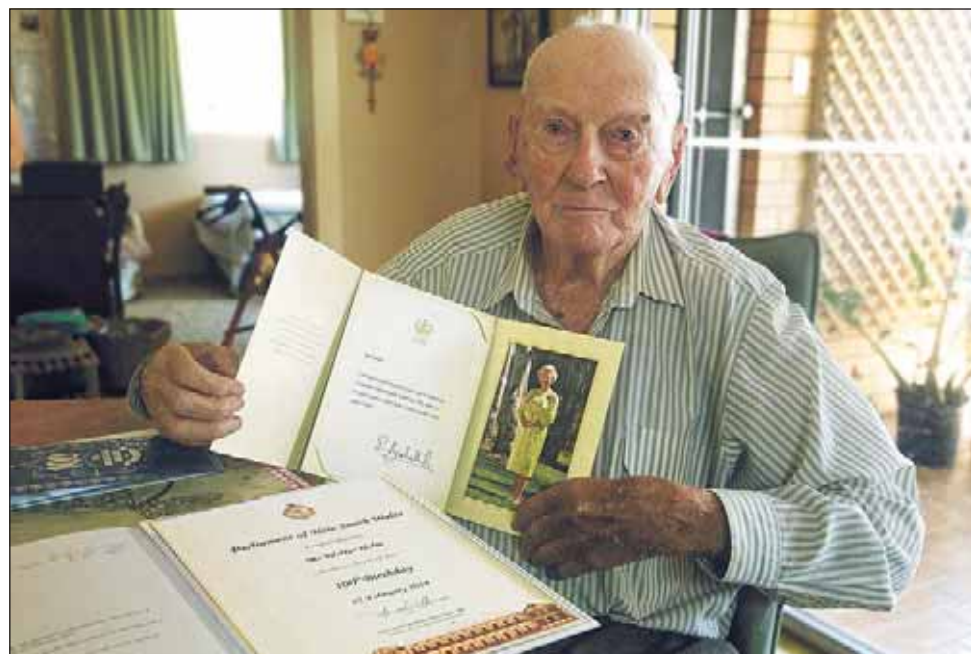
It's not all singing around the piano for older folk. Byron Bay media personality, Mick O'Regan, recently hosted a virtual social chat club for seniors as part of a pilot program initiated by Feros Care's 'telehealth monitoring service', My Health Clinic At Home, taking advantage of the national broadband network and Feros Village Byron Bay's new wireless network. Six seniors took part in the video conference-style virtual chat club, aimed to encourage socially isolated seniors to go online and stay connected. Topics discussed included Making The News – how the new age of information has transformed journalism, public knowledge, privacy and secrecy, and The Sporting Life – a lively look at the sporting world and the ups and downs of participation. 'Smart Home' technologies are part of the services on offer locally: bit.ly/feroslink.

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The O'Farrell government creating a memorandum of understanding with mining giant Santos to designate the controversial Narrabri gas project in the Pilliga forest a 'Strategic Energy Project', without any public input, is further proof that it's just business as usual in NSW planning laws. Any



Further to our photo last week of the Mullumbimby Brunswick Valley Football Club graffiti, we'd like to clarify that the artwork was by Teazer and the project was under the auspices of INTRA Youth Service and NORTEC, with help from volunteers, including the artist. Above is one of Teazer's works in the Byron Arts & Industry Estate and you can see more of his work at www.teazer.com.au.



Born in Finland on February 23, 1914, Wally Holm moved to Billinudgel when he was seven years old and there he stayed, raising five children. Wally says the biggest improvement in the area is the highway upgrade. The old highway, which is just a dirt road heading south out of Billi, ran past his front doorstep. Wally recently celebrated with friends and family and received letters of congratulations from the Queen, the PM, the governor-general Quentin Bryce, NSW premier Barry O'Farrell and the Finnish consulate, to name a few. See also centenarian Jean Godden in the News pages. Photo Eve Jeffery

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