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Rudd heads down the Bluesfest rabbit hole

Another big Easter event for Byron Shire wrapped up Monday, with the 26th Bluesfest being held at Tyagarah. It hosted 89 bands, a total of 908 artists and their tour party members, and reported 105,000-plus attendances over the the long weekend. All the way from up the road, Xavier Rudd was one of a number of local musicians to perform. Both he and Ash Grunwald made their distaste for CSG mining unambiguously clear.

Photo Jeff 'In Blues Wonderland' Dawson

Aerial survey set to assess disused rail line

Luis Feliu

A helicopter survey of the entire length of the disused Casino to Murwillumbah railway line will be undertaken on Friday in a bid to prove the line is in a much better condition than the state government purports it to be.

The NSW government has relied on reports it commissioned to rule out rail as a response to public transport needs.

One of the many criticisms of its rail report was the lack of a comprehensive assesment of the 132km line.

So far, the government has indicated it intends to provide no alternative public transport other than more buses. Currently the public asset is in the process of being handed over to a trust to manage as a rail trail.

The survey, starting from Casino, has been organised by community organisation the Northern Rivers Railway Action Group (NRRAG), which backs the introduction of a

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When in doubt, request a report!

Hans Lovejoy

With all the roads and large-scale developments planned for Byron Bay, Council staff have requested a \$50,000 budget be allocated for a traffic study to 'determine construction priorities on Ewingsdale Road.'

To be voted on at Thursday's Council meeting in the Mullumbimby chambers, the report would

aim to 'Determine the priority order for the construction of intersection upgrades on MR545.'

What's an MR545? It's bureaucratic code for the two roads which run into Byron CBD (Ewingsdale Road) and Broken Head Road, which runs from the town towards Lennox Head.

Staff say roundabout modelling along Ewingsdale Road is needed, as is assessing 'the impact of the

rezoning proposal for seniors living and commercial development at Ewingsdale.'

The last traffic study, of which there are many, was conducted in 2009 by consultants Opus.

But the application for a traffic study by council staff has been questioned by the Byron Residents Group and Butler Street residents.

Paul Jones from the Butler Street

Community Network said, 'Council is proceeding with Butler Street bypass with out-of-date and inadequate traffic modelling. Setting up a traffic model is a substantial undertaking and if they are to proceed with new studies then why not update the data and predictions based on RMS guidelines and new proposed populations for West Byron?'

'West Byron developers paid for

their own traffic modelling, so why are the development proponents for Ewingsdale's seniors living/commercial not required to pay for their traffic impact

'Why would Council be investigating a roundabout at Kendall Street [which runs to Belongil off Ewingsdale Road] if it were not to allow a bypass link along Byron Street road

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'NSW governments have been telling us for years that

'The cost to establish a privately owned diesel rail shuttle service from the Arts and Industry Estate into Byron Bay is around \$300,000/km, the 3.4km railway project planned by the North Byron Beach Resort will come in at

'In addition to its enormous value to commuters and travellers as irreplaceable public transport infrastructure, it has great heritage value as an amazing example of 19th century civil engineering, and should be preserved for use by future generations as this region grows,' Mr Manserge said.

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These halls are made for talking

Whether done up or worn out, the halls that are scattered around Australia hold secrets of times gone by and memories of lives still being lived; from first kisses to kisses goodbye.

To celebrate the heritage and history of these icons, a multi-arts project was launched last week at the Newrybar Hall entitled 'If These Halls Could Talk'.

Zoë Robinson-Kennedy from Arts Northern Rivers says the idea is to invite residents to nominate their local hall for a chance to be involved in an exciting region-wide arts project.

'The project will culminate in a region-wide celebration of the halls,' she said.



Violent Femmes bassist/multi-instrumentalist Brian Ritchie, Moya Sayer Jones and Peter Wood. Photo Jeff 'Great Newrybar Portrait' Dawson

Portfolio and minister shuffles

The decision by premier Mike Baird to move TAFE out of education and into the industry portfolio has been condemned by Greens NSW MP John Kaye.

The unveiling of the new Baird cabinet last week also saw shuffles in major portfolios.

Dr Kaye said of TAFE, 'Unless premier Baird reconsiders, this will be the last straw for TAFE as a public education institution. After just six months of "Smart and Skilled", TAFE is on the ropes.

'Severing the connection to Education will push it over the edge. The corporate private providers are set to

be among the biggest winners from the cabinet reshuffle.

'Industry bureaucrats and their minister will know nothing about providing educational opportunities for young people and second-chance learners.

Sausage factory

'TAFE is at risk of becoming a sausage factory, competing in a market driven by low costs and low quality.'

Meanwhile the new Baird cabinet sees Rob Stokes replace Pru Goward as the new planning minister.

Ms Goward has been given the role

of minister for the prevention of domestic violence and sexual assault, as well as minister for women and assistant minister for health.

The NSW treasurer is now former banker Gladys Berejiklian, who swapped with former treasurer Andrew Constance, now minister for transport and infrastructure.

Katrina Hodgkinson has been dumped from the primary industries portfolio and replaced by Niall Blair.

Former senior police officer and Nationals leader Troy Grant will take the police ministry.

Traffic study sought by council staff

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reserve [which runs parallel to Ewingsdale Road close to the CBD]? This well identified bypass link needs to be brought forward now as a study item.

'Any new modelling should include alternatives, particularly those previously identified in Council's reports, ie the previous MR545 study concluded with, "Options for future adaptive use of the rail corridor should remain open until the future of heavy rail transport on the line is resolved."

'Further a working traffic model for the town is an essential master planning tool.

'There is no mention of master plan process. Are we duplicating or considering the master plan role?'

No sense: BRG

Furthermore, The Byron Residents' Group Cate Coorey said, 'It doesn't make sense for Council to be committing \$50K to doing a traffic study to look at the impact of the so-called Ewingsdale "Seniors" development that has not even

been approved yet.

'The developers, not rate-payers, should pay for that study, especially since the community resoundingly rejects that development and it was already recommended against by Council staff and the local office of the Department of Planning.

'These piecemeal approaches to traffic planning are ridiculous. We have \$200K being committed to an extra lane on Shirley Street; we have the Butler Street bypass that Council is pushing while ignoring alternatives such as the rail corridor and yet there is no plan to properly assess exactly what volume of traffic would be flowing along this bypass or into town.

'The biggest issue is the traffic that will be generated by West Byron. The developers' traffic report that the minister relied on - apart from being seriously flawed in its methodology - only assessed for 860 dwellings. The minister's rezoning was for almost double that at 1,500 dwellings with further divisions down

to 150 sqm, so potentially over 2,000 dwellings.

'Why are we looking at a bypass that doesn't account for that massive inflow of traffic and why isn't Council assessing all the future traffic?'

'Is it because we know that the Butler Street Bypass will do almost nothing to ameliorate such a massive traffic volume and that Don Page's "gift" of \$10 million for a useless bypass will be taken away if we don't do the bypass the Nats want?'

Staff replies

In reply, Council's manager of assets and major projects, Phil Warner, said staff were seeking additional information to supplement the MR545 study which will help determine funding allocation for intersection road works.

'The study has a number of trigger points that have been met. This includes roundabouts for McGettigans Lane, Bayshore Drive, Sunrise Boulevard on Ewingsdale Road and potentially Clifford Street over on Broken Head Road.

'The additional informa-

tion will revise the intersections' road capacity, which roundabout should be constructed first and possible impacts on traffic if two were built at the same time.

'With limited funding available, we need to prioritise which one comes first and hence the need for the additional information.'

Mr Warner said the MR545 did take into account the West Byron development and the study is still relevant.

'What it ultimately told us was that we need a bypass and other key works. This has not changed.' He said the proposed Byron Bypass will also have a traffic and transport assessment, which will include some basic traffic modelling for the bypass route, as part of the Environmental Impact Statement.

On the issue of the proposed Ewingsdale seniors living development, Mr Warner said Council has already requested additional traffic modelling for the area and this cost will be charged to the developer.

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Wicked Weasel’s director elaborates on the potential effects of the planned Byron bypass

Further to last week’s story regarding the planned Byron bypass and the effects it will have on businesses, Wicked Weasel’s Peter Gifford has told *The Echo* that despite both positives and negatives, overall it will be a ‘good idea.’

Mr Gifford’s business has its own off-street parking and is located at the end of Jonson Street, close to the railway tracks down from Mitre 10 on Browning Street.

He told *The Echo*, ‘For the record, the bypass will indeed have some negative effects on our business. Council will compulsorily resume part of our front customer parking area.’

‘Our offices, shop and storeroom are not air-conditioned and all ventilation windows face the proposed road, ensuring staff and customers will be exposed to constant noise and fumes.’

‘The grassy knoll where many now

sit and enjoy their lunch will become a concrete footpath.

‘Our pleasant front-facing lunch/meeting area and gardens will suffer significant loss of amenity as our quiet hide-away becomes a major thoroughfare.’

Positives

But Mr Gifford also says there are some positives.

‘Staff who drive to work via Ewing-sdale road will be able to sleep in for a half an hour. Similarly, delivery and pick up from the screen printers, post office and others in the industrial area will be much faster.’

‘The increased building visibility may result in improved retail sales.’

‘As the building owner, I would also expect the value of the property to improve. And hopefully with the end of

the parties in the road reserve hosted by nearby businesses our property will no longer be used as a toilet.

‘Overall the bypass will have a negative effect on the day-to-day business lifestyle of the 50-plus people who work at Wicked Weasel.’

‘But we set up for business at this address in the full knowledge that the road would eventually be built.’

Further housing needed

‘Byron Bay desperately needs further housing and improved roads to cater for the increasing number of people who wish to visit or live and work here.’

‘Therefore we will neither complain nor empathise with frogs in the surrounding swamp in order to delay or stop this or any other sensible and necessary development.’

Grant-writing workshops

Ever wanted to apply for a government grant but found it too daunting?

A grant-writing workshop will be held Thursday April 16 from 5.30pm in the Byron Community Centre’s Verandah Room, and will be led by experienced and successful grant applicants Jim Beatson and Nicqui Yazdi.

The session will cover: how to find grants, framing your application, what’s in a name; large and small grants; liaising with grant bodies; budgeting; acquittals; grant shortcuts; income for grant writers.

Places are limited to 15. For more ring the centre on 6685 6807 or email volunteers@byroncentre.com.au to get an application form emailed to you.

No interest loans versus ‘payday loans’

For those on low incomes, it can be hard to get ahead.

Especially so if your fridge breaks down or you need a new vacuum cleaner.

If buying household items, one option is to apply for a ‘payday’ loan, but they attract high interest rates.

They were the subject of a recent ABC *Four Corners* program, *Merchants of Debt*.

But in Byron Shire, No Interest Loans (NILS) are available, which assist the less fortunate without the predatory lending.

Co-ordinator of NILS, Bron Martin, says the Byron Community Centre sees financial hardship caused by payday loans in the local community on a regular basis.

‘With annualised interest rates of around 240 per cent, taking out just one of these loans can leave a borrower without enough money to afford day-to-day living expenses such as food and utility bills.’

As an accredited provider of the No Interest Loan Scheme, Ms Martin says household items like fridges, computers and washing machines can be bought, as well as education costs and health care needs paid for.

Residents considering a payday loan should drop by the Byron Community Centre or call 6685 6807.

Time to dust off the billycart for May 17

Preparations for the 2015 Bangalow Billycart Derby are now underway, and for those with a passion for downhill unmotorised wheeled vehicles, it’s now time to dust and grease the axles of your billycart.

Or if you are a first timer, it’s time to hit the planning board.

To be held Sunday May 17, the twenty-first Bangalow Billycart Derby will see some changes this year.

Co-ordinator Carolyn Adams says passengers and drivers can compete in both traditional and homegrown bilycarts, but they must both be from the same age category.

‘And for the little tykes we have created a brand new race category for the parent and child. Local primary schools will again be competing for \$1,000 prize money but this will be split this year between a homegrown and traditional race category.’

Appearing again will be Tom Hogan’s handcrafted bilycart trophies, celebrity racing, mothers racing, tag team races, sporting club

challenges, a street parade and the Mad Hatters at the Bangalow Primary School.

To get involved as a local group, club, business, sporting organisation or school, contact Julie-Ann on 0411 081 118.

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Motorist fined for not locking car

A Mullumbimby Creek resident is warning motorists to be wary of police who are booking vehicles that are parked and unlocked.

Carole Gamble told *The Echo* that she received a fine of \$104 for 'Not lock doors, secure windows (vehicle unattended)'.

'This "offence" occurred in the main street of Mullumbimby last Saturday,' she said, 'when I bought the papers with the usual friendly locals [who were] also doing their shopping.'

'In our town, as far as I know, nobody locks their vehicles, and I never have felt that I needed to do so.'

'I had no idea that it was illegal, but my fine from "The Commissioner of Police, Brunswick Heads Police" seems to indicate that it is an offence.'

'I was probably out of the car for ten minutes, there were the usual wandering crowds and absolutely no risk.'

No leniency

And a request for leniency by Ms Gamble fell on unsympathetic ears, with a reply from the NSW police force advising, it 'no longer determines requests for leniency, variations or other queries relating to infringement notices.'

The letter to Ms Gamble then reads, 'If you do not agree with the issue of the Infringement Notice, you have the option to plead "Not Guilty" and have the matter heard by a magistrate in a court of law.'

Ms Gamble says, 'obviously "going to court" is a very unattractive option to contest the charge'. And while she is naturally upset about such a fine, she questioned why such fines exist, given an unlocked vehicle causes no harm to anybody.

Perhaps it's a case of 'follow the money'?

According to one of the largest insurance companies on the planet, Allianz, the laws were 'introduced to combat the staggering number of car thefts.' It claims on its Australian website, 'Older cars with little security account for the majority of thefts ... if your car is stolen because you left it unlocked, your car insurance claim might be declined. Furthermore, the theft of personal items will usually only be covered if they were taken from a locked vehicle.'

Crime stats

And while The Australian Institute of Criminology claims 'Australia has one of the highest rates of motor vehicle theft in the world,' what are the stats on vehicle theft?

According to the Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOSCAR), incidents of motor vehicle theft have declined of 12.4 per cent over two years across the state.

Its online mapping tool at www.bocsar.nsw.gov.au claims 63 cars were stolen in Byron Shire in 2013 and 62 in 2014. Ballina Shire recorded 46 last year, Tweed Shire recorded 209, while Lismore Shire recorded 90.

Overall there were 14,623 cars stolen in NSW, down from 16,693 in 2013.

Respect my authoritah!

A long list of 'general driving offences' is available at www.rms.nsw.gov.au/documents/roads/safety-rules/demerits-general.pdf. But for brevity, here's a few of interest:

- Rule 213 (2): Not restrain vehicle properly \$104
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- Rule 213 (4) Not remove ignition key (vehicle unattended) \$104
- Rule 213 (5) Not secure windows/lock doors (vehicle unattended) \$104
- Rule 230 (1)(a): Not cross road by shortest safe route (pedestrians) \$69
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- Rule 236 (4)(b): Stand on/move onto road to hitchhike \$69
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- Rule 256 (2): Passenger not wear bicycle helmet/fitted/fastened \$69
- Rule 264: Driver not wearing seatbelt \$311
- Rule 300: Drive using mobile phone when not permitted \$311
- Rule 300-5: Drive motor vehicle not carry licence \$104
- Sec 116 (1): Burnout (negligent driving) \$623
- Sec 175 (2)(a): Driver/rider fail/refuse to produce licence/state name/address \$104
- Cl 52 (1)(a): Oil/grease leaks (vehicle) \$173
- Cl 52 (1)(a): Other - (please specify defect) \$104

Vaccine objectors at record level

The number of parents who are telling the federal government they won't be vaccinating their children has doubled since 2006, official data shows.

Traditionally the north coast has been seen as an anti-vaccination hotspot, so the percentages in this region are likely to be higher.

Federal Health Department figures show 39,523 children were recorded with conscientious objections to vaccinations in 2014, up from 18,899 in 2006.

Conscientious objectors

The latest data means 1.77 per cent of all children were registered as conscientious objectors to vaccination last year.

The figures refer to children younger than seven years of age, whose parents told authorities they were not vaccinating their children because they had a personal, philosophical, religious or medical objection, *News Corp* reports.

The Bangalow-based Australian Vaccination Network was last year forced by Fair Trading to change its name after the government agency claimed it was misleading for failing to provide information on both sides of the debate.

■ Read more on this story at Echo.net.au

Rail trail group announce next stage

Hans Lovejoy

With the expressions of interest (EOI) on rail projects along the rail corridor now closed, the Northern Rovers Rail Trail group (NRRT) say that the proposal they submitted 'is an extraordinary opportunity to turn a neglected and deteriorating state asset into a productive NSW tourism icon.'

Indeed, the state government has been very clear in its intention to hand over what was a public transport asset to become 'tourist only' facility.

So will this project see the region flourish with even more tourism-related jobs and fit cyclists or will it also see valuable public lands become privatised, as is the agenda of almost all neo-con governments?

NRRT secretary Geoff Meers answered questions surrounding the project.

Now NRRT has submitted its EOI, is your group willing to make it available so the public can assess the merits of re-appropriating infrastructure that was paid for by the taxpayer?

The government is keeping the applications confidential at this stage. They intend to publish a summary of all applications on their website (at some unspecified time).

I am preparing a summary of our application for the NRRT website and will send that to you when it's finished. Applications will remain confidential until the government decides to make them public.

What is the 'Sustainable and profitable operating business model', which is included in the Regional Tourism Infrastructure Fund (RTIF) criteria?

The application proposes a government-appointed trust to manage the rail trail. The application makes it clear the current annual budget for maintenance of the corridor (approx. \$750K) would be needed by the trust to cover operating expenses



Nick Michaels, Di Campbell, Kristin Michaels, Geoff Meers, Marie Lawton. Photo Hilary Wise

(trail maintenance, marketing, management, etc). Please note the trust management model is only a proposal, one which the government may, or may not, support.

The government's rail trail report was very vague on financial returns. In fact, one of the few suggestions made was investment from mining companies. Councils say they don't want to fund it yet there will undoubtedly be pressure on them to maintain and supply infrastructure (toilets, mowing etc).

The application is clear that any services to be provided by councils would be negotiated on a cost-recovery basis. That is, councils will not be out of pocket for any services needed by the rail trail.

All necessary infrastructure (toilets, etc) would be part of the construction contract funding and not the responsibility of councils. Councils supported the EOI and the notion of cost-recovery for services.

Is there a land lease proposal within NRRT's EOI?

The application suggests there may be other sources of funding to support the ongoing operation of the rail trail. These could include government grants, sponsor-

ship (non-CSG!), licensing and leasing of assets (station buildings, etc). These are not firm proposals but suggestions as to ways in which the trust could augment government funding to manage and maintain the trail.

Against what criteria is NRRT measuring its 'Demonstrated community support and engagement'? The Echo reported recently that there appears to be 4,000 signatures either side (Trains On Our Tracks, or TOOT, and NRRT). TOOT claim they and 4,000 others don't want the tracks ripped up. As I understand it, NRRT are only committing to 'Preserving the rail corridor for any future transport plans.'

The EOI is a proposal for a rail trail in the Casino to Murwillumbah corridor. It suggests, in relation to retaining or removing the rails, that, wherever possible, the rails and other rail assets should be retained.

The decision as to how the trail is constructed is up to the government. In regard community support/engagement, the EOI summarises the extensive engagement with local communities that has gone on over the last two years.

This includes council meetings, markets (over 30),

newsletters, establishment of websites, petitions, surveys, community events and forums (over 60), fundraising events, Facebook pages, advertisements, campaigns, letters to editors, surveys and merchandising.

The EOI includes numerous letters of support from across the region. I suggest the difference between rail trail support and that for TOOT is: the rail trail is viable, benefits the region, creates jobs, preserves the corridor and will be built; the TOOT campaign has delivered nothing in ten years.

Will this be a shared corridor?

The EOI is clear that any proposals for the corridor that enhance the benefit of the rail trail are welcome. For example, the EOI includes the North Byron railcar shuttle as a shared use of that section of the corridor and the potential extension of this for a park-and-ride. The EOI also notes the Casino Rail Museum proposal for use of a section of track and that this may enhance the rail trail experience.

The Byron Tramlink proposal and the Bangalow rail-bike projects are also mentioned as proposals that need further investigation as to their impact on the rail trail.

New CSG report generally enthusiastic about gas

Land values across the NSW will be hit hard if the coal-seam gas (CSG) industry is allowed to develop, NSW Greens Jeremy Buckingham has claimed.

Citing a new Productivity Commission report, he says that one area where landholders will be impacted, but which is not currently compensated for, is the decline in land values with CSG projects.

But the report, *Examining Barriers to More Efficient Gas Markets*, is generally supportive of the burgeoning industry. Relying on trickle-down economic theory, the report claims it would be a 'net benefit to the community'.

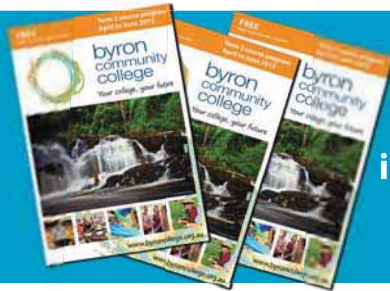
Additionally it claims, 'domestic gas reservation could distort important signals for adjustment and are unlikely to

be efficient or effective in the long run.'

This is despite Australia being the only western country without such protections. The report also admits that the 'industry faces strong resistance from sections of the community, partly due to the poor early record of some companies in dealing with landholders and local communities.'



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Ballina Council considers large complex in Lennox CBD

Darren Coyne

Ballina Shire Council will hold a workshop to determine whether to allow a \$4.4 million three-storey development in the heart of Lennox Head.

Councillors spent over an hour at last week's meeting debating an application to build the mixed-use development on three lots on land between Rayner Lane and Ballina Street.

The applicant, a Mullumbimby pharmacist, wants to consolidate the three lots into one, and erect two buildings on the site. If approved the development would consist of a mix of commercial premises for food and drink and retail outlets, along with a range of shop-top housing units.

The development would include two buildings, with Building A being two stories with three separate commercial/food and drink premises on the ground

floor and five office premises at first floor level/alfresco area.

Building B would be three storeys, and would include four shop-top housing premises with office spaces below.

Three parcels of land

The three parcels of land until recently housed the Lennox Thai Gardens Restaurant and motel accommodation, although they were demolished in late 2014.

A previous application to build 16 mixed-use tourist/residential units in a two-storey building on the sites was never completed owing to the developers claiming it was 'financially unviable and unmarketable within Lennox Head'.

In order for the new proposal to be built, the council would have to make changes to its development control plan (DCP) for the area.

Ballina mayor David Wright told *The*

Echo that the proposal generated a debate, which lasted well over an hour.

'The DCP might need changing and while we're not against that, we decided to have a workshop to discuss the details,' he said.

DCP may need changes

He said a number of objections had been received during the exhibition period. Those objections centred around issues such as increase in traffic on Rayner Lane, that the height of the three-storey building was excessive, and that it would impact on the amenity of the area. Cr Wright said a workshop to thrash out the details of the proposal would be held prior to next month's council meeting.

■ Read more on this story at Echonetdaily.net.au

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NSW ministerial positions scrapped for regional areas

The scrapping of regional ministerial positions by the reelected coalition government has been criticised by NSW Labor as payback for voter backlash.

Opposition leader Luke Foley says the decision means that the key regions, including the Hunter, Illawarra, Central Coast and the North Coast, 'will no longer have a voice around the cabinet table.'

Last year, *The Echo* sought to clarify the responsibilities and remuneration of the

minister of the north coast, Andrew Stoner (now retired). A spokesperson for Mr Stoner said at the time that there was no pay and no responsibility; it was a name only.

But a spokesperson for opposition leader Luke Foley told *The Echo*, 'Certainly the regional ministers had responsibilities. They had to answer questions in Parliament and during estimates.'

'They are not ceremonial positions! As a result of this decision, the north coast will have nobody around the cabi-

net table whose responsibility is to advocate for the region and consider the impacts of government decisions locally.'

Western Sydney position retained

He added that the minister for Western Sydney position, held by premier Mike Baird, had been retained while others were downgraded.

'Mike Baird has a responsibility to be inclusive and govern for the whole state - including those people who

didn't vote for him.

'This decision is nothing other than vindictive and spiteful.

'Many of these regions recorded large swings against the government on the weekend - leading to the conclusion that the people of the Hunter, Illawarra, Central Coast and the North Coast have been punished for expressing their dissatisfaction with the Liberals and Nationals.'

The Echo contacted premier Baird's office for comment but received no reply.

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Origin Energy fined \$2m for illegal door-to-door sales

Origin Energy has been fined \$2 million after the Federal Court found it guilty of illegal door-to-door sales.

Federal Court judge Justice Anna Katzmann said Origin and its marketing company Salesforce had exploited vulnerable consumers in their own homes in order to get them to sign energy contracts.

'In each case the sales representative practised deceptions on the consumers in order to secure their custom,' she said in her judgment.

'They preyed on the vulnerable and the ill-informed.'

Justice Katzmann found Origin and Salesforce guilty of unconscionable conduct,

undue harassment or coercion, false or misleading representations and breaches of consumer law provisions.

She ordered Origin to pay \$2 million in penalties and fined Salesforce \$325,000.

Origin, which purchased Country Energy in 2010, has thousands of the former state-owned company's north-coast customers still on its books.

Origin's fine was double that slapped on smaller rival EnergyAustralia last week in a similar case. Australian Competition and Consumer Commission chairman Rod Sims said the Origin fine was the biggest yet stemming from a string of recent legal

cases launched by the watchdog against energy retailers.

'This reflects the serious nature of the contravening conduct, including the fact that Origin and Salesforce were held to have engaged in unconscionable conduct and undue harassment or coercion,' he said on Monday.

Origin Energy said it's prepared to pay the fine, won't appeal the decision and stopped door-to-door sales in September, 2013.

Other utilities companies fined for aggressive marketing after action by the consumer watchdog, include Neighbourhood Energy, Australian Power and Gas and AGL.



Vegetation mapping on exhibition

We need your help...

Byron Shire Council has reviewed the vegetation mapping for coastal areas. We've used the 2014 aerial photography, existing survey data and done on-ground inspections. Take a look at our mapping and please let us know if you think changes need to be made.

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Political hulk of the week

Others say the finance institutions rule the roost, but we are here to talk about coal and one politician who loves it.

After all, nearly 80 per cent of the state's energy needs were generated by coal in 2013, according to the coalition's *NSW Renewable Energy Action Plan – Annual Report 2014*.

And while being the adult in charge is not always easy, thankfully some politicians have the courage to remind us that our prosperity is built around coal and will be so for years to come.

One such political hulk is George Christensen, who represents the good people of towns such as Mackay, parts of Townsville and also the Abbot Point Coal Port in his northeast QLD electorate.

At just 36 years of age, this colossal govt titan is of Greek Orthodox heritage and has a reputation for stirring up radical Greeny leftist scum.

The Abbot Point Coal Port needs to expand by around five-fold for an export market, we are told. And to complement this, the Galilee Basin mining development is also needed, 'which will provide an estimated 28,000 jobs'.

This cheeky neo-lib Nationals Party member began as a whippersnapper in uni where he penned brazen views of Jews, gays and women. While he claims they were taken out of context, he did say sorry.

He is a fan of the death penalty and also supported Dutch politician and anti-Islam campaigner Geert Wilders on his visit to Australia a few years ago.

But above all, he knows how to put anyone who disagrees with him in their place.

In May, 2014, Christensen tweeted that those criticising the 2014 federal budget should 'do a tour of Asia & live like these locals', and featured a photo of an impoverished backstreet in a non-specified country.

He then dismissed the 'I'll Ride With You' hashtag after the Sydney siege as a 'typical lefty [campaign] that falsely portrays Aussies as thugs who endanger Muslims'.

Most recently www.whitsundaytimes.com.au reported that he accused 'eco-traitors' from 'extreme green' groups of treason for trying to have the Great Barrier Reef listed as 'in danger' by the World Heritage Committee.

So give it up to the big G. A man who was born too late for the Spanish Inquisition.

Hans Lovejoy, editor



Love coal? This shrimp-eating repretitive can't get enough.

Electoral risks likely to blunt tax reform

So the great national conversation has begun, and, it would appear, for practical purposes ended – at least for the foreseeable future. An executive summary:

G'day. Let's have conversation about tax. What do you think about a few reforms to the GST?

Piss off, hairy legs.

Oh, all right then. Sorry I asked. I won't mention it again, if that's the way you feel. Let's talk about something more pleasant. Terrorism, for instance. Or domestic violence. Or perhaps my superb performance in the Pollie Pedal...

Pragmatic it may be, leadership it isn't. The most obvious ideas about reforming the tax system, or indeed a new approach to budget reform more generally, is that the government simply hasn't any. All it can do is canvass broad options and hope that someone else – anyone else – might pick a few of them up.

The assistant treasurer, Josh Frydenberg, who seems to be making most of the media running on the issue, insists that everything is on the table – nothing is being ruled in or ruled out. But in fact the parameters have been firmly set. At least until the next election, there is to be no damage to family budgets – and this includes just about any serious cuts to health, education and welfare, which are the big-ticket items.

The family home remains sacrosanct. There are to be no tweaks to the superannuation system – after all, we can't break a pre-election promise, can we? Well, at least not this one, especially to our own constituents. And the GST is out, because Labor says so and some of the state governments are Labor. It doesn't

leave all that much left.

But despite the policy malaise, some thoughts have been put forward, and a desperate government has said it will at least consider them. ACOSS has proposed a severe tightening of the asset test for the age pension, reducing a ceiling on personal wealth from about \$1.1 million to about \$800,000.

It doesn't sound a lot, but it would, over time, save a worthwhile heap of government revenue that could be given to a more deserving cause. The new caring, sharing social security

ance by the multinationals – has been dismissed by business and its accountants – well, they would, wouldn't they? – and put in the too-hard basket to be ruminated upon by the G20, which appears to be in no hurry either. So perhaps it is time to go back to basics.

We all know what tax is: government theft, the price we have to have for civilisation, depending on your beliefs and circumstances. But let's have a look at the provisions of retirement and old age: just what are pensions and superannuation

ples, and later the beginnings of the part-pension system. Successive governments continued to add benefits to children, the unemployed and the homeless and in 1985 the first asset test was applied. But until the start of the Howard years, the emphasis was always on need, not on entitlement. The bonanza of the 1990s opened the floodgates.

The story of superannuation is similar but much later. The idea goes back to the 19th century but only in 1992 did Paul Keating bring in compulsory superannuation. The long-term aim was that it would replace the pension, but in fact it has continued side by side.

It has never been universally popular; many workers resent having to sequester what they see as legitimate wage rises they can manage for themselves.

But, once again as a result of the prodigality of the Howard years, it has offered huge benefits to the smarties, who have turned it into the equivalent of a tax-free trust fund for themselves.

Belatedly, the government has realised that this is not only unsustainable, but unconscionable. But the electoral risks of paring it back to something closer to its original purpose are immense, especially in the context of an already dangerous election year.

The new conversation will no doubt go on, and perhaps – just perhaps – a glimmer of bipartisanship will offer a breakthrough. But given the sullen and selfish mood the voters have demonstrated in the past, their response is more likely to remain the traditional one: piss off.

And given the government's recent record, it will happily do so.

*Tax is government theft,
the price we have to have
for civilisation.*

by Mungo MacCallum



minister Scott Morrison says it will go into the mix, although a lot of rich conservatives will not be happy.

They will be a lot more miffed about Labor floating – or refloating – chopping off some of the frankly grotesque perks available to the super rich as they turn them into large-scale tax avoidance. Even a few of the more moderate – and rational – Libs acknowledge that on equity grounds alone these need to be brought under control.

But the powers that be, Tony Abbott and his backers, won't touch them except in the context of a wider review, which would not only retrace the grounds covered by the then Treasury head Ken Henry back in 2009, but would also be postponed at least until a comprehensive election package, if regarded as politically viable.

And Labor's other thought, allegedly costed and finalised, cracking down on tax avoid-

actually supposed to do, and by whom and by how are they to be financed?

In the beginnings, of course, there were no pensions and no superannuation – no nothing. The old, the ill and the indigent survived on charity – or, more often, didn't. But the Australian Constitution authorised an aged and invalid pension and in 1908 it became legislation for males over 65. Females over 60 followed in 1910.

Over the years a widow's pension and child endowment were introduced by the states; in the 1940s they became national policy. In the meantime the pension had become rates and means tested, and an automatic cost-of-living increase introduced. And at the end of the war the Commonwealth extended a flat-rate unemployment and sickness benefit subject to an income test.

The 60s saw liberalisation on the part of women and cou-

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Praise for George

I don't very often agree with our attorney-general but I can't fault this week's article by him (*Echo*, April 1). The threat to Australia is definitely from within. Forget about Isis, Hezbollah, Mossad, boat people or CIA. We have the Liberal Party to worry about. Let's get rid of them and we will have peace forever.

Ron Bay
Suffolk Park

Vanuatu help

My son and daughter-in-law, formerly from Mullumbimby, now residents of Vanuatu, have high praise for a volunteer organisation from Australia and the work they are doing to help people, especially before, during and since Cyclone Pam.

To quote their texts from Vanuatu: 'Promedical Vanuatu are volunteer paramedics from Australia, based in Vanuatu full time and funded entirely by donations and subscriptions.'

'They were driving around warning and looking for those needing help until shortly before Cyclone Pam hit. Then they were out helping people as soon as possible, filling vehicles with food and water and meds, running out of funds so purchasing food, medicine and fuel for vehicles out of their own pockets. All of this before any aid agency distributed a grain of rice.'

'They are tireless, amazing men and women with no political agenda, purely here to help. Facebook page "promedical vanuatu" has a "like" to "gofundme" with details of how to donate.'

Patricia Morgan
Mullumbimby

Island madness

Duncan Dey is, or was, chair of the road committee that is responsible for all those ugly and unnecessary concrete islands that are slowly taking over the shire.

I congratulate that committee for the extreme ugliness of the new roundabout outside Bunnings. I note that the Bunnings building itself is an inoffensive green, but that the surface of the centre of the roundabout is finished with a bright red/orange.

Who made this choice and why? It seems to me that new buildings in the shire are largely sensitive to trendy/progressive tastes but that the street furniture is entirely

left to the rednecks and their renowned aesthetic sensibility, in particular their love of concrete.

Apparently this island madness is funded by the state government, whose pockets are bottomless. As a result every country town looks more and more like the one down the road. Love of uniformity is definitely a core redneck value.

I assume Bunnings paid for said roundabout via Sec 94 contributions. What's their view, I wonder.

Fast Bucks
Coorabell

NORTEC sell-off

The news that NORTEC intends to sell two properties used for business incubators is disturbing. People worked for years to establish these incubators with the help of taxpayer funds.

They also worked hard to acquire properties that would keep the incubators on a sound footing. And NORTEC, which inherited the properties, now wants to sell them off?

The 'quantum leap' of the industry that NORTEC refers to doesn't require making obviously poor business decisions like selling these properties. They are strong assets for the community.

If sold, they will be lost forever, and the aspiring small-business people of the area will lose to NORTEC's desire for a questionable short-term gain.

Denise Nessel
Ocean Shores

Childcare DA

The proposed DA for a 64-place childcare/early learning centre on the corner of Left Bank Road and Tuckeroo Ave is next to our home. Fourteen years ago when we were considering purchasing the land we understood a DA had been approved for a small corner store. After serious consideration we decided to go ahead with the purchase. But never in our wildest dreams could we have imagined this sort of development being proposed and the impact will be significant.

We and other residents in the immediate area adjoining the site are strongly opposed to the proposal on the grounds that it is inappropriate to the character of the area, inappropriate to local roads required for entrance

Coastal efforts out the window

Being proudly one of the Shire's councillors I can answer some of the questions about our coast raised in a letter on page 14 of last week's *Echo*.

The delay in preparing our Coastal Zone Management Plan (CZMP) for the Byron Bay Embayment (BBE) is that the current Council (elected in 2012) has reversed Council's 25-year-old policy known as 'planned retreat'.

The majority – five out of nine councillors – prioritises waterfront real estate ahead of beach (rock walls and beach are fundamentally incompatible).

The Shire's previous coastal endeavours are now out the window and Council is start-

ing from scratch, with rocks being the new 'answer'. My view is that if that's the answer, then what was the question? I oppose these rock walls.

The community will be asked to make submissions on the draft CZMP when it is ready later this year because public exhibition is required by the state government. The state minister for environment has the final say on adopting a CZMP.

Once the plan is adopted, works done according to it are safe from legal challenge. This is why it is ludicrous to build the so-called interim walls at Belongil before the CZMP is adopted.

The works will open the

years experience mixing one type of alcohol with another, two years experience writing orders on a small notepad or the absolute worst, any experience at all washing dishes.

Whether these ludicrous

hospitality requirements are born from bosses' delusions of grandeur, laziness and lack of training skills or anything else equally as absurd, I think this case of 'experience inflation' is getting way out of hand. Invest in your young people and they will surely reward you with hard work, loyalty and gratitude.

C Hollingworth
Coorabell

Healing cannabis
Good on you, Mr Balderstone, for saying that the police have for decades exaggerated the results of the

Experience inflation
I moved back to the UK in 2009 after finishing school in Byron Shire and was lucky enough to land a job running food for a kitchen in an arts venue. From there I progressed to serving drinks, bar and cafe management, event supervising and finally senior event management.

With lots of grafting and a lot of faith and time invested by my superiors I was able to flourish in that environment and gain valuable life and work experience. I repaid them with five years of hard work and loyalty when I could have taken my knowledge and qualifications to a better paid job elsewhere.

It is these experiences and lessons I have learned in the importance of investing in people from the ground up (young people especially) that made me so appalled to see the local jobs classifieds asking for a minimum of four years experience pouring milk into coffee, three

door to legal liabilities for their impacts. And we are seen as easy pickings.

Consulting the community over the CZMP is compulsory. Acting on the community's suggestions is not.

The five councillors have demonstrated their commitment to rocks over and over again. So rock walls are likely to be the outcome of the CZMP which Council sends to the state for adoption. In other words, yes, the wants of the landholders at

Belongil will override the greater needs of the Shire.

The second core value mentioned in the letter (collaboration) is being ignored. This Council collaborates at great length with the 'benefitting' landholders, including workshops for them and even a workshop by them for councillors – presented by pro-rocks engineer Angus Jackson of the Gold Coast (paid for by the landholders).

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DEATH By CHOCOLATE



I THOUGHT IT WAS A FERTILITY FESTIVAL.

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helicopter raids (*Echo*, April 1). As if any cannabis plant growing will turn out to be a heavy-headed female, not eaten or stolen by animals. While the helicopter raids have just destroyed potential medicine for epileptic kids, pain sufferers and all kind of cancer victims, etc, the three medicinal cannabis workshops in Nimbin this year have been well attended.

The truth is out that cannabis has great healing powers and potential for pain management and PTSD (post traumatic stress disorder).

At the medicinal cannabis symposium in Tamworth in November 2014, we listened to invited speakers from Israel and the United States talking about their amazing healing experience with cannabis. One doctor actually said that cannabis can heal 15 different cancers.

Mike Baird said in his opening speech that he wants NSW to be the world leader in medicinal cannabis. Mrs Lucy Haslam, organiser of the symposium and the mother of Dan, who died in February of his cancer, said on Tuesday in front of the federal senate inquiry held at the NSW parliament, 'We

cannot wait for the results of clinical tests. Don't dismiss the urgent need of people now. If someone with a terminal illness says that their pain is less... what are we worried about?' So true and good on you, Mrs Haslam.

There are tens of thousands of people in desperate need in NSW. We have such a wealth of experience from growing cannabis to making amazing medicine. We don't need to trial or import anything; we need to show some compassion right now.

Chibo Mertineit
Lillian Rock

Roundhouse land

On the first of April, Byron Shire Council held a public hearing at Ocean Shores to change the Roundhouse land from a public trust for community use to operational so it can be sold off as lots. I was one of about two dozen speakers who declared the public interest in retaining this land for community use has not changed.

To sell the Roundhouse land for short-term gain is economic rationalism at its worst. The New Brighton/Ocean Shores community is a changing demographic. Offering moderately affordable homes, it has attracted

■ I'm not quite sure what the election of a Green MP for Ballina to the lower house of NSW is supposed to accomplish.

Like her or loathe her, Cr Wanchap has issued a challenge to Byron Bay that it build a cutting-edge 'Green' suburb in the disputed West Byron site. Though the technology is now widely available, and international leaders such as Geoff Lawton live just outside Byron, The Greens are apparently ducking the challenge.

I suppose some other non-event town will get its act together on a landmark national development of such a kind, leaving Byron to do what it

young families and creative artists. This is evidenced at the burgeoning Ocean Shores Art Expo. What we don't have is public gallery space.

We don't have a cafe with a stunning vista that showcases our area. We don't have a spectacular meeting place that serves the 10,000 people who live here. There is no comparable piece of land in Ocean Shores.

This community is our greatest asset and must be nurtured. We need a daily gathering space that encourages the arts and nourishes our cultural experience. The Roundhouse land will be the glue that holds us together.

The council has made repeated errors and sunk too much money into this land. However, holding it as ransom to pay for our basic amenities is unfair and unjust.

Tamara Smith has suggested the state could buy it as Crown land for us to use. I've every confidence that given enough time and use of the land, we will privately

raise the needed funds to build an asset that will serve not just Ocean Shores but the entire shire.

Meanwhile the land could be available for picnics and community gardens. Working together to realise our dreams will inspire and connect us, growing social and cultural capital. It would be heartbreaking to sell off this precious land to a handful of private citizens rather than reserve it as a resource to be forever shared by all.

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Laura Shore
New Brighton

Exploiting disaster

Naomi Klein in *Disaster Capitalism* noted how profiteers exploit disasters, eg when a tsunami cleared fishermen's beach huts, developers rushed in to build hotels in their place.

The Dominant Social Paradigm (DSP) has used the 9/11 tragedy to initiate the so-called 'War on Terror' which has spawned military adventurism in Iraq, Afghanistan, Syria, Libya and now Yemen, plus an unprecedented assault on freedom of expression and surveillance of all our electronic communications.

CCTV cameras proliferate ad nauseam while increasingly sophisticated bio-monitoring is now routine at airports and other gateways. Paralleling these developments is the militarisation of our police who routinely carry military weapons, utilise armoured vehicles and use crowd-control methods like 'kettling' (used in London to corral hundreds in an underground station).

The corporate-dominated DSP will use all possible means to protect its money-

ral NSW is set to enjoy massive infrastructure investment from the leasing of Sydney's poles and wires, Ballina will get nothing. Clever ape indeed – touché, Michael Balson!

Edward Kent
Suffolk Park

■ The Nationals candidate received 355 primary votes out of 1,333 counted at the Bangalow polling booth. That is 27 per cent or roughly one quarter.

The heartland of the rail trail lobby is Bangalow. Nowhere else in the shire has there been the same amount of meetings and fundraising for the rail trail and concerted effort to convince the resi-

grabbing operations. Those who oppose CSG, coal mining, genetic engineering of food or simply mount reasoned critiques against those who reject anthropogenic climate change should remember what happened to Ken Sarowiwa, leader of the Ogoni people's opposition to Shell's oil pollution of the Nigerian delta. He was hanged and Ogoni villages terrorised by beatings and torture. Again, military violence by the Papua New Guinea Defence Force (aided and abetted by Australia) was directed against the people of Bougainville who closed the polluting Panguna mine.

The purpose of these ruminations is not to dissuade potent criticism of the planetary despoilers but to sound a tocsin for all of us to be alert, keep calm and carry on.

Gareth W R Smith
Palestine Liberation Centre
Byron Bay

West Byron mistake

In reply to Rose Wanchap, the 'champion' of the proposed controversial West Byron housing development – it's time to take a look at what this really means for our community. Once an area such as our Byron Bay is destroyed there is no going back.

It is common sense to see that it not possible to continue to abuse the landscape as you wish to do so and expect it to remain the same. We all have to live somewhere but West Byron isn't it.

The West Byron development is a monstrous short-sighted undertaking designed to line the pockets of developers and real estate agents using trite, false arguments commonly trotted out to jus-

dents of its merit. It is a key town in their strategy for a 'world class product'.

The National Party took a \$50 million investment into rail trail as one of their major policy planks to the recent election. All other major parties or independents in our electorate did not want to have the tracks ripped up for a cycling way.

Many conclusions can be drawn from this result. One definitely cannot be drawn, that there is an overwhelming support for ripping up the tracks to make way for a cycling way. Rather the opposite. People want an alternative.

Jens Krause
Byron Bay

tify such projects at the expense of the majority of the Byron Bay community and our local environment.

Such arguments were used to develop places like the Gold Coast and Surfers Paradise – places where the developer has been unbridled – and now their residents flock to our town in droves to re-live their lost dreams of 30 years ago.

The 'need for more cheap housing near the town' argument is based upon encouraging people to continue living their city lifestyle 'slip around the corner to the supermarket' type of existence.

Most thinking people of the western world are becoming increasingly aware that the centralisation of people in megacities, being dependent on large corporations for work and the supply of food (shipped from all corners of the earth) is not working for them or their children.

The numbers wanting to escape this lifestyle are plainly evident. Rather than building another housing estate on the edge of town the creation of smaller, decentralised, self-sufficient communities the size of, say, a Federal or at most a Bangalow, connected by a suitable infrastructure of public rail and road transport, is the way to go.

Much far-sighted, well-reasoned and thought-out sensible planning is required if we are to avoid creating in our fast-disappearing 'haven of sanity' the world we have just escaped from. You and your short-sighted (and possibly self-interested) cohorts on Council are doing this community a gross disservice.

Michael Hart
Mullumbimby



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Renewable energy loss

Premier Mike Baird has dumped the position of parliamentary secretary for renewable energy and signalled to the wind and solar industries that NSW is not open for business, according to NSW Greens MP John Kaye.

The announcement coincides with the release of a United Nations Environment Programme study that found that Australia is lagging behind the global increase in investment in renewable energy.

Dr Kaye said, 'The renewable energy sector has no stand-alone voice inside the NSW government. It was the parliamentary secretary who was responsible for whatever little progress the NSW Liberals and Nationals made on renewable energy in their first term of government.'

'Without a stand-alone renewable energy voice inside the NSW government, there is little chance for a new investment environment that welcomes large scale solar and wind.'

'Global investment in clean energy is booming, while NSW has dumped its voice for renewables.'

Souped up in a car-wrecked riverside city

S Sorrensen

Brisbane. Thursday, 9.10pm.

Cars wreck cities.

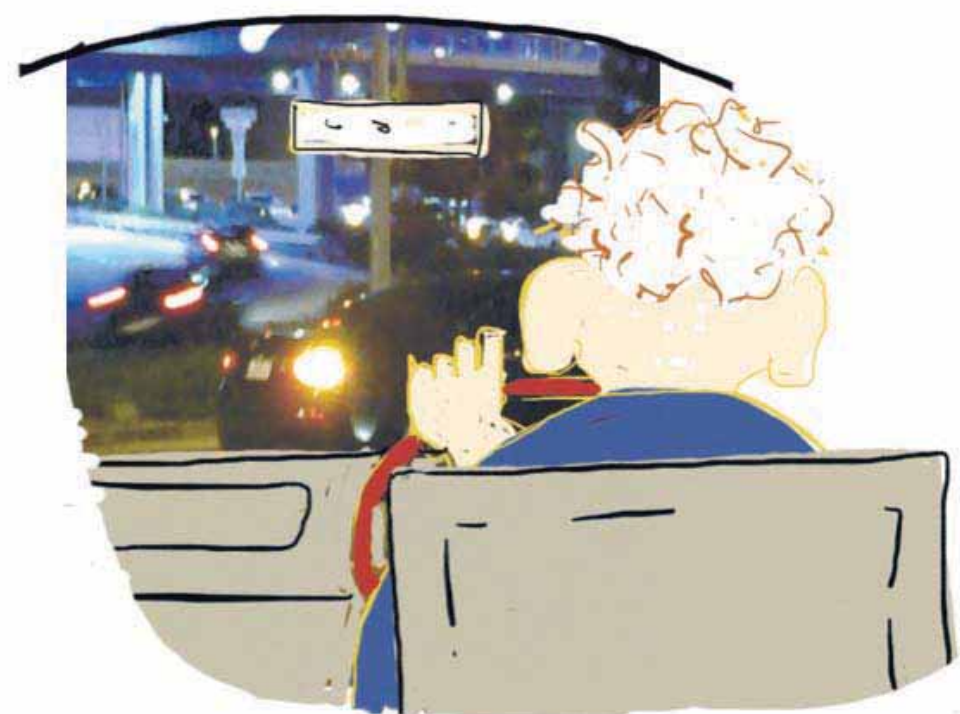
I'm waiting at the traffic lights, the Subaru coughing carbon into the night air. Crossing in front of me, four lanes of traffic are a smudge of red and white: headlights and taillights. Traffic hum penetrates my wound-up windows, adding a bass harmony to Ann Vriend's latest tune.

Cars are turning our cities into hostile environments. Cars rule. We gave them our cities. Soon, with driverless cars, they won't need us at all.

I have just been to the theatre.

Live theatre is one of the things I like about cities. I also like the art galleries, the motorcycle shops and the restaurants. I especially like the restaurants.

For dinner, I ate pho ba at a Vietnamese place in West End. Pho, for the uninitiated, is a broth based on a stock made from beef bone marrow. For pho ba, raw beef, thinly sliced, is added to the broth after it is ladled into the bowl. (This is the way it should be done, anyway.) It cooks in your bowl. Pho ga is



with chicken added.

Despite the muggy Brisbane evening, I decided to eat on the footpath. (Yes, I used a table. And a chair.) Generally, I like the ambience of the street. I like to see humans using their public spaces. But our public spaces have been invaded.

Cars wreck cities.

Sitting at the table, I watched the traffic. Bumper to bumper. Nissans capable of 200km/h inched along behind

Mercedes Sports and Toyota Camrys. Most cars carried just the driver. These days, everyone has their own car.

Once upon a time, not that long ago, in a place exactly here, a family owned a car. A family. Not every member of that family.

Roads that shadowed the old bullocky tracks can no longer cope with the breeding traffic. Footpaths are being shaved, parks dug up, houses demolished – all to make way

for more lanes, more cars.

The Queensland Theatre Company is close to the Brisbane River. You know that because there is a new bridge. The trees that lined the river bank are gone, as are the old riverside houses. Get out of the way, trees! Bugger off, humans! Cars are coming. Now there's a bridge. One of many.

The new bridge empties its traffic into an intersection that splits around the theatre, marooned between the two

busy streets and a large car-park. Windowless walls keep the traffic out.

There is a tree, but it grows inside the theatre complex. For protection.

I didn't hear the pho arrive. Too noisy. A bloke on a Harley rode between the idling cars, his need for attention much louder than a waiter's footsteps.

I didn't smell the pho arrive. The car fumes, strong enough make the streetlights shimmer, smothered all aromas with a blanket of burning oil.

Moving his lips (but I can't hear him), the waiter placed the steaming bowl in front of me. Yum. It'd been a while. I've eaten pho all over Vietnam. I love it. And I'd love to say that the pho tonight was excellent. But I can't.

The light turns green.

Twenty cars, including my Subaru, move together like an occupying army, like a tide, across the bridge to the next lights.

Windows up, aircon on, Ann Vriend singing, the river forgotten below us.

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Is capitalism killing us? Naomi Klein seems to think so

In TheConversation.com, Mark Beeson argues that capitalism might not be the underlying problem

Modern life is full of ironies, paradoxes and what Marxists used to call 'contradictions'. Perhaps the greatest contradiction of all time is the possibility that the capitalist system is not only incompatible with a sustainable natural environment, but that it is also placing a rather large question mark over our collective future on the planet.

While this may come not come as a revelation to the surprisingly large number of Marxist scholars working on environmental issues, it ought to be the proverbial wake-up call for the rest of us. Until recently, however, it looked like a message that

few would actually hear, much less heed. Marxists haven't really had a bestseller since the *Communist Manifesto*, and Karl himself isn't too popular with the younger set – his trend-setting facial hair notwithstanding.

Naomi Klein, by contrast, is someone who does have recognition and credibility in the eyes of a youthful audience. Her latest book, *This Changes Everything: Capitalism vs the Climate*, is consequently likely to be far more widely read than anything produced by the Marxists who have been making similar arguments for years. Whether she will have any more luck in convincing

people of the idea that 'our economic system and our planetary system are now at war' is debatable.

Having read some of the leading Marxist writers on this topic I was not as astounded by some of Klein's claims as the luminaries who provided endorsements for her book apparently were. I was, however, more acutely conscious of my own contradictory and unsustainable position than usual: I read the book on a return flight to Brisbane.

Clearly, if we have to rely on the likes of me to save the planet, we're in trouble. I do more than my fair share of gadding about and I'm unlikely to stop as I make the entirely rational calculation that there's no point in my doing otherwise and radically changing my behaviour unless everyone else does. And you're not going to either, are you?

This is the essence of the problem we all face, of course, and the justification for the do-nothing approach of many governments around the world. While our own choices make eminent sense to us as individuals, they are a disaster when added together.

I'm a great admirer of Klein's willingness to address the most important and difficult of questions, but her answers are disappointingly unconvincing. What we need, she argues, is 'an entirely new economic model and a new way of sharing this planet'.



Author Naomi Klein. Photo by Kourosh Keshiri, from naomiklein.org

She may well be right; in fact, I'm sure she is. But the question, as ever, is how do we get from where we are now to where we want to be? This assumes that we know who 'we' are, and 'they' don't try to stop us, of course. Klein's answer to this conundrum is that 'any credible source of hope will have to come from below'.

Like so many others, she has essentially given up on the political and especially the economic elites who refuse to take our seemingly inescapable fate seriously. She argues that 'The failure of our

political leaders to even attempt to ensure a safe future for us represents a crisis of legitimacy of almost unfathomable proportions'.

She may well be right about that, too, but it's not obvious what a different political system looks like.

Likewise it's not clear what the alternative to capitalism is, or even whether that capitalism is unambiguously the principal cause of our environmental woes.

As Klein acknowledges – but doesn't really explore in any detail – 'socialism' as practised by China and the Soviet

Union, at least, was synonymous with the ravaging of nature and environmental degradation on an epic scale.

The most fundamental and unaddressed question in this book and wider environmental debates more generally is about the carrying capacity of the planet – especially when populated by people like me.

In my defence, I haven't added to the planet's burdens by actually reproducing myself. Klein has, and I wonder how much of a difference this has made to her worldview. I'm guessing that if you've got kids you might feel an obligation to be positive and optimistic about the future no matter how compelling the evidence to the contrary may be.

For what it's worth my dispiriting guess is that the incentive structures associated with capitalism and the fact that its principal beneficiaries are generally also the most politically powerful people on the planet means that sustained efforts at climate mitigation will be extremely difficult.

Such efforts may come too late – if they come at all.

When the likes of the Koch brothers in the US cease to be politically powerful and influential figures in the climate change debate, then perhaps I'll begin to think differently.

I hope Klein's optimism is justified, just as I hope to be talked out of my pessimism. In the meantime I shall continue to try to convince students that change is both possible and that they can play a key role in bringing it about – even if it means indulging in a little self-censorship to do so.

That's another of life's contradictions and paradoxes: the truth – if that's what it is – really has become a bit too inconvenient for words.

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CHESS by Ian Rogers

Play at Byron Services Club, Mon 7pm

The humiliation of the Australian drug testing agency ASDA in the Essendon supplements case will be greeted with grim satisfaction by the chess community.

ASDA, or more accurately its predecessor ASDA, was singularly unhelpful when Australian international players became subject to World Anti-Doping Agency, WADA, drug testing and sought help.

WADA requires that sports people register any drugs they may be taking for medical reasons, such as asthma drug Ventolin, with their national body.

However, when a member of the Australian Chess Olympiad team tried to register with ASDA, he was told that because ASDA did not regard chess as a sport, they would not accept the information – effectively forcing Australian chess players to be in breach of the WADA code.

In addition, ASDA refused to provide the Olympic chess team with the drug education which helps other Australian sports people conform with WADA's complex rules.

This could have had disastrous consequences when a member of the 2002 Bled Olympiad team took two cold tablets containing a banned

ingredient before a game. As luck would have it, that player was the only Australian tested at the end of the match, and problems were anticipated.

Notably, at that time the world chess body FIDE were determined to prove to the International Olympic Committee that chess was a clean sport, to bolster the case for its admission to the Olympic Games.

To Australia's surprise and to the extraordinary good fortune of FIDE, every test from the Bled Chess Olympiad, and subsequent Olympiads, came back with no further action required.

A handful of amateur players have been caught out by national testing bodies for substances such as Ventolin and a couple penalised by FIDE for refusing Olympiad tests, though FIDE has ensured that the two Grandmasters who refused tests at Olympiads escaped penalty.

Since their early bad experiences with ASDA, Australian Olympic chessplayers have relied on dumb luck and self-education to avoid trouble from drug testing.

Should the Essendon debacle lead to a Senate enquiry and changes in ASDA's brief, it may be time for the Australian Olympic team headed for Baku in 2016 to try again to get chessplayers the same protection as all other Australian internationals subject to drug testing.



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People are an acquired taste for some

Professor Mark Beeson's concern about the carrying capacity of the planet was interestingly addressed in Harry Harrison's 1966 science fiction novel *Make Room! Make Room!*, which became the basis for the 1973 cult film *Soylent Green*.

According to Wikipedia, 'Set in then-future August 1999, the novel explores trends in the proportion of world resources used by the United States and other countries compared to population growth, depicting a world where the global population is seven billion, subject to overcrowding, resource shortages, and a crumbling infrastructure.' (The current actual world population at about noon last Saturday was 7.3 billion and rising – see www.theworldcounts.com.)

In *Soylent Green*, 'The 20th century's industrialisation has left the world permanently overcrowded, polluted and stagnant by the turn of the 21st century. In 2022, with 40 million people in New York City alone, housing is dilapidated and overcrowded; homeless people fill the streets; about half are unemployed, the few "lucky" ones with jobs



are only barely scraping by themselves, and food and working technology is scarce. Most of the population survives on rations produced by the Soylent Corporation, whose newest product is Soylent Green, a green wafer advertised to contain "high-energy plankton" from the world's oceans, more nutritious and palatable than its predecessors "Red" and "Yellow", but in short supply.'

The catch is that Soylent Green is not plankton but people, obviously a horrifying solution to the world's population problem but palatable for some. It gives new depth to the expression, 'Eat your greens'.

School holidays

Byron Youth Service fundraiser April 11

What would bring a team of youth back to the Byron Youth Service to volunteer their time and energy into putting on an event long after their course finished last year? Dedication and gratitude to the people who made their Events Management course possible, and pride in their ability to do it all again. The BYS is desperately trying to raise funds to keep their worthy programs operating, especially after recent federal funding cuts causing the loss of the entire Links to Learning program and associated staff.

At the conclusion of the Events Management course last year, the students put in an application to Indent for funding for a future youth-based drug- and alcohol-free event, which proved to be successful. Making use of that funding, several students and their tutor, along with some enthusiastic fresh faces, have joined forces again to bring you Spirit of the Bay 2 – Twilight Concert.

Once again the crew is proud to announce that the support from local artists and musicians is overwhelming with some returning talent such as Megan Donnelly, who last year played in the Unearthing Byron segment and this year is back with a full band. Local band Weatherless return to Spirit of the Bay 2; Nick and Sam, winners from a previous Bluesfest Grommet Competition, as well as several of

our favourite DJs (14 in total!) including Sublime, Fraktal Faerie, Fowl Play and Torosphere! Organisers are delighted to welcome Luke Bennett and Gabrielle & Cecelia to the lineup as well as belly-dancers, fire-twirlers and much more.

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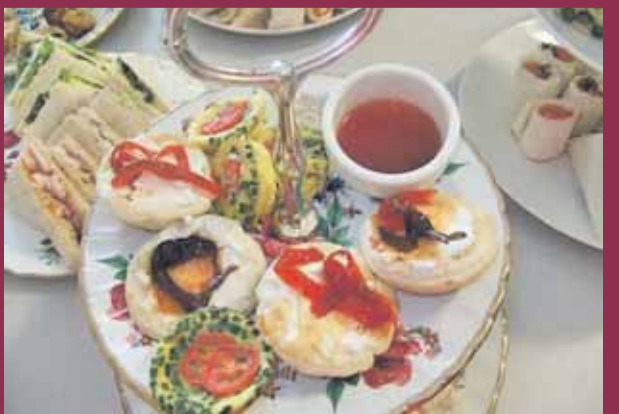
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Kids can try hula hooping, stilt walking, ribbon twirling and more when the fabulous Spaghetti Circus drops in to the Mullumbimby Farmers Market this Friday 10 April to run another of their fantastic and free kids' circus skills workshops. There'll also be our usual kids' arts and crafts in the Kiddies' Plot, and live music by the wonderful Gabriel and Cecilia, and Three Little Sisters.

And don't miss the big one on Friday 17 April, when we invite the whole community to join the Mullumbimby Farmers Market's fifth birthday celebrations. There'll be roving performers all morning, the Steiner School's famous candle-making tent, Spaghetti Circus workshops, a flashmob performance, loads of free birthday cake, and a special performance by local boys, Tora, playing their last gig before heading off on their tour of Canada and Europe. Dress up carnival style, pack your shopping bags and the kids, and come and join the fun.

Spaghetti Circus Holiday Workshops

School holidays can be a tricky time to strike the balance for kids who miss activity and mates and adults who need a few hours' space to get stuff done. Looking for a solution?

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Spaghetti Circus School Holiday Workshops this Easter break: Workshops for 7-14 years and new Junior Workshops for 4-6 years. Find balance.

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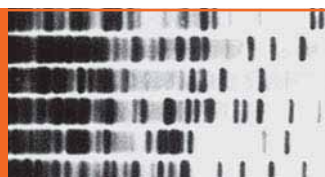
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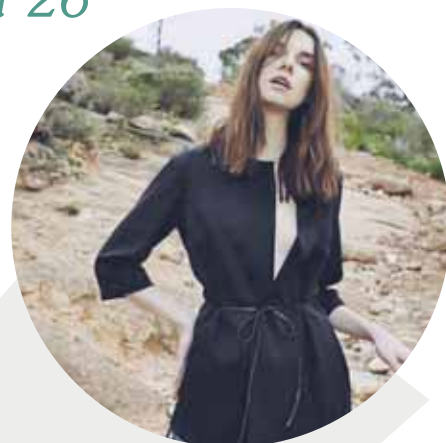
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Rejuvenation is possible after Easter fest – Sally Mathrick Naturopath

Some of us may be feeling the effects of overindulgence after too much sugar, alcohol, late nights and stress. If so, here's a simple tip to help you recover after all that Easter fun.

TIP: Add ground St Mary's thistle seeds to your favourite dukka, and sprinkle it over your breakfast each morning. The herb St Mary's Thistle contains a compound called glutathione, which supports detoxification in every cell of your body. It's a simple way to feel fresh and repaired after a heavy weekend, or life.

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Heart and Halo has opened a new shop next door called the STORE HOUSE.

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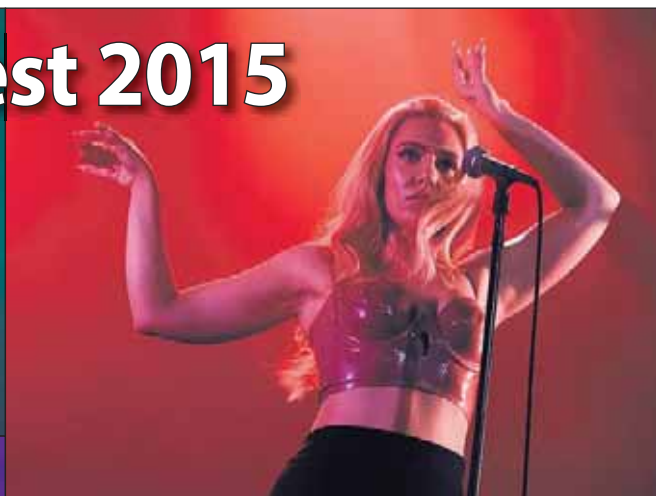
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A different ball game

Story and photos
Matthew Michaelis

It's seldom I write on different eateries in the same venue with only months between. Not all eateries get up. The hospitality industry has a shadowy side with many variables and myriad reasons for businesses to end. The last time I stepped into the Byron Bay Bowling Club was to have an Echo Christmas party with food served by the previous operators – Bolo Ma. They've gone. Now the current incarnation is a totally different ball game. It's a bowl menu with a twist' according to Nathan Sheehan, a self-professed food aficionado. As a club restaurant operator, you'd expect creative freedom. As long as the club's membership enjoy a reasonably priced and recognisable meal, everyone's happy. So, while feeding members, a bistro operator can draw in the locals too with the lure of a family-friendly environment, a budget drink and cheap eats to help forget that the whole family is in tow.

The Green Bistro is the new name and Sheehan has taken on the food here. He brings with him a broad culinary experience ranging from running a sustainable permaculture farm and managing a luxury island to operating Frankie Brown in Byron Bay; he's even cooked for the Queen at the Royal Regatta in England in 2001. 'We've got the standard and the familiar here served with a twist. We also cater for popular dietary groups with our vegan grill and fryer. Our mains are bowl classics served with little surprises,' Nathan said. I tried his calamari and the twist was



Nathan Sheehan – serving 'club food with a twist'.

Below: Slow-cooked coconut-braised beef 'Indo taco'; 'Hot Mamma' chicken wings served with a cooling cucumber dip; Wednesday nights here it's sharing your BYO vinyl.



apparent and surprisingly good – melt in the mouth, served with house-smoked garlic and citrus mayo – \$14 and worth every cent.

The Byron Bowl isn't in a salubrious address but this unassuming setting is poised to grab the cheap eats and mid-eats markets. The hipsters will love the place too. The little dining area is as fashionable and rustic as a club diner can be with some – dare I say – retro touches. It's really quite chic – the legacy of the previous operators is the fit-out, I believe. Wood panelling complemented with solid wooden tables and a warmth not found in too many small clubs of the likes. A turntable sits waiting to spin some old favourites and of course all good bowl

los these days have barefoot bowls – not my thing, but when you're in need of distraction it's as good as any. Wednesday nights here it's sharing your BYO vinyl – the vibe you bring with you. Warning! Don't bring alto sax schmaltz – Nathan promises to frisbee it if you've got the cheek.

You can come in and take advantage of cheap eats with a \$14 lunch from Tuesday to Friday or a rotating selection of lunch packages, some inclusive of a schooner glass of Coopers beer or wine for a better-than-pub price. The chicken wings are unusual 'Hot Mamma' with a cooling cucumber dip. The slow-cooked coconut-braised beef 'Indo taco' are tender and delish, served in Indian roti

bread wraps. Off the mains, a distinctly homely Gran's Curry. It's name? It's gentle, I assume, using a sort of Thai-style base of chicken, kaffir lime leaves, coconut cream and rice, though Sheehan has mixed his own granny curry and created an innocent curry that's tasty without heat; the twist is he's spent hours reducing down sixty varieties of chillies. Three of these accompanied the curry. So, the kids and the faint-hearted can eat a really good curry, while the braveheart can play with unknown levels of heat. The dish is complete with mini pappadums and a mango chut' for \$18.

You're not left high and dry after. Here there's no bought-in sweets or she-nanigans with my favourite

course. The crème Catalan is house made and worth a try – a good brulée with a rich crème anglaise imbibed with lime juice, topped with a delicate sugar crust and sided with vanilla-bean ice-cream. The orange, grape and port trifle is a fine sweet too – both sit on the menu for \$9.

Sheehan went on to say, 'The challenge here is to bring quality food at reasonable prices for locals – I love a challenge – go out to dinner in Byron and it's \$50 for pizza or \$100 for Thai take away if you're lucky. Here you can

get a dinner for two for less than \$50. I have my own coffee blend called The Green that is fabulous with a crema that is second to none. I'm not following trends, I'm doing things for my own pleasure and standards. Doing it this way creates fresh new flavours that I promise you'll see on all my dishes.'

■ **The Green Bistro.** Open six days – closed Mondays. Lunch: 11.30am until 2.30pm. Dinner from 5pm. 18–20 Marvell Street, Byron Bay, 6685 6202, thegreenbistrobyronbay.com.au.

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Spice It Up Thai's award-winning apprentice

Spice It Up Thai owner and chef, Matthew Jackson, is a local through and through. In keeping with his own success as a chef and restaurateur, Matt has given another local lad a leg up. Robert Gower has just completed

and 'aced' his apprenticeship with Spice It Up Thai. 'Robert has worked at Spice It Up Thai since he was eighteen – almost straight from Mullumbimby High School. It's a credit to him and I'm proud to see him winning awards for his

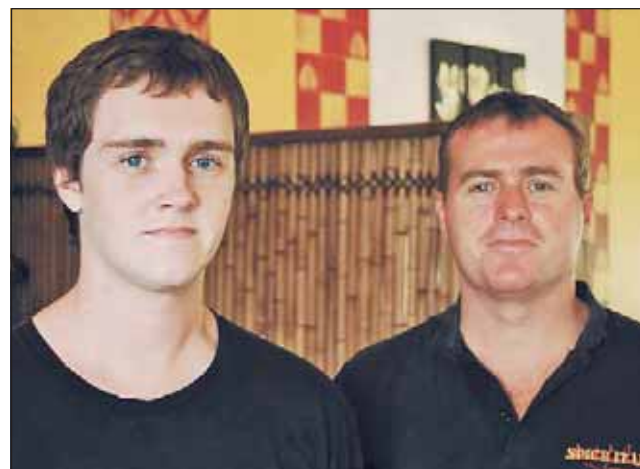
skill and aptitude in his final months as an apprentice chef,' Matt told me.

Robert received Apprentice of the Year (Certificate III Commercial Cookery) at Kingscliff TAFE, and also Commercial Cookery Student of the Year. Although Robert finished his apprenticeship in mid-March this year, he's staying on at Spice

It Up Thai to Matt and the Spice It Up team's delight.

■ **Spice It Up Thai** is situated in the Mullumbimby Bowling Club. Phone 6684 2209, Web: spiceitupthai.com.au.

Robert Gower, award-winning apprentice with Spice It Up owner, Matt Jackson. Photo M Michaelis



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Heart and Halo's new Store House

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Recently Tusta and Amiya expanded their operation for some needed extra space for their food business. A small



storage space became available right next to their popular diner. They snaffled it up and now it's their store room and a retail outlet called – yes, you guessed it – The Store House. It's for the stuff

of exotic ingredients the likes of curry powders, turmeric, quinoa, legumes, pulses, dried soy products, etc; all in pre-packed and reasonably priced parcels complete with informed and interesting in-

Tusta seen here in the Store House, instructing customers on uses of spice and other ingredients. Photo M Michaelis

formation if you need it.

They also mix blends for easy cooking – I've been pan toasting his dhal spice mix to add to my homemade dhal now for some weeks and it's fabulous.

■ **Heart and Halo** is situated at Shop 4/14 Cnr Byron and Middleton Streets (under the Byron Bayside Motel), phone 6685 6685, eb: www.heartandhalo.com.

Future little farmers at The Farm, Byron Bay

Fork in the Field has hatched a Children's Farm to Fork Holiday at The Farm in Byron Bay during the Easter holidays. Daily workshops run Monday to Friday until 17 April 10am–3.30pm.

The program takes children aged 5–11 on a fork journey, joining the dots between people, planet and plate. The workshops are designed to appeal to families of visitors

and locals wishing to provide their children with practical life-cooking skills and want them to experience where food comes from and how they can be empowered with their choices.

Activities consist of planting a crop that will form the Children's Patch, in the shed cooking and creating everything from a yogurt cheese to their own pot of preserv-



ative-free lemon-lime butter. Children will be able to plant alongside the farmers and understand the interrelationship between good soil and

Eggs laid by heritage chooks and collected by our 'future little farmers' at The Farm, Byron Bay.

tasty food. For more information and bookings email children@thefarmbyronbay.com.au or call Alison Drover on 0404 304 458.

■ **The Farm Byron Bay:** thefarmbyronbay.com.au.

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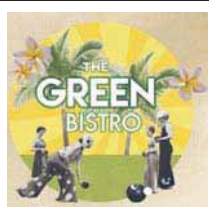
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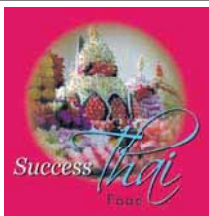
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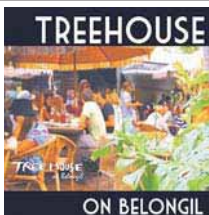
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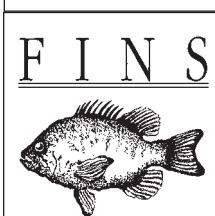
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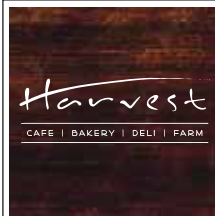
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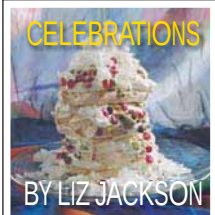
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What is it about 1970s Nigerian afrobeat that caught your attention?

Afrobeat of any era, especially the stuff coming out of Nigeria in the 70s, is addictive. The rhythms date back to traditional African music and thanks to guys like Fela Kuti it has merged into a more contemporary sound. Afrobeat takes elements of soul, jazz and funk and lays down African grooves and instrumentation within those genres. How can that combination not catch your attention. It's feel-good music and makes you want to dance.

Is it possible for a bunch of white kids to make that big black sound... or do you make it your own?

We're always going to be a bunch of white kids playing Africa-inspired music so we have to make it our own interpretation. When you listen to the greats of any style of music, all you want to do is replicate it to hopefully one day be able to add your own little bit of magic. I know that when we play cover songs, it never sounds even remotely close to the original, which is possibly a good thing. It's a hard question; come to the show and find out.

What have been your career highlights so far?

The band has been lucky enough to support the likes of Charles Bradley (US), Babylon Circus (FRA), The Bamboos (AU), Public Opinion Afro Orchestra (AU) and most recently The Budos Band (US). Every one of these amazing bands has been a huge inspiration for us and being right there at their shows is where you really learn how it's done. The level of showmanship and professionalism of these guys has taught us some very valuable lessons. Another highlight would have to be our sold-out album launch in Melbourne just last month.

What do you think a horn section brings to the live stage?

Our horn section or horn sections in general? Because they're two different questions. I'll answer both. Our horns are joined at the hip; they play together in at least five other bands and have an unusual telepathy on stage.

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Advertising is the enemy of Happiness. This occurred to me the other day when I was perusing my emails. I was feeling pretty good. I was sipping my tea, the sun was streaming through my office window, and my family were still asleep. About five emails in I'd found out about a sale on linen at Spotlight, questioned my fierce stance against Botox and then started worrying that maybe my life would be better if I weren't quite as old and fat.

Did I have enough super? Shit, I don't think I have any super! I wasn't depressed per se, but I didn't feel good. That pleasant feeling had slipped away just three clicks in. I had the shits. I felt those small stings of resentment that there was another

life out there – my 'better life' that I couldn't have, or couldn't afford.

That's ridiculous. My life is pretty bloody good. I am a very lucky woman. I have a loving family, I have good health, I have regular income, I have a home, I have good food, good friends. I have a nice car. How could I possibly feel there was something missing?

I was chatting with a friend the other day who suffers from various health conditions and she said, 'Any day I wake up and feel well I feel lucky. I feel lucky because it's so good to have a well day.' Wow, that sure makes you feel shallow. All my days are well days.

I seem to forget I'm lucky by about 9 o'clock each morning. Advertising peddles the endless story of who you could be and how much happier other people are than you. Advertising's chief goal is to market unhappiness. And they do a bloody good job. Because let's face it, you can't sell contentment. 'Here is Marjorie, she is happy with her life and wants nothing more. She has a nice blender, but Marjorie admits her life would be just as good without it.' An ad using a script like that wouldn't sell many blenders.

Marjorie's life has to depend on her blender. It has to make her excited. Feel fulfilled. It has to make her a better person. Healthier. Younger. Richer and more attractive. In fact, Marjorie's blender action makes her very sexually desirable.

This is more than a blender. This is the promise of a life not yet lived. This is about being happy. About a deep sense of fulfilment. Perhaps it is the blender that will make me feel whole?

So I buy the blender. My life doesn't change. Well it does, a bit, I'm less \$250 and I have a new appliance that I can't fit into the cupboards because they are jam-packed full of other devices that were supposed to provide happiness and wellbeing. I plug the blender in and make a smoothie. I am shocked. I am not more attractive, nor more sexually desirable to others. I am just another middle-aged woman with a blender.

It's not like I really expected the blender to make me happy. It never had to. That wasn't the point. It was never about the blender, it was always about the story that went with it. It's about the seduction required to get my money. Kind of a marketing version of self-esteem violence. Is this why as a culture we've become so sad?

According to mental health statistics we are more depressed than we have ever been. For some time people have been asking why we are so depressed. Why don't people in third-world countries share our depression rate? Considering what people are dealing

with in some developing countries, why aren't their depression rates worse? Could it be advertising? Could it simply be that in affluent countries saturated with messages of what we don't have that we have fallen into a giant abyss of wanting?

It's easy to be happy with what you have. Until you start focusing on what you don't have. Advertising is designed to trigger wanting. It's on TV, in our newspapers, on buses, on billboards, in magazines, on radio, in school newsletters, on Facebook. It's everywhere. Every second of the day, everywhere we look we can be reminded of how our life could be better, if only we spent some more money on something else.

In researching this article my google machine decides to suggest a book for me that I might like to buy: *Depression: Causes and Treatment*. Shit. Maybe we're not marketing the elusive state of 'happiness'. Maybe what we've been marketing with great success is, in fact, Depression. I just bought the book.



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GROWING SMALL FESTIVALS... SIDEWAYS!

TAKING THE LEAD FROM THE SUCCESS OF MULLUM MUSIC FESTIVAL, CREATOR GLENN WRIGHT HAS LAUNCHED A SISTER EVENT IN BELLINGEN. OVER 2-5 JULY BELLO WINTER MUSIC WILL SEE THE PUBS AND HALLS OF THE LITTLE VILLAGE VIBRATING WITH MUSIC.

What is the vision for Bello Winter Music? Will it be exactly like Mullum Music Festival?

I picture the winter festival as having its own identity, yet with some really strong collaborations with Mullum Festival. I have been closely

working with the Bellingen Chamber of Commerce and three wonderful Bellingen women who are guiding me in this process. I think the festival will also have aspects of the city of Melbourne, as it will be winter, and indoor music works so well in winter. People can dress up and it's so social, and it's too cold to swim.

The beauty of Bellingen comes from its higher hinterland location. The river is the strong physical presence. It's a slightly different landscape from Mullum, that is lower down, and where the Main Arm waterways run into the Brunswick River and out to the beaches. We are more open physically and Bellingen is more concentrated. The area has developed very committed community organisations that focus on many different aspects of sustainability, food

security, and community. Just like Mullum, at Bellingen we are embracing the local community organisations as much as we can.

The Bellingen Learning Alliance is helping us present showcases by 10 local community groups. The activities include the local organic growers market, many local nature walks, winter bee-keeping talks, clean-energy workshops, permaculture, eat-the-street walks, forums on the river and food security and much more.

So through embracing what is local, and booking many local artists on the music program, we hope to have a really good platform to present a rip-roaring, diverse and fun music program.

Why have you decided not to expand Mullum Music Festival? Is it feasible to grow an entirely new event?

I remember the first Mullum Fest; a local came up to me and thanked me and said please let's leave it like this. What I think he was saying is that the first year of a festival is often the most exciting, just like seeing a band for the first time, and that eventually festivals outgrow themselves. I feel Mullum is where it should be, and now I want to simply make it more fun and maybe continue to work on its uniqueness. I'm no longer interested in growth. The option of another smaller event down south was appealing and I've been working on it for a few years. It's great to be proud of what you have in your local community. It's also great to look further afield and try things. I hope Mullum and Bello will both benefit from this cultural exchange (almost social) experiment.

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What does a music festival like this do for a small town and the local region?

I think you can't overstate this. Successful cultural events bring prosperity to the social infrastructure, cultural depth, and there are economical benefits. The flow-on effects are substantial. I could go on, but it can start to sound like somebody telling you about their golf game yesterday, shot by shot, or their skiing trip (boring!). But it's true. Festivals are not a bad thing; they should be valued, although everything in some form of moderation.

Will this be a different program from Mullum Music Festival? Who are some of the highlights?

The Milk Carton Kids are a highlight. They were featured on The Coen Brothers' and T Bone Burnett's new concert film *Another Day/Another Time: Celebrating the Music of 'Inside Llewyn Davis'*. Also I'm really excited that Ash Grunwald is travelling down from Byron Shire with us to the festival.



THE MILK CARTON KIDS

He is so cool and so much part of our community. Emma Donovan is a cool booking; she is a Gumbainggir woman, local to mid-north-coast region, who is a member of the Black Arm Band and The Barefooot Divas. Emma currently lives in Melbourne and works with her funk soul band The Put Backs. Also we have a bunch of acts that were hits of previous Mullum Festivals, including Fourplay, Arte Kanela, Sketch The Rhyme, Tinpan Orange, Bullhorn, Dubmarine, Sara Tindley and Marlon Williams. Also Bellingen locals The Mid North, Jack Carty, Bunya, Honey and Knives, Mr Pip.

The most exciting news just out is the psychedelic Magic Bus will be making a trip down especially for the inaugural event to ferry festival-goers around the town (as well as transporting Mullumbimby and Byron Bay locals to Bello Winter Festival in a kind of reverse Aquarius Magical Mystery Tour down the coast!). Oh – and did I mention Mandy Nolan is coming too! Byron's greatest asset is presenting comedy each night at the festival. Look out, Bello!

Like Mullumbimby, Bellingen doesn't have much accommodation. How will the festival manage this challenge for punters coming from interstate or who need to stay over?

The bellowintermusic website has accommodation options. There are hundreds of B&Bs in Bellingen hinterland and Coffs is only 20 minutes away. There is a motel, and the pubs have accommodation. Also showground camping will

be available and bookings can be made directly at the festival website. It's only a street and a bridge away from town, and will be a fun place. I went to the Dreaming Festival at Woodford a few years back. July in north Queensland is cold. We camped and had a ball. Just rug up.

Will you be running youth programs for emerging artists as you did for Mullum Festival?

Most definitely. When we talk about cultural and social benefits of festivals this project is a great example. The youth of the area get so much out of these mentorship opportunities. Also the mentors. It's one of the standout achievements of the Mullum Music Festival and I'm really excited about bringing the program to Bellingen.

What are the challenges running small regional festivals?

I think regional areas get/ understand community better than most cities. When you go to a festival in a city it rarely feels like a festival. Usually it's just a bunch of concerts. In Europe they get what a festival is. I don't think our big city festivals do. So I love working in regional communities. Interestingly I have found tourism organisations to be very supportive, whereas arts organisations are not. Arts organisations such as the Australia Council are too busy with Opera Australia to come to Mullum or Bello.

For ticket and program information go to bellowintermusic.com.



PARCELS AT THE BYRON COMMUNITY CENTRE ON SUNDAY

A PARCEL OF POTATO

Patrick Hetherington, Noah Hill and Louie Swain have spent the last five years tirelessly playing music of all sorts almost daily around the shire. Among their projects are a multitude of acts spanning a range of genres, including funk rock group Lifeline, folky strummers Potato Potato & Craig, and quiet pluckers Louie and Patrick. There are even the upbeat funksters The Sugar Spinners and most recently the 80s-inspired electronic collective, Parcels. These acts have carried the boys onto the main stages of major festivals including

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This week's planetary casserole highlights the future with a destiny call to look beyond the comfort zone to your true life path...

♈ ARIES: You're a publicity magnet right now so even if you're mad as hell, don't antagonise your fanbase. Take time out and a change of scenery if you need it. This confidence-boosting week liberates you from something that's held you back, to step onto the wider stage that awaits.

♉ TAURUS: If eclipse reverberations trigger a kind of psychic detox by letting off steam, don't resist – it's a good thing. Because after the storm passes, you'll have renewed clarity on just how to dust off certain cobwebs obscuring the brilliant jewel that is you to reveal exciting new facets.

♊ GEMINI: As one phase draws to a close, this week offers a pause for reassessment before your entry into a new era of creating and maintaining more stable emotional and financial foundations. Pay attention to the places where your attachment to quick fixes is waning in favour of longer-term arrangements.

♋ CANCER: This week's amplified reactions need tactful handling. And if you moon-tribers have embarked on a new start, take a moment to step back and review how that went. Does it need adjusting? You're being asked to transcend survivalist thinking, in whatever ways that may be playing out for you.

♌ LEO: While this action-packed week's not lacking in support or fortunate openings, taking personal responsibility's imperative. Also avoiding gossip. Notice how too much drama actually stops people getting what they want. With Jupiter in Leo, including others in your personal equation takes everything to a more successful level.

♍ VIRGO: People think Virgos are cool, objective cucumbers, but of course you're way more complex than that. If this week shaking up your basic security structures has you nervy, taut and fraught, take heart. Its astral emphasis in your zone of mystery and regeneration is also a powerful game changer.

♎ LIBRA: The recent eclipse in your sign continues to be about you and your deepest needs – in relation to others of course, because you're Libran. But the constant battle for harmony and accord can be exhausting, so factor in some beauty and renewal therapy this week, whatever that is for you.

♏ SCORPIO: This intense week suggests you might want to cut yourself and everyone else some slack. And, if you must, get out of the maddening crowd to recharge your spark. Because Jupiter in your professional zone's busy getting something back on track that disappointed or failed to deliver first time round.

♐ SAGITTARIUS: With Jupiter heading direct in glamorous, fiery Leo, this week's opportunities are cutting edge. And Saturn in your sign suggests that for the next six months how you express yourself is pivotal: in speaking, texting, tweeting, teaching, posting or messaging, and especially while heading up communal activities as group leader.

♑ CAPRICORN: This week impacts on your home zone and emotional security. Yes, it's annoying not to be heard, but probably best to accept some people are just too self-absorbed right now to listen. That will change, as everything does. Good news? Jupiter's forward move loosening up funds and generosity from others.

♒ AQUARIUS: Saturn retro in your house of friends, social connections and group activities could have you questioning whether some of these are really meeting your current needs. And even if you're dreaming of distant horizons this week, it's still worthwhile showing your local support team appreciation for their love and loyalty.

♓ PISCES: With freedom-seeking Uranus in the sign of self-assertion and demolitions expert Pluto dismantling the status quo, this week could bring life to a crossroads scenario. Brilliant openings exist, but the entry price might require tough decisions – best made when late-week moon deflates overblown emotions into more realistic perspectives.



THE COMPANY AT THE COURT HOUSE HOTEL IN MULLUMBIMBY ON SUNDAY

IN GOOD COMPANY

The Company plays high-energy original and traditional acoustic music and over the past two years they have solidified themselves as one of Australia's most renowned bluegrass acts. Individually Mick Patrick (lead vocals/mandolin/fiddle), Jamie Clark (guitar/vocals), and George Jackson (fiddle/banjo/vocals) are Australian Bluegrass award winners and Norwegian-born Markus Karlsen (double bass/vocals) is a highly sought-after session bassist. Collectively, The Company display fierce instrumental prowess and their songwriting covers love, death, joy, friendship and struggle. In concert you will witness the band's virtuosity, combined with wry humour and wonderful camaraderie.

Their latest album *Trouble* was recorded in their home city of Brisbane and mixed

and mastered in the USA by fiddle maestro Casey Dreissen. Mick Patrick's lovely voice and wide vocal range are the focal point of songs often inspired by tales from Queensland's dark history, including old folk magic, unsolved murders, matriarchal prostitutes and other sordid stories. Polka Dot Productions presents **The Company** for the first time in Mullumbimby. Opening the afternoon's program will be local favourites Sara Tindley and Danni Carr, with a little help from Ashley Bell. **Sunday** at the **Court House Hotel** from 3pm.

BOBBY ALU AT THE BRUNS

As one of Australia's top drummers touring the world for the past six years, it wasn't until a few years ago that Bobby Alu stepped out from behind the drum kit to take the mic. Swiftly making a name for himself,

Bobby Alu's third-ever live show was at the Byron Bluesfest alongside the likes of Bob Dylan and BB King. The recently released album *Take it Slow* sent the band around the country twice receiving rave reviews. *Love You More* (track 4) is then the capstone, and perhaps the most accessible world-music song recorded since Johnny Clegg and Sayuka's *Dela* (George of the Jungle). It's the kind of album that makes you want to spend time with your friends. The 2010 debut self-titled album *The Dwarf* sparked an immediate following after being listed in Triple J Roots N All Top 10 albums of 2010, also peaking at Number 2 in the iTunes Australian world music charts. More recently, the song *Changes Changes* has been included on the world-renowned Putumayo *Australia* compilation.

Currently Bobby also plays drums for Xavier Rudd – an exciting and powerful collaboration that is wowing crowds all over. Together they have completed national and international tours moving through Japan, Dubai, Bali, Hawaii, New Zealand, Mexico and a huge chunk of North America – all in the past year. He is a part of Rudd's latest band project, Xavier Rudd & the United Nations, due to debut in April 2015. **Bobby Alu** is at the **Hotel Brunswick** on **Sunday** from 4pm.



BOBBY ALU AT THE HOTEL BRUNSWICK ON SUNDAY

GET UP CLOSE TO THE REACTOR!



JUNO REACTOR AT THE BYRON BREWERY ON SATURDAY

Juno Reactor ranks among the all-time greats of electronic music as essential innovators. From the early days of the Goa scene to scoring *Matrix Reloaded* and *Revolutions*, performing their stunning live shows around the world at major music festivals: Glastonbury, Fuji Rock, The Glade, Boom, Ozora, Burning Man and many more.

How important is it to keep original and be re-inventing yourself in the electronic scene?

I haven't a clue! But I think what is important is that you yourself find it exciting to go and spend days, weeks, years in the studio and love what you come up with. That way other people might like it, and if they don't at least you do.

What have been the challenges for you along the way?

Music has never been a problem; it has always been the business end that has been challenging for me. From useless managers to under-developed labels and dodgy promoters.

I could write a book about these people, as useless as they have been. There have been some very funny stories and great times...

such as having my hotel room robbed by a knife-wielding Russian female junkie; while I was taking a last-min download on the toilet, she took everything that was in my bag. Okay, that's not funny, but what was brilliant was having to stay in Perm for another week and finding the underbelly of life there. I can blame my useless manager of the time for that, but that is a longer story.

What got you started?

I always thought I was abandoned at birth by a travelling circus. The smell of a new day in a new town – performing whether upside down in a tree as a kid, or glamping it up on stage, instinct brought me here.

What was Goa like in the early days – is there still a scene there now?

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Juno Reactor are regarded as pioneers of this sound from the early 90s, but I never went there. My principal JR DJ (Mike Maguire) lived out there six months at a time, while I stayed in the studio in the UK. He would take the tracks to India and play them at the parties, so all I know personally are the stories he told me.

I went much later and toured India three times. I love Mumbai more than Goa; it feels more real to me and more interesting... more stories to draw on.

What are the influences that you draw on?

It can be anything. I was in a taxi in India with one of Bollywood's top male singers. I asked him to sing me a song, and he sang an amazing Punjabi folk song. I recorded it on my ZOOM H4n and took it back to the hotel and wrote *Invisible*.

What were the highlights of the last 12 months?

Being asked to play on the Great Wall of China – performing with the full live band. Coming to Oz will be up there for the next 12 months as I have not been for ages. I am very excited to be going to all these places in Australia as I have only been to Melbourne three times and, as much as I love Melbourne, it would be great to see beyond it.

What should we expect for your show at the Byron Brewery?

Full-on vibe; that is all we can give. A lot of passion inside and outside the music!

Juno Reactor play the **Byron Brewery** on **Saturday** from 4pm.

GIGGLES AT THE TAV

Since winning Foxtel's national Be A Comedian Competition in 2006 and performing as a national finalist in Triple J's 2007 Raw Comedy Competition, Ellen Briggs hasn't looked back. Ellen has an easygoing, friendly nature that belies the dark wit that she presents. It's been said that 'Ellen says out loud the things other mothers only dare to even think', and that 'with her tales of parenting, she could well become Australia's next Fiona O'Loughlin'.

See Ellen and eight other fantastic acts on **Thursday** at 8pm at the **Ocean Shores Tavern**. Free entry.

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GIRLHOOD, PART OF THE ALLIANCE FRANÇAISE FRENCH FILM FESTIVAL - SCREENING AT THE PALACE IN BYRON AS PART OF THE WEEK LONG PROGRAM OF FESTIVAL SCREENINGS

KIDS CLEANING UP THE BEACH

Last year, Southern Cross K-12, East Ballina, registered as an eco-school (eco-schools.org.au/). As a part of being a registered eco-school, Southern Cross has formed an eco-committee to implement projects in the school and wider community to achieve a more sustainable, Earth-friendly future. The eco-committee has organised a beach clean-up for this **Friday** at 9.30am. It will be held at the southern end of **Angels Beach**, Ballina, and all bags and gloves are provided. All welcome, especially kids!

PROJECT ZED

ZED Project consists of a half-dome structure, of 10m by 5m, built with bamboo sticks, that holds a translucent projection screen inside and large-format banners as background. Inside this bubble, ZED, a multimedia artist, controls and mixes audio and video streams (through projectors) using just his hands. The multi-layer effect of projection and background banners among music creates an immersive feeling that generates excitement and reflection from audience. This is a research and graduation project in his study completion, at SAE Byron Bay. The presentation will last for one hour of intense use of senses and promises to be an enjoyment experience that will reach all ages with the same effect. **Saturday** at the **Byron YAC** – from 8.30pm.

PALACE BALLET

The Paris Opera Ballet special presentation *Celebrate Dance* is a must-see for dance beginners, enthusiasts and aficionados alike. Director of dance Brigitte Lefèvre has created a three-part cinema program including *The Défilé* (parade) of the Paris Opera Ballet, which has been filmed

for the first time ever. This 300-year tradition presents the entire company – 154 Paris Opera Ballet dancers, and 100 or so pupils from the Ballet School – under full stage conditions and is an amazing spectacle.

Celebrate Dance screens at **Palace Byron Bay Cinema** on **Sunday** at 1pm and **Wednesday** at 11am. Tickets \$15–24 available now at Palace box office or online at www.palacecinemas.com.au.



CELEBRATE DANCE AT THE PALACE IN BYRON ON SUNDAY

ALLO ALLO, IT'S THE FRENCH FILM FESTIVAL!

Romance, excitement, humour, high drama and high fashion – there's something for every taste in the **Alliance Française French Film Festival** screening this week at **Palace Byron Bay Cinema**. Highlights of the 18-film program include *Chance Encounter*, which brings together two of France's favourite stars, Sophie Marceau and François Cluzet, in a romantic comedy about a couple who seem perfect for each other – but, he is married and she has vowed never to date a married man. French cinema legend Catherine Deneuve continues her brilliant career in the subtly nuanced *In The Courtyard*, where Deneuve's panic-prone Mathilde develops an unlikely bond with ex-musician Antoine. *Saint Laurent*, a spectacular celebration of the famous and flamboyant designer's artistry, drive and inspiration, is a fascinating biopic about Yves Saint Laurent, exploring his relationships, neuroses, addictions and insecurities. One of the most-loved movies of 2011 was *The Intouchables* and *Samba* reunites that film's writing-

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directing duo Éric Toledano and Olivier Nakache with its star Omar Sy, in a story of a cross-cultural romance set against the backdrop of France's immigration challenges. Samba is a Senegalese refugee working as a dishwasher who dreams of being a chef. Charlotte Gainsbourg stars as his immigration caseworker and his only hope to stay in France. Another highly praised film that explores the less glamorous side of French life is *Girlhood*, a sensational film of female empowerment set in the tough neighbourhoods of Paris, described by *The Guardian* as 'a work of cinematic art'. Program and tickets available at Palace Byron Bay box office or online at www.palacecinemas.com.au.

ZEN AND THE ART OF DYING

For locals who missed this great and innovative film about local deathwalker and celebrant Zenith Virago at the recent Byron Bay Film Festival, there's a second chance, when ***Zen and the Art of Dying*** screens at **Pighouse Flicks** next **Monday**.

The film is a study of Zenith, her valuable work, and what led her to become a pioneer for our community in the way we do death

and ceremony over the past 20 years. It is also a wonderful celebration of our community, our deathstyle, one that really matches our lifestyle, and it features many people speaking about their loss, their loved ones, and their experience of a more meaningful and empowered approach. In Zenith's words, 'Byron is a great place to live, but it is a GREAT place to die'. Come and find out more about the extraordinary work of this very extraordinary woman. Starts at 8.30pm.

A CABARET DRILL

The Drill Hall Theatre Company's next production, ***A CABARET Alastair and Alice present...*** opens next Friday. Enjoy amazing tapas, plus a drink or two with friends before the show, in an intimate cafe-style setting. Say 'Hello' to the protagonists, Alastair and Alice, but, be aware they dream of doing something really exciting. Something as mind-blowing as producing their very own cabaret – a cabaret overflowing with a cast of almost 20 performers showcasing some hysterical comedy, unforgettable singing, sizzling electrifying dance routines, dazzling lighting effects and breath-taking specialty acts.

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With a little added help from their guardian angel, and, if the big-name cabaret artist agrees to perform, the show will definitely be a truly, unparalleled 'spectacular spectacular' entertainment event. **Friday** and **Saturday** from 8pm and **Sunday** at 5pm. Shows also the same times the following week.



KATIE BURCH AT THE BALLINA RSL AS ONE OF THE 'KINGS' OF COMEDY ON FRIDAY

KINGS OF COMEDY

With seven killer comics on the bill the **Kings of Comedy** tour is set to wow audiences. Touring more than 20 dates across NSW, this rare treat will be at **Ballina RSL Club** for a one-night gala of spectacular back-to-back comedy. Over two hilarious hours you will see true masters of their craft all for remarkable value. Starring Mikey Robbins, Chris Wainhouse, Cam Night, Katie Burch, Simon Kennedy, Steady Eddy and Tommy Dean.

All tickets through Ballina RSL Club Reception, via phone 6686 2544 or online at www.ballinarsl.com.au/entertainment.

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LISMORE REGIONAL GALLERY

The Archibald Prize has continued to be one of Australia's most prestigious art awards and never fails to draw interest, attention and debate. This year, 54 finalists were shortlisted by the trustees of the Art Gallery of New South Wales from 884 entries. Satellite venue, Lone Goat Gallery in Byron Bay Library building, also house some of the works, including the Packers Choice. An Art Gallery of New South Wales exhibition toured by museums and galleries of NSW touring regionally, at Lismore Regional Gallery until 12 April.

UPCOMING EXHIBITIONS 18 APRIL – 23 MAY 2015:

Dear Bodhi: Judy Cassab. Cassab has an enduring relationship with the northern rivers, primarily through her son John Seed, grandson Bodhi, and Bodhi Farm. The exhibition traces memories of family and landscape by this renowned Australian artist. It includes illustrated letters to Bodhi, written in the 80s, portraits of the family, and paintings Cassab made around the northern rivers, at The Channon, Bald Rock and Byron Bay.

TWEED REGIONAL GALLERY AND MARGARET OLLEY ART CENTRE

Friday 17 April – Sunday 14 June

The world is not a foreign land

An Ian Potter Museum of Arts and NETS Victoria touring exhibition curated by Quentin Sprague

This exhibition presents work by Timothy Cook, Djambawa Marawili, Ngarra, Rusty Peters, Freda Warlapinni and Nyapanyapa Yunupingu.

Crossing three geographical and culturally distinct regions – the Tiwi Islands, the Kimberley and northeastern Arnhem Land – each artist presents a strikingly different perspective on what constitutes Indigenous contemporary art. Seen together, their work also reveals a series of productive and meaningful relationships: a network of connections that ask audiences to consider how certain objects and practices might relate beyond the confines of existing categories.

Phone 6670 2790, artgallery.tweed.nsw.gov.au.



Ngarra Katcha 2006

Synthetic polymer paint on paper - 50 x 70 cm

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Cosmology in Me: Michael Philp. Born in 1966 in Tweed Heads, Michael Philp is a Minjungbal man, a tribe of the Bundjalung nation. His father was a white fisherman and his mother was a Murri woman. Philp's lyrical, poignant works are about experiences that have affected him and this exhibition brings together two bodies of work from different periods of his life.

LOUD IN THE GALLERY AT NRCG

Northern Rivers Community Gallery (NRCG) presents LOUD in the Gallery! A dynamic exhibition celebrating National Youth Week, with final-year works from Alstonville High, Ballina High, Southern Cross School K-12, Xavier Catholic College and Emmanuel Anglican College. These HSC works explore a range of subject matters including identity, social issues and spiritual connections. A must-see event in NRCG's and the region's annual arts calendar. Exhibition runs until Sunday 26 April.

The May showcase provides visitors with a special opportunity to view an international award-winning audiovisual work by Grayson Cooke. The work titled *AgX* is an art-science project about memory and forgetting; it features time-lapse macro-photography of photographic negatives being chemically destroyed.

NRCG Ballina, phone 6681 6167. ballina.nsw.gov.au/nrcg.

BYRON SCHOOL OF ART

Byron School of Art has a great range of upcoming short courses and workshops on offer in printmaking, sculpture, encaustic, painting and drawing.

Artist Dominique Sutton will be teaching an evening class in April on drawing to sculpture – looking at innovative approaches to ideas using a wide variety of materials, so contact BSA to ensure a place.

The Project Space can be hired for group and solo exhibitions among other creative projects.

Visit the BSA website for all the details and subscribe online to receive newsletters about future events.

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Friday 19 April 10am-4.30pm Artist at work: Neil Plim will be in the Gallery Foyer creating new work, having a yarn and demonstrating his techniques in pyrography

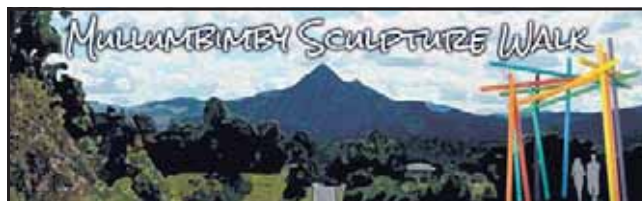
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Having public art in the Mullum townscape is getting closer. Mullumbimby Sculpture Walk, a project backed by Mullum Chamber of Commerce and Byron Shire Council, is making another step towards realisation with a pledge from Creative Partnerships Australia for \$10,000 – if the same amount is raised by crowdfunding first. Your \$20 or \$50 is needed now; make a donation (it's tax deductible). See mullumsculpturewalk.com.au.



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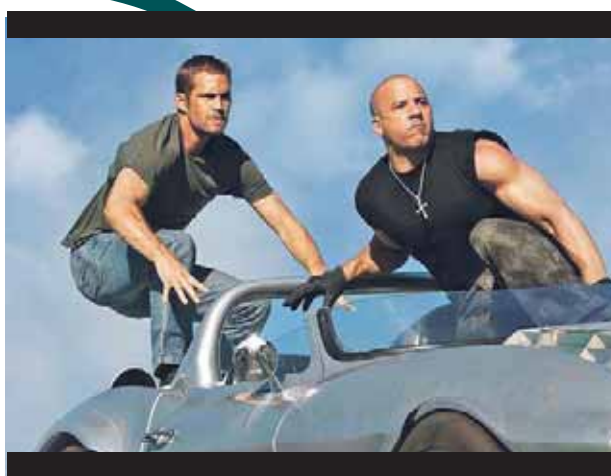
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Plenty of wonderful little films, without the backing of a PR juggernaut, completely slip under the radar. This is one such film. Asa Butterfield, who almost got *Hugo* over the line, is Nathan, the gifted but autistic son of widowed Julie (Sally Hawkins). After the trauma of losing his father, Nathan finds a friend in Mr Humphreys (Rafe Spall), a devoted if unorthodox schoolteacher whose multiple sclerosis affords him an insight into his star pupil's sense of alienation. When nominations for inclusion in the British team for the International Mathematics Olympiad are sought, Nathan is encouraged to go for it by

Humphreys and team leader Richard (a bearded Eddie Marsan in a rare opportunity to act upbeat). Rising above adversity and conquering timidity is a journey that is far too often treated as cheesy melodrama – especially when teens are involved – but director Morgan Matthews, with a long CV of television docos to his credit, takes a quieter, more watchful approach. We are all familiar with the issues being teased out and don't need to be spoon-fed. Things get even cosier for us when Nathan and the team fly to Taipei for training and acclimatisation before the big event. He is billeted at the house of another competitor, the gorgeous Zhang Mei (Jo Yang), and both youngsters' hearts and minds meet in unison.

At which point you may think that the story is a no-brainer, the conclusion foregone – but there is so much more to it than that. Self-discovery is never attained by formula, love and forgiveness never found without breaking through barriers of doubt, and learning is always about much more than just numerical equations. Butterfield holds back and never crosses that line into gauche caricature (the infant Nathan is also well played by Edward Baker-Close), Spall and Marsan complement each other perfectly as Nathan's spiritual and practical mentors, Hawkins is reliably adorable in her fragile, give-everything way, while Jo Yang you will love to bits (the kids' first stolen kiss is to die for). Don't miss it.



FAST AND FURIOUS 7

Tough guys are such bores, aren't they? In real life, they manifest themselves as creeps like Jeremy Clarkson, who punches underlings in the face if his lunch isn't ready. Onscreen they are personified by the ridiculous Vin Diesel, an actor who never ceases to amaze when he exhibits the ability to actually talk (script editors, not daring to push the envelope too far, rarely give him lines of more than half-a-dozen words). Dom (Diesel) and his crew of gun-toting revheads are back to wreak worldwide

joyous mayhem. This time, while on the hunt for a hi-tech gizmo that has fallen into a villain's possession, they are also being pursued by Shaw (Jason Statham, of the Sequoia school of acting), a hard man seeking vengeance for his brother. If there are subtleties to the plot and characterisations they passed me by – but then again, I did develop a splitting headache in the first scene, which was taken up by drag racing and girls' bums bursting out of skimpy skirts. I note with disbelief and despair that this grievously vacuous movie has been lauded in many quarters and I can only imagine that the bouquets rained on it have been for its sfx, for they are

spectacular. But so they should be, for a g'zillion bucks have been lavished on them. As for execution, James Wan has made an exceptional action flick, but if, like me, you respond to endless car chases and explosions and shootings and fistfights in the same way that an anaphylactic reacts to a peanut, then you will struggle to see this one through to the end. For mine, it is imbecilic and infantile fantasy, high camp, testosterone-addled dross aimed at a depressingly dumbed down audience, the product of a zombie culture. Tyrese Gibson and Ludacris offer some halfway decent jive humour, the dedication to Paul Walker at the close is maudlin even by Hollywood's

tawdry standards, and who would have thunk that all the women in grotesque Abu Dhabi get about in tiny bikinis?

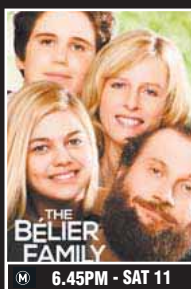
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- MIDDLE PUB, MULLUMBIMBY 8PM **KRAPPYOKEE**
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☾ Third quarter	April 12	13:44				
☾ New moon	April 19	04:57				
☾ First quarter	April 26	09:55				
Day of month	Sun rise	Sun set	Moon rise	Moon set	High tide, height (m)	Low tide, height (m)
1 W	0655	1844	1649	0352	0717,1.55; 1953,1.47	0108,0.61; 1342,0.49
2 T	0656	1843	1723	0443	0757,1.57; 2027,1.53	0149,0.55; 1415,0.46
3 F	0657	1842	1757	0534	0833,1.58; 2059,1.59	0228,0.50; 1446,0.44
4 S	0657	1840	1832	0626	0909,1.58; 2130,1.64	0304,0.47; 1516,0.43
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5 S	0558	1739	1807	0617	0845,1.56; 2102,1.67	0240,0.44; 1446,0.44
6 M	0558	1738	1845	0710	0920,1.53; 2136,1.69	0317,0.43; 1517,0.46
7 T	0559	1737	1925	0804	0959,1.48; 2213,1.69	0357,0.44; 1551,0.50
8 W	0559	1736	2009	0858	1039,1.43; 2252,1.67	0438,0.47; 1627,0.54
9 T	0600	1735	2057	0953	1124,1.37; 2336,1.64	0524,0.50; 1707,0.59
10 F	0600	1734	2149	1047	1215,1.31	0615,0.53; 1755,0.64
11 S	0601	1733	2245	1140	0028,1.61; 1315,1.55	0715,0.55; 1854,0.69
12 S	0601	1732	2344	1231	0129,1.58; 1425,1.28	0821,0.54; 2006,0.70
13 M	0602	1731		1320	0239,1.59; 1538,1.34	0929,0.50; 2123,0.66
14 T	0603	1730	0046	1406	0349,1.63; 1643,1.45	1030,0.42; 2234,0.57
15 W	0603	1728	0150	1451	0454,1.70; 1739,1.58	1125,0.35; 2337,0.46
16 T	0604	1727	0254	1535	0552,1.76; 1830,1.71	1215,0.28
17 F	0604	1726	0400	1619	0646,1.78; 1918,1.82	0035,0.35; 1303,0.25
18 S	0605	1725	0506	1704	0740,1.77; 2006,1.90	0130,0.28; 1349,0.25
19 S	0605	1724	0612	1750	0831,1.73; 2053,1.94	0224,0.23; 1434,0.29
20 M	0606	1723	0717	1838	0923,1.65; 2140,1.94	0316,0.23; 1519,0.35
21 T	0607	1722	0820	1929	1015,1.55; 2227,1.89	0409,0.27; 1604,0.44
22 W	0607	1721	0920	2021	1106,1.45; 2314,1.80	0502,0.34; 1649,0.54
23 T	0608	1720	1015	2114	1159,1.36	0556,0.43; 1736,0.64
24 F	0608	1719	1106	2208	0002,1.70; 1253,1.29	0651,0.51; 1827,0.73
25 S	0609	1719	1152	2302	0054,1.60; 1353,1.25	0748,0.58; 1926,0.79
26 S	0609	1718	1234	2354	0150,1.52; 1457,1.26	0845,0.62; 2033,0.81
27 M	0610	1717	1312		0253,1.47; 1559,1.30	0940,0.62; 2143,0.80
28 T	0611	1716	1349	0046	0354,1.45; 1652,1.37	1030,0.61; 2245,0.75
29 W	0611	1715	1423	0137	0449,1.46; 1736,1.45	1115,0.57; 2338,0.68
30 T	0612	1714	1457	0228	0537,1.48; 1815,1.53	1154,0.54

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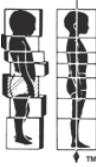
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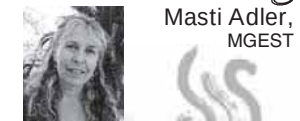
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Renewable energy industry soaring as Chinese demand grows

Theresa Elflein

Production of wind turbines and solar panels soared in 2014, thanks to growing demand from China. This rebound follows a slowdown in demand from developed countries and issues of overcapacity in recent years.

According to the Global Wind Energy Council, the global wind industry grew by 44 per cent in 2014, with over 50GW of capacity added.

At the same time, global production of solar panels rose by 30 per cent, with a capacity of 4GW added in 2014.

The Danish company Vestas is now the world's leading wind turbine manufacturer, followed by Germany's Siemens, China's Goldwind and General Electric of the US.

The top three solar panel

producers of 2014 are based in China. Trina Solar leads the figures in 2014, followed by Yingli Green Energy and JinkoSolar. Canadian Solar came fourth, followed by Sharp Corp of Japan.

Challenges

One reason underlying the boost in wind energy capacity was a rush to build wind farms in China, ahead of a feared subsidy cut.

However, according to Aris Karcianas, a managing director at business advisory group FTI Consulting, this masked the 'underlying challenges facing the industry'.

'The market is still very much dependent on subsidies,' he said, pointing to a potential collapse of the US market this year if Congress fails to revise its wind power production tax credit.

The same issue had lead to a sharp slowdown after rapid growth of solar panel production in recent years.

According to findings in the Global Wind Supply Chain Update 2015, released in January by FTI Consulting, 25 per cent of all wind turbine suppliers – 120 in number – have collapsed or stayed out of business in the last two years.

Karcianas criticised the 'challenging economic and political climate', which forces turbine vendors to 'shed low value assets and opt for outsourcing'.

Feng Zhao, director at FTI Consulting and head of wind energy within the FTI-CL Energy practice, described the non-participation of vendors as 'a dangerous signal to governments'.

He said, 'To bring wind to-

wards a position where it can compete head to head with conventional energy sources, it is imperative to find a balance between maintaining attractive and certain policy and reducing the burden on governments and consumers caused by paying renewable energy subsidy.'

Whereas previously, solar panel production was strongly geared to subsidised demand for panels in developed countries, especially Europe, China now needs to promote domestic installations as an outlet for their solar panel production, which accounts for 75 per cent of global panel manufacturing.

According to Ankit Mathur, project manager for alternative energy at Global Data, China's simplified approvals and permits for solar generation from build-

ings and other decentralised sources help achieve this, and contributed strongly to the aforementioned 30 per cent growth in solar panel production.

Ahead of demand

Meanwhile, the supply of solar panels still exceeds demand despite the growth, with 15 per cent more solar panels produced than merited by demand, according to the estimation by GlobalData.

A large contributing factor is the unwillingness of the Chinese government to allow solar producers to fold. Instead, takeovers and mergers have been instrumented by local governments, such as last year's buyout of the bankrupt Suntech, formerly the largest solar panel producer in the world.

Global demand for solar pan-

els is set to grow continually according to future projections taking both increasing government emission targets, and dropping costs for panels – 80 per cent since 2008 – into account.

India recently announced ambitious renewable energy targets, with an aim for 100,000MW of solar energy generation by 2020, while also Japan, the Caribbean and the Middle East show increasing interest in large-scale solar energy generation.

Within the next ten years, solar energy is likely to become the cheapest source of electricity in many regions of the world, a report from German think tank Agora Energiewende says.

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Forging a future in green steelmaking: CSIRO

Australian smart technology that harvests blast furnace waste and converts it into a new product to make cement is being trialled for commercialisation in China where 60 per cent of the world's iron waste is produced.

The process, known as Dry Slag Granulation, also reduces water use and greenhouse gas emissions, and is the focus of an agreement signed by CSIRO and the Beijing MCC Equipment Research & Design Corporation (MCCE).

The signing of the agreement, to demonstrate CSIRO's Dry Slag Granulation (DSG) technology at industrial scale is a landmark for Australia-China research collaboration and for environmentally friendly metal production, according to CSIRO director of the mineral resources Flagship, Jonathan Law.

'Exciting'

'Our collaboration is an exciting step towards the uptake of an innovation with real prospects of transforming the productivity and environmental performance of global iron smelting,' Mr Law said. 'The benefits from wide uptake of DSG technology on blast furnaces will be profound in helping the global industry to reduce water and energy use and greenhouse gas emissions while sustaining metal production.'

The DSG technology that is fitted to blast furnaces includes a spinning disc and granulation chamber that separates molten slag into droplets under centrifugal force, uses air to quench and solidify the droplets, and extracts a granulated slag product as well as heated air.

The process produces a

'glassy' product that is ideal for cement manufacture, but has significantly lower associated greenhouse gas emissions than cement produced by conventional methods.

Air at 500-600°C extracted from the DSG process can be used onsite for drying, preheating or steam generation.

The technology also saves water and eliminates the underground water pollution that can be associated with alternative wet granulation processes.

'The benefits each year from full commercialisation and adoption of DSG technology are in the order of 60 billion litres of water, 800 petajoules of heat energy and 60 million tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions,' Mr Law said.

'Those savings are equivalent to 14 per cent of Australia's energy use and about ten per cent of our greenhouse gas emissions each year.'

R&D skills

In entering the collaboration with MCCE, CSIRO has recognised the R&D reputation of the Beijing-based company and its ability to scale up the technology and introduce

it into China, where 60 per cent of the world's 300 million tonnes of iron blast furnace slag is produced each year.

Under the agreement MCCE is to scale up and demonstrate the technology at industrial scale and, upon success, commercialise it in China and then potentially worldwide.

The agreement is the culmination of more than a decade of DSG technology development by CSIRO and industry partners including Arrium and BlueScope.

This work covered initial design and proof-of-concept stages through to the construction and operation of prototype DSG pilot plants at small, intermediate and large scales.

'DSG is just one of the CSIRO innovations in sustainable steel production and one of many solutions we have found for national and global challenges in the minerals industry,' Mr Law said.

'The DSG project is a good example of reward from continuous R&D investment and we look forward to working closely with MCCE to bring it to full fruition.'

Drop forest biomass burning as 'renewable': MFC

Markets For Change is calling on federal MPs not to target forest biomass as 'renewable energy'

'It is increasingly recognised in Europe that renewable energy policy encouraging the burning of forest biomass for electricity has been a mistaken policy that is actually contributing to carbon emissions and adversely affecting natural forests around the world,' said Markets For Change CEO Peg Putt from Brussels.

'We urge the government and all MPs in Canberra not to target forests for energy production, but instead to go with genuine, clean renewable energy. The push to burn forests is the new woodchipping, much desired by an ailing native forest sector but it is no climate solution, as new analyses demonstrate.'

Ms Putt has been attending a series of meetings in Europe focused on the latest science regarding large scale combustion of forest material and its implications for renewable energy policy.

'It is increasingly recognised that burning forests for

electricity is not carbon neutral at all, but in fact emits climate-changing carbon dioxide in large quantities as it annihilates important carbon stocks.

'This has been the subject of several meetings I have attended in the UK and Brussels over the past two weeks, including at Chatham House, a highly regarded international think tank.

'The claim that because trees grow again it is okay to burn them now to tackle global warming is mistaken and simplistic, because re-growing a forest will take many decades or even centuries to recover the emissions created, which can be as high or higher than those from burning coal.

'Many in Europe are looking to correct erroneous carbon accounting rules for forests that are applied under the Kyoto Protocol.

'Our government should lead with the best and latest knowledge rather than seeking to apply outdated policies that the rest of the world is set to abandon.'

See more about MFC at www.marketsforchange.org.

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Drop unfair plan to lower pension indexation: ACOSS

The Australian Council of Social Service (ACOSS) issued a call last week to the federal parliament to reject the plan to lower the indexation of pensions that would severely impact upon all pensioners, and instead focus on eligibility for the part-pension and reforming the unfair retirement incomes system, including superannuation tax concessions.

'The decision to reduce the indexation of pensions in the last Budget came as a great sur-

prise to most of us, especially to pensioners,' said ACOSS CEO Dr Cassandra Goldie.

'It would effectively lead to people on pensions, including older people, sole parents, and people with disabilities, falling behind community living standards.

'We know these groups are already struggling to get by on a daily basis and if this measure goes ahead, they would lose as much as \$80 per week over the next ten years based on modelling by the Na-

tional Commission of Audit.

'This would be a massive cut to the income of some of the most vulnerable people in our community, who simply could not afford to absorb it.

'The last thing we should be doing is reducing indexation of payments for pensioners down to the inadequate indexation which is still in place for people struggling to survive on allowances, including young people on Youth Allowance (just \$30 a day) and unemployed people on

Newstart (just \$37 a day).

'Two thirds of people on Newstart and Youth Allowance have been on these payments for over a year.

'We urge the government, opposition parties and cross-benchers to work together on alternative solutions to ensure the sustainability of retirement incomes system into the future. This must include reform to better target the Age Pension to those who need it and to superannuation tax concessions as part of the tax review.'

Byron Shire Echo archives: www.echo.net.au/byron-echo



COUNCIL CONTACT DETAILS

Council administration centre 6626 7000
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Community Access Points: Documents on exhibition are available for review at the Council Administration Centre (Mullumbimby), Bangalow Post Office, Chincogan Real Estate Ocean Shores, Suffolk Beachfront Holiday Park and Brunswick Heads Library.

LODGING 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.

WEED CONTROL

Weed control spraying will be conducted on Council's road and footpath network commencing Monday 13 April 2015 to Friday 19 June 2015 on the following roads:

Regional Roads

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

Urban Roads within town areas of:

- Bangalow
- Brunswick Heads
- Byron Bay
- Mullumbimby
- New Brighton
- Ocean Shores
- South Golden Beach
- Suffolk Park

Additionally, selected weed control will be undertaken at:

- Apex Park Byron Bay – Crows Foot eradication
- Byron Recreational ground – Crows Foot eradication
- Bamboo stand in Council reserve opposite swimming pool – Jubilee Avenue, Mullumbimby
- Brunswick Heads Treatment Plant – Madeira Vine eradication

Details of specific dates and locations can be obtained by telephoning the Council Works Depot Office on 6685 9300 between 8.00am and 4.00pm, Monday to Friday.

In the event of inclement weather all variations to these dates will be advertised on Council's webpage.

Enquiries: Karen Mackay 02 6685 9319

POLICY EXHIBITION

Asset Management Policy

At Council's Ordinary Meeting held on 5 February 2015 it resolved to place the draft amended Asset Management Policy on public exhibition for a period of 28 days for the making of public submissions. The Policy is available for viewing at Council's Administration Office, community access points around the Shire and on Council's website at www.byron.nsw.gov.au/public-exhibition.

Note: If no submissions are received on the Policy it will be adopted after the exhibition date.

Submissions close: Wednesday 22 April 2015

Enquiries: Phil Warner 02 6626 7165

For information on lodging a submission, and where to address it, refer to the "Lodging a Submission" section within Council's advertising.

POLICY EXHIBITION

Draft Environmental Levy Implementation Policy

The Draft Environmental Levy Implementation Policy is on public exhibition for a period of 28 days from 8 April to 6 May 2015. The Policy is available for viewing at Council's Administration Office and on Council's website at www.byron.nsw.gov.au/public-exhibition.

The Environmental Levy is a key revenue source to assist in the implementation of Council endorsed environmental plans and strategies. The objectives of the policy are to inform the allocation of revenue raised through the Environmental Levy and to outline the arrangements for allocating and managing the Environmental Levy funds.

Submissions close: Wednesday 6 May 2015

Enquiries: Sharyn French 02 6626 7126

For information on lodging a submission, and where to address it, refer to the "Lodging a Submission" section within Council's advertising.

PUBLIC EXHIBITION OF DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

Environmental Planning & Assessment Act, 1979

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

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

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

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

EXHIBITION CLOSES: 21 APRIL 2015

10.2015.134.1 – OCEAN SHORES

29 Goondooloo Drive (Lot 1313 DP 243480)

MS K D Barnes and Mr Bown: Multi dwelling development (three units)

10.2008.498.2 – EWINGSDALE

William Flick Lane (Lot 25 DP 877915)

Mr A J Kennedy: S96 - change of use approved recreational facility (10.2008.498.1) from yoga studio to health studio

10.2013.155.4 – BYRON BAY

74 Centennial Circuit (Lot 73 DP 849226)

Centennial Developments Pty Ltd: S96 - to amend staging floor plans and use of unit No 2 (12 factory units and associated parking, stage construction and use of unit 12 as a recreational facility (Gym))

10.2011.508.2 – BRUNSWICK HEADS

5 Mona Lane (Lot 2 DP 514906)

Planners North: S96 - to alter design (demolition of existing residential flat building and construction of a new residential flat building with three units)

10.2015.144.1 – BYRON BAY

96-100 Bangalow Road (Lot 3 DP 627556)

Mr P J De Fina: Construction of seven tourist accommodation cabins

10.2015.152.1 – BYRON BAY

6 Oodgeroo Gardens (Lot 7 DP 1185068)

Chris Loneragan - Town Planner: Multi dwelling housing comprising four detached dwellings, swimming pool and strata subdivision

10.2000.348.7 – BANGALOW

220 Fowlers Lane (Lot 4 DP 707671)

Mr P J Richmond: S96 - delete condition B8 (access and crossing over creek) and accept a cash contribution instead

PUBLIC EXHIBITION – PLANNING PROPOSAL TO AMEND BYRON LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN 2014

For property at 226 Fowlers Lane, Bangalow (Lot 6 DP 261219)

The Planning Proposal to amend the Multiple Occupancy and Community Title Map of the Byron Local Environmental Plan (LEP) 2014 is on exhibition for a period of 14 days and is available at Council's administration centre, Bangalow Post Office or on Council's website at www.byron.nsw.gov.au/public-exhibition.

The intent of the Planning Proposal is to allow multiple rural dwellings (known as a Multiple Occupancy development) to be permissible with Council consent at 226 Fowlers Lane, Bangalow (Lot 6 DP 261219). The Minister for Planning and Environment has issued an authorisation for Council to exercise delegation to make this LEP amendment.

Submissions Close: 4.00pm Wednesday 22 April 2015

Enquiries: Julie Francombe 02 6626 7118

For information on lodging a submission, and where to address it, refer to the "Lodging a submission" section within Council's advertising.

PROVISION OF BLOCK ADVERTISING AND ASSOCIATED PUBLIC ADVERTISEMENTS

Request For Quotation 2015-0008

Council invites quotations for a contract to provide Council's block advertising and associated public advertisements. Details of the proposed contract and the requirements of the successful supplier under it are set out in the Quotation Documentation referred to below.

Quotation documents may be obtained on Council's website at www.byron.nsw.gov.au/requests-for-quotation.

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

Quotations close: 2.00pm Thursday 16 April 2015

Enquiries: Mila Jones 02 6626 7127

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

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS DETERMINED

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

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

APPLICATIONS APPROVED

10.2015.85.1 – BYRON BAY 19 Brownell Drive (Lot 10 DP 251131)
Alterations to a dwelling and construct an expanded dwelling module

10.2015.117.1 - OCEAN SHORES 89 Orana Road (Lot 447 DP 238451)
Deck extension

10.2015.81.1 – BRUNSWICK HEADS 13 Byron Street (Lot 1 DP 364562)
Use of existing and proposed new alterations and additions to an existing dwelling house (decks)

10.2015.120.1 – BANGALOW Byron Street (Road Reserve)
Tree removal – one tree

10.2015.69.1 – BILLINUDGEL 7 Bonanza Drive (Lot 25 DP 850926)
Construction of mezzanine storage

10.2015.141.1 – OCEAN SHORES 23 Yamble Drive (Lot 127 DP 238450)
Tree removal – three trees

10.2015.37.1 – MAIN ARM 4 Moran Close (Lot 4 DP 1195917)
New dwelling and use of existing shed as a temporary dwelling

10.2015.142.1 – SOUTH GOLDEN BEACH 4 Elizabeth Avenue (Lot 241 DP 31166)
Tree removal – one tree

10.2015.21.1 – OCEAN SHORES 12 Tindara Avenue (Lot 204 DP 238456)
Secondary dwelling, driveway and carport (staged development)

10.2015.112.1 – SUFFOLK PARK 162 Broken Head Road (Lot 10 DP 228502)
Construct 2.1m high front fence

APPLICATIONS WITHDRAWN

10.2014.6.1 – TYAGARAH 95 Yarun Road (Lot 49 DP 881232)

To construct an animal shelter and undertake a special purpose subdivision to create a 0.38ha lot upon which the animal shelter will be situated

PUBLIC EXHIBITION

Byron Shire Coastal Area Vegetation Mapping

Following a Council resolution from 26 February 2015 meeting, the draft vegetation mapping for the coastal area of the Shire will be on public exhibition for a period of 6 weeks between 18 March and 29 April 2015.

Council has reviewed and updated the vegetation mapping for the coastal area of the Shire. Vegetation mapping was initially carried out in 1999 and previously reviewed in 2007. The current review is required to improve the accuracy of the mapping and reflect changes in vegetation extent and composition over time.

Council encourages landholders to review the vegetation mapping for their property and notify Council via a written submission if the mapping is not representative of what is on the land. In assessing submissions received, Council may request to undertake a site inspection to assess the vegetation for the purpose of updating the maps.

The draft vegetation mapping is available electronically only and can be downloaded from Council's website at www.byron.nsw.gov.au/public-exhibition. Details of the study area and mapping process are also available at the above web address. Internet access will also be available at Council's administration office and Byron Bay, Brunswick Heads and Mullumbimby libraries. A booking may be required for use of non-wifi internet at the libraries.

If you require further assistance or advice to interpret the maps or supporting information contact Council on 6626 7324. You can make an appointment with staff to review maps and discuss further if required.

Submissions close: 4.00pm 29 April 2015

Enquiries: Angus Underwood 02 6626 7324

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Byron juniors play rep AFL

Recently the Primary Schools Sports Association had their North Coast AFL trials at Yamba where 80 players from across the region played in a series of games to be considered for the regional team.

Byron Bay Public School was well represented with seven students trying out for the 22 positions on that team.

Students Seth Carter, Kolbi Wood, Finn Reece, Diesel Drury and Keshava Raju were successful in gaining selection into the team to play the stage AFL Championships in Sydney later on this year.

Barry Spry who is a teacher at Byron Bay and also the PSSA North Coast AFL manager said that the boys all impressed the coaching staff with their skill, endeavour and commitment during the selection trials. 'AFL is a very fast game and requires a lot of stamina and endurance,' said Mr Spry. 'All the boys exhibited these qualities. In fact this is the second year that Diesel and Keshava



have represented their school at State AFL. The school and their parents are very proud of their achievements.'

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Pilot program to PlayNRL

A new pilot program will help schools increase the number of students playing rugby league as part of the Australian Government's plan to get more children active and healthy through its Sporting Schools program.

The Australian Sports Commission has joined with the NRL to launch the new Sporting Schools NRL pilot program: PlayNRL.

Australian Sports Commission CEO Simon Hollingsworth said the \$100 million Sporting Schools program was Australia's largest school-based participation initiative for children.

'Children right across Australia should have equal access to the benefits of sport, no matter whether they live in regional towns or capital cities,' said Mr Hollingsworth. 'I encourage schools, coaches and sporting groups to register on the Sporting Schools website and get involved in a program that aims to foster a lifelong interest in sport.'

Mr Hollingsworth said the program will help bring schools and sports together to provide a supportive environment that encourages participation for more than 850,000 Australian children.

'Rugby league is such an iconic Australian sport and

like all Sporting Schools initiatives it's a great way for children to have fun while getting physically active.

'We are excited to be partnering with NRL as well as many of Australia's key participation sports to develop the Sporting Schools program.

'From bowls to tennis, swimming to rugby league, we are committed to providing an environment for Australian school children to get involved in sport-based activity before, during and after school.

'This participation at an early age is critical to help children develop a deep connection to sport and healthy and active lifestyles.'

Each year more than 5,700 schools will be funded through Sporting Schools for practical delivery of sports activities that suit their local needs.

Sporting Schools pilot programs involving 12 sports will continue to be rolled out over the next few months, with the program to include more than 30 sports in total from July 2015.

PlayNRL will be made available to all schools as part of the Sporting Schools program once the current pilot is completed at the end of June.



Byron Shire Council Notices

CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST Sustainable Economy Committee

Council is seeking the following suitably qualified external representatives to become members on the newly established Sustainable Economy Committee, as follows:

- Five industry members, each representing key economic driver industries in the Byron Shire economy – tourism, creative industries, agriculture & food production, education and business services.
- Two community members who are not associated with any particular industry and of whom at least one is from a rural area.
- One member from an environmental organisation or who has significant experience in the delivery of environmentally sustainable projects and/or activities.

Committee members will have an interest in a relevant industry sector, strong communication skills, a willingness to contribute and be capable of informing and motivating others. They will readily act solely in the best interests of sustainable economic development in the Shire and will have the ability and willingness to be an ambassador, representing the Shire positively to media, industry organisations and visitors.

It is highly desirable that committee members have expertise in areas such as marketing, business development, business operations, experience with relevant community or regional organisations and an understanding of the current and future needs of the shire regarding the development of a sustainable economy.

The term of appointment for committee members is to align with the term of Council and appointments are in a voluntary capacity only.

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

Expressions of Interest close: Friday 17 April 2015

Enquiries: Jane Lavery 02 6626 7222

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

DRINKING WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN

Installation and annual test of backflow devices for commercial, industrial and mixed developments

Council is committed to protecting the quality of the drinking water reticulation system within the Byron Shire. The backflow prevention policy deals with the prevention of backflow of water from customers' systems back into the potable water distribution and reticulation systems. Preventing this flow reversal (backflow) reduces the possibility of contaminants entering the potable water supply.

The policy provides monitoring and response procedures while identifying hazard(s) and adopts a preventative risk management approach for the entire supply line from catchment to consumer.

Water supply connections are identified where there is the potential of contamination by chemicals and pathogens. Industrial, commercial and mixed business connections are rated as a high

MULLUMBIMBY TRUNK WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT

Request for Tender No: 2014-0039

Byron Shire Council (Council) invites tenders for a proposed contract for the supply and construction of the Mullumbimby Trunk Water Main Replacement. Details of the proposed contract and the assessment criteria are set out in the Request for Tender documentation referred to below.

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

A mandatory tender briefing/site inspection will be held on Thursday 16 April 2015 at Wilsons Creek Road, Mullumbimby.

Tenders close: 2.00pm (NSW Time) Thursday 30 April 2015

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

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

IMMUNISATION CLINICS

Free Immunisation clinics are held in conjunction with the North Coast Area Health Service each month at:

- **Bangalow Community Health**, 35 Granuaille Road, Bangalow Thursday 9 April 2015 (**2nd Thursday of each month**), 1.30pm-3.30pm;

- **Brunswick Heads Community Centre**, South Beach Road, Brunswick Heads Thursday 23 April 2015 (**4th Thursday of each month**), 1.30pm-3.30pm.

The following vaccines are provided: **Infanrix-Hexa** (diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, hepatitis B, HIB & polio); **Prevenar** (pneumococcal); **Rotarix** (rotavirus); **Menitorix** (meningococcal and HIB); **Priorix-Tetra** (varicella & measles, mumps, rubella); **Infanrix-IPV** (diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, polio); **MMR** (measles, mumps, rubella).

PLEASE NOTE: Appointments are required and can be made by phoning 02 6687 0000. Also bring your child's immunisation records (Blue Book) and Medicare card.

Immunisation enquiries: contact Community Health Immunisation Co-ordinator 02 6687 0012 or Environmental Services at Byron Shire Council 02 6626 7054.

hazard and are required to have a Backflow Prevention Device installed. Council's priority is to ensure that these connections are compliant and are tested every 12 months.

Council officers will be contacting business, commercial and industrial property owners over the next few months with advice and information in relation to specific backflow protection requirements.

Further information is available on Council's website or contact Bob Harris on 02 6626 7018.



Lennox Head surfer Tyler Wright stormed through her Round 4 heat posting a near perfect 9.13 (out of a possible 10 points) to earn her place in the quarterfinals of the Rip Curl Pro Bells Beach. Photo WSL / Kelly Cestari

SPORTS RESULTS ARE POSTED ONLINE EACH WEEK IN ECHONETDAILY

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www.echo.net.au/category/sport/results

www.byron.nsw.gov.au



On The Horizon

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Landcare

Byron Shire Chemical Free Landcare next working bee Saturday 11 April, 8am–12 noon, at Brunswick Heads Crown Land Reserve site. More information Nadia 0478 272 300 or www.byronshirechemicalfreelandcare.org.

Mullum library

Make a rainbow in a bottle, children ages 5+, at Mullumbimby library Thursday 9 April at 2pm. Booking essential

6684 2992. Magenta's dream workshops Monday 13 April at 10.30am. Info: 6684 2992.

Mindfulness

Mindfulness Movement & Music, with live music by Cleis Pearce, Sunday 12 April, Suffolk Park Community Hall, 9.30–11.30, by donation.

Senior Citizens

Mullumbimby Senior Citizens meet on Monday 13 April in the Pioneer Hall Gordon Street at 1pm. All Seniors welcome. Phone Roma 6684 2572.

Archibald Prize

As a satellite venue to Lismore Regional Gallery, the selected Archibald Prize artworks for Lone Goat Gallery include winner of the People's Choice Award, Vincent Fantauzzo. Runs

until Sunday 12 April. Gallery open every day 10am–4pm.
Grant Writing
Grant-writing Workshop Thursday 16 April 5.30pm at the Byron Community Centre's Veranda Room. Book – volunteers@byroncentre.com.au for an application form. Numbers limited.

Suffolk dunecare

Suffolk Park Dune Care is on Saturday 11 April at 8.30am meeting along the bike track leading north; look for the banner. Phone Helen 6685 4964.

Camera Club

Ballina Camera Club print meeting this Thursday 9 April, commencing at 6.30pm at the Kentwell Community Centre. Enquiries Mark 6686 6915.

OS art exhibition

10th Annual Ocean Shores Country Club Art Competition/Exhibition gala anniversary opening Thursday 16 April 6.30pm at the Ocean Shores Country Club. Entry fee includes drink and finger food.

Book fair

Thousands of fiction and non-fiction books, CDs, DVDs, magazines and games at Friends of the Library's Book Fair, Byron Bay Surf Life Saving Club, Saturday 11 April 9am–5pm and Sunday 12 April 10am–1pm.

Palliative support

Tweed Palliative Support annual training for volunteers to support people in their homes and at the newly opened

Wedgetail Hospice Retreat. Wednesdays 9.30am–3pm, 15 April till 10 June. Phone 6672 8459. Urgently need new volunteers: volunteers – info@tweedpalliativesupport.com.au.

VIEW club

Brunswick Valley VIEW club next luncheon meeting Thursday 9 April 10.30am at Brunswick Heads Bowling Club. Apologies please to Rae 0427 103 072 by Monday 6.

ADFAS Byron Bay

The Seven Wonders of the Ancient World: a talk by Prof Alastair Blanshard of University of Queensland, Monday 13 April at 6.30pm at the A&I

Hall, Bangalow. Doors open 6pm. ADFAS members free, guests \$25.

Skate Comp

As part of National Youth Week the Byron Youth Service is holding an all-age family-friendly skating competition at the Brunswick Skate Park, Sunday 19 April 10am–4pm. Free skate coaching, prizes to be won and free barbecue.

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.

Regular As Clockwork

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Bay Singers

The Bay Singers (BB Community Choir) meets Mondays 10.30–11.30 at the Community Centre each week. More info: easwain@bigpond.com.

Quota Club

Quota Club of Brunswick Valley meets every 1st Thursday of the month at the Ocean Shores Country Club at 6pm. Ph 0439 733 763 for more info.

Bridge Club

Brunswick Valley Bridge Club meets at Brunswick Heads Bowling Club on Mondays and Saturdays 12.30 for 12.45 start. Visitors welcome. Player liaison officer Phyllis Keyte (6684 1103) if you need a partner. Lessons: Barbara Powell 6680 5948.

Landcare

Bangalow Land and Rivercare working bee every Saturday 8.30–10.30am. See www.bangalowlandcare.org.au or call Liz 66871309 for further information.

Tennis

Ocean Shores Tennis Club Mon and Wed mornings 8.30–11.30 at Water Lily Park. New players welcome. Phone 6680 5791.

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). **Buddhist meditation** teaching and practice now at the Living Yoga Sanga, first floor, 63 Stuart Street, Mullumbimby,

6–7.30pm, Mondays. Contact Mishaela on 0438 858 842 or mishaela@si.org.au.

Repair Cafe

Mullumbimby's Repair Cafe at the Mullumbimby campus of Byron Community College in Burringbar Street on Saturdays 9am till 12 noon. Volunteers will be there to help you fix things that might otherwise end up in the tip, or to advise how it might be done.

Rainbow Dragons

Rainbow Dragons Abreast (RDA) welcomes breast cancer survivors (regardless of age, athletic ability or fitness level) for a paddle at Lake Ainsworth, Lennox Head, on Sundays 7.30am for 8am start. Info Mar-ian 6688 4058, mazzerrat2010@gmail.com.

Op shops

Uniting Church Op Shop open each Saturday 8am–noon, Dalley St, Mullumbimby. Recycling clothes, household goods, linen. Byron Bay Anglican Op Shop opens Monday to Friday 9am–1pm. Volunteers needed. For more information contact Jeni: 6685 7816 or 0439 344 281.

Junior Chess Club

Mullum Junior Chess Club is on Tuesdays after school (about 3.15pm start) until 4.45pm in Mullumbimby High School library. All ages and playing levels welcome. Mike 6684 6281 for more details. Anglican op shop

Lions meetings

Lions for Byron Bay and Suffolk Park meet every 2nd Thursday at the Byron Bay Services Club at 7pm, with a social meeting every 4th Thursday of the month in Suffolk Park. Enquiries 0410 414 423. **Lions Club of Brunswick–Mullumbimby** meets every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at the

Ocean Shores Country Club at 7pm. Phone 0417 019 343 for more information.

Food Box

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

Cancer support

A general cancer-support group in Byron for anyone living in the northern rivers. Info: Ken on 0411 233 755 or David on 0428 187 025, or email david@davidyoung.com.au or kengabe@linknet.com.au.

Carers support

Mullumbimby Mental Health Carers' Support Group for family members and friends who have a loved one with a mental health issue. Meeting on 4th Thursday of each month 9.30am at the Mullumbimby Neighbourhood Centre. Info: Leanne 0409 818 643.

TINCAN

Tintenbar Community Aid Network runs a series of social activities at the Tintenbar Hall. Info Marg 6687 8033.

End-of-life choices

To learn what your options are when making end-of-life choices, come to the meetings held quarterly. Phone Elaine for more details: 0421 796 713.

Toastmasters

Byron Cavanbah Toastmasters practise public speaking and leadership through our community run course. Meetings coaching in communication and self development run on 1st and 3rd Mondays. 6.15pm at St Finbarr's School Hall, Byron Bay. www.byrontoastmasters.org. **Mullum-Magic Toastmasters** meet 2nd, 4th and 5th Mondays at

7pm, Presbyterian Church Hall in Mullum. Please call Shanti 6684 8024 for more info.

Bangalow CWA

Bangalow CWA is happy to invite anyone who is interested in learning how to knit, crochet or embroider to join us on Wednesdays 9am–2pm or the second Monday evening of every month 5–7pm. Rooms 6687 0617 or Di Campbell 6685 4694.

CoDA

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.codependent-sanonymous.org.au or phone 9281 3330.

Liberation Larder

The charity that collects, cooks and distributes nutritious food to more than 450 people a week in the Byron Shire needs more volunteers in a variety of roles. Please contact Helen 0439 409 655 or visit liberation-larder.org.

Drug support groups

Call **Alcoholics Anonymous** 1800 423 431 or 0401 945 671 – 30 meetings a week in the shire. www.aa.org.au. 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. **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 call 6680 7280.

Mungo's Crossword

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Cryptic Clues

- ACROSS**
- 1. Posture with a torn shirt: the ultimate evil (10)
 - 6. Bonk the bird! (4)
 - 9. Backward sailor, tall and thin, was unsuccessful (4,1,5)
 - 10. Celebration for the tailless bird (4)
 - 12. 22, and not the senior service lands (8,6)
 - 14. The new church from that place (6)
 - 15. Cameron Smith, perhaps, puts tree back over smashed organ (8)
 - 17. Do what the wicket keeper does, and what the featherweight does, under the dashboard! (5,3)
 - 19. Remove the decimal unit? That's fair (6)
 - 22. Gold, royal gold! A tiresome man, Jolson, is a sight in the Arctic in winter (6,8)
 - 24. One text message for various dogmas (4)
 - 25. Out of control sages dosed Amphitrite (3,7)
 - 26. Nobody losing nothing – not any! (4)
 - 27. Trite writing, McGuire, whinge – some would call it spam! (6,4)
- DOWN**
- 1. Improves the wood-working tool they say (4)
 - 2. Where an athlete likes to be: the unknown unity (3,4)
 - 3. Charlie, with a twitch, ogles the roosters (12)
 - 4. Turned over and beaten (6)
 - 5. Culotta turns up in the salad – sort of relative (3-2-3)
 - 7. Ms Ridout? Warm her up! (7)
 - 8. Informer does 6 – very basic (10)
 - 11. Alone and unaided, like Captain Hook (6-6)
 - 13. Deer country? Rot! (10)
 - 16. Grim alternative – turned-up hat (8)
 - 18. A sermon prepared for the team of eight (7)
 - 20. Heroic directions for bisexual (7)
 - 21. Right in the injured gonad? What a monster! (6)
 - 23. President Ali Zardari? Not likely! (2,2)

Quick Clues

- ACROSS**
- 1. The ultimate enemy of Jesus (10)
 - 6. Cormorant (4)
 - 9. Pulled a dud, was unsuccessful (4,1,5)
 - 10. Celebration, party (4)
 - 12. Display seen in the winter arctic sky (8,6)
 - 14. From that place (6)
 - 15. Large marsupial (8)
 - 17. Small storage compartment in or under the dashboard of a car (5,3)
 - 19. Fair, proper (6)
 - 22. Another name for 12 across (6,8)
 - 24. Dogmas, creeds (4)
 - 25. Deity of the oceans (3,7)
 - 26. Not any (4)
 - 27. Salted brisket (6,4)
- DOWN**
- 1. Tallies, sums (4)
 - 2. Mood in which an athlete feels most confident (3,4)
 - 3. Poetic term for roosters (12)
 - 4. Turned over, revolved (6)
 - 5. Daughter's husband (3-2-3)
 - 7. Any plant of the Erica genus (7)
 - 8. Basics, direct voice of the people (10)
 - 11. Alone and unaided (6-6)
 - 13. Decay, foulness (10)
 - 16. Mexican hat (8)
 - 18. Rowers, scullers (7)
 - 20. Having the characteristics of both sexes (7)
 - 21. Fire-breathing monster (6)
 - 23. Slang for "not likely," or "you're kidding." (2,2)
- Last week's solution N066**
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Congratulations to Bay FM, now celebrating its 25th anniversary, a remarkable record for a volunteer community radio station. Catch Sharon Shostak's comprehensive look at the history at www.echo.net.au/2015/04/community-radio-bay-fm-celebrates-25-years and catch up with the current fundraising drive and buy some watts at bayfm.org.

Contrary to our *Backlash* last week, *Beauty and the Beast* will not be screening at the Alliance Française Film Festival in Byron Bay, starting at Palace Cinemas from this Thursday, but there are other excellent films on show – see www.palacecinemas.com.au.

While on the subject of films, we note that David Bradbury's latest movie, *The Crater*, tells the story of two key 1968 battles involving Australian soldiers in the Vietnam war. It will have its local debut at the Bangalow A&I Hall on Saturday April 18, hosted by Kerry O'Brien with a Q&A with the director afterwards. We'll bring you more on *The Crater* next week, and in the meantime you can visit www.thecrater.com.au.

NSW Labor's deputy leader Linda Burney has spoken out against the forced closure of Indigenous communities in Western Australia, saying that is 'the complete annihilation of self-determination'. She also said it is wrong to argue that Aboriginal communities and homelands are not economically sustainable because people's health and wellbeing are better when Indigenous people live their



There's a bear up there: Of course cuddly, plushy animals don't come from real animals. They grow on trees. At least one of these is in fruit at the moment in Tallowood Estate, Mullum. Grace found a nice ripe lion. Photo Jeff 'Gummy Harvest' Dawson

traditional lifestyles. The federal government has also cut into funding for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations, a move which Ms Burney says will 'cost the taxpayer millions into the future because of the social havoc that this is going to bring about in many communities'. Find out more at www.facebook.com/sosblakaustralia.

The Reclaim Australia rallies on the weekend were ridiculous, especially when Pauline Hanson turned up to say she's not a racist – and when it's Indigenous Australians who really have a right to reclaim the land, not white blokes wearing British insignia on their faces. But to be accurate, aren't we talking about religionism rather than racism? Islam has no colour or ethnicity, nor do the other religions. *Backlash* is a religionist, but discriminates equally against all reli-

gions and the only form of persecution is a little lame satire. How dare those Buddhists come into our neighbourhood flaunting their nirvanas...

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