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Bucking the conventional narrative



Nimbin's 22nd annual MardiGrass festival again drew cannabis supporters calling on governments to catch up to more progressive countries. Pictured are advocates Francis, Anna and Adam, while in the sky above, Chemtrails and/or Cloud Seeding is possibly being carried out. Photo Jeff Dawson

Staff reporters

The message from governments regarding cannabis has yet to get through to the small town of Nimbin, after another successful MardiGrass festival was held over the weekend.

The streets, halls and shops of the town, northwest of Lismore, were again packed with festival-goers supporting the medicinal and recreational decriminalisation of marijuana.

Legal in two US states

Buoyed by the legalisation of recreational marijuana use in the US states of Colorado and Washington this year, Help End Marijuana Prohibition (HEMP) Embassy spokesman Michael Balderstone said, 'Isn't it time for the cannabis plant to start flourishing economically on behalf of the community, not the criminal?'

'Imagine peace and prosperity and a fair go, rather than persecution of a much-loved plant and its protectors,' he said.

The festival included talks, work-

shops, live music and comedy shows.

A highlight was the Hemp Olympics, which included joint rolling and a 'tug of drug war' between the 'polite' and the police.

Medicinal-cannabis advocate Tony Bower, who was controversially jailed last year by a Kempsey magistrate for growing cannabis plants for his medical-cannabis tincture, was a keynote speaker at the festival.

Yet despite the peaceful event, police say 86 drivers were detected driving under the influence of a prohibited drug. Police conducted a number of co-ordinated operations, including a drug bus, sniffer dogs and high-visibility policing.

In addition, five people were caught drink driving and a large number of traffic infringements issued. Detective inspector Matt Kehoe said in a statement that driving under the influence is, 'immeasurably irresponsible and dangerous.'

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

Myocum developments approved despite opposition

Hans Lovejoy

'Compromise makes a good umbrella, but a poor roof,' said poet James Russell Lowell.

And so was the case at last Thursday's Council meeting; two development approvals will undoubtedly affect rural residents in two different quiet roads in Myocum.

Councillor Alan Hunter's farm on Pinegroves Road will now operate a road transport terminal despite strong and unified opposition from neighbours, while in Kingsvale Road an addiction rehabilitation centre will be established, despite opposition from some neighbours. Last week *The Echo* reported that six of

Cr Hunter's neighbours contributed to fund a town planner to examine his 'change of use' application independently.

Deficient report and application: town planner

Town planner Graham Meineke, who is also a Lismore City Councillor, slammed the staff report, telling Councillors during Thursday's morning access that 'the report was deficient, as was the application.'

'This was initially advertised with a maximum of three deliveries a day, but no data were provided,' he said. 'Later, it was changed to ten

movements a day. That's an increase of 300 per cent and as such should go back on exhibition.'

Later Mr Meineke told *The Echo* that the application 'should have also had a traffic and noise assessment.'

He said, 'The distance on Tyagarah Road, which comes off Pinegroves, doesn't meet Council's traffic sight, or stopping distance requirements. All northern rivers councils have adopted this and I thought that would be a consideration with this change of use request.'

An attempt failed by Cr Duncan Dey at the meeting to refuse Cr Hunter's 'change of use' application as 'the site distance for heavy vehicles leaving Pinegroves Road is inadequate

as it meets Tyagarah Road.'

Only Crs Cameron and Dey supported that, while a foreshadowed motion by Cr Hunter's fellow team members, Crs Woods and Cubis, saw the application gain unanimous support (Cr Paul Spooner was absent).

But Cr Hunter, who is a former Nationals Party federal candidate, will have strings attached to his operation. The approval will expire in two years and only a maximum number of ten non-articulated vehicle movements per week are allowed with a maximum unladen weight of four tonnes. The hours of operation will be 7am to 6pm, Monday to

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Friday. As Cr Hunter had a pecuniary interest, he left the room and did not debate or vote.

One of at least six residents to be affected, Angus Way, told *The Echo*, 'Like others who saw the presentations in Council, it was hard to come to terms with.'

'We struggled with how a transport terminal could be approved without a traffic study or a noise impact statement.

'That was compounded as no councillor requested them when the deficiency was pointed out by both sides of the DA presentations.

'For a councillor's development application to be approved after only one question did not give the appearance of a robust debate, especially given the direct impact that this will have on a number of residents; the potential for catastrophic vehicle accidents and the precedent for development it will have on the broader community.

'We are very concerned about the lack of due diligence in the "Independent Report" that was commissioned by Council staff... We feel that the conditions that the council applied to the DA are not able to be measured accurately and will have no impact in the containment of vehicle movements on Tyagarah and Pinegroves Roads.

'A daylight restriction on heavy vehicles is cold comfort to residents who live a couple of metres from a very steep access to a Road Transport Terminal.'

Kingsvale Rd addiction treatment facility

Councillors voted on another Myocum application, which will allow the conversion and expansion of existing dwelling on Kingsvale Road, to create a 'transitional group home', or addiction treatment facility.

Proponents and opposers addressed Council on The Nungkari Treatment Centre, as it is proposed, during morning access. Speaking against, resident Jon Veranese raised concerns over security, the lack of public transport and police presence in the area.

'Our lifestyle will be affected,' he said.

'What happens if this is on-sold or fails?' he asked.

The facility's developer Kylie Beattie spoke in favour. 'I was treated in a facility like this [proposal] and it saved my life.'

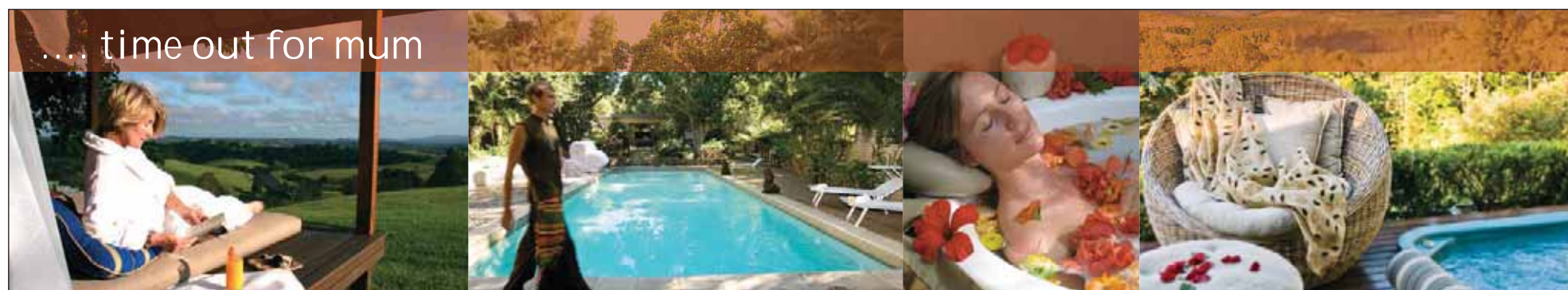
'We bought the land after meeting with Council and engaged a town planner.' She told councillors a lot had been invested and wanted to demonstrate they were addressing residents' concerns.

'There are many uneducated views about addiction,' she said, and added the facility would cater more towards eating disorders and the like.

Cr Wanchap was the only councillor who voted against the motion and spoke about the precedent it would be setting.

Big Swim, big weekend

It was a chilly but rewarding swim for thousands at the annual Big Swim, held in Byron on Sunday. Jodi Croston and Greg Lamb see it as the perfect excuse to escape Sydney for a few days. Photo Jeff Dawson



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EPA report damning of CSG industry: LTG

Luis Feliu

It's been over three months now, but the Bentley blockade against gas mining close to Lismore shows no signs of letting up.

On Saturday, a group of neighbouring farmers 'locked on' to an installation at the gate to the property Metgasco plans to drill its gas well. And on the adjacent property, scores more people at the weekend joined hundreds already at the blockade camp in preparation for a police-escorted drill rig, which is expected to arrive from Brisbane this week.

The new lock-ons follow a government report released a few days ago over the contamination of aquifers in the controversial Pilliga forest in north central NSW.

Lock the Gate have seized upon the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) report, claiming that '170 million litres of toxic wastewater are now sitting above two groundwater aquifers with no clear plan of how to clean it all up'.

Campaign co-ordinator Carmel Flint said the report 'reveals for the first time that not one, but two, aquifers have been polluted, one at 20m depth and another

at 35m, and that the deeper aquifer has four stock and domestic bores within five kilometres. It shows that the salinity of the wastewater in the dam is almost as high as seawater,' Ms Flint said.

'Perhaps the scariest aspect of this report is that it confirms that CSG wastewater has leached a number of heavy metals out of the soil into the water table - including uranium. This means that mobilisation of dangerous heavy metals as a result of wastewater spills is a major risk with CSG activities that has never really been considered before. The report also reveals that the EPA did not conduct any independent sampling of their own, but relied entirely on data provided by the company they were investigating, Santos, and that the NSW Office of Water were effectively sidelined from the process.'



Byron's song and dance man, Tommy Franklin, sure does get around. Last week he performed at Maitland's Groovin The Moo Festival. Photo Tao Jones

MP enters fray over West Byron rezoning

Luis Feliu

Federal Richmond MP Justine Elliot has thrown support behind the campaign against the controversial West Byron housing development, saying it would be 'irresponsible' to rezone the site.

Mrs Elliot met with members of the Byron Residents' Group (BRG) last week and inspected the site, saying afterward she fully supported the community's opposition to the 'oversize development'.

She said her concerns included the impact on koalas and their habitat, acid sulphate soil runoff, increased traffic congestion and the impact of buildings on flood-prone areas.

The state planning department is now reviewing

feedback and considering a recommendation after public exhibition closed on January 31. The 108-hectare site, 2.5 kilometres west of Byron Bay, is mostly owned by a consortium of local landowners, which proposed the rezoning to the government under its controversial 'gateway' planning policy.

Hundreds of houses and a commercial precinct are planned.

Mrs Elliot said the rezoning was the responsibility of the state government and Nationals MP Don Page 'and to date they've totally failed the people of Byron in pursuing this irresponsible rezoning'.

She called on the government to refuse the rezoning application and refer it back to Byron Shire Council 'for proper

er community consultation'.

Mrs Elliot's meeting and tour yesterday followed an onsite inspection last week by Lennox Head-based MLC Catherine Cusack, who has also taken up the residents' group's concerns.

The residents say the proposed development allows for the destruction of almost a third of the core koala habitat identified.

It also includes intensive development in 70 per cent (21 hectares) of identified koala buffer zones and in key koala link areas that pass through the east of the site.

The BRG says it is lobbying against the rezoning until a proper assessment of the risk to koalas is conducted, conforming to Byron Council's new Koala Plan Of

Management. They say also that there's still no adequate assessment of the traffic impacts of West Byron.

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'First of all I'd like to thank The Uncle Project for throwing their support behind us.

'I would also like to express my deepest gratitude to the businesses who generously donated to my cause.

'Thank you Bluesfest, The Rails, PowerMax Computers Lismore, Splendour In The Grass, Extreme MMA, Skullcandy, Byron Bay Dive, Brunswick Holistic Dentistry, BandiKoot, Spell Designs, Rowie Designs, Goddess of Babylon, Salty's Short Supply, Myee Carlyle, Jack the Snipper, GoSea Kayak, Stone & Wood Brewery, The Northern, The Laser Room, The Belle General, Italian at the Pacific, Pizza Bar, Fresh, Fig Tree, Fins, Milk & Honey, Orient Express, Dip Cafe, Bay Seafood, Trevor



Johnny Rutgers from Johnny Shogun Signs & Print is back in business. Photo Jeff Dawson

Meads, Interflora and Adrift. 'And a big thank you to Dee, Mel, Kate, Franky, Squeak, Layla, Isiah and Jamie.'

Spanish film fest from May 8 to 14

Hot on the heels of the French Film Festival, the best of Spanish language cinema hits the Palace Byron Bay screens from Thursday May 8 to Wednesday May 14 with the Spanish film festival.

The opening night film's title, *Living is Easy with Eyes Closed*, comes from John Lennon's enigmatic song *Strawberry Fields Forever*, written by Lennon in Almeria, Spain, when Lennon was there filming *How I Won the War*.

The year was 1966, and small-town school teacher Antonio, who uses Beatles lyrics to teach his students English, decides to take a journey across Spain to meet his hero.

Opening night guests will also enjoy post-film tapas, Spanish wines, beers and sangria, together with the evocative sounds of local musician and Spanish guitarist, Paol Serret.

The Spanish Film Festival features 11 outstanding films from Spain and Latin America – program details available at www.spanishfilmfestival.com.

North coast rentals 'unaffordable': Anglicare

Chris Dobney

On Saturday April 5, not one single property advertised for rent in Byron Bay was considered affordable for people on minimum incomes.

This was one of the shocking findings of the fifth annual Rental Affordability Snapshot conducted by the charity Anglicare.

Anglicare's north coast director Estelle Graham told *The Echo* that the problem locally was worse than in previous years – and worse than the national and statewide trends.

'Nationally there was an 11 per cent increase of properties [advertised on the survey weekend] but in our region there was an 11 per cent decrease,' Ms Graham said.

'This is even more significant when you consider that Casino was included for the first time this year,' she added.

And the affordability figures for Casino were among the better results from the region, the survey shows.

Apart from Byron Bay, which could not get any worse than zero, Ballina registered the biggest drop.

On the same Saturday, just two properties out of a total of 69 for rent in Ballina were considered affordable by those on low incomes.

And even these could only be afforded by a couple with two children on at least the minimum wage.

Decreased availability

'The people who were best off were those on minimum wages [as opposed to pensions or government benefits],' Ms Graham said.

'But it's bit alarming to see the availability even for this

group has decreased markedly across the country (including 88 per cent in Ballina).

'While they do have higher incomes than those on Newstart, these families don't get healthcare cards and other extra benefits.'

Housing minister needed

'Nationwide, not a single property advertised was considered affordable for a single person on Newstart and not many were available for couples either,' Ms Graham said.

To address the problem, Anglicare is calling on the federal government to appoint a minister to co-ordinate the issue of housing.

'At a national level we would love to see a federal housing minister as a senior position.

'It's a significant problem

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Farewell to Jenny Ryan and her wise counsel

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Jenny's promotion to senior administrative manager in 1990 placed her in a pivotal position of responsibility within the school. Toni Hughes, former principal from 2003 to 2006, paid tribute to Jenny, praising her incredible work ethic, loyalty and dedication to her role.

Toni says Jenny was the backbone of the administrative office, bringing a care and concern for all staff and students. She especially valued Jenny's support, friendship and wisdom. Jenny's efficient and effective management of the school budget



ensured Mullumbimby High School's financial resources were optimised for the best possible outcomes for all students.

Jenny retired into the de-

voted care of husband Bill Ryan and family in 2008 after being diagnosed with early onset dementia.

That Jenny was held in such high regard was evi-

denced by the dedication of many of her former work colleagues and friends who co-ordinated themselves into 'Support Team Jenny' to take her out for coffee, to the local markets and to the swimming pool.

Values of friendship

Former co-worker Mary Williams reflected that Jenny taught her the biggest lesson after Jenny became ill and this was the real sense of the values of friendship.

'We were sitting together on one of our many little outings when she patted me on the leg and said, "Isn't it nice, the two of us just sitting here together?". This was a big statement for Jenny at the time.'

Despite her inevitable decline, Jenny courageously upheld her dignity and demeanour in a determined attempt to maintain a sense of external normality.

Jenny's devoted family and closest friends championed her perseverance.

For 'Support Team Jenny', nothing less than the very best for Jenny Ryan would do. Vale, Jenny Ryan.

Bangalow bikie back in court

A man that police allege is the sergeant at arms of the Ballina chapter of the Rebels Motorcycle Club appeared in Southport Magistrates Court last week to face a range of new charges. Police raided the Bangalow home of Jamie Adams, 31, on January 28, seizing marijuana, guns and money, and alleged the property was used as a clandestine methamphetamine lab.

They also arrested Mr Adams on the same day on the Gold Coast.

Following further inquiries by Queensland police attached to Taskforce Maxima, Adams

was rearrested on Wednesday night (April 30) and charged under Queensland law as a 'vicious lawless associate' and being in possession of methamphetamines and cocaine.

He was also charged with possession of explosives and drug driving.

In a statement, acting detective superintendent Brendan Smith of Taskforce Maxima said the operation 'reflects the ongoing co-operation between Queensland and NSW police'.

Mr Adams was denied bail and is due to reappear in court on May 8.

Learn about green building

Local sustainability experts are sharing their knowledge in a series of free lunchtime talks on Wednesdays at the Green Building Centre in Byron Bay. On May 7 at 12.15pm people can expect to catch Richard Swinton's presentation of the practical changes he made to turn an average brick home into a sustainable dream that is more comfortable and cheaper to run.

And on Wednesday May 14, Alice Moffett will share the key points on how to replace chemical cleaners with afford-

able natural alternatives.

Deb Preston, director at the Centre, is inviting people to drop in for lunch and receive free insights on sustainable building, renovating and living. 'We've created the free lunchtime talks on Wednesdays as an enjoyable way for people to participate in these talks and connect with like-minded people.'

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Safety on Ewingsdale Road to be reviewed

A unanimous vote by councillors last Thursday will see a review of safety on Ewingsdale Road, which will also include the McGettigans Lane intersection.

Youth worker and resident Nicqui Yazdi addressed Council during morning access and said she would like to see the speed limit be reduced to 60km/h from the sports field into town.

Council will push to complete the off-road shared path along Ewingsdale Road, with priority given to the missing link opposite the Byron Regional Sport and Cultural Complex (BRSCC).

Additionally, RMS (Roads & Maritime Services) funds will be sought. It comes three months after the tragic death of local man Michael Pinkerton. Mr Pinkerton was struck by a ute while riding a bicycle on Ewingsdale Road.

The call to invest ethically



Jim Beatson is pictured on Friday with a group of residents who moved their accounts away from the big four banks: Westpac, Commonwealth, NAB and ANZ. According to 350.org, the big four have loaned almost \$19 billion to new coal and gas projects in Australia since 2008. Photo Jeff Dawson

Stats on Byron street violence down: police

A Byron Bay Liquor Accord meeting on April 30 was given some promising signs of improvements regarding alcohol-related violence, says councillor Duncan Dey.

As part of a delegate's report to Council, he says police told the meeting that 'The March 2014 figure of eight is far lower than 21 in 2012.'

CCTV needed

'Other comparisons were more level. Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research

(BOSCAR) statistics appear three months after the period they cover. The police continue to ask for public CCTV and improved lighting. I pointed out that, while in the UK, CCTV systems are council operated, other agencies could take on this role in Byron Bay. Council supports CCTV being there.

'The police report also that one in 400 random breath tests (RBT) yields an offender, while one in 25 "lick tests" (for other drugs) does.'

Byron chamber news

A meeting held last week regarding Byron's last NYE saw Council and stakeholders work towards improving Soul Street, parking and traffic.

As part of his newsletter to Byron Bay chamber of commerce members, Byron United president Michael O'Grady said, '[It was] great to see that there's forward planning in place for the event. Police also had a representative who interestingly outlined that of

Splendour sells out

Splendour In The Grass has sold out as usual, but it didn't come without a hiccup.

Organisers blamed a 'technical issue' after some online ticket customers were hit with exorbitant credit card fees.

Moshtix, who sell the online tickets on behalf of Splendour, said in a statement, 'In response to speculation regarding unauthorised/illegal access of personal information during Splendour

Byron Bay Lager fined for misleading label

Anneli Knight

Carlton & United Breweries (CUB) have been fined \$20,000 for misleading its customers into thinking its Byron Bay Pale Lager was made in a microbrewery in Byron Bay.

The Byron Bay Pale Lager label includes a map of Byron with an illustration of a person riding a bicycle and carrying a surfboard with the lighthouse in the background.

But the beer is actually produced and bottled by Australia's largest brewery in Warnevale, south of Newcastle.

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) handed down the fine.

Chief executive of Regional Development Australia, Kimmaree Thompson, says the CUB case highlights the value of the Byron name in product branding that should rightfully be protected.

'This is an acknowledgment of how powerful the Byron and Byron Bay branding is for selling goods outside the region, a competitive advantage that is difficult for other regions to replicate,' Thompson says.

Brand value

There are many local businesses who leverage the brand in their names – such as the Byron Bay Coffee Company, Byron Bay Tea Company and Byron Bay Chilli Company – and more businesses could benefit from aligning with the clean, green, innovative and creative reputation of the region, Thompson says.

'Businesses from Tweed to Grafton and out to Casino and Kyogle are all part of the northern rivers region and could legitimately market themselves nationally and internationally by aligning strongly with our well-known tourist destination.

'Whether customers are in New York or Sydney, the Byron and Byron Bay brand has a high level of recognition,' she says.

Regional Development Australia CEOs from across NSW met in March and agreed to actively encourage the NSW government to fund tourism campaigns that promote regional NSW to Sydney residents. A real opportunity exists to showcase this region for its high-quality regional foods, gourmet dining experiences and creative industries,' Thompson says.



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Call off the gender war

Our national broadcaster the ABC is once again proving its value. To coincide with Domestic Violence Month, the ABC's current affairs program 7.30 is embarking on a series of interviews with women affected by domestic violence. Its presenter Sarah Ferguson is particularly strong on the issue, recently interviewing the remarkable Rosie Batty, whose 11-year-old son Luke was bashed to death by his father in February, in full view of his friends.

Rather than completely fall apart, as she is fully entitled to do, Ms Batty has sought to illuminate the root causes of domestic violence: a society entrenched in misogyny, men who seek to exercise power over women who they see as their possessions. Is it really a big problem? The White Ribbon Campaign (whiteribbon.org.au) notes that every week in Australia at least one woman dies at the hands of a current or former partner and one in three Australian women over the age of 15 reports having experienced physical or sexual violence at some time in their lives.

And the problem is exacerbated by disorganisation among the agencies tasked in some way with protecting women. As Ms Batty told 7.30, 'No organisations work together. The police, corrections, child protection, welfare services, they don't have a complete picture of one individual, so there's no cohesiveness.' Perhaps our minister for women Tony Abbott could make it his mission to overcome these deficiencies.

It's not a matter for another slick marketing campaign, though the value of men like footballer and White Ribbon ambassador Adam Goodes standing up publicly against violence should not be underestimated. It starts with cultural change in our homes and education in our schools. It is a crisis far more fitting of political focus than our so-called budget 'emergency'. This a real national emergency, and one that is repeated worldwide.

Those wanting more background on the issue can find it on the White Ribbon site. Women seeking help can call 1800 732 737 and men and boys can call Mensline Australia 1300 78 99 78.

Michael McDonald

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How to hallucinate a budget crisis

Even after 15 hours of surgery my recovery was not entirely beset by hallucinations.

But given the amount of kites, balloons, smoke and mirrors emanating from the government about what will and won't, might and mightn't, be in the budget, it may as well have been. Or to put it in Baza McKenzie terms: from the safety of a hospital bed, it has all been one massive Technicolor yawn.

The initial emetic was the revival of the claim of budget emergency, necessitating urgent and drastic action to smash the deficit within five years. Since this unlikely proposal was not only rejected by an army of economists but also contradicted most of treasurer Joe Hockey's actions since his election, this always appeared dubious at best. But for the sake of argument let's assume that he is fair dinkum, and examine a few of the ideas floated to make us all suffer for his ambition.

First there was the Medicare co-payment, predictable enough; in spite of their regular pre-election protestations the Liberals have always been unhappy with the idea of a universal public health care system and, having failed in their zealous attempts to strangle it at birth forty years ago, have invariably spent their time in government seeking to undermine it.

A co-payment would be a useful wedge, aimed at driving more people towards the well-cosseted private health insurance industry.

It is obviously inequitable and also silly; if we are serious about containing health costs the only fair and sensible

course is simply to increase the existing Medicare levy on progressive income tax.

Double it if you like: with a proper explanation, voters would accept and even embrace the need for a little evenly-spread pain to preserve the much-loved institution. But while it may be good economics, that solution is, for this government, bad politics.

And the same applies to Hockey's eminently sensible proposition that the age for pension eligibility will have to be raised, and sooner rather than later. Of course if his

The Deficit Levy is not just bad politics; the economic benefits are both small and short term.

by Mungo MacCallum



conservative colleagues had allowed the Hawke-Keating superannuation scheme to develop seriously, instead of turning it into yet another tax lurk for the well-off, the problem would be far less acute. But as it is something will have to be done. However, let's get some sort of order into it. Before pushing up the age limit, it would be smart to make sure that the non-pensioners have something to do with their time other than hanging around Centrelink.

So far, the controlled leaks were at least consistent, if not exactly best practice. But then came the Deficit Levy, now morphed into a temporary increase in the top two marginal tax rates. The justification is that this is the only way Abbott, Hockey and the rest of the gang can think of to make sure that the very rich make at

least a token contribution to the common weal, a moderately worthy aim which begs the question: why didn't they do it sooner and make it permanent? Answer: because not only would it break the habit of a lifetime, but because it is, as the panicked party room has discerned, a really great big broken promise.

It wasn't the first and it won't be the last, but because of its fundamental nature, and also because of the inanity of the justifications offered (it's only a levy, not a tax, and anyway I'll only put it in a little

way and if it hurts I'll take it out again) it has assumed totemic status. This one is not just bad politics; the economic benefits are both small and short term. It may well prove as ephemeral as the business lobby's dystopian Commission of Audit.

This, as Ross Gittins among others has pointed out, was never meant to be taken seriously; it was only ever set up to produce a recipe for the kind of scorched earth feudalism which would make Abbott and Hockey look like moderates in comparison. It is no more than a cloud of thought bubbles, a neo-conservative wet dream. If it was so easy to abolish Medicare, restrict education to the wealthy, reduce the impoverished to serfdom and introduce not just one but six new taxes (one for each state) John Howard would

have done it years ago. Abbott can't and won't.

But it adds to the plethora of confusing and essentially contradictory signals emanating from the prime ministerial bunker. We'll keep our promises, no surprises, but suddenly we have discovered a crisis invisible to the world's economists and plan to make you miserable for a while so you'll thank us when we remove the thumbscrews.

Of course there are easier ways. If the mining boom is really winding down, like, say, the car industry, is it not time, indeed past time, to remove the massive taxpayer-funded subsidies given to them? If we are really facing an ageing population, should not the superannuation tax breaks at least be means tested so that the money can be redirected where it is needed? And surely it would be a good opportunity to reinstate fuel excise indexation, precipitately abandoned by Howard in the polling panic of 2001?

But these are apparently among the dwindling list of still sacred bovines confined to the luxurious corral guarded by the people who really run the Liberal Party. And of course, if Abbott and Hockey were serious about finding easy and painless ways to collect money, they would abandon the costly and ineffective policy of Direct Action on climate change and set up the emissions trading scheme Kevin Rudd planned to bring in on July 1.

And while they're at it that they could rejig the Mining Resource Rent Tax to make it a genuine revenue raiser ...

But now I'm sure I'm hallucinating.

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A mixed cheerio to Don Page

■ I write on behalf of the committee of management of the Byron Bay Community Association (BBCA) to publicly recognise and thank Don Page for his contribution to the Byron Community Centre, and for his tireless work for the Byron Bay community.

Don Page provided great support when the community association sought to rebuild the dilapidated community centre into a first class facility for our community. Despite the many pressures of his public role he was always interested and concerned about not just the community centre's issues but also the welfare and issues of the Byron community.

David Sweet
President, BBCA

■ So Don Page is leaving the building. He has served a long time in a particularly

difficult profession, dealing with people and their hopes and aspirations. It's a good time to get out of politics.

Don was very helpful to me many years ago when I needed help and I thank him. However, in more recent years, I have disagreed with positions he has taken on a number of issues. That's the problem with party politics: the party takes precedent over the locals.

It's a fair bet that Don has managed to help a lot of people and piss off a lot of people. That's a pretty good score.

It's a nasty job and someone has to do it. Thanks, Don.

Andrew Hall
Mullumbimby

■ Don Page needs to clean up his mess before he goes.

In June 2012 Don voted to allow recreational shooting in all national parks and nature reserves in his electorate at

the discretion of the environment minister.

Before he goes he needs to stop this threat by adding our reserves to those already listed for exclusion by his Sydney colleagues.

Don intervened in September 2012 to stop north coast councils from including environmental protection zones in their local environmental plans, supposedly for six months while a review was undertaken. We are still waiting.

He must restore councils' rights to protect rainforest, oldgrowth forest, endangered ecological communities, core koala habitat and other high-conservation-value lands before they are opened up for development and logging.

Don supported his government's intervention in March 2013 to allow shore-based fishing in Cape Byron Marine Park's sanctuary zones.

Again this was supposedly for only six months while a review was undertaken and yet it is still open season on our sanctuary zones. He must restore the integrity of Cape Byron's sanctuary zones.

In July 2013 Don claimed credit for changing the law to allow trees from native forests to be burnt to generate electricity, which recently came into effect and has the potential to be disastrous for forests in his electorate and throughout NSW.

And now he refuses to intervene over West Byron to ensure that there are proper assessments of koalas, acid sulfate soils and traffic.

Similarly, he appears deaf to pleas from Ballina Shire Council to move the proposed route of the Pacific Highway south of Ballina to avoid core koala habitat.

Dailan Pugh
Byron Bay

Police in conflict

The use of police as foot soldiers for insurance companies, Metgasco et al and the banks who finance them is detrimental to law and order which they have sworn to uphold. It is the equivalent of sending our military to unjust wars or our navy to send back the boats.

It is demoralising and leads to post-traumatic stress syndrome along with its generational fallout.

We tend to focus on the shortcomings of some members of the police force but, as members of community and as parents, many of them are obviously conflicted. It is unlikely that all of them are from the two to three per cent who support fracking. They

are constrained by their oath of office to become enemies of the people who are, at considerable cost to themselves, upholding the democratic rights that they, the police and their families, enjoy.

The best we can do is to empathise with them in their struggles of conscience and give them the love and support that they need.

Jim Nutter
Main Arm

The DA road ahead

Councillor Hunter's successful application for a 'road transport terminal' in a rural residential area is a significant victory for deregulation.

What's good for the goose is good for the paté, so when I lodge my DA later this year

to convert my MO to community title I will be sure to model my application on the one lodged by Cr Hunter, which was only four pages long. Other DA applicants will have experienced demands from Council for extra studies or documentation; indeed staff have been known to refuse to accept applications which they deem provide insufficient information. All that is now a thing of the past.

As a result of Cr Hunter's precedent I will provide no plans for parking areas or for turnarounds; I will simply assert that 'sufficient land is available for these' - as Cr Hunter did.

Nor will I provide any documentation to prove

there is no contamination; I will simply state that 'the property has never been used for bananas' and imply that therefore it couldn't possibly be contaminated. That's what Cr Hunter did.

If the scale of what I propose might alarm the neighbours I will understate the impacts in the documents to be put on public exhibition and only address the greater impacts at a later date.

In saying that Cr Hunter did any of those things I'm over-simplifying the situation. My critique is actually of a report prepared by an 'independent consultant'. This consultant was employed and

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Coal seam gas supporters respond to the critics

■ In response to four replies of April 29 to my letter of April 22:

Matthew Lambourne: take the depleting gas resource out of winter down south and this country would literally grind to a halt. The Greens were promoting gas as an interim

transition fuel up to five or six years ago, until the arrival of the comic doco *Gas Lands*. The notion of a rapid transitioning to completely renewable power energy, however meritorious, is simply hollow rhetoric. Over 70 per cent of baseload power in NSW and

other states is generated by coal-fired generators.

Fight to save the RET and fight to stop the Abbot Point coal loader expansion at Mackay, fight to replace the brown and black coal generators with gas, and you will do more for the planet than stop-

ping gas harvesting in northern NSW.

Dave Rawlins: a million wells drilled and fracked in the US in the past decade and, according to President Obama, the US carbon emissions have dropped below 1991 levels and are heading rapidly south towards US 1961 emissions levels. I rest my case.

Tamara Smith: I agree that water is a scarce and finite resource for humankind; we don't need Prof Edenhofer to tell us that. But gas companies here and in Queensland face the stiffest regulatory regime for water resource protection on land drilling anywhere. In contrast, farmers have never faced anything remotely like such a stiff regime. Our farmers have poured millions of tonnes of chemicals and phosphates on the land for decades trying to deal with bugs or promoting growth.

Liz Friend asks which side of history I'm on. Well, just like eminent scientist James Lovelock I'm on the side of the environment and nature. To that end, I want always to be guided by science and logical reasoning, not by slogan-chanting, hyperbole, colourful demonstrations, rock stars and the irrational fear-mongering specialised in by the Greens and the adjunct little toxic organisations they set up.

The *Echo* also prints the fear-mongering by a Brisbane doctor in relation to illnesses caused by methane emissions. Yet the facts on

the ground do not support her concerns one bit. In contrast there have always been very serious methane and coal dust issues with below-ground coal mining everywhere, here and in the US.

If the public want to donate \$20,000 in Byron Shire to an environmental cause, well, good on them. But don't waste it out at Bentley just to help the Greens and Adrian Ricketts get their jollies off protesting. Use it here in Byron Shire instead.

Finally, none of the above authors responded to the essence of my recent letter which was to highlight the recent IPCC report, which has identified the critical role that gas should and could play in combating global warming.

John Vaughan
Byron Bay

■ The Division of Resources and Energy NSW is acutely aware that there are members of the northern rivers community who are concerned about potential impacts on the region's surface and ground water quantity and quality from gas exploration activity.

Exploration drilling of this nature takes place every day throughout Australia and throughout the world and the techniques, technologies and engineering standards are tried and tested.

The Metgasco gas well proposed at Bentley is one bore out of about 139,000 registered bore holes that have

been drilled across NSW in the past 100 years or so – estimated by the NSW Office of Water. The majority of these bores are privately owned and primarily used for stock and domestic purposes and irrigation.

In response to community concerns around the Bentley gas well bore drilling, the Office of Coal Seam Gas has put in place additional environmental monitoring measures including an environmental inspection before, during and after construction, as well as engaging an independent third-party gas well integrity specialist to oversee the bore construction.

Metgasco's exploration drilling activities have been subject to a thorough environmental impact assessment process prior to being approved by the department, the Office of Coal Seam Gas, in consultation with advice from the NSW Office of Water, the Department of Primary Industries, the Environment Protection Authority and the Office of Environment and Heritage.

Information on gas exploration and production, extraction methods, land access and mandatory well design practices is available at www.csg.nsw.gov.au/the-facts.

Tania McShane
Stakeholder Engagement
Manager, Division of
Resources and Energy

■ Both letters heavily edited for length – Ed

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paid for by Council. It only looks like the consultant was hired by Cr Hunter.

The point is that regardless of who actually wrote it, the report was uncritically accepted by Council staff, who then based their own recommendation upon it. Apparently planning supremo Ray Darney believes that a consultant defined as 'independent' is also by definition beyond criticism. He also seems to believe that using an 'independent' consultant absolves Council and staff of any responsibility. I don't think so, Ray.

Fast Bucks
Coorabell

Boat people

Jenny Coman (Letters, April 22) is entitled to her view but to suggest that the current government's policy on the 'boat people' is the result of that government's manipulation of the voting public dem-

onstrates the extent to which politics can govern reason; that is, she has misread the history of immigration in this country.

Let's look at the skeleton. Aboriginal nomads/British felons and their keepers/massive influx of gold rush adventurers, saw the Australian population around ten million at the end of WWII. The returning diggers realised that there were a lot of people out there and that we had better muscle up. Thus began the great 'populate or perish' immigration campaign, pure white of course.

The 'populate or perish' thesis is now long dead. So exactly what is the rationale for the current immigration program? Many Australians wish to put this question but the political process of both the major parties is to avoid debate on the issue and instead focus on how well they are doing with the 'boat people'. So, that is the con, exactly

the reverse to the proposition put by Ms Coman.

Politically, it is ironic that it is only the Greens who support Big Capital's push for unrestricted immigration while the two major parties, terrified of the political implications, devote themselves to what is essentially a side issue, the stopping of the boats. But hey! we've got to start somewhere.

Lester Brien
Byron Bay

Village people

What a pleasure it is to be on the side of the likes of Dailan Pugh again.

The response to a call for submissions regarding Byron Shire sites and approaches for village development was very gratifying. Contrary to rumours, I at least have not created a website, but there is now a dedicated email address: byronshirevillages@gmail.com.

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When Byron Bay was a whaling town

Mary Gardner

'I saw my first whale this season. They're early,' the man says, with a thrill in his voice. The noise of the crowd at the gig drowns out his other words. Suddenly, I fall into a small time warp. Everything goes quiet and I hear again the voice of another, older man.

'I grew up on a dairy farm on a ridge between Byron and Lennox. We always knew when there was a whale in the Bay. We heard the boom from the harpoon. When they shot one, it echoed all around.'

Photos from the 1950s show crowds of bystanders watching whales hauled up on the jetty. Like now, going

to Byron to see whales was a popular outing. Another man tells me of his first visit to Byron back then. He was a child, maybe seven years old. As he walks up to the body, which was over ten and a half metres long, he sees a man working.

'He was cutting something. Maybe it was an artery or near the heart. But suddenly blood sprays all over me,' he says.

Now, years later, the grown man shrugs. He moves the conversation on to another topic.

I read old newspaper clippings and memoirs about whaling in Byron from 1954 to 1962. The fishing fleet had just been devastated by the

1954 cyclone. Whaling employed sixty men.

I stretch my senses and imagine. The noise on the jetty from the crane and the chains. The shouting. The tonnes of dead weight slowly hauled up from the water where large sharks snapped at any part they could still reach. The smell up close and throughout the town. The heat of the body, which needed to be processed quickly before it began to cook itself.

The men working twelve-hour shifts six days a week. They had to be quick and precise. Mistakes would hurt a mate or cost money. Hauling, flensing, boiling down the blubber for oil. Some meat went to families or to the butcher shop. The rest was processed largely for agricultural use.

Out at sea, the crew of the *Byron 1* had to look sharp too. Their ship was run on diesel and their harpoon used explosives. Although mechanised, the work at sea was still hazardous. Shifts went round the clock. There was a quota to meet.

In eight years, 1,046 whales were killed. The Byron work stopped because there was hardly a whale to be found. Of course, they weren't the only whalers in the South



Whale activist Dean Jefferys, then just over a year old, sees the result of whaling at Byron Bay in June 1959. Image from migaloo2.com

Pacific in those days. But by 1978, culture changed. Most whaling nations, including Australia, signed international treaties and gave up the hunt.

And the whalers themselves? One of these veterans of our war with nature was Harry Robertson, who died in 1995. Born a Scot in 1923, an Australian from 1952, he was a ship engineer and worked in the whaling industries of Norway and Australia. He had a natural ear for

music. Using the traditional folk style, he sang his own songs of the working life of seamen from Queensland to Antarctica. He helped start the Maleny and Woodford festivals. True as other folk songs about battles, his songs hurt, even as the tune sweeps you along:

The harpoon and the line
fly true – bedding deep
into the whale,
And she split the timbers
of the ship, with a flurry

of her tail,
The rigging struts were
snapped in two, we
reeled beneath the
blow...

Heigh-ho ye trawler men
come on, forget the
snapper and the prawn,
And it's out of Ballina
we'll sail, a-fishing for
the Humpback whale.

■ For more info about Harry Robertson see his website: www.harryrobertson.net.

corrupt government and corrupt developers abound, but they tend to be thieves, not toecutters. Spoiling their plans is unlikely to be deadly.

What may be contentious is the nomination of private lands as sites for villages without actually asking how the owners feel about it. That is how the nasty people operate. Not us. Not what we do here. Most people suggested extensions to existing hamlets. Some want to live in hobbit holes. Take another week, write to byronshirevillages@gmail.com with your thoughts and vision; completely anonymously is okay. Except the person who suggested using 'convict labour' as a 'traditional low-emissions building technique'. I will be watching you, young man.

Report in two weeks' time. (Unless another person pours tea on my computer. It's tea, not bourbon. Learn to walk straight near computers!)

Matt Hartley
Byron Bay, Village of
Belongil Beach

Simplicity

What a joy it has been to have so many people walk past my

house, ring the bell, just for the fun of talking into a tin can connected to another tin can by a piece of string. Simplicity is what we have lost.

Peter King
The Pocket

Environment group

A newly formed environment group will hold its first meeting in Mullumbimby this Thursday April 8 and every Thursday at 6pm, upstairs in the Mullumbimby Neighbourhood Centre.

The group will cover topics not covered anywhere else, such as impending Arctic methane release, rapid global warming and resultant loss of human and cetacean habitat. This group will focus on a major new threat to the human race.

Peter Olson
Goonengerry

CSG class action

I feel compelled to share an idea whose time has come. All of the major CSG and mining protest groups across NSW need to unite for the purpose of filing a class action in the Supreme Court against the NSW government, charging

them with failure to protect NSW land and people by allowing CSG mining, despite the overwhelming amount of evidence at hand from CSG activities in America and in southeast Queensland that this activity presents a significant risk to people's health and groundwater and air quality.

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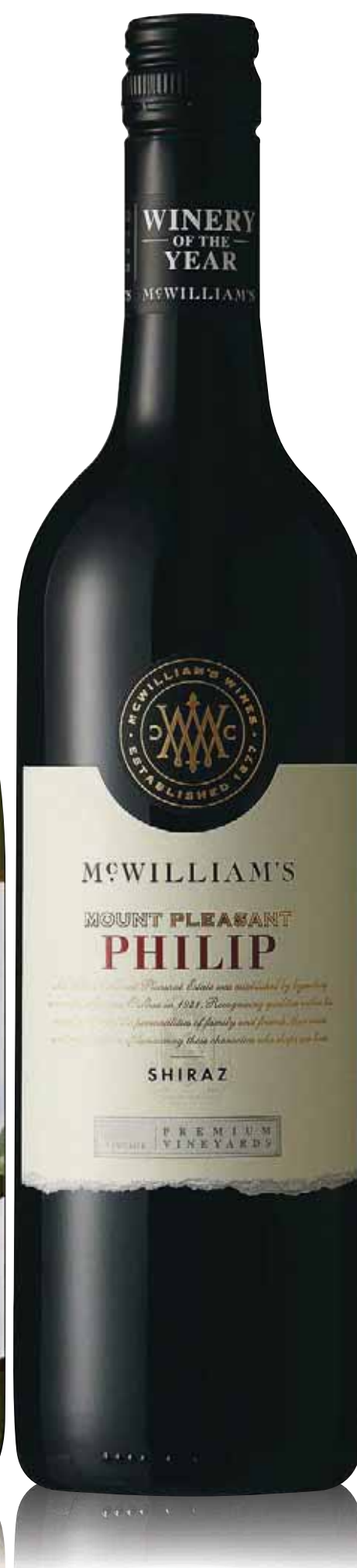
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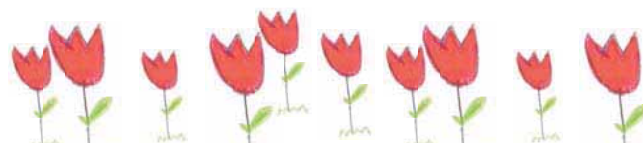
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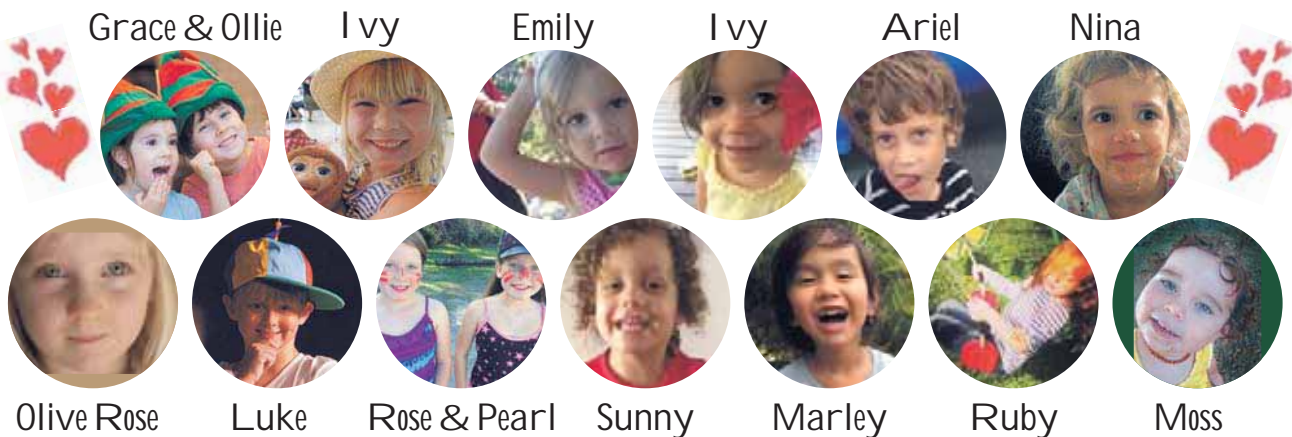
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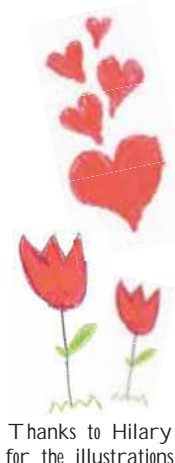
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► continued from page 16 making amazing breakthroughs in the medical field, and sending rockets to Mars. The two areas where we seem to make a lot of work for ourselves is in being able to handle social issues and bats.

Bats bring disease. They smell, are noisy, spray people, stain roofs and consequently pollute water in tanks, strip trees bare, and

we see everywhere a problem around schools and the possibility of affecting children's health. Unfortunately we are intruding into their territory, and they into ours. Now they live in the centre of Mullumbimby.

We cull brumbies, crocs, kangaroos and foxes. Why not bats? Why do we hesitate to combat the bat plague, is it too sensitive a subject in

this delicate age? Are the CSIRO or other authorities looking for an answer, as we don't seem to see much evidence, just silence on the issue. Maybe high-frequency sound waves could be a solution.

We see much regulation and concentration on health issues in the media, but here is a blatant disregard for an obvious health risk in the centre of our very own community. Who are we going to put first, bats or people? I suggest the latter.

Terry Newling
Mullumbimby

Missed the point

In reply to Gareth Smith's letter about Israel and China in last week's *Echo*: it seems he missed the point. Countries act in their best interests and whatever China does, whether it be with Israel the US, Russia or any other nation, serves only one people, the Chinese. It is heartening he makes the distinction between the Israeli government and its people, but people do elect governments and it sets you to wondering exactly

why Israelis feel so threatened that they have to resort to electing the hard men of the Likud.

Just this week we see Hamas again saying it will not recognise Israel's right to exist and Netanyahu reacting by saying he will never negotiate with Hamas.

Blaming Israel for its government's policies stands to paint all Jews with the same brush and whether people like Mr Smith care to believe it or not sets up the discourse for anti-Semites to make their voices heard and their actions sanctioned, as we saw in Europe during the reign of Hitler.

Apart from his knowledge of the protests by individuals against the Jewish state's policies I wonder how much people like Mr Smith really know about the Jewish peoples and their history over time.

M Mizzi
Ocean Shores

Wi-fi concerns

Nice to hear from John Pursey in last week's *Echo* that health concern over

wi-fi is becoming 'rampant'. It seems the 'paranoia' has even spread to the Council of Europe, European Environmental Agency, Austrian Medical Association, and French and Bavarian parliaments, all of whom, and many more, have issued bans or warnings on its use.

How will promoters of microwave-emitting products continue to reap vast profits if consumers learn the truth about what some are calling 'the new tobacco'?

Yes, apart from other toxic effects, exposure is physiologically addictive.

It stimulates opioid production within the brain but probably not enough to help the casualties of long-term use.

I suspect a possible conflict in that Byron Council has voted to push its own public wi-fi network (aka Modembimby) apparently without an unbiased study of all relevant health data.

In response, I have given each councillor a locally produced DVD containing hundreds of scientific studies on the adverse biological im-

pacts of wireless radiation. Let's have a genuine debate that does justice to the intelligence of our community.

Peter Nielsen
Byron Bay

■ While John Pursey may resort to derisive comments towards those who question the safety of exposure to microwave radiation, he may soon find, with the imminent introduction of the so-called 'smart' electricity meters, that he is involuntarily exposed to levels of radiation between 45 to 450 times that of a mobile phone.

Smart meters are presently being rolled out in Murwillumbah without any informed consent.

In Victoria, where they are strongly opposed, residents have resorted to locking their meter boxes, as some of the more informed residents in Byron Shire have already done.

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Breast cancer support

'Self Care Matters' facilitated by Quest for Life's Margie Braunstein on Thurs 15 May at Byron Regional Sport and Cultural Complex 9am-3pm. Enquiries Barb 6680 8893.

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Mullum Senior Citizens

Monday 12 May 1pm at Pioneer Hall Mullum. Lunch at the Middle Pub on the 19th. Phone Roma 6684 2572.

Byron Sophia

Byron Sophia Philosophical Group: Radical Forgiveness, presented by Anthony Petcopoulos, Thursday 8 May, 1-3pm, at Masonic Centre, 6 Byron St, Byron Bay. Info: Celia 6684 3623.

ADFAS Byron Bay

A Woman Artist Looks at Women Painters: a talk by Ghislaine Howard, artist and lecturer at the Manchester School of Art, Monday 19 May at 6.30pm at the A&I Hall, Bangalow. Doors open 6pm, ADFAS members free, guests \$25.

U3A Brunswick Valley

Tues 13 May, at the Brunswick Valley Historical Society Museum in Mullumbimby where Peter and Susan will show us various displays and videos. Please be at the museum by 10am. Enquiries 6684 4787.

At Mullum Gardens

Basket weaving at Mullumbimby Community Gardens. Bookings: kimjtait@gmail.com or 0413 318 829. Monthly astrology group starting Sunday 4 May, 2-4pm. Contact Kaye: kaye-groves@gmail.com. QiGung continues every Wednesday, contact Kaye: kaye-groves@gmail.com. Permaculture for mums and bubs six Thursdays mornings, starting 8 May; details: inicastar@hotmail.com or 6684 3680.

U3A Ballina/Byron

On 13/5/14 at 10am in the Brunswick Heads Bowling Club, Kirsty Sked will talk about her work and experiences in the Congo. Enquiries 6680 7350.

Street stall

The Josephite Associates will hold a street stall in Bangalow on Friday 9 May; all proceeds to help educate children in East Timor. Enq Jan 6684 7241.

Garage sale

Byron Aged Care Aux will have a garage sale at 51 Stuart St, Mullumbimby, Sat 24 May commencing at 8am. Enq Jan 6684 7241.

Free moon viewing

Join Marie and Philip to look at the moon and planets through their large telescope Wednesday 7 May from about 5pm at the corner of Mullumbimby St and The Terrace, Brunswick Heads. Details www.starrynight.com.au or 0413 779 223.

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Dead Board

Byron Bay's Lone Goat Gallery announces Dead Board, an ongoing series of video works by Australian artist Scott Redford, 10am-4pm, Byron Bay Library Building, cnr Lawson and Middleton Sts, till Wednesday 14 May.

VIEW Club

Next luncheon meeting is Thursday 8 May at Ocean Shores Country Club

10.30am. Apologies to Rae 6684 3711 by Monday 5 May.

Chess club

Mullum Junior Chess Club this term will be on Tuesdays after school (about 3.15pm start) until 4.45pm starting Week 2 in the Mullumbimby High School library. Mike 6684 6281 for more details.

Maternity info

The northern rivers branch of Maternity Coalition is now offering 2-hour information sessions for expectant parents, 5.30-7.30pm, Tuesday 6 May, Red Tent Yoga, Tasman Way, Byron Arts and Industry Estate. \$5 tickets at door.

Orchid news

Byron District Orchid Society will meet at Helen Parker's home in Brunswick Heads on Saturday 10 May at 9.30 and at Ewingsdale Hall on Monday 12 May from 7.30. For more info phone Helen 0432 390 650.

Op shop

Uniting Church Op Shop, Dalley Street, Mullumbimby open each Saturday 8am-noon.

Biggest Morning Teas

Tintenbar will be holding its Biggest Morning Tea on 12 May at 10am at the Tintenbar Hall, George St, Tintenbar. Entry fee is \$5. Enquiries Marg 6687 8033. On Tuesday 20 May Cancer Council NSW and Madura Tea Estates are launching this event at Byron Bay Lighthouse. Parking at Clarkes Beach carpark and Regional Sport & Cultural Complex in Ewingsdale Rd. Shuttle-bus service will run every 20 minutes 7am to 12 noon.

All-Town Garage Sale

Registrations for this year's Brunswick Heads Old & Gold Festival are now open. Phone 6685 1754.

Toddler Time

Toddler Time returns for Term 2, Mondays 9.30-11am, Mullum Neighbourhood Centre. Enq 6684 1286.

Free symposium

Climate Change Activism and the Law - free public symposium hosted by School of Law & Justice, SCU and Griffith Climate Change Response Program. Tuesday 27 May at 5pm, Whitebrook Theatre, SCU, Lismore.

Scrabble group

Fun-loving group of people meet every two weeks to play Scrabble at the Tintenbar Hall at 10am. Contact Marg 6687 8793 for more information.

Brunswick Heads Dunecare

Meets at the surf club 8.30am every 4th Sunday of the month. Contact Greg McDonald 0414 457 346.

Wool wanted

The Lilac Ladies from Mullumbimby Hospital take great pleasure in gifting to new parents hand-knitted beanies and booties to celebrate their special delivery. We are always seeking donations of baby wool. Please drop it off at the hospital or phone 6680 2072 for pickup.

Craft group

Do you like to do crafty things with needles, pins and hooks of all kinds? The Uniting Social and Craft Group gets together every Monday 9.30am-3pm (approx) at the Uniting Church, Carlyle Street, Byron Bay. Patchworkers and quilters are at the same place from 6pm to 9pm. Phone Tilly for info 6685 5985.

Co-dependents Anonymous

Co-dependents Anonymous (CoDA) is a worldwide network of groups of men and women learning how to develop and maintain healthy and fulfilling relationships. For more information, and meetings in your area, visit www.codependentsanonymous.org.au or phone 9281 3330.

Oneness Byron

Our regular meeting on Thursday this week is cancelled owing to special Oneness meditation + transmission on Friday 9 May, 7pm to 9pm at Red Tent Yoga, Byron A&I Estate. Donation \$12. Nura 0427 847 210 for info.

Chemical free landcare

Byron Shire Chemical Free Landcare next working bee Saturday 10 May, 9am to 1.30pm at the Brunswick Heads Crown land reserve site. Meet at the end of South Beach Road fire track gate down by the seaside. More info please phone Terry 6684 7641.

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

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INDIE ROCK-FOLK HEROES BOY & BEAR HAVE LIVED THE MUSICAL FAIRYTALE.

Forming in 2009 and then scoring an impressive five from seven nominated Arias for their debut release *Moonfire* in 2011, it seems the lads can't put a foot wrong. Where most bands have some trepidation about the follow-up second album, B&B were philosophical.

Of the 2013 release *Harlequin Dream*, bass player Dave Syme believed 'success is always a surprise and you can't rest assured that it will ever happen again. It's not like you can even try to make it happen again. The gig difference with our second album was that we decided to take more control and to be more involved in the decision-making process.'

Boy & Bear are currently just over two weeks into a national regional tour following on from their time in the UK and the US at the beginning of the year. 'It's great for us,' says Dave, 'because we will be going back to play the US and Europe later in the year and we are working on some new ideas. We try to find some time in the touring to workshop new material for an upcoming album. The shows overseas have been amazing; we are being welcomed by a lot of people!'

Syme was even more surprised last month when the band flew in to play the follow-up set after the Doobie Brothers at Perth's West Coast Blues Festival.

'It was great hanging out with the Doobie Brothers after the show. What was funny was one of the guys, Tom, was taking photos with us and sending them back to his daughter in the US because she's a big Boy & Bear fan! That was a pretty cool moment!'

North coast music lovers saw Boy & Bear in full show mode at last year's Splendour in the Grass when they walked out to a tent of more than 10,000 eager fans.

'It's amazing to get that kind of response from an audience,' says Syme.

Initially a solo project with Dave Hosking on vocals and guitar, Boy & Bear expanded organically with players joining until by November 2009 the band was 'a combination of drivey indie folk and choral harmonies'. According to Dave Symes, Boy and Bear are that magic combination of players that got it right from the start.

'I think it's a hard thing to get right and it takes a lot of personalities and characters in a band to respect and understand, and that can be hard in the arts because there is a lot of ego out there. What we pride ourselves on is that we are a band where we all have a voice and we respect each other's ideas and try to find the same vision.'



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WORLD'S GREATEST MUM

The second Sunday of May is Mothers Day. Although this pageant of slippers, cards and homemade pasta necklaces that we know today started in West Virginia in 1908, Mothers Day has occurred throughout the world over thousands of years. It has been known as the Greek cult of Cybele, worshipping a pregnant mountain woman seated on a lion throne, and the Roman festival of Hilaria was similarly themed; there was even an early Christian celebration called Mothering Sunday (although this did start as a celebration of the church, not motherhood).

Mothers Day is now a worldwide commercial event that claims to recognise the post-birth slog of us breeders. It's a day of mother worship that usually includes some half-arsed attempt at breakfast in bed – which you will have to clean up afterwards – a less-than-enthusiastic foot rub, and maybe, if you are lucky, a homemade card (generally just some A4 from the printer, folded in half, with a few scribbles). The homemade card generally says patronising stuff like 'to the world's greatest mum'.

I find the brash overstatements of my motherly greatness insulting. Clearly this is an unfounded and wildly incorrect statement. If I am truly the World's Greatest Mum, then why hasn't anyone nominated me for Australian Mother of the Year? I'd just like to know what kind of criteria that contest is judged on and why those super-compassionate amazing beacons of love don't consider how high they set the bar for the rest of us maternal underachievers.

I think it's time for a new category, something that recognises ordinary mothering. Every year I hope that someone has noticed all the sacrifices that I haven't made along the way, heard me whingeing about having to drive my high-achieving super-focused sporty son whom I probably don't deserve to fricking soccer or threaten my five-year-old at the airport with 'If you don't stop hassling me for a packet of chips right now I'm not taking you on the plane'. Then when she starts crying at the prospect of impending abandonment, 'It's okay, Mummy was just joking. Here're your chips. See, it's good. Mummy's good.'

World's Greatest Mum has also been guilty of breaking into their piggy-banks to pay the cleaner. World's Greatest Mum got drunk one night and tried to feed the cat a muffin, much to the amusement of the kids who, the next day, found the half-eaten treat buttered and glad-wrapped in their lunchbox. World's Greatest Mum has also forgotten to attend parent-teacher meetings. In fact, once this amazing paragon of selfless propagation knew there was a meeting on but pretended to forget. Mother Of The Year has rarely done canteen. When school newsletters are circulated and requests for volunteers are sent this mother presses Delete. World's Greatest Mum has been known to let her kids sit on Facebook all day.

World's Greatest Mum has also helped one of her daughters forge the diary her orthodontist makes her keep to record how many hours she wears her headgear. World's Greatest Mum has been known to answer her phone while driving, to then be castigated by child in booster seat declaring, 'Stop, Mummy! No phones in the car!' World's Greatest Mum breast-fed all her kids for three years each, which makes her sound selfless, but really it was because some nights she couldn't be buggered cooking. While it was okay for the littlies and Dad it was always a hard sell for the teenagers.

World's Greatest Mum has forgotten to pick the kids up from the bus stop and they've had to walk in the rain. World's Greatest Mum has said to their kid who was worried about a dot on their leg, 'Probably cancer', and then pissed themselves laughing at how paranoid they got, then freaked out that it could have been cancer and taken them to the doctor who thought World's Greatest Mum had some sort of mental disorder.

My eldest daughter told me the other day that she saw the perfect Mothers Day card for me. It said: World's Okay-est Mum. I was touched. She totally gets me.

Mandy's new book *Boyfriends We've All Had and Shouldn't Have* is available at Mary Ryan's in Byron and the Book Warehouse in Lismore.



LIVE MUSIC

DAZING WITH KELLIE

Kellie Knight and the Daze are performing a special Mothers Day show at the **Beach Hotel** this **Sunday** for the funky dancing mamas of Byron Bay.

The Daze fuse old-school funk and urban groove with catchy rock licks and jazz-oriented lead, topped with powerhouse vocals to serve up eclectic retro funk, soul, nu jazz and rock music.

Influenced by artists such as James Brown, Stevie Wonder, Miles Davis, Sharon Jones and the Dap Kings and the like, this band show their might with guitar (Steve Mcleod) and keyboard improvisation (Alan Park) that will blow your mind, a rhythm section (Paul Brewer on bass and Keith Hammond on drums) that holds the solid groove and the powerful and versatile voice of Kellie Knight. Special guest backing vocals by **Rebecca Ireland** and **Belle Hendrik**. Not to be missed!

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Shivakti bring their magical brand of music, story, song and psychopop to town again at the boutique little venue **Creative Intuitive** in the Byron A&I Estate on **Friday**. An eclectic mix of guitar, humming harmonium and mellifluous vocals, and the heart-tugging strains of the Indian dilruba, and groove-driving bass and hand drums. Featuring Russell Hibbs, the Bard of Byron Bay; Mayinda Mayi, the Swedish Diva from Skane; Mitsuo Hanafusa, the Samurai from Fukuoka; and Anando Bharti, the Buddha of Toowoomba. Supported by Nyck Jeanes and Sonyck Kirtan. **7.30pm** at **Creative Intuitive**, 2/12 Bayshore Drive, Byron A&I Estate. Call 6685 5921 for details.

KU CRACKS THE CHAMPAGNE

Daniel Champagne first picked up a guitar at five years of age and he's never really put it down since. Following in the footsteps of a musical father, he began writing songs at 12, training classically throughout his teens and performing wherever he could, honing his craft and developing what would become the dynamite live show that he is renowned for today. At 18 he left school, turned professional and hit the road. Over the past five years, Daniel has shared the stage with the likes of Lucinda Williams, Judy Collins, INXS, John Butler and Ani DiFranco – all while writing, recording and



KELLIE KNIGHT AND THE DAZE AT THE BANGALOW PUB ON FRIDAY AND SUNDAY AT THE BEACH HOTEL

independently releasing two EPs, *My Own Design* (2009) and *Wide Eyed and Open* (2010), his first long player *Pint of Mystery* (2011) and the *Real Live* offering in 2012. He is joined by fellow troubadour **Shaun Kirk**, also hot off the heels of a Bluesfest performance, at the **Bangalow Bowlo** on **Sunday 18 May**. Tix: Pre \$18 (+bf) / Door \$22. Available www.kupromotions.com.au, and at the club. 7.30pm show.

SLIM SAYS YES TO NO DEPRESSION

Slim Pickens's fate was sealed when, as a crawling bub, he disappeared one day only to be found asleep inside his dad's guitar case. He reckons that he sometimes gets stuck in the 1930s and loves all that old Depression-era music. He plays *No Depression* at the **Gollan** in Lismore on **Thursday**.

GOING TO CHURCHILL

Singer-songwriter and guitarist **Kim Churchill's** new album *Window to the Sky* heralds a slight shift in this young musician's direction, capturing a new sense of freedom. A nomadic and hypnotising guitarist, Kim is recognised internationally as he is in Australia for his dynamic multi-instrumentation. He plays the **Hotel Great Northern** on **Thursday 15 May**.

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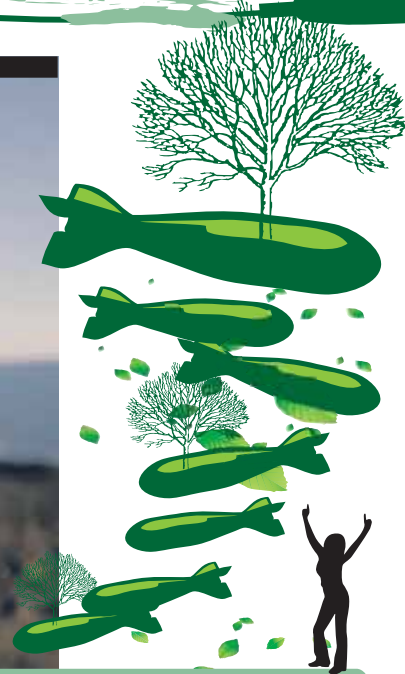


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DUSTIN THOMAS AT THE RAILS ON WEDNESDAY, THE BREWERY ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT THE SPHINX ROCK CAFE

FESTIVAL FAVOURITE HITS TOWN: DUSTIN THOMAS

After wowing Australian crowds this April on a national tour with **Nahko and Medicine for the People** (including their inaugural main stage appearance at Blues Festival), and also with some powerful solo headline performances including the Bali Spirit Festival and the Sydney Spirit Retreat in March, USA's singer/songwriter/author/activist **Dustin Thomas** returns to Australia for one week of intimate shows before returning to the States for a national summer tour. In just two years, this energetic young performer's storytelling prose has captivated audiences at premier festivals and venues across the globe, with soulful depth through reggae/rock, beatbox-folk tunes.

Thomas's instant notoriety has catapulted him on stage with some of the world's biggest names in the industry, including Xavier Rudd (Australia), Matisyahu (USA), Keller Williams (USA), The Dirty Heads (USA), Trevor Hall (USA), Beats Antique (USA), SOJA (USA), Cas Haley (USA) and Nahko and Medicine for the People (USA). **Wednesday** at the **Rails** in Byron from 6.30pm, **Saturday** at the **Brewery** and **Sunday** at the **Sphinx Rock Cafe**.



SHYBABY AT THE BEACH HOTEL ON FRIDAY

DARKLIGHT IN NIMBIN

Rob Yeatman brings his ballsy band **DarkLight** to the **Nimbin Hotel** this Friday, performing a selection of powerful originals and popular covers. Bassist **Jeremy Whitehead** (Mullumbimby) and acclaimed guest drummer **Rex Carter** (Round Mountain Girls) complete the band lineup. Beautiful songs with solid bottom end, fuelled by Rob's street-cred voice and stunning amplified 12-string guitar. Described as a classic songwriter with powerful delivery and stage presence, Rob has developed his unique approach to songwriting built around open guitar tunings and hypnotic keyboard drones. From 7.30pm.

PIGEON IN THE CAVO

Cavo and **Pigeon boy** will be flying over the area this weekend, first landing at **Pottsville Sports Club** on **Friday** at 7pm, then taking off for **Cabarita Sports Club** on **Saturday** for a 7pm show. Finally on **Sunday** they will be coming into roost at **Ocean Shores Country Club** for Mothers Day lunch at 12 noon.

BABIES ON THE BEACH

North coast favourites **Shybaby**, notorious for their good vibe and tasteful selection of great rock 'n' pop covers, return to the **Beach Hotel** this **Friday**. With their high-energy show big on audience interaction and party-rock fun, it'll go off like a frog in a sock – from 9pm.

MOVEMENT AND MUSIC WORKSHOPS

Local Indigenous performers and aspiring performers are invited to attend a workshop with dancer and choreographer Rings and composer David Page – both artists in residence with Bangarra Dance Theatre. The workshop will explore contemporary and hip-hop dance moves, vocal skills for acting and freestyling, and connect participate with culture and language. Friday 16 May 5–8pm and Saturday 17 May 10am–1pm at Lismore City Hall. Free admission, but bookings essential. Bookings to 1300 066 772.

THINK ZINC

Pink Zinc are a five-piece local covers band fronted by the dynamic **Sarah Grant**. Delivering classic tunes from the swinging 60s, soulful funk from the Motown era right through to modern hits. **Ballina RSL** on **Friday**.



DIANA ANAID DUO AT THE BALLINA RSL ON



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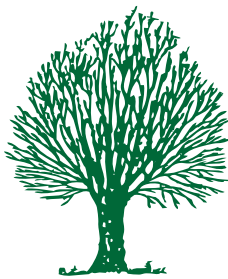


CULTURE

MOTHERS DAY PARADISE

Music, art, poetry and of course food. If you want to treat Mum to something a little off the grid then maybe it's time for a little

re-birthing back to the **ArtWomb**. **ArtWomb** hosts an open stage, provides a selection of quality instruments and space for individuals to share collaborations, be that music, dance or art. Performances from Muana, Penny Skehan and Scott Free and entry by donation. Starts at 5.30pm at Paradise One, 139 Newes Rd, Coorabell, and then every second Sunday of the month.



PLANTING THE SEED AT WOODFORD!

It's taken some time but **The Planting**, the small but perfectly formed annual festival held at **Woodfordia**, the home of the Woodford Folk Festival, is finally coming of age.

With more than 100,000 native trees planted and nurtured by volunteers over the last 20 years, the festival has played a significant part in the creation of the people's parkland now known as Woodfordia. The transformation of the site has progressed so well that organisers have decided this year's event will be the last to feature a mass planting of trees. In future years, work will concentrate on 'micro projects' around the site as it continues to evolve and mature. Apart from the voluntary planting duties, this year's festival program is rich with music and comedy, walks and talks, workshops and movies. The Planting is an ideal opportunity for families to combine a weekend's camping in a beautiful natural setting with some great entertainment and a chance to learn a bit more about our world and how we can help to improve it. The Planting is held from the Friday to Sunday night.

On the music front, there's something for all tastes with a busy lineup including guitar virtuoso **Jeff Lang**, folk minstrel **Darren Hanlon** and the hilarious **Tripod**. Other performers include Glenn Skuthorpe, Andrea Kirwin, The Mae Trio, Barleyshakes, Mandy Nolan, Starboard Cannons, Martin Pearson and Formidable Vegetable Sound System. Bees and bamboo feature strongly in this year's expanded menu of workshops and demonstrations organised for the Saturday and Sunday.

For more information about **The Planting 2014**, including ticket pricing, please visit: www.theplantingfestival.com. RSVP for catering purposes to 6674 5777 or email debbie@boardwalkbooks.com.au.



STILL FROM *THE AMAZING CATFISH*, SCREENING AT THE SPANISH FILM FESTIVAL AT THE PALACE CINEMA IN BYRON STARTING THURSDAY AND RUNNING UNTIL THE FOLLOWING WEDNESDAY

OLE FOR SPANISH FILM!

Hot on the heels of the French Film Festival, the best of Spanish-language cinema hits the big screen for the **Spanish Film Festival**, screening at **Palace Byron Bay** from **Thursday to Wednesday**.

The opening night film, *Living is Easy with Eyes Closed*, is set against the stunning backdrop of Franco's sun-drenched Spain. This charming and bittersweet film is part road-trip, part coming-of-age tale, and offers a touching tribute to an unforgettable moment in time. The title comes from John Lennon's enigmatic song *Strawberry Fields Forever*, written by Lennon in Almeria, Spain, when he was there filming *How I Won the War*. The year was 1966, and small-town school teacher Antonio, who uses Beatles lyrics to teach his students English, decides to take a journey across Spain to meet his hero, picking up two hitchhikers along the way.

Opening-night guests will also enjoy post-film tapas, Spanish wines, beers and sangria, together with the evocative sounds of Byron Shire musician and Spanish guitarist Paul Serret, taking the audience on a Latin odyssey from bossa nova to flamenco, smooth jazz to romantic tango.

The closing-night film is Alex de la Iglesia's madly entertaining *Witching & Bitching*, a high-octane award-winning dark comedy, preceded by sangria, tapas and Estrella Damm beer. On **Mothers Day**, Sunday 11 May, mothers and others can enjoy a festive day with Spanish flair with a glass of bubbly and cake at a 12.45pm screening of *Three Many Weddings*. Spain's biggest box office hit in 2013, *Three Many Weddings* is an unapologetically raucous and entertaining not-to-be-missed romantic comedy.

With 11 outstanding films from Spain and Latin America, the Spanish Film Festival is a journey through the landscapes and cultures of one of Europe's most exciting and romantic countries. Program and tickets available at Palace Cinema box office, or online at www.spanishfilmfestival.com.

NELSON TWINS, JOEL CREASEY AND MANDY NOLAN: CURRUMBIN'S COMEDY TRIFECTA!

Lovers of comedy are in for a treat when **Currumbin RSL** presents Side Splitting Comedy with two of Australia's best up-and-coming comedy acts. Headlining is **Joel Creasey**. He has been called 'utterly brilliant' and it's no wonder. Creasey is one of the brightest stars in the Australian comedy firmament. After having burst onto the scene at the tender age of 19 he is now one of the best-known and most sought-after comedians in the country, and he's still only 25 years old! Creating controversy and gathering legions of new fans wherever he goes, Joel recounts mesmerising stories of his run-ins with celebrities, politicians, football teams, regional towns and of course his parents. Lovingly referred to as The Acid-Tongue Prince, in only a short time Joel has built a cult following that is rapidly spreading into the wider Australian community. He is joined by comedy doppelgangers **The Nelson Twins**.

It's undeniable that these identical twins are a unique standup act. They came to national prominence on *Australia's Got Talent* and ever since the boys have been raising hell as one of the most sought-after double acts in Australia, dazzling corporate and club crowds alike with their cheeky humour. They are joined by **MC Mandy Nolan** at the Currumbin RSL on **Thursday 15 May**.

Doors and bar open at 6.30pm with the show starting at 7.30pm. A free kids' club is open until 10pm and tickets are only \$20 for Club members or \$25 for non-members. Tickets can be purchased at the Club, by calling 5534 7999, or via the website www.currumbinrsl.com.au.



THE NELSON TWINS, STARRING AT SIDE SPLITTING COMEDY AT THE CURRUMBIN RSL THURSDAY 15 MAY

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WITH LILITH

This week's me-first Venus and mental-as-anything Mercury have citizens jumping to conclusions, making assumptions, overthinking. Antidote? Patience and discrimination...

♈ ARIES: This month's about money, honey. Firstly, how to get it: With Venus in Aries this weekend, you'll be alarmingly charming and persuasive, your own best pr person. Secondly, how to manage it: With sensible budget cuts and revamped financial plans. Finally, how to spend it: Just kidding...

♉ TAURUS: Tauran new year begins by challenging some old beliefs, because it's hard to find fresh perspectives with ancient attitudes obscuring the view. For instance, saying sorry when you feel it's you who's due an apology mightn't appeal, but those willing to try will find the results surprisingly instructive.

♊ GEMINI: This week has two distinctly different aspects – how Geminian! The first half recommends clearing your desktop, inbox, or work station of overdue residue. The second, when late-week Mercury sends social media into overdrive and you all a-Twitter, suggests googling the word *gongoozle*, then doing some quality gongoozling.

♋ CANCER: This week's lunar forecast says late-week Leo moon: If bossy, dramatic types are trying to railroad you, stand your ground. Weekend Virgo moon: Time to commence that new health initiative. Early-week Libra moon: Resist emotional spending, or letting your mind give you a hard time.

♌ LEO: This week's least successful role? Being stubborn. Best? Playing cheerful and upbeat – so dress to impress, present your best face, get out there and wow the crowds. There'll be plenty of friendly, informative energy from Venus in a fellow fire sign reigniting your confidence and charisma.

♍ VIRGO: Mercury moving into super-chatty Gemini promises no end of meetings, discussions and feasibility studies with stimulating opinions and exciting ideas. All of which need to be closely processed through late-week Virgo moon's exacting discrimination filter to sort the mad from the bad from the keepers.

♎ LIBRA: Libra's boss planet Venus in Aries, Aries' ruler Mars in Libra... meaning in streetspeak? That this week's people could get easily offended and upset. That partnership arguments need kindness and patience, not rules and ultimatums. And that this is all way more fun than it sounds.

♏ SCORPIO: Nursing grudges breeds gloomy moods, so you might want to address something that's been bugging you this week. Or not, if the timing isn't right. Whatever, remember the way you behave isn't just about you – it has a knock-on ripple effect on everyone you interact with.

♐ SAGITTARIUS: While wordy Mercury talking for two turns Sagittarians into verbal virtuosos, this week's asking you to attend to unfinished business, especially where care of pets, relatives and/or colleagues are concerned. Not feeling it? Then here's a deal: working in a bit of self-promo makes it more appealing.

♑ CAPRICORN: This week of duties, demands, obligations and responsibilities calls for humour, diplomacy and co-operation wherever possible. Factor in fun time with upbeat friends and loved ones to celebrate the delights of simply being alive on this planet of the senses. Savour life's flirtatious, playful side.

♒ AQUARIUS: This whole month centres round your base of operations. If certain plans take a nosedive look for sensible, workable alternatives. While agile Mercury in fellow mind sign Gemini brims with stimulating ideas and exciting options, this week's job is to choose the least stressful, most enjoyable.

♓ PISCES: Mercury in Gemini's the talker's transit, which means if you listen up you'll learn a lot this week. But it's also time for the annual lifestyle colonic, ie clearing away workplace accumulations, downsizing domestic congestion and detoxing your brainwaves from excess clutter – a highly worthwhile autumnal assignment.



ELLEN BRIGGS AND MANDY NOLAN AT BOARDWALK BOOKS IN KINGSCLIFF ON THURSDAY MORNING

MEN, TEA AND CAKE

Join comedian **Ellen Briggs** when she puts **Mandy Nolan** on the hotplate in a dynamic conversation focused on Nolan's newest comedic memoir *Boyfriends We've all Had and Shouldn't Have*. It's all about the journey to find Mr Right; let's just say the road was full of a lot of humps. Some harder to get over than others. Join them at **Boardwalk Books** on **Thursday** for a wild literary morning tea at 10am. Free!

Mostly set in a land in the woods near Mullum, 70s style, it was quite hilarious to encounter the devoted lover Lysander's interactions with the devoted son Demitrious. The fairies play with these puny humans' emotions in an hilarious way. Fate collides with the determined will of a brash and strong Fairy King. On another, more risqué and bawdy level, you are guaranteed to not miss a word from the irrepressible Bottom, along with his cohorts, who form a travelling show of sorts. Thumbs up to Quince, for trying to keep them in line. I can barely believe that theatre of this calibre exists within the confines of Mullumbimby! Drill Hall Mullumbimby: *A Midsummer Night's Dream* – **Friday to Sunday**. Tickets at the Mullumbimby Bookshop.

GO JUMP IN THE LAKE

Lake is a spectacular dance theatre work coming to **Lismore City Hall**. Merging contemporary dance, video and sound in an immersive experience, choreographer Lisa Wilson's vision is bold and deeply evocative. The work reflects on the journey of a relationship, evoking its path from sparkling reflection to murky depths, from intense beauty to chilling isolation to utter wilderness, and our deepest sense of ourselves in the world. **Tuesday 20** and **Wednesday 21** May at Lismore City Hall. Booking to Norpa on 1300 066 772 or www.norpa.org.au.



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MIDSUMMER'S LAST WEEK

Local theatre lover Sarah Smith provided *The Echo* with a review of the Drill Hall Theatre's production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. In lieu of this writer's not being able to attend and the fact that theatre is such a community labour of love, here are a few snippets: 'There is a rare treat on at the **Mullumbimby Drill Hall Theatre** for only the next couple of weeks: the best version of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* that I have ever witnessed, including exquisite mechanicals and costumes. The contagious joy owes a lot of its exuberance to the tight-knit cast and crew.

They have obviously worked very hard to deliver this professional, yet unique, transformation of this work. I was astounded not only by the quality of their acting, but also by the beautiful notes reached by both Helena and Hermia. Robin had me enthralled, as the trickster Puck in service to the deceptive and (scarily) convincing King Of The Fairies, Oberon. Titania, his enchanted (and enchanting) Queen, managed to convey a vast gamut of emotions in a rare and profound way, drawing me ever deeper into the story.



A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM ON ITS LAST WEEK AT THE DRILL HALL IN MULLUMBIMBY – FRIDAY TO SUNDAY THIS WEEK

CHESS by Ian Rogers

Play at Byron Services Club, Mon 7pm

The amazing Magnus Carlsen has added a new trick to his repertoire.

The world number one took out the elite Gashimov Memorial tournament in Shamkir, Azerbaijan, despite a mid-tournament collapse which would have demoralised a lesser player.

After a bright start, the 23-year-old Norwegian failed to convert a winning position against Sergey Karjakin in the third round and then lost two consecutive games – a failure which had not happened to Carlsen since his teenage years.

'Those losses were very difficult,' admitted Carlsen. 'My opponents played very well, very energetically and precisely. It can happen. In the second half I was highly motivated to get those points back.'

Going into the final round Carlsen was tied for first place with Italy's Fabiano Caruana, the world number four who had beaten Carlsen in the first cycle of the double round-robin tournament.

With almost \$50,000 on the line Carlsen played a near perfect game, neutralising a dangerous assault from Caruana to win the game and the tournament. To achieve his comeback Carlsen won as many games as the rest of the field put together.

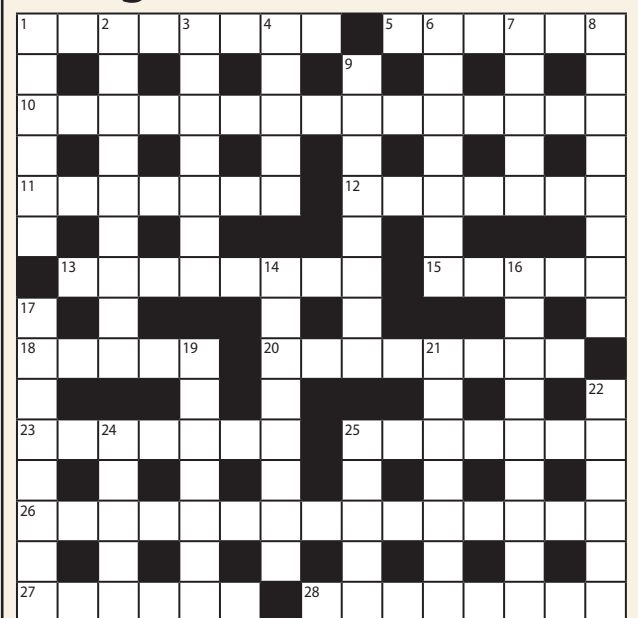
'I am happy that I managed to strike back,' said Carlsen after the key game. 'My play [during the tournament] was a little sluggish at times but I had the necessary combination of skill and luck to [win].'

Carlsen could also have mentioned his astonishing resilience. Chess is supposed to teach persistence in the face of adversity but most players are prepared to accept loss of form or a bad tournament. Not Carlsen. As Garry Kasparov tweeted after Carlsen's victory, 'Winning the final game shows a World Champion's class and heart.'

■ Young Australian players did very well in the recently completed 2014 Sydney International Open. The tournament was won by Queensland's Moulthun Ly, closely followed by Junta Ikeda from Canberra.

Mungo's Crossword

N016



Cryptic Clues

ACROSS

1. And the first shall be the last (8)
5. Climb up the backside, as Americans would say (6)
10. Earnest digger unearths Apollo gestation (15)
11. Spiv holds back knight, and takes a trip (7)
12. Mistake article in the last working day – designed for speed! (7)
13. Great work for monarch with real problem (4,4)
15. Eagles nest sounds weird (5)
18. Lodgers abandon front and back but go in anyway (5)
20. This poem is beyond speech (8)
23. Science in confusion, but still in good odour (7)
25. Decoration of ribbons is locked in repetition. (7)
26. Stones' memorial album, perhaps, is a study for 10 across (3,6,6)
27. Finish the measure before the sound of the bell (6)
28. He estimates idiots, with a short pain (8)

DOWN

1. Presumptuous, and risen above sorrow (6)
2. Hebrew scholar to reluctantly admit lust (9)
3. Chinese dynasty embraces Oriental alien in assembly (7)
4. Up and down rule (5)
6. Affliction produces swelling, firm inside (7)
7. Heath and Jong? (5)
8. Dined, ate, suffered: now locked up (8)
9. Finds skeletal remains around a tree – signals for help (8)
14. Number one man in the oil company gets a coffee. (8)
16. Responses about lawsuits (9)
17. Shrink from insult? (8)
19. Called Sellers, we hear, in Myanmar (7)
21. Blue view of Russian river (7)
22. Contortionist goes on a spree (6)
24. There's chromium upriver, that's the belief (5)
25. Radio for parts for the expensive car (5)

Quick Clues

ACROSS

1. Final, perfect (8)
5. Climb, rise (6)
10. Expert on fossils (15)
11. Tripper, traveller for pleasure (7)
12. Very fast Italian car (7)
13. Tragedy by Shakespeare (4,4)
15. Eagle's nest (5)
18. Go inside, penetrate (5)
20. Rural, especially of poetry (8)
23. Eastern perfume used in church (7)
25. Bunch of ribbons used as decoration (7)
26. What 10 across studies (3,6,6)
27. Finale, conclusion (6)
28. Estimator, especially for insurance purposes (8)

DOWN

1. Pushy, cheeky (6)
2. Scholar of sacred Hebrew writing (9)
3. Assembly, gathering (7)
4. Rule, doctrine (5)
6. Punish, afflict (7)
7. The heath bush (5)
8. Prisoner, one under strain (8)
9. Blazes lit as signals or celebrations (8)
14. Italian coffee (8)
16. Responses, reverse movements (9)
17. Put down, denigrate (8)
19. Capital of Burma (7)
21. Offensive, pornographic (7)
22. Drinking spree (6)
24. Belief system (5)
25. Buns served with a meal (5)

Last week's solution N015

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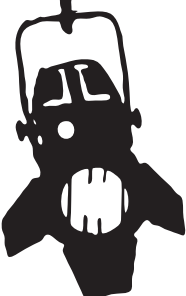
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WEDNESDAY 7

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 8PM **KARAOKE**
- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **GAVIN DONIGER**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 6.30PM **DUSTIN THOMAS**
- BYRON BREWERY 7PM **OPEN MIC**
- COCOMANGAS, BYRON **DJ JIMMY D**
- BALLINA HOTEL 6PM **OPEN MIC WITH RHYTHM SHIFT**
- BALLINA RSL **DOWNTOWN THE MOD MUSICAL**
- ELTHAM PUB 6.30PM **NOT QUITE FOLK JAM NIGHT**

THURSDAY 8

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 8PM **HIT THAT HIT MUSICAL BINGO**
- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **KYLE LIONHART**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON **MESCALITO BLUES**
- COCOMANGAS BYRON **DJ JIMMY D**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON **CLUB RAIDERS DJS**
- BYRON BREWERY 7.30PM **AUSTRALIANA W COCKATOO PAUL**
- SOHO LOUNGE, BYRON **LIVE MUSIC W GROUNDSWELL**
- PALACE CINEMA, BYRON **SPANISH FILM FESTIVAL**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 7.30PM **JOSH LEE HAMILTON**
- OCEAN SHORES TAVERN 8PM **SH*TS & GIGGLES COMEDY WITH GREG SULLIVAN**
- BALLINA RSL **DOWNTOWN THE MOD MUSICAL**
- SLIPWAY HOTEL, BALLINA 6.30PM **ADAM BROWN**
- GOLLAN HOTEL, LISMORE 7PM **SLIM PICKENS PLAYS NO DEPRESSION**



- TATTS HOTEL, LISMORE 7PM **KYLE WATSON** 8PM **BITTER SWEET KICKS**
- BOARDWALK BOOKS, KINGSCLIFF 10AM **MANDY NOLAN 'BOYFRIENDS' BOOK LAUNCH WITH ELLEN BRIGGS**
- MURWILLUMBAH RSL 5.30PM **PHIL GUEST**
- TUMBULGUM HOTEL 7PM **UKE NIGHT WITH STUKULELE & MISS AMBER**

FRIDAY 9

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 5PM **LEIGH JAMES** 9PM **SHYBABY**
- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **3 CORNERED SQUARE, REILLY FITZALAN BAND, TAYA MILLS**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON **MARSHALL & THE PRIDE**
- COCOMANGAS, BYRON **DJS QC & JIMMY D**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 8PM **DJ JON**
- BYRON BREWERY 8PM **SHE REX & LEPERS & CROOKS**
- SOHO LOUNGE, BYRON **DEEP N DELICIOUS W CHOPSUEY**
- PALACE CINEMA, BYRON **SPANISH FILM FESTIVAL**
- LUSCIOUS, BYRON **DINKUM BOHOS**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 7.30PM **JACKSON JAMES SMITH**
- PIZZA PARADISO, SUFFOLK PARK 6.30PM **GREG TEW**
- CREATIVE INTUITIVE, BYRON 7.30PM **SHIVAKTI W RUSSELL HIBBS**

- BANGALOW HOTEL 7.30PM **KELLIE KNIGHT & THE DAZE**
- BRUNSWICK HOTEL **DIANA ANAID**
- DRILL HALL, MULLUMBIMBY 7.30PM **A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM**
- ST MARTINS PARISH HALL, MULLUMBIMBY 7PM **COMMUNITY KIRTAN**
- BALLINA RSL 10AM **MORNING MELODIES: DEAN DOYLE W SOPHISTICATION** 8.30PM **PINK ZINC**
- TINTENBAR HALL **TINTENBAR UPFRONT W JACK'N'PEN, TELEGRAPH TOWER, GREG PIMM & JENNY CARGILL-STRONG**
- ELTHAM PUB 7PM **COOP**
- LISMORE CITY HALL 7.30PM **NICK PARNELL**
- TATTS HOTEL, LISMORE 5PM **KYLE WATSON**
- NIMBIN HOTEL 7.30PM **DARKLIGHT**
- POTTSVILLE SPORTS CLUB 7PM **CAVO & PIGEON BOY**
- CRABBES CREEK HALL **FAT ALBERT**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 7.30PM **TRACEY LEIGH**
- RIVERVIEW HOTEL, MURWILLUMBAH 7.30PM **ROBERT KEITH**
- CABARITA BEACH SPORTS CLUB 7.30PM **INEXCESS TRIBUTE SHOW**
- CURRUMBIN RSL **RAW ARTISTS SHOWCASE**
- COOLANGATTA HOTEL 8PM **RÜFÜS**

- SEAGULLS, TWEED HEADS **JEFF CAMILLERI**
- WOODFORD FESTIVAL SITE: **THE PLANTING**

SATURDAY 10

- BEACH HOTEL BYRON 9PM **DJ DISCROW**
- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **HITS & PITS WITH UNWRITTEN LAW, STRUNG OUT, FACE TO FACE**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON **DEVIL'S KIOSK**
- PALACE CINEMA, BYRON **SPANISH FILM FESTIVAL**
- COCOMANGAS, BYRON **DJS QC & JIMMY D**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 8PM **DJ SANCHEZ**
- BYRON BREWERY 7PM **DEUS EX-MACHINA MOVIE PREMIERE** 8.30PM **DUSTIN THOMAS**
- SOHO LOUNGE, BYRON **LIVE MUSIC W RAINDANCE**
- PIZZA PARADISO, SUFFOLK PARK 6.30PM **DINKUM BOHOS**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 7.30PM **JOSH LOVEGROVE**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7.30PM **ADAM BROWN**
- BANGALOW BOWLO 7PM **BLUES INC**
- LULU'S, MULLUMBIMBY 11AM **SLIM PICKENS**
- DRILL HALL, MULLUMBIMBY 7.30PM **A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM**
- BALLINA RSL 6.30PM **DIANA ANAID DUO**
- GOONELLABAH TAVERN 9PM **SKY DADDY**
- CORNDAL HALL 7.30PM **SKIT FOR BRAINS THEATRE CO PRESENTS STARKERS**

- TATTS HOTEL, LISMORE 6PM **AHIRU, JUST MONDAY, CONSPIRACY OF ONE, JOSHUA LEE WRIGHT**
- MARY G'S, LISMORE **ROCHELLE LEES BAND**
- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 7.30PM **CADILLAC ROCKERS**
- CABARITA SPORTS CLUB 7PM **CAVO & PIGEON BOY**
- CHINDERAH TAVERN 6PM **KIKU**
- CURRUMBIN RSL **BLUE POPPY**
- SEAGULLS, TWEED HEADS **CAPTAIN WOW DUO**
- SHEOAK SHACK, FINGAL HEAD 7PM **PHIL BARLOW**
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SUNDAY 11

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 4.30PM **KELLIE KNIGHT & THE DAZE** 8PM **DJ LONGTIME**
- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **GARRETT KATO**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON **THE SHOOFlys**
- PALACE CINEMA, BYRON **SPANISH FILM FESTIVAL**
- BYRON BAY GOLF CLUB 4PM **SUNDAY AFTERNOONS LIVE MUSIC**
- BYRON BREWERY 7PM **LAUREN ALEXANDER**
- SOHO LOUNGE, BYRON **RENDANG**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 2.30PM **SUNDAY FUNDAY W DJ LETHAL WEAPON III**
- PARADISE ONE, COORABELL 5.30PM **LIVE IN PARADISE: ARTWOMB**
- DRILL HALL, MULLUMBIMBY 7.30PM **A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM**
- OCEAN SHORES COUNTRY CLUB 12PM **CAVO & PIGEON BOY**
- CLUB LENNOX 4PM **THE DAN CLARK DUO**
- BALLINA RSL 12.30PM **GLENN MASSEY**
- ELTHAM PUB 2PM **NEIL MCCANN**
- SPHINX ROCK, MT BURRELL 1PM **DUSTIN THOMAS**

- STOKERS SIDING HALL 1PM **TROMBONE KELLIE & SCRUBBY PETE**
- CHILLINGHAM MARKETS, 10AM **MICK SABBAGE**
- CUDGEN SLSC, KINGSCLIFF 3PM **JON J BRADLEY**
- TYALGUM HOTEL 2PM **MONSTER GUITARS W ADAM HOLE & MARK EASTON**
- RIVERVIEW HOTEL, MURWILLUMBAH 2PM **MATT BUGGY**
- MANDALA ARTS CAFE, MERMAID BEACH 5.30PM **SAVE THE GREAT BARRIER REEF BENEFIT WITH DUSTIN THOMAS**
- SEAGULLS, TWEED HEADS **STEVEN MICHAEL**
- WOODFORD FESTIVAL SITE: **THE PLANTING**

MONDAY 12

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **NRL**
- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **HOSPO NIGHT**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON **JON J BRADLEY**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 8PM **DJ JON**
- BYRON BREWERY 7PM **BREWERY DJ**
- PALACE CINEMA, BYRON **SPANISH FILM FESTIVAL**

TUESDAY 13

- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 7.30PM **OPEN MIC NIGHT**
- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **MARSHALL O'KELL**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON **TIM STOKES**
- BYRON BREWERY 7PM **BREWERY DJ**
- PALACE CINEMA, BYRON **SPANISH FILM FESTIVAL**
- COCOMANGAS, BYRON **DJ JIMMY D & TAYA**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON **DJ SANCHEZ**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7.30PM **BRACKETS OPEN MIC**
- LISMORE WORKERS CLUB 7.30PM **THE BELLOWS, THE 159ERS, CLOCKS AND DICE**

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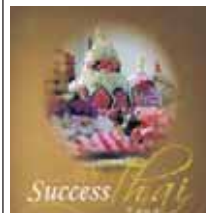
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Mothers Day Lunch

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Choosing a restaurant for a Mothers Day lunch next Sunday is a job best done a little earlier, but here are a couple of recommendations.

ITALIAN AT THE PACIFIC

If you are looking to spoil your mum this Mothers Day at The Italian – the three-course menu is \$65pp from midday Sunday. For bookings phone 6685 7005.

Italian at the Pacific is one of my favourite restaurants; it has both a cosy enclosed space and a covered outdoor space, and is open for its first Mothers Day lunch this year. Head chef William Ennis has worked in Michelin Star restaurants and won three chef's hats during his time at Sydney's acclaimed Bilson's Restaurant. He told The Echo that to celebrate mums he has created a special menu for the occasion. He has included some of The Italian's favourite dishes, such as Bangalow Pork Belly, and the decadent textures of chocolate with house-made Baileys ice-cream, as well as adding some new dishes such as lamb rump, smoked potato purée and asparagus with a tomato and thyme jus.

FINS RESTAURANT AT SALT

For bookings ph 6674 4833 or visit www.fins.com.au.

Fins Restaurant is located at Salt Village, South Kingscliff, and is famous for serving the very best local seafood (for the past 22 years) in a smart casual fine dining setting. It's well worth the drive to spoil your mum this Mothers Day with a long luncheon out on the deck at Fins. This year Fins are offering their full à la carte menu, along with a complimentary take-home pack of house-made Belgian chocolate truffles for Mum.

FOAM AT LENNOX

For bookings ph 6687 7757.

Foam at Lennox is a quality restaurant with a beachside feel; you can see the ocean from their deck in the old Seven Mile Café site on the esplanade. While the menu changes weekly, overall the emphasis is on fresh, clean, friendly food. They also have a reasonably priced wine list that is constantly changing with an emphasis on small organic, biodynamic and sustainable producers, all chosen for their suitability to complement food. Ideal for a long lunch!

GINGER PIG

For bookings ph 6685 7320 or visit www.gingerpigrestaurant.com.au.

Ginger Pig is a new restaurant/bar, located in Marvell St in the centre of Byron. Their aim is to provide modern Mediterranean cuisine in a simple and classic manner using the freshest local produce. Daniel and the team are offering a set menu starting at \$25 for two courses and \$30 for three courses with a glass of bubbles for your mum, to help you make the most of the opportunity to celebrate with the family.

FISHHEADS AT BYRON

For bookings ph 6680 7632 or visit www.fishheadsbyron.com.au.

Fishheads at Byron has an enviable location right on Main Beach. Their deck has views of the ocean, and the team are looking forward to spoiling your mum on Sunday. They have prepared a personalised dining experience to help you make your Mothers Day special, including a flower for Mum on arrival, hand-picked wines and cocktails, and a beautiful seasonal menu prepared especially for the day (lunch or dinner) in their relaxed, contemporary environment..



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				MAY 2014 Astronomical data and tides			
● First quarter		May 7	13:15				
○ Full moon		May 15	05:16				
● Third quarter		May 21	22:59				
● New moon		May 29	04:40				
Day of month	Sun rise	Sun set	Moon rise	Moon set	High tide, height (m)	Low tide, height (m)	
1	T 0612	1713	0746	1847	0944,1.45; 2151,1.82	0343,0.38; 1526,0.53	
2	F 0613	1712	0841	1936	1028,1.38; 2230,1.76	0427,0.42; 1604,0.59	
3	S 0614	1711	0931	2027	1111,1.33; 2310,1.69	0510,0.48; 1643,0.66	
4	S 0614	1711	1019	2118	1156,1.28; 2352,1.61	0555,0.54; 1725,0.72	
5	M 0615	1710	1102	2209	1245,1.25	0642,0.59; 1814,0.77	
6	T 0615	1709	1142	2301	0039,1.54; 1340,1.25	0732,0.62; 1912,0.81	
7	W 0616	1708	1219	2353	0134,1.48; 1442,1.27	0827,0.63; 2021,0.82	
8	T 0617	1708	1255		0236,1.44; 1543,1.32	0921,0.62; 2131,0.80	
9	F 0617	1707	1329	0044	0339,1.44; 1636,1.40	1011,0.59; 2235,0.74	
10	S 0618	1706	1404	0137	0435,1.45; 1721,1.49	1056,0.56; 2330,0.67	
11	S 0618	1706	1440	0230	0525,1.47; 1802,1.59	1136,0.52	
12	M 0619	1705	1517	0326	0611,1.50; 1841,1.69	0016,0.58; 1215,0.48	
13	T 0620	1704	1558	0423	0655,1.51; 1919,1.79	0100,0.49; 1253,0.45	
14	W 0620	1704	1643	0522	0740,1.52; 2000,1.87	0145,0.41; 1332,0.44	
15	T 0621	1703	1733	0623	0827,1.52; 2044,1.93	0230,0.35; 1415,0.43	
16	F 0621	1703	1827	0725	0915,1.51; 2129,1.95	0316,0.31; 1500,0.45	
17	S 0622	1702	1927	0825	1007,1.48; 2217,1.94	0406,0.30; 1548,0.48	
18	S 0623	1702	2029	0922	1101,1.45; 2309,1.89	0459,0.31; 1641,0.53	
19	M 0623	1701	2133	1015	1200,1.42	0555,0.34; 1737,0.58	
20	T 0624	1701	2236	1104	0004,1.82; 1300,1.41	0654,0.38; 1840,0.63	
21	W 0624	1700	2339	1149	0104,1.73; 1405,1.43	0753,0.41; 1950,0.66	
22	T 0625	1700		1231	0210,1.65; 1509,1.48	0852,0.43; 2104,0.65	
23	F 0625	1659	0041	1311	0318,1.59; 1610,1.56	0947,0.44; 2216,0.62	
24	S 0626	1659	0142	1350	0423,1.55; 1705,1.65	1040,0.44; 2322,0.56	
25	S 0627	1658	0241	1430	0522,1.52; 1756,1.73	1129,0.45	
26	M 0627	1658	0341	1511	0616,1.50; 1843,1.80	0021,0.50; 1214,0.46	
27	T 0628	1658	0439	1554	0706,1.47; 1926,1.84	0113,0.45; 1257,0.48	
28	W 0628	1658	0536	1640	0754,1.44; 2007,1.86	0159,0.42; 1337,0.51	
29	T 0629	1657	0631	1728	0838,1.42; 2046,1.85	0242,0.41; 1416,0.54	
30	F 0629	1657	0723	1818	0921,1.39; 2124,1.82	0323,0.42; 1455,0.57	
31	S 0630	1657	0812	1909	1002,1.36; 2201,1.78	0402,0.44; 1533,0.61	

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Chinderah: high 1 hr 15 min, low 2 hr; Terranora Inlet: high 2 hr 10 min, low 2 hr 25 min; Murwillumbah: high 2 hr 30 min, low 2 hr 50 min. Tides in bold indicate high tide of 1.7m or more and low tide of 0.3m or less.
Data courtesy of the National Tidal Centre.



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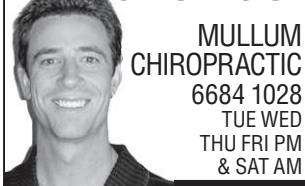
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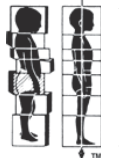


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Greg & Kerry Dexter are thrilled to announce the arrival of their Grandson. Son for Ben & Leesa Dexter little brother for Elanor

BIRTHDAYS

EUNICE WOOLNOUGH

95th birthday morning tea Sat May 10 at her home between 10am & 12.30pm. Relatives & friends welcome.



Happy Birthday
with love from
Carla the Echo Crew xx

DEATH NOTICES



Rowan Hunter Reddick
23.4.14

We love you more than life itself – forever in our hearts and in our thoughts.

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STEVEN CHARLES WHYBURN

07/01/53 - 01/05/14

Beloved son of Marge & Allan (dec.), loving brother Robyn (dec.) & Denise, cherished father of Kylie.

Sadly missed by family & friends. Forever loved, forever missed. Cremated in accordance to his wishes.

STEVEN WHYBURN

Late of Ocean Shores.

You were my Hero, for more than a day

'When we were young and free We laughed, played and climbed the tree. As a teen, I adored you from afar So handsome, you were my star. After this, we fell apart

Our lives moved on, but not my heart. You were my hero, for more than a day' From your cousin, Susan

STEVEN WHYBURN

Late of Ocean Shores

Much loved nephew of Irene and Edward Murray.

You will be sadly missed, always in our hearts

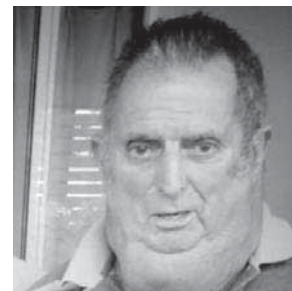
From Auntie Irene and Uncle Teddy

IN MEMORIAM

MILLI ~ 20/7/67-10/5/09



Always remembered with love, miss you so much, Mama & family



JOHN CORNALE

29/10/1941 - 9/5/2013

Husband of Dorothy, Father of Fay, Earl, Connie, Darren & their Partners. Poppy John to his Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren

RETURN THANK YOU

Thank you

Peter & Kiera would like to thank everyone for their love and support in this sad time.

Thank you to Michael Currie for your gentle kindness. The midwives at Mullumbimby and Tweed Heads hospitals, your care goes above and beyond. Deb Hayhoe, our amazing midwife who we couldn't have done without; your strength and love got us through.

To all of the local businesses, especially L Shannahan and Ken Staff, for your generosity and kindness, and to our beautiful families and friends – you are our rock.



The family of the late Ron Mills would like to thank all their relatives, friends and neighbours for their kindness, prayers, flowers and cards following the recent loss of a dear husband, father, father-in-law & poppy. Special thanks to Father Bill Mills & Father Lemon for the beautiful funeral service and also to the staff at both Mullumbimby & Lismore Base Hospitals.

He loved life, he lived a good life, he was a great man and a friend to many. Forever in our hearts.

Assistant Hire Controller, Byron Bay

Full time 45 hours/week – customer service focus

Duties include:

providing outstanding customer service scheduling and coordinating delivery and collection of hire equipment generating hire contracts and invoices

The successful applicant MUST have:

- previous customer service experience
- ability to handle a busy environment
- previous experience in a scheduling role managing deliveries
- a solid knowledge of types and uses of general hire equipment

Previous experience as a hire controller preferred

Email cover letter and resume to wendydlund@hotmail.com by 5pm 9/5/14



Next week's courses...

Starting Monday 12th May

- Free your inner public speaker

Starting Tuesday 13th May

- Apple Mac for beginners
- Computer basics
- Tai Chi/Qigong - an introduction
- Apple Mac - next step
- Illustrator CS6 for beginners
- Sewing for beginners

Starting Wednesday 14th May

- Tech savvy seniors
- Sustainable living tour
- Italian language & culture
- Indesign CS6 for beginners
- Radio Broadcasting

Starting Thursday 15th May

- Information session for Diploma in Community Services CHC50612
- Mosaic for beginners
- Computer basics
- Japanese for beginners
- Stretch sewing

Starting Friday 16th May

- Wild fermentation - home made probiotic foods
- Provide first aid
- CPR

Starting Saturday 17th May

- Smart phones & tablets
- Colour
- Writing for wellbeing
- Holistic reflexology - a pathway to wellbeing

Limited places - don't miss out!!
For more info and to enrol call 6684 3374
www.byroncollege.org.au

Self-Care Matters

Byron Regional Sport and Cultural Complex
249 Ewingsdale Road, Byron Bay
Thursday 15 May 2014 | 9.00am - 3.00pm

Presented by the Quest for Life Foundation and Byron Breast Cancer Support Group

How do we give compassionate care to others, when we feel weary ourselves?

Self-Care Matters is a program designed for people living with cancer, illness, trauma or any emotional or physical life challenge and their carers.

The Benefits

- prioritise your own self care
- create vibrant peace in your life
- support your health and wellbeing
- experience deep relaxation



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6680 8893 or 0408 336 351
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\$10 per person.

Free parking available.
Morning tea provided.
Please bring a plate to share for lunch.

Byron Shire Council

www.byron.nsw.gov.au

Looking for a rewarding career and great lifestyle on NSW's beautiful North Coast?

Two energetic, results-oriented leaders are wanted for one of the world's most iconic and high profile destinations.

These exciting senior roles operate within a multi-disciplined workforce and successful applicants will have well developed leadership and communication skills and a proven track record in operational efficiency and effective service delivery in a fast-paced, change-oriented workplace. Council is looking for self-assured, motivated and driven managers who will achieve outcomes and oversee efficient and effective services in their areas of responsibility.

Manager Open Space & Resource Recovery	Manager Community Development
Reporting to the Director Infrastructure Services and responsible for open space and recreation management, resource recovery and cleansing operations. An attractive remuneration package, including private use of a leaseback vehicle, is on offer. Enquiries: Phillip Holloway, Director Infrastructure Services.	Reporting to the Director Corporate and Community Services and responsible for children's services and community services including youth, disability, positive ageing and indigenous projects. An attractive remuneration package, including private use of a leaseback vehicle, is on offer. Enquiries: Mark Arnold, Director Corporate & Community Services.

An Information Package is available on Council's website at www.byron.nsw.gov.au.

Applications must address the selection criteria in the Information Package.

Enquiries to 02 6626 7000. **Applications close Friday 23 May, 2014.**



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LOST & FOUND

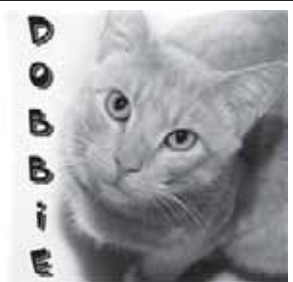
HAS ANYONE SEEN a BMW hubcap? logo in middle, fell off my car around Bruns, O.Shores, Mullum. 0421079561

LOST AT BRUNZ IGA beautiful blue bike, left accidentally. Reward 0405699550

LOST: Would the person who rescued our much loved Staffy from Broken Head Rd near Beaches of Byron 27th May please contact 0474098428

PETS

PETS FOR LIFE ANIMAL SHELTER



DOBBIE is a ginger boy. There is something very special about ginger cats, such great personalities, and Dobbie will not disappoint. Delightful friendly and easy going personality. Just adores human company, but sadly he never gets enough spending his days in the centre. Here he is giving that very appealing 'come and get me look', and he'd like you to know that he is very warm and cosy to cuddle up to.

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Please make an appointment
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This is the handsome **Ash**, a 6 month old fluffy, pale ginger boy. He has exquisite looks and is the most laid back and coolest cat in the shelter. He's a real smoocher and adores being cuddled and fussed over.

To meet him & our other beautiful cats & kittens, visit the **Cat Adoption Centre at 124 Dalley St, Mullumbimby.**

Open: Tues 2.30-4.30pm,
Thurs 3-5pm,
Sat 10-12 noon.
Call AWL 6684 4070.



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Adopt Me!



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Milly



Milly is a 10-month-old desexed female staffy x. She is smart, loyal and has a lot of love to give to a lucky owner. She is living on a property so is good around stock, chooks etc, and loves people.

If you can give Milly a permanent, loving home please contact the **Friends of the Pound Rehoming Centre** on (07) 5524 8590 or Pam on 0421 017 461.

Visit friendsofthepound.com to view other dogs and cats looking for a home.

Find Echo Classifieds on Echonetdaily every day

It's raining cats & dogs!

Every year many thousand unwanted cats and dogs are born to pets that haven't been desexed. And sadly, most end up being put down. So please...

desex your pets!

ONLY ADULTS

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Fun funky blonde 31yrs, fit, sexy, size 8. Text or call, no private numbers thanxx. Gem 0424369453

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EMERGENCY NUMBERS

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AMBULANCE, FIRE, POLICE	000
AMBULANCE Mullumbimby & Byron Bay	131 233
BRUNSWICK VALLEY RESCUE Primary rescue.....	6685 1999
BRUNSWICK MARINE RADIO TOWER	6685 0148
MULLUMBIMBY HOSPITAL	6684 2266
BYRON BAY HOSPITAL	6685 6200
POLICE Brunswick Heads.....	6685 1277
Mullumbimby.....	6684 2144
Byron Bay	6685 9499
Bangalow	6687 1404
STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE Storm & tempest damage, flooding.....	6684 3444
AIDS Confidential testing & information (ACON).....	6622 1555
AL-ANON Help for family & friends of alcoholics	1300 ALANON
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS 24 hours.....	1800 423 431
ANIMAL RESCUE (DOGS & CATS)	6622 1881
LIFELINE	131 114
MENSLINE 7pm-11pm nightly (phone counselling & referral for men).....	6622 2240
NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS Meets daily	6680 7280
NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE	6684 1286
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE 24 hour crisis line.....	1800 656 463
NORTHERN RIVERS GAMBLING SERVICE	6687 2520
NORTHERN RIVERS WILDLIFE CARERS.....	6628 1866
KOALA HOTLINE.....	6622 1233
GEORGE THE SNAKE MAN.....	0407 965 092
NSW Wildlife Information & Rescue Service (WIRES).....	6628 1898

Why no-one faints in art galleries in London

Daniel Sage

Charity begins at home, they say (in an election year for sure), but how do you help others when you need help yourself? It's a tough line for politicians. Is the UK government's odd silence actually a medical condition?

Like an awkward child kept hidden out of sight in case its behaviour causes outrage, this week's best-kept secret in Britain is that we fulfilled our charity aid commitments overseas to the tune of twenty billion dollars.

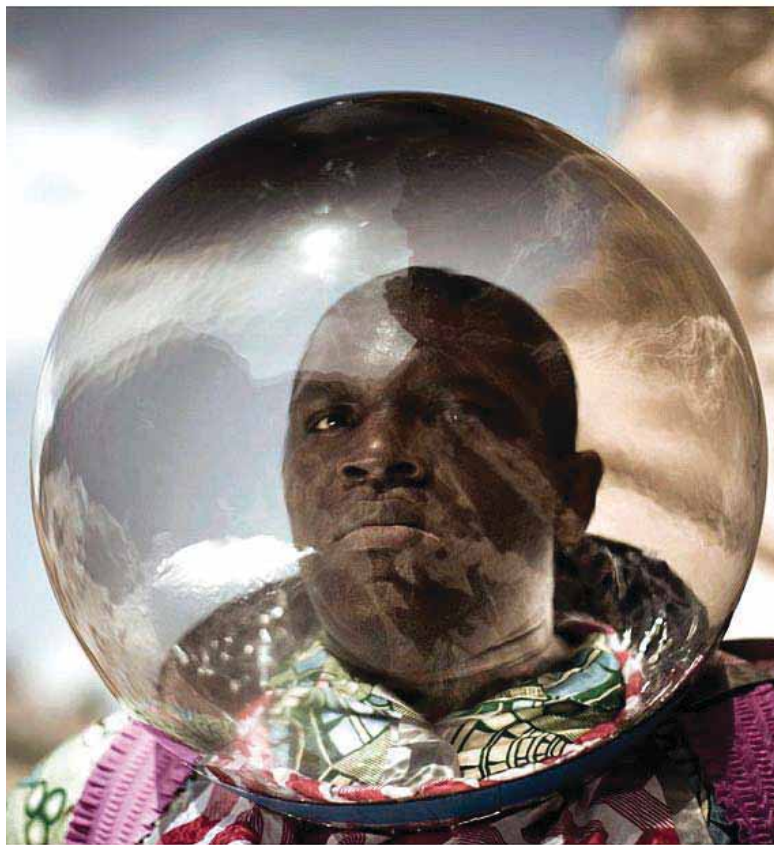
A squeak of a tweet from deputy prime minister Nick Clegg – in a caption beneath a shot of him having tea with Bill Gates – shared the news, which was then hardly mentioned anywhere in any other press. Suppressed almost.

A pledge of 0.7 per cent of gross national income (GNI) has stood since 1969 when a group of rich northern European countries came together under the proud but little-used banner of G7 nations. This year that means £11.4bn (A\$20.3bn) given by the UK to poorer nations in Africa and Asia, up nearly a third from last year.

Scandinavian countries routinely star at the top of the giving table, at around one per cent of GNI. The average industrialised country donation is 0.46 per cent.

In 1976, Australia committed to 0.47 per cent, a figure slashed repeatedly under the Hawke and Keating governments and then further under John Howard until he doubled it in 2005.

Okay, enough statistics. Substantial aid is a beautiful promise but



Self-styled Afronaut. From an art project about the ill-fated Namibian space project in the 1960s. Nowadays, poor countries want space programs to launch satellites. Source: Christina de Middel

not an easy one to keep.

And there are critics everywhere. Too much money is spent on flimsy projects, they cry; too much wasted on pricey consultants; donor countries use their own firms for services and procurement. The list goes on, detailing all the many foibles humans are prey to, as if a reminder is needed in case charity and kindness get out of hand.

And this is before we even get to the bone of contention du jour. For the last seven years the economic

crisis has hit British pockets hard. Austerity is the watchword, a concept easier to deal with in black-and-white photos and when rooted in the past.

The public appetite to send charity anywhere but home is practically nil. Hands are held out here wherever you turn. What about the flooding? What about our many have-nots? What about education, schools, welfare, street policing, immigrants... everything basically? Anyway, those other countries don't

seem too bad on TV. Poverty comes and goes. Aren't their carbon emissions getting too high?

But sometimes the arguments can be hard to fault. Six of the nations receiving aid from the UK have active space programs: Nigeria, Pakistan, China, India, Ethiopia and Bangladesh. Satellites for communications makes sense for economic growth but also makes an easy target.

The whole noble arrangement is much clouded, and no wonder it stirs high feeling. We are one of nature's supremely adaptable species, and in the West have understandably adapted to our comforts.

The present austerity is nothing like the Great Depression of the 1930s but it pains us all the same. I'm proud we still find resources to give to those much worse off, and perhaps the government is wise to keep quiet about it. Better charity than disparity but better quiet than a riot.

If taxes were paid fairly by all the overseas firms operating in Britain and based in London, the figures would be about the same. London puts so much effort into remaining an attractive place to do business, it tolerates a lot of nonsense other cities have regulations for, such as the vacant rent tax imposed on empty foreign-owned property in New York, or the bonus caps rolling out across the EU.

Perhaps it's the unwillingness to put lofty sentiments above all others that makes this place safe to visit. It's a sort of extreme inverted snobbery.

We give generously, but don't want to talk about it. If we do talk about it we complain endlessly and

may try to take some or all back. An outsider might faint from moral exhaustion. Which could be just the sort of medical condition we're missing.

Places where art and culture are the number-one draw can be home to peculiar health hazards. Paris, Jerusalem, Florence to name a few. Around twenty Japanese tourists in Paris, for example, are hospitalised every year with the condition called Paris Syndrome. Hallucinations, anxiety, and delusions of persecution are common. It's a relatively recent phenomenon.

Much older is Stendhal Syndrome, which affects visitors to Florence who faint in the Uffizi gallery, overwhelmed by the great beauty.

In Jerusalem, various forms of psychosis can occur suddenly and in people with no previous history of illness and across all religious groups. The theme is more religious here; sufferers get up to all sorts of antics – improvised sermons, trying to convert people, praying loudly in public.

They are cured by leaving town, and after few weeks return to normal (the cure is the same for the other conditions). It even affected Homer Simpson when he travelled to Israel in the episode *The Greatest Story Ever Dohed*.

So, we're not doing too badly. People speak English and you can find a decent cup of tea. Just don't ask for any donations.

And, more seriously, don't stand on the left on escalators. I wouldn't care to guess how many visitors end up needing medical treatment and it wouldn't be from fainting.



COUNCIL CONTACT DETAILS

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

Email council@byron.nsw.gov.au
Web www.byron.nsw.gov.au
Emergency after hours 6622 7022
Works Depot 6685 9300
Resident parking stickers Fax: 6684 3018
Sportsfield information line 6626 7111
SES Controller 6684 3444
Rural Fire Service 6684 3662
Myocum Waste & Recycling Centre 6684 1870
BRSCC (Byron Regional Sport and Cultural Complex) 6685 5911

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

PUBLIC EXHIBITIONS

2014/2015 Budget, Fees and Charges and Integrated Planning Documents

Council has resolved to place the 2014/2015 Integrated Planning documents, including the Draft Revised Delivery Program 2013-2017, on exhibition for public comment from 15 April 2014 to 16 May 2014.

The Integrated Planning documents referenced above, include:

- Draft Revised Delivery Program 2013-2017
- Draft Operational Plan 2014-2015
- Draft Statement of Revenue Policy 2014-2015 including:
2014/2015 Draft Budget
2014/2015 Draft Fees and Charges

Members of the public are encouraged to inspect these documents and make submissions to Council during the exhibition period. The documents may be inspected at Council's community access points throughout the Shire and on its website www.byron.nsw.gov.au.

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: 4.00pm Friday 16 May 2014

Enquiries: Mark Arnold 02 6626 7000

Amendment to Byron Developer Contributions Plan 2012 (Amendment 2)

At the 20 March 2014 Ordinary meeting Council resolved (14-116) that the 'Draft Byron Developer Contribution Plan 2012 (Amendment 2)' be placed on public exhibition in accordance with the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979 and Regulation, for a period of 28 days.'

An amendment to the Byron Developer Contributions Plan 2012 is on exhibition from 22 April to 20 May 2014 and is available for viewing at Council's administrative offices Mullumbimby, community access points and on Council's website at www.byron.nsw.gov.au/publicexhibition.

Submissions close: 4.00pm Tuesday 20 May 2014

Enquiries: Chris Soulsby 02 6626 7058

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

TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE

Byron Street, Bangalow Sunday 18 May 2014

Under the provisions of the Roads Act 1993, Council has approved the temporary road closure of Byron Street, Bangalow on Sunday 18 May 2014 for the staging of the annual Billy Cart Derby. The closure will be in effect from the roundabout at Lismore Road and Byron Street through to the Market and Byron Street intersection between the hours of 6.00am and 4.00pm. As in previous years, a signed detour will be in place via Deacon and Ashton Streets.

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: 4.00pm Wednesday 14 May 2014

Enquiries: Traffic Officer 02 6626 7080. Details are also on the event website www.bangalowbillycart.com.au.

PUBLIC EXHIBITION OF DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979

The following development applications have been received by Byron Shire Council and may be viewed on Council's website at www.byron.nsw.gov.au/development-applications-on-exhibition, or at the Council administrative centre during ordinary office hours.

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

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

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

EXHIBITION CLOSING 12 MAY 2014

10.2010.516.4 – OCEAN SHORES

113A Orana Road (Lot 100 DP 1140928)

Ocean Shores Country Club: *S96 – for design modifications to eastern terrace (alterations and refurbishment of the existing single storey club-house building, including relocating the gaming area and refurbishing the existing facility)*

EXHIBITION CLOSING 19 MAY 2014

10.2008.480.3 – MULLUMBIMBY

148 Left bank Road (Lot 11 DP 1127908)

Chris Lonergan – Town Planner: *S96 – for reconfiguration of approved lots and amend description of development (five lot subdivision)*

10.2014.180.1 – BYRON BAY

38 Paterson Street (Lot N DP 6270)

Harley Graham Architects: *Demolition of existing dwelling-house, erection of a detached dual occupancy and strata subdivision*

CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Late Night Bus and Lighthouse Shuttle, Byron Bay

Council are looking at the potential of operating a late night bus and Lighthouse shuttle bus service. The two services remain subject to approvals, for example NSW Transport approval and funding. At this time, Council is calling for expressions of interest from operators interested in such services.

Following the positive feedback received about the Late Night Bus and Park and Ride trial in Byron Bay over the 2013/14 peak summer season, Council is investigating ways to offer the late night service on an annual basis and trial a Lighthouse shuttle service.

Council has lodged a request with Transport for NSW for an exemption to the Passenger Transport Act 1990 and Passenger Transport Regulation 2007 from the requirement to hold a contract with Transport NSW to enable the bus operator to charge passengers a ticket price. If the request is successful, the exemption will apply to an accredited bus and coach operator to provide the service.

We are therefore, calling for expressions of interest from accredited bus and coach operators that may be interested in offering the above services on an annual basis. Further information and details of how the services operated in the 2013/14 summer season are available from the staff contact below.

Please note, no project funding is currently available and submission of this expression of interest may not lead to any further action on this matter. If the exemption described above is provided, details of the service provision are to be negotiated with Council.

An expression of interest form is available on Council's website at www.byron.nsw.gov.au/expressionsofinterest. Submissions should be made on this form 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: 4.00pm Friday 16 May 2014

Enquiries: Joanne McMurtry 02 6626 7316

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

SOUTH GOLDEN BEACH DRAINAGE COMMUNITY OPEN EVENING

Council has engaged Australian Wetlands Consulting to complete an options study into potential solutions to street drainage issues in South Golden Beach.

An open evening is planned for 12 May 2014 between 4.00 - 7.00pm at the South Golden Beach Community Centre, where residents can comment on options and conceptual sketches. Staff and the consultant will be looking for comments from the community via a simple anonymous survey at the open evening.

Following the open evening, the options study results, along with a proposed action plan and funding options will be reported to Council for resolution on a way forward.

Enquiries: James Flockton 02 6626 7158

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

10.2014.133.1 – FEDERAL

3 Weemala Lane (Lot 11 DP 790271)

Use of unauthorised shed as a habitable room and install amenities in existing shed

10.2014.182.1 – OCEAN SHORES

2/2 Gahwang Court (Lot 2 SP 87802)

Removal of one tree

10.2013.419.2 – TYAGARAH

Pacific Highway (Lots 103-105 DP 1023126)

S96 – to amend conditions relating to bushfire protection (erection of administration buildings for use associated with the Bluesfest annual music festival and Boomerang annual cultural festival)

10.2014.86.1 – SUFFOLK PARK

7/27 Kalemajere Drive (Lot 40 DP 270338)

Two storey dwelling and swimming pool

10.2014.118.1 – MULLUMBIMBY

8 Jubilee Avenue (Lot A DP 308182)

Secondary dwelling and carport

10.2014.140.1 – BYRON BAY

30 Beachcomber Drive (Lot 105 DP 262480)

Construct a roof over existing deck

10.2014.38.1 – SUFFOLK PARK

10 Teak Circuit (Lot 10 DP 811498)

Alteration/additions to existing dwelling to create a secondary dwelling and a swimming pool

10.2014.167.1 – SUFFOLK PARK

11 Dehnga Place (Lot 1 DP 1158538)

Use of front fence

10.2014.166.1 – MULLUMBIMBY

108 Stuart Street (Lot 1 DP 828493)

Alterations and use of tenancy 6 as food shop

10.2014.162.1 – POSSUM CREEK

341 Friday Hut Road (Lot 51 DP 1028938)

Addition of media room and office

10.2014.174.1 – OCEAN SHORES

4 Yengarie Way (Lot 515 DP 238451)

Install insulated panel roof over existing deck

APPLICATIONS REFUSED

10.2014.96.1 – SOUTH GOLDEN BEACH

2/16 Helen Street (Lot 2 DP 56789)

Additions to a deck within the setback area

APPLICATIONS WITHDRAWN

10.2014.31.1 – THE POCKET

955 The Pocket Road (Lot 3 DP 707651)

Buildings and works to establish a proposed telecommunications facility on the property that comprises a 40m monopole, equipment units and associated antennas, including the limited removal of trees

TEMPORARY CHANGES TO TRAFFIC

Mullumbimby Sunday 25 May 2014

Council advises that the annual 'Mullum to Bruns Paddle' is being held Sunday 25 May 2014 and while no road closures will be implemented, changes to local roads within Mullumbimby will be signed and in effect including:

One-way northbound on Brunswick Terrace and southbound on Gordon Street between Burringbar Street and Tyagarah Street

- Left turns not permitted from Tincogan Street into Brunswick Terrace, or from Gordon Street into Tyagarah Street

- 'No Right Turn' will be effective from Tincogan Street into Brunswick Terrace

- No on-street parking allowed along the residential side of Brunswick Terrace from Tincogan Street through to Gordon Street

Minor delays can be expected during the day.

This is not a Council event and further details are available via Brunswick Heads Visitor Centre 6685 1003 or the event website: www.mullum2brunspaddle.com.au.

Enquiries: Traffic Officer 02 6626 7080



Red Devils v



Giants

Local Derby



Les Donnelly Field: Be There Or Be Boring

John Campbell

If you've never been to the football at Les Donnelly Field you have been denied one of our Shire's genuine cultural experiences.

On the banks of the lazy Brunswick River and looked upon lovingly by serene Chincogan, LDF is a pungent, ribald and robust reminder of what social life in a country town was all about before bland sophistication arrived from the city. Nestled among cane fields, it marks the border between farmland and Mullum's residential spread as a bastion of bush footy.

The rugby league team that calls it home, and the crowd that turns up to support the boys are rooted in their environment, as are the crew who come to it to support visiting clubs from far and wide in the northern rivers. It is a scene of undiluted parochialism, the lifeblood of a long tradition in the area – it is Old School writ large.

Next Sunday, Mothers Day, Les Donnelly Field will be the scene of a local derby when the Mullumbimby Giants host their neighbours from across the highway, the Byron Bay Red Devils, in round five of the NRRRL competition.

There is no love lost between the two sides at the best of times. Mullum's mob are happy to see themselves as the battling fibros up against the deep-pocketed silvertails of the Bay – like Wests v Manly in battles of yore. The Devils regard the Giants as yokels with a complex. It gets personal on derby day, and no-one would have it any other



way. It matters.

Both sides have tasted the sweetness of grand-final victory in recent times. The Giants won the comp in 2004 (at LDF) and 2007 (Ballina), while Byron were crowned champions in 2008 after an extra-time victory over the Grafton Ghosts at Red Devil Park. Neither has added to the trophy cabinet since, but the glittering prize is anybody's this year and Sunday's clash has the potential to be a watershed moment for one of the

two sides.

Mullum, coached by Shane Diehm and captained by bearded centre Tim Abbott, will look to its forward pack, led by rangy prop Dan Molenaar, to put it over the Devils. Club stalwarts in the Woods brothers, Robbie Goodacre, Jake Francisco and pushed further by raw-boned rookies from the bench won't let down anybody in the blue-and-gold western bleachers.

The Red Devils' captain-coach Ryan O'Connell, along with five-eighth Jared De Thierry and forwards Eli Colby and Simon Kelly, are the remaining veterans from Byron's last premiership. They know as much as the rest of us that the Bay's PR of late has talked the talk without its on-field results quite living up to expectations.

The Giants and The Devils have both won two from four. A win will catapult one into a spot among the contenders. A loss will be a painful kick up the arse.

This is bound to be a terrific game of footy. There is a lot at stake and it's too tricky for any tipster to confidently predict the result. One thing you can be sure of, none of the players will troop off Les Donnelly Field with any petrol left in the tank.

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Rebels take no Bull from Casino

Dane Mitchell

Saturday saw two sides chasing their first win-of-the-season meet at Bangalow. The Bangalow Rebels, who have lost all three of their opening fixtures by four points or less, took on an improving Casino Bulls outfit determined to prove their competitiveness in the Far North Coast First Grade competition after some tough losses.

Bangalow got on the board early with a runaway try, followed up by another to evergreen prop Neil Moran, who achieved his first try of the year with an impressive left-foot step and 20-metre dash to the try line.

It was a tough forward battle with neither side giving an inch in defence. Bangalow began asserting their dominance mid-way through the first half with the work of a strong forward pack, led by captain Trent Hoscher and up-and-coming Bangalow juniors Zac Hill and Angus Dickson.

The game was then finished off in the backline by Ben Farrow at fullback and fellow junior product Jake Brumley who finished the day with two tries.

Casino scored a late consolation try to their winger. The final score was Bangalow 53, Casino seven.

The Bangalow Rebels' captain joined the club this year after playing first grade for Parramatta in the Shute Shield in 2012 and being Inverell and Central North player of the year last season.

He was pleased with the efforts of his team, but knows they still have a lot of work to do to beat the top sides. 'It was good to finally be in a winning dressing room', he said after the match. 'After a tough start to the year with close losses, we've had to really knuckle down and work on the basics to make sure we convert pressure into points.'

'Casino came out hard, competing very well defensively. In the forwards, it took us a while to get our systems working, but once we stuck to our style of play we were able to get on top and score some good tries.'

Bangalow travel to Wolongbar next week to tackle the undefeated Pioneers. 'I think they're the benchmark in this competition', said Hoscher. 'They have showed that so far this year. We're happy to go in as the underdog and see how we go.'

Season back on course for Devils

John Campbell

The NRRRL competition is still only young, but Byron Bay's 54-20 demolition of Northern United at Red Devil Park on Sunday was a much-needed return to the winner's circle for the home side. Having fallen to last year's grandfinalists - Murwillumbah and Ballina - in tough road trips, the boys would have been staring at a discouraging win/loss ratio of 1:3 had they not got the bickies.

Bitterly cold weather kept the crowd to an estimated 3,717, but those who braved the conditions were treated to a typically mercurial performance from the Devils, who mixed tardiness with class in what was always going to be a convincing victory.

Second-rower Joseph 'General' Gordon scored before the ground announcer had finished reading the team lists, and the Devils were very nearly in again from the resumption after a slicing run from centre William 'Doctor' King. They were in a groove and it was clear that if the Bay could maintain the pace at which they were executing then United would not live with them. And so it turned out - for the most part.

Capt/Coach Ryan 'the Crab' O'Connell regathered after a chip inside the opposition's twenty, passed to a ram-



Byron's full-back Jared De Thierry kicks on the fifth at Red Devil Park on Sunday.

bunctious Simon 'Nureyev' Kelly, who stepped through the defence as though he were a principal dancer for the Bolshoi. With Jared 'Monsieur' De Thierry's conversion, Byron was coasting at 10-0.

De Thierry then got a four-pointer for himself when he swept on a loose ball and raced 60 metres to score. Murder was imminent but, against the run of play, the Dirrawongs registered a simple draw-and-pass try that made locals wonder whether the Devils were about to enter one of their clocking-off phases.

Such concerns were dispelled when prop James 'Buddha' Griffiths stormed into a gap near the United line before delivering a beau-

tiful one-handed off-load for the tyro Lachlan 'Corporal' Jones to scramble in under the posts.

Thanks to the tireless efforts of a few old heads, notably Don Walker, who was ball-boy when Dally Messenger was going around, the Dirrawongs dug in and were trailing by a not-humiliating 26-10 at the break after Chris 'BB' King, wearing odd boots, was the recipient of a fab back-handed bullet-like pass from quietly spoken Hemi 'Sphere' Mullen.

It had been chilly all day, but suddenly it was cold enough to freeze the brass off a bald monkey. We all rugged up and, not surprisingly, the Dirrawongs emerged from

the sheds with not exactly a spring in their step.

The Old Bloke was mumbling something about what an awful place Guyra was in winter (nobody could argue) as the tireless, probing O'Connell got a deserved try and, doubtless in an effort to keep warm, a little barney erupted under the northern goalposts. Mullen and United's angry #12 were marched for ten. From the penalty, Kelly was unstoppable in storming over the line.

Further tries to De Thierry and Chris King, who notched his hat-trick at the death, sealed what was a handsome and critical if not entirely clinical win for the Bay.

Eight is enough for Rams



Connor Cannon - Photo Greg Meek

Anzac Day's third consecutive Anzac Cup Finals defeat seems to have had little impact on the composure of Byron's Park Hotel Rams. If anything, the loss appeared to fire the Byron boys up for Saturday's clash with Richmond Rovers at the Rec Ground.

The Reserve Grade match saw the Rams dominant but frustrated against a tough Rovers side. Despite moving the ball around freely and making plenty of attacking runs, Byron struggled to find a finish. A goal to George Martin put Byron on the board,

but a controversial penalty handed Rovers an equaliser. Another controversial decision in the Rovers' box denied the Rams a chance to reciprocate and the final score was deadlocked at one apiece.

The Premier Division looked like being an equally dogged affair, a tough battle from end to end for much of the first half. The in-form Rams piled on the pressure until striker Connor Cannon broke away from the Rovers' defence to take on and chip the keeper for the first half's only goal.

The second half brought more of the same but, with a second and third goal on the board, the Rams' confidence grew and Rovers form crumbled.

The Byron boys were on song - scoring seemingly at will over a completely demoralised Rovers.

Connor Cannon added another three to his personal account while two goals to James Tomlinson and one apiece to George Martin and Dakota Dixon King took the second half tally to seven.

The unprecedented 8-0

Derby coalition's Byron soiree



scoreline against one of the league's top teams signals Byron's intent - and ability - to dominate this season's competition. Game on!

Round 4 of the FFNC championship sees the Rams travel to the Plateau next Sunday for a Mothers Day clash against determined up-and-comers Alstonville. Reserves kick off at 12.30 and the Prens at 2.30pm. Don't miss it!

At the culmination of a full weekend of roller derby, it came down to a final between The Bay Rollers and Lismore's Northern Rivers Roller Derby. The first half saw NRRD streak away, but after the break, Byron surged and a see-saw battle ensued. Though Rollers, including 'Ella Basher' and 'Slongshot Polkadot' pictured, gave it their grungiest, Lismore rolled away with the 2014 title with a final score of 138 to 109. Photo Tree Faerie.

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Tallowood estate completes first stage of rehabilitation works

The first annual maintenance and monitoring progress report for Tallowood Ridge Estate has been released, with the planting of five thousand native species being one of the rehabilitation works Tallowood Ridge developers Gainsplay Pty Ltd have just completed.

The project was completed by respected national non-government science-based organisation Wetland Care, which aims to protect, promote and restore Australian wetlands.

Some of the rehabilitation completed includes erosion and weed control, fencing, environmental and rehabilitation works, including weed control and extensive reforestation.

One of the investors and longtime local, John Bennett, told *The Echo*, 'The Tallowood Ridge development has been divided into ten management zones set aside for environmental restoration and rehabilitation. The management zones are linked to particular stages of the development.'

'Wetland Care has been contracted to provide restoration and rehabilitation and monitoring services for the site.'

'The objectives of the restoration were to remove current threats, eg weed invasion and degradation by cattle, and to facilitate natural vegetations. This will also complement other areas of native vegetation and increase the biodiversity values of the site.'

'The project has successfully suppressed exotic species and established a native vegetation community. Over 5,000 tube stocks from more than 30 native species have been successfully planted and these are now well established with a less than five per cent mortality rate which is considered an excellent success rate, for a re-vegetation of this size.'

'Continued assessment of the health of the planted



trees will be a part of the monitoring and maintenance schedule. There has been a decrease in the number of exotic species and a slight increase in the number of native species. Emer-

gent species have now been recorded in both areas.

'The project has successfully suppressed weed species while re-establishing native vegetation. Tallowood Ridge will continue to

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BANGALOW REAL ESTATE & BYRON HINTERLAND PROPERTIES

21 Thomas Street, Bangalow. Sat 10–10.45am
112 Bangalow Road, Nashua. Sat 11.15–11.45am
322 Arthur Road, Corndale. Sat 12.15–1pm

BYRON BAY FIRST NATIONAL

20 Redgum Place, Suffolk Park. Wed 12–12.30pm
House 5, 1 Orara Court, Byron Bay. Wed 4–4.30pm
7 Botanic Court, Mullumbimby. Thu 12–12.30pm
2/52 Lawson Street, Byron Bay. Thu 12–12.30pm
125 Main Arm Road, Mullumbimby. Thu 1–1.30pm
Tallowood Ridge Estate, Tuckeroo Avenue, Mullumbimby. Thu 2–2.30pm
19 Heritage Court, Suffolk Park. Thu 4–4.30pm
9/45 Belongil Crescent, Byron Bay. Sat 10–10.30am
3/37 Childe Street, Byron Bay. Sat 10–10.30am
20 Redgum Place, Suffolk Park. Sat 10–10.30am
19 Heritage Court, Suffolk Park. Sat 10–10.30am
2/30 Brandon Street, Suffolk Park. Sat 10–10.30am
35 Alcorn Street, Suffolk Park. Sat 11–11.30am
18 Caniaba Crescent, Suffolk Park. Sat 11–11.30am
5/9 Massinger Street, Byron Bay. Sat 11–11.30am
12 Julian Rocks Drive, Byron Bay. Sat 11–11.30am
7 Botanic Court, Mullumbimby. Sat 12–12.30pm
37 Shirley Lane, Byron Bay. Sat 12–12.30pm
26a Alcorn Street, Suffolk Park. Sat 12–12.30pm
5/35 Childe Street, Byron Bay. Sat 12–12.30pm
125 Main Arm Road, Mullumbimby. Sat 1–1.30pm
106 Parkway Drive, Ewingsdale. Sat 1–1.30pm
Tallowood Ridge Estate, Tuckeroo Avenue, Mullumbimby. Sat 2–2.30pm

ELDERS BANGALOW

11 Byron Bay Road, Bangalow. Sat 10–10.30am
3 Marblewood Place, Bangalow. Sat 11–11.30am
24 Smith Street, Clunes. Sat 12–12.30pm

LJ HOOKER BRUNSWICK HEADS

7 Kolara Way, North Ocean Shores, Sat 10–10.30
3 Hottentot Crescent, Mullumbimby, Sat 11–11.30am

16 Warrambool Road, Ocean Shores, Sat 12–12.30pm
28 Warrambool Road, Ocean Shores, Sat 1–1.30pm

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Figtree Fields, Ewingsdale, Daily, 10am–12 noon
4/22 Mahogany Drive, Byron Bay. Fri, 5–5.30pm and Sat 10 May, 11–11.30am
1 Narooma Drive, Ocean Shores. Sat, 1–1.30pm
4/22 Mahogany Drive, Byron Bay. Sun, 11–11.30am

LOIS BUCKETT REAL ESTATE

6 Satinwood Place, Lennox Head. Sat 11–11.30am

MCGRATH BYRON BAY

14/6 Firewheel Place, Suffolk Park. Sat 10–10.30am
7 Granuaille Road, Bangalow. Sat 10–10.30am
711 Federal Drive, Federal. Sat 10–10.30am
1/17 Boondoon Crescent, Ocean Shores. Sat 10–10.30am
2/17 Boondoon Crescent, Ocean Shores. Sat 10.30–11am
2/15 Oceanside Place, Suffolk Park. Sat 11–11.30am
2 Coomburra Crescent, Ocean Shores. Sat 11.30am–12pm
12 & 2-10 Leslie Street, Bangalow. Sat 12–12.30pm
1/21 Cemetery Road, Byron Bay. Sat 1–1.30pm
2 Miriam Street, Wyrallah. Sat 2–2.30pm
35 Hillcrest Avenue, Goonellabah. Sat 3–3.30pm
388 Corndale Road, Corndale. Sat 4.30–5pm
7 Granuaille Road, Bangalow. Wed 3–3.30pm
Firewheel Place, Suffolk Park. Wed 4–4.30pm
Oceanside Place, Suffolk Park. Wed 5–5.30pm

PROFESSIONALS MULLUMBIMBY

32 Queen St, Mullumbimby. Sat 10–10.30am
1933a Coolamon Scenic Dr, Mullumbimby. Thu 4–5pm & Sat 11.15–12noon

RAYNE & HORNE BYRON BAY

91 Brushbox Dr, Mullumbimby. Sat 12–1pm
138 Orana Road, Ocean Shores. Wed 5–6pm, Sat 9.30–10.30am

RAY WHITE BYRON BAY

8 Lilli Pilli Drive, Byron Bay. Wed 11am–11.30am
6 Orara Court, Byron Bay. Thu 10.30am–11am
14 Bottlebrush Cres, Suffolk Park. Thu 5pm–5.30pm
8 Lilli Pilli Drive, Byron Bay. Sat 11am–11.30am
6 Orara Court, Byron Bay. Sat 11am–11.30am
14 Bottlebrush Cres, Suffolk Park. Sat 1.30pm–2pm

SCOTT HARVEY REAL ESTATE, BROOKLET

3/9 Seaview Street, East Ballina. 12pm–12.45pm

AUCTIONS

BANGALOW REAL ESTATE & BYRON HINTERLAND PROPERTIES

Auction onsite – postponed until 24 May, 12 noon

21 Thomas Street, Bangalow 3 bedroom, 1 bathroom.

BYRON BAY FIRST NATIONAL

Auction Sun 12pm, onsite

20 Redgum Place, Suffolk Park

ELDERS BANGALOW

Auction 6pm in our rooms, Thu 15 May

11 Byron Bay Rd, Bangalow

LOIS BUCKETT REAL ESTATE

Auction 5.30pm in our rooms Wed May 7

125 Alcorn Street, Suffolk Park

3 Daintree Drive, Lennox Head

188 Friday Hut Rd, Tintenbar

18 Hillcrest Drive, Tintenbar

29 Pacific Parade, Lennox Head

139 Bangalow Road, Byron Bay

PROFESSIONALS BYRON BAY

Auctions 11am in our office Sat 24 May

16 Honeysuckle Drive, Suffolk Park

33 Broadway Street, Burringbar

PROFESSIONALS MULLUMBIMBY

Auction 11.30am onsite Sat 17 May

1933a Coolamon Scenic Dr, Mullumbimby

Auction 1pm onsite Sat May 17

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Auction 10.30am onsite Sat May 10

138 Orana Road, Ocean Shores

RAY WHITE BYRON BAY

Auction 2pm onsite Sat 10 May

14 Bottlebrush Cres, Suffolk Park

Auction 12pm onsite Sun 11 May

20 Redgum Place, Suffolk Park

Auction 10am onsite Sat May 24

6 Orara Court, Byron Bay

Auction 11.30am onsite Sat May 24

8 Lilli Pilli Drive, Byron Bay

NEW LISTINGS

BYRON BAY FIRST NATIONAL

5/9 Massinger Street, Byron Bay. Interest Over \$599,000

19 Heritage Court, Suffolk Park. Auction

14 Citriadora Drive, Ewingsdale. Forthcoming auction

44 Shirley Street, Byron Bay. \$2,350,000 incl GST

1/49 Kingsley Street, Byron Bay. Interest over \$1,650,00

ELDERS BANGALOW

34 Second Street. East Lismore. Offers Over \$850,000.

LJ HOOKER BYRON BAY

21+24/9–13 Shirley Street, Outrigger Bay Apartments, Byron Bay. Unit 21 \$620,000 / Unit 24 \$679,000

11/3 Sallywattle Drive, Suffolk Park. Interest over \$399,000

1 Narooma Drive, Ocean Shores. \$579,000

1/24 Oodgeroo Gardens, Byron Bay. \$835,000

5/122 Lighthouse Road, Byron Bay. Holiday Apartment at Blue Chip location across Clarkes Beach. Price change: \$895,000

LOIS BUCKETT REAL ESTATE

6 Satinwood Place, Lennox Head \$700,000

1/13 Crane Street, Ballina. \$327,500

3/18 Gibbon Street, Lennox Head. \$550,000

4/42 Barrett Drive, Lennox Head. \$499,000

5/42 Barrett Drive, Lennox Head. \$549,000

4/6 Aurora Place, Lennox Head. \$355,000

6 Clement Place, Lennox Head. Guide \$440,000+

PROFESSIONALS BYRON BAY

Bundaleer Road, Broken Head. From \$950,000

Burringbar Road, Burringbar. \$379,000

Byron Street, Byron Bay. \$340,000

Fraser Road, Mullumbimby. \$1,620,000

Lilli Pilli Drive, Byron Bay. \$850,000

Main Arm Road, Mullumbimby. \$777,000

Uralba Road, Uralba. \$880,000

Byron Street, Byron Bay. \$270,000

Legges Lane, South Ballina. POA

PROFESSIONALS MULLUMBIMBY

12 Natan Court, Ocean Shores \$450,000

5 Rosewood Court, Mullumbimby \$430,000

RAY WHITE BYRON BAY

21/9-13 Shirley Street, Byron Bay. \$620,000

24/9-13 Shirley Street, Byron Bay. \$679,000

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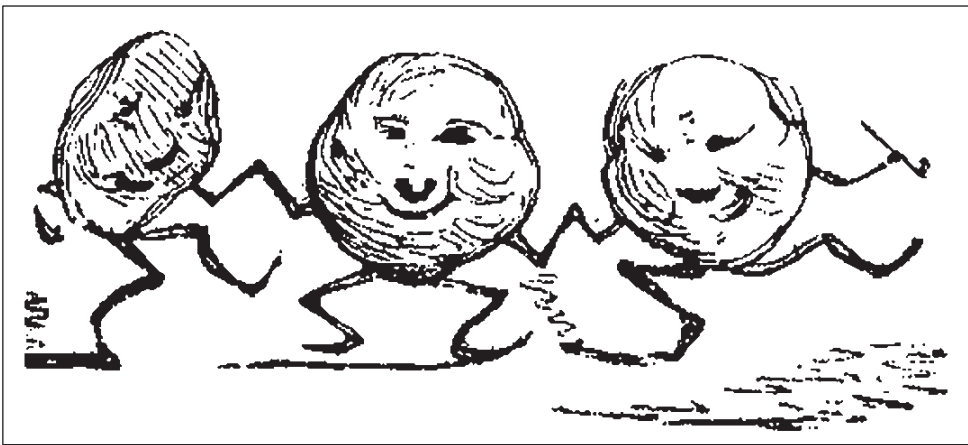
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It comes as no surprise to anyone who has not been living with their head in a bucket in a Wategos mansion that there is a housing affordability crisis. As Chris Dobney reported on *Echo*net-daily echo.net.au last week, ‘On Saturday April 5, not one single property advertised for rent in Byron Bay was considered affordable for people on minimum incomes. This was one of the shocking findings of the fifth annual Rental Affordability Snapshot conducted by the charity Anglicare.’ Greens and former Byron mayor MP Jan Barham has called for premier Mike Baird to ‘acknowledge the extent of the affordable housing problems in NSW by appointing a minister with dedicated responsibility to fix it’. Cr Paul Spooner also noted on the *Echo*netdaily website, ‘Australia has seen an Economic Summit, a Tax Summit and even a 2020 Summit. It seems it may be time to convene a Housing Summit so that all levels of government may come together to address the critical housing inequity that is facing ordinary Australians in 2014.’ And the crisis will only get worse if the recommendations of the federal Commission of Audit are



Are the dogs particularly quiet at Water ‘Lilly’ Park in Ocean Shores? Judging by this sign, Council seems to think so.



Contemplating a pun suitable to the north coast New Age climate, we were about to commission an illustration when we discovered that *Punch* magazine of November 27, 1841, had beaten us to the, ahem, punch. Under the heading, Active Benevolence, *Punch* noted: ‘We like the notion of a charitable quadrille – or a benevolent waltz; and it delights us to see a philanthropic design set on foot, through the medium of a gallopade. A dance which has for its object the putting of bread in the mouths of our fellow creatures may be truly called A-BUN-DANCE.’

imposed upon us. It’s an issue worth looking at at the Big Picture Show in the Mullum Civic Hall on Saturday May 31.

The glory days of NSW Labor were recalled at the funeral of Neville Wran last Thursday. The slime in which it is now immersed was dredged up in buckets at the ICAC hearing as we learnt that Joe Tripodi and Eric Roozendaal allegedly conspired against their own MP so that Nathan Tinkler could get a coal loader. The Young Libs were up to their necks in slime as well, creating illegal slush funds and tearing down opponents’ posters in their so-called ‘black ops’. They never quite escaped the high-school yard, did they? Only problem is, some of them ended up running a country.

If you’re a news junkie like *Backlash*, there’s plenty to amuse you this week. The famous news firm British Pathé has put up over 80,000 of its historical clips on YouTube –

See the Hindenburg zeppelin disaster and the Hiroshima atomic bomb, plus some fun stuff, at www.youtube.com/user/britishpathe. In addition, Aunty has created a free

tablet app called The Brief which is a roundup of the news on the ABC each week. It’s out now for iPad and will be coming to Android devices soon.

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