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## Women celebrate V-Day at Main Beach

Story & photo Eve Jeffery

It is estimated that one in three women across the planet will be beaten or raped during their lifetime. With the current world population that is one billion women who will suffer by someone else's hand.

February 14, which for about 200 years has been celebrated as the modern version of Valentines Day, is now becoming known as Vagina (Monologues) Day or V-Day, a global activist movement to end violence against women and girls, inspired by Eve Ensler's play, *The Vagina Monologues*.

### Rising in revolution

The event now travels hand-in-hand with One Billion Rising, a campaign of actions to end violence against women, launched on Valentines Day 2012. This year the event focused on 'Rising in Revolution', an escalation of the first two stages; previous years were 'Rising in Defiance' and 'Rising in Justice'.

Across the northern rivers V-Day celebrations and One Billion Rising actions were held over the weekend as women, children and men showed their support for the safety of women.



Calling on all women everywhere to 'dance' and 'rise', Alba Navas and the Byron Bay V-Day crew moved to the beat of the February 14 anthem *Break the Chain* as the sun rose over Main Beach on Saturday.

Following their sold-out performance of *The Vagina Monologues* in 2014, V-Day Byron Bay hosted the 2015 V-Day Women's Festival at Bangalow A&I Hall. On Friday the group began the Valentines weekend of festivities with a reading of

Ensler's award-winning play alongside a fundraising for the Byron Girls Group and Assist-A-Sista, a Gold Coast-based group of community volunteers who help survivors of domestic violence.

A large group of enthusiastic

flash mobbers gathered at Main Beach in Byron Bay at sunrise on Saturday to dance and sing and swim. The crowd, sporting a multitude of red hues, were read and sung to by organisers Zenith Virago, Jeni Cargill-Strong and Ilona Harker.

A quick choreography lesson to the V-Day song *Break The Chain* followed before a performance on the beach. The dance then melded into a swim.

The celebrations continued on Saturday at the A&I Hall with free workshops for the community, including free yoga and self-defence classes followed by a women's film festival.

■ See Sharon Shostak's video at [Echonetdaily.net.au](http://Echonetdaily.net.au)  
- [echo.net.au/women-rise-dance](http://echo.net.au/women-rise-dance)

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## Bruns plans anger locals

Luis Feliu

Plans to start work after Easter on a major and controversial makeover of popular foreshore parks at picturesque Brunswick Heads has sparked a rallying call by residents angered at not being properly consulted about the changes.

The state-government-approved upgrades include reducing a swathe of green space at Torakina Reserve to make way for a new 18-space car park and an access road inside it, as well as building a foreshore walkway there. At Banner Park opposite the local pub, a huge 400-square-metre raised timber deck including fencing and picnic tables will be built along the river foreshore, and the existing playground will be upgraded and enlarged.

### Development fears

Six of the historic Norfolk Island pines there will be incorporated into the deck, with river steps replaced, but an old gum tree, which residents had fought to prevent being chopped down by park managers before, is now doomed again and set to be cut down to make way for the bigger playground.

A new network of pathways and lighting is also planned for all the foreshore parklands, but the progress association says no details or specifications have been given of what type of path surface or style of lighting are to be used.

While some will welcome upgrades to amenities in the parklands, others fear Gold Coast-style overdevelopment will replace the natural charm of the seaside holiday village with its popular open green

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## Youth service struggles with funding cuts

Eve Jeffery

It's no secret that the Byron Youth Service is struggling after government cuts and reallocation of grants away from the Byron Shire.

Former director of the service and current Labor state candidate Paul Spooner feels that the problem goes deeper than funds management.

'The current federal and state government is hellbent on destroying small, local community-based organisations like BYS', says Mr Spooner. 'Their main focus is cost cutting and not ensuring quality program delivery and services to disadvantaged young people.'

'This is the logical result of cutting public service positions. The government needs to rationalise

services because they don't have the employees to manage funded programs so their preference is to fund large regional and national organisations.'

The Links to Learning program is one of the main projects lost, which will see youth at risk of leaving school or missing the chance to enter the workforce successfully.

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## Byron surf festival takes national award

The Byron Bay Surf Festival took out the Surf Culture Award at the Surfing Australia awards night in Manly last week.

Festival director Mike Jahn said, 'It was absolutely mind-blowing to be recognised with this award in front of some of the most legendary and most influential Australian surfers of all time. Mick Fanning was one of the first to congratulate us – so stoked!'

In his acceptance speech Mr Jahn said, 'The festival started as a small idea... to gather surfers who are keen to share their passion and we would have never ever imagined to achieve such amazing

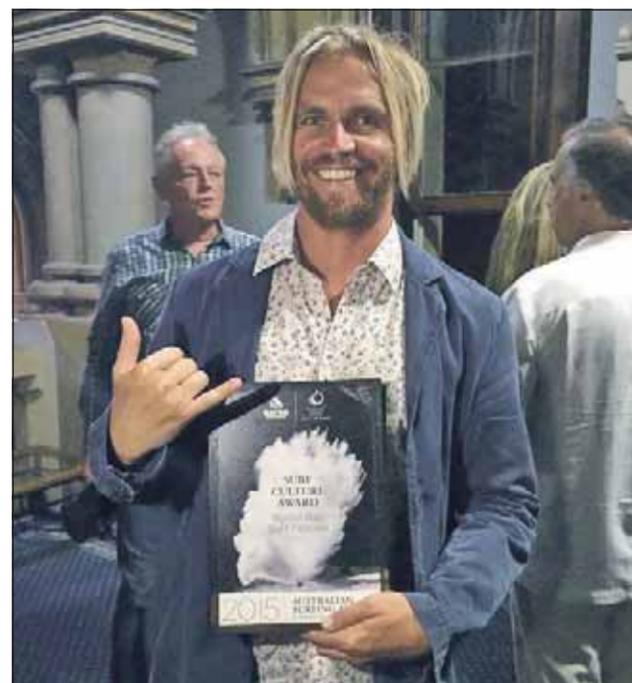
recognition and honours.

'It was set up not just to emphasise surf art, film and music like many other festivals but also to connect to the original spirit of surfing as a community, highlighting people's passions, original crafts, creative thinking and innovations while steering away from competition.'

Mr Jahn also said, 'We are unsure if we can continue. We need significant help from the industry to keep this unique surf-culture festival alive.'

'Please get in touch if you want to contribute.'

See more about the festival at [www.byronbaysurfestival.com](http://www.byronbaysurfestival.com) and Surfing Australia at [www.surfingaustralia.com](http://www.surfingaustralia.com).



Festival director Mike Jahn with the Surf Culture Award.




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## Byron Youth Service struggles with funding cuts

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'Young people who access Links to Learning Community Grants Projects in 2015 will do so as a student enrolled in a government school, says an Education Department spokesperson. 'Arrangements for participation in projects are negotiated between the participating school and the organisation.'

The department received 266 applications from 112 not-for-profit, community-based organisations and local government authorities for the 2015-2016 Links to Learning Community Grants Program funding cycle.

The department says it 'is responsible for the education of compulsory aged students and we do not assume the re-

sponsibility for those young people who have left school and are no longer engaged in education.'

Director of the BYS Jonathan Edwards has confirmed that BYS has received a further four months funding for their Youth Enterprise program to June 2015. The BYS is looking increasingly towards a fickle and depleted

private sector for help.

'We have witnessed this in the recent funding cuts to organisations delivering emergency relief in the area like the Byron Community Centre', says Spooner. 'This approach is destroying all the good work built up by our local community over the last 30 years and is inefficient and short sighted.'

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## Popular surfer farewelled at Shelly Beach

Hundreds of people descended on Shelly Beach in Ballina Shire on Saturday morning to farewell Tadashi Nakahara, the surfer killed by a Great White shark there last Monday.

The memorial service drew a large crowd, estimated at around 500 people, and included surfers from Ballina-Lennox Head as well as from the Gold Coast where Tadashi was also well known.

Surf lifesavers and ambulance staff also attended.

Ballina mayor David Wright told the memorial service that Tadashi will be remembered by many 'every time you go into the surf'.

Four-times world surfing champion Mark Richards said Tadashi died doing what he loved. Celebrant of the service Kirsty Laing said



Surfer Jebez Reicman attended the memorial gathering for Tadashi Nakahara and wrote in the memorial book: 'Even though we never met, we share some of the same surf breaks. Sending my heart out to the friends and family you leave behind. I'm lucky to have escaped from the shark attack the day before, Peace and love, Jebez.' Photo Jeff Dawson

Tadashi was a devoted and loving father who had moved to Australia from Japan 20 years ago and settled in

Ballina about eight years ago. Tadashi's body will be taken back to Japan for a private funeral.

Byron Bay man Jebez Reicman, who was attacked by a shark just hours before Tadashi Nakahara, attended the memorial service.

The Ginger Pig chef admits he is lucky to be alive after being attacked by what experts believe was a three-metre bull shark off Seven Mile Beach around dawn on Sunday.

He told *Echo*netdaily, 'It jumped out of the water and grabbed me off my board - it dragged me under water.'

'I didn't feel it grab me, I didn't feel it bite me. I got hit in the face by the nose and again with its tail.'

Jebez says the shark towed him four to five metres under the water 'in an instant'.

■ Read Jebez's full story at [Echonetdaily.net.au](http://Echonetdaily.net.au) - [echo.net.au/jebez](http://echo.net.au/jebez)

## Locals join statewide call to ban plastic bags

Activist group Positive Change for Marine Life joined with Ban The Bag NSW to stage a protest action at Byron Bay's Main Beach on Sunday. Participants built a pop-up cemetery draped in plastic bags in memory of 'the animals lost to plastic ingestion and entanglement'.

'There was a huge amount of interest in the pop-up cemetery we constructed,' says the group.

'We sent a strong message to premier Mike Baird and environment minister Rob Stokes, along with other pop-up cemeteries happening around the state, that it's time to ban the bag and ensure that we mitigate the devastat-



Photo from Positive Change for Marine Life Facebook page.

tating impacts that single-use plastic bags are having on millions of marine animals each year.'

Greens candidate Tamara Smith and Labor candidate

Paul Spooner supported the action.

'With the ACT, South Australia, the Northern Territory and Tasmania supporting plastic bag bans it's time that

NSW steps out of the dark ages and joins in banning these ecologically destructive items,' says Positive Change for Marine Life.

■ [Petition bit.ly/premlob](http://Petition.bit.ly/premlob), Comment page 8

## Brunswick Heads foreshore plans anger locals

► continued from page 1 spaces famed for children's birthday parties and traditional, blanket-style picnics.

The Brunswick Heads Progress Association says consultation with residents over the plans has been lacking and has called for a public meeting to debate the changes for 7pm Monday March 2 at the Memorial Hall in Fingal Street, Brunswick Heads.

NSW Crown Holiday Parks Trust (NCHPT) members and the wider community have been invited to attend the meeting to learn about the plans and voice their opinions.

The progress association has also developed an online resident questionnaire for locals to provide the trust with feedback on the changes.

Full details of the plans of management for the reserves can be found at [www.lpma.nsw.gov.au](http://www.lpma.nsw.gov.au).

For a questionnaire email [brunswickheadsprogressassoc@gmail.com](mailto:brunswickheadsprogressassoc@gmail.com) (use 'resident questionnaire' for subject).

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# Magdalena ready to weather the coast trek

Story & photo Eve Jeffery

So much more than a pretty face, 'weather girl' Magdalena Roze has two degrees, one of those in the meteorology she delivers to our radio waves and television screens.

Now a Byron Bay resident, Magdalena has gone freelance, deciding to make the sea-change from Sydney with her man, TV chef Darren Robertson, who is part of the new Three Blue Ducks - Byron Bay, opening soon at The Farm in Ewingsdale.

Magdalena hasn't had a lot of time to settle into Byron life as she is currently in the middle of trek training, leading up to the Sydney Coastrek on March 6.

Coastrek raises money for



The Fred Hollows Foundation.

On her team she'll be joined by Olympic gold medallist Libby Trickett, mathematician and broadcaster Adam Spencer and columnist Angela Mollard. Together they'll take on the Sydney Morning Herald's team in a race to raise

the most money for Fred Hollows.

'My friend Adam Spencer rang me out of the blue and asked me to get involved with the walk.

'I said I would but didn't know how long the walk was until he said later, "You do realise it's 55 kilometres". I

thought it is a long way but I would love both the physical and mental challenge and I really wanted to support Adam because Fred Hollows personally helped him when he was a child.'

Magdalena will have another important event to plan after the trek, as last month Darren proposed to her after a swim at Clarkes Beach. 'It was a complete surprise. It was a really special moment.

'We go to the beach every day, we go for a swim. I can't believe he left the ring in a box in the sand while we swam! It's nice for me to be able to remember that moment that way.'

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# Coffee company to the rainforest's rescue

The Daintree Rainforest is still in loads of trouble and a local company, Byron Bay Coffee, is doing their bit to help out.

Rainforest Rescue is currently fundraising to protect Lot 46 Cape Tribulation Road in the Daintree which they call their Cassowary Conservation Reserve. Lot 46 is a 27-hectare property that was highly degraded due to agricultural use and neglect.

Rainforest Rescue entered a loan agreement to purchase the property in 2010 for \$350K and subsequently received funds from business partners and nearly half a million dollars from the previous federal government to restore the property.

The restoration is complete with the final 2,000 (of 37,000) trees to be planted at a community tree-planting



Local ecologist Rob Kooyman enjoys a coffee in his own rainforest. Photo Eve Jeffery

event in May and the endangered Southern Cassowary has returned to the property, regularly inspecting the work. Fundraising to repay the loan continues and Byron Bay Coffee is a local business partner who has responded to the call to arms.

'The Daintree rainforest is a globally significant biodi-

versity hotspot,' says Dr Robert Kooyman, internationally recognised rainforest scientist and Rainforest Rescue's expert adviser.

'Rainforest Rescue's work in the Daintree is inspirational. They preserve and protect this incredibly important area through the support of individuals, and business part-

ners like Byron Bay Coffee Company.'

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# Bunnings helps out local youth

It's no secret that the Byron Youth Service is struggling under government cuts and the reallocation of grants to more central areas like Lismore, and staff are looking for new ways to raise funds to keep the services they provide for local youth.

One way to do that is to rent out the premises for private functions and when the new Bunnings raised its head in town, the BYS approached them for some help to spruce up the space.

Local Bunnings staff with a hand from Dulux Paints descended on Youth Activity Centre in Gilmore Crescent and now it is repainted and ready for action.



Chairs and tables that have been donated will enable the YAC to offer space at reasonable rates for events including 18th birthday parties, workshops, programs and conferences.

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from these events will go back into BYS to support youth programs including Events Management, Hospitality, Street Cruise, Case Management and individual support.

Photo Eve Jeffery

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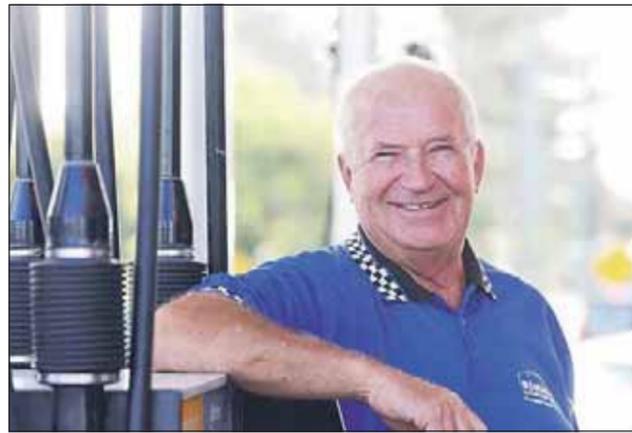
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**Byron stalwart Simmo hangs up a hat**

Byron Shire identity Warren Simmo, known for his servo on the corner opposite the Byron Bay police station, has worn many hats in his time, most of them associated with volunteer community service.



Recently he retired as captain of Byron Bay Fire and Rescue, a record of service which began 36 years ago. Ballina MP Don Page presented him with an award from the NSW government, which will join his 2011 Australian Fire Service Medal as part of the Queen's Birthday Honours.

ness Simmo's Automotive, now the umbrella for a range of road-related services, has donated over \$10,000 to local community organisations.

As a local boy Warren saw the servo he was later to own being built in 1959. His busi-

ness Simmo also served eight years as a shire councillor from 1987 and a turn as dep-

uty mayor 1991-1995. It was not unusual to find your local councillor helping start your car in his role as the NRMA man.

'Council was very interesting and enjoyable time in my life, very busy,' he says. 'I sac-

rificed time with my family but it was a real community involvement.'

Simmo intends to keep busy in his automotive business.

'While I have left the fire brigade, I can now concentrate my time at Simmo's, and not spread myself too thin,' he says.

He also spends a lot of time 'crabbing and fishing at Toorbul, near Bribie Island, and riding motorbikes with my son Andrew, and my five-year-old grandson Lachlan and Levi, two and a half. Levi is still learning to ride and now I will have more time to teach him.'

Photo Jeff Dawson

**Local indentured to Japanese teeth maestro**

It's all smiles at the Pearl Denture Studio in Mullumbimby as dental prosthetist David Smith prepares for the opportunity of a lifetime.



David will travel to Japan next week to train with the world leader in advanced mandibular denture design techniques, Dr Jiro Abe.

plicants per year from across the globe to work in his clinic in Tokyo. David will be one of only four practitioners in Australia trained in the technique, which he says is unique for such a small town.

Dr Abe developed the suction mechanism of mandibular complete dentures - that is, bottom dentures that do not fall out and pretty much behave the way natural teeth do.

David is very excited about the opportunity to work with Dr Abe as the teeth maestro accepts only six ap-

'It's a true privilege to work with a man of this calibre who is setting standards which have never been achieved before with the construction of full dentures that will in turn improve the lives of the

patients we deal with in the area,' he says.

David says the fit of the lower denture is the weakest point and people with one will know exactly what he is talking about.

'It's the limiting factor for what they do. Everything about what they can eat, if they can go out, if they want to socialise, their comfort, their self-esteem, everything is dictated by that lower denture.'

'This is why Dr Abe has put so much work into developing better ways of doing it. He has redeveloped the whole nature of what we do.'

Photo Eve Jeffery

**Israel sanctions conference comes to Mullumbimby**

A conference to highlight the 'intractable Palestinian/Israel' conflict is planned for the Mullumbimby Civic Hall on February 19 from 7pm. It follows the 2012 Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) event, which calls Israel to account for its actions against its neighbour, Palestine.

and of violating the Racial Discrimination Act.

They mounted a court case against him claiming they wanted a 'permanent global fix' to the BDS problem by targeting boycott activism not only in Australia, but globally. Their case collapsed and Dr

Lynch was awarded costs.

Following the failure of US-sponsored peace talks and Israel's subsequent attacks on Gaza during 2014, organisers say there is 'a global upsurge in support for BDS which is damaging Israel's economy and reinforcing its

pariah status.'

'The BDS campaign is non-violent and does not seek to demonise Israel. It calls for accountability.'

Cost to attend the conference is \$5/\$3. See more about the BDS movement at www.bdsmovement.net.

**Lone Goat gets a visit from Archy**

Byron Shire's Lone Goat Gallery in the Byron Bay library building is partnering with Lismore Regional Gallery as a satellite venue for the Archibald Prize 2014 touring exhibition from February 28 to April 12. Lismore Regional Gallery will act as the main exhibition venue across corresponding dates.



The selected artworks for Lone Goat include the painting by the People's Choice Award winner All that's good in me (self-portrait as son

Luca) by Vincent Fantauzzo, pictured above, Tim Storrier's portrait of Sir Les Patterson, and portraits of Tom Uren

and Colleen McCullough. See more about the travelling Archibald Prize exhibition at www.lismoregallery.org.

## Daevid Allen bids fans a preliminary farewell

Local musician and major influence in the psychedelic music genre, Daevid Allen, has posted a farewell to his fans following the return of cancer in his neck. On his band Gong's website Allen, 77, wrote in part: "The cancer is now so well established that I have now been given approximately six months to live. I am not interested in endless surgical operations and in fact it has come as a relief to know that the end is in sight."



resisting and denying and to surrender to the way it is.

"I am a great believer in 'The Will of the Way Things Are' and I also believe that the time has come to stop

"Thank you for starting the process of letting go of me, of mourning then trans-

forming and celebrating this death coming up – this is how you can contribute, this would be a great gift from those emotionally and

spiritually involved with me."

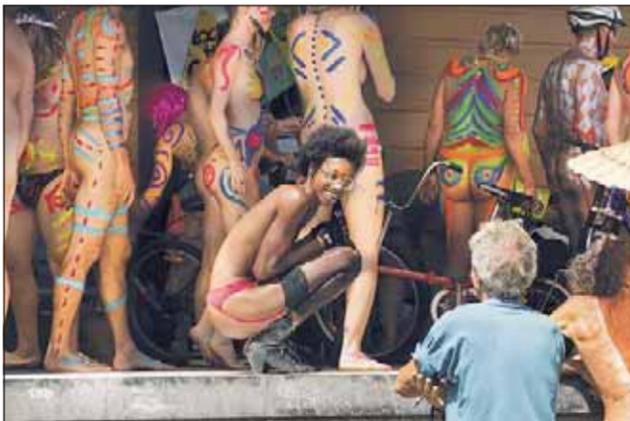
Born in Melbourne, Allen co-founded the psychedelic band Soft Machine in 1966 in England. The first Gong album was released in 1969. He moved to the north coast in 1981. Allen has published a memoir *Gong Dreaming* and is the 'headmaster' of the University of Errors [www.universityoferrors.com](http://www.universityoferrors.com).

Read Daevid Allen's full message at [www.planetgong.co.uk](http://www.planetgong.co.uk).

And for those who feel the Gong love join the Gong Global Family Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/GongGlobalFamily](http://www.facebook.com/GongGlobalFamily).

## Naked pedallers take to the Byron streets

The World Naked Bike Riders are saddling up, and getting ready to pedal back into town. On Sunday March 8 in Byron Bay, local riders will strip and take to the streets on their bikes.



Cyclists congregate on the disused Byron Bay railway station before last year's ride. Photo Jeff 'Flesh Is Best' Dawson

Organisers say, "The ride, fun as it is, does however come with a serious message: bike riders and pedestrians are vulnerable on our roads (we ride naked to highlight this vulnerability)."

"This message is particularly poignant in the northern rivers where our roads are narrow, winding and pot-holed.

– not surprising with the distances between towns and between home and work. Despite that, bicycle sales in

Australia have outstripped car sales each year for over a decade now and the National Cycling Strategy 2011–2016

aims to double the rate of cycling by 2016.

"With the popularity of cycling continuing to grow, the imperative is to make it a safer form of transport, starting with raising awareness among all road users of the need to share our roads."

In Byron Bay, riders will meet on the platform of the old railway station on Sunday March 8 at 2pm to strip and paint.

The ride around town takes about 30 minutes.

For more details and updates see the Facebook page World Naked Bike Ride – Byron Bay.

## EPA inquiry 'highlights need for better koala protection': NEFA

In light of the report and recommendations of the Legislative Council's inquiry into the 'Performance of the NSW Environment Protection Authority', the North East Forest Alliance (NEFA) is calling on NSW environment minister Rob Stokes to commit to increasing the numbers and training of EPA forestry auditors.

It is also calling on the government to increase fines for logging koala habitat from \$300 to \$15,000, to immediately place all potential koala habitat in state forests under moratorium until independent mapping is undertaken to identify core habitat, and to create the proposed Sandy Creek National Park over core koala habitat in Royal Camp State Forest.

"The acknowledgement that the Forestry Corporation were intent on resuming logging in 2013 in what has now been proven to be an endangered koala population, until NEFA again intervened, should be of concern to everyone," said NEFA spokesper-

son Dailan Pugh. "The evidence that Royal Camp has koala habitat of national significance is now on the table and the government can no longer ignore it."

"The Inquiry also acknowledges that the EPA identified the root cause of the breaches to be the Forestry Corporation's failure to undertake searches for evidence of koalas – that is, if you don't look, you don't find and if you don't find, you don't protect."

### Repeat offender

"It is clear that after 15 years of repeating the same offences and treating them as inconsequential that the Forestry Corporation will not change until they are forced to by substantial fines that recognise the seriousness of such environmental crimes."

"We welcome the EPA's admission that their response to NEFA's allegations was not always of the standard that the community should expect from the regulator. We hope that the Inquiry's recommendation for further training of

EPA staff and the appointment of additional personnel to its Forestry Division will help redress their many failings.

"In light of the current sys-

temic failings of koala protections we call upon Rob Stokes to immediately intervene to place all potential koala habitat in state forests under moratorium."

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## Plastic bag addiction

The story of plastic bags is a horror story.

Firstly, they are made from non-renewable resources such as oil, gas and coal.

According to the 2002 Nolan ITU Report on plastic shopping bags for the federal government body Environment Australia, just 8.7 plastic checkout bags contain enough embodied petroleum energy to drive a car one kilometre.

Secondly, plastic bags are usually free and usually disposed of. They are not only disposed of into landfill, which is bad enough, but many of them end up in the wider environment, killing wildlife. By now many people would have seen the sad photos of turtles choking on plastic bags and birds' insides riddled with plastic pieces.

In addition, they can take up to 1,000 years to break down. One thousand years of pollution and death – that's a great legacy to leave behind.

To highlight these sad facts, Positive Change for Marine Life ([www.positivechangeformarinelifelife.org](http://www.positivechangeformarinelifelife.org)) and Plastic Bag Free NSW (<http://plasticbagfreensw.squarespace.com>) held an event last Sunday on Main Beach, Byron Bay. Participants built a 'pop-up cemetery' for marine life killed by plastic.

Part of the aim of the event was to highlight to the NSW government the need for action, in fact a statewide ban, on plastic bags.

With an election around the corner, and a container deposit scheme already promised, now is a good time to call on environment minister Rob Stokes ([office@stokes.minister.nsw.gov.au](mailto:office@stokes.minister.nsw.gov.au), 8574 6700) and premier Mike Baird (see <http://bit.ly/premlob>) to take action. The Greens are already working on legislation to ban plastic bags statewide.

And there are alternatives to the plastic bag we can use immediately, as concerned Byron resident and self-described 'bag lady' Dee Tipping pointed out in her enthusiastic campaign in the early noughties.

Her call for a 25 cent national levy on each bag failed to sway the pollies but I am sure she convinced many locals to sway a carry bag instead and more retailers to stock biodegradable bags. In addition Byron Shire Council is urging retailers to find alternatives through the Say No to Plastic Bags website [www.noplasticbags.org.au](http://www.noplasticbags.org.au).

If the state government did act and plastic bags were banned tomorrow, we would all find ways to do without them, and without a sense of loss. So why not start without them today? Cultures survived for centuries without them.

Pick up a nice, pre-loved bag or make your own. 'Guerrilla baggers' such as Boomerang Bags <http://boomerangbags.org> offer advice on de-plasticising your neighbourhood while Morsbags [morsbags.com](http://morsbags.com) provides a pattern.

Like smoking cigarettes, using plastic bags is an environmental disaster. Fortunately it's an addiction easier to kick.

Michael McDonald

## Not enough crack in Phil's whip

Tony Abbott's captain's kick at his chief whip Phillip Ruddock has received decidedly mixed reviews.

One of the prime minister's critics, Andrew Laming, described it as a scapegoating of Godzilla proportions; others have called it yet another case of shooting the messenger, or just the scraping off of one more barnacle.

Abbott's supporters claim that Ruddock was negligent in telling his master of the scale of the threat to his leadership, perhaps ducking the fight to preserve it or, worse still, actually condoning the rebels. Or maybe it was just a case of a perhaps overdue recognition that the Liberal ancient had passed his use-by date.

Ruddock has so far declined to explain, and Abbott insists he just needs to engage more with the backbench, and that Ruddock is a friend – well, with friends like these... From the voters at large there has probably been more bewilderment than indignation; most of them have forgotten about Phillip Ruddock years ago.

But the fact remains that Abbott's ruthless and unexpected removal of the venerable member for Berowra is an assassination, even a form of parricide; Ruddock is, after all, the father of the House of Representatives and has been a well-respected, even avuncular figure for many of his colleagues. And while his 15 minutes of fame have long since passed, Ruddock has, in his long career, been a significant and controversial presence.

He emerged from a tumultuous by-election in his original electorate of Parramatta back in 1973, and was seen as a moderate, almost a radical in the context of a Liberal Party still struggling to adjust to the rigours of opposition after 23 years in government. During a long time on the back bench he became one of a small group opposing the drift to more right-wing policy stances, which was exacerbated during the leadership of John Howard. In 1989

three of them actually crossed the floor to support Labor's bill to ban race as a criterion for immigration after Howard had publicly complained that the level of Asian immigration was too high.

However after Howard won the 1996 election he appointed Ruddock as minister for immigration.

Ruddock's previous supporters said that the new minister had sold his soul to procure advancement; certainly Ruddock's views became markedly more conservative, defending and expanding mandatory detention of asylum seekers and bringing in Temporary Protection Visas.

perhaps because of it, he was regarded as a well-respected figure within the Liberal party, and thus there was concern and even outrage at his abrupt and peremptory dumping last week. Abbott has said that he is very good at fighting Labor, but not much good at fighting Liberals. However, the example of Ruddock showed that he was at least prepared to give it a good try.

Indeed, he spent the first few days of good government lashing out all over the place, often with very mixed results. A gratuitous swipe at Bill Shorten calling a rise in unemployment a holocaust was followed by a grovelling

In 1997 the former High Court judge Sir Ronald Wilson produced his landmark report Bringing Them Home, a searing two-year study into the plight of the stolen generation of Australia's Aboriginals. As prime minister John Howard rejected the demands for an apology to the victims, and his office and his media acolytes ran a sustained attack on the report and on Wilson's own integrity.

The anthropologist Ron Brunton said the accounts had been embellished and commentator Michael Duffy suggested that the firsthand accounts were actually false memories, implanted by sympathisers on the left. Some demanded that the report should be referred to not as the stolen generation, but the rescued generation. And again the denigration was personal; Howard's advisers told journalists that Wilson could not be trusted, he was a softy, suffering from guilt over the role of the church because he had been the president of the United Church of Australia. And so it went on, and so it goes on.

Abbott has clearly learned from Howard, although he lacks his mentor's subtlety. Abbott has always believed that the best, indeed the only, form of defence is attack. At a long-ago bout in Oxford, an admiring reviewer said of the then Rhodes scholar: 'No-style Abbott's a real smasher!' He won both that fight and a university blue, and in the 35 years that have followed, not much has changed. Our prime minister is still reluctant to consult and conciliate when unbridled aggression will suffice – and it's more fun, too.

Abbott supporters maintain that he has come through the last week both defiant and even triumphant. And on that magnificent note, as he himself concluded in the last chaotic question time, he is looking forward to another week of good government.

*Ruddock was responsible for the so-called Pacific Solution, setting up the camps on Nauru and preventing potential refugees from receiving legal access.*

by Mungo MacCallum



After the children overboard furore and the 2001 Tampa election Ruddock was responsible for the so-called Pacific Solution, setting up the camps on Nauru and preventing potential refugees from receiving legal access.

To the fury of his opponents, throughout that period he retained his membership of Amnesty International, ostentatiously sporting a lapel badge although the organisation had asked him to remove it.

Following a reshuffle in 2003 he was moved to attorney-general, but his hard-line attitudes continued. He passed legislation to make any form of same-sex marriage illegal. As a result of his ministerial career he became a highly divisive figure, a hero of the right and an arch-demon of the left. When the coalition lost office in 2007 he did not seek a front bench role in opposition, and when Tony Abbott won the 2013 election, he was given the comparatively junior position of chief whip.

For all the controversy, or

apology, and what was intended as a king hit at terrorist suspects could have prejudiced their trial.

And the Human Rights Commissioner, Gillian Triggs, was hit with a haymaker – a series of them in fact – when she released her report on children in detention. It appeared that Abbott had not actually read the report, which condemned, impartially, both side of politics. Abbott complained it was a stitch-up, and dismissed it on the grounds that the abuses now documented were in fact fewer than those under Labor, so everything was now fine.

There were demands that the Commission, or at least Triggs, should be sacked immediately. Professor Triggs had been the target of a prolonged and sometimes strident campaign against her by the Murdoch press, which was now ramped up with a vicious attack on her personal life. Unsavory and unedifying, but she was hardly the first Human Rights Commissioner to be targeted.

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# Flogging the body politic: every vote counts

■ I agree with Mick Malloy (Letters, February 11) that ALP candidate Paul Spooner has done an outstanding job in his management of the Youth Service and the Community Centre. He is now an articulate (currently emasculated by the Rose betrayal) councillor who, strangely, was not elected on an ALP platform. His remuneration for all this work would have been grossly inadequate.

It is in this context that I question why former green Paul should sign up with an outfit like the NSW ALP which has only discovered the seat of Ballina now that it has 'come on the market'. If as Mick claims, 'Paul is in it to reform the NSW ALP'

he would have to be not only naive but also delusional. If elected he will disappear into its backbench-black-hole and his parliamentary vote will be controlled by the dominant faction.

So as well as posing around the electorate with the usual conga line of ALP glitterati, Paul may like to let us in on his personal rationale for standing under this somewhat tarnished banner. And while he's at it, tell us why his new party is only offering gasfield protection for the northern rivers, leaving the rest of NSW open to 'ALP-style negotiation' with the mineral barons.

**Tom Tabart**  
Bangalow

■ There is to be another anti-democratic push this week by the National Party to impose their will upon us. The Department of Planning is meeting with Byron Council on Friday to get them to rubber-stamp their intended Development Control Plan for the West Byron mega-suburb.

So much for Kris Beavis's claims last November that it would now be considered by Council as a local matter with the local community given a say. To the contrary, the proposed DCP is not being publicly exhibited as Council would be required to do. The community is again being railroaded by the National Party and denied our democratic rights.

Now that Terry Agnew has expanded his holdings to include the chook factory we can expect even grander plans for it and his adjoining holdings in West Byron. The 1,500-2,000 houses approved so far is only a start.

The National Party's vision is to quickly double the size of Byron Bay, turn traffic on Ewingsdale Road into gridlock, clear koala habitat, turn Belongil estuary into a toxic sewer, get rid of environmental zones, and wind back marine protection. Our only chance to exercise our democratic rights to have a say on the future of Byron is at the state election on March 28.

The seat of Ballina is now a marginal electorate; that

means that every vote counts. If you don't vote then you only have yourself to blame if we get more of the same. The person who represents you in the seat of Ballina is likely to be decided on preferences, so don't waste your vote, make sure you number

every square. If your preferred candidate doesn't get up then your vote is allocated to your second choice.

Just put the Nationals last. It is time to vote to reclaim our democracy.

**Dailan Pugh**  
Byron Bay



**Bonny Jane Yarrington**

**Special Thanks & gratitude** to all who helped and supported us in many ways over the past few weeks. Bonny's Love, Kindness and Compassion inspired us all and was exhibited at her ceremony. May that love continue to expand through acts of kindness. Thank You from Bonny & her family.

**Demands for money**  
If you own more than 10ha of land you should now be mobilising your mental defences against another annual demand for money from LLS (Local Land Services).

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our websites [www.rural-landsgroup.net](http://www.rural-landsgroup.net) and [www.llsclassaction.com](http://www.llsclassaction.com). If not, then you have been a victim of this long-running scam, and should refuse to pay LLS any more money.

Many complaints about the reduction of the rating area to 4ha a decade ago generated such consternation in

the NSW government that it quietly backed down and reinstated the 10ha minimum rateable area.

Now with a state election approaching and the recent sackings of bad governments in Victoria and Queensland, this is your chance to object to this unconstitutional tax and arbitrary levies to the

premier Mike Baird and new opposition leader Luke Foley.  
**Russell Preston**  
Brisbane

**Back to the 60s**  
After the High Summer throngs and chaos, it was a pleasant surprise to arrive at Wategos early the other morning for the ritual surf on the old bloke's Mal to find plenty of parking spots, a good surf running and less than a dozen, mostly familiar  
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**WE'RE BECOMING A CULTURE OF VOTING PEOPLE OUT... WHAT ABOUT VOTING PEOPLE IN...?!**



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faces out. Thought I must be dreaming. But it was real.

No goat boats, no stick insects, no pretty girls in tiny bikinis blatantly dropping in, taking you out injured and telling you when you objected that 'they didn't see you' and worse, that 'waves are to share', then haughtily paddling off. There was no-one paddling out in front of you and spoiling your line, no backpackers on hire boards lying sideways in the impact zone.

No guys on huge ocean kayaks taking out half the line-up and telling people they needed to look out. No Queenslanders all parked around the turning circle thinking 'No Parking' really means 'Free Parking for Queenslanders'. No people with small, precious dogs telling the NPWS guys that their dog is an exception to the beach prohibition because it's a registered 'comfort' dog.

No Wicked vans in the middle of giant piles of rubbish with their occupants trying to break into the electricity box at the barbecues to charge their phones. No hassling, no aggro, no angst.

Everyone talked and gave each other a fair go and smiled. There was a rainbow and a pod of dolphins.

I thought I was 'Lost in the 60s' again!

**Jim Rogers**  
Byron Bay

**Professional wisdom**

It has never been more obvious to me than now how voting in councillors who are unqualified with personal agendas has been so destructive for our shire. How about listening to qualified staff or professionals?

**Jo Hoy**  
Durrumbul

**Well developed**

In a shire that tries hard to maintain 'green' practice it is heartening to see one of that sometimes reviled species, a 'developer', taking the initiative for once and 'recycling' a site.

The late Bangalow Hardware store was a beloved feature in the town, a wonderful convenience in an old, even dilapidated building; it was part of the charm of Station Street which is full of gracefully ageing buildings. Therefore it was extremely encouraging to witness the site's transformation into an 'Arts Precinct' by owner Bart Elias and his partner Karina.

Now housing The Byron Art School, a music and bookshop, and numerous creative

# Sky gods and chosen people

■ Les Einhorn (Letters, February 11) uses the word *Jews* as if Jews are a race. They are simply people from many different races who happen to follow Judaism.

The ancestors of European Jews never set foot in Palestine. They have as much 'right of return' as, say, English Christians do. After all the Holy Land is also the home of Christianity.

Under the Geneva Convention it is the Palestinian people who have the 'right of return'.

Genetically speaking, the direct descendants of the Semites, the people of the Old Testament, are the Palestinians – this is a scientific fact. Some Palestinians happen to have remained Jewish,

enterprises and studios, the site has a funky, green creative feel that is totally in tune with the street and town. All the original buildings were kept and repaired, and much use was made of recycled and re-fashioned windows, and materials. Cheerful window box plantings of edible and decorative plants have added to the 'mini-village' feel of the area.

some converted to Christianity, while others converted to Islam.

Einhorn claims that these European Jews did not forcibly take the Holy Land, but in my mother's village the Jewish soldiers murdered every single man aged between 13 and 60 and force-marched the rest to Lebanon. This sort of brutality is documented the length and breadth of Palestine – people do not easily leave their ancestral homes and farms.

He also claims that the misnomer anti-Semitism (which should actually be anti-Palestinian) is not given enough media coverage. Many people will have heard of the Israeli soldier, Gilad Shalit, who was captured by

the Palestinian resistance, but I wonder how many people can name just one of the many tens of thousands of Palestinian civilians captured by the occupation, or of the many thousands killed by it. Can you?

On the news we repeatedly hear that Israel retaliates to the Palestinian resistance (which shapes public opinion in a huge way) but it's equally true to say Palestinian resistance retaliates to Israeli attacks.

Who's to say what is retaliation for what? The truth is that any brutal occupation (Tibet, West Papua, Palestine, etc) is aggression and that resistance is self-defence.

**Subhi Awad**  
Mullumbimby

■ Last week Mick Stacey wrote about the 'great unmentionable evil' found in monotheistic 'sky-god religions'. But what about the 'evil' found in secular ideologies such as nationalism?

After all, nationalism was used to justify the atrocity of dropping atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki in perhaps the worst act of state-sanctioned terrorism ever. And it is nationalism that is at the root of Australia's current persecution of asylum seekers – a policy which enjoys bi-partisan parliamentary support.

Perhaps then it is not 'religions' and 'death cults' but 'humans' who are 'evil'.

**Dave Lisle**  
Mullumbimby

**Praise for Paul**

Mick Malloy writes about Paul Spooner and his candidature for the seat of Ballina. Tom Tabart in the paper the week before questioned the motives of Paul.

I met Paul for the first time during the community selection process held by the Labor Party recently. I find Paul to be committed to improv-

'Development' is so often a dirty word in our shire, as it often means a loss for the community for someone else's gain, but I believe this has added an attractive amenity that will hopefully translate into success for the enterprises that have taken up residence there.

**Karena Wynn-Moylan**  
Bangalow

ing our community which has been badly neglected over the past 27 years or so.

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# Trailing through the tracks to better transport options

■ If the rail trail costs more than the funding received from the state government, councils will not be picking up the shortfall. It is expected that the federal government will provide some funding as well. Councils will not be expected to pay for the maintenance of the trail. The state government already spends \$750,000 a year on 'maintaining' the corridor, and this money will hopefully be handed over to the trust that will manage the rail trail. Many

tourists who like to experience rail trails don't bring cars. Why bring a car if you are riding a rail trail for four days? Toilets also won't be a huge issue as most of the towns are situated close enough together for an easy bike ride. Vandalism does not appear to have been a problem on other rail trails. People who ride on trails tend to be families or middle-aged, retired people with money to spend in the local villages. There will be provision for

emergency vehicles on the trail without needing to go through private property. If the trail is built well from the start, then there will be minimal maintenance costs well into the future. If landholders have any concerns they can go to the following websites and find out the facts: [www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/NorthernRiversRailTrail](http://www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/NorthernRiversRailTrail), [www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/MurwillumbahRailTrail](http://www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/MurwillumbahRailTrail).

**Marie Lawton**  
Northern Rivers  
Rail Trail Executive

■ I wish to voice my admiration to the many volunteers behind the rail trail proposal who are dedicated, inspiring, patient and polite, often in the face of irrational argument and personal vindictiveness directed at them. Rail trail supporters are not opposed to public transport. We would all love to have an efficient mix of transport options in the region which accept the limitations imposed by our population base and geography. There is no obvious large-

scale daily commuter flow in this region as in large urban areas like Sydney or Brisbane. The vast majority of people here drive to work because of the obvious convenience, not because of the lack of trains, and when travelling out of the region still drive or fly from the two close regional airports. There are only two real options for the disused rail line. The first is to do nothing, in which case it continues to deteriorate and will eventually be lost. The second is to convert it into a publicly owned rail trail for multiple low-impact usage. There are no other options! To advocate the return of the train or any other gimmicks disguised as transport options is tacit support for doing nothing. One day when we have a world-class network of rail trails in this region, we will look back on this time and wonder what the opposition was about.

**Neil McKenzie**  
Bangalow

■ A few years ago I met with former GM Robyn Read at

the Jonson Street roundabout to discuss my proposals for improving traffic flow. Her majesty knocked back my proposals without any discussions with staff or councillors. True, my proposal then involved possibly having to remove a couple of trees and some flowers, but I've subsequently modified it so that that wouldn't be necessary. Okay, so when you cross the railway line and go into the CBD there are two lanes. One lane permits only a left turn towards the Main Beach carpark; the other permits going straight through the roundabout or a right hand turn into the main shopping drag. My proposal is simply this: that left lane should be changed so that one is also permitted to go straight through; the right lane should be changed to permit a right turn only. I predict that this would result in a 20 per cent increase in flow-through, thus reducing the Shirley Street backup in both length and duration. I repeat that something

like this will have to be done regardless of the bypass, the benefits of which are largely illusory. I state the bleeding obvious again when I say that widening the railway crossing or putting two inward lanes on Shirley Street would be totally pointless without better flow-through at the roundabout in question. Another suggestion I have is that the road through St Helena be sealed. A lot of people from Bangalow to Corabell and beyond use this when they expect congestion on Shirley Street. Sealing said road would make that route safer and more attractive (and reduce dust for residents) but its winding nature means that it would never be prone to habitual use. Finally, I think it's about time that the Thursday farmers markets were moved, perhaps to the sportsgrounds. It's bad enough when serious congestion starts around 9am, but gridlock from 7am on a Thursday is a bit much.

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all to see. Thank you, Paul, for standing up for me. Good luck in the coming election.

**Ross Cornwill**  
Lennox Head

**Funding renewables**  
Heather Ridout, Peter Martin, and Alan Jones all favour using 10-year bonds at 'once-in-a-lifetime' interest rates to fund infrastructure. Well, why not infrastructure that will deliver a profit? With renewable energy, at current costs, the job can be done, right now, for less than average household electricity bills. It's cheaper to go solar/renewable than not. So, why not?

As Martin put it in an article for the Fairfax media, at 2.55 per cent per annum, given our target inflation rate of 2.5 per cent, this is close to no-cost borrowing. If we use that money to fund a project designed to repay the borrowing over ten years, plus return a target of seven per cent per annum over costs, we are funding a winner. A sensible public/private partnership for NSW is to build renewable technology in the state, and build the most suitable energy solution for each and every location. This is what I intend to deliver. In some places, wind makes most sense. Newcastle has been listed as Australia's

fourth-windiest location. Does the business case add up for a major industrial wind farm at Kooragang Island? In others, large-scale solar with storage will be best; perhaps solar thermal, perhaps photovoltaic. In many places, rooftop installation with battery storage is compelling and popular. With fact-based analysis on a case-by-case basis, it really is time to fund a profitable energy initiative. As some people are aware, I am a somewhat distant part of a network of independent candidates, focused on jobs, integrity, and local decision making. Support me in pushing this initiative, share

it with friends, and help me convince others this can be made to happen, but it cannot be delivered by the old, corrupt parties. We need a parliament of independents, truly representing the people. The way to the future is forward, and the future is waiting, and bright.

**Matt Hartley**  
Independent candidate  
Byron Bay

**Holiday letting**  
How many Byron residents knew that Byron Shire Council was drawing up a new draft on holiday letting behind closed doors and by invitation only? How many

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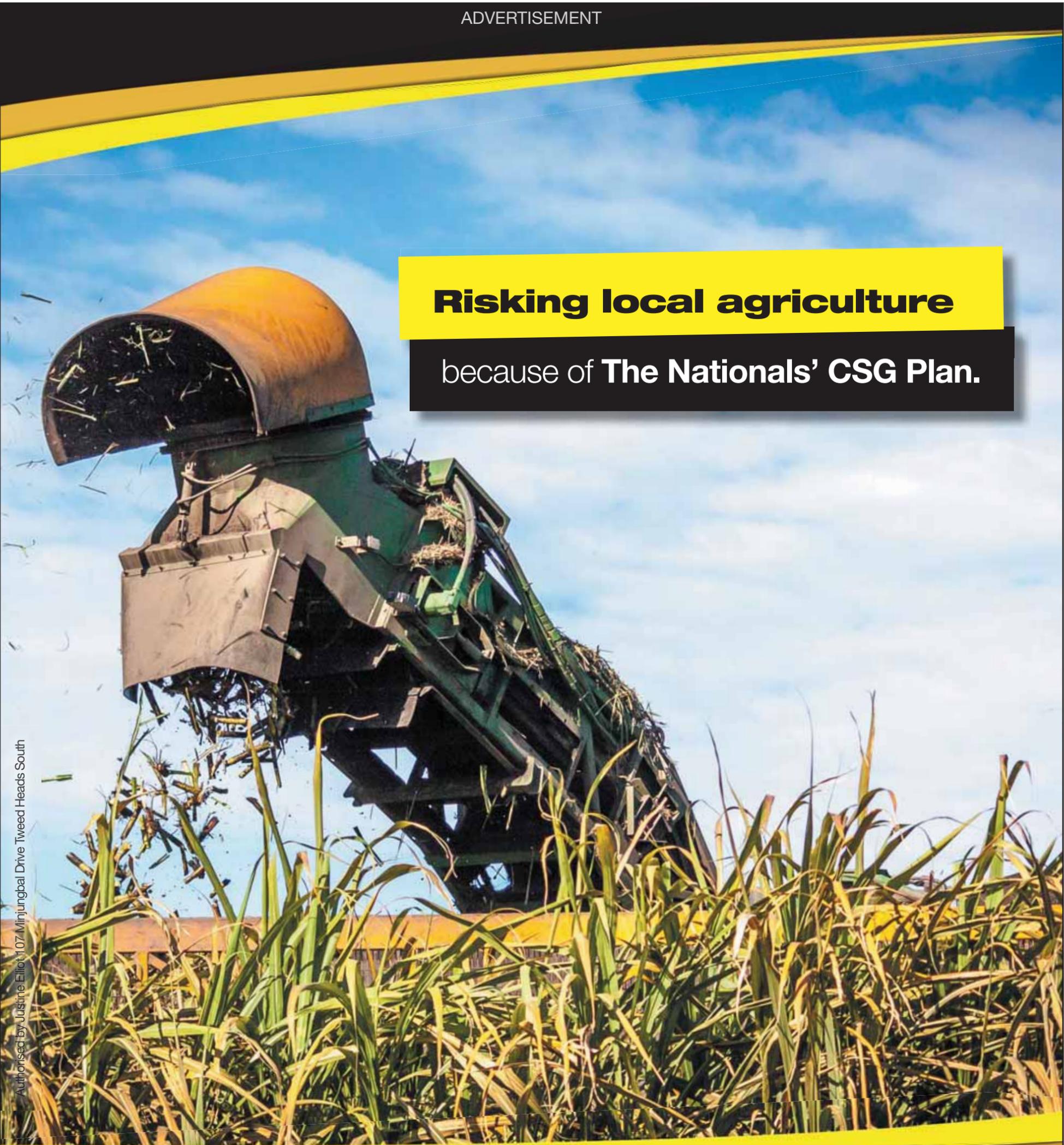
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## Risking local agriculture

because of **The Nationals' CSG Plan.**

Authorised by Justine Elliot 107 Minjungbal Drive Tweed Heads South

**It's shameful that North Coast National Party representatives have announced their support for a PRO-Fracking 'NSW Gas Plan'.** This is their policy that will see some rural families being forced to live just 200m from CSG wells. It means under the National Party's 'NSW Gas Plan' it's *business as usual* in existing licence areas for risky CSG and other unconventional gas mining activities.

**Labor's policy is to ban CSG** in our region whereas the National Party's agenda is to expand harmful coal seam gas mining even though our communities overwhelmingly don't want this toxic industry here.

The National Party's PRO-Fracking 'NSW Gas Plan' does absolutely nothing to protect communities, water resources or farmlands. **In fact the National Party's irresponsible CSG policy puts existing clean and green businesses like tourism, agriculture and food production at risk.**

Authorised by Justine Elliot Federal Member for Richmond

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knew that 'workshops' were being held deciding how to go forward with Byron Bay's 900-plus holiday lets? Now that the deadline for submissions, for or against, has passed (that was December 22 when many people were away) Council states that they only got 150 submissions.

The truth is, if there are 900 or more holiday lets, do you really believe that only 150 people are being affected? Many of the residents simply did not know that these meetings were taking place. If you don't read the letters section you would never know that

such an important event just passed you by. As a permanent resident in Byron Bay we have been overlooked and our opinions on how holiday letting affects us are being ignored.

We now have to ask the residents, how they feel about a class action? Council talks about serious erosion of community in the Byron Shire. So where is the protection against this?

As it stands we all know that holiday letting in residential zones is illegal.

Are you happy with an open plan model which is being decided on, that holi-

day letting will take place in all residential areas? Not just near the beaches and shops?

We the ratepayers call for a referendum on this crucial and sensitive issue. We need to be part of this new draft, not the few people who were there by invitation only, deciding on our town!

Now is not the time to sit on the fence. Write or email the general manager at Council or Cr Duncan Dey and the mayor and the newspapers and tell them how you feel being left out of decisions that affect our homes!

At least VOHL was at council representing the folks against rampant holiday letting but the truth still remains that many of us did not know about this at all.

**L Sntclair**  
Byron Bay

### Looking good

Mandy Nolan (*Echo*, February 11) laments that women are judged on their looks rather than their achievements. I agree with her, but I think it's fair to say that women set themselves up for this.

Women spend so much of their time worrying about their clothes, hair styles, figures, weight, and 'facials, botox, waxing, layering', as she says.

No-one is forcing women to do this. They could stop in a moment if they wished.

The Valentines Day flash mob sings a song about 'break the chains', which is great, but it seems to me that women's chains are often forged by themselves. I think women would be better off if they focused on things like education, careers, business, and investments, rather than

## Toilets, tourists and tackiness

Following up on Trevor Watts's comments on public toilets at Brunswick Heads (*Echo*netdaily, February 2): If nothing else, why can't the council maintain clean, fully equipped toilets for travellers and the public alike in our busy areas? Even the smallest country towns have more attractive amenities than Byron Shire.

The Torakina toilets (yes, those architect-designed ones) have been in a disgusting state for years, have passed their use-by date, and need to be replaced - nothing attractive about those. After closing the dilapidated toilet block at the surf club, in Council's wisdom, they erect a relocatable toilet block opposite. Why can't it be a permanent, well maintained, airy and attractive place that people are happy to use?

continually trying to cash in on their good looks.

**Charles MacFarland**  
Ewingsdale

### Another access

If the biggest problem Byron Bay has is only two access roads, why aren't councillors considering another access road for future needs?

A road could branch off Ewingsdale Road to Byron Bay through the proposed West Byron development site. Maybe it could join Jonson Street towards the Browning Street end. No bypass arguments, no destroying Shirley Street.

I just don't trust the council to make the right decisions with traffic solutions. I keep thinking that they

Another one: the toilet block at Pilgrim Park is closed and has been surrounded for some time with an untidy mesh fence. Why? We are told by Council that it wasn't necessary to have it there. Pardon me, but this is one of the few places in Brunswick Heads where travellers and vehicles towing caravans have room to park and rest in an historic, pleasant, tree-shaded, quiet environment. Now the toilets are closed; not very sensible.

Moving onto that other tourist gem in the Shire where we should be looking after our visitors, Mullumbimby. There were two Rotary-built, roofed, picnic tables and seats in Brunswick Terrace near Federation Bridge. Council in their wisdom removed these and replaced them with tables and seats,

but no roofs (cost too much). How sensible is that when travellers and anyone else need protection from the sun (well publicised these days) and from the rain? Thanks, Council, brilliant thinking.

One of the two rusted-out, non-maintained gas barbecues in the same area has been replaced with a stainless steel one about six months ago (immediately graffitied, what did you expect). Oh, gas? Sorry, no gas, can't afford it. So that new barbecue hasn't been used - what a ridiculous situation.

We pray that one day we might get some vision and foresight from Byron Shire Council, and have clean and well-maintained amenities that benefit ratepayers and visitors alike.

**Terry Newling**  
Mullumbimby

should be consulting experts in town planning after seeing the waste on the \$24 million sports centre, the biggest and emptiest car park in Byron. When they started building it I thought they must have some amazing engineering planned to have sports fields on a swamp but no, they had no idea what they were doing.

**Raymond Timms**  
Main Arm

### Tax used wisely

In order to balance the budget governments began selling off assets and cutting public services while loudly proclaiming they were doing a great job of managing the economy. I don't mind paying tax because I want to have environmental protection and

good services for my family and community. I believe ordinary Australians care about their community even if they have to pay a bit more tax.

That's what I realised during the amazing experience of defending the community from CSG wells at Bentley, that as a community who cares about each other we have this wonderful experience of connection and belonging.

We need to join together and ask our political leaders to return to their job of protecting our natural and infrastructure assets and tell them we want to pay more income tax for the sake of our children and their future.

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In 2013, the German spa town of Baden Baden witnessed Viswanathan Anand win his first tournament in four years, the start of a form revival which enabled the Indian veteran to squash any calls for retirement.

Despite losing two matches to Magnus Carlsen, Anand recently won the London Classic and his return to the world elite seemed secure.

However, this week at the Grenke Classic in Baden Baden, Anand looked every one of his 45 years.

While most attention was on Carlsen's struggle to overcome an early loss to Arkadij Naiditsch and eventually prevail against the Baden Baden Grandmaster in tiebreakers, Anand was slipping down the standings.

The rot started in the third round against Carlsen when Anand miscalculated a key variation, mistakenly believing he was lost and suicided.

The next day was even worse for Anand. The Indian outplayed Levon Aronian and was close to winning (see right) when he again miscalculated and crashed to defeat.

The final round was a third unnecessary loss; Anand fought to a technically drawn rook endgame against Michael Adams but with one moment of inattention threw away the game.

Anand remains a deep strategist

but his tactical awareness seems to be fading and every chess player knows that a tactical error can ruin hours of patient strategy. For Anand, for many years the sharpest and fastest calculator of them all, the decline must be distressing.

He has kept body and mind fit but, having failed to discover the elixir of youth, the great Anand is about to leave the world's top ten for the first time in more than two decades.

Baden Baden 2015  
**White: L Aronian**  
**Black: V Anand**  
Opening: Queen's Gambit Declined  
**1.c4 e6 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Nf3 d5 4.d4 Bb4 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Qa4+** Aronian, an expert in this Ragozin variation, follows the recipe Carlsen used against him with success a few weeks earlier. **6...Nc6 7.Bg5 h6 8.Bxf6 Qxf6 9.e3 0-0 10.Be2 a6 11.0-0 Be6 12.Rf1 Bd6 13.a3 Ne7 14.b4 c6** Fearing **15.Qd1 b5!** Aronian chooses a worse plan. **15.Qb3?! g5 16.Qb2?! Qg7! 17.Na4 Rae8 18.Nc5 Bc8** Now White's queenside attack is over, but Black's on the opposite flank is just getting started. **19.g3 Nf5 20.Bd3 Qf6 21.Rf1 h5 22.Rac1 h4 23.Qd2 Nh6?** With victory in sight, Anand starts fumbling. **23...hxg3 24.hxg3 Kg7** was very strong with the idea (missed by Aronian) of **25.e4 Nxd4! 26.Nxd4 Rh8!! 24.e4!! Bxc5** Too late Anand realises that **24...Qxf3 25.Qxg5+ Kh7 26.e5+ Bf5 27.Bxf5+ Nxf5** loses to **28.Rc3!! 25.e5! Qg7?** **25...Bxb4!** would stay in the game but, demoralised, Anand appears to be just going through the motions. **26.bxc5 f6 27.exf6 Rxf6 28.Nxg5 Bf5 29.Rce1 Rff8 30.Rxe8 Rxe8 31.Nf3 Bxd3 32.Qxd3 Re4 33.Re1 hxg3 34.hxg3 1-0**



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# Film captures acid messiah's life and final trip

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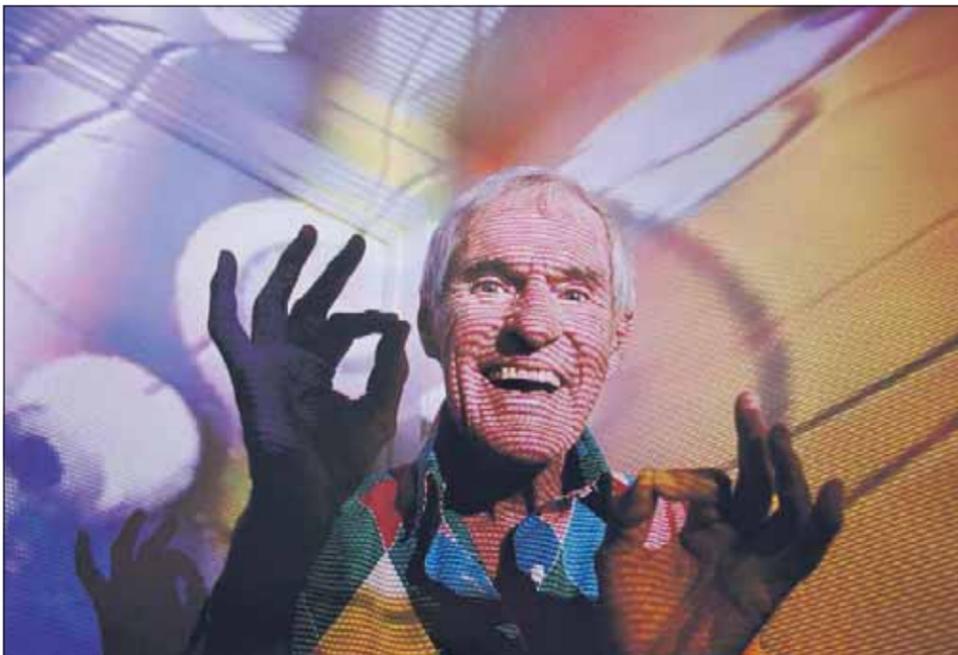
Timothy Leary's advocacy of LSD and other psychotropic substances led to his being labelled 'the most dangerous man in America' by Richard Nixon.

A visionary and revolutionary of his times, by 1966 he had used chemicals to open the doors of perception in his head on at least 300 occasions, many of them in the company of fellow Harvard academic Richard Alpert.

Their controlled psychic and neurological explorations inform the feature documentary *Dying To Know*, which is narrated by Robert Redford and has its sneak preview at the Byron Bay Film Festival.

The two men were markedly dissimilar in background and personality. The son of a straitlaced Irish mother and a father who abandoned his family, Leary forever steered a path between chaos and conformity, defying authority, thumbing his nose at society's restrictions and taboos while at the same time inhabiting its straightest roles.

A genial hellraiser, he was always in trouble: kicked out of college for being found in the girls' dorm, reprimanded for supplying booze to fellow cadets in the army. Later he made headlines for ingesting vast amounts of hallucinogens while a psychology professor at Harvard - where he devised an insightful and widely used personality test.



Timothy Leary, the irrepressible acid messiah.

In one extraordinary scene, he appears before a congressional committee chaired by Ted Kennedy, to lobby for the controlled legalisation of all mind-expanding drugs - while running for governor of California and awaiting trial for possession of marijuana.

Alpert, the son of a wealthy east coast Jewish family (his father ran a railroad), was gay, conformist, brilliant - a hugely respected academic at an early age, a pilot, master of his universe. Leary gave him the confidence to think for himself and to 'just say know'.

*Dying To Know* tells their story, and the story of the psychedelic revolution in America, then the world, to which Leary gave the rallying call:

Turn on, tune in, drop out.

He was busted, jailed, sprung by members of the Weather Underground and whisked off to Algeria to join Black Panther Eldridge Cleaver, then fled to Europe and eventually Afghanistan, only to be snatched by Nixon's goons, dragged back to America and thrown into Folsom Prison, where solitary confinement came close to breaking him.

## The India trip

Alpert meanwhile, dissatisfied with the finite nature of the chemically induced spiritual experience, moved away from Leary's influence, travelled to India and sat at the feet of the Maharaji (and gave him acid to take, to no effect). Alpert became Ram Dass, the author of *Be Here Now*, a revered guru and spiritual bridge between East and West.

Leary seemed incapable of emotional intimacy. He was married five times, with his first wife and later his daughter committing suicide. The two men's relationship was also a kind of marriage, which they recall during the final weeks of Leary's life as their 'dance through this incarnation together'.

In 1996, dying of prostate cancer, Leary calls Ram Dass to be with him to face what he calls 'the greatest adventure', to celebrate death as the fulfilment of a life lived to the craziest extremes.

They talk about their 30 years as soul-mates, reaffirming their love for each other, and the respect and transcendental joy they experienced as fearless explorers of inner space.

It's a brave film, literally staring death in the face.

he was crippled by a stroke, which he says helped him to more closely identify with his soul. If you can do that, he says, 'death is just another moment'.

'Delve deep enough into yourself and you become the moment', and at that moment 'you engage with the deepest meanings of the universe'.

Speaking of his 'beloved' Leary, he says 'love transcends death'.

This is a tale of the 60s and their aftermath, an American story of derangement and outrageous courage, and of intrepid humanity exploring new frontiers.

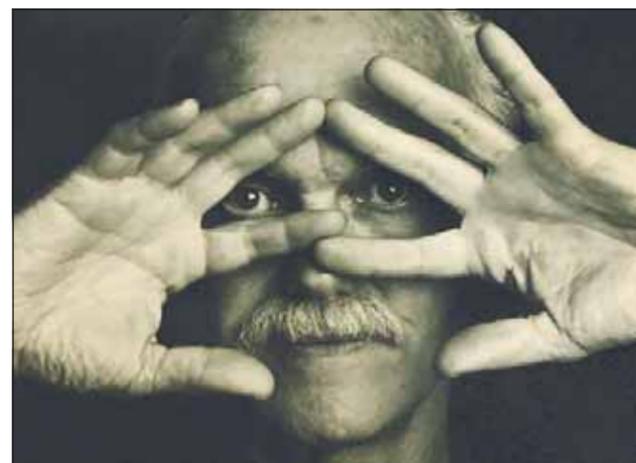
It will cause viewers to

marvel, laugh, maybe cry a little; some will light up with flashbacks of ecstatic recall, some will feel the dread.

It's not about drugs but about human curiosity and restlessness. The two men and their followers wanted life to be magical.

Whether you were there at the start of the psychedelic revolution and can or can't remember it, or have an interest in spirituality, the psyche or psychology, *Dying To Know* will be a festival highlight, in every sense of the word.

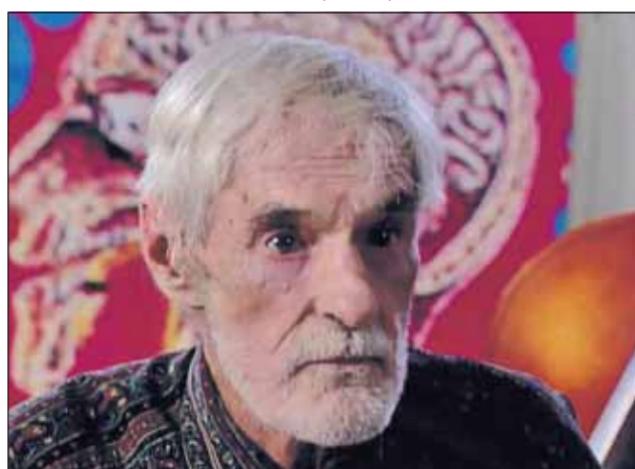
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Richard Alpert becomes Baba Ram Dass.



Above: Richard Alpert and Timothy Leary in earnest conversation, and below, Leary ready to die.





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# Good Skin Clinic



NORTHERN RIVERS & THE GOLD COAST

# Managing to feed the soul

by Matthew Michaelis

We humans are sentient beings and when it comes to sitting in someone else's space, I know I get the jitters if the overall atmosphere is unfriendly, stiff or uncomfortable. Staff who look and feel like they are 'special' in some regard are just showing a strong sense of esteem, though when a wait team start projecting that they are privileged and the customer becomes an inconvenience in some regard – then it's time to redress the balance. Over the years I've observed various staff teams in some of the most luxurious eateries and, having met many of their owners and managers, I realise that it's really a matter of the buck stopping at the head of the business. If the management is difficult and belligerent often that's passed on down the line. Enter a hierarchy that's successfully feeding the souls of its staff and therefore its punters: the Beach Cafe in

Byron Bay. Ben Kirkwood and his partner Belinda head up this award-winning cafe restaurant. Collaboration is the credo at the Beach Cafe, Ben told me recently. They each have their roles here: Belinda is the events manager, Ben, the general manager, Steven Kirkpatrick ex-Icebergs Bondi is operations manager, Kaine Hunt is the head chef and David Fiumara his 2IC. 'The whole team are included in the shaping of this busy eatery. Making decisions that impact on the overall environment here is very much an inclusive and collaborative process and at the same time we're working the procedures, the menu and feel of the place in a team,' Ben said 'I also have a realisation that people need to live and the hospitality industry can be particularly relentless, so here we make sure everyone is balancing their work and their lives. If you don't,

everyone loses – it's really about feeding the soul that keeps inspiration and energy coming back to us,' Ben added. Ben appears to be all over the fact that their team are their future and that their future is in the hands of their team. It's a chicken-egg thing with a rooster thrown in. And although Ben's the rooster in this analogy, he relies comfortably on the skill and acumen of those around him. Kaine Hunt comes from a good and strong hospitality background, coming from Longrain in Sydney, a two-hatted restaurant; 'My wife and I moved up here for the lifestyle and to raise our child on some land. We both have hospitality in our blood and the relationship with the Beach Cafe and our plot of dirt is exactly why we are now living here,' Kaine said. 'I'm constantly sourcing specialist ingredients to complement the menu. Inspiration comes from what's in season

and available at the local farmers market. Supporting local produce is a passion of mine; it adds fresh and original content,' Kaine added.

Steven Kirkpatrick is operations manager, and has an equally relevant background to keep the standards and service in place and the Beach Cafe at the height that it reaches year in year out. As the systems person here, he appears to have an eye for detail that can't be ignored – 'systems are put in place after the collaborative process and the team are all across these,' Steven said.

Ben knows that he owns a position as much as a restaurant cafe, but he's not sitting on his hands. He wants his staff to feel they have a life away from the Beach Cafe, an unusual position to take for an individual in the impersonal world of



Keeping it real: Kaine Hunt head chef and Ben Kirkwood owner.

Photo by Matthew Michaelis  
Kaine Hunt, head chef –  
Photo by Matthew Michaelis  
Team spirit throughout  
Award-winning eatery and  
location

business. Clearly it's a decision that is working very well at the Beach Cafe with a team that are feeding their customers with a little bit more energy and soul – it's an award-winning paradigm. The Beach Cafe is fully licensed, is opened every day for breakfast from 7.30am until 11am (11am–12noon: limited menu); 12 noon until 3pm for lunch (3–5pm: limited menu). Dinner is from 5pm. Bookings are advised – phone 6685 8400. Available for weddings and events.

Clarks Beach, Lawson Street Byron Bay. Web: [www.byronbeachcafe.com.au](http://www.byronbeachcafe.com.au)



## Cafe culture by night

Photos and story by Matthew Michaelis

A couple of weeks ago, I wrote up the Aquarius cafe, bar and restaurant in Lawson Street in Byron Bay. I've been speaking a lot lately about the myriad choices in informal dining that surround us in the northern rivers. Quite a few of these eateries present with casual and relaxed atmospheres and unaffected service but have menu items that could be found at home in more fine dining affairs. Since 2013 the current owners of Cafe Byron have brought in a good solid breakfast and daytime trade – successfully too. Again location, location, location plays a part in this success. In case you don't know this Byron fixture, Cafe Byron sits positioned next to the green grasses of Railway Park; it's also opposite Fundamental Foods and the main zebra crossing. This is a pretty good spot for foot traffic and the tourist alike. So, breakfast, morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea are assured and reliable (gauging by a steady stream of guests). Recently though,

with the help of a new local head chef, Reuben Muller, they've opened the place to the night. I had a quick look at the choices and was pleasantly surprised at the selections available. It's all about 'horses for courses' and although you'll get a good meal plated well here, if you're the type that prefers a cosy nook, four walls and formal or buttoned-up service, then this may not suit. If, on the other hand, you're after a reasonably priced menu with the skill base of a seasoned chef out back, then roll in, comfortably dressed, no nonsense, no fuss – it'll be a go to try.

From the menu you'll find fresh oysters, three ways, light meal choices of things such as black mussels in tomato saffron broth, coriander; cured salmon and dip selections; vegetarian dishes and a good selection of generous salads the likes of a Mediterranean-style salad, towering and flecked with roasted peppers, capers, olives, marinated feta, pine

nuts and a white balsamic dressing. Salmon fillet comes sitting on high with blanched asparagus spears, chat pots and a carrot puree and not a bad pricing for Byron at \$27.50. Eye fillet (250gm) comes with all the trimmings: confit of garlic and potato puree, roquette, topped with a shaved grana padano salad, white truffle and red wine jus (\$29.50). A risotto for vegetarians, salads, light meal choices and a kids' menu. The third course isn't forgotten on this menu and dessert offers well-executed and proper selections such as panna cotta, chocolate fondant, and a lime and coconut crème brulee.

Live music from 5.30pm on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Sunday gives this dining room a venue-like draw from the street with a regular lineup of known local talents.

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# A northerly aspect

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## The Lake Cabarita restaurant bar cafe

In the early 1960s a visionary by the name of Ken Hanson saw the potential of a block of land to the west of the Bogangar headland and proceeded to develop what is now known as Cabarita.

One of the first buildings constructed was the LAKE Cabarita restaurant, the focal point in the centre of the Cabarita Ski Gardens. The property was bought and sold a couple of times and the new owners of the restaurant set about renovating the building with a dream of bringing life back to the lake area of Cabarita. The renovations were completed in October 2014 and the restaurant opened its doors.

Now called The LAKE Cabarita, the restaurant offers a healthy style of cuisine – paleo, raw, vegan, gluten-free, refined-sugar-free, etc. The vision and passion for the clean-eating style is the

brainchild of a local chef who has a reputation for delivering personalised attention in detail to all patrons. Jenny Zwemer is that chef and has teamed up with Joel Zwemer, and with their team they provide a memorable culinary experience for their diners.

'Our aim is to provide an exceptional dining experience, superior quality food, beverages, and customer service to every customer, every time,' Jenny said.

'We are fully licensed and offer live music on most weekends. We embrace the memories of the past here with our memorabilia wall showing pictures of the history of the restaurant,' Jenny added.

The Lake Cabarita restaurant bar cafe serves breakfast all day from 8am, opens for lunch 11.30pm until 3pm Tuesday to Sunday. Dinner is 5.30pm until late, Thursday to Saturday. Available for weddings and events.

**Situated at 2-8 Willow Avenue, Cabarita. Booking and enquiries on 6676 1275.**



A beautiful setting frames the Lake Cabarita restaurant.



## Surfers Paradise beachfront night markets

The iconic Surfers Paradise Beachfront Markets is one of the few Gold Coast night markets, and the busiest, providing locals and holiday-makers from Australia and around the world with a unique shopping and cultural experience in one of Australia's most popular tourist precincts.

The Surfers Paradise Beachfront Markets are a familiar sight to locals, adorning the foreshore of one

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Indulge in a massage; get a henna tattoo; create a wax mould of your hands or 3D portrait of your face; get a portrait or caricature; a photo with an exotic bird or snake; purchase some unique artwork or photography; buy one-off clothing pieces, unique

souvenirs or gifts and novelty items; sample some luscious desserts, treats, popcorn or jerky; watch artisans at work, including glassblowing, painters and jewellery makers; or find what's in store for the year ahead with a personal tarot reading. Have a lovely stroll through the markets on Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays from 5pm until 10pm.

**The Foreshore, Surfers Paradise. Phone: 07 5584 3700 / www.surfersparadise.com/things-to-do/beachfront-markets / Email: markets@surferparadise.com**

## The art of surfing

The Gold Coast City Art Gallery is a regional art museum located at Surfers Paradise on the Gold Coast. Opened in 1986, the gallery

plays host to many celebrated artists and has regular events, talks and exhibitions.

Opening at Gold Coast City Gallery is *Cutback: Surfing Through Art*, an exhibition featuring seven contemporary Australian artists responding to the art of surfing and alternative aspects of surf culture. Named after the surfing manoeuvre 'cutback', that sees the surfer sharply change direction and push back toward the whitewater, this exhibition explores surfing as a pastime and the fertile territory it provides for art makers. The exhibition aims to draw out some of the intricacies of how artists have engaged with surfing and features Chris Bennie, Shaun Gladwell, Andrew Kidman, William Mackinnon, Nanda Ormond, Ben Rak and Joel Rea.

Other dates:  
SHAUN GLADWELL : Sun 8 Mar. The gallery is pleased

to be hosting Shaun Gladwell, who was awarded the Josephine Ulrick and Win Schubert Photography Award in 2014 for his work, when he is in Australia next month and will give a special artist presentation.

SEMINAR: WOMEN AND SURFING

Sat 14 Mar 3pm FREE event, RSVP.

This public program will address some of the issues related to women and surf and will include the Gold Coast launch of new book by Andrew Kidman Single – *Stephanie Gilmore – Studies of Movement*.

AFTER DARK: art/surf/life; 19 Mar, the gallery remains open until 8pm and a panel of creatives – Cutback artists and surfers 'wax lyrical' about the intersection of life, art and surf culture.

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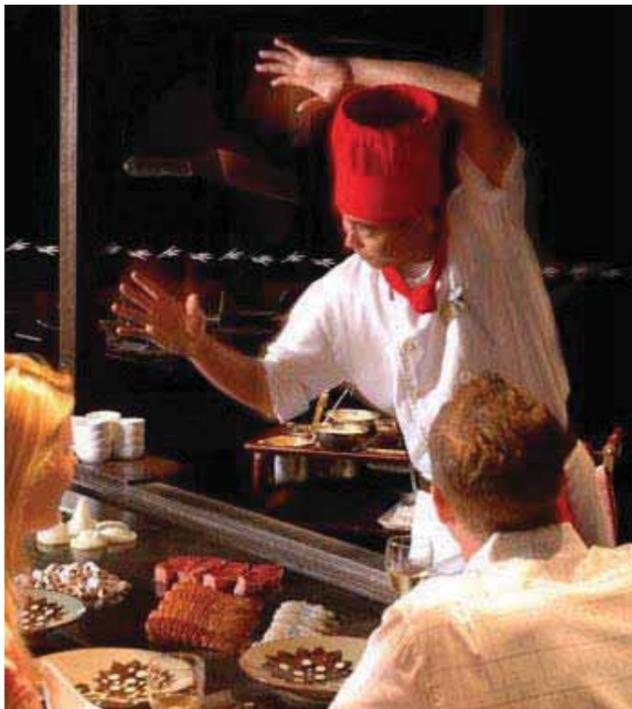



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The secret to Henry's success is his genuine love for his job. 'My favourite part of my job has always been the customer interaction – I love meeting new people,' he said. Ikue Terui has been the manager here for two and a half years. Not just an administrator, she has been dancing and drumming since she was six years old. Now she entertains with her 30-year-old Japanese drum and dances five nights in the restaurant.

Benihana is fully licensed and open for dinner until 9.30pm, seven days a week.

A special 'earlybird' \$35 per head special is available when seated between 5.30 and 6pm for steak, chicken and veg selections. (Not available Saturday nights or school hols.)

**The restaurant is situated on Level 3 of the Surfers Paradise Marriott Resort and Spa, 158 Ferny Avenue, Surfers Paradise. Bookings essential on (07) 5592 9770 or email [benihana.reservations@marriott.com](mailto:benihana.reservations@marriott.com).**

## What sustains us

This new column in the Good Life section comes about with requests to feature people and organisations involved in the networking and sustainable growth of conscientious businesses and the ever-growing demand for clean food and real 'eco' products in the northern rivers and Australia. From time to time this column will see guest writers, snippets from myself, and your letters published. **To contribute, email Matthew Michaelis: [goodlife@echo.net.au](mailto:goodlife@echo.net.au).**



a demonstration of grape picking and crushing – a rare treat to witness. Mandy Nolan will MC the event while you enjoy an Italian feast by Roberto Costanzo (ex River Cafe London) Nomadic Kitchen. A feast of local producers, Nimbin Dairy and slow-cooked meats by Russell Wilson of Dunoon Garage, sweets by Faith Newman and pane by Heart Bread – I can also guarantee there will be some of those preserved lemons tucked in somewhere.

In the sublime vineyard setting of Imogen's Farm, feasters will be contributing to Grow, a community organisation that has helped thousands of Australians recover from mental illness through a unique program of mutual support for personal development.

Feed your appreciation for our local farmers – their processes and skills, a reminder of the significance of harvest and our seasons, a contribution by our community to help a cause and other farmers and the community. I'll toast to that.

– Alison Drover

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### About Alison Drover

Alison is a 'locavore-frugavore', sustainable-food consultant, writer, educator, designer, speaker and organic-food gardener. Her passion is to encourage corporate and social responsibility through her skills as a community-engagement specialist and social-environmental activist.

She is a devotee of food that is good, clean, fair, inspired by people making a difference to the environment by voting with their forks. She would love to transform all fast-food

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## A Growing contribution

Whether it is making soup for a sick friend or dropping a casserole in, we all like to be nourished. I remember B Gate at Bentley Blockade on a cold evening. A lady pulled up and landed a Moroccan casserole for the crew. One act of kindness can translate tenfold. It is a feeling like no other, to feed one another and help a cause. It's another important cause that's on the menu at the Harvest Vintage event at Imogen's Winery in Whian Whian this week.

Imogen's winery is set in the magic of Whian Whian. Douglas and Christine Kesteven, the owners of Imogen's Winery, tragically lost their daughter just before her 21st birthday in 1997 owing to mental health issues. The farm was named Imogen's Farm by her brother, Nathan, in her honour. As a doctor witnessing patients with mental illness, it was Nathan's idea to dedicate this annual event to raise funds for Grow, a community organisation.

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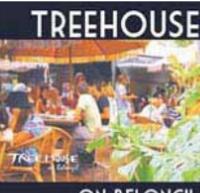




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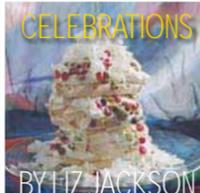
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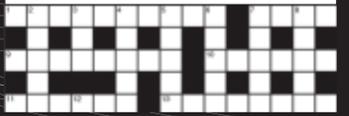
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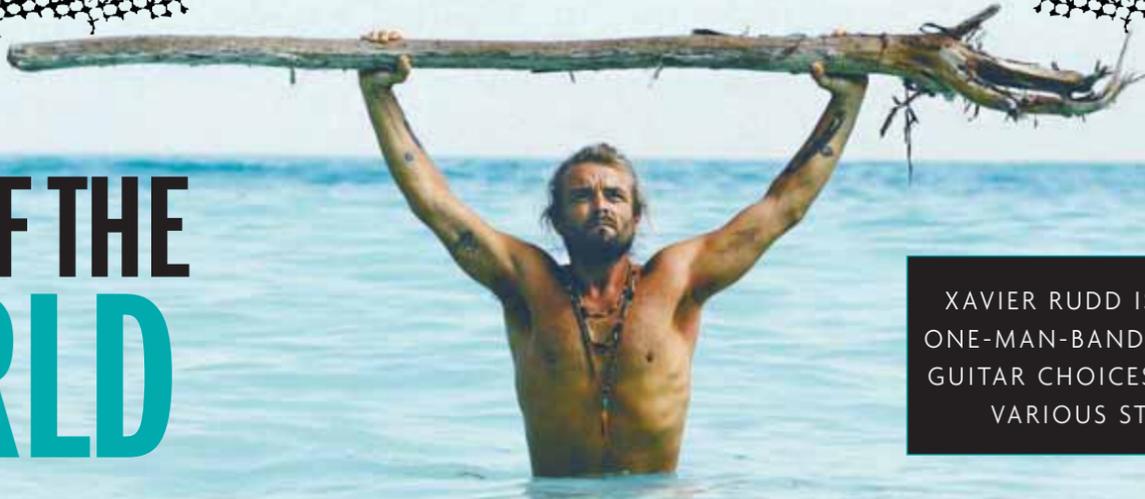
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## MAN OF THE WORLD



XAVIER RUDD IS RENOWNED FOR BEING A ONE-MAN-BAND SETUP WITH A HALF-DOZEN GUITAR CHOICES, THREE DIDGERIDOOS AND VARIOUS STYLES OF NATIVE DRUM.

This year Xavier will embark on the next adventure as frontman to Xavier Rudd & The United Nations. Featuring guitar, bass, drums, percussion, keys, horns, flute and backing vocals, the collaboration brings together musicians from all corners of the globe with diverse musical influences representing the cultures of Australia, Indigenous Australia, South Africa, Samoa, Germany and Papua New Guinea.

**Hi, Xavier. Congratulations on your new project – it's really an amazing achievement.**

**Can you give me some background on this project – what was the inspiration for bringing so many musicians from different cultures together?** Thanks! It's something I've wanted to do for years. I always wanted the time to be right so I've really taken my time with it.

It's an amazing collaboration of different people, all with strong ancestors and stories of great magnitude, coming together to play music with all of their individual styles... It's very powerful.

**In a political landscape of fear and disharmony, what do you see as the bigger importance of a project like this?** The messages in the record talk about simply respecting creation, aside from human beings... It's sort of like the concept of everyone putting down their weapons and their fears and their barriers as humans and remembering the earth. We're just a natural part of the earth, and so often our egos lead us away from that natural energy.

**Do you think music can change the world? Or, at least, some of the people in it?** Music is the world. I think that the world as we know it

comes from song, originally. Every culture has their song, but a lot of people have strayed away from that song. The question is, can we change the world to go back to music.

**How can we learn from ancient traditions – are they still relevant in our rapidly progressing postmodern world?** Absolutely. Every native person in each place has a key to the energetic connection between the land and that place. Human beings have an energetic connection to the land like a plant does, but we've had our egos that have strayed us. Our native custodians in each place still hold those songs, which can be with all of us, but they are the ones who hold it.

So it's important for anybody who wants to be connected to land to connect to the native song and the native people of that area.

**What was the songwriting / song creation process like?** It was like being catapulted around the world at a really fast rate. Just a massive power centre that gave me huge insight into some questions that I've been asking. That's how I remember it. Blue and white and yellow lights running past the memories... at high speeds.

**What have been the highlights for you working on this project so far?** The whole thing has been a massive highlight. I just feel stoked to be part of it! It's a banging band – it's pumping! Everyone is really great at what they do; I just feel really honoured to be part of it. It's insane, you know.

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## LION TAMING

TWO LIONS ARE CHRIS AND KARA MALLORY. RECENTLY MARRIED, CHRIS AND KARA FELL IN LOVE TO THEIR OWN SOUNDTRACK OF ACOUSTIC GUITAR, BANJO-MANDOLIN, UKULELE AND VOCAL HARMONY.

Fans of Two Lions have been waiting with bated breath for the launch of their debut EP since taking home the Song of the Year award for *Heading Home* in the 2014 NCEIA Dolphin Awards.

Chris spoke with *Seven* about Two Lions.

**Tell me what you set out to achieve with your new EP.**

Kara and I have been collaborating as songwriters for the past few years. We felt like we had five strong songs and we wanted to create some high-quality recordings of them.

**How do you feel about the end result? Where did you record? What sort of feel did you go for?**

After doing a lot of research we decided to record with Jordan Power, a prolific and very talented local producer/engineer.

We knew we wanted to have bass and drums and a 'full sounding, indie folk' recording, but as typical singer/songwriters we didn't have much of an idea of how to achieve that. With Jordan's guidance, we crafted a deceptively simple yet full sound using bass drums, mandolins, ukulele, cello, violin horns and vocal harmony.

We are both incredibly happy with the result and are very excited to finally share the recorded songs with our friends, family and local community.

**You are a husband-and-wife duo. Tell me a little about how you two came to be playing and living together. Which came first?**

Kara and I started seeing each other soon after we finished studying music at the Gold Coast (I did a Bachelor of Popular Music and Kara did Education with a Music specialisation). I used to gig around a fair bit as a solo musician and after Kara moved in with me, it was very natural for us to start performing together; it was like an extension of our relationship and growing love for each other in a way.

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not part of the Nespresso tribe? I can't shake the feeling that this isn't a store. This is a scene from Orwell's

1984 and I have stepped inside some weird futuristic bubble. There is virtually nothing in the shop. Just branding. And lights, and pretty boxes of what could be coffee (hard to tell – it's so beautifully packaged and arranged).

The counter looks less like a place of commerce and more like the reception desk at the lobby of the Hilton and is attended by uniformly dressed attractive people. They are more like hotel staff than retail assistants. The men have their hair slicked back, they wear only grey. Grey suit, grey tie, grey shirt. Not light grey, dark grey. No other tone. No other colour. The women wear fitted business dresses and jackets in the same grey. Their hair is slicked back. I am starting to worry they will read my thoughts and vaporise me.

I am standing here, wondering if I've come to a store or some sort of postmodern art installation. Have I stepped through a doorway into a portal to the future? Has it come to this? Me, standing behind a roped area awaiting assistance to select my coffee. I'm awash in a sea of glamorous bleakness. This is a store full of nothing. I'm starting to wonder if these well-groomed coffee selection advisers and

customer attendants are actually staff at all, or are they participating in some sort of performance art?

I didn't choose to come here. I was advised that it would be in my interest. This weekend we are staying at a beach house in Fingal Head and they have a Nespresso machine. It needs pods. Coffee pods can only be bought at Robina, at the Nespresso store. Pods? Since when did coffee come in pods? There's something darkly Orwellian about coffee delivery in pods. So here I am, a Nespresso novice. I have travelled 100 kilometres to macchiato mecca to worship at the caffeine altar.

So this is how the whole Nespresso Empire works. Coffee is delivered in Pods. Pods are packed in long rectangular boxes. Six to a box. Boxes are stacked in well-regulated order in wooden slots to the ceiling. I think the coffee is even back-lit. There are only six pods to a box. I am starting to smell a rat. Why have I travelled for more than an hour to buy coffee when I could just get a bag of Lavazza for \$12 or go to the local coffee shop? Because I wanted to know. I wanted to visit the Ministry of Coffee.

I pay \$30 for three boxes. That's \$10 per box. There are six serves per box. This is clearly a powerful business model because I am waiting in a queue of about 15 people deep to buy my empty box. I see that it is important not to question. To show that I am aligned with party doctrine. The Nespresso empire, owned by

Nestlé who pushed the sale of infant formula on the Third World, demonising breastfeeding and engaging in what has been called by some as 'genocide' for profit, are at it again. They say the capsules are 'recycled' but that's not true; less than 30 per cent would be recycled.

Nespresso Doublespeak also tells us that they are in 'ecolaboration' in sustainability programs focusing on helping farmers who grow Nespresso Coffee. So let me ask you this: if capsules or pods are made from a mixture of plastic and aluminium in layers that are sealed to each other, then how is the company engaging in environmentally friendly techniques? I need to talk to George Clooney. Surely the solution is to buy bulk coffee? These words cannot be uttered in Nespresso. I know there is surveillance. Cameras discreetly follow me about the store. I am reminded of a quote from 1984:

'There will be no curiosity, no enjoyment of the process of life. All competing pleasures will be destroyed. But always – do not forget this, Winston – always there will be the intoxication of power, constantly increasing and constantly growing subtler.

Always, at every moment, there will be the thrill of victory, the sensation of trampling on an enemy who is helpless. If you want a picture of the future, imagine a boot stamping on a human face – forever. And Winston, it's not all bad; there will be Nespresso.'

**BRAND NES DAY**

I have arrived at the Ministry of Coffee. It's 11.30 on a busy Tuesday morning in Robina's temple of capitalism and I have found my way to the Nespresso store. It's the first time I've been inside. Prior to today I had no reason to be here and the place was a bit of a mystery to me. I don't own a Nespresso machine, so I have been oblivious to the growing empire of Nespresso.

Posters of our Nespresso leader loom larger than life above me. Minister for coffee appears to be George Clooney. He says 'What Else?' That is the slogan. I don't get it. I think there is a lot else, but Clooney is the epitome of class and he seems to think that this is the business worth putting his famously handsome grey head to.

Is this some sort of Newspeak – Nespeak? Am I on the outer of the circle because I am

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**MAN OF THE WORLD**

We have a great time when we play. We all just feel really elevated and we haven't even played any shows yet so that's just at rehearsal and in the studio. When we play shows I think it's going to be really powerful, it's going to be really fun.

**How does the album translate to the stage?**

It will translate pretty close to the record because we recorded everything live. There aren't a lot of overdubs so the record is pretty much just us playing.

On stage it will be the energy, the spirit we bring as individuals, but in real time that will be with us during the show and the songs will be hitting people through a big speaker system and everyone will be shakin' their booty.

**What should we expect for your show at Bluesfest?**

It's going to pump! It's going to be really fun. I believe we're on before Ben Harper & The Innocent Criminals, which is a big honour; they are such an amazing band. We'll be excited and we'll be ready to hit people!

**Xavier Rudd appears with The United Nations**

at the Byron Bluesfest over the Easter weekend – 2–6 April. For ticketing and program information go to bluesfest.com.au.



**LIVING NEXT DOOR TO BOBBY ALU**

Back from a solo international tour schedule that would have lesser men freaking out, Bobby Alu has opted out of a summer and is releasing and touring his latest suite of songs, collectively entitled *Bay Sessions*.

'I've finished about 12 months with Xavier Rudd as his drummer,' says Alu. 'It's been a pretty epic past few years, and I had a couple of months' break so I decided to embark on my own project. When it's all happening the best thing is to roll with my own momentum!'

Alu's album is influenced by the place he now calls home: Byron Bay. 'I wrote the songs when I was on the road – mainly on Xavier's tour bus as we went through Japan and Hawaii. As I live in Byron now, I met a lot of local crew, and Jordan Power had his own studio so I decided to record there. We wrote and recorded and the tracks went down really smoothly and easily. Because the process was easy the tour seemed easy – we are doing Australia in one month! And while it is happening we will make the EP free!'

It's a call that most of us have had, but what drew Bobby Alu to the Byron Shire?

'I was born on the Gold Coast and moved to Brisbane to get more musically minded. My girlfriend works for EDO (Environmental Defender's Office) in Lismore, and we said let's move for lifestyle choice, and Byron became that. We have been here a year, and I am thinking that this is possibly the best choice of my life! It's great that when I am home I can be in a place like Byron. Living here is different from visiting here. It's a really good community.'

'It's like you move to a place and you feel you belong and that the people are similar to you and you make new friends with people who are

like minded. Moving from Queensland to the northern rivers was a relief! I can understand why so many artists gravitate towards Byron.'

Alu's time on the road playing with Rudd inspired him with his solo offering.

'I was getting to see amazing music around the world and got to see the legacy that Xavier had built, and I was inspired to put care and concern into songwriting and the theme just happened. For me it's about having the confidence to be myself; it's about accepting the quirks and the weirdness in myself and others and in the people I love and owning it and doing the things I love to do.'

'A lot of my life is spent on the road, so I write on the ukulele. It's a great touring instrument – it's my weapon of choice and it's how I get my ideas down!'

'I have a band that lives up and down the east coast and I have played with them for many years. I took the songs to them and we wrote a form and developed them.'

Alu does not take his career as a musician for granted. 'I treat it as a privilege. Being able to deliver your music live anywhere is an honour and it can be tough; sometimes the most amazing music doesn't always get out there, so when you have that opportunity you have a responsibility to do a good job, to make sure you give it everything.'

Bobby Alu's full generous life-inspired performance will be onstage with his band at the **Hotel Brunswick** on **Sunday** for the Sunday Sessions.

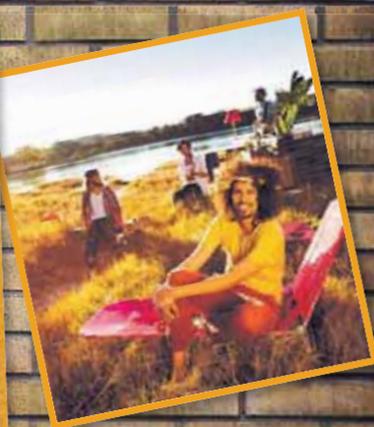
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## LION TAMING

**How does this affect the way you make music and the stories that you tell?** After a while, we ended up quitting our jobs and travelling around Australia, playing at music festivals and anywhere that would have us. When you live together in a van for more than a year, you get to know each other pretty well. I feel that that has helped our collaborations to be more honest and open.

**Is it possible to be as honest in your songwriting when your partner is part of the process?** We have had a lot of shared experiences in recent years seeing some amazing places with our travels. Because of this we can create two perspectives of the one event and mash them together in a song. That is kind of what happened with *Heading Home*. Kara and I are both pretty open and honest with each other in our relationship; I guess this makes it easier to collaborate.

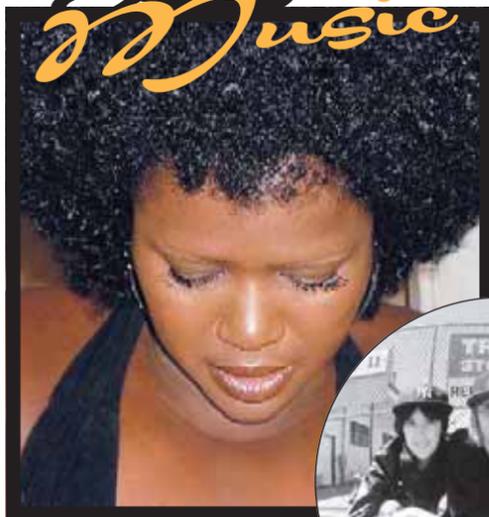
**How has your musical relationship been strengthened by your personal relationship?** I find the music industry to be challenging and sometimes lonely. It as been very helpful for me over the past few years to have someone who you care for deeply share in a passion for creating music and sharing it with others.

**How do you want people to be affected by your music?** We feel that our music is very much centred around our close harmony melodies and the lyrics. We would hope that people enjoy our shared love of singing and writing.

**What should we expect for your launch at The Court House?** We have what we hope to be a pretty exciting event lined up that draws on the local musical community.

We have the fabulous and ever-lovable **Miss Amber and Stukulele** playing; my wife's all-girl trio **Sheoak**, and our local choir that we sing with, **The Grail Singers**. We also have a full band performing with us with talented and seasoned local musicians. We sincerely hope it will be a night to remember.

**Saturday at The Court House Hotel**, Mullumbimby. Tix: Earlybird \$15 (+bf), Door \$20. Available from [www.kupromotions.com.au/?p=1550](http://www.kupromotions.com.au/?p=1550).



### BETTER LATE THAN NEVER: LISA HUNT IS BACK!

Well the tracks may be closed but the soul train is stopping in Mullumbimby this Saturday. Lisa declares that she is ready to party. It's been long overdue but we were playing Byron for New Years Eve and had to lay low locally when I got back from overseas but now I am ready! Mullumbimby has always been up for a soul, disco and funk party so dust off your platform shoes and throw on some glitter for **Saturday** night at the **Mullumbimby Ex-Services** with Lisa Hunt and her band. Who needs Zumba when you've got soul!

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### HAPPY UKE NIGHT

Guess who is celebrating a birthday? Uke Night falls on the very day that Miss Amber was born – not so many years ago – so she gets to choose her favourite songs for this month's book. Stukulele has also included some tunes from pivotal moments in her life... (did someone say Nirvana?) and to top it all off we will be paid a visit by the wonderful Clelia Adams. All of this from 6.30pm. Songbook is available for download now. Make sure you are on the mailing list at [ukemullum.com](http://ukemullum.com) for the link. **Thursday 26** at **Court House Hotel**. Adults under 15 \$10, kids \$2.50

### BYRON MUSIC SOCIETY

The **Byron Music Society** presents its first program for 2015 – *Threads*. A stunning and unique combination of dance, music and visual effect that captures the essence of Byron Bay. The principal architect of the program is Argentinian composer and multiskilled musician, Dr Gerardo Dirie, head of music studies at Queensland Conservatorium. This is a ground-breaking collaboration inspired by fibre artist Mirra-Winni, dancers from Byron Ballet and Dr Dirie. So come to the Byron Community Centre on Sunday at 2pm to meet the artists and enjoy the program at 3pm. Enjoy a celebratory champagne after the show. Tickets: 6685 6807 or at the door. Adults \$30, members \$25, children \$10.

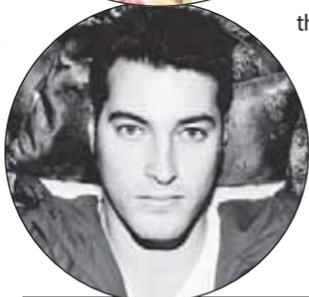


### TIJUANA CARTEL GIANTS IN THE MAKING

Support your local footy club – the Mullum Giants – with a special fundraiser at the **Hotel Brunswick** this **Friday**. World music giants Tijuana Cartel played New Years Eve in Byron to huge acclaim.



These guys pump out fat beats on a fat sound system with Middle Eastern scales rolling through hypnotic dance music. They are playing a free show at the **Brun** with the pub promising to match gold-coin donations for the club dollar for dollar, up to the tune of \$10! The club is looking for players and members, or perhaps you just want to come and enjoy the wonder of Tijuana Cartel – joined by Kallihad from 6.30pm.



HAYDEN JAMES AND NINA LAS VEGAS ARE THE FEATURED DJs AT SUNDAY SAFARI'S BANANA SPLIT AT THE BEACH HOTEL ON SUNDAY

### GETTING BELLIGERENT IN BYRON

**The Belligerents** are a five-piece band from Brisbane. Their newest single is called *In My Way*. The track was produced and mixed by their bass player, Konstantin Kersting, at Airlock Studios in Brisbane. In 2012 they won a spot playing at Parklife in Brisbane from Triple J / Triple J Unearthed propelling this band into the spotlight. Over the past two and a half years they've toured with and supported some pretty impressive customers, proving the Belligerents are a headline in their own right. Some of those acts include international and local acts, including Metronomy (UK), Neon Indian (USA), Breakbot (France), Van She, Last Dinosaurs and San Cisco. They play the **Hotel Great Northern** on **Saturday**.

### COURTNEYS AT THE NORTHERN

Drifting back to the sound of the early 90s, while reflecting a fun-in-the-sun west coast mentality, **The Courtneys** deliver a special blend of fuzzy slacker pop that draws comparisons to Sonic Youth, Dinosaur Jr and The Clean. Musicianship is tight, the hooks are sharp and the songcraft is dynamic. Courtneys play the **Northern** on **Friday**.

### MY NIMBIN QUEEN

The forthcoming album *My Queen* by alt-rock musician Diana Anaid resumes the eccentric and dynamic singer/songwriter's nearly two-decade-long career, a career that already includes five ARIA nominations and a legion of fans both in Australia and abroad. Anaid's acoustic-based songs have always been recorded with a progressive rock sound, and the new album *My Queen* is no exception. Reminiscent of many strong female artists and yet brimming with individual style, the album already has industry buzz. **Friday** at **Nimbin Hotel**.

### GYPSY MUSIC FOR THE SOUL

Ku Promotions are proud to present **BANDALUZIA** – an acclaimed modern flamenco ensemble led by ARIA-nominated virtuoso guitarist Damian Wright. He'll be performing original compositions from his upcoming album release and will have two brilliant flamenco dancers. **Friday** at the Drill Hall, Mullumbimby. Doors open at 7.30 pm and tickets are available from <http://www.kupromotions.com.au/?p=1542>.

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## Stars WITH LILITH

Eastern astrologers believe the Oriental New Year of the pacifist Sheep (or Goat) is when conflicts and animosities are most likely to resolve. Making this an auspicious time to stand up for personal and world peace...

**♈ ARIES:** You'd be forgiven for thinking this year's some kind of Oriental Aries thing, but here's the deal: the peaceable Sheep, while by no means a woolly doormat, likes to take the line of least resistance. Its live-and-let-live mantra's definitely worth chanting this week. And every other...

**♉ TAURUS:** Like Taurans, the easygoing, touchy-feely Sheep delights in what the Japanese call *I-Shoku-Ju*, love of the senses, making this a slow-paced year for enjoying your favourite creative pursuits. You'll make best decisions by listening to your instincts, because you're more in sync with your gut feelings than anyone.

**♊ GEMINI:** A highly auspicious year for harmonising the home base. Not exciting enough for you funsters? It will be, with plenty of scandalous happenings to keep you shocked and occupied during social, party-going Sheep year. And starting this week, you'll be grateful for somewhere restful to retreat and chill.

**♋ CANCER:** In eastern horoscopes the sign of the Sheep corresponds most closely to Cancerian characteristics, so this year's looking pretty simpatico for you home and family-oriented Crabsters. It's also believed to bring unexpected patronage and influential alliances, but advises against making sudden changes that undermine your sense of security and wellbeing.

**♌ LEO:** Lions love attention, appreciation and approval, but beware of collecting dodgy hangers-on this year. Or over-spending. With mood swings on the menu, restraint will be necessary to resist the drama hook. Way more can be achieved in a harmonious ambience, so this week think peace, serenity, equanimity.

**♍ VIRGO:** The sensitive, fretful, critical Sheep can be a bit of a whinger – obviously not a quality you want to foster. So nurture instead its calm, cruisy attitude of kicking back and letting others do the worrying and fixing for a change – beginning with this week's emotional blowouts and dramatic reactions.

**♎ LIBRA:** According to Oriental astrology, the charming Sheep's a real pleaser: an appealingly Venusian creature who loves beautiful things, hates confrontation and adores shopping. Its year is auspicious for makeovers, aesthetic ventures, applying for arts grants or repairing friendships, and this week offers plenty of scope for major peace-making moves.

**♏ SCORPIO:** Eighth sign of the Asian zodiac, Sheep energy's said to be leisurely, thoughtful, good humoured and high principled. But beneath its calm facade, fluctuating emotions flow – so your most valuable contribution to no more war is remembering that peace begins at home, in your own heart, thoughts, communication and behaviour.

**♐ SAGITTARIUS:** The tranquil Sheep hates to be rushed or hurried, so this year results may be slower showing up than energetic (read impatient) Sagittarians expect – though its upside is reputedly a prime time for leisurely travel. Best traveller's tips this week? Communicate with care, don't force issues, play the waiting game gracefully.

**♑ CAPRICORN:** The Sheep year (also known as the Goat year) apparently favours a few of your favourite things: comfort, success, upmarket luxe and prosperity via careful investment – suggesting a pretty Goaty year if you ask moi. Which this week kicks off with an emotional rollercoaster that could require some dedicated anger management.

**♒ AQUARIUS:** A less raucous and rambunctious, more caring and sharing twelve months are predicted for Waterpourers, in which you're likely to spend increasing time with others and put the concepts of kindness and compassion into daily practice. We all like to feel independent; this week underlines the absolute interdependence of everything.

**♓ PISCES:** It's considered the Sheep can be a bit of a wily and scheming operator, and suggested that this year people will try to get their way by guile and manipulation rather than open confrontation. Sounding familiar? This week recommends resisting any tendency to collect strays or fall for poor-me stories.

## X-CITED?

Born out of the Sydney punk scene in 1977 after being told to 'harden up' by Rose Tattoo, Australian rock legends **X** garnered a reputation for primal intensity and a raw and uncompromising sound that few could match. Over the course of a stormy and erratic career members have come and gone, but stalwart frontman Steve Lucas, once described as sounding like he'd gargled razorblades, just keeps on keeping on with this current incarnation.

In their only north coast show, **Steve Lucas & The X-Aspirators** present *An Evening of X* from 7.30pm this **Saturday at Mullum's Middle Pub** (plus support The Nimbin Anti-Bodies). Take this rare chance to catch an Australian legend FREE in your local area.



## Culture



### BIG-MOUTHED BROAD FOR BELLYLAUGH

If you are after something out of the box, weird, unpredictable, creative, challenging, and very very inner city – then the Byron Brewery's regular open mic comedy night is the gig for you. This free monthly comedy night features a professional comic as ringmaster, cracking the whip for the wannabe comedians keen to get their funny lines through the hoops. This month's MC is Mandy Nolan, a comedian with nearly 30 years of stage time under her belt.

At 47 Nolan reckons she's hit 'peak funny'. 'Sometimes it feels like the whole world is nuts and you're the only one who's noticed!' Mandy Nolan is the MC at the BellyLaugh at the Brewery on Thursday at 8pm. Free!

### RAW COMEDY HEATS UP!

**RAW Comedy** is Australia's biggest open mic competition. Finalists get to perform in the RAW Grand Final at the **Melbourne International Comedy Festival** next April, and the winner will pocket the much-sought-after prize of a trip to the Edinburgh Festival Fringe. Heats take place nationwide with one scorching Byron Bay heat at the Pandanus Lounge at the **Byron Ex-Services Club** on **Monday** at 8pm. Shows are all \$10 with tickets at the door.

### NATURAL BORN ARTISTS

This **Friday** **PRESENT** brings together 30 local emerging artists spanning fashion, music, visual and performing arts, music and more for a one-night extravaganza at the **Byron Bay Brewery**.

**PRESENT** is the first of four emerging arts showcases to be run by **RAW Byron Bay** in 2015 and this first showcase is packed wall to wall with Byron Bay's best emerging creatives. Natural-born artists is an independent arts organisation, for artists, by artists.

RAW's mission is to provide independent artists of all creative genres with the tools, resources and exposure needed to inspire and cultivate creativity. Doors open at 7.30pm. Tickets are \$16.50 (+bf) and are available through [www.RAWartists.org/byronbay/present](http://www.RAWartists.org/byronbay/present) or \$20 on the door.

### THE DRILL WITH DYLAN

Spend the evening with Dylan Thomas, presented by the **Drill Hall Theatre Company**. *An Evening with Dylan Thomas – from Laugharne to Mullumbimby* is a journey through Dylan Thomas's short but colourful life, and will combine the talents of visiting Welsh director and actor Ray Thomas with a strong local cast of 15 Drill Hall veteran and newcomer actors. The show will delight both those familiar with Dylan Thomas's poetry and prose and those yet to discover its lyricism, humour and beauty.

**Friday 27 and Saturday 28 February**, and **6, 7 March** at 7pm for a 7.30 start, then **Sunday** matinee performances on **1 and 8 March** at 4.30pm for a 5pm start. Tickets are \$15 or \$10 concession,

and can be booked online at [www.drillhalltheatre.org.au](http://www.drillhalltheatre.org.au) or purchased at the Mullumbimby Bookshop or at the door (if not sold out).



### IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE IN BALLINA

In the 1940s radio plays were as popular as movies and their stars were feted like movie stars. The old favourite story, Christmas fantasy comedy-drama *It's a Wonderful Life* has novelty appeal in Ballina Players' production with the visual impact of live actors combined with the sound effects of a radio play. *It's a Wonderful Life*, directed by Mike Sheehan, will be staged at the Players Theatre 6–21 March. Evening performances commence at 8pm and weekend matinees at 2pm. Opening night on 6 March will be a special event, with pre-show champagne and finger food. Book online at [www.ballinaplayers.com.au](http://www.ballinaplayers.com.au) or at Just Funkin Music, 6686 2440.

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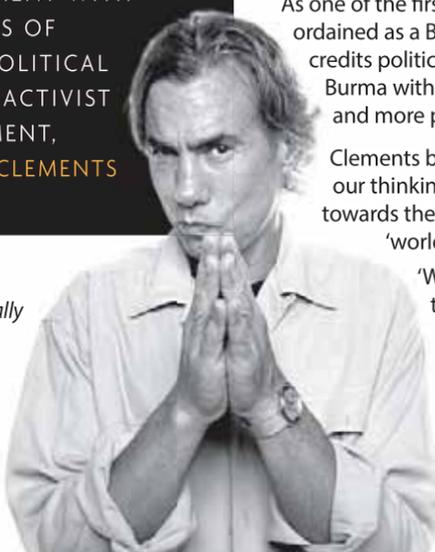
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## SPIRITUALLY INCORRECT – WHY THINKING IS THE NEW BLACK

IF YOU LIKE YOUR ENLIGHTENMENT WITH LARGE DOSES OF SPIRITUAL-POLITICAL SATIRE AND ACTIVIST ENTERTAINMENT, THEN **ALAN CLEMENTS** IS FOR YOU.

Alan Clements presents *Spiritually Incorrect* at the Byron Community Centre. The event is a benefit for Burma Project International



in support of reforming Burma's military-drafted constitution, thus allowing Aung San Suu Kyi to run for president in the 2015 national elections. Freedom.

Clements challenges the ego-driven quest for individual 'enlightenment' where he says, 'mindfulness is an employment opportunity and people use *namaste* like a greeting at McDonald's.'

As one of the first Westerners to be ordained as a Buddhist monk, Clements credits political unrest and violence in Burma with bringing him to a deeper and more powerful awareness.

Clements believes we need to shift our thinking away from 'self' and towards the concept of what he calls 'world dharma'.

'We need to celebrate the power of freedom. Our freedom and your freedom is inseparable; that is the new edge of global dharmism.'

'The best oneness is twoness! The show I do, *Spiritually Incorrect*, is for smart people –

the last thing you want to do is have your mind co-opted by the enemy. There are a lot of shamans and so-called new-age thinkers out there that co-opt people into servitude.

'Spiritual practice is challenging; you want to make sure that what you are thinking are your own thoughts, and what you practise is the dehypnosis of your own illusion.'

'Reclaim your own consciousness – it's a discipline of radical self-awareness that the world needs!'

**Thursday 26 February** at the **Byron Community Centre**, 7.30pm. Ticketing: \$30 advance, \$40 cash at the door. **Advance Reservations only** by emailing [contact@worldddharma.com](mailto:contact@worldddharma.com) (include full name, mobile, number of tickets, six max, with 'Byron 26 Feb' in the subject field). Details on our facebook events page, and please feel free to add to the invitation list. There will also be a presentation at **Temple Byron** on **Sunday 1 March** – limited to 20 people. For bookings, email your full name and mobile number to: [contact@worldddharma.com](mailto:contact@worldddharma.com).

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# Cinema Reviews

By John Campbell



The script is overwritten in parts and sometimes stodgy with declamatory dialogue that threatens to overwhelm passion with politics, but having said that, it's not a bad thing for any filmmaker to delve deeper than the superficialities that are so regularly dished up in historical dramas.

The behind-the-scenes negotiating with a reluctant President Johnson (Tom Wilkinson) is enlightening, as is the exposure of rifts that threatened to erupt between the movement's hawks and doves. DuVernay does well to not wallow in the violence of the period – the little girls killed in the church explosion at the beginning and the attack on the bridge towards the end accentuate the ever-present physical threat much more than any gore-fest might.

Nor does she take the easy option of using big hit songs from the period to create atmosphere – her soundtrack is much more down-home and earthy, and because it is held back to the last, her use of archival footage is incredibly moving. David Oyelowo does a fantastic job in portraying a leader of dignity and solemn commitment coming to a slow boil, while Tim Roth's Governor George Wallace is hateful in the extreme. Doctor King was no angel, but he was a giant among men – would that we could find anybody like him in Oz today.

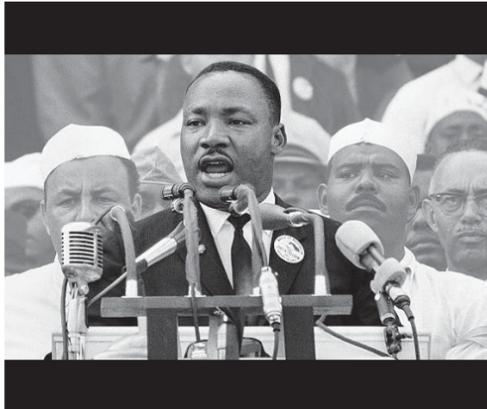
## WHAT WE DID ON OUR HOLIDAY

It was a throwaway line from *Mister Turner* that boomeranged back into my head while watching this altogether adorable film: 'no good deed goes unpunished'. The McLeods are just another modern family falling apart. Doug and Abi (David Tennant and the gorgeous Rosamund Pike, nice again after her murderous ways in *Gone Girl*) have reached the end of their tether and are in the process of divorcing. For their three children, Lottie, Mickey and Jess, life goes on in its ever-unpredictable manner.

When they drive from London to Scotland for the seventy-fifth birthday celebrations of their granddad Gordy (Billy Connolly), the kids are instructed to not let on about the domestic upheaval – for sophisticated grown-ups, the truth is best kept hidden. Of course that doesn't happen, as Gordy, dying with cancer, creates the miraculous arc between old age and extreme youth that puts into perspective the white noise of all those frenetic, self-absorbed years in between.

The child actors, Emilia Jones, Bobby Smallbridge and Harriet Turnbull, are neither cloying nor worldly – though Mickey, obsessed with Vikings, does know from *Silent Witness* that dead people can fart. What they do in response to an unforeseen (by me, anyway) turning point in the story is so heart-warming and right, but so wrong by contemporary society's stitched-up strictures, that the plans for Gordy's big day are thrown into chaos and controversy.

This is a warm and wise movie, and thankfully direct in its telling. The fact that Connolly in real life is suffering from a terminal illness makes doubly poignant the moment on the deserted beach when Gordy tells his fretful wee lassie Lottie that the toil and trouble we daily encounter 'doesn't really matter' – he says it so genuinely as though it were entirely unscripted. The Scottish Highlands are a backdrop of rugged melancholy, a delightful diversion involves another grandson, Kenneth, falling for the girl playing violin in the hired band, and the kids teaching themselves to drive in a crisis is pure gold.



## SELMA

Martin Luther King's 'I have a dream' speech was one of the greatest ever made (<http://bit.ly/mkdreamspeech>).

It was delivered in 1963, two years before he led the famous freedom march from Selma, Alabama, to the state capital of Montgomery, but King's stirring oratory is a feature of Ava DuVernay's tense and righteous movie. The degree to which racism was entrenched in the deep south of the US remains incomprehensible to us (or it should do), with coloured people virtually disenfranchised by the fact that their application to vote needed to be endorsed by a white. Black resentment came to a head in Selma, as King and his supporters campaigned for legislation that would enforce their civil rights.



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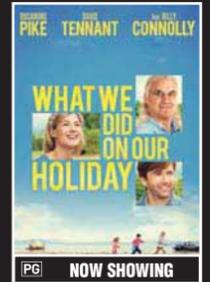
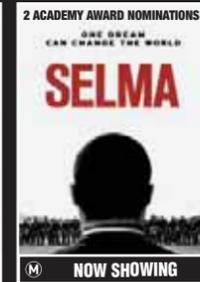
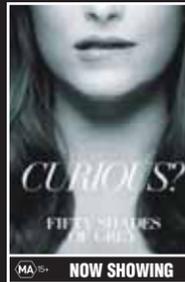
Festival director J'aimee Skippon-Volke said, 'This year's festival is all about celebrating the unique experience we gain by leaving the comfort of the couch and attending a grassroots film festival like Byron Bay International Film Festival!'

Official program announced and tickets on sale Monday 23 February 2015 at [www.bbff.com.au](http://www.bbff.com.au). For early announcements and exclusive presale offers subscribe to the newsletter or find the festival on Facebook.

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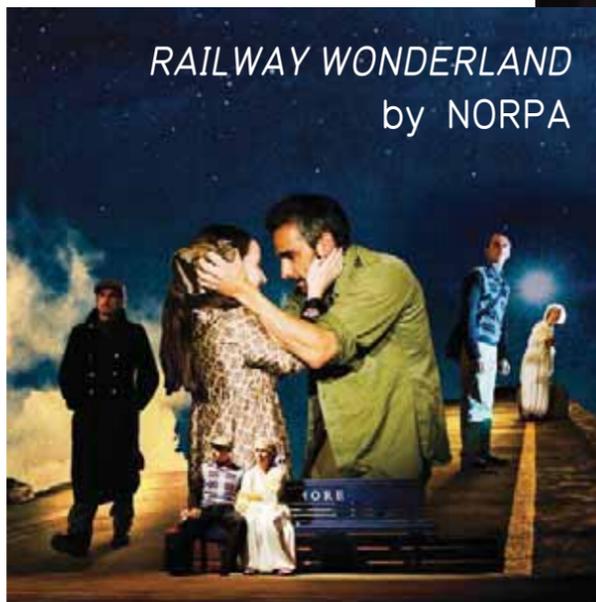
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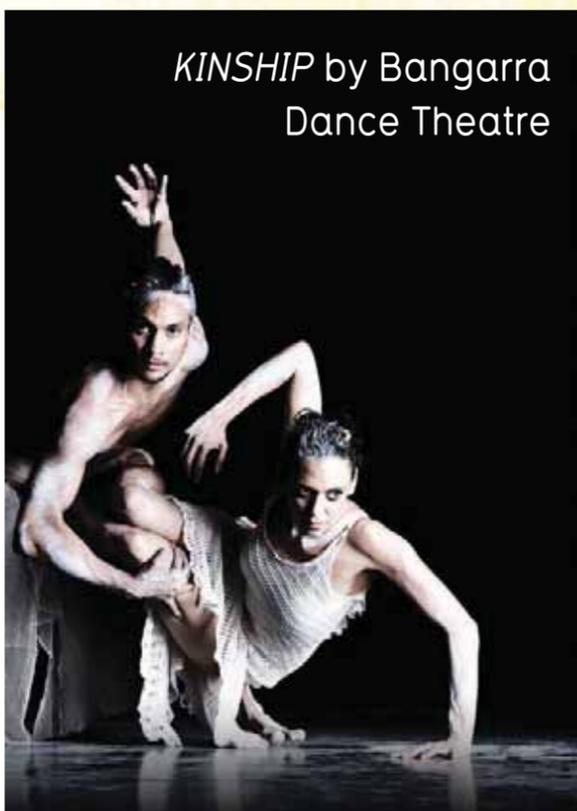
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- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **THE COURTNEYS & DJ TAYA**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **SOUL SHAKERS**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 5PM **AKOVA** 9PM **WANDERING EYES**
- BYRON BREWERY 7.30PM **RAW BYRON BAY FEAT. LOCAL INDIE ARTISTS**
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- GINGER PIG, BYRON 9PM **GINGER PIG DJS**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 8PM **DJ SUPAMAORIFULLA**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 7.30PM **ARA BIOTA**
- PIZZA PARADISO, SUFFOLK PARK 7PM **PASANDO**

- BANGALOW HOTEL 7.30PM **THE HOMBRES**
- BRUNSWICK HOTEL 7PM **TIJUANA CARTEL**
- MULLUMBIMBY FARMERS MARKET 8AM **CHEYNNE MURPHY**
- ST MARTINS HALL, MULLUMBIMBY 6.30PM **HOUSE OF BLISS, HEARTS ON FIRE COMMUNITY CHANTING**
- DRILL HALL, MULLUMBIMBY 7PM **BANDALUZIA + NAIKE PONCE & ROSALIE COCCHIARO**
- MULLUMBIMBY SERVICES CLUB **LISA HUNT**
- OCEAN SHORES TAVERN **SLIM PICKENS**
- BILLINUDGEL HOTEL 8PM **STU HARCOURT DUO**
- ELTHAM HOTEL 7PM **KATHRYN JONES DUO**
- RICHMOND HOTEL, LISMORE 9.30PM **BOURBON & INK DUO**
- TATTS HOTEL, LISMORE 5PM **TOM AVERY**
- NIMBIN HOTEL **DIANA ANAID TRIO**
- POTTSVILLE SPORTS CLUB 7.30PM **PIGEON BOYS**
- HAVEN, MURWILLUMBAH 6.30PM **ZAC GUNTHORPE**
- RIVERVIEW HOTEL, MURWILLUMBAH 7.30PM **JAYNE HENRY**
- CABARITA SPORTS CLUB 7.30PM **DIRTY CHANNEL**
- BURLEIGH BOWLS CLUB 7.30PM **CHRIS COOK BAND**
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### SATURDAY 21

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **THE BELLIGERENTS, THE JENSENS, DJ SAMMOND**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON **THE HI BOYS**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 9PM **RHYTHM & CUTLOOSE**
- BYRON BREWERY 4PM **EARTH FREQUENCY AFTER PARTY**
- COCOMANGAS, BYRON **DJ JIMMY D & DJ QC**
- GINGER PIG, BYRON 9PM **GINGER PIG DJS**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 8PM **DJ SUPAMAORIFULLA**
- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 7.30PM **ARA BIOTA**
- PIZZA PARADISO, SUFFOLK PARK 7PM **PASANDO**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7.30PM **REAL JARRAH**
- DOMA CAFE, FEDERAL 12PM **MARK HILTON**
- HOTEL BRUNSWICK 7PM **BIG MUSIC**
- MULLUMBIMBY MARKETS 9AM **SWAMP CATZ**
- LULU'S, MULLUMBIMBY 11AM **GAIR**
- COURT HOUSE HOTEL, MULLUMBIMBY 7.30PM **TWO LIONS + SHEOAK, GRAIL SINGERS CHOIR, MISS AMBER & STUKULELE**
- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY 7.30PM **STEVE LUCAS & THE X-ASPIRATORS**
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- SHEOAK SHACK, FINGAL HEAD 7PM **MR SPEAKER**
- CHINDERAH TAVERN 6PM **DAVE CAVANAGH**
- HAVEN, MURWILLUMBAH 6.30PM **JEROME WILLIAMS**

- MURWILLUMBAH SERVICES CLUB 7.30PM **VANYA**
- SOUTH TWEED SPORTS CLUB 8PM **FAT ALBERT**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS 6PM **PIGEON BOYS** 8PM **SUZI QUATRO**

### SUNDAY 22

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **THE SWAMPS**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 6.30PM **CHRIS COOK BAND**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 4.30PM **HOMBRES** 8PM **TERACE & DANNY T**
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- TREEHOUSE, BELONGIL 2.30PM **JAZZ DUB DJS**
- PIZZA PARADISO, SUFFOLK PARK 7PM **SAVIDAS**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7.30PM **DR BAZ**
- BRUNSWICK HOTEL 4PM **BOBBY ALU + PAT TIERNEY**
- DOMA CAFE, FEDERAL 12PM **WAYWARD NIGHTINGALES**
- YUM YUM TREE, NEW BRIGHTON 10AM **ANDY HOLMES**
- BILLINUDGEL HOTEL 3PM **BETTY BLISSET BAND**
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- LENNOX HOTEL 6PM **JON J BRADLEY**
- ELTHAM HOTEL 2PM **SLIM PICKENS**
- MACLEAN HOTEL 3PM **SWAMP STOMPERS**
- SPHINX ROCK CAFE, MT BURRELL 2PM **THRILLBILLY STOMP**
- RIVERVIEW HOTEL, MURWILLUMBAH 3PM **PIGEON BOYS**
- HAVEN, MURWILLUMBAH 6PM **NICK CUNNINGHAM**

### MONDAY 23

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **THE FIRE TREE**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **JON J BRADLEY**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 8.30PM **GUY KACHEL**

- BYRON BREWERY 4PM **BREWERY DJS**
- BYRON SERVICES CLUB 8PM **MELBOURNE INTERNATIONAL COMEDY FESTIVAL RAW HEAT MC MANDY NOLAN**
- COCOMANGAS, BYRON **DJ JIMMY D**
- GINGER PIG, BYRON 9PM **REGGAE DUB**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 8PM **DJ NERY**

### TUESDAY 24

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **KIT BRAY & SWANNY**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7.30PM **OPEN MIC**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **LEIGH JAMES**
- BYRON BREWERY 4PM **BREWERY DJS**
- COCOMANGAS, BYRON **DJ JIMMY D & TAYA**
- GINGER PIG, BYRON 8.30PM **DJ YOLANDA & DJ XFAKTA**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 8PM **DJ SANCHEZ**
- BANGALOW HOTEL 7.30PM **BRACKETS OPEN MIC**
- LISMORE WORKERS CLUB 7.30PM **JIM KELLY'S THRILLSEEKERS & AARON WEST**
- NEW BRIGHTON FARMERS MARKET 8AM **TIM STOKES**
- YUM YUM TREE, NEW BRIGHTON 10AM **STU HARCOURT**
- TWIN TOWNS, TWEED HEADS 7.30PM **CHRIS COOK BAND**

### WEDNESDAY 25

- GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, BYRON **GARRETT KATO**
- RAILWAY HOTEL, BYRON 7PM **SARAH GRANT**
- BEACH HOTEL, BYRON 8.30PM **RAY RED TRIO**
- BYRON BREWERY 7PM **OPEN MIC**
- BYRON COMMUNITY CENTRE 6PM **ELIZABETH GILBERT & RAYYA ELIAS**
- COCOMANGAS, BYRON **DJ JIMMY D**
- WOODY'S SURF SHACK, BYRON 8PM **DJ NERY**
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 ● Third quarter February 12 14:50  
 ● New moon February 19 10:47  
 ● First quarter February 26 04:14

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Day of month	Sun rise	Sun set	Moon rise	Moon set	High tide, height (m)	Low tide, height (m)
1	S 0616	1942	1732	0342	0731,1.67; 2008,1.30	0100,0.54; 1414,0.43
2	M 0617	1941	1816	0434	0815,1.70; 2047,1.35	0145,0.51; 1452,0.39
3	T 0617	1941	1858	0526	0853,1.72; 2124,1.38	0226,0.48; 1526,0.37
4	W 0618	1940	1937	0618	0929,1.72; 2158,1.41	0304,0.47; 1558,0.35
5	T 0619	1940	2013	0710	1002,1.71; 2221,1.42	0341,0.46; 1629,0.36
6	F 0620	1939	2047	0802	1036,1.68; 2304,1.43	0416,0.47; 1700,0.37
7	S 0621	1938	2121	0853	1110,1.63; 2340,1.44	0454,0.49; 1730,0.39
8	S 0622	1938	2155	0944	1145,1.56	0533,0.52; 1802,0.43
9	M 0622	1937	2229	1035	0016,1.44; 1221,1.48	0615,0.56; 1836,0.47
10	T 0623	1936	2306	1127	0058,1.43; 1302,1.39	0701,0.60; 1915,0.52
11	W 0624	1935	2345	1220	0144,1.42; 1350,1.31	0754,0.65; 1959,0.57
12	T 0625	1935		1314	0236,1.42; 1449,1.23	0858,0.67; 2053,0.60
13	F 0625	1934	0028	1410	0336,1.44; 1601,1.20	1012,0.65; 2159,0.61
14	S 0626	1933	0116	1507	0442,1.50; 1718,1.22	1126,0.58; 2307,0.57
15	S 0627	1932	0209	1603	0545,1.60; 1825,1.29	1230,0.47
16	M 0628	1931	0308	1658	0643,1.72; 1922,1.39	0009,0.50; 1325,0.35
17	T 0629	1930	0411	1751	0736,1.84; 2014,1.49	0106,0.41; 1415,0.23
18	W 0629	1929	0518	1841	0828,1.94; 2102,1.59	0200,0.32; 1501,0.14
19	T 0630	1929	0625	1928	0918,1.98; 2151,1.66	0253,0.24; 1547,0.09
20	F 0631	1928	0733	2014	1008,1.97; 2240,1.71	0346,0.21; 1633,0.10
21	S 0631	1927	0840	2058	1059,1.89; 2329,1.73	0440,0.21; 1718,0.15
22	S 0632	1926	0946	2142	1148,1.77	0534,0.25; 1803,0.23
23	M 0633	1925	1050	2227	0018,1.71; 1241,1.61	0631,0.33; 1850,0.35
24	T 0634	1924	1152	2312	0111,1.66; 1335,1.44	0731,0.42; 1939,0.46
25	W 0634	1923	1251	2400	0206,1.61; 1435,1.30	0837,0.51; 2034,0.56
26	T 0635	1922	1348		0307,1.55; 1545,1.21	0949,0.57; 2137,0.63
27	F 0636	1921	1441	0049	0415,1.52; 1703,1.18	1104,0.59; 2245,0.66
28	S 0636	1920	1530	0139	0521,1.52; 1812,1.21	1211,0.57; 2348,0.64

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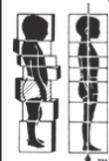
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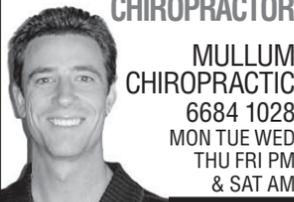
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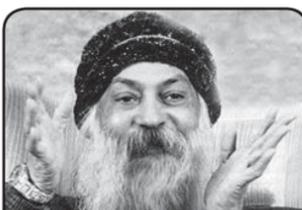
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The NSW Office of Water has released the draft water sharing plan *Brunswick Unregulated and Alluvial Water Sources* for comment. The exhibition period will run from **16 February until 30 March 2015** and we would like your feedback on the draft plan. To help the community understand the draft plan (which includes the replacement of the Upper Brunswick River water sharing plan) and make informed comments, **appointments for individual license holders to discuss specific issues relating to your water licence and the draft plan will be available on Thursday 26 February 2015 between 1 pm and 5 pm at the following location:**

Mullumbimby Neighbourhood Centre  
55 Dalley Street  
Mullumbimby NSW 2482

Note: 20 minute appointments with NSW Office of Water Staff are available from 1 pm. **Bookings for individual appointments are essential** and can be made by contacting Tim Rabbidge on (02) 6626 1378. These appointments provide an opportunity for the public to discuss the proposed changes in more detail.

More information about the planning process and details of the Brunswick water sharing plan can be found on the NSW Office of Water's website [www.water.nsw.gov.au](http://www.water.nsw.gov.au)

Submissions on the draft plan must be in writing and can be sent by:

Email: [Brwnswick.wsp@dpi.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Brwnswick.wsp@dpi.nsw.gov.au)

Post: Tim Rabbidge  
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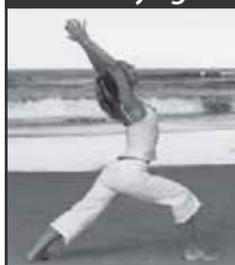
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From \$100/mth. Bangalow. Ph 66871500

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**O.SHORES** modernised very spacious 3+ brs, 2 bthrm top floor duplex. Huge covered decks, NE aspect, views reserve, walk to shops & Bruns. SLUG, quiet & private. \$525pw neg. 0423571168

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3br unit, central location, no off street parking \$480pw incl elec

**NO PETS UNLESS SPECIFIED**  
[www.siwickirealestate.com.au](http://www.siwickirealestate.com.au)  
Siwicki Real Estate 17 Fingal St  
Brunswick Heads. Ph 66851206

**BYRON STUDIO** in town, funky fully furn, self-contained, suit couple / twin share \$350pw. Ph 0410515093 after 6pm

## WANTED TO RENT

**SMALL FAMILY** seeks 3-4br home long term. Pref close to beach, garden, LUG, covered verandah, up to \$520pw, 6 mths advance rent. Happy, drama-free, great refs, avail to move asap. 0405557804

**LARGE SHED OR BAILS** at least 300sqm, must have power & water, toilet & either phone line or be in a good phone/WiFi area. Kitchen a plus. Between Mullum & Lismore. Prefer rural or quiet location for filming/recording. Text/email 0417427518, TF@treefaeriefotos.com.

**GRANNY FLAT/STUDIO** Lennox Head, Ballina, 1-term, semi-retired businessman. Impeccable ref. 0423125337

## TO LEASE

**PROFESSIONAL ROOMS**  
Contact Shaun or Jo 66281654  
[www.alstonvillecompletecare.com.au](http://www.alstonvillecompletecare.com.au)

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### WARNING

The Department of Fair Trading has warned people to be very careful about responding to advertisements offering work at home. Readers should be wary if asked to pay money upfront for employment opportunities and never send money to a post office box

### TELESALES

We are looking for a highly persuasive, enthusiastic person to join our Telesales Team at our Byron Call Centre. Mon-Fri 8.45am-3.45pm. Previous sales experience is preferred. Please call Angela to arrange an interview 66395020 between 9am-1pm

**EXPERIENCED RELIABLE GARDENER**  
Ewingsdale, 3hr per week. Ph 66847715

**FIGTREE RESTAURANT**  
Vacant position for restaurant manager.  
Email: info@figtreerestaurant.com.au

## CHEF

Enthusiastic & hard-working with qualifications & experience for our friendly team at busy Bangalow Dining. Permanent residents only.  
Email resume: eat@bangalowdining.com  
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## CLEANER

Looking for a dedicated conscientious & reliable cleaner. 6 hours per week over two days. ABN preferred. References required. Ph 0422661419

## BOOKKEEPER (Part-time)

Required at The Byron Bay Brewing Co. Must have at least 2 years bookkeeping and payroll experience utilising MYOB. Approx. 20hrs per week. Send covering letter and CV to bookkeepingposition@mail.com

## Belongil Bistro

### Qualified Chef

Casual, min 4 days.  
Passionate, easy going, mature, flexible. Immediate start.  
Applications to:  
[eat@belongilbistro.com.au](mailto:eat@belongilbistro.com.au)  
or call 0411107555

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Byron Fresh cafe is looking for part-time & full-time chefs to join the busy team. Must have previous experience in busy, health-focused kitchen environment. Available nights & weekends. Please drop resume to 7 Jonson Street or email resume to [byronbayfresh@gmail.com](mailto:byronbayfresh@gmail.com).

**NIGHT SHIFT** casual kitchenhand/ pastry (Start 2:00pm, Mon-Fri). Must have food handling experience, be fit & reliable, permanent resident and able to follow directions. Please email application to: info@byrongourmetpies.com.au

## CHEF/COOK

A full-time exp breakfast chef/cook. Only successful candidates will be contacted. Email resume to: mareae\_patrick@yahoo.com

**ATTRACTIVE** young women (18+ years) for artistic video project on nude yoga, good pay, pleasant work. 0431393320

**WAITSTAFF** for busy Chinese restaurant at Bangalow. Must be able to work weekends, Friday, Saturday dinner, experienced & fast. Phone 66872382

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RTO NO: 90013

## Get Qualified This Year

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(one day a week Thursday 12th to 26th March)  
Cost \$111 full fee or \$80 concession



(This training is subsidised by the NSW Government)

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- **Bridging to TAE** TAE40110 (starts 7th March)
- **Cert IV in Training & Assessment** TAE40110 (starts 10th March)
- **Intro to Computers for Business\*** (starts 12th March)
- **Diploma Early Childhood Education & Care** CHC50113 (starts 19th March)

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**Brunswick Heads**  
2br \$360

**Ocean Shores**  
3br 2bth \$500

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**Booyong Road, Nashua - \$380pw**  
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Price reduced! 2-3 bed, 1 bath, great location. Owner on-site. Avail Now

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2 bed, 1 bath home w/ separate s/c studio. Pets neg. Avail Now

**Waltons Road, Federal - \$600pw**  
Newly renovated, spacious 3 bed, 1 bath. Pets neg. Avail 6th March

**Pine Mountain Road, Possum Creek - \$700pw neg**  
Large 3-4 bed, 2 bath home w pool. Avail Now

**Fowlers Ln, Bangalow - \$850 pw**  
Beautifully positioned furn 3 bed, 2 bath. Pets neg. Avail 28th Feb

For more available rental properties go to [www.eldersbangalow.com.au](http://www.eldersbangalow.com.au)

**19a Byron Street, Bangalow**  
02 6687 1500

Bay FM is looking for an experienced



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See page 23 for more details.

Closing date for applications: 5pm Friday 27 Feb.

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## Byron Shire Council

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Position	Term	Salary	Enquiries	Closing date
<b>Apprentice Maintenance Fitter</b>	38 hpw 4 Years Fixed Term	\$287.90 - \$585.80 p/wk depending on age and educational qualification	Marc Prosser 02 6685 9318	4.00pm Friday 27 February 2015
<b>Apprentice Electrician</b>	38 hpw 4 Years Fixed Term	\$287.90 - \$585.80 p/wk depending on age and educational qualification	James McQuaker 0408 425 490	4.00pm Friday 27 February 2015
<b>Administration Officer</b> (1 x position + Pool*) + Pool*	35 hp/fortnight 1 x Temp PT	\$46K - \$53K (prorata rates apply)	Scott Brodie 02 6626 7133	4.00pm Friday 27 February 2015

\*Pool positions: To recruit a suitably skilled and qualified pool of applicants so that merit based appointments can be made to various Administration Officer positions due to arise over the next 6 months. This pool may be used to appoint permanent, temporary, full time or part time positions.

Please refer to the **Job Information Package** at [www.byron.nsw.gov.au](http://www.byron.nsw.gov.au), or phone 02 6626 7145 to see how to apply for this position. Additional benefits include 9.5% superannuation, access to education and training support, flexible work hours and salary packaging.



Byron Shire Council is an EEO employer and committed to the principles of workplace diversity.

**FULL-TIME ACCOUNTANT REQUIRED** for tax agent practice in Brunswick Heads. Previous experience working in a tax agent practice preferred. Proficiency in MYOB accounting, Excel and Word highly desired. Apply in writing to 'Accountant required' PO Box 293 Brunswick Heads NSW 2483. Closing date February 25th.



**Operations Manager**  
- 32 hrs/wk PPT pos

Working as part of the senior team, this role includes management of:

- WHS, IT, POS systems
- Grounds, maintenance, security & cafe teams
- Groups & events

Must have 5-10 yrs exp in hospitality/tourism and have proven track record.

More info: [www.crystalcastle.com.au/about/employment-opportunities/](http://www.crystalcastle.com.au/about/employment-opportunities/)  
Email cover letter, refs & resume: [karen@crystalcastle.com.au](mailto:karen@crystalcastle.com.au) by 22.02.15.

Only successful applicants will be notified.

**Payroll/Human Resource & Admin Officer**  
- 20hrs/wk Casual

Working as part of the accounts team, this role includes:

- Payroll & super of 50+ emp
- Interpretation of awards
- Manage HR reviews
- General admin

Successful applicants must have previous payroll exp, pref with Attaché and Xero / cloud-based programs.

More info: [www.crystalcastle.com.au/about/employment-opportunities/](http://www.crystalcastle.com.au/about/employment-opportunities/)  
Email cover letter, refs & resume: [karen@crystalcastle.com.au](mailto:karen@crystalcastle.com.au) by 22.02.15.

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**Cook - Casual**

Fully veg Crystal Castle Café has an opening for an experienced cook to join our team.

Min 2-3 days. Will work every weekend, no evening work.

Exp in veg food & cake baking pref

Email cover letter, refs & resume: [videha@crystalcastle.com.au](mailto:videha@crystalcastle.com.au) by 22.02.15.

Only successful applicants will be notified.

**HOUSEKEEPER**  
Byron Bayside Central, is seeking an experienced housekeeper to join our team on a casual basis. To apply email: [info@byronbaysidemotel.com.au](mailto:info@byronbaysidemotel.com.au)

**Front Office Reception/ Sales**  
Byron Bayside Central, is seeking an experienced Front Office Reception/ Sales person with great customer service skills & computer skills. To apply email: [info@byronbaysidemotel.com.au](mailto:info@byronbaysidemotel.com.au)

**GENERAL MANAGER /LICENSEE**  
Required at The Byron Bay Brewing Co. Must be highly qualified with previous experience in a GM role. Send covering letter and CV to: [baryschadel@gmail.com](mailto:baryschadel@gmail.com)

**ROCK & ROLL COFFEE CO MULLUM**  
requires junior dishy/kitchenhand 3 nights per week. Apply in person

**EXPERIENCED & RELIABLE CLEANER**  
4-6hr fortnight, Ewingsdale. Ph 66847715

**MASSAGE THERAPIST**  
Exceptional massage practitioner req'd for our professional health practice in Brunswick Heads. Min requirements: Remedial Massage Diploma; Health Fund Rebate eligibility; Current First Aid Cert; Professional Indemnity/Public Liability Insurance; ABN. If you meet these criteria, please email your resume to: [info@brunsosteo.com.au](mailto:info@brunsosteo.com.au)

**POINCIANA CAFE MULLUMBIMBY WANTED CHEF & DISHWASHER**

We're currently seeking reliable people for the following immediate start positions.

A Chef/Cook to assist our current chefs & join our team for 4 Breakfast/Lunch shifts.

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Text 0417 803 000 or email [info@poincianacafe.com](mailto:info@poincianacafe.com) now.



**BARISTA casual**

The Lotus Cafe at the Crystal Castle is looking for an experienced barista to join our growing team.

Minimum 2 years as FOH and Barista essential.

**Please send your resume and references to: [videha@crystalcastle.com.au](mailto:videha@crystalcastle.com.au) by 24.02.15**

Only successful applicants will be notified.

**TELEMARKETER NO EXP NEEDED**  
Lennox area, training provided. Teacher or sales experience of particular interest. Hours 12-7pm. Ph 0414519432

**KOONYUM RANGE RETREAT**  
Requires a f-time receptionist long term. Must be experienced, reliable, flexible & personable. Ph 0413044968 or email CV: [tevasedge@hotmail.com](mailto:tevasedge@hotmail.com)

**RESTAURANT SUPERVISOR** required. Must be experienced in formal dining. Please email [steve@raesonwategos.com](mailto:steve@raesonwategos.com)

**MODELS 18+** years required. Nude female for Picture and People magazines. No experience required. All shapes and sizes. Backpackers welcome. Good money. Professional accredited ACP photographer. Ph 0413627846

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**PIANO \$1500**, Alex Steinbach, bought new Lismore Music Centre 95. Ideal beginners piano, good condition overall but needs tuning & practice muffer replaced. Piano stool in fair cond included. Located in Mullum. 0418958467

**FUNERAL NOTICE**

**CHURCH, June Lilian**  
Passed away peacefully 12 February 2015, aged 90 years.

Much-loved Mother of Sandra, Gaye, Wendy and Janet, and Mother-in-law of Chris, Jim, John and Paul. A loving Grandmother to eleven adults and Great-grandmother to their 27 children.

*Farewell our kind and wise matriarch.*

Family and close friends are warmly invited to attend a funeral service for June at Melaleuca Station Memorial Gardens, 9394 Tweed Valley Way, Chinderah NSW on Wednesday 18 February 2015 to begin at 11.30am (NSW time).

Heritage Brothers Funeral services  
Chinderah 1800 088 484  
Wes and Ashley Heritage

**FOUND** box of large fishing lures 11 Feb. Behind Post Office Mullum. Ph 66844574

**LOST:** Tackle box & large fishing lures, 5th Bruns wall, reward. Jim 0418982426

**LOST** prescription sunglasses in soft case. Please call 66840301

**CAT STILL MISSING**

Have you seen Hugo?  
3 year old desexed male cat with grey mid length fur and a fluffy tail. Much loved and missed. Reward offered.



Please call Petsearch on 1300 309 004 or his family on 0422 937 058 if you have seen him or know where he is.

**PETS**



**KITTENS CHOC BURMESE** mum ped/ black Persian dad, avail 25/3, will be 8 weeks old, vac, \$195 ea. 0410341131

**Charlie**

Charlie is a 5-year-old desexed male west highland terrier. He is a lively little boy with a typical terrier personality who would love children to play with.



If you can give Charlie a permanent, loving home please contact the Friends of the Pound Rehoming Centre on 07 5524 8590 or Pam on 0421 017 461. Visit [friendsofthepound.com](http://friendsofthepound.com) to view other dogs and cats looking for a home.

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Phone Carol 0488 415 444

**It's raining cats & dogs!**

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

**Cupid**

Well Cupid certainly delivered this Valentines!



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Our babies are so friendly that they race to give you smooches & kitty kisses. Beautiful colours, boys & girls. Hurry to meet them because they are simply irresistible!

To meet the kittens & our more grown up cats, please visit The Cat Adoption Centre, 124 Dalley St, Mullumbimby.

**OPEN:**  
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**Next week's courses...**

**Starting Monday 23rd February**

- Photoshop for beginners
- All about songwriting
- Introduction to portrait sculpting

**Starting Tuesday 24th February**

- Skills for work and study (skill set)
- Certificate IV in Training and Assessment (TAE40110)
- Indonesian for beginners
- Guitar improvisation

**Starting Thursday 26th February**

- Cooking with Snowy
- Indonesian level 2
- Photoshop level 2

**Starting Saturday 28th February**

- The Japanese 'Way'
- Bike Maintenance
- Write, edit, create
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**Limited places - don't miss out!!**  
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**Dylan Etherington**

Passed on 22/2/2010  
Aged 22 years.  
Missed every day. Sending so much love Claire, Geoff & Brook xx  
"Waiting is wasted" with love, Mumsie.

**LOST & FOUND**

**FOUND BIKE** Black Cruiser Wed 11/02 morn in Byron. Ph Franca 0414658088



## COUNCIL CONTACT DETAILS

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

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

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

## LOGGING A SUBMISSION

Written submissions may be made to Byron Shire Council by post addressed to: General Manager, Byron Shire Council, PO Box 219 Mullumbimby NSW 2482 or sent by email to submissions@byron.nsw.gov.au. Submissions emailed to this address only will be acknowledged.

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

## WATER METER REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

Council is currently rolling out a water meter exchange/replacement program. The water meters that need replacement have come to the end of their service life. Some are hard to read and others do not comply with Council's backflow prevention policy. The exchange/replacements will be done on any day of the week and only select meters will be replaced.

In respect of shift workers and sleeping babies, the water operator will not knock on the door, but will only exchange the meter at a time when there is noticeably no usage. The meter exchange is usually fairly quick and the water supply is generally isolated for only a few minutes.

Byron Shire Council apologises for any inconvenience and would like to assure you that our distribution network maintenance and upgrades provide you with a safe and reliable water supply.

Enquiries: Diana Bennett 02 6685 9304

## DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS DETERMINED AND COMPLYING DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATES ISSUED

### (Section 101 EP&A Act 1979 and Clause 124 and 137 EP&A Regulations 2000)

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

### APPLICATIONS APPROVED

- 10.2014.775.1 – SUFFOLK PARK, 8 Dehnga Place (Lot 292 DP 10331288)** Sub floor alterations
- 10.2015.34.1 – SUFFOLK PARK, 18 Brandon Street (Lot 21 Sec 12 DP 11632)** Installation of insulated patio roof breaching side setbacks
- 10.2015.36.1 – NASHUA, 20 Kings Road (Lot 1 DP 777750)** Swimming pool
- 10.2014.648.1 – BRUNSWICK HEADS, 3 Minyon Street (Lot B DP 382179)** Two-storey dwelling to create a dual occupancy and strata title
- 10.2015.33.1 – OCEAN SHORES, 96 Balemo Drive (Lot 774 DP 240399)** Removal of one tree
- 10.2015.45.1 – BYRON BAY, 2 Cavanbah Street (Lot 11 Sec 53 DP 758207)** Tree removal – two trees
- 10.2009.439.2 – OCEAN SHORES, 40 Warrambool Road (Lot 1344 DP 243996)** S96 – to delete the swimming pool from the development consent
- 10.2009.594.2 – BYRON BAY, Milton Street (Lot 2 DP 1158309)** S96 – delete condition 5 relating to stormwater drainage (use of unauthorised camping ground)

### APPLICATIONS WITHDRAWN

- 10.2014.678.1 – COORABELL, 306 Coolamon Scenic Drive (Lot 3 DP 564124)** Tree removal – 58 trees

### COMPLYING DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATES ISSUED

- 16.2014.87.1 – MYOCUM, 204 The Manse Road (Lot 1 DP 1071754)** New swimming pool
- 16.2001.56.2 – MULLUMBIMBY CREEK, 63 Yankee Creek Road (Lot 10DP241831)** Delete carport (alterations and additions to existing dwelling and carport)

## POSITIONS VACANT

### Apprentice Maintenance Fitter

38 hpw 4 Years Fixed Term, \$287.90 – \$585.80 /wk

### Apprentice Electrician

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### Administration Officer (1 x position + Pool\*)

35 hrs/fortnight, 1 x Temp PT + Pool, \$46K – \$53K

See the ad in the Echo Classifieds – page 36

## 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 23 FEBRUARY 2015

There are no DAs on exhibition for this date

### EXHIBITION CLOSES 2 MARCH 2015

- 10.2015.56.1 – BYRON BAY, 68 Shirley Street (Lot 6 Sec 20 DP 758207)** Chris Lonergan – Town Planner: Alterations and additions to existing dwelling, construction of two detached dwellings to create a three unit residential accommodation development, construction of garage and shed and tree removal

## COUNCIL MEETINGS

### Thursday 26 February 2015

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

### 9.00am – Ordinary Meeting

#### Notices of Motion

- Zone B1 Planning Proposal
- Byron Bay STP – State of Effluent

#### Notice of Rescission Motion

- Two Lanes In-bound Shirley Street and direct access Lawson Street

#### Reports

- Results of Park and Ride, SEPA and Butler Street Reserve 2014/15
- Review of Outstanding Council Resolutions
- Mullumbimby Golf Club – Assistance with Rates
- Review of Policy Section 356 Donations – Rates, Water and Sewer Charges
- Operational Plan Review 2014/15 as at December 2014
- New Years Eve 2014 Outcomes and Recommendations
- Affix Council Seal
- Vacancy on Public Art Assessment Panel
- Investments – January 2015
- Budget Review – 1 October 2014 to 31 December 2014
- Council Resolutions Review October to December 2014
- Review of Section 64 Charges
- PLANNING – State Environmental Planning Policy No.1 – Variations to Development Standards – 1 October to 31 December 2014
- Vegetation Mapping Review
- Report of the Planning Review Committee Meeting held on 3 February 2015
- PLANNING – DA 10.2014.593.1 Multi Dwelling Housing (14 dwellings) – 51-53 Rajah Road Ocean Shores
- Steam Weeding Trial
- Renaming the Byron Regional Sport and Cultural Complex
- CONFIDENTIAL – Tender 2014-0032 – Design and Construction of Landslip repairs at Upper Wilsons Creek

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

Requests for public access on an item in an agenda must be lodged with the General Manager or Mayor by 12 noon one working day prior to the meeting. Register for public access at www.byron.nsw.gov.au/forms/public-access-sessions-and-submissions. Public Access will be heard at the commencement of the meeting. Only one presentation for and one presentation against may be made on an item in the Agenda, with a maximum of five minutes allocated to each presentation. More than one speaker for or against an item may share the allotted time of five minutes.

Please note that Public Access sessions are recorded as a result of Council Resolution 08-638.

Enquiries: 02 6626 7000

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# Ocean Film Festival in Byron Bay for one night only

Australian audiences will be able to immerse themselves in the wonders of the ocean without getting their feet wet this March as the Ocean Film Festival Australia hits cinema screens across the country.

The festival, which features seven of the world's most captivating ocean-themed short films, five Australian cinematic premieres and two world premieres will light up silver screens in 17 towns and cities.

Designed to mesmerise and enthrall, the Ocean Film Festival Australia showcases more than two hours of sublime footage taken above and below the water's surface.

The films document the beauty and power of the ocean, and celebrate the divers, surfers, swimmers and oceanographers who live for the sea's salt spray; who chase the crests of waves; and who marvel at the mysteries of the big blue.

The films feature captivating cinematography, complete with awe-inspiring underwater scenes and fast-paced wave sequences that have been captured from unbelievable vantage points. Mesmerising images of schooling fish, colourful coral gardens and jellyfish blooms are complemented by up-

close footage of curious marine creatures such as seals, dolphins, turtles and sharks.

Heart-stopping shots of surfers riding wild waves and adrenalin-inducing scenes of divers swimming with white sharks will leave audiences on the edges of their seats.

Viewers will gasp for breath as they follow champion free-diver Hanli Prinsloo deep below the surface on her quest to be at one with water and the ocean's most feared predator – the shark.

The films encourage viewers to dive headfirst into ocean culture: audiences are invited to share in 6-year-old Quincy Symonds's joy as she discovers surfing and earns her moniker of 'the flying squirrel'; they are lured into the waters off Bali as surfer, diver and sailor Bruno recounts how the ocean saved him after an accident left him a paraplegic; and they are invited to discover the charm and passion of the 62-year-old Viking boat craftsman known as the Fox of Bloody Woman Island.

Inspiring and thought-provoking, the Ocean Film Festival Australia is filled with moving footage, touching interviews and insightful narrations.



Each of the festival's films conveys a deep respect and appreciation for the world's oceans and the creatures that call them home.

The Ocean Film Festival Australia will tour the country in March. Tickets are on sale now. To find out more about the festival, to view the trailer and to book tickets,

visit [www.oceanfilmfestivalaustralia.com.au](http://www.oceanfilmfestivalaustralia.com.au). To stay up to date with festival news, visit the Ocean Film Festival Australia Facebook page.

BRISBANE 4 March – Eldorado Cinema

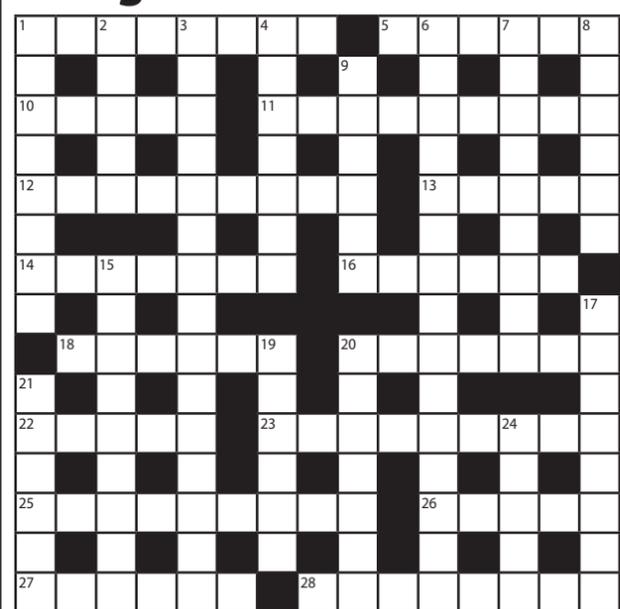
GOLD COAST 10 March – The Arts Centre, Gold Coast  
BYRON BAY 27 March – The Palace Cinema



## SPORTS RESULTS ARE POSTED ONLINE EACH WEEK IN ECHONETDAILY

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## Mungo's Crossword N059



### Cryptic Clues

#### ACROSS

- Revolutionary Extra High Amplitude Modem produced domestically ... (4-4)
- Gives IT crew potential for double success (6)
- Shed tear, downgraded (5)
- Host a rowdy treat in back nine (9)
- To soften rupture, I melt aloe (9)
- Cash boy is the topic at hand (5)
- Sign royal unknown's books – a lot of them! (7)
- Wintertime is great (6)
- After 3, you might go – gardening? (2,4)
- Time certain of obliteration (7)
- Give birth, and provide assistance after Wednesday (5)
- One, two, three, Pell! (9)
- 3, perhaps, useful in an emergency (5,4)
- Insect man in Othello's downfall (5)
- Father deity, a pillar of the East (6)
- Poets coo stupidly – stick it in your ear! (8)

#### DOWN

- Insect in farm animal take off (5,3)
- In Rome, troubled transport system (5)
- G, a banquet and what it leads to later in life! (6-3,6)
- Log about alien's system of eating (7)
- Kevin Rudd loves wine, if kilograms can be controlled (7,8)
- Failed cause cues dictator (9)
- A bit of grass for the athlete? (6)
- Goddess is next in temperance group (6)
- Cry of derision? I object! Called, and will come back (9)
- Holds up building? A pretty funny cop (8)
- It means a finger but it's actually a foot (6)
- Eastern dispute is serious (7)
- Admits to take possession and eat (4,2)
- Gore, and an instant after – Americans remember it! (5)

- Amuse, host (a party) (9)
- Soften, make more gentle (9)
- Give out, ration (5)
- Place where books are stored (7)
- The eighth month (6)
- Expression meaning worn out, no longer useful: Gone ... (2,4)
- Rubbing out, wiping off (7)
- Give birth (of animals) (5)
- Princes of the Roman Catholic church (9)
- Fifth wheel carried by motorists (5,4)
- Final stage of insect development (5)
- Oriental temple (6)
- Device used in hearing tests (8)

#### DOWN

- Annoying, biting insect (5,3)
- Inner city transport system (5)
- Overweight condition developing with maturity (6-3,6)
- To do with regulation of eating habits (7)
- Kinship groups in employment – favourite phrase of Kevin Rudd (7,8)
- Former dictator of Rumania (9)
- Track athlete (6)
- Greek goddess of wisdom (6)
- Indigenous Australian artefact used in hunting and ceremonies (9)
- Centre of archway (masonry); also silent film studio (8)
- Metric unit of poetry: one strong sound followed by two weak ones (6)
- Serious. Determined (7)
- Confesses, admits to error (4,2)
- Site of battle on US-Mexican border (5)

#### Last week's solution N058



### Quick Clues

#### ACROSS

- Of goods produced by the family (4-4)
- Person or event which has just two successes (6)
- Evaluated, graded (5)

## Pin This Up

### DEADLINE NOON FRIDAY

Email copy marked 'Pin This Up' to [editor@echo.net.au](mailto:editor@echo.net.au).

#### BHPA March meeting

Brunswick Heads Progress Association invites residents of Brunswick Heads to attend their meeting on Monday 2 March at 7pm at Memorial Hall, Fingal St, Brunswick Heads, to explain and discuss state government-approved plans for Brunswick Heads foreshore parklands.

#### Brunswick Heads Dunecare

This Sunday 22 February. Meet at the breakwall car park from 8.30 to 11.30. Please bring water bottle, gloves, sturdy shoes and sun protection. All welcome. Enquiries Greg McDonald 0414 457 346.

#### Insight Meditation

Tuesday Insight Meditation with Radha Nicholson, Ellen Davison and others. Weekly at The Yurt Temple Byron, 7.15–9pm. All welcome. Evening supported by Dana (donation).

#### Weaving in the Garden

Learn how to harvest, prepare and use a variety of natural fibres, starting 25 Feb, 10.30am–1.30pm. Contact Weaving Connections: [kimjtait@gmail.com](mailto:kimjtait@gmail.com).

#### Mullum Potters Association

Next market day sale will be held on 21 Feb from 10am till 3pm. Pottery and sculpture will be for sale in the carpark of the Drill Hall. The Mullumbimby Community Art Gallery will be open during the market day sale.

#### Lions Charity Golf Day

Brunswick Mullumbimby Lions Club are hosting a golf day at Mullumbimby golf club Sunday 8 March starting 12 noon with a shotgun start, 4-ball

ambrose, \$20 per player, sponsored by Tony Carsburg Holden. The club is raising money for medical research by supporting our personality quest entrant Ema Marks. Bookings please at Mullumbimby Pro Shop 6684 1688.

#### Mullum market

Community Market corner Stuart and Myocum Streets, Mullumbimby. This Saturday 21 February 8am–3pm. Swamp Catz playing. See [www.facebook.com/MullumMarkets](http://www.facebook.com/MullumMarkets).

#### Meditation day

A meditation day for kids, 5 years and up, including young adults, is being held at Mevlana Hall on Saturday 21 February, 8am–4pm, facilitated by Swami Anand Manan. Bookings Paritosh 6677 1541 or 0416 187 654.

#### U3A Brunswick Valley

Tues 24 Feb 10am–noon at the Uniting Church Hall, Fingal St, Brunswick Heads. Eve Jeffery, photographer and reporter: 'The Joys of Being an Echo Drudge'. Phone 6685 1732.

#### Threads

The Byron Music Society presents its first program for 2015 – *Threads* – a stunning and unique combination of dance, music and visual effect that captures the essence of Byron Bay. The principal architect of the program is Argentinian composer and multi-skilled musician Dr Gerardo Dirie, head of music studies at Queensland Conservatorium. Byron Community Centre on Sunday 22 February at 2pm. Tickets 6685 6807 or at the door.

#### U3A Ballina/Byron

Our next meeting is at 10am on 24/2/15, in the meeting room at the Mullumbimby RSL; guest speaker well-known Mullumbimby artist, Solveig McDonald. Enquiries 6680 7350.

#### Byron Sophia

Byron Sophia Philosophical Group:

James Cowan, internationally acclaimed author, will present a major series of lectures on The Mystical Life, A Journey Through our Spiritual Inheritance, starting Thursday 19 February 1–3pm, at Masonic Centre, 6 Byron St, Byron Bay. Info: Celia 6684 3623.

#### Kloset 2 Kostume

Kloset 2 Costume, a free 6-week workshop for young people aged 16 to 21, at the YAC, making and designing costumes from recycled materials. Starts Thursday 19 February at 3.30pm. Contact Kia for details: [kiawasleyoz@hotmail.com](mailto:kiawasleyoz@hotmail.com). Donations of materials/clothes greatly appreciated.

#### Speakers Corner

Starting Sunday 1 March, meet at Byron Environment Centre booth at 2pm in Railway Park and bring your ideas, soap box or milk crate. Info: Feather 6680 9374 (after 4pm).

#### Food Box

Food Box has recommenced on Thursdays 9.30–11.30am at Uniting Church Mullumbimby. If you have any sort of Centrelink card you may purchase cheap food, free veges and enjoy a cuppa.

#### Art Competition

Artists, get your paint brushes out and start painting for the 10th Annual Ocean Shores Country Club Art Competition/Exhibition. Entry forms at [www.oceanshorescc.com.au](http://www.oceanshorescc.com.au). Enquiries Jennie 6684 1664 or Marilyn 6680 4907.

#### Book fair

Friends of the Library massive book fair, book fest and book sale on Saturday 11 April, and we need your help with donated books, DVDs, CDs, vinyls, games and puzzles. Please call Beryl on 6685 3030 or Janene on 6685 5022 or email [byronbayfol@gmail.com](mailto:byronbayfol@gmail.com).

#### Cancer support group

A new general cancer-support group has started in Byron, for anyone liv-

ing in the northern rivers. For more information please contact Ken on 0411 233 755 or David on 0428 187 025 or email [david@davidyoung.com.au](mailto:david@davidyoung.com.au) or [kengabe@linknet.com.au](mailto:kengabe@linknet.com.au).

#### Is alcohol a problem?

Call Alcoholics Anonymous 1800 423 431 or 0401 945 671 – 30 meetings a week in the shire. [www.aa.org.au](http://www.aa.org.au)

#### Family Drug Support

Are you concerned about the alcohol or drug use of someone close to you? Support meetings every Tuesday 7–9pm Byron Bay, upstairs at 75 Jonson Street (stairs beside Westpac bank). Phone Jane 0410 494 933.

#### Toastmasters

Byron Cavanbah Toastmasters practise public speaking and leadership skills in a supportive environment 1st and 3rd Mondays 6.15pm, St Finbarr's school. [www.byrontoastmasters.org](http://www.byrontoastmasters.org) MullumMagic Toastmasters meet 2nd, 4th and 5th Mondays at 7pm, Presbyterian Church Hall in Mullum. Call Robyn for more info: 6685 1836.

#### Narcotics Anonymous

Narcotics Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women for whom drugs had become a major problem. We are recovering addicts who meet regularly to help each other stay clean. For information and meetings: 6680 7280.

#### 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](http://www.codependentsanonymous.org.au) or phone 9281 3330.

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

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**Right:** This drawing by a 14-year-old at Darwin detention centre, 2014, comes from the Human Rights Commission's report on children in detention, *The Forgotten Children*, which paints a sad picture of institutionalised child abuse, which is why the HRC is recommending a royal commission into Australia's detention policies. You can read the report at <http://bit.ly/asylumchild>. Tony Abbott isn't having a bar of it, accusing the government body of playing politics. Fortunately the more compassionate Asylum Seeker Resource Centre [www.asrc.org.au](http://www.asrc.org.au) (which has an appropriate petition you can sign) sees through his bluster: 'Last week, Tony Abbott said he was going to lift his game and deliver good government. It's now clear that he hasn't changed. [The government's response] shows that they do not care about the children they have indefinitely locked up in detention - they only care about themselves and their political survival.' GetUp! [getup.org.au](http://getup.org.au) also has



an online petition addressing this national shame.

While we're on the subject of national shames, the latest Close the Gap report (<http://bit.ly/gapclose>) shows that not nearly enough is being done to support Indigenous Australians. Even Tony Abbott was 'bitterly disappointed'! National Close The Gap Day is coming up on Thursday March 19 - see <https://www.oxfam.org.au/act/events/national-close-the-gap-day/> - and there are ongoing projects such as the Indigenous Literacy Foundation - [www.indigenous-literacyfoundation.org.au](http://www.indigenous-literacyfoundation.org.au).

lteracyfoundation.org.au.

Byron Shire may have trouble planning its way out of a paper bag, especially when the state government keeps interfering, but the City of Gold Coast has commissioned KPMG and eminent demographer Bernard Salt to see them into the future. The vision will no doubt have impacts

upon our Shire, as the Gold Coast's population is expected to double to around 1.2 million people by 2050 to make it Australia's sixth largest city. The projected growth of the number of sedentary retirees - those aged 75 and over - is 239 per cent. There's also talk of a light rail link to Coolangatta. Overall the plan is a very interesting document and it can be downloaded at <http://bit.ly/GCfuture>. To be fair to our council, it has nowhere near the rate base of Gold Coast from which to pay for grand futuristic designs.

If you'd like to help musician Mick McHugh fund his debut studio album (and learn the secret to Irish coffee) go to [www.pozible.com/project/187903](http://www.pozible.com/project/187903) and hear his music at <http://bit.ly/mmhgoodday>.

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And now for something lighter: We suspect the Channel 7 reporter might have been conned when he/she asked for this young man's name. Another favourite when responding to photographers in search of a caption was the surname 'Farr-Connell'. Journalism is not all beer and skittles.

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