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The bigger the chrome, the wider the bonnet

Bruns was awash with chrome on the weekend as the annual Back to Brunswick Hot Rod Run roared through town. It featured the Show and Shine competition, sponsored by the Woodchop Committee. Photo Jeff Dawson

Battlelines drawn over 2015 NSW election

Darren Coyne & Hans Lovejoy

National party preselection candidate for Ballina, Sharon Cadwallader, says she is considering her options after being narrowly defeated by a relative newcomer to the party, Kris Beavis.

With the retirement of state MP Don Page at the next election after 27 years' service, the seat is considered wide open by all political parties.

Ms Cadwallader, who is a Ballina Shire councillor with many years of service to both the community and the National party, told *The Echo* that she was 'stunned' to have missed out on preselection.

'I've always worked tirelessly for the community and it's been quite a journey,' she said. 'I've always had my sights on the seat if Don [Page]

was to retire, and thought I would give it a tilt.'

But when it came to the crunch, at a preselection meeting attended by 75 members recently, Cr Cadwallader missed out by just five votes, 33 to 42. The winner was Kris Beavis, who joined the party early last year and is CEO of the northern region Westpac Life Saver Rescue Helicopter Service.

Nationals MP 'a man's job': Cr Cadwallader

'I was very disappointed that people didn't vote for me,' Cr Cadwallader said. 'There were comments that I was too old and that it was a man's job.'

Cr Cadwallader would not be drawn on whether she would run as an independent at the next elec-

tion, but admitted that she was at a crossroads in her political career.

'The fork in the road has appeared and it's time to consider my future,' she said.

Meanwhile, Dr Sue Page, who also nominated for pre-selection but was not endorsed, told *The Echo* that politics had become a factional career and was no longer about local representation.

'These days people don't just go into politics, they train in the machinations of politics,' she said.

'It seems representing the interests of the local electorate is not as important as the interests of head office.' Dr Page would not be drawn on earlier comments that the Nationals were 'a boys' club'.

She did say however that she **continued on page 2 >**

Bruns chamber responds to govt's development plans

With large-scale development plans by the state government for Brunswick Heads holiday parks and reserves receiving less than positive responses, the Brunswick Heads Chamber of Commerce is remaining neutral, telling *The Echo* that while some of their suggestions were adopted, not all were.

The Echo previously reported members of the public, mayor Simon Richardson and Greens MLC Jan Barham were outraged over the plans, which were quietly adopted over three weeks ago by the state government.

The plans of management (POM) put on public exhibition late last year by the North Coast Holiday Parks (NCHP), and its manager Jim Bolger, attracted widespread criticism for attempting to evict the Buccaneer boat-hire business, close public access, erect fences and cram more cabins into allotments.

The Brunswick Heads Chamber of Commerce told *The Echo* it made a 'lengthy, balanced, comprehensive and carefully considered submission' on plans of management for the town's three holiday parks and reserves.

Chamber president, Peter Wotton, said, 'We identified the areas that we supported and we also offered a number of suggestions for improvement, complete with alternative layout designs for each of the three parks.'

'We believe our submission reflected the values and needs of those who work and play in Brunswick Heads and a number of our suggestions were incorporated into the new plans of management.'

'In line with our submission, we are pleased that the Terrace Holiday

Park foreshore residents will be able to live in their present location.

Pedestrian access suggestion ignored

'We suggested that a 3m foreshore pedestrian access to the north and south of these residences could be created now, and that these paths could be eventually joined up; however, this was not included in the POM.'

'The relocation of the waste bin and southern amenities block to reduce impact on the neighbouring residents, and the kayak launch facility within the park, was part of our submission, and was adopted.'

'We are glad that our suggestions for alternative measures to fencing to improve security and a landscape plan were favourably considered.'

'We did want more of the western zone of Massey Greene to have been allocated for community use. However, our suggestion to allocate

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'Cost-shifting' from councils to the state

Former disgraced Labor minister, Tony Kelly, took control of a large number of holiday parks from councils in 2006, resulting in 'cost-shifting' assets and revenue to the state government.

And despite the public outrage and a mute local Nationals MP Don Page, the government recently pushed ahead with its plans to develop the three in Brunswick Heads: Ferry Reserve, Massey Greene and Terrace Reserve Holiday Park, as well as other Crown foreshore reserves.



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thought it was a 'bit rude' for people to stand for pre-selection to a party if they had not put in their time 'standing in the sun' handing out 'how-to-vote' cards.

'It's a bit like a person being appointed bank manager without ever having worked as a teller,' she said.

'I really don't want to criticise the National Party because it is the only party dedicated to representing the interests of rural and regional Australia,' she said. Dr Page said it was unlikely that she would stand as an independent in the election next March.

The Echo asked newly appointed National Party candidate Kris Beavis to confirm that he defeated Sharon Cadwallader by five votes.

While he said that he had 'no comment' he did say that the preselection process was fair, and the party faithful had the same opportunity to talk and ask questions of all the candidates.

As for the length of time he has been a Nationals member, Mr Beavis said the rumour of one month prior to being preselected was incorrect.

'I joined the party early last



From left, MLC hopefuls Dawn Walker, Justin Field and state Ballina candidate Tamara Smith. Ms Smith launched her Greens campaign last week in Byron Bay. Photo Jeff Dawson

year,' he said. And while Mr Beavis's political experience appears light, he spruiked his management experience, saying such qualities were an advantage in parliament.

He said that if elected he would stand down as Westpac Life Saver Rescue Helicopter Service CEO and that as for CSG, he says there is not enough science to support it.

Greens launch

In related news, the campaign of Greens candidate Tamara Smith was launched last week, and was supported on the day by state MP Jeremy Buckingham, MLC Jan

Barham, retired MLC Ian Cohen, MLC hopefuls Dawn Walker, Justin Field and mayor Simon Richardson.

Ms Smith is a fourth-generation local, teacher and solicitor with a background in energy law, social justice and human rights.

At the Bentley campaign she was part of the legal team providing legal advice.

Her work career spans 10 years in the area and she has been active in local campaigns to stop sewage outfall into Byron Bay and organised the recent rally to save Cape Byron Marine Sanctuary from being opened to fishing.

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some of this land to enable safe pedestrian access from Massey Greene around to the boatharbour was adopted.

'We are very supportive of our "tents and tinnies" holiday culture that is such an integral part of our "simple pleasures" ethos. As such, we proposed that the new north-eastern facing cabins be moved back from the foreshore into the second row, to allow tent sites on the foreshore, but this wasn't taken up in the new plan.

'The new POMs for Ferry Reserve captured some, but not all, of our suggestions to create a holiday park that catered for groups with accessibility needs. We had requested that all four of the new cabins in Ferry Reserve be fully accessible, but this is not to be. However, at least the plans will incorporate accessibility features into the new recreational amenities.

'With regard to the foreshore parks, our submission, which supported the community's view that the carpark area at the northern end of the Terrace should be shared with the public and that the playground be retained in its current shady lo-

cation, was adopted. Further, our proposals for the upgrade of the amenities block in the Terrace Park and for there to be no structured pathway along the Terrace Park foreshore were also included in the POM.

Our suggestions that bubblers and bike racks be included in the parks and also that the local school and preschool be consulted about the design and size of the Banner Park playground were incorporated into the final POM.'

Mr Wotton concluded with, 'We highly value our low-key "simple pleasures" village lifestyle. We have always been a holiday town and we want to protect it by attracting visitors whose values are aligned with our community values.

'We will continue to work with the holiday parks in the future to ensure our "simple pleasures" vision is retained, and that the Brunswick Heads holiday parks remain differentiated from other holiday parks up and down the coast.'

A celebration of one mob



Last week's annual NAIDOC event was a joyous celebration for Byron Shire. At Monday's flag raising, Wednesday's family fun day in Mullumbimby and the march and celebrations in Byron Bay – and all events in between – locals and visitors from across the country joined together as 'one mob' to embrace and enjoy Australia's Indigenous culture. Photo of Uncle Pete and Aunty Dulcie by Jeff Dawson

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Environmental collective pushes for further actions

A new local group has emerged from the Bentley gasfield free campaign, and says it is committed to supporting the region to become not just gasfield free, but sustainable on all levels.

The Mullum Environmental Action Collective comprises members of environmental groups and is planning a public meeting at the Community Gardens on July 19 from 9.30am to 1pm, followed by lunch, live music and mingling.

Co-organiser Sandhya Drew told *The Echo*, "There is so much passion and enthusiasm in this shire."

"Within the two weeks that we organised this event we have been able to gather in a huge variety of people to speak on a whole spectrum of topics. The idea is to view from all angles what is essentially the one issue; protecting the life and health of this planet."

"We have people speaking about and facilitating small groups on renewable energy, permaculture, green school, growing and buying local ethical foods, reducing-reusing-recycling and avoiding plastic."

"This is one of the reasons we wanted to hold the meeting in our beautiful community garden."

"The day begins with a celebration of the completion of



Ella Goninan, Samanta Espada and Tess Von-Bertouch discuss Saturday's Beyond Bentley workshop, to be held at the Mullum community gardens. Photo Jeff Dawson

gasfield free surveys in our shire, with mayor Simon Richardson being handed the final certificates and the statement that our shire has declared itself 97.7 per cent gasfield free.

Gasfield free surveys presented

'Proceedings continue with a panel of speakers from 10am to 11.30am, including Jarmbi Githabul (10,000 Amend), the new Greens candidate for Ballina, Tamara Smith, renowned slam poet and activist Luka Lesson,

Lock the Gate's Ruth Rosenhek and Boudicca Cerese, Saitima Ornano (Earth Guardians), Katie Grubb (Green School) and Guy Stewart and Annaliese Hordern (Rainbow

Power Company).

As it is Mullum market day, the best parking is near the school and netball court for a quick stroll across the field to the garden.

MP defends his government over broken promise claim

Did the state coalition break an election promises over 'putting planning decisions back into the hands of the communities'?

Mayor Simon Richardson alluded to that after the state government's quiet adoption of holiday park and reserve development plans in Brunswick Heads recently.

But local state MP Don Page (Nationals) sees it differently, despite having distanced himself completely from his government's plans.

Mr Page told *The Echo* that the election commitment of 'putting planning decisions back into the hands of the communities' applied only to the abolition of Part 3A of the EP&A Act, 'Whereby local developments could be called in to be dealt with via the department of planning in Sydney.'

'The coalition state government, after we were elected, abolished part 3A of the EP&A Act and the majority of developments being dealt with under part 3A were returned to local councils to deal with. The great majority of applications being dealt with under that section were handed back to Councils.'

'The ones that weren't were considered too advanced in the assessment process not to be finalised in fairness to the applicant. Projects of state significance continue to have the department of planning as the consent authority.'

The West Byron Project is considered to be of 'state significance' and a decision by new planning minister Pru Goward is expected shortly.

Child approached in Byron

Parents are being encouraged by police to discuss the 'Safe People, Safe Places' messages with their children after an eight-year-old girl was allegedly approached by a man in Byron Bay last week.

Between 10am and 11am on Tuesday July 8, a seven-year-old boy and the girl were standing outside a store on Centennial Circuit when they became suspicious of a man.

The boy ran to find his mother when the man allegedly approached the girl and asked her if she wanted to get into her car. She ran off and informed an adult about the incident.

Police are now looking for the man who has been described as being 40-50 years old with a dark complexion and black hair. He was wearing a black top and jeans. Anyone with information about this incident should call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.



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Mullum High builds bridges with Indonesia

Linda Keyte

Mullumbimby High School has become the first public school in NSW to have taken students on an excursion to Indonesia in twelve years, following a ten-year travel ban.

Six Mullumbimby High School students, along with four adults, have just returned from travelling into the jungles of Kalimantan and the city of Yogyakarta in Java.

Highlights of the trip included a three-day houseboat journey through Tanjung Puting National Park viewing orangutans and other endemic wildlife in their natural habitat; a visit to Camp Leakey Research Station and observation of rehabilitating orangutans at feeding stations in the jungle.

The student participants in the excursion are all studying Indonesian language at Mullumbimby High.

The main purpose of the excursion was to allow participating students to consolidate and extend their knowledge of Indonesian in a real-life context and to experience Indonesian culture firsthand.

Excursion organiser Elke Buhrich believes that 'interacting with local people, staying in local hotels, eating in local eateries, and being sur-



Isabella Brett and Ellie Sviki were two of a group of year 9 and 11 Mullum High students who travelled to Indonesia last month. Photo Terry Timms

rounded by all things Indonesian will have a profound impact on students' understanding of Indonesian language, culture and way of life.'

Orangutan visit

Buhrich, who worked for the Orangutan Foundation International in Kalimantan for four years, has extensive experience of orangutans and was able to share her knowledge and her local friendships and contacts, providing students with a unique insight.

Mullum High students started fundraising for The Orangutan Project (TOP) early last year and money raised was used to adopt an orangutan called Bunga and safeguard orangutan habitat.

The excursion to Central Kalimantan provided students

the opportunity to see firsthand how their hard-earned dollars will be spent on orangutan conservation.

With a total of \$650 raised, the money was personally presented to workers at three different conservation cen-

tres in Central Kalimantan.

They included the Orangutan Foundation International Quarantine and Care Centre, where ex-captive orangutans are rehabilitated before being released back to the wild; the Friends of the National Park Foundation Pesalat Reforestation Project and the Yayasan Orangutan Indonesia) Conservation Village, where local people are provided training in low-impact, sustainable income-generating activities.

Money raised

Students also planted orangutan-friendly trees at the isolated Pesalat Reforestation project.

■ Linda Keyte is a teacher at Mullumbimby High School

Airport leasing idea floated

Both Ballina and Lismore councils have now confirmed they are considering the future of their airports, with Ballina exploring a leasing arrangement while Lismore is considering either selling or leasing.

Ballina mayor David Wright says passenger numbers had increased from 260,000 two years ago to 400,000 at present, with numbers projected to increase to 500,000 by the end of next year. He added \$14m had recently been spent on the runway and other areas of the airport, but as demand for services at the airport continues to grow, another \$20 million will be required to upgrade infrastructure into the future.

Meanwhile, Lismore mayor Jenny Dowell told *The Echo* that no decision had been made, but gave an assurance that existing tenants would be fully consulted about the process.

Court delivers another blow to Metgasco

Chris Dobney

The NSW Supreme Court has refused a submission from junior gas explorer Metgasco to obtain documents used by the Office of Coal Seam Gas (OCSG) in making its decision to suspend Metgasco's Petroleum Exploration Licence 16 over farmland at Bentley. The ruling is yet another blow for the would-be gas miner, which is taking

the state government to court over its decision to suspend the licence due to insufficient public consultation.

Metgasco had issued the government with a 'Notice to Produce' covering a large amount of material relating to its decision. But in handing down his judgment on the matter, Justice Davies described the notice as 'premature' and 'verging on the oppressive.'

Lawyers representing the Crown had argued that the notice was unnecessary, as most of the documents would anyway be made available during the normal process of discovery in the lead-up to the October court hearing.

But Justice Davies went further and added, 'I do not consider that what is sought in the Notice to Produce complies with what may be sought...'

He added that the 'exceptional circumstances' required to approve such a notice had not been satisfactorily proven.

The decision has been welcomed by Gasfield Free Northern Rivers, whose spokesperson Ian Gaillard has accused the company of using 'bully-boy tactics.'

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Designers urged to think small for big win

Lismore and Byron Bay designers are being urged to think small for the chance to win a prize in this year's sustainable small house building competition.

Launched at the Bangalow Showgrounds last week, the competition gives people with building design skills the chance to exercise their 'creative flair' in the area of building design to come up with an environmentally friendly granny flat or small home.

The competition is open to professionals, the community and young people, with cash and industry service prizes for the winning designs.

The winning entry will receive \$1,000 in cash plus a one-year display of their business at the Green Building Centre (value \$2,000).



From left: Natalie Myer (Nimbin Neighbourhood Centre), Alice Moffit (Green Building Centre), Kerrie Bowtell (North Coast TAFE), Kim Mallee (Byron Shire Council), Klara Marosszeky (North Coast TAFE), David McDonald and Vanessa Tallon (both from Lismore City Council) at the competition's launch at Bangalow.

Sustainable plans

With the focus on ageing in place and with granny flat fees being wound back in both local government areas (LGAs), there's an additional financial incentive for anyone who can come up with a suitable plan.

Byron Council's sustainability officer Kim Mallee said, 'Our communities are rich in skill and creativity and we

hope to showcase new ways of thinking around designing sustainable living spaces.

'A sustainable small house incorporates renewable resources and reduces waste creation during its construction, is mindful of the micro climate and orientation of the site, while ultimately creating a living space that can function with energy and water efficiently once complete.'

Tara McGready, Byron Council's senior planner, added, 'We have focused the design challenge to meet a range of criteria including being smaller than 60m2 in floor space and showcasing the green building principles.'

'We chose these guidelines to help inspire affordable housing solutions and new ways of designing infill development in our urban areas.'

Entry forms and guidelines can be downloaded from www.sevenonsibley.com/shd2014 or by contacting the Green Building Centre on 0427 701 653.

Entry forms can also be picked up in hard copy from Council administration offices or the Green Building Centre, 1 Brigantine Street, Byron Bay.

The competition closes on August 15.

Spaghetti served at Mullum Markets



There was a taste of Spaghetti Circus at Mullum Market as part of their NAIDOC Celebrations last Friday. Eden concentrates on balancing a plate while Rosa appears as one of the animal acts. Photo Jeff Dawson

New appointment for Spag Circus

Spaghetti Circus has announced Simone O'Brien as its new creative director.

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TRAFFIC

A professional traffic management plan has been developed in consultation with state and local regulatory authorities to help minimise the impact of this event on the local community and the immediate surrounding areas to North Byron Parklands. Traffic planning has been revised to include additional measures implemented to mitigate traffic issues experienced at last years event. Changed traffic conditions include:

- Barrier defined temporary turning lanes along Tweed Valley Way and on the Northbound and Southbound off ramps from the Pacific Motorway at the Yelgun interchange. This is to assist in the steady flow of through traffic. Please follow the directional signage. Please note traffic infrastructure will be in place from 5pm Tuesday 22 July and will be removed by 5pm Tuesday 29 July.
- Reduced speed limits of 40km/h will be in place along Tweed Valley Way / Brunswick Valley Way commencing approx. 200m south of the Yelgun interchange continuing along Tweed Valley Way to north of North Byron Parklands main entry, as well as on the Northbound and Southbound off ramps from the Pacific Motorway at the Yelgun interchange.
- Reduced speed limit of 60km/h will be in place along Tweed Valley Way from north of North Byron Parklands main entry to approx. 200m north of Jones Road.
- To manage potential illegal camping or parking in the immediate surrounds of North Byron Parklands, Local Resident Only access checkpoints will be in operation for Yelgun Road, Billinudgel Road and Jones Road at the Tweed Valley Way intersections.
- Traffic control personnel will be in place along Tweed Valley Way between the Yelgun Interchange and Jones Road.
- All Traffic Control will be managed by RMS accredited traffic controllers. However, please be prepared for POSSIBLE SHORT DELAYS.
- Camping patrons will begin to arrive at North Byron Parklands from 10am on Wednesday 23 July and depart by 5pm Monday 28 July.

PARKING

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

- There is NO PEDESTRIAN access into North Byron Parklands.

HOTLINE

During the event, a Splendour In The Grass Hotline will be in operation from 10am Wednesday 23 July to 5pm Monday 28 July.

THE EVENT HOTLINE NUMBER IS 02 6680 4049

Local residents with parking, noise or litter concerns during the festival weekend should contact the hotline and we will send our Community Response Team to assist you. The Event Hotline is not to be used for general event enquiries. Residents can also email community@splendourinthegrass.com Venue related enquiries can be directed to North Byron Parklands on 02-6680 4049.

We thank you for your patience and understanding.

The Splendour In The Grass team

Youth determined to support their services

Story & photo Eve Jeffery

In the face of federal funding cuts, Byron Youth Service (BYS) staff and kids are rallying the troops, determined to raise funds to finance their lost services.

Last week's effort raised over \$1,000 when Jo Jo Smith appeared at a concert for the service, while the girls from the Mullumbimby Widow's Cottage Girls Groups held a car wash in Brunswick Heads.

Community helps

BYS Youth Worker Deb Pearse says that it has been the help from community supporters and the kids themselves which has helped push things along.

'We were just so grateful to have Jo Jo come and play at the YAC,' said Deb. 'She is so supportive of our youth and she spoke quite a bit about the subject during her show last Wednesday evening.'

'We also owe heartfelt



thanks to Trev and Angela from the Caltex Brunswick Heads service station for letting us use their driveway and water, and Jesse Penhaligon from NR Mobile Car Detailing for his time and support.

Deb says the girls have been coming up with ideas for weeks on how they can

keep the service going.

'The girls are all from Mullumbimby High,' says Deb. 'It was their idea, and the boys, to raise money to keep the girls' and boys' groups going at the Widow's Cottage after recent funding cuts.'

In the planning stages is a video to spearhead a

crowdfunding effort to raise \$50,000 later in the year.

'We plan to do a short documentary on some of the kids who have used the service in the past,' says Deb.

For more information on the fundraising efforts of the BYS, phone Deb on 0409 170 062.

Mayor buoyed by response to alternative railway use

With his catchphrase of 'putting Byron back on track,' mayor Simon Richardson says he has already had three responses to alternative uses for the region's abandoned railways.

It comes despite a well organised campaign, backed by a recent study, that is underway by proponents who want a rail trail for the region.

The study suggested that

the track be removed to accommodate the rail trail.

But the mayor says there are now three proposals, alongside a few other conceptual ideas and planning insights, which will be shared and discussed at the Critical Conversations forum in the SCU room at the Byron Community Centre, on Thursday July 17 at 6.30pm.

Cr Richardson said, 'Even

though the window of opportunity to submit proposals to use the rail tracks was extremely short, the submission of three fleshed-out proposals and the few conceptual plans clearly illustrates that the provision of both visitor and local transport outcomes that maintain the rail tracks is achievable.'

Future planning will also feature on the night with

Malcolm Price outlining his vision and future strategic planning possibilities.

Mr Price said, 'In ten years' time, will we be more in need of track-based transport options or less? If we can imagine more housing, creative industries or industrial growth occurring close to the rail corridor, shouldn't we consider keeping the tracks as functional and usable as possible?'

Rapid HIV testing comes to Byron

Once only available in Sydney's Surry Hills and, more recently in Lismore, rapid HIV testing will be offered in Byron Bay from this month.

The new tests take just half an hour to deliver the important news instead of one to two weeks and will be offered via a monthly Men's Clinic at Byron Bay Hospital.

The reason for the new service, which is being launched during HIV Testing Week, is that ten per cent of HIV positive people in NSW may be unaware they are infected.

Ending HIV campaign

North Coast HIV & Related Programs (HARP) in collaboration with ACON Northern Rivers believe that if they make testing easier for people they are more likely to take it up and so be able to



An Ending HIV safe sex promotion billboard in Sydney. Now rapid HIV testing has come to Byron Bay.

access treatments earlier.

A pop-up rapid HIV testing van at Lismore's Tropical Fruits festival pioneered the program and the new service has the group's endorsement.

Dr David Smith, director of the Lismore Sexual Health Service (SHAIDS), said, 'Testing leads to early diagnosis, which enables early treatment. Treatments now available for HIV not only

improve the health and well-being of those infected but also reduce the risk of transmitting HIV to others.'

Most infections reported in NSW in 2013 were in gay and homosexually active men (78 per cent) with heterosexual cases accounting for 17 per cent.

'Gay and other homosexually active men are encouraged to test at least twice a year or up to four times a year for those

who have more than 10 different partners in six months. Testing for other sexually transmitted infections is also recommended,' Dr Smith said.

'Rapid HIV testing is a simple process that involves a finger prick, with results available during the visit.

'It is a big difference if you compare this to a decade ago when people would be forced to wait anxiously for days or even weeks before an HIV test result was known,' Dr Smith added.

Byron Bay men's clinic will be held on the third Thursday of every month 3 to 7pm, commencing July 17 at Byron Bay Hospital (enter through Emergency).

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Backing a turd

Rupert's beloved *Australian* newspaper – which loses \$30m a year – has just turned fifty. As an organ devoted solely to influence, Murdoch's prized publication has oscillated throughout its life to back whoever looks like a winner.

Like the rest of the 65 per cent Australian daily print media under his thrall, *The Australian* plays a cheerleader role that offers no vision or alternatives to business as usual. indeed Murdoch represents soulless corporate psychopathy at its worst.

Example? We are on a major precipice where baseload energy from solar can and will replace polluting coal. He reputedly said at his recent *Australian* shindig that Australians should not be building windmills and 'all that rubbish'.

Rupert also supported, then turned against, Kevin Rudd in his first term. Bizarrely, the current Murdoch strategy is to support a deeply unpopular prime minister with a cruel and idiotic budget.

And with an open war against megalomaniac Clive Palmer – who holds the balance of power – where is the strategy? The likelihood is that most of the proposed budget will be rejected by the senate, leaving either a double dissolution or watered-down legislation – and watered-down Abbott credibility.

It was also Gough Whitlam's birthday last week. Coincidentally his Labor prime ministership was Murdoch's first foray into influencing politics; he supported and then turned on Gough.



Yet despite Whitlam's huge vision and achievements, he failed largely because of incompetent ministers within his party. Or perhaps it was Gough's lack of discernment to identify such things? But as radical PMs go, fossil fool corporate suckhole Turd Abbott makes Gough look like Francis of Assisi.

Hans Lovejoy, editor



Making agriculture 'cool' for youth

Agriculture has an image problem. Simply put, for the majority of the world's youth, agriculture simply isn't seen as being 'cool' or attractive. Most think of it only as back-breaking labour, without an economic payoff – and little room for career advancement.

With an ageing population of farmers, it's clear that agriculture needs to attract more young people. This is a global challenge: half the farmers in the United States are 55 years or older, while in sub-Saharan Africa, the average age of farmers is around 60 years.

'The exodus of rural youth means fewer small-scale farmers tomorrow, potentially drastically changing the profile of farming,' according to a recent report by the International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED).

The UN International Labour Organisation predicts that, globally, there will be 74.2 million unemployed young people this year, an increase of 3.8 million since 2007.

Youth unemployment is both a threat and an opportunity. The agricultural sector offers huge potential for job creation. Realising this can radically change the image of agriculture among young people. And agriculture's image among young people is changing – from Brooklyn, New York to Nairobi, Kenya – where youth are now turning to farming and the food system as a viable career path.

'Increased access to education and new forms of

agriculture-based enterprise mean that young people can be a vital force for innovation in family farming, increasing incomes and wellbeing for both farmers and local communities. Young people can transform the agricultural sector by applying new technologies and new thinking,' said Mark Holderness, executive secretary of the Global Forum for Agricultural Research (GFAR).

Agriculture means more than subsistence farming; to-

pile an exciting list of organisations working with young people around the world to make agriculture and agriculture-related work more appealing and change public perceptions so that agriculture is not just seen as cool, but is recognised as a vitally important career.

Last year in Africa, Joseph Macharia started a Facebook page, 'Mkulima Young', to encourage youth to engage in agriculture. The page serves as a social forum for youth,

They teach students how to get the best price at market and encourage them to get involved in local governance.

And education is changing too:

The Global Confederation of Higher Education Associations in Agriculture and Life Sciences (GCHERA) brings together over 600 agricultural universities, involving around a million students per year.

GCHERA is working to change university curricula around the world, to make agriculture-based courses more attractive to young people and more relevant to the skills and opportunities they now seek.

The Earth University in Costa Rica works to prepare future leaders with ethical values to contribute to the sustainable development of the tropics.

Their courses include both work experience sessions and students developing and running their own agribusinesses through the class.

The Global Forum on Agricultural Research (GFAR) brings together all those working to strengthen and transform agricultural research for development around the world.

During 2014 and the International Year of Family Farming (IYFF), GFAR is working with Food Tank to showcase and raise awareness and understanding of the challenges faced by smallholders and help identify efficient ways to support family farmers.

■ Condensed from an article on Food Tank foodtank.com.

Farmers, businesses, policy-makers, and educators need to promote agriculture as an intellectually stimulating and economically sustainable career.

by Danielle Nierenberg & Sarah Small

day, young people can explore career options in permaculture design, biodynamic farming, communication technologies, forecasting, marketing, logistics, quality assurance, urban agriculture projects, food preparation, environmental sciences, advanced technologies, and more.

Farmers, businesses, policy-makers, and educators need to promote agriculture as an intellectually stimulating and economically sustainable career – and make jobs in the agriculture and food system 'cool' for young people all over the world.

A resurgence of interest among young farmers is happening and it's vital to support this growth.

In collaboration with GFAR, Food Tank has com-

place to ask questions, and create agriculture networks. Macharia posts photos and inspirational stories of farmers to empower youth in his community.

In Kenya, Uganda, Antigua, and Barbuda the Junior Farmer Field and Life Schools (JFFLS) foster market demand for sustainable food while also providing youth with tools to begin growing their own sustainable food.

JFFLS goal is to empower vulnerable youth and provide them with skills needed for long-term food security.

Farm Africa began a farm training program for rural youth, growing vegetables, mushrooms, and passionfruit in Ethiopia, Kenya, South Sudan, Tanzania, and Uganda.

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Budget emergency? What budget emergency?

■ Tim Harrington (Letters, July 8) says that the previous government wasted hundreds of billions of dollars but doesn't provide any evidence for this statement. Just because Liberal supporters repeat this claim does not make it true.

I usually don't spend my time justifying Labor Party policies, but here is what I understand most Australian economists are saying.

Labor responded to Australian Treasury advice to increase government expenditure on a range of rapid stimulus programs and this was a major factor in reducing the impact of the global financial crisis in Australia.

The Labor Party was not perfect in its cost control of some programs (eg the NBN and asylum seeker pro-

grams), however the major reason that we currently have a budget debt is not increases in expenditure but a significant drop in government revenues. Government revenue went from approximately 25 per cent of GDP in the last year of the Howard government to a low of 21.5 per cent of GDP in 2010-11. Howard and Rudd are largely responsible for this through a series of tax cuts they supported.

Australia is one of the healthiest economies in the world, our debt is low in comparison with our peers, there is no budget emergency and the solution to long-term budget balance is both to reduce growth in expenditure and to increase government taxation revenue.

Australia, under both major parties, already has very

efficient government – our total government expenditure as a share of GDP is the third lowest of all wealthy OECD nations, yet we invariably score at or near the top of almost every international measure of good governance, health and wealth.

Garth Luke Mullumbimby

■ Tim Harrington, in his parallel universe, should take note and David Gilet (Letters, July 8) take heart that three of the four professors of economics on the ABC's *Q&A* (7/7/14) declared that Australia does not / did not have a budget emergency – and the fourth professor could not find a good word for the Hockey budget. In short, the budget is based on falsehood and we do not need to be

'forced to take medicine' for an ailment that does not exist.

But there are problems that need attention. The treasurer claims 'we' are spending a billion dollars per month paying interest on 'our' debts; the 'we' and 'our' refer to the government. If he was talking 'we the people' he would need to say 'we are paying eight or nine billion dollars per month in interest!' Reserve Bank statistics show that bank lending to government totalled \$183bn, lending to us 'persons' \$1355bn – 7.4 times the government level – and commercial lending was \$827bn. All up, collectively, we owe \$2365bn to the banks – and it is this interest-bearing debt that fuels the economy.

Ninety-six per cent of what we use as money in our everyday transactions is in-

terest-bearing debt issued by the banks, created from nothing. (Notes and coins account for the other four per cent.)

The interest on \$2365bn at a modest seven per cent interest would be \$14bn per month. This is the cost paid by the nation for allowing the banks to create practically all our money supply – by one means or another we all pay. And worse, the money to meet interest payments can only come from further borrowing. Not only are we all

in debt, that debt must keep growing.

The prime minister declares, 'We can't go on living in debt forever.' But until the creation of our money supply is brought into the public domain, there is no alternative – TINA.

PS: David Gilet calls the 'trickle-down effect' a fraudulent theory; Willie Gallagher, Scottish MP, says, 'tis the rich piddling on the poor!'

Colin Cook
Bangalow

Not a sausage

The local chatterati are much exercised by issues such as potholes and parking and are quick to burst into print.

So when informed ex-staffer Alan Dickens revealed an apparent gross and costly imbalance between staff numbers and workload in the water and

sewerage operation of Byron Council (Letters, July 1), I expected an indignant response.

Not a sausage. Unfortunately the water/sewerage area is not the only part of Council which could do with close examination of its organisation and management performance.

During my eight years on Council I spent a great deal of effort endeavouring to shine some light into the arcane depths of staff organisation and activity. In this I was aggressively resisted by the GM, some councillors and a couple of union reps, but succeeded in forcing a few changes –

which I doubt have survived my departure.

Councillors do not have the right to micro-manage staff but they are responsible for overall governance in much the way a board sits in a company structure. Most general managers have little difficulty in sidelining poorly informed councillors and run things to suit themselves. This

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You may not like the potholes but what about the issues that really cost?

Tom Tabart
Bangalow

Nation of pirates

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The chief message coming

from the government is cognitive dissonance. I previously thought of the US government as the leaders in hypocrisy. What our government is expressing at the moment is hyper hypocrisy. It is beyond embarrassing. As Pauline might say, 'I don't like it'

Jim Nutter
Main Arm

Animal suffering

Following the release of a new PETA US investigation into Australia's wool industry, it's clear that wool garments are likely the product of appalling animal suffering.

The investigators visited 19 wool sheds in Australia and documented that shearers punched struggling sheep, poked them in the eyes and routinely jabbed them in the face with sharp clippers – attacks which left many animals

bleeding. Workers stamped on sheep and stood on their heads and necks. They dragged sheep by their legs and slammed them against the hard floors of the shearing sheds.

Because most shearers are paid by volume, not by the hour, they have an incentive to work as quickly as they can. As a result, most sheep are cut – some severely – as they are being shorn. PETA US investigators saw workers use needles and thread to sew shut the most gaping wounds, without providing the sheep with any pain relief whatsoever.

Kind people would agree that electrocuting a fox for fur is wrong. The pain and fear endured by sheep in the wool industry is as real and acute. When you're shopping for clothing, please read the labels. If a label says 'wool', leave that garment on the shelf.

Jason Baker
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Byron Bay

Road to nowhere

Concerning the proposed development at West Byron and the added population to come to the events at the former Club Med site, important questions come to mind. A recent report on ABC TV notes a class action in Queensland as a result of negligence by state authorities during the recent floods. At the same time Australia, together with Canada, is displaying globally dire retrograde actions concerning addressing climate change in relation to the rest of the world.

We have been informed of sea rises, of development occurring on a site below sea level, the dangerous existing traffic conditions along Ewingsdale Road, but none of these serious issues have addressed future development, population growth and an evacuation plan.

Does Council have an evacuation plan? Is the community fully informed of same? Has the state government addressed this issue? If not, why not? If any person has been caught in a flash flood in this area they would know of the



Improving Parking in Byron Bay



Have your say

Ever been frustrated trying to find a parking spot in Byron Bay town centre? Current parking demand means that parking spaces in Byron Bay town centre are at, or near, capacity every day.

The recent Parking Management Review considered how residents and visitors use car parking in Byron Bay town centre. As part of the review, the potential benefits of changing time limits and extending paid parking was considered. Potential benefits include:

- Improved turnover of existing on-street car parking spaces
- Improved uptake of parking in Council car parks
- Increased financial contribution from the 729,000 day trippers each year to help support infrastructure maintenance
- A new income stream of at least \$1 million per year for infrastructure maintenance and upgrades

Two main changes to the current parking arrangements are proposed:

- Increase the number of short term (1-2 hours) time limited parking.
- Extend the area of paid parking in the town centre.

Find out more on our web
www.byron.nsw.gov.au

- Green area - proposed paid parking area
- Yellow - for paid parking review
- Red -potential Resident Parking Permit



The **Residents Parking Coupon** scheme will not initially change which means residents can still park for up to 4 hours in the existing Council carparks in the centre of town. Council is also looking for feedback on this program to ensure that we capture suggested improvements or concerns.

How can you be involved?

- Be informed and find out more on Council's website
- Complete our online survey
- Share your feedback on our interactive online platform
- Visit us at an information kiosk
- Be part of a focus group
- Attend an information session
- Make a submission

At the end of the consultation period, all feedback will be presented to Council for consideration. Submissions should be in writing addressed to the General Manager, Byron Shire Council, PO Box 219 Mullumbimby 2482 or sent by email to submissions@byron.nsw.gov.au. Enquiries phone 02 6626 7309

Submissions and feedback closes: Friday 25 July 2014



Upgrading the Pacific Highway
Tintenbar to Ewingsdale upgrade

Bangalow Road closure for beam installation

Roads and Maritime Services has awarded a contract to Lend Lease Building Contractors Pty Ltd to design and build the Tintenbar to Ewingsdale upgrade.

The upgrade of about 17 kilometres of four-lane, divided road starts at the northern end of the Ballina Bypass at Ross Lane and extends to the Ewingsdale interchange.

Road closures from Monday 28 July 2014:

To allow the Bangalow Road overbridge beams to be lifted into place, Bangalow Road will be **closed for up to six nights (weather permitting) from 7pm to 6am** from about 150 metres west of the existing overbridge to the eastern side of the bridge at the entrance to project compound.

Bangalow Road will re-open daily at 6am.

Access to Bangalow will be maintained at all times. Detours will be signposted on the Pacific Highway and Bangalow Road one week before the road closure and during the works.

Roads and Maritime apologises for any inconvenience and appreciates your patience.

For further information please call 1800 882 787 (toll free), email: communityinfo@t2e.com.au, write to Reply Paid 85913 PO Box 604, Bangalow NSW 2479 or visit rms.nsw.gov.au/pacific

great danger of flooding. Now let's multiply this by thousands more cars driving in panic on a very weary small road – to nowhere.

D J Faith
Newtown, Sydney

Paid parking

I strongly object to the expansion of paid parking in Byron Bay. My reasons:

1. Visitors and ratepayers already pay enough tax through rates and GST (on petrol, vehicle registration insurance and repairs, food and drinks etc) and land tax on investment/commercial property.

2. Residents already pay high rates (compared to other councils).

3. The roads and beaches belong to the people and there should be free parking irrespective of country or state of origin or capacity to pay.

4. Paid parking is divisive and elitist. The landed gentry want the beach to themselves. Struggling families and individuals deserve free access to the beaches as much as anybody else.

5. The penal system of parking infringement taxes the poor proportionately more than the rich.

My suggestion: Council should lobby to get a fairer share of the GST collected in the region.

This town runs on alcohol and food! Holiday accommodation is subject to GST but small operators are exempt.

Philip Macrae
Suffolk Park

Rental prejudice

I recently had the unpleasant experience of looking for rental accommodation in Byron Bay. As is well known, there is a dearth of reasonably priced places. What may not be so obvious is that many landlords are adamant that anyone in receipt of a government pension (generally speaking, the poorest and most vulnerable) may *not* apply for government rental assistance. One has to question why this might be, and my belief is that in these instances, landlords are not declaring their rental income.

I was astounded when I came across this stricture, especially, when on several occasions, I had been made aware of the relative wealth of the landlord. Perhaps a little more honesty on the part of local landlords might ease the burden on the less fortunate among us?

Tony Parker
Byron Bay

Tony's brainchild

Congratulations to all those who participated in Tony Bar-

ry's brainchild of theatre for social change at the Drill Hall the other weekend. It was fantastic to meet so many lovely people willing to put their many and varied talents towards creating theatre with a message, to be uploaded onto social media.

Thanks to Tony for organising and running this social experiment. I felt honoured to be part of such a vibrant, caring, creative project.

It was empowering to actively do something to expose some of the ills of our society, rather than just sit

around whingeing about it. Perhaps the people will teach the leaders, who are obsessed with profit and maintaining the old ways (eg fossil fuels), that health, clean air and water and cohesive communities are true indicators of a society's wealth, not just for these generations, but also for those who come after us.

Magenta Appel-Pye
Mullumbimby

Rail and trail

Hopefully the mayor's public meeting on July 17 will attract some far-sighted business

people. With so many festival-goers and the 1.2 million tourists already coming to the area, a tram running continually between the villages in the Lismore and Byron shires would attract more people than just bike riders and distribute more dollars around.

Maybe Billinudgel could restart the Poker World Championships and advertise the 100-year-old pub; the Eltham River Regatta and the pub could be a great day out, the several festivals and many tourist shops at Bangalow could benefit. It does not take

much imagination to see the benefits of having a rail line.

Instead of a Gold Coast-like development, promotion of the existing potential of the area could make it sound very attractive. And as a bonus local commuters could use the transport as well.

Tony Chandler
Mullumbimby

■ One of the arguments of opponents to trains is that people don't use trains. In 2007 a study by researchers at Southern Cross University led by Professor Weatherby conclud-

ed 'the number of trips estimated to be 2,875 a day, which would require 28 return rail services per day'. These trips are for shopping, education, employment, medical/health services and sport/recreation. This study was done purely for residents. The number would be higher today as we have more residents. Then there are close to five million visitors to the region a year, of which many would use the train. It is no fantasy to assume a million trips per year on the line.

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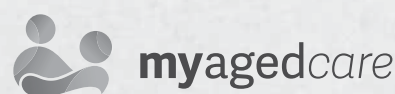
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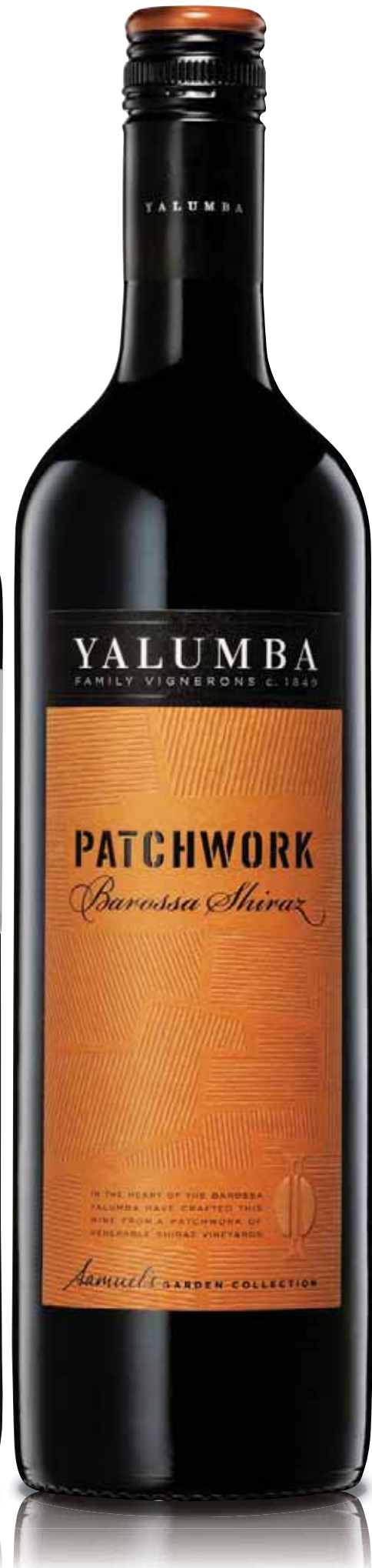
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 politician and parrot the line from the rail trail study, that Ballina and Tweed is not covered by the rail, is a farce. Support trains on our tracks for the benefit of young and old and in between.

Jens Krause
 Byron Bay

■ Re 'The railway's fate' (Comment, July 8) and the idea that NOROC be the Trust to oversee use of the line. NOROC with its pro-rail-trail bias cannot be trusted. The mayors' decision to tell transport minister Berejiklian that councils were behind rail trails, even before the feasibility study was released, was a bad call and a breach of the democratic process at a regional level.

No-one gave the mayors executive decision-making powers on behalf of the whole region. There was no consul-

tation with their respective councils or the community – a majority of whom would still prefer catching a train than riding a bike to Lismore.

If the mayors had stood up for trains, along with our Nationals reps in Lismore, Ballina and Tweed, then we'd probably have them by now.

It's true, TOOT seems under-resourced compared with the rail trail mob, but they are a strong and resilient lot and are not about to give up. Much of their time and energy is spent trying to set people right who have been hoodwinked by the propaganda and are ready to roll over to the seemingly inevitable.

Wake up, people, we will need trains into the future, so stand up for them now. And please, Byronians, remember we are part of the northern rivers. We need real transport solutions for the whole region,

not just to suit this shire and some tourist operators.

The Rail Trail Bill has not been passed as yet, the tracks are still largely in place and the community isn't ready to signal defeat. We'll not allow a victory for lazy and inept politicians. The train is still coming, so keep the tracks intact.

Garth Kindred
 South Golden Beach

■ What a great idea to have a rail trail in the northern rivers. A few years ago we were in Germany where our first stop was in a small country village. Right behind the beer garden of our guesthouse ran a cycleway 38km long. Apparently it had been an old railway that was now abandoned and converted into an asphalt track a bit over two metres wide.

The gently sloping path connected towns and villages. It passed through fields and

forests with occasional fruit trees along the side, the coffee shops all serving the summer plum cake. Our accommodation had lent us bicycles but there were kids on rollerblades, strolling parents as well as those in true German style striding out with walking poles. I was amazed to see how extensively solar panels had been deployed on rooftops, as well as wind turbines dotting the landscape. Surely our own region could learn from this.

I wonder too whether a similar arrangement could be applied here by simply putting bitumen between and on either side of the existing rails, tramline style, thus protecting the existing infrastructure and providing a quick relatively inexpensive solution that retains the possibility of light rail.

Nick Schaefer
 Mullumbimby

■ Chris Abraham is right (Letters, July 8): 'The railway would be used by many ... [and] would also generate income...' The bridges would have had to be replaced anyway. Once the rails go, you can wave goodbye to any train!

Robin Harrison's letter, 'Better models,' points towards a valuable parallel development: sustainable communities. Robin's treatise 'The Intentional Community Development Corporation,' www.byronenvironmentcentre.asn.au/robin.htm, looks at the viability of communities (villages) of (say) up to 3,000 people. 'The model envisaged would desire a positive and mutually beneficial relationship with the wider community.'

Let us imagine our government was visionary, farsighted; not likely but worth wishing (trying) for.

How about, in combination

with rail between Casino and Murwillumbah, villages of this size are encouraged/created at appropriate locations along the rail line? This would create a better model of 'communities' and re-establish a better model of 'transport'.

If it couldn't be done in this region, it couldn't be done in Australia.

Roger Seccombe
 Bangalow

■ As a keen walker I am very excited about the prospect of a rail trail in the northern rivers. What a fantastic asset for current and future generations, for both locals and visitors.

Preserve the corridor. Enjoy the corridor. Connect our villages.

Bring it on – let's show our support and get behind this great project.

Hilary Wise
 Bangalow

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U3A Brunswick Valley

Tues 22 July, Susi Muddiman, curator of the Tweed Gallery, will be speaking on the setting up of the Margaret Olley exhibition and other events at the gallery. 10am–12, Uniting Church hall, Fingal St, Brunswick Heads. Phone 6684 4787.

Men's group

Mens Wellbeing will be starting another 'Common Ground' men's group on 29 July in Mullumbimby. Phone Tim on 0422 508 533 to find out more or to register your interest.

Garage sale

Mullumbimby CWA Garage Sale 8am–2pm, Saturday 26 July, CWA Rooms, Tincogan St, Mullumbimby. Phone Sue 6684 1675.

Wellbeing Program

The next Wellbeing Program hosted by the Byron Breast Cancer Support

Group will be seven weeks of Nia Dance with Meggie Danielson, starting Wednesday 23 July at the Byron Senior Citizens Hall in Marvell St. For more information please phone Margie on 6685 4873 or email byronbcs@gmail.com.

Moon landings

Marie and Philip your local amateur astronomers will be celebrating the 45th anniversary of the first Moon landings this Sunday 20 July. Activities include building a scale-model solar system and rocket launching. From about 12.30 at Memorial Park, Fawcett St, Brunswick Heads. Free – just bring a space joke. Enquiries 0413 779 223.

Ocean Shores Garden Club

Next meeting Monday 21 July at 1.30 at the Baptist Church, Ocean Shores. Floral art demonstration by Betty Turner, followed by fellowship around afternoon tea. Enquiries Laurel 6680 2455.

Junior chess club

Mullum junior chess club starts again Tuesday 22 July Mullumbimby High School library after school until 4.45. All ages, all standards, fun games, professional coaching. Enquiries Mike 6684 6281.

OSCA meeting

Ocean Shores Community Association (OSCA) meeting 7pm at the Ocean Shores Tavern on Monday 21 July. Special discussion night to launch the Ocean Shores Neighbourhood Plan. Also, sportsfields and Roundhouse update. Enquiries 0431 477 445.

Chem-free landcare

Byron Shire Chemical-free Landcare next working bee Saturday 19 July, 9am–12.30pm. Meet south of Brunswick Heads Surf Lifesaving Club. byronshirechemicalfreelandcare@gmail.com

Hospital Auxiliary AGM

The annual general meeting of the Byron District Hospital Auxiliary will be held at the Uniting Church, Carlyle St, Byron Bay Monday 21 July commencing at 1.30pm. Members are encouraged to attend and new members are very welcome. Enquiries 6685 3162.

Mullum action meet

Public meeting – Mullum Environmental Action Collective, Lock the Gate and special guests. Mullum Community Gardens 19 July 9.30am–1pm followed by lunch and live music. 0401 643 337

Let It Go

You are invited to a free class at 11am, Thursday 17 July, Mullumbimby library. Learn how to eliminate negative thoughts, feelings and beliefs from your consciousness – with Magenta Appel-Pye.

Mini fete

Byron Aged Care Aux is holding a mini-fete at the home in Butler St (next to the Police Station) on Sat 2 Aug, 9am–2pm. All the usual stalls including, craft, cakes, jams, pickles, plants, white elephant, raffle, etc. Enq to Jan 6684 7241.

Friends of library

Byron Shire Friends of the Library next meeting is Wednesday 16 July at 10am in the Arakwal Room at the Byron Library. All welcome.

Mullum market

Mullumbimby Community Market Corner of Stuart and Myocum Streets, Mullumbimby, Saturday 19 July, 8am–2pm. Andrew Morris playing live. See www.facebook.com/MullumMarkets.

U3A Ballina/Byron

CWA rooms, Mullumbimby at 10am on 22/7/14, poetry with Elva. All welcome. Enquiries 6680 7350.

Free training

YWCA NSW offering free training for young people (16–24yrs), Certificate II in Rural Operations. Information day 10am, Tues 15 July at YWCA Goonellabah. Contact Brooke 6625 5800 / 0425 711 125.

Dunecare day

Green and Clean Awareness Team Dunecare day Sunday 20 July 9am–12 noon, meeting in front of the Beach Cafe at Clarkes Beach. Enquiries Udo 0413 173 786 or Veda 6685 7991.

In Mullum Garden

Basket Weaving – Discover the therapeutic qualities of basket weaving. Book whole course or individual class. 23 Jul–27 August, 10.30am–1.30pm at Mullum Community Garden. Register: kimjtait@gmail.com or 0413 318 829. Qigong In The Garden 9.15–10.15am Wednesdays. Gold coin donation goes to the Garden. Contact: 0401 643 337 or dhyansandhya@icloud.com.

Compassionate Friends

The Compassionate Friends is a caring support group for any parent whose child has died at any age. The next evening sharing meeting will be held in Lismore at 7.30pm on Thursday 17 July. Enquiries 6621 4086 or 6621 5558.

Op shop

Uniting Church Op Shop, Dalley St, Mullumbimby open each Saturday 8am–noon. Lots of winter coats to choose from at low prices.

Lennox Community Market

The Lennox Community Market is on again Sunday 29 July on the fields next to the Lennox Head Cultural & Community Centre.

Bangalow CWA

Bangalow CWA meets each Wednesday in their rooms at 31 Byron St, Bangalow, 10am–2pm for craft and friendship. Contact Di Campbell 6685 4694.

Personality disorder support

Borderline Personality Disorder support group. Phone Angela for more information: 0414 719 680.

Byron Young Mums

Byron Young Mums' Group meets every Friday at 10.30 at the Byron YAC; free for young mums and expectant mums 25 and younger. Contact Lotte 0477 591 555 or email byronyoungmums@gmail.com.

Buddhist meditation

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

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.

Hall for hire

Ocean Shores Community Centre at 55 Rajah Road is available to hire for physical, cultural, social and educational uses. Contact the bookings officer on 0498 999 106 or email oceanshoreshall@gmail.com.

Cancer action group

Next meeting for Brunswick Valley Cancer Action Group will be held in the Uniting Church Hall 1.30pm Thursday 17 July. Topic for discussion is Daffodil Day. All welcome.

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



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A friendly word for the bandicoot

According to Backyard Buddies, a program run by Australia's Foundation for National Parks & Wildlife, bandicoots breed year-round but have a breeding peak from winter to summer, so look out for them now as they will be more active and may have babies with them. Since bandicoots are usually solitary animals, during breeding times your backyard can become a temporary boxing ring for their territorial scuffles.



A foraging bandicoot. Photo Keith Miller

Like wombats, bandicoots have backwards-facing pouches so that when the mum is digging around, her pouch won't fill up with soil. In her pouch, a bandicoot mum will carry two to six babies around with her for around three months until they're old enough to fend for themselves.

Spotting

Your best chance of spotting bandicoots is with a torch at night or in the early morning and evening, when they will often still be out-and-about foraging.

'Bandicoots are sometimes blamed for spreading ticks in backyards and bushland but the truth is, because they only roam small distances, they are not spreading ticks very far,' said Ms Susanna Bradshaw, CEO of the Foundation. 'It's the foxes and other feral animals who travel much further afield that spread the most ticks. Increased tick numbers are also more associated with climatic conditions and a lack of natural fires.'

It's true that the bandicoot can be a little messy when it comes to foraging for food.

It's not uncommon to see leaf litter tossed about or the odd hole in your lawn when there's a bandicoot around.

'They do this to dig out and eat many of our unwanted garden bugs and grubs, helping to protect your plants. The curl grub is notorious for creating unsightly brown patches in your lawn but they make a great meal for the bandicoot who will help you keep them under control.'

Tips for living with bandicoots

- Set aside an area of your garden with plenty of mulch and small shrubs or grasses that can be exclusively used for your bandicoot buddy. This will give them more incentive to scratch around here instead of the rest of your garden.

- Leave a small shallow dish of water out for them to drink from when it gets hot as clean water can be hard to come by for a bandicoot.

- Make sure you check areas of long grass before you start mowing or whopper

snipping as bandicoots make their nests in grasses to sleep in during the day.

'Far from being a nuisance, this friendly buddy can be a big asset to the health of your garden and a wonderful surprise to come across,' said Ms Bradshaw.

'A recent study in Tasmania suggests that the bandicoot plays a vital role in helping reduce the incidence and severity of bushfires. They cover leaf litter with soil as they dig, covering up the flammable material and help-

ing it to decompose.'

Ms Bradshaw said that when bandicoots are going about their usual business, 'they often make bird-like noises. When they are a bit annoyed, they make a "whuff, whuff" sound and when they are in pain or extreme danger they will let out an explosive screech.'

Interesting facts

- The main character, Crash, in the well-known video game series *Crash Bandicoot*, is based on the endangered Eastern Barred Bandicoot.

- Bandicoots have one of the shortest pregnancies of any mammal, lasting just 12 days from conception.

- All bandicoots are omnivores because they eat plants and animals. Their favourite foods are insects, roots and truffles.

- Sign up for B-mail and download a free factsheet about bandicoots at www.backyardbuddies.net.au.

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Sweeney's Tom swims fluidly among realities

Review by Laurel Cohn

There is something about Tom, the narrator of Diana Sweeney's debut novel *The Minnow*, that stays with you for a long time after the final page. Tom's real name is Holly and the gender shift in name is emblematic of the instability of her world. Tom's younger sister, mother and father all drowned in the Mothers Day flood. At the age of fourteen she is trying to find a way through unfathomable grief and loss. But this is not a depressing or gloomy novel in any way. As the publisher Michael Hayward noted in announcing *The Minnow* as the 2013 winner of the Text Prize for Young Adult and Children's Writing, 'It makes us understand sorrow and joy at the same time.'

Although she has lost her immediate family, Tom is not alone. Aside from her best

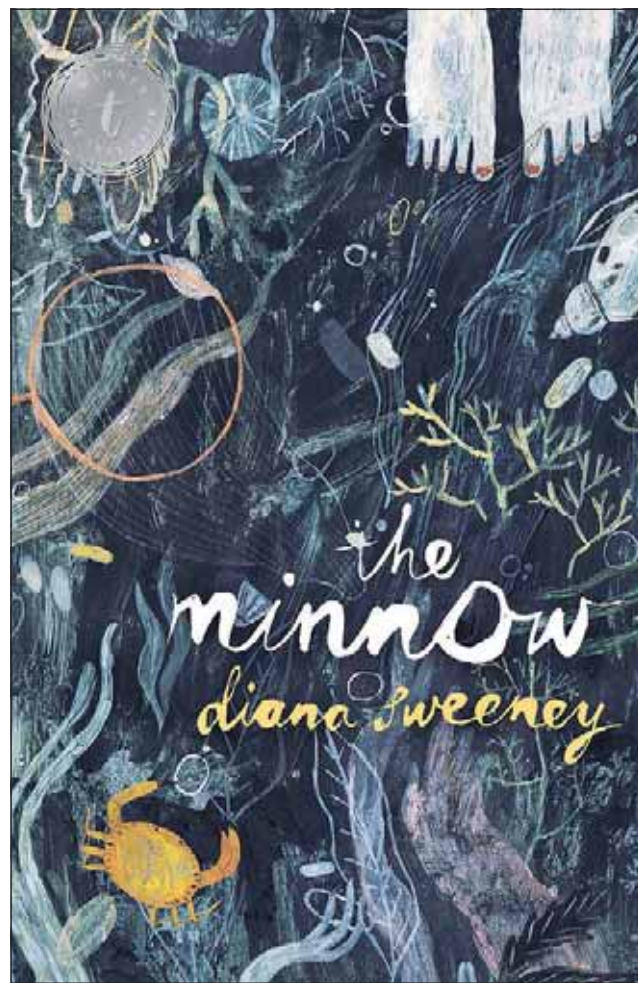
friend, Jonah (also orphaned by the flood), there is her beloved Nana, Nana's friend Jonathan Whiting, Papa, the Minnow, Oscar and others. Now I do need to explain that Papa is dead, the Minnow is an unborn child and Oscar is a fish, but those details are, in a sense, secondary to the role such characters play in Tom's world. Glenda Millard's endorsement of the novel on the front cover calls it 'Gorgeously strange and wonderfully told'. And certainly Tom's relationships with such a wide range of beings are part of what makes it gorgeously strange, as these characters not only occupy physical space in Tom's reality, but offer advice and opinions that shape her understanding. Take this exchange, for example:

It's a cold Saturday afternoon. I'm mooching around Fielder's Pets and Supplies. Mrs Blanket is away for the

week (visiting her daughter) and Clare is looking after the shop. I am having a conversation with a seahorse called the Professor, who, it turns out, is a Buddhist. I've just finished telling him about the man who had the dream that lasted eighty years.

'Fish don't distinguish reality as separate,' says the Professor, after thinking it over for about ten minutes. 'In fact, it would be safe to say that we dream our reality, quite literally.'

Sweeney's simple and spare style, characterised by short sentences and few adjectives, is well crafted. It matches Tom's unembellished point of view and the naked reality of her situation. The structure of the novel shows a sophisticated understanding of how to engage the reader in the imaginative process of storytelling on the page. Within the chapters the text is broken into short sections that move backwards and forwards in time and shift between dreams and reality. It is a very fluid movement and the reader is carried in different directions with the currents of the story, although it is never disorienting.



The construction of the novel is in itself an expression of the underlying theme: water. Aside from the devastating flood that carries away Tom's sister and parents, much of the story is set in, on, under or near water. Water signifies life and death,

comfort and fear. This duality is representative of the complexity of Tom's world and her search to make sense of her circumstances.

One of Tom's most endearing traits is her relationship with words. With a dictionary and thesaurus as constant

companions her curiosity about not only the meaning of what has happened, but the ways in which we articulate meaning, is very engaging. Sweeney artfully slips in a sentence here and there showing Tom's word obsession. For example: 'You'd have to be mighty serious about fishing to want a tackle box. I stop in front of the FishMaster Super Series. It comprises three layers that concertina for ease of access. It says that on the lid. I don't usually use the word 'comprises', but I think it sounds just right.' Aside from being delightfully playful, Sweeney is drawing our attention to the way stories are told, and to the choices we make in how to tell them.

I found *The Minnow* a pleasure to read and a remarkably accomplished first novel. Although it is marketed as Young Adult Fiction, I would recommend it to readers of any age. I'm very much looking forward to meeting Diana Sweeney at this year's Byron Bay Writers Festival.

■ Laurel Cohn will be chairing a session at the Byron Bay Writers Festival with Diana Sweeney and other Young Adult fiction writers.

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Play at Byron Services Club, Mon 7pm

This year's Oceania Seniors took place in Sydney last week, with a narrow victory for IM Gary Lane.

The tournament determines who will be the official Oceania candidate for the world senior event held annually in Europe, although in practice the entry of any southern hemisphere player is welcome.

This year the qualifying age was changed from over 60 to over 50, allowing an influx of what the old stagers considered junior players. The reason for the change was to strengthen prestige and numbers, although these days 50 is hardly counted as senior in most pursuits.

The rule change meant that youngsters Gary Lane (Australia) and Robert Smith (New Zealand) heavily outranked the other contestants and the event became a two-horse race.

Going into the final round Lane and Smith were tied on 5.5 points, having drawn with each other and beaten all their other opponents, in some cases with ludicrous ease – as in the follow-

ing gamelet from round two.

White: Oleg Korenevski (1914) Qld

Black: Gary Lane (2353) NSW

1. d4 d5 2. Nf3 Nf6 3. c4 dxc4 4. Qa4+ c6 5. Qxc4 Bf5 6. Bd2 e6 7. Bb4 Qd5 8. Qc3 Ne4 9. Qa3 Qc4 0-1

Lane duly won his last round game, but Smith was paired with David Lovejoy, last year's Oceania seniors winner, and the New Zealander unexpectedly failed to convert a winning position. Loathe to concede the draw and acknowledge Lane as winner of the tournament, Smith continued to grind away gracelessly for a total of 121 moves, until the application of the 50-move rule by the tournament arbiter confirmed that the position given below is indeed a draw.



Robert Smith (2300) v David Lovejoy (1919). Either side to move: draw

Thinking big at the Writers Festival

Whether the topic is terrorism, refugees, the true cost of free speech, war, the Catholic Church, or failing media empires – the Byron Bay Writers Festival is not afraid to tackle major social, ethical and philosophical issues.

This year's program is as diverse as it is rich and boasts several Big Issue sessions including Dream Boat Refugees; How Vulture Capitalism is Swallowing the World; Secrets and Lies: Should the Catholic Church Confess; Shifting Sands: Lessons from Iraq, Afghanistan; and The Cost of Free Speech. Wide-ranging, provocative and probing commentary will underpin this year's festival program.

One such session is Soldiers: Lambs to the Slaughter or Sacred Cows on Saturday August 2. Featuring James Brown, David Finkel and Rabia Siddique, it will be chaired by the former editor of *The Northern Star*, Russell Eldridge.

Panellist Rabia Siddique is a woman of many talents. She speaks four languages,



Human rights lawyers Rabia Siddique and Julian Burnside.

has run the London marathon for charity, undertaken human rights and community aid work in the Middle East, South America, United Kingdom and Australia and is a mother to five-year-old triplet boys.

Siddique is also a criminal and human rights lawyer, a retired British army officer, a former terrorism and war crimes prosecutor and published author. In 2006, Siddique was awarded a Queen's commendation for her human rights work in Iraq, and in 2009, she was the runner-up for Australian Woman of



the Year UK. She has recently written and published her memoir, *Equal Justice*.

Siddique is delighted to be involved in the Festival. 'I'll elaborate on the story told in my memoir and will further explore the issues of equality, resilience, authentic leadership and the need for us all to have courage in our convictions.'

Fellow human rights barrister Julian Burnside will tackle the emotional topic of refugees in the session Dream Boat Refugees to be held on Friday August 1. Burnside will be joined by Vietnam-

ese refugee, award-winning author and publisher Carina Hoang and Antony Loewenstein, *Guardian* columnist and best-selling author who will also feature in another powerful festival session, How Vulture Capitalism is Swallowing the World.

Then the Big Issues turn to politics and the environment.

Former prime minister Malcolm Fraser and Pulitzer prize winner David Finkel will explore Australia's relationship with the US, prompted by influential commentator David Marr, while journalists Mike Carlton, Terry Hayes and Kate McClymont will discuss The State of the State.

They will be preceded by retired politician Bob Brown and Tim Flannery, who will explore their environmental vision for our wide brown land.

The Festival runs August 1-3 with workshops commencing July 28. For more information and feature event tickets, visit www.byronbaywritersfestival.com or call 1300 368 552.



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New Home & Gift Store

Liberty Trading Co is a new homewares and gift store in Byron. They have scoured the globe to bring you the coolest, quirkiest, unique homewares and gifts in a one-stop shop.

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Come past and say hello! They're soon to launch as a full online store; in the meantime you can follow them on Instagram.

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Remi, how has winning Triple J Unearthed back in 2013 helped you broaden your reach? It's hard to tell how the award itself has impacted on our career. It's more about the radio play Triple J has given us. We wouldn't be able to tour interstate with out it so we're incredibly thankful for the support.

As a hip-hop artist did you expect such accolades? Does hip-hop get overlooked sometimes in Oz, in comparison to other genres? Not at all. Awards and music don't really go together, because it's a subjective thing. To one person our music might be the best shit on Earth, to others the worst. As a result the biggest accolade we could ever receive is fans, without sounding to cliché!

On a local level Oz hip-hop definitely doesn't get overlooked; however, internationally it definitely does.

As a lyricist what do you look for when you are writing? I look for the shit I know about, because that's the only stuff I know how to write. Anything that I think sounds cool, or any topic that resonates with me is what is most likely to come out in the music Sensible J, Dutch and I make.

How important is your persona and the whole package to your lyrics and what you present? It's not really. I definitely rap just to rap a lot of the times, but that's just

flagrant poetry. The message behind our tracks with meaning is way more important than any persona.

How would your mother describe you?

Cool.

A lot of your content is personal. How much do you give away of yourself on stage or throughout your work? As much as is necessary. Hip-hop is all about being real and connecting. The only way to do that is to give as much of yourself to the music as you can. Our songs such as *Ode to Ignorance*, off *RAW x Infinity*, which tackle issues such as the racism in this country, have a lot of personal references in them. A lot of it's hard to hear; however, that's what makes the song powerful so I have to perform it live no matter how controversial it is, because that's music.

Who are the hip-hop or musical artists who have influenced you? The Roots, Common, Mos Def, Thom Yorke, Andre 3000, J Dilla, Slum Village, Stevie Wonder, Flying Lotus etc.

Who are the artists that you aspire to work alongside or collaborate with? The Roots, Common, Mos Def, Thom Yorke, Andre 3000, Stevie Wonder, Flying Lotus etc.

Tell me about *RAW x Infinity*. It's our second album. Compared to our first album *Regular People Shit* it's much more mature content-wise. Musically it's quite vast, covering a bunch of different genres, while still coming in under the bracket of hip-hop. You can get it from iTunes and bandcamp www.remi.bandcamp.com.

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THE GIFT THAT DOESN'T KEEP ON GIVING

The other day I was cleaning the rubble on my office desk when I discovered a gift card from the Christmas before last. It was from a big chain bottleshop for \$30 and I thought, whacko, I'll pop that in my wallet, and next time I pass the appropriate establishment I'll redeem my gift. It was nice thinking I'd be getting a bottle of wine or two as a belated prezzie from some very thoughtful friends of ours. It reminded me that I should tidy my desk more often, as such treasures frequently lurk beneath.

A few weeks later I find myself at a bottleshop, select some booze and proudly present my gift card, only to have it rejected. The boy at the counter mumbled, 'Sorry, it's been declined.' I was a bit confused. 'But I haven't used it.' He looked at me like I was some sort of middle-aged mental midget and stated: 'it's expired.'

I am not someone who takes that sort of information well. It doesn't compute. 'How could it expire? It's a gift card. Someone gave it to me as a present. They spent money at your store so I could come and spend money at your store and now you are telling me I didn't do it fast enough?' The boy was probably not 20, and he clearly didn't understand the rage of older people against the economic machine that promises us everything, takes our cash, and then says 'go fuck yourself'.

He looked at me again. 'It expired last year. Now I've really got the shits. Maybe I'm not a very heavy drinker,' (this is not entirely true, but it helped me establish the injustice of the situation). 'Maybe I only have one bottle of wine a year and today is the day?' There was a small queue of people now witnessing my alcoholic outrage. It never looks good when you are yelling in a bottleshop. 'I have money. I can buy my own wine, but I have a gift card that you won't let me use because your stupid store seems to have some retarded belief that cash expires. It doesn't. It's not made of bananas.'

He looks at me again. I have gone way off script for what the poor boy has trained for in his RSA certification. I don't think they even offer training on proper handling of irate customers

when told their gift cards have expired. I take a few breaths and ask him politely. 'So will you refund the \$30?' It's like I've asked him to show me his left testicle; it's clearly not going to happen. 'It's expired.'

This doesn't seem logical. I have been using money for more than 40 years now and I've never seen cash expire. I've seen it disappear, but never expire. As far as I can tell \$30 is \$30 today, and tomorrow and the next day. 'But if you are not going to honour my gift card then are you going to return the \$30 to the people who bought it for me?'

I am being difficult. I am being a cranky old woman fighting over \$30. I know there are people who want to buy their booze and go home and drink themselves into obliteration, and I and my expired gift card are standing between them. But I must rise up against the injustice, if not just for me – it's for all the other recipients of expired gift cards that will come after me.

'I don't understand. If someone pays \$30 and gives a card that says a person receiving the card can spend \$30 at one of your bottleshops – then what happens to the \$30 that you charge for the cards if the gifts expire and are never retrieved?'

I am onto something. This whole gift

card thing is a racket. It's a nasty little money-grabbing scheme to suck money out of people who are too busy to buy a gift for people that are too busy to use the gift. There could be hundreds of thousands in unredeemed booze sitting in bottleshops around the country!

'Are you going to pay for the wine?' asks the boy at the counter. 'I don't know. I would like to know what has happened to the \$30. Do you think head office could send me a letter to let me know where the \$30 has gone?' The bottleshop attendee makes one final suggestion in an attempt to be helpful. 'Maybe you should use your gift card before it expires?'

So I say, 'Maybe you shouldn't offer gift cards to customers if you aren't going to honour them,' but it comes out more like 'Why don't you get fucked?' Not very nice, I know. Then I paid for my wine and left. I wrote a cheque. He didn't notice I got the date wrong, and as it turned out the bank wouldn't honour it. I wrote them a simple note of explanation: 'sorry, it's expired.'

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FRIDAY'S BLISS

House of Bliss is open for their fortnightly chanting and kirtan this **Friday**. Special guest in the house this week is Mel Dobra. Mel's a beautiful local sacred-music musician who recently released her debut album *Sacred Tides*. She has travelled with heart musician Kevin James for many years, and this new project aligns with her intention to create a space where the community can find a deep connection with themselves, with each other and with the planet through the shared power of music. Along with Mel will be the ever-evolving house band. Friday at **St Martin's Hall**, Mullumbimby, 6.30pm for chai and treats, 7pm chanting. \$15/\$10 concession. For comfort bring a cushion or blanket.



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SWINGERS UNITE

Grab the car keys, get a babysitter and come on out to our night of rock and roll dancing at the Tyalgum Hall hopping along to the music of **The Cadillac Rockers!** This up-and-coming young band plays all the hits of 50-60s and more with experience way beyond their ages. Dress up for the occasion and swing the night away on the fabulous wooden dance floor. Kids welcome. **Friday at Tyalgum Community Hall.** Tickets online – www.trybooking.com/89103 or at the door \$15A/\$10 concession or \$7 per child 7.30pm show. BYO drinks only and group bookings available.

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Friday at the Ballina RSL.



MIDDLE HEAT

It's the third and last heat of the **Middle Pub Band Comp** this **Saturday** from 7.30pm and with six bands on the bill what a massive night it will be. Performing for special guest judges – guitar maestro Geoff Wright (Procul Harum, Tina Turner) and wonderful local songstress Rebecca Ireland – for a chance to play at the Mullum Music Fest 2014 are: Mt St Pats young guns the Squeak Lemaire Trio, melodic swamp-stompers Basking Shark, Brunswick blues-rockers Native Son, gypsy-cabaret act Out of Range, acoustic prog-rockers The Silencio and metal-men Level H. It's a great show for all ages so come early, grab a quality \$15 main and make a night of it.

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Escaping the chilly Victorian winter for one show at the Byron Rails is **Tree** (formerly holycow). Fronted by a unique male/female combo, Ian Treloar and Ree Liddell work roots cruise blues 'n' Rasta with strong songlines with soaring vocals/harmonies and earthy rhythms. On board are nine- and six-string acoustic guitar-synth, resonator, mandolin, charango, drums loops and stomp. The songs talk of spacejunk, politics, love, environment and survival. Catch them at the **Rails** on **Thursday**.

WORKIN' IT AT THE PLATINUM LOUNGE

This week the latest SCU talent is featured at the **Platinum Lounge** at the Lismore Workers Club. **Parkside Orchestra** make the kind of music they love from laidback Ray Mann Three-inspired grooves to heavier blues tunes similar to the John Mayer Trio's and featuring Torsten Gustavsson on guitar/vocals, Scott Finch on bass and Freyja Hooper on drums. **Fossic** play a set of original alternative music and wowed everyone at the third-year exams a few weeks ago featuring Benja Melon Meek on guitar/ vocals, Angus McIlveen on bass/vocals and Lachlan Dwyer on drums/vocals. **Tuesday** from 7.30pm.

KNIGHT AND DAZE AT THE BILLI

Kellie Knight and the Daze fuse old-school funk with groove, rock licks and nu-jazz improvisation to serve up eclectic originals and audience favourites alike. Influenced by artists such as James Brown, Stevie Wonder and Miles Davis, this band show their might with guitar and keyboard improvisation that will blow your mind, a rhythm section that holds the tribal beat, and one of the most powerful voices you'll hear. Catch them at the iconic **Billinudgel Pub** for a Sunday Session this **Sunday** at 3pm.



FOSSIC AT THE PLATINUM LOUNGE AT THE LISMORE WORKERS CLUB ON TUESDAY

MILLING AROUND FOR MUSIC

Multi-award-winning songwriter and vivacious Melbourne performer **Melissa Main** combines forces with local soul-tress **Shelley Hughes** to present an afternoon of fine tunes, double-dating and mutual high regard. Shelly and Melissa perform at the **Rous Mill Hall** on **Sunday** from 3pm.



MELISSA MAIN AND SHELLEY HUGHES AT ROUS MILL HALL ON SUNDAY

KARAOKE CHAMPIONSHIPS ANYONE?

This **Sunday** is your chance to be part of the World Karaoke Championships. The search is on to take one lucky Australian karaoke singer's fifteen minutes of fame to the world stage for the world finals of the **Karaoke World Championships 2014**. Celebrating 12 years and hosted in as many as 30 different countries worldwide, the Karaoke World Championships have become an opportunity of a lifetime for aspiring vocalists to perform on the world stage. Heats will be held at The Byron Bay Brewery; final winners will secure a place in the Queensland state finals at the Coolangatta Tweed Heads Golf Club on Saturday 4 October. The winner of the state final will win immediate entry to represent their state in the Australian National Grand Final later that same evening where they will compete for the chance to represent Australia in Sweden in November. First prize in the Australian competition includes a return trip to Stockholm, Sweden, with five nights' accommodation, cash prizes, Capital Karaoke prizes and a trophy. **Sunday July 20** at **Byron Bay Brewery**, 8.00pm start, \$17.50 / \$20. For more information, please visit www.byronbaybrewery.com.au.

HEARING HORACE

The **Horace Bevan Band** was formed around a year ago after an impromptu session at the Aussie Hotel in Ballina. After a six-year journey of soul searching, and musical experimentation with dozens of talented musicians, Horace came across four of the most unlikely candidates and struck gold. The band have released three singles and even received airplay in the US with *Heart Like Mine*. The band has four songwriters so it's no wonder they've managed to crank out 30 original compositions in the past year. They play the **Club Lennox** on **Saturday** with special guests **Jamie Lockhart** and **Adaja Black**.

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THE OUTRAGEOUSLY FUNNY BEV KILLICK HEADS UP A NIGHT OF WOMEN'S COMEDY AT BELLYLAUGH AT THE BREWERY ON THURSDAY

WOMEN WITH ATTITUDE

Bev Killick is one of the most outrageous, riotous comics on the circuit. In fact even Mandy Nolan, known for her in-your-face antics, is brought undone. 'Bev makes me look like a nun!' laughs Nolan, who welcomes the glorious Ms Killick to the stage as special guest MC for BellyLaugh at the Brewery this month. This free comedy night is focusing on the wild and wanton voice of women in comedy. Featuring only women on the open mic, with new and emerging talent coming from as far afield as Brisbane, this is going to be one killer night of kick-arse laughs. Bev Killick and her pack of sharp-tongued bitches perform at the **Byron Brewery** on **Thursday** at 8pm. Free show.

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CONTROL YOURSELF!

Okay, admit it, you are a Control Freak. Hell, if you aren't then you are probably comfortable being out of control! **Belinda Raisin** explores the life we live as control freaks in our multitasking, multivitamin, multimedia, multi-orgasmic modern era. This former ballerina and self-confessed control freak created this show after failing to find the balance in her own life. 'Control breeds chaos. How can we possibly achieve success in our careers, raise a normal family, keep a clean house, see our friends, keep fit, keep up with the news, find a moment to unwind and keep our sanity?' asks Belinda. 'We're trying so hard to do it all, be it all, have it all - do we ever get the time to actually enjoy it all? I realised the way I was living my life was so ridiculous, it was actually rather hilarious.' Catch *Confessions of a Control Freak*, a comedy cabaret, on **Friday** at the **Byron Theatre** at 7.30pm. Tickets on 6685 6807 or byroncentre.com.au.

WOMEN IN THE SAME DRESS

The upcoming Drill Hall Theatre Company production of *Five Women Wearing the Same Dress* by Alan Ball (who wrote *American Beauty*, *Six Feet Under* and *True Blood*) sees the return to the acting stage of Melia Naughton, one half of the local singing sister duo Scarlett Affection. Melia's last performance as an actor was in 2003 with the Playbox Theatre in Melbourne at the Malthouse Theatre. Melia studied acting at the Victorian College of the Arts and toured with Bell Shakespeare before abandoning her acting career to join her sister in Scarlett Affection. At its most basic, *Five Women Wearing the Same Dress* is a darkly comic story of five bridesmaids who can't stand the bride and who really don't know each other very well but end up close friends. **The Drill Hall Theatre** on **Friday 25 July**, and for three weekends until 10 August. Tickets are at drillhalltheatre.org.au or at the Mullumbimby Bookshop.

BURLESQUE IDOL

Burlesque Idol and Noir Revue have come together to showcase some of the brightest stars in the burlesque and cabaret scene both here and through Europe. BI was created to support emerging talent and has been running in London for the past five years. Featuring a lineup of Australia's fastest-rising stars, this is truly the best of burlesque. And as for **Noir Revue**, this is a musical cabaret burlesque murder mystery! Blues-soaked cabaret narrated by an unseen detective and featuring circus, cabaret, burlesque, torch-singer blues crooner and film. Together they hit all the right notes! **Sunday** at the **Byron Community Centre's Theatre** from 6pm.



SARINA DEL FUEGO IS ONE OF THE STARS OF BURLESQUE IDOL AT THE BYRON COMMUNITY THEATRE ON SUNDAY

SOME LIKE IT FRENCH

Step into a french-themed village atmosphere in beautiful **Stokers Siding Hall** on **Saturday** when the Multicultural Society presents **Let's Go French Bastille Day celebration**. The crew are putting on a French fete with fine French food, drinks, great music, dance and lots of fun! Stokers Moulin Rouge will feature entertainment including the world-famous Can-Can. The deliciously authentic three-course dinner has been prepared with love by French chefs especially for the night. A feast of soups, mains and sumptuous desserts, along with a complimentary glass of champagne on arrival. Also featuring French music played by the very talented Marcus Nassner and Rudi Gerhardt duo and friends. There will also be other lustrous 'chansons' sung with friends throughout the evening. Bookings are essential and places are limited; tickets must be purchased in advance with payment to accompany the bookings. Doors open 6.30pm, dinner and entertainment commence from 7.30pm. Tickets just \$45pp for this inaugural night of nights!, for bookings online: www.trybooking.com/89966 or email Michelle: Marcus.michelle@bigpond.com. Phone enquiries Jenny: 0418 723 908



PARADE

Catch the stunning work of **Katka Adams** when she opens *Parade* at the Northern Rivers Community Gallery in Ballina on Wednesday. Originally from Prague, Katka arrived in 1968 when her home country was invaded by Russia.

The inspiration for Katka's whimsical work was her recent travels to Japan where, she says, 'I witnessed a magical procession of adorned rocks and trees, shrines to animals and sacred places of natural beauty'. Opening on **Wednesday** at **The Northern Rivers Community Gallery** at 5.30pm. Exhibition runs weekdays from 10am till 4pm and weekends from 9.30am till 2.30pm.

AUDITIONS FOR NAPOLEON

Want to be in a cool play about Napoleon in Sydney? You can. Hamish the Busker, polymath, genius and cultural icon, is auditioning on **Tuesday 22 July** at the **Drill Hall**.

20s to 40s both genders. Be there. He didn't say what time so I guess you need to use your telepathy, and if that's not working try the Drill Hall website for info.

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Stars WITH LILITH



As Mercury joins the sun in Cancer, this week's advice arrives via His Cancerian Holiness the Dalai Lama: *When you talk you are only repeating what you know. But when you listen, you may learn something new...*

♈ ARIES: Been feeling like someone pressed a dimmer switch on your high spirits? This week brings relief as Jupiter's high beam lights up your house of creativity and joyful self-expression for a big, bold, glorious and glowing, heart-opening twelve months of new dreams and directions.

♉ TAURUS: If this week's moods are straining even your notorious Tauran patience, the payoff finally arrives with Jupiter's move to your home base. The Big J's effect is expansive, so coming months could see you welcoming newcomers into your family, adding extensions or even moving somewhere bigger.

♊ GEMINI: Family discussions could veer towards defensive and argumentative this week. Even if you're resistant to input, could something be gained from listening to a different perspective? Be sensitive to emotional cues in yourself and others. And as always, self-censoring will save a truckload of trouble.

♋ CANCER: Mercury joining the sun in your sign and zodiac sugar-daddy Jupiter settling into your house of money and possessions – could there be sweeter news to Cancerian ears? Though don't forget Jupiter expands everything, including waistlines and worries as well as fruity opportunities and good fortune.

♌ LEO: If you've been lying low lately, Jupiter arriving for a year's holiday in your sign invites you back into the spotlight. Though Jupiter and Leo are both extravagant, so resist the impulse to work too long, play too hard, promise too much. Aim for elegant sufficiency, majesties.

♍ VIRGO: Mercury in the sign of personal nurturing wants you doing something really sweet for yourself this week. And Jupiter in your house of spiritual renewal suggests an inner quest of getting to know you, getting to know all about you... and falling utterly in love with yourself.

♎ LIBRA: Stress is the shortfall between how you want the world to be and how it actually is. Accepting things the way they are will go a long way towards lessening this week's tensions. Stand-up take-charge Jupiter moving into your community sector brings some welcome help.

♏ SCORPIO: This week's fuelled by feeling rather than reason, with moods flickering like kaleidoscopes, sensibilities prickly and reactions crackly. Fortunately opportunity-attracting Jupiter is also making its twelve-yearly appearance in your tenth house of ambition, older people and worldly success, so what could be better?

♐ SAGITTARIUS: Revel in the pleasures of the comfort zone while you can. Because your ruling planet Jupiter moving into the compatible fire-sign of playful engagement has just popped the cork on a zesty, energetic year of golden promise in your sector of expanded understanding, travel and adventure...

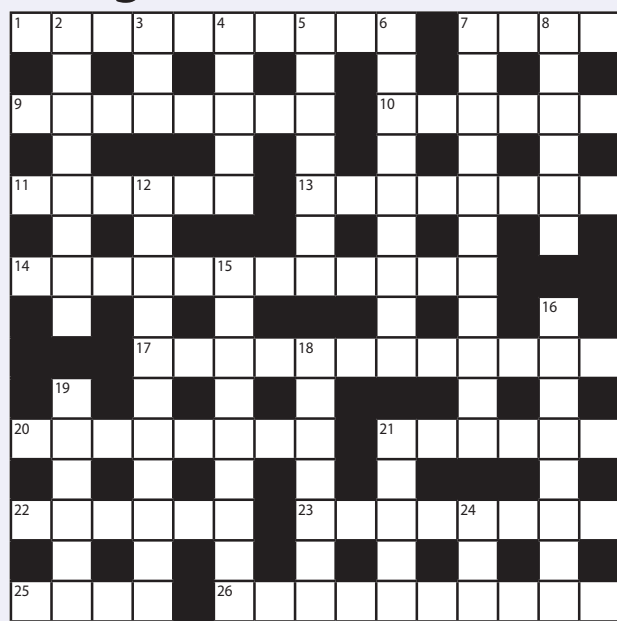
♑ CAPRICORN: Arrangements mightn't be reliable right now owing to circumstances beyond your or anyone else's control. Things mightn't go the way you want, but even so can you locate a potential win somewhere? If an upside's hard to find, love this week's downside till it starts looking good.

♒ AQUARIUS: This week's strong emotional undertow suggests exercising conversational caution as even helpful observations may be taken as criticism. The good news? Genial Jupiter in your house of relationships generates accurate, practical understanding on all levels: with yourself, your family, your community and your work in the world.

♓ PISCES: This week's mounting expenses highlight what needs downsizing, whether that's outdated ways of operating, expensive habits or unnecessary stuff. And Jupiter's year-long stay in your house of organised routines and healthcare supports attending to health on all levels: physical, psychological, habitual, communal and relational.

Mungo's Crossword

N027



Cryptic Clues

ACROSS

- Dumb betting to ease, they say, with 50 in board game (10)
- Flag kitty? (4)
- East Street holds a load of gourmet food (8)
- Wordplay is hard to penalise (6)
- Mendicant grizzly swallows viceroy (6)
- It's said you come from the largest continent, but that's only half right (8)
- Prepare to be zealous? Rot. How cold can it get? (8,4)
- Like 14 across, the joint gets the brush off. (4,8)
- Radio to order start to circuit back to male cycad (4,4)
- Duck back around North Carolina for medical journal (6)
- Manx android mad to confer holy orders (6)
- Backpack for game creek loot (8)
- Street of unknowns, river of Hell (4)
- Direction follows time limits: a fatal quality (10)

DOWN

- Unconcerned traveller to hand over the queen, with the authorship of... (6,2)
- ...queen a very long time... (3)
- ...even bigger embrace for queen (5)
- Limit? Beyond the limit (7)
- Spiderman, perhaps, gets over Leander's love (9)
- Singer Ian and pianist Scott – together they make great rocking blues! (5,6)
- Latin American country drops off CIA, still receives joint billing! (6)
- A hundred in the untamed rough, but reported grade of zero. Still, he's very funny. (7,4)
- Ignorant 50 covered by investment income (9)
- Removes barriers to back players (8)
- First class uncle from Joel Chandler Harris turns up to reveal where writing began (7)
- Vehicle rubbish, but it complements the stick (6)
- Non-fattening pub? (5)
- I, trapped between poles, commit evil (3)

Quick Clues

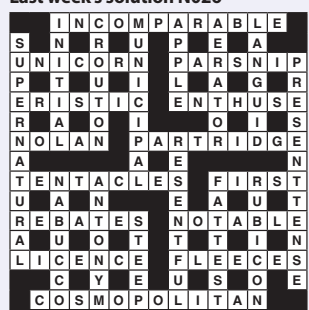
ACROSS

- Shocked beyond words, struck dumb (10)
- Target in lawn bowls (4)
- Edible snail (8)
- Inflct penalty, pain (6)
- Mendicant, one seeking alms (6)
- Person of mixed decent from two northern continents (8)
- Minus 273.15 Celsius (8,4)
- Snub, social rejection (4,8)
- Tropical tree used for starch production; Pacific Island staple (4,4)
- Two-edged surgical knife (6)
- Appoint to the clergy (6)
- Backpack used by hikers (8)
- River surrounding Hades (4)
- Fatal or lethal quality (10)

DOWN

- Casual wayfarer who ignores incidents around him (6,2)
- Greek letter equivalent to E (3)
- More enormous (5)
- Furthest, utmost, final (7)
- Film or comic book character like Captain Marvel or Ironman (9)
- Great rock singer who wanted a Mercedes-Benz (5,6)
- One of two top performers, usually in a film (6)
- Great vaudeville comic, a brother (7,4)
- Ignorant, uneducated (9)
- Methods of resistance, responses to attack (8)
- Ancient Middle Eastern kingdom covering parts of Iraq (7)
- Root vegetable (6)
- Nearby, part of the neighbourhood (5)
- Vice, evil (3)

Last week's solution N026



MIDSUMMA HITS IN MIDWINTA!

THIS SATURDAY THE BYRON THEATRE PRESENTS TWO OF THE HIGHLIGHTS FROM THIS YEAR'S MIDSUMMA FESTIVAL: *IN VOGUE: SONGS BY MADONNA AND WITHOUT ME, I'M NOTHING.*

In Vogue is a creation by Michael Griffiths and features the *Jersey Boy* star and the *Material Girl* star in the show that enjoyed sell-out seasons in New York, Sydney, Melbourne and Edinburgh festivals. Michael gave us a sneak peek...

What inspired you to create *In Vogue: Songs by Madonna*? My friend and writer/director Dean Bryant suggested to me out of the blue that we work on a cabaret together. Madonna was the first subject that came to mind.

I've always loved her songs and felt she was underrated as a songwriter. The idea that I actually be her came a little further down the track.

What is it about Madonna, do you think, that sets her apart from other artists? Madonna had always defiantly done things her own way and on her own terms. She's never stopped reinventing herself. And then there're all those incredible songs...

As an artist, what is it like becoming the *Material Girl*? Why do you think she's become such a powerful gay icon? I don't dress up or imitate her; it's more that I 'channel' her for the show. It's very empowering; she's the smartest and strongest person in the room!

What are some of the real stories behind the songs? One of my favourites is *Human Nature*, which came out after the *Sex* book



controversy that almost ended her career – 'Oops I didn't know I couldn't talk about sex,' indeed! We do take a few artistic liberties though. A while back there was a rumour she insisted Guy Ritchie have a painful surgical snip. A few lyric changes later and *Cry Baby* is suddenly about adult circumcision!

For someone who was so gutsy and out there she always seemed like a very private person. Is this a show about the persona of Madonna, or the woman behind... or possibly both? Very much both. You don't have to look too hard at her lyrics to find real stories of love, motherhood and loss.

What should we expect for the Byron show? All your favourite songs from the Queen of Pop as you've never heard them before! *Without Me, I'm Nothing* is written and performed by Jonathan Duffy, an accomplished actor, standup and filmmaker. Jonathan shares anecdotes from the road along with observations made from the perspective of a city gay turned country boy turned city gay.

How did you become a standup comic? That's a really good question. I'm a failed actor with no other marketable skills.

What on Earth inspired you to do something as silly as that? Inspiration? I just need to eat.

What are the personal challenges that you take onto the stage for the comedic insights? Everything I'm currently failing at... *Everything!* If you think you're failing at life, wait till you see my show.

I know of your *Doctor's Wife* documentary about moving to a country town with your partner.

What is it like exactly being a doctor's wife? Do you get invites to morning teas and tennis clubs? Do these experiences translate as comedy?

Funny you should mention that. This question is best answered in my award-winning documentary

(available at JB HiFi, Big W online, amazon.com and many other retailers nobody is buying it from). Those listening at home who haven't yet seen my film. When you're a doctor's wife in an ageing population, you get invited to more funerals than you could poke a necrotic finger at. The plus side is that the CWA put on a mean spread at the wake.

How would you describe your world view when it comes to your onstage stylings? The answer to that question depends on how many wines I've had and what Miley Cyrus has done today.

Tell us what to expect in the Byron show... Songs? Dance? SONGS! DANCE! More. I will take you on a journey that starts with my disdain for 'the secret' and ends with a touch of Eurovision. You'll laugh, you'll cry, you might even wee. I have summoned up the best of what I have been through into an hour-ish collage of my many talents (I know that sounds like I've got tickets on myself, but if nobody's buying them, I might as well).

THIS DOUBLE BILL STARTS AT 8PM. TICKETS \$30 / \$28 CONCESSION FROM BYRONCENTRE.COM.AU OR 6685 6807.

GIG GUIDE



WEDNESDAY 16

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **DAN HANNAFORD**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 8PM **KARAOKE SEARCH FOR A STAR**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON **SLIM PICKENS**
- BYRON BREWERY 7PM **OPEN MIC**
- COCOMANGAS, BYRON **DJ JIMMY D**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 7PM **DJ DANIMAL**
- NORTHERN RIVERS COMMUNITY GALLERY, BALLINA 5.30PM **KATKA ADAMS PARADE EXHIBITION OPENING**
- BALLINA HOTEL 6PM **OPEN MIC**
- TATTS HOTEL, LISMORE 8PM **OPEN MIC**

THURSDAY 17

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **TROPICAL ZOMBIE DUO**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 8PM **HIT THAT HIT MUSICAL BINGO**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON **TREE**
- BYRON BREWERY 8PM **BELLYLAUGH OPEN COMEDY MIC ALL WOMEN W MC BEV KILLICK**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 7PM **CLUB RAIDERS DJS**
- COCOMANGAS **DJ JIMMY D**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 7.30PM **KAY PROUDLOVE**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7.30PM **MOVIE NIGHT**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 7.30PM **MILAN MARTIN**
- KINGSCLIFF SLSC 5.30PM **ADAM BROWN**
- TATTS HOTEL, LISMORE 6.30PM **COLE COX LOVEJOY**

FRIDAY 18

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **SLEEP.MAKES. WAVES, BREAKING ORBIT, TEAL**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 5PM **SCOTT DAY-VEE DUO** 9PM **YEO**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON **DAVE SCOTT BAND**
- BYRON THEATRE 7.30PM **CONFESSIONS OF A CONTROL FREAK**

- BYRON BREWERY 7.30PM **BRAZILIAN NIGHT FEAT TRIO MANDALA**
- AQUARIUS, BYRON 7.30PM **OPEN MIC**
- CAFE OSKA, BYRON 7PM **BALEARIC FUNK**
- COCOMANGAS, BYRON **COLOURED SQUARES**
- WOODYS SURF SHACK, BYRON **DJ DANIMAL**
- GINGER PIG, BYRON 9PM **FROTHING ON FRIDAYS**
- PIZZA PARADISO, SUFFOLK PARK 6.30PM **LUKE YEAMAN**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 7.30PM **MELISSA MAIN**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7.30PM **DAN HANNAFORD**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 7PM **ANDREW MORRIS**
- MULLUMBIMBY EX-SERVICES 8PM **MUSICIANS OPEN MIC W MC FIONA DELL**
- EMPIRE CAFE, MULLUMBIMBY 5PM **DJ WADEEP**
- ST MARTINS, MULLUMBIMBY 6.30PM **HOUSE OF BLISS, HEARTS ON FIRE**
- OCEAN SHORES TAVERN **BOGAN BINGO**
- LENNOX HOTEL 9.30PM **WAXHEAD**
- BALLINA RSL 8.30PM **ISAAC FRANKHAM & BAND**
- TYALGUM COMMUNITY HALL 7PM **THE CADILLAC ROCKERS**
- ELTHAM HOTEL 7PM **CONSPIRACY OF ONE**
- TATTS HOTEL, LISMORE 5PM **CHRIS FISHER**
- RIVERVIEW HOTEL, MURWILLUMBAH 7.30PM **ROBERT KEITH**
- MURWILLUMBAH RSL 7.30PM **INNOCENT BYSTANDERS TRIO**
- NIMBIN HOTEL 7.30PM **TIGHTROPE ALLEY**
- POTTSVILLE SPORTS CLUB 7.30PM **VIKKI GRANT**
- SALTBAR, KINGSCLIFF **NICKY CONVINE**
- CABARITA SPORTS CLUB **THE 2 POT SCREAMERS**
- CURRUMBIN SOUNDLOUNGE **GEOFF ACHISON & THE SOULDIGGERS**
- SEAGULLS, TWEED HEADS **LUKE AUSTIN**

SATURDAY 19

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **CHRIS BRADLEY & RUSSEL SMITH, ROBINA, WEBBER, STEVE DEMERIS**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 9:30PM **SAMMY 2 TOWELS**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON **THE DIRTY CHANNEL**
- BYRON THEATRE 8PM **IN VOGUE: SONGS BY MADONNA & WITHOUT ME I'M NOTHING**
- BYRON BREWERY 8PM **REMI**
- COCOMANGAS, BYRON **DJ JIMMY D & DJ QC**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 8PM **DJ SANCHEZ**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 7.30PM **CHRISTIAN PATEY**
- PIZZA PARADISO, SUFFOLK PARK 6.30PM **MARK RIDOUT**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7.30PM **CONSPIRACY OF ONE**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 7PM **AVERAGE JOES**
- BRUNSWICK BOWLING CLUB 6.30PM **BLUE POPPY**
- MULLUMBIMBY MARKET 9AM **ANDREW MORRIS**
- LULU'S, MULLUMBIMBY 11AM **GUY KACHEL**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY 7.30PM **HEAT 3 BAND COMP: SQUEAK LEMAIRE TRIO, BASKING SHARK, NATIVE SON, OUT OF RANGE, THE SILENCIO, LEVEL H**
- EMPIRE CAFE, MULLUMBIMBY 5PM **DJ AQUA**
- DOMA CAFE, FEDERAL 12PM **WAYWARD NIGHTINGALES**
- OCEAN SHORES TAVERN 7PM **HOT LATIN NIGHT**
- CLUB LENNOX 7.30PM **HORACE BEVAN BAND**
- LENNOX HOTEL 9.30PM **MESCALITO BLUES**
- BALLINA RSL 6.30PM **YOLAN**
- TATTS HOTEL, LISMORE 8PM **HELM, HAMMERS, PROMISE**
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- STOKERS SIDING HALL 7.30PM **MULTICULTURAL SOCIETY PRESENTS LET'S GO FRENCH BASTILLE DAY**
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- CABARITA SPORTS CLUB **SIMON LEOLA**
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- SEAGULLS, TWEED HEADS **VOICE AND CONGAS**

SUNDAY 20

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **DAVE GRANEY**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 4:30PM **LATE FOR WOODSTOCK** 8PM **DJ TAYA**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON **BLIND WILLIE WAGTAIL**
- BYRON THEATRE 6PM **BURLESQUE IDOL & NOIR REVUE**
- BYRON BREWERY 6PM **KARAOKE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**
- BYRON GOLF CLUB 2PM **LIVE MUSIC**
- THE EATERY, BYRON 4PM **DJ KAYCI**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 2.30PM **FUNDAY DJS**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 5PM **ADAM BROWN**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 4PM **CHEAP FAKES**
- DOMA CAFE, FEDERAL 12PM **GABY BOGART**
- YUM YUM TREE, NEW BRIGHTON 11.30AM **ANDY HOLM**
- BILLINUDGEL HOTEL 3PM **KELLIE KNIGHT & THE DAZE**
- CLUB LENNOX 4PM **JAMIE LOCKHART**
- LENNOX HOTEL 9.30PM **YOLAN**
- ELTHAM HOTEL 2PM **NEIL MCCANN DUO**
- ROUS MILL HALL 3PM **MELISSA MAIN DUO, SHELLY HUGHES & FRIENDS**
- RIVERVIEW HOTEL, MURWILLUMBAH 2PM **SLIM**
- SPHINX ROCK CAFE, MT BURRELL 1PM **ANDREW MORRIS**
- CUDGEN SLSC **NICKY CONVINE**
- SEAGULLS, TWEED HEADS **MARTIN WAY**

MONDAY 21

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **KYLE LIONHART**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON **JORDAN WALKER**
- BYRON BREWERY 6PM **BREWERY DJ**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 8PM **DJ DANIMAL**
- SOUTHPORT BOWLS CLUB 7PM **GOLD COAST CITY JAZZ CLUB PRESENTS GINGERBREAD BOYS**

TUESDAY 22

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **LUKE MORRIS & NICK BRAMPTON**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 7:30PM **OPEN MIC NIGHT**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON **CHRIS ARONSTEN**
- BYRON BREWERY 6PM **BREWERY DJ**
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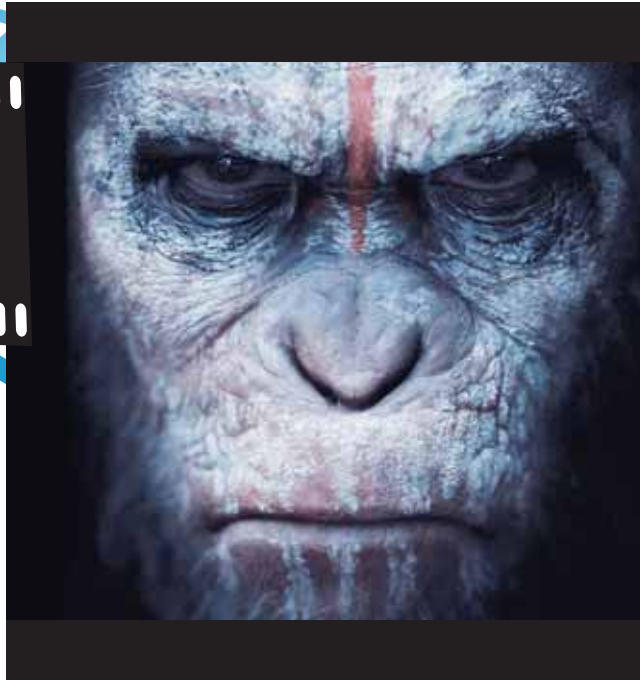
By John Campbell

DRIVING MISS DAISY TICKETS

Whether you missed the theatrical production of *Driving Miss Daisy: The Play* or just want to experience it all over again, the critically acclaimed production is coming to Palace Byron Bay for a limited time from 2 to 3 August.

Driving Miss Daisy: The Play tells the affecting story of the decades-long relationship between a stubborn Southern matriarch and her compassionate chauffeur and stars Angela Lansbury and James Earl Jones. Audiences will have the added opportunity to learn more about the Broadway legends during the bonus Q&A recorded in London especially for the film.

The film will screen at **Palace Byron Bay** at 1pm on August 2nd and 3rd. To enter and for a subscription to Echonet daily, simply email gigscomp@echo.net.au with subject header 'Daisy'.



DAWN OF THE PLANET OF THE APES

Following on from 2011's *Rise Of The Planet Of The Apes* (both of these are prequels to the classic of 1968), it is succinctly explained during the opening credits how a virus, derived from experimentation with apes, has all but eradicated our species. Cut then to the surviving colony of apes chasing game in the forest. There is a pattern emerging in the 'noble savage' genre that introduces its characters while they're on the hunt, doing what comes naturally – eg *Last Of The Mohicans*, *Apocalypto* – and it immediately establishes the prevailing PoV. The mature Caesar, ten years after *Rise ...* is the alpha male in an odd coalition of chimpanzees, gorillas and orangutans. Into their Eden stumbles a group of humans whose aim is to restore a hydro-electric dam and provide power for their San Francisco enclave. Conflict between the two tribes arises.

This is a fantastic movie, albeit underpinned by the now-exhausted and fallacious 'great man' scenario and locked into the view that war is hard-wired into the genetic make-up of all primates (it fills cinemas, that's for sure). Caesar's society is in no way democratic – it is patriarchal and dictatorial, its health dependent on the hazy ideology of being led by a benevolent despot. Challenging Caesar's leadership is Koba, scarred and embittered by harsh experience and wishing to eradicate humans, in the same way that Dreyfus (Gary Oldman) would deal with what he sees as humanity's simian enemies. Malcolm and Ellie (Jason Clarke and Keri Russell) are the sympathetic go-betweens.

PUCCINI FOR THE SCREENIE

Manon Lescaut is an absorbing and powerful retelling of Prévost's famous novel and it made the young Puccini's name. This striking new production, led by director Jonathan Kent, is from the same creative team behind The Royal Opera's highly acclaimed and popular *Tosca*. Kent's striking interpretation of this drama of a young girl who faces temptation in the big city will resonate with many of today's audiences, and illustrate that Manon's story is still relevant in our own times. Puccini's sumptuous, richly coloured score is characterised by youthful vitality and filled with glorious melodies. Royal Opera House music director Antonio Pappano continues his exploration of Italian repertory at Covent Garden, conducting *Manon Lescaut* for the first time for the Royal Opera. **Palace Cinema on Sunday** at 1pm and **Wednesday** 23 July at 11am. Tickets \$21-24 available now at the Palace box office, or online at www.palacecinemas.com.au.

Reductionism goes hand in glove with Darwinism and if the philosophy is bleak, our daily news suggests, it is also unarguable. Director Matt Reeves has form in this field, having given us the similarly cataclysmic, and underrated, *Cloverfield* (2008), and if he sometimes shows a little too much relish in the battle scenes, he at least does not try to gloss over the ferocity and futility of combat. The effects are spectacular, the creatures convincing and the drama totally absorbing. And when electricity is restored, the song played is desperately moving.

RIO 2

Post the clinical and merciless evisceration of Brazil by Germany in the World Cup (the visitors rocketed in seven goals to one, if you were on another planet and didn't hear), prints of this film are belatedly being screened in black and white to sobbing audiences in the land of Pele, Ronaldo and Neymar. O jogo bonito (the beautiful game, or just plain soccer to those of us not in the least interested) suddenly got ugly for the blokes in yellow and the meticulously planned dovetailing of it with this kids' blockbuster was subsequently drained of much of its colour (you're a braver man than I if you are prepared to bet that 'Rio 3' will not be released to coincide with the 2016 Olympics). Quite often (if you've not done your reading in prep), one of the most intense and diverting pleasures of animated features such as this lies in trying to identify who is voicing a part.

The lines of Blu, the macaw from Minnesota who flies away to Brazil with Jewel, were spoken in a deadpan, wise-cracking way that was driving me nuts! Who is it? Finding out that it was Jesse Eisenberg blew me away and (rightly or wrongly) led me to a retrospective re-evaluation of the movie. Visually, and in accordance with its very young market, it is strictly cartoonish as opposed to the stylised realism employed for older children (eg *How To Train Your Dragon*), but it is nonetheless beautifully drawn and splashed with daubs of primary, vivacious colours. The musical scenes are especially good and it is encouraging to note that there are such things as carnivores out there in the jungle. *Rio 2* is what used to be called a bit of a romp and, as harmless fun, it can provide a decent dose of simple pleasure to whoever pulls the short straw and has to take the ankle-biters to the afternoon session.

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UNDER THE SKIN (MA15+) (No Free Tix) Thu 17-Sat 19, Mon 21, Tue 22: 5:00, 8:50 Sun 20: 4:15, 8:45 Wed 23: 1:50, 9:00
POB: PUCCINI'S MANON LESCAUT (CTC) (No Free Tix) Sun 20: 1:00 Wed 23: 11:00
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NT LIVE: A SMALL FAMILY BUSINESS (CTC) (No Free Tix) Wed 16: 1:00pm
DAWN OF THE PLANET OF THE APES (M) (No Free Tix) Tue 15: 11:10, 4:00, 6:40, 9:15(3D) Wed 16: 1:20, 3:55, 6:50, 9:25 Thu 17-Sat 19, Mon 21, Tue 22: 3:40, 6:20, 9:00(3D) Sun 20: 11:20, 6:20, 9:00(3D) Wed 23: 2:10, 6:30, 9:10pm(3D)
JERSEY BOYS (M) Tue 15: 9:00, 1:45, 6:50 Wed 16: 9:00am, 4:00pm, 6:40pm Thu 17-Sat 19, Mon 21, Tue 22: 11:00, 4:00 Sun 20: 9:50, 4:45 Wed 23: 11:45, 4:45pm
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2D RIO 2 (G) Tue 15: 11:40, 1:50pm. Wed 16: 11:10am, 1:50pm Thu 17-Sat 19, Mon 21, Tue 22: 10:30am Sun 20: 9:10am Wed 23: 9:30am
2D HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON 2 (PG) Tue 15: 9:00, 11:15 Wed 16: 9:00, 11:40
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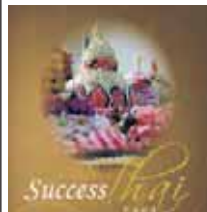
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The forecast for Sunday is for a sunny day, but as it's all undercover the event will be held even if it rains. More than 50 wineries, breweries, restaurants, cottage industries and exhibitors will be showcasing their eclectic array of products. The festival is the perfect place to sample a fine selection of signature dishes and food products by talented chefs, food producers and cottage industries.

There is an entry price of \$20, which entitles you to enjoy samples of food, wine, beer, cider, and spirits, chef demonstrations, wine seminars, and lifestyle talks. Tasting plates, glasses and bottles of wine, beer and cider may be purchased on the day. If you are thinking of bringing your family, please note that this is an over-18s event only.

The event is hosted by the Rotary Club of Ballina/Richmond, and proceeds will go to major beneficiary Australian Seabird Rescue. You can purchase tickets at the gate, but the event was a sellout last year, and it is possible to pre-purchase tickets online (see below). Gates open at 11.30am.

Among the exhibitor list are some interesting names, such as the excellent Foam Restaurant and Bar of Lennox Head, and Airstream Events who serve barista coffee and traditional Spanish churros from their stunning 1963 Airstream Safari caravan. They may even create some food using liquid-nitrogen cooking techniques.

The organisers say the event is not just about sensational food and great wine. Local entertainers such as JD Duo, the Samba Blisstas, Telegraph Tower and

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Celebrity chefs Paul and Blair from *My Kitchen Rules* will demonstrate their culinary creativity by cooking tantalising dishes from local produce. There will also be demonstrations by local providers, talks by wine and beer experts, an 'unveiling' by Barbeques Galore Ballina of a new barbecue, a talk by naturopath Rod Hammond about being 'naturally well', and a demonstration by Monica of what organisers call the 'ultimate kitchen appliance', the Thermomix.

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☉ First quarter	July 5	21:59
☽ Full moon	July 12	21:25
☾ Third quarter	July 19	14:09
☀ New moon	July 27	08:42

JULY 2014 Astronomical data and tides							
Day of month	Sun rise	Sun set	Moon rise	Moon set	High tide, height (m)	Low tide, height (m)	
1	T	0639	1700	0854	2029	1052,1.35; 2247,1.66	0447,0.45; 1627,0.63
2	W	0639	1700	0929	2120	1133,1.35; 2326,1.59	0524,0.48; 1710,0.66
3	T	0639	1700	1003	2212	1217,1.35	0602,0.50; 1758,0.70
4	F	0639	1701	1036	2304	0008,1.51; 1305,1.36	0644,0.53; 1853,0.74
5	S	0639	1701	1111	2357	0057,1.43; 1357,1.39	0729,0.55; 1956,0.75
6	S	0639	1702	1147		0152,1.36; 1452,1.44	0817,0.56; 2106,0.73
7	M	0639	1702	1226	0052	0256,1.31; 1547,1.52	0909,0.55; 2215,0.67
8	T	0639	1703	1310	0150	0401,1.30; 1643,1.62	1002,0.53; 2318,0.56
9	W	0639	1703	1358	0249	0505,1.33; 1735,1.74	1056,0.49
10	T	0638	1703	1453	0350	0603,1.37; 1827,1.86	0041,0.44; 1148,0.44
11	F	0638	1704	1554	0451	0659,1.43; 1917,1.96	0106,0.32; 1241,0.39
12	S	0638	1704	1658	0550	0752,1.48; 2007,2.03	0156,0.22; 1334,0.34
13	S	0638	1705	1806	0646	0845,1.52; 2058,2.06	0245,0.15; 1428,0.32
14	M	0637	1705	1914	0737	0937,1.55; 2149,2.02	0335,0.12; 1522,0.32
15	T	0637	1706	2021	0825	1030,1.57; 2241,1.93	0425,0.14; 1618,0.35
16	W	0637	1706	2125	0909	1124,1.57; 2333,1.80	0515,0.19; 1715,0.41
17	T	0637	1707	2228	0951	1218,1.56	0605,0.26; 1816,0.48
18	F	0636	1707	2329	1032	0028,1.64; 1315,1.55	0656,0.35; 1922,0.55
19	S	0636	1708		1112	0126,1.48; 1415,1.55	0747,0.44; 2033,0.60
20	S	0635	1708	0028	1154	0230,1.34; 1515,1.56	0842,0.51; 2148,0.62
21	M	0635	1709	0125	1237	0340,1.26; 1616,1.58	0937,0.55; 2259,0.59
22	T	0635	1710	0221	1322	0446,1.23; 1712,1.62	1031,0.56; 2359,0.54
23	W	0634	1710	0314	1410	0545,1.24; 1801,1.66	1123,0.56
24	T	0634	1711	0404	1459	0634,1.27; 1845,1.70	0045,0.49; 1210,0.54
25	F	0633	1711	0452	1550	0717,1.30; 1925,1.72	0126,0.44; 1252,0.52
26	S	0633	1712	0536	1641	0756,1.33; 2001,1.74	0201,0.41; 1331,0.50
27	S	0632	1712	0616	1733	0831,1.35; 2035,1.74	0235,0.38; 1409,0.49
28	M	0631	1713	0654	1824	0907,1.37; 2110,1.72	0307,0.37; 1445,0.49
29	T	0631	1713	0730	1916	0943,1.38; 2144,1.68	0339,0.37; 1524,0.50
30	W	0630	1714	0804	2007	1018,1.39; 2219,1.62	0412,0.38; 1602,0.52
31	T	0630	1714	0838	2058	1057,1.40; 2256,1.55	0445,0.40; 1645,0.56

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





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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.

COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Requesting Community Membership

Would you like to contribute to the betterment of our Shire by joining a committee?

Council is currently calling for nominations for replacement community member(s) to the Community Infrastructure Advisory Committee. The purpose of the Committee is to:

- develop and review policies and priorities for addressing the management of civil infrastructure to meet the needs and aspirations of the Shire's population in a sustainable way
- review Council's Asset Management Plan
- review Council's 10 year works program
- review the level of service to be provided by the Council in the maintenance and renewal of assets within the available budget and resources

All applications for nomination must be submitted on an approved nomination form.

Nomination forms and the Committee's Constitution can be obtained at the Council Administration Centre, community access points and on Council's website www.byron.nsw.gov.au/expressions-of-interest

Nominations close: Monday 11 August 2014

Enquiries: Phil Holloway 02 6626 7101

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Safe Summer in the Bay Project Reference Group 2014

Council is seeking community representatives to become members of the Safe Summer in the Bay Project Reference Group (PRG). The purpose of this Group is to facilitate, provide guidance and support a vibrant, inclusive and family orientated Byron Bay New Year's Eve 2014.

PRG members will have established ties to the Byron Shire community, interest and/or professional experience in community safety and/or cultural activities or events and previous experience on other committees or boards.

Meetings will be held monthly. The term of appointment for PRG members is twelve months and appointments are in a voluntary capacity only.

The Terms of Reference and nomination form for the Committee are available on Council's website at www.byron.nsw.gov.au/expressions-of-interest.

Submissions should be in writing (application form provided) and addressed to the General Manager, Byron Shire Council, PO Box 219 Mullumbimby 2482 or sent by email to council@byron.nsw.gov.au.

Expressions of Interest close: Friday 18 July 2014

Enquiries: Joanne McMurtry, Community Policy Officer 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.

PUBLIC EXHIBITION

Byron Local Environmental Plan 2014 Amendment for property at Lot 101 DP 1140936, Ewingsdale Road, Ewingsdale

The Planning Proposal to permit seniors housing, medical centres, business premises, restaurants or cafes, and shops at Lot 101 DP 1140936, Ewingsdale Road, Ewingsdale is on exhibition from 15 July 2014, for a period of 28 days and is available at Council's Administration Centre or on Council's website at www.byron.nsw.gov.au/public-exhibition.

Members of the public are also invited to attend one of the Community Information Briefings, to be conducted between 10.00am – 12.00 noon, 2.00pm – 4.00pm and 6.00pm – 8.00pm on Tuesday 29 July at the Ewingsdale Hall.

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 Tuesday 12 August 2014

Enquiries: Matt Walker 6626 7039

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

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 CLOSES 21 JULY 2014

10.2014.331.1 – SUFFOLK PARK

Broken Head Road (Lot 1 DP 123302, Lot 1 DP 245605, Lot 1 DP 184443, Lots 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6 DP 245836)

EMGA Mitchell McLennan Pty Ltd: *Community Title subdivision to create 45 lots, comprising 42 residential lots, 2 neighbourhood property lots and 1 common property lot*

10.2014.333.1 – BYRON BAY

3/14 Bay Street (Lot 3 SP 76462)

Logan Architecture: *Change of use of existing retail shop to a restaurant*

10.2013.117.3 – SUFFOLK PARK

113 Beech Drive (Lot 19 DP 811498)

Chris Lonergan – Town Planner: *S96 – minor alteration to floor plan and modification of site boundaries*

5.1982.147.4 – OCEAN SHORES

Shara Boulevard (Lot 51 DP 850090, Lot 129 DP 1071573, Lot 146 DP 1124615)

Geolink: *S96 – to delete requirement to build pathway to school (230 lot subdivision (originally over most of North Ocean Shores))*

EXHIBITION CLOSES 28 JULY 2014

10.2014.342.1 – MYOCUM

Mullumbimby Road (Lot 1 DP 1116009 and Lot 2 DP 859817)

N J M Nominees Pty Ltd: *Subdivision to create six lots*

10.2014.337.1 – EWINGSDALE

100 Coolamon Scenic Drive (Lot 1 DP 569047)

Chris Lonergan – Town Planner: *Subdivision of aged and disabled persons facility to create 3 Torrens Title allotments, use of existing building for common activities and replacement of water tanks*

New Year's Eve events



An opportunity to showcase your local event style!

Byron Shire Council is seeking expressions of interest from suitable incorporated organisations to project manage and deliver one or more of the key Byron Bay New Year's Eve 2014 events:

1. Soul Street NYE,
2. First Sun NYD and the
3. Youth Event.

Council is offering seed funding for each event and looking for innovative ideas and passionate people to achieve the objectives and outcomes, in collaboration with Council to deliver on the ten key strategies to support a vibrant, inclusive and family orientated Byron Bay New Year's Eve in 2014.

An Expressions of Interest (EOI) document outlines the details, along with the Plan for New Year's Eve in Byron Bay 2014, and is available on Council's website below.

Further details and submission forms are available on Council's website at <http://www.byron.nsw.gov.au/expressions-of-interest/>

Enquiries: Joanne McMurtry, Community Policy Officer 02 6626 7316.

Submissions and quotations should be in writing addressed to the General Manager, Byron Shire Council, PO Box 219 Mullumbimby 2482 or sent by email to council@byron.nsw.gov.au. Please note: The canvassing of Councillors or Council staff in relation to this EOI will automatically result in disqualification of offending EOI.

Expressions of Interest Close: 4pm Friday 18 July 2014

Byron Bay Parking Management Review



Have your say

The recent Parking Management Review considered how residents and visitors use car parking in Byron Bay town centre. As part of the review, the potential benefits of changing time limits and extending paid parking was considered. Potential benefits include:

- Improved turnover of existing on-street car parking spaces
- Improved uptake of parking in Council car parks
- Increased financial contribution from the 729,000 day trippers each year to help support infrastructure maintenance
- A new income stream of at least \$1 million per year for infrastructure maintenance and upgrades

Whilst the **Residents' Parking Coupon** scheme will not initially change, Council is also looking for feedback on this program to ensure that we capture suggested improvements or concerns.

How can you be involved?

- Be informed and find out more on Council's website www.byron.nsw.gov.au
- Complete our online survey
- Share your feedback on our interactive online platform www.byron.nsw.gov.au
- Visit us at an information kiosk (more details at www.byron.nsw.gov.au)
- Be part of a focus group
- Attend an information session
- Make a submission

At the end of the consultation period, all feedback will be presented to Council for consideration. Submissions should be in writing addressed to the General Manager, Byron Shire Council, PO Box 219 Mullumbimby 2482 or sent by email to submissions@byron.nsw.gov.au.

Enquiries: Simon Bennett 02 6626 7080

Submissions close: Friday 25 July 2014

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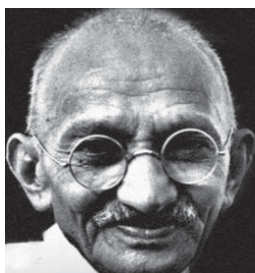
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Getting jazzed up for gymnastics

Eve Jeffery

Gymnasts from the ages of five right up to 82 converged on Byron Bay over the weekend for the third annual Australian Gym4Life Challenge.

Thirteen teams from as far afield as Foster, Cowra and Adelaide competed and performed to the rapture of audiences and supporters over the three-day event, which culminated in a gala event at the Byron Regional Sport and Cultural Complex on Sunday afternoon. The event was a great school-holiday wind up for many of the gymnasts.

The highlight of the event was the real sense that everyone can get involved with gymnastics and healthy life choice.

For more information, visit www.gymnastics.org.au.



Competing for Team Adrenalin from Footscray in Victoria, Lauren, Daniele and Emma were ecstatic with their gold medal place at the 2014 Australian Gym4Life Challenge staged in Byron Bay over the weekend. Photo Tree Faerie.

Archer has his eye on the target



Story & photo Eve Jeffery

A group of enthusiasts are banding together to open Byron Bay's first archery club.

'We have had a brief initial talk with Byron Shire Council's sporting fields co-ordinator,' says Vinnie Bleakly, who is a competitive archer.

'They have earmarked possible locations within Byron and Mullumbimby that could be used for archery.'

Vinnie has had a great career recently and has competed in and won silver at the 2012 Pan Pacific Masters, the 2014 South Queensland Short Range Championships, and

the 2014 South Queensland Target Championships.

In 2013 Vinnie travelled to Las Vegas to attend the World Archery Festival, attending seminars and coaching sessions. 'This year I am travelling to the National Championships in Geelong, Victoria in October to compete for the na-

tional title. I hope to compete at a world level in the future.'

The club will not only provide coaching, but the opportunity to compete against other members and other clubs in the area.

There is no age limit in either direction and it is a sport for people with varying degrees of ability and fitness. 'Archery is a great sport for all people, and is one of the few sports that doesn't discriminate on age, gender, ability/disability or physical attributes,' says Vinnie. 'All people can compete on the same shooting line together. You don't need to be fast, tall, short or overly strong to be a high performer.'

Anyone who is interested in having a go can email byronbayarchery@hotmail.com or phone Vinnie on 0400 145 885 to find out more information.



Local surfers were treated at Bruns Bar last week to some awesome barrels; they were stoked! Photo David Smith.

Sport continued on next page ➤

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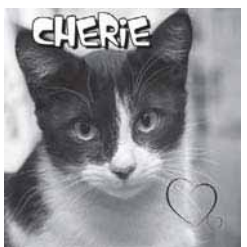
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Tough day at an inhospitable office for the Red Devils

Story & photo John Campbell

It was not the sort of afternoon to have a delayed kick-off. But after an ugly incident in which the referee of reserve grade suffered intolerable abuse, to the shameful discredit of the hosts, the Northern United v Byron Bay NRRRL clash started twenty minutes late at a chilly Crozier Oval in Lismore on Sunday.

Byron won the two competition points, but it was only by the hair on their chinny-chin-chin. Or, more accurately, it was by the boot of stylishly coiffed fullback William 'Peppi' Goldsmith. Having already scored a run-away try in the last minute of the Under-18s victory, Goldsmith's conversions trumped United's five tries to four advantage to help get the Devils home by 26-22.

After crashing in their

previous outing against Ballina, it was crucial that the Red Devils quickly return to the winner's circle. They are finals-bound, but there is a huge psychological difference between limping into the play-offs in fifth place and striding in as feared contenders. Their effort against the Dirawongs was less fearsome than efficient, but it's a good side that can win away from home when not on song.

A long dummy-half break by Tyler 'Blackie' Blanch took Byron into United's twenty in the sixth minute. Probing cross-field, Ben 'Spider' Webber shot a pass to phlegmatic centre Chris 'BB' King, who took on the defence. Reaching out across the tryline like Mister Gadget, he opened the scoring for the Devils, but Northern struck back immediately. It was like that for the duration. Byron just could not shake themselves



Byron's young fullback, William 'Peppi' Goldsmith, about to convert a crucial penalty for the Devils on Sunday. His goal-kicking was the difference between the two sides and, it was unanimous, his hair was best on the ground.

free of the persistent Dirawongs' pursuit.

Though never headed – and never looking likely to be

– Byron were unable to dispel a nagging sense that, at the death, they might snatch defeat from the jaws of victory.

Chris King registered his second four-pointer and shortly after, with United pressing, his fellow centre, Bill 'the Lion' King, took an intercept and sprinted 80 metres untouched to the line. Ahead 18-4, the result was inevitable. Wasn't it?

It wasn't.

On the back of the metres gained by their monster props, United dragged it back to 18-12 and the spring was in their step as the red defensive line began to show signs of tiring.

Possession is nine-tenths of the law in footy. The other tenth says when you've got it you must make the most of it. With a bit more of the pill coming their way, Chris King put up a towering bomb, United faltered, Byron earned the scrum feed and in the ensuing set Webber went over.

Trailing 24-12, it was,

however, premature to think that United had been delivered the last rites, especially with Byron's penchant for taking their foot off the pedal.

Goldsmith, who has grown in stature with every appearance since being promoted to the seniors, coolly converted a penalty to make it 26-18, but the eight-point buffer was whittled away when, not unexpectedly, United made one last surge to score a try with four to go.

It was a nail-biting finish that should never have been.

The Red Devils outplayed United, but they only sporadically out-enthused them. If they want to be champions they will need to do that to their opponents for eighty minutes.

Sunday's return derby, at home to Mullum, should tell us much.

Byron's Ocean Paddle helps local charities



Like a scene from a holiday postcard, paddlers in the Byron Bay Ocean Paddle had to contend with calm sunny weather and crystals waters competing in the 2014 event held at Main Beach on the weekend. Photo Saul Goodwin.

Saturday saw a big contingent of ocean craft heading towards Main Beach in Byron.

This was the seventh year of the Byron Bay Ocean Paddle.

Two locals, Pete Hogan and Kurt Tutt, have organised this event each winter, hoping to provide a competitive paddling event.

The race this year boasted 113 competitors, with a showing from both local clubs and interstate.

The course saw the pad-

dlers start at Belongil, racing through the Bay over to Julian Rocks, ending the 12-kilometre circuit on Main Beach.

Jeremy Collins took out the Open Mens division with a time of 46:01:6 while local paddler Kim Chappel won the Open Women's division in a time of 56:03:2.

The Byron Bay Surf Club members get behind it every year, volunteering for everything from timing to water safety.

'Without the full support of the club we couldn't run such a great event,' said Pete Hogan.

Each year the organisers choose two local charities to receive the profits of the race. This year the Byron Bay Ocean Paddle donated \$1,500 to the Surf Club, and \$700 to the Byron Bay Preschool.

For more, visit www.byronbayoceanpaddler.com.

Breakers go head-to-head with Mullumbimby

Gary Osbiston

Julia led the Breakers out one sunny but windy Sunday and elected to kick off and have the breeze behind their backs.

The first few minutes were tense, both sides testing each other out.

The midfield was where the match would be won. It would be the home side who would have the first shot on goal.

Ella found herself dribbling past the Mullum defence and was soon one on one with the keeper, but the away side goalie made a great save and the ball was cleared to safety.

Both sides had attacks on goal but neither of the sides could break the deadlock. This was a very entertaining game: 0-0 at half time.

The second half began in the same fashion as the first half, both coaches doing quick rotation of players to keep their teams as fresh as possible.

The two teams constantly tried to break down each other's defence to no avail. In the final five minutes of the match Bruns surged forward and had a shot on goal only to see the ball go to the wrong side of the post.

The away side attacked and one of their forwards broke through the Breakers' defence and took on the home side keeper; but once again goalie Zoe made a great save. With only a minute remaining a Mullum player took a shot at goal; the ball was hit high and hard but on target, but the Bruns keeper made a magnificent save, catching the ball just underneath the crossbar.

There was huge applause around the ground. The Bruns coach knew that it was close but also thought that was 'top-shelf' save. The final whistle was blown; the game ended 0-0 but was very entertaining. Well done, both teams!

Referee Des had a great time controlling the match. As always the home-side coach was very proud of all the Breakers' 14 players.

Swingers sing victory chorus in lead-up to Shand finals

One thing you couldn't miss about the World Cup is the animation of the poor favela boy gazing wistfully at the stadium from a distant cliff-top, and the certain knowledge that this is about as close as poor favela boys get to the action in Brazil.

The Nick Shand Memorial cricket series is, thankfully, a far more inclusive competition and local kids who want to get involved are far more likely to get a taste of the action rather than the taste of a

truncheon across their skull. Lomath Oval was lashed mercilessly by icy wind demons on Sunday but that was not about to deter the salt-encrusted surf dudes of Suffolk, the Swingers, or the teak-tough rednecks of Left Bank, Scruff of the Bankers winning the toss and inviting the Swingers to bat.

Eli, playing as a tribute to much-loved mum and Shand supporter Lisa, who died last week, had both openers trudging back to the shed

by the third over. Barney (41 n/o) looked dazed early but suddenly snapped into gear when joined by the hefty Owen (44 n/o).

They nudged, then caressed, then flogged the innings into shape, only Aaron (1-9) and Russell (2-16) escaped severe chastisement with the ball.

Heath (30 n/o), Luke and skipper Levi carpet-bombed the late overs to see the Swingers to a series-high 194 as the Bankers looked on as

helplessly as Brazilian central defenders.

The Bankers nibbled away at the big target and when opener Aaron (30) was joined by Scruff (27) for a 70-run stand the Bankers were in for a big show.

Chi's fearless lobbing curveballs undid the middle order, however, thanks to some quick glove-work from Azza.

A defiant 45 n/o from Eli was not enough to get the Bankers home, the Swingers

singing in the victory with a rousing chorus from the Barney Army, Wayno taking the last scalp with 31 runs to spare.

We are getting ever closer to the finals cricket fans, this series is one not to be missed

Next week the Geckos try to slip one past the incredulous Main Armors.

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New home lending heads higher in May



Figures from the Australian Bureau of Statistics show new home lending activity is still trending higher, according to the Housing Industry Association.

'In an encouraging forward sign for new home building, the number and value of loans for both construction and new dwelling purchase headed higher in May 2014,' said HIA chief economist Dr Harley Dale.

'Construction loans, the principal component of new home lending, are at their highest level in over four years.'

'New dwelling commencements are on track to hit their second-highest level on record in 2014. It is also encouraging to see that lending for larger alterations and additions is moving higher since a low point was reached in February.'

'The total alts-and-adds market hit a decade low in 2013 and a turnaround this year would clearly be a desirable outcome.'

'With low interest rates and the recurrence of capital gains, there is the opportunity for the alts-and-adds market to gather upward momentum.'

The seasonally adjusted number of loans for construction increased by 0.9 per cent in May 2014 and was up by 3.1 per cent over the three months to May. Loans for the purchase of a new dwelling increased by 1.6 per cent in May, but fell by 1.6 per cent over the three-month period.

Over the three months to May 2014 HIA's seasonally adjusted estimate shows an increase in the number of loans for new housing in: New South Wales (+2.1 per cent); Victoria (+0.6 per cent); Queensland (+7.6 per cent); Western Australia (+8.0 per cent); and Tasmania (+13.8 per cent). Over this three-month period the number of new housing loans fell by 4.4 per cent in South Australia, 9.9 per cent in the Northern Territory, and by 12.4 per cent in the Australian Capital Territory.

Foreign investors not to blame for high house prices: report

Government policies have increased demand for housing without tackling regulatory and tax barriers to new housing supply, according to a new report from the Centre for Independent Studies.

'Australia has enjoyed strong incomes, population growth and lower mortgage rates, and these, together with a critical lack of new housing supply, have fuelled long-term increases in real house prices,' says CIS research fellow Dr Stephen Kirchner, author of *Eight Housing Affordability Myths*.

'Foreign investors and domestic investors have been made scapegoats when it comes to housing affordability, but they are no more to blame for rising house prices than first-home buyers. The problem is not too much demand, but too little supply.'

The supply of new land for housing has declined over the last decade, by an average of 21 per cent for the five major capital cities (Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide and Perth), which has pushed the price of land for new housing up by 148 per cent to an average of \$504 per square metre. Land supply and the intensity of land use need to be freed up to accommodate rising demand,' says Dr Kirchner.

'State and local governments need to relax their planning, development and zoning controls so new housing construction becomes more responsive to rising prices.'

House prices have increased significantly since 1970, by an annual average rate of three per cent after inflation, while home ownership has declined from 71 per cent of households in 1995 to 67 per cent in 2012, and more acutely for younger Australians buying their first home.

Dr Kirchner said there was no reason to think rising house prices constituted an asset price 'bubble'.

'The long-run trend in house prices is well explained by economic fundamentals,' he said.

The report can be read at <http://bit.ly/cishousereport>.

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Adam Jones presenting Marie Boyd from Suffolk Park with her \$1,000 1st prize from the inaugural Byron Coastal Real Estate 'Dash for Cash' that will be held around June/July every year.



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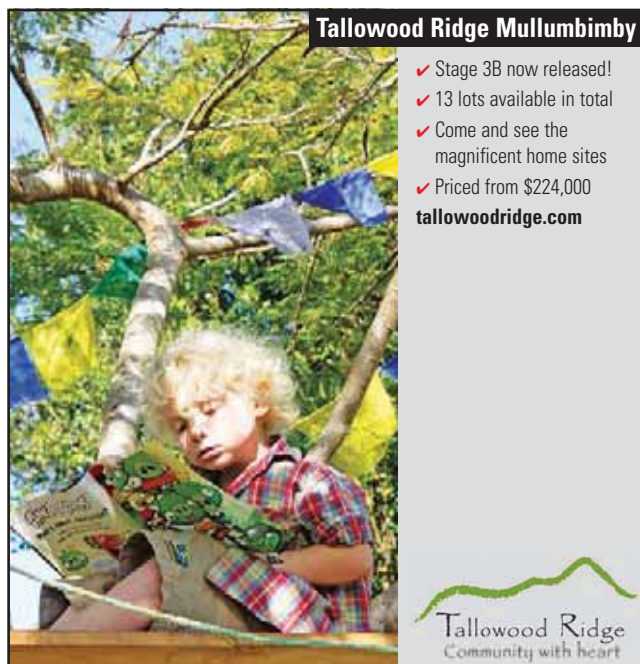


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5 Hakea Crescent, Suffolk Park

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Single lock up garage and easy care allotment with tropical and native landscaping. Located within walking distance to bus stop, shops and beach.

Beds 2, Baths 2, Garage 1,

Address: 13 Bottlebrush Crescent, Suffolk Park

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Property in Focus

The Links



The Byron Links Apartments deliver a private and relaxed retreat while enjoying a central position between Byron Bay and Suffolk Park. On offer is the convenience of resort style living with a championship size tennis court, 17 metre salt-water swimming pool and direct access to Byron Bay's Golf Club, this property invites you to enjoy an active and healthy lifestyle.

This apartment boasts quality throughout with an exceptional sense of light and space. The open plan lounge room and dining area seamlessly extends to a large sunlit balcony, ideal for outdoor entertaining. Other features include a neat, well equipped kitchen with granite benches, and ample cupboard storage. There are three well sized bedrooms each with built-in robes and access to the outside, the main bedroom has an ensuite.

- An easy 10 minute walk to popular Tallow Beach
- East-facing first floor position
- The onsite managers ensure the complex is well maintained
- Nestled amongst 2 acres of beautiful sub-tropical gardens
- Secure double lock up garage & extra storage space
- Currently rented out at \$600 per week
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Inspect: Thursday & Saturday 11-11.30am

Price: \$725,000

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12 Plantation Drive, Ewingsdale. Sat 11-11.30am
5 Hakea Crescent, Suffolk Park. Sat 12-12.30pm
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16/3 Sallywattle Drive, Suffolk Park. Sat 11-11.30am
13/3 Pecan Court, Suffolk Park. Sat 11-11.30am
10/2 Cemetery Road, Byron Bay. Sat 11-11.30am
3/32 Tennyson Street, Byron Bay. Sat 12-12.30pm
4 Blackbutt Place, Byron Bay. Sat 12-12.30pm
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2/15 Oceanside Place Suffolk Park. Tue 4-4.30pm
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Auction December 4

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1 Thomas Street, Bangalow. \$850,000.

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And now for a nice story about animal/human interaction, sent in by a reader: 'After tennis last Saturday I saw a very elderly doggie crossing the road at a slow arthritic pace from the Mullum co-op to the bottom of Azalea Street. We all stopped in both directions and watched until the dog was safely on the footpath.' Awww.

Is the National Party still a blokes' club? Ballina councillor Sharon Cadwallader reckons it is after she lost a



You call that a whale photo? *This* is a whale photo. Former local boy Shey Ivanov caught up with this Southern Right whale at Curl Curl in Sydney recently. See more of Shey's beautiful marine images at thefrothlab.com.au and at TheFrothLab on Facebook.

ballot for pre-selection for the state seat of Ballina. It might be sour grapes, but the councillor told ABC North Coast, 'It's going to take a monumental change in thinking for things to turn around, and it's going to take generations to change.' Too slow, dinosaurs.

Important announcement: 'Here's How To Opt Out Of Facebook's New Plan To Sell Your Browser Data' from *Business Insider Australia*

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